

TOWN  
OF  
ROWE

ANNUAL REPORT

1980



ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIXTH

# **Annual Report**

of the

**TOWN OFFICERS**

of the

# **Town of Rowe** **MASSACHUSETTS**

For the Year Ending  
**DECEMBER 31, 1980**

NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

UNITED STATES SENATORS

EDWARD M. KENNEDY

PAUL E. TSONGAS

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GOVERNOR

EDWARD KING

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

SILVIO O. CONTE  
Pittsfield

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STATE SENATOR

JOHN OLVER  
Amherst

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT  
FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1

JONATHAN HEALY, Charlemont

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EVERETT B. HATCH, Greenfield  
MARGARET H. HERLIHY, Deerfield  
JOHN F. BASSETT, Montague



## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS - 1980

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Edwin R. Taylor	Term expires in 1981
Wesley P. Gfroerer	Term expires in 1982
George Riggan	Term expires in 1983

### TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1981
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### TOWN TREASURER

Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1981
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### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1983
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### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert F. Kenney	Term expires in 1981
John R. Riggan	Term expires in 1982
Henry G. Dandeneau (resigned)	Term expires in 1983

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sally A. Alix	Term expires in 1981
Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1982
Regina Pinkham	Term expires in 1983

### PARK COMMISSIONERS

James W. Taylor	Term expires in 1981
Wendell L. Stetson	Term expires in 1982
Robert O. Williams (resigned)	Term expires in 1983

### CEMETERY COMMITTEE

J. Henry Stanford	Term expires in 1981
William H. Brown	Term expires in 1982
James H. Williams	Term expires in 1983

### AUDITOR

Doris Taylor	Term expires in 1981
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### MODERATOR

John H. Williams	Term expires in 1983
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### PLANNING BOARD

Walter A. Bates (deceased)	Term expires in 1981
Jane H. Lindabury	Term expires in 1982
Margalee O. Riggan	Term expires in 1983
Leonard J. Laffond	Term expires in 1984
Herbert A. Autio	Term expires in 1985

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Raymond A. Jodoin	Term expires in 1981
Merle R. Riggan	Term expires in 1982
Carol A. Staub	Term expires in 1983

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cornelio Franceschetti

Term expires in 1981

Raymond L. Boutwell

Term expires in 1981

Marjorie Morse

Term expires in 1982

Dorothy Evans

Term expires in 1983

Frederick Williams

Term expires in 1983

**CONSTABLE**

Blanche C. Veber

Term expires in 1981

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS****SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Craig W. Barry

(Bartlett, Trudell &amp; Barry, Attys. at law)

**HEALTH AGENT AND SANITARIAN**

John A. Brickett, R.S.

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

John F. Rossi

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Peter J. Codogni

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Efford Pierce

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Janet Bliss

**NURSING COMMITTEE**

Naomi Jodoin

Lillian Danek

Kathleen Oliver

Jo-anne Brown

**VETERANS' AGENT**

Clyde Churchill

**FIRE CHIEF**

Kenneth Soule

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Robert F. Kenney

## CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry J. Dandeneau

## SPECIAL POLICE

John Riggan

Karl Jurentkuff

## DOG OFFICER

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

## LIBRARIAN

Dorothy N. Stevens

## ASSESSORS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Jane H. Lindabury

## SELECTMENS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Helen R. Shields

## ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Lillian H. Danek

## MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK &amp; LUMBER

James H. Williams

Ellsworth E. Palmer

John R. Riggan

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Richard Alix

## POUND KEEPER

Howard O. Truesdell

## TREE WARDEN

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

## SUPT. OF PEST CONTROL &amp; ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Robert F. Kenney

## BUILDING COMMISSIONER

William Foster

## ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER

John F. Woffenden

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

L. Norma Brown

Betty Scrivens

Joyce Boutwell

Elsie Autio

Term to expire in 1981

Term to expire in 1982

Term to expire in 1982

Term to expire in 1983

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Edwin R. Taylor  
 Wesley P. Gfroerer  
 George A. Riggan

Term to expire in 1981  
 Term to expire in 1982  
 Term to expire in 1983

**BOARD OF WELFARE**

Edwin R. Taylor  
 Wesley P. Gfroerer  
 George A. Riggan

Term to expire in 1981  
 Term to expire in 1982  
 Term to expire in 1983

**EMMERGENCY MEDICAL COORDINATOR**

Robin Reed

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Thomas P. Danek (alternate)  
 Floyd W. Smith  
 Herbert A. Autio  
 Elsa T. Codrick  
 Judith Pierce  
 E. Hampton Decker (resigned)

Term to expire in 1981  
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 Term to expire in 1982  
 Term to expire in 1983  
 Term to expire in 1984  
 Term to expire in 1985

**FRANKLIN HOME CARE CORPORATION**

Donald E. Lindabury  
 Raymond K. Evans

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE**

Wesley P. Gfroerer

**MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

Raymond Jodoin

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

M. Arlene Andognini

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Charles D. Avery  
 James H. Williams

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

James Taylor  
 Wendell L. Stetson  
 Robert O. Williams  
 Marjorie Morse  
 George Riggan

*L. Norma Brown*  
 Town Clerk

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank the various Town Departments for their excellent performances and cooperation during the past year.

Added improvements have been made in the Town Garage, further reducing heating oil requirements and improving working conditions.

Road construction was completed on Petrie Road, including drainage and surfacing which will prevent erosion. Grading and gravelling were done on part of Potter Road. Type "I" pavement was placed on Cross Road and Leshure Road.

The G.M.C. dump truck was sold privately and a new Mack truck purchased for replacement.

The Town Hall was scraped and painted.

The data processing service has been a distinct advantage to the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee in the administration of Town Finances and further improvements in the service are underway.

An audit of Town Finances has been performed by the State Bureau of Accounts.

The Board of Selectmen regrets having to report the passing of two well-known residents of Rowe: Miss Rae Kemp, who pioneered the development of the Rowe Historical Society, and Walter Bates, who served the Town in numerous capacities. Both will be sorely missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
*Wesley P. Gfroerer*  
*Edwin R. Taylor*  
*George A. Riggan*



# **TOWN OF ROWE EXPENDITURES — F.Y. 1980**

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$14,500.00	
Expenditures		\$10,734.69
Balance in General Treasury		3,765.31
	<u>\$14,500.00</u>	<u>\$14,500.00</u>

### **BONDS & INSURANCE**

Appropriation	\$21,000.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	3,700.00	
Expenditures		\$24,580.50
Balance in General Treasury		119.50
	<u>\$24,700.00</u>	<u>\$24,700.00</u>

### **TOWN HALL**

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	
Expenditures		\$4,099.75
Balance in General Treasury		400.25
	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>

### **TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$16,175.00	
Expenditures		\$16,056.65
Balance in General Treasury		118.35
	<u>\$16,175.00</u>	<u>\$16,175.00</u>

### **TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$968.75
Balance in General Treasury		1,531.25
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

### **MICROFILMING TOWN RECORDS**

Appropriation	\$200.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Foward to 7/1/80		\$200.00
	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>

### **PLANNING BOARD - OPERATION**

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Expenditures		\$327.07
Balance in General Treasury		272.93
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

# **PLANNING BOARD - REVIEW & UPDATE "GOALS OF ROWE"**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$2,000.00
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

## **GAS ACCOUNT**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	104.00	
Expenditures		\$4,104.00
	<u>\$4,104.00</u>	<u>\$4,104.00</u>

## **UP-DATE TAX MAPS**

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Balance Forward from 6/30/79	300.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$600.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

## **VILLAGE CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$900.00	
Expenditures		\$900.00
	<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>

## **PRINTING OF BY-LAWS & REGULATIONS**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$1,600.00	
Expenditures		\$1,096.22
Balance in General Treasury		503.78
	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,600.00</u>

## **STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$3,461.28
Balance in General Treasury		538.72
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

## **REVAMPING OF TOWN HALL HEATING SYSTEM**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	258.46	
Expenditures		\$3,258.46
	<u>\$3,258.46</u>	<u>\$3,258.46</u>

## **NON-CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND**

Appropriation	\$1,226.65	
Expenditures		\$1,226.65
	<u>\$1,226.65</u>	<u>\$1,226.65</u>

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

### BRIDGE & GUARD RAIL

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	
Expenditures		\$1,422.63
Balance in General Treasury		<u>3,577.37</u>
	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

### TOWN ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$756.00
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,244.00</u>
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

### WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$19,718.56
Balance in General Treasury		<u>281.44</u>
	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT - TRACTOR WITH ACCESSORIES

Appropriation	\$17,000.00	
Expenditures		\$16,981.09
Balance in General Treasury		<u>18.91</u>
	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00

### GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	
Expenditures		\$14,888.02
Balance in General Treasury		<u>111.98</u>
	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

### “CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1978)

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$4,032.93	
Expenditures		<u>\$4,032.93</u>
	\$4,032.93	\$4,032.93

### “CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1979)

Appropriation	\$21,397.00	
Expenditures		<u>\$21,397.00</u>
	\$21,397.00	\$21,397.00

### “CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1980)

Appropriation	\$13,107.00	
Expenditures		<u>\$13,107.00</u>
	\$13,107.00	\$13,107.00

**“CHAPTER 90” CONSTRUCTION (1980)**

Appropriation	\$14,971.00	
Expenditures		\$14,971.00
	<u>\$14,971.00</u>	<u>\$14,971.00</u>

**TOWN GARAGE - SEPTIC SYSTEM**

Appropriation	\$3,500.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	199.46	
Expenditures		\$3,699.46
	<u>\$3,699.46</u>	<u>\$3,699.46</u>

**SPECIAL ROADS - POTTER ROAD**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$5,960.30	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$5,960.30
	<u>\$5,960.30</u>	<u>\$5,960.30</u>

**ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$2,785.45
Balance in General Treasury		214.55
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

**MACHINERY MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation (annual mtg.)	\$18,000.00	
Appropriation (Spec. town mtg.)	2,000.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$23,834.99
Balance in General Treasury		165.01
	<u>\$24,000.00</u>	<u>\$24,000.00</u>

**ROAD OILING**

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Expenditures		\$10,000.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

**SICK LEAVE PAY**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$1,366.14
Balance in General Treasury		1,633.86
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

**GENERAL DRAINAGE**

Appropriation	\$8,000.00	
Expenditures		\$7,999.27
Balance in General Treasury		.73
	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>

**DRAINAGE - MIDDLETOWN HILL ROAD**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$2,000.00
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

**WAGES & SALARIES**

Appropriation	\$95,000.00	
Expenditures		\$70,547.64
Balance in General Treasury		24,452.36
	<u>\$95,000.00</u>	<u>\$95,000.00</u>

**PETRIE ROAD - DRAINAGE & GRAVEL**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$4,000.00	
Appropriation (Spec. town mtg.)	3,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$7,000.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

**TYPE "I" PAVEMENT**

Appropriation	\$18,000.00	
Expenditures		\$18,000.00
	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>

**TYPE "I" PAVEMENT (Reimb., State & High. Devel.)**

Appropriation	\$19,000.00	
Expenditures		\$19,000.00
	<u>\$19,000.00</u>	<u>\$19,000.00</u>

**TYPE "I" PAVEMENT (Reimb., State & High. Distribution)**

Appropriation	\$4,000.00	
Expenditures		\$4,000.00
	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>

**SKEETER HILL IMPROVEMENTS**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$1,795.07	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$1,795.07
	<u>\$1,795.07</u>	<u>\$1,795.07</u>

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT****ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Appropriation	\$262,000.00	
Expenditures		\$251,506.93
Balance in General Treasury		10,493.07
	<u>\$262,000.00</u>	<u>\$262,000.00</u>



**SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Cafeteria Warrants		\$11,655.67
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**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Operation	\$40,400.00	
Capital	14,400.00	
Expenditures		\$53,370.31
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,129.69</u>
	\$54,800.00	\$54,800.00

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Appropriation: Operation	\$29,800.00	
Appropriation: Capital	24,600.00	
Expenditures		\$44,568.85
Balance in General Treasury		<u>9,831.15</u>
	\$54,400.00	\$54,400.00

**ROOF REPAIR - ROWE SCHOOL**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$5,050.62	
Expenditures		\$712.40
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		<u>4,338.22</u>
	\$5,050.62	\$5,050.62

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT****BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$905.00
Balance in General Treasury		<u>1,095.00</u>
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**HEALTH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation	\$1,600.00	
Expenditures		\$1,600.00
	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	\$1,600.00

**REFUSE GARDEN - OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$12,000.00	
Expenditures		\$11,313.84
Balance in General Treasury		<u>686.16</u>
	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Expenditures		\$300.00
Balance in General Treasury		<u>300.00</u>
	\$600.00	\$600.00

AMBULANCE SERVICES (Charlemont & Wilmington, Vt., Rowe's share)		
Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Expenditures		\$2,000.00
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	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

### VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

VETERANS' SERVICE ADMINISTRATION		
Appropriation	\$500.00	
Expenditures		\$329.50
Balance in General Treasury		170.50
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

VETERANS' BENEFITS		
Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$1,000.00
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

### PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Operation		
Appropriation	\$5,600.00	
Expenditures		\$4,249.96
Balance in General Treasury		1,350.04
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	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT (Officers)		
Appropriation	\$1,350.00	
Expenditures		\$1,318.75
Balance in General Treasury		31.25
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	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00

FOREST FIRES		
Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$2,500.00
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

CIVIL DEFENSE		
Appropriation	\$500.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$500.00
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	\$500.00	\$500.00

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - Operation**

Appropriation	\$3,400.00	
Expenditures		\$1,775.44
Balance in General Treasury		1,624.56
	<u>\$3,400.00</u>	<u>3,400.00</u>

**DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$600.00	
Expenditures		\$600.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

Appropriation	\$60.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$60.00
	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>

**PURCHASE - POLICE CRUISER**

Appropriation	\$11,000.00	
Expenditures		\$10,755.90
Balance in General Treasury		244.10
	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>

**LIBRARY****LIBRARY - Operation**

Appropriation	\$10,400.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	558.11	
Expenditures		\$10,891.41
Balance in General Treasury		66.70
	<u>\$10,400.00</u>	<u>\$10,400.00</u>

**LIBRARY - TRUST FUNDS**

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$91.84	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$91.84
	<u>\$91.84</u>	<u>\$91.84</u>

**LIBRARY - STATE AID**

Transfer from State Aid Reserve Fund	\$1,000.00	
Expenditures		\$912.78
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		87.22
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

## RECREATION

### PELHAM LAKE PARK

Appropriation	\$11,200.00	
Expenditures		\$10,720.99
Balance in General Treasury		479.01
	<hr/> \$11,200.00	<hr/> \$11,200.00

### OLD HOME DAY

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Expenditures		\$3,000.00
	<hr/> \$3,000.00	<hr/> \$3,000.00

### MOTION PICTURE SERIES

Appropriation	\$800.00	
Expenditures		\$704.00
Balance in General Treasury		96.00
	<hr/> \$800.00	<hr/> \$800.00

### TENNIS COURT CONSTRUCTION

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$2,194.42	
No Expenditures		
Balance Forward to 7/1/80		\$2,194.42
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### REMOVAL OF GINGRAS CABIN

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$2,000.00
	<hr/> \$2,000.00	<hr/> \$2,000.00

### RECREATION PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Balance Forward from 6/30/79	\$2,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$2,000.00
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## CEMETERIES

### CEMETERIES - MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Expenditures	\$1,279.25	
Balance in General Treasury		1,220.75
	<hr/> \$2,500.00	<hr/> \$2,500.00

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Expenditures		\$1,736.32
Balance in General Treasury		763.68
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>

### BUS SERVICE

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$1,000.00
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

### MILL POND DAM

Appropriation	\$75,000.00	
Reserve Fund Transfer	3,237.05	
Expenditures		\$78,237.05
	<u>\$78,237.05</u>	<u>\$78,237.05</u>

### PURCHASE OF EASEMENT (Gracy Property)

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Expenditures		\$1,500.00
	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>

### INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
No Expenditures		
Balance in General Treasury		\$1,000.00
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

### RESERVE FUND

Transfer from Overlay Surplus Fund	\$15,000.00	
Transfer to Accounts		\$12,057.08
Balance in General Treasury		2,941.92
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

### STABILIZATION FUND

Appropriation	\$20,000.00	
Expenditures		\$20,000.00
	<u>\$20,000.00</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>

### CONSTRUCTION BONDS (Rowe Elementary School)

Appropriation	\$25,500.00	
Deposited in Coupon Account		\$25,468.75
Balance in General Treasury		31.25
	<u>\$25,500.00</u>	<u>\$25,500.00</u>



COUNTY OF FRANKLIN GROUP INSURANCE			
Appropriation	\$14,000.00		
P.R. Deductions & Direct Payments	6,895.86		
Group Insurance Payments			\$20,895.86
	<u>\$20,895.86</u>		\$20,895.86
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM			
Assessment			\$16,121.00
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN RETIREMENT SYSTEM			
Employees' Contribution	\$6,477.65		
EMPLOYEES' WITHHOLDING TAXES			
Director of Internal Revenue			\$34,194.49
Commonwealth of Massachusetts			<u>10,973.62</u>
			\$45,168.11
STATE & COUNTY TAXES			
Commonwealth of Massachusetts			\$22,480.14
County of Franklin			<u>176,246.46</u>
			\$198,726.60
TAX REFUNDS			
Motor Vehicle Refunds			\$106.89
Real Estate Refunds			<u>187.49</u>
			\$294.38
DEMAND FEES - Tax Collector			
Tax Collector, Jane Lindabury	\$26.00		
DOG LICENSES			
			\$516.00
DOG OFFICERS' EXPENSES			
			\$20.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			
Appropriation	\$2,500.00		
No Expenditures			
Balance in General Treasury			<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>		\$2,500.00

## RECAPITULATION OF ACCOUNTS - F. Y. 1980

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Administration	\$ 10,734.69
Bonds & Insurance	24,580.50
Town Hall	4,099.75
Town Officers' Salaries	16,056.65
Town Officers' Expenses	968.75
Planning Board - Operation	327.07
Gas Account (Town Vehicles)	4,104.00
Village Center Improvements	900.00
Printing of By-laws & Regulations	1,096.22
Street Lighting	3,461.28
Revamping of Town Hall Heating System	3,258.46
Non-contributory Retirement Fund	1,226.65

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bridge & Guard Rail	1,422.63
Town Account	756.00
Winter Roads	19,718.56
New Equipment - Tractor with Accessories	16,981.09
General Highway Maintenance	14,888.02
"Chapter 90" Construction (1978)	4,032.93
"Chapter 90" Construction (1979)	21,397.00
"Chapter 90" Construction (1980)	13,107.00
"Chapter 90" Construction (1980)	14,971.00
Town Garage - Septic System	3,699.46
Roadside Maintenance	2,785.45
Machinery Maintenance	23,834.99
Road Oiling	10,000.00
Sick Leave Pay	1,366.14
General Drainage	7,999.27
Drainage - Middletown Hill Road	2,000.00
Wages & Salaries	70,547.64
Type "I" Pavement	41,000.00

### SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Rowe Elementary School, Operation & Maintenance	251,506.93
School Cafeteria	11,655.67
Mohawk Trail Regional School District	53,370.31
Franklin County Technical School District	44,568.85
Roof Repair - Rowe School	712.40
School Construction Bonds (Rowe Elementary School)	25,468.75*

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health	905.00
Health District Administration	1,600.00
Refuse Garden - Operation & Maintenance	11,313.84
Medical Emergency Coordinator	300.00
Ambulance Services	2,000.00

## VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

Veterans' Service Administration	329.50
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## PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY

Fire Department - Operation	4,249.96
Paid Fire Department (Officers)	1,318.75
Police Department - Operation	1,775.44
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00
Purchase - Police Cruiser	10,755.90

## LIBRARY

Library, Operation	10,891.41
Library - State Aid	912.78

## RECREATION

Pelham Lake Park	10,720.99
Old Home Day	3,000.00
Motion Picture Series	704.00

## CEMETERIES

Cemeteries - Maintenance	1,279.25
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## MISCELLANEOUS

Building Inspector	1,736.32
Mill Pond Dam	78,237.05
Purchase of Easement (Gracy Property)	1,500.00
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00
County of Franklin Group Insurance	20,895.86
County of Franklin Retirement System (Assessment)	16,121.00
County of Franklin Retirement System (Employees' Contribution)	6,477.65
Employees' Withholding Tax (Federal)	34,194.49
Employees' Withholding Tax (State)	10,973.62
State & County Taxes	
State	22,480.14
County	176,246.46
Tax Refunds	294.38
Demand Fees, Tax Collector	26.00
Dog Licenses	516.00
Dog Officers' Expenses	20.00

<i>Total of Selectmen's Warrants</i>	<u>\$1,155,511.15</u>
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*\*School Construction Bonds deposited in Coupon Account*

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

The services of the Veterans have been at a moderate level. All requests for services and aid have been attended; some are yet pending. The Agent attended one district meeting on a State level, this concerning instruction on the Veterans Benefit program. The Federal Representatives are asked to appear at this meeting and present notable changes in the various phases on the Federal level.

It is of great satisfaction to be a people's helper. Veterans are special.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Clyde H. Churchill*  
 Veterans Agent

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Rowe Finance Committee has managed this year to wade through bulletins, forms, and letters which have increased a hundred fold since Proposition 2½ came into existence.

Our regular meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month and special meetings are called subject to requests from various committees and individuals. Warrants for the Town, Library, and School were examined and discussed at each regular meeting.

We would like to take this opportunity to compliment all the committees, commissions and boards associated with town fiscal policy on their fine cooperation with us in the presentation of their respective budgets during a trying year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dorothy Evans, Chairman*  
*Raymond Boutwell, Vice Chairman*  
*Marjorie Morse, Secretary*  
*Cornelius Franceschetti*  
*Frederick Williams*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

April 1, 1981

	Fiscal Year 1980	Fiscal Year 1980	Fiscal Year 1980	Fiscal Year 1982
	Appropriated	Expended	Suggested*	Suggested*
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Administration	\$14,500.00	\$10,734.69	\$14,500.00	\$14,500.00
Bonds and Insurance	21,000.00	24,580.50	27,000.00	27,000.00
Town Hall	4,500.00	4,099.75	3,000.00	1,000.00
Officers' Salaries	16,175.00	16,056.65	16,175.00	16,275.00
Officers' Expenses	2,500.00	968.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
Planning Board	600.00	327.07	800.00	800.00
Town's Interest on Loans	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Franklin County Group Insurance	14,000.00	20,895.86	14,000.00	14,000.00
Franklin County Retirement	16,121.00	16,121.00	16,233.00	20,829.00
Franklin County Taxes	140,000.00	176,246.46	202,616.22	155,570.00
State Withholding Taxes		10,973.62	26,828.68	28,869.01
Federal Withholding Taxes		34,194.49		
Massachusetts State Taxes		22,480.14		
Unemployment Compensation	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
Stabilization Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	125,000.00
Gas Account — Town Vehicles	4,000.00	4,104.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Data Processing				4,000.00
Retirement Fund	1,226.65	1,226.65	900.00	900.00
Fuel and Energy — Town Hall				2,000.00
Building Inspector	2,500.00	1,736.32	2,500.00	2,500.00
Microfilming Town Records	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Updating Tax Maps			600.00	
Reserve Fund	15,000.00	12,057.08	15,000.00	20,000.00
Street Lights	4,000.00	3,461.28	4,000.00	4,500.00



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Employees' Wages and Salaries	\$95,000.00	\$70,547.65	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00
Employees' Sick Leave	3,000.00	1,366.14	3,000.00	3,000.00
Bridge and Guard Rail	5,000.00	1,422.63	5,000.00	5,000.00
Town Account	2,000.00	756.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Winter Roads	20,000.00	19,718.56	20,000.00	20,000.00
General Highway Maintenance	15,000.00	14,888.02	15,000.00	15,000.00
Roadside Maintenance	3,000.00	2,785.45	3,000.00	3,000.00
Machinery Maintenance	20,000.00	23,834.99	22,000.00	18,000.00
Road Oiling or Paving	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
General Drainage	8,000.00	7,999.25	10,000.00	10,000.00
Fuel and Energy — Town Garage				4,000.00
Type "I" Pavement	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$199,000.00</b>	<b>\$171,318.71</b>	<b>\$205,000.00</b>	<b>\$205,000.00</b>

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Elementary School Operation	\$262,000.00	\$251,506.93	\$277,667.00	\$277,667.00
Mohawk Regional Operation	40,400.00		67,012.58	58,678.82
Mohawk Regional Bond	14,100.00	53,370.31	13,447.41	12,803.41
Franklin County Tech. Operation	29,800.00		54,319.04	27,440.74
Franklin County Tech. Bond	24,600.00	44,568.85	22,704.03	18,254.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$370,900.00</b>	<b>\$349,446.09</b>	<b>\$435,160.06</b>	<b>\$376,589.97</b>

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

Fire Department Operation	\$5,600.00	\$4,249.96	\$5,715.00	\$5,550.00
Fire Department Salaries	1,350.00	1,318.75	1,350.00	1,350.00
Forest Fires	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
Police Department	3,400.00	1,775.44	3,400.00	3,400.00
Civil Defense	500.00		500.00	500.00
Insect Pest Control	60.00		60.00	60.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,910.00</b>	<b>\$7,944.15</b>	<b>\$14,125.00</b>	<b>\$14,125.00</b>

## CEMETERY UPKEEP - Total

\$2,500.00	\$1,279.25	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
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## VETERAN'S SERVICES ADMINISTRATION - Total

\$500.00	\$329.50	\$500.00	\$500.00
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## LIBRARY

\$10,400.00	\$10,891.41	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
	912.78		

## TOTAL

\$10,400.00	\$11,804.19	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

\$2,000.00	\$905.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
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1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	2,350.00
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600.00	300.00	600.00	600.00
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12,000.00	11,313.84	12,000.00	14,000.00
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## TOTAL

\$16,200.00	\$14,118.84	\$16,950.00	\$18,950.00
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## RECREATION

\$11,200.00	\$10,720.99	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00
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3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
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800.00	704.00	800.00	800.00
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			5,000.00
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## TOTAL

\$15,000.00	\$14,424.99	\$15,600.00	\$20,600.00
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## SPECIAL ARTICLES

\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
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13,107.00	13,107.00	13,107.00	13,107.00
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14,971.00	14,971.00	22,456.00	22,456.00
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1,000.00			
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2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
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16,000.00	16,981.09		
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Update Tax Maps	350.00			
Mental Health	500.00			
Fire Department Turnout Gear	1,200.00			
Fire Department Turbojet Nozzles (2)	650.00			
Fire Department Base Station Radio	2,000.00			
Drainage Middletown Hill Road	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Septic System — Town Garage	3,500.00	3,699.46		
Town Hall Heating System	3,000.00	3,258.46		
Easement — Gracey Property	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Purchase of Police Cruiser	11,000.00	10,755.90		
Mill Pond Dredging and Dam Construction	75,000.00	78,237.05		
New Truck — Highway Department	17,000.00	16,981.09		
Planning Board — Review and Update of Goals of Rowe	2,000.00			
Completion of Monroe Hill Construction			4,000.00	
New Truck — Highway Department			46,500.00	
Drainage — Brown Road			10,000.00	
School Energy Audit			2,300.00	
Fire Department Study Committee			5,000.00	
Bicentennial			5,000.00	
Park Benches			500.00	
Storage and First Aid Building — Park Commission				7,500.00
Purchase of Woodward Property				17,000.00
Library				900.00
Potter Road				5,000.00
Leaf Blower				2,000.00
TOTAL	\$171,757.00	\$186,480.05	\$133,863.00	\$92,963.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$1,076,989.65	\$1,138,710.18	\$1,234,050.96	\$1,192,669.98

\*At the time of printing the Finance Committee had not made decisions.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF RECEIPTS  
FISCAL YEAR 1980

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Cherry Sheet Item - Nos. B-1

A-1

8 (93) Local Aid

9

159 (76/77 & 77/78)

(78/79)

General Funds

Chapter 71

\$3152.00

3223.50

186.00

82.00

336.66

868.36

186.00

8091.00

\$16,125.52

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Licenses & Permits (Board of Health)

20.00

20.00

TOWN CLERK:

Dog/Kennel

297.25

Raffle Permits

30.00

Birth Certificates

14.00

Marriage Licenses/Certificates

28.00

Death Certificates

26.00

Registration Fees

2.00

Other

20.90

416.15

LIBRARY:

Fines, Sales & Replacements

156.00

CSI - B-17 (Comm. of Mass)

1000.00

1,156.00

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

District Court

80.00

Dog Refunds

193.17

273.17

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Permits	270.00	
F.I.D.'s	18.00	288.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Refunds-scrap Metal	84.04	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts — DPW	42,794.00	
Chapter 58 - 188/497	2,793.00	
1980 Construction / maintenance	18,160.00	
CSI #10 Ch 497	2,793.00	
CSI #12	192.00	66,816.04

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:

Federal Tax	\$32,931.02	
Massachusetts Tax	12,249.62	
Franklin County Retirement	7,268.31	
Group Insurance (Life)	4,736.92	
Direct Insurance Payments	2,100.17	\$59,286.04

TAX COLLECTOR:

REAL ESTATE:

FY 1977	27.80	
FY 1978	187.62	
FY 1979	1,957.30	
FY 1980	495,535.00	497,707.72

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

FY 1977	3.60	
FY 1978	3.60	
FY 1979	25.58	
FY 1980	369,742.16	369,774.94

MOTOR VEHICLE:

FY 1978	215.67	
FY 1979	10,378.06	
FY 1980	14,022.82	24,616.55
INTEREST:		
LEGAL FEES & COSTS:		
	146.00	
	190.08	\$892,435.29

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Cherry Sheet Item B-11	8,386.36	
Chapter 70	9,457.00	
School Lunch Program	11,087.21	28,930.57
Rowe Elementary School:		
Adult Lunches	704.00	
Band Account	120.00	
Personal Telephone Calls	83.11	907.11
Tuition:		
Town of Heath - 1979	25,049.53	
Town of Heath - 1980	60,000.00	
John Geer	306.18	85,355.71
Refunds & Reimbursements:		
Ashland Chemical Co.	38.15	
Hawlemont School (audiometer)	52.58	
Berkshire East	1,539.00	1,629.73
		116,823.12

MISCELLANEOUS:

Earned Interest: MMDT	\$25,297.87
Country Bank	15,131.66
Trusts	6,484.58
Cemetery Lot - Sale	25.00
Town of Charlemont f/cruiser	1,000.00

Rowe Grange  
 Franklin County Vo-Tech Refund  
 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds  
 Other

6.00  
 4,288.92  
 11,298.00  
 5.00

\$63,537.03

# TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL 1980

\$1,217,176.36

## RECAPITULATION OF TREASURER'S CASH:

Balance on hand 6/30/79  
 Total Receipts 7/1/79 — 6/30/80  
 Expended 7/1/79 thru 6/30/80  
 Balance 6/30/80 - General Funds  
 Balance 6/30/80 - Revenue Sharing Funds

\$697,196.63  
 1,217,176.36

\$1,914,372.99  
 1,180,980.00  
 733,392.99  
 22,423.00

Balance on hand 6/30/80, all accounts

\$755,815.99

## REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT - FISCAL YEAR 1980

Balance in Account, July 1, 1979  
 Entitlements received 7/1/79 - 6/30/80  
 Interest Earned FY 1980  
 Balance in Account  
 Total Expended 7/1/79 - 6/30/80  
 Balance in Account

\$23,131.22  
 11,298.00  
 2,768.74

\$34,429.22

37,197.96

14,774.96

22,423.00

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury,*  
 Treasurer

## CALENDAR YEAR

1980

## TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

July 1st thru December 31st 1980

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$20,794.35	
Franklin County	369.55	
Rowe Board of Selectmen	15.00	
Rowe Town Library	26.75	
Rowe Town Clerk	113.75	
Rowe Tax Collector	524,592.02	
Rowe Elementary School	72.00	
Tuition Fee	19.39	
Interest Earned — MMDT	15,170.33	
Country Bank	7,424.96	
Cemetery Lots — Sales	50.00	
Payroll Deductions	30,061.44	
Direct Insurance Payments	958.12	
Miscellaneous Receipts	7,388.95	\$607,056.61

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## REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

January 1st thru December 31st 1980

Balance in Account 12/31/79	\$23,965.41	
Funds Received 1980	11,051.00	
Interest Earned 1980	2,687.59	\$37,704.00
Expended on Warrant	17,699.46	
Balance December 31, 1980		\$20,004.54

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*,  
Treasurer



# TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF ROWE — 1980

Account:	Balance 12/31/79	Deposits	Interest	With- drawals	Balance 12/31/80
Stabilization	\$255,329.33	\$29,780.62	\$30,536.65		\$315,646.60
General Funds	219,563.84	892,392.81	25,735.82	\$811,775.83	325,916.64
Post War Rehabilitaiton	38,907.19		2,436.62		41,343.81
Library:					
1. Henry	4,088.64		256.01		4,344.65
2. Gift	99.36		22.11		121.47
3. Preserved Smith	558.51		36.92		595.43
4. Demons-Gould	5,965.59		377.96		6,343.55
5. Wells	894.80		56.66		951.46
6. White	1,784.57		103.66		1,888.23
7. Jones	1,784.57		103.66		1,888.23
Cemetery:					
1. White	723.76		45.83		769.59
2. Hibbard	524.42		17.02		541.44
3. Volland	281.98		17.84		299.82
4. East Cemetery	162.56		8.69		170.68
5. East Cemetery	7,390.78		462.82		7,853.60
6. Wells	689.90		43.68		733.58
School: Foster	820.12		51.22		871.34
Pelham Park Memorial	336.12	386.89	22.50		745.51

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT — 1980

Year	Tax	Balance 12/31/79 \$	1980 Commitments	Refunds	Payments	Abatements	Balance 12/31/80
1977	Motor Vehicle	62.06			90.00	21.91	62.06
FY 1978	Real Property	156.96					45.05
1978	Motor Vehicle	928.67			11.00		917.67
FY 1979	Real Property	249.48			182.52	21.91	45.05
1979	Motor Vehicle	1313.15	4769.50	19.80	3706.37	531.85	1,864.23
FY 1980	Real Estate	244,523.80			244,433.90	21.91	67.99
	Personal Property	184,940.96			184,940.96		—0—
1980	Motor Vehicle		24,392.20	46.95	18,017.95	757.28	5,663.92
FY 1981	Real Estate		591,733.31		300,065.35	942.63	290,725.33
	Personal Property		437,021.65		218,498.76	20.75	218,502.14

Totals:

\$432,175.08 \$1,057,916.66 \$0066.75 \$969,946.81 \$2,318.24 \$517,893.44

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jane H. Lindabury*  
Tax Collector

## AGENT — SANITARIAN

To: The Honorable Board of Health

From John A. Brickett, R.S., Agent - Sanitarian

During the year 1980, a great deal of time was spent on sub-surface sewage disposal systems. Five percolation tests were conducted, five permits to install were issued and two final inspections were made. In each case during percolation test, a representative from the Board of Health was present.

Three permits were issued to installers of sewage disposal systems and one sewage transport license was issued.

One recreational camp for children was inspected and licensed during the summer.

Because of the extremely dry year, the camp found itself in a critical condition due to lack of water. To help solve the problem, a meeting was held to determine what steps should be taken. The camp had a new well drilled and made renovations to the existing system.

Consultation was provided the Board of Health as needed during the year.

I wish to thank the Board of Health for the cooperation extended to me during the year. As a board, the members were very active in town work.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John A. Brickett, R.S.*  
Agent - Sanitarian

## REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

Twenty-five permits to perform electrical work were issued for the year 1980.

I again remind anybody doing electrical work to obtain a permit which is required by the State of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John F. Rossi*  
Inspector of Wires

## VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN ROWE IN 1980

### BIRTHS

WILLIAM ANDREW GFROERER, son of Wesley P. Gfroerer and Katharine S. Chisholm. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on April 27, 1980.

NICHOLAS NOLL VAN AKEN, son of Peter R. Van Aken and Wendy A. Shepard. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on September 1, 1980.

ANNA SOVIECKE, daughter of Mitchell P. Soviecke and Karen C. Lillie. Born in Rowe on October 2, 1980.

JUSTIN LANE HARDISON, son of Billy L. Hardison and Iris L. Newberry. Born in Rowe on November 6, 1980.

### MARRIAGES

PETER ROBERT VAN AKEN of Rowe and WENDY ANN SHEPARD of Rowe were married in Braintree, Mass. on March 1, 1980.

JAMES W. LIVELY of Rowe and DEBORAH L. GRISWOLD of Rowe were married in Rowe on October 11, 1980.

THOMAS WAYNE BROWN of South Zanesville, Ohio and SANDRA JEAN SMITH of Rowe were married in Shelburne Falls, Mass. on October 18, 1980.

### DEATHS

RAE CLARA KEMP of Rowe died in Shelburne, Mass. on February 25, 1980. Age 89 years, 8 months, 12 days.

ANNIE GARLIC JONES of Rowe died in Greenfield, Mass. on March 26, 1980. Age 92 years, 3 months, 12 days.

WALTER A. BATES of Rowe died in Shelburne, Mass. November 14, 1980. Age 88 years, 7 months, 14 days.

Respectfully submitted,  
*L. Norma Brown*  
Town Clerk

### JURY LIST

Dorothy Evans, Housewife  
Raymond Jodoin, Auxiliary Operator  
Sally Alix, Housewife  
Donald Lindabury, Retired

NAMES DRAWN IN 1980

Bernice Foster, January 7, 1980  
Doris Taylor, May 5, 1980  
Linda Sturgeon, September 2, 1980

**RECORDS & CERTIFICATES - 1980**

7 Birth Certifications @ \$2.00	\$ 14.00	
2 Marriage Certifications @ \$2.00	4.00	
3 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00	12.00	
2 Certificates of Registration @ \$2.00	4.00	
2 Raffle Permits @ \$10.00	20.00	
2 Filing Fees @ \$5.00	10.00	
Use of Town Copier 190 Copies @ .05 per copy	<u>9.50</u>	73.50
Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$ 73.50

**SPORTING LICENSES - 1980**

18 Resident Citizen Fishing @ 11.25	\$ 202.50	
21 Resident Citizen Hunting @ 11.25	236.25	
37 Resident Citizen Sporting @ 16.50	610.50	
1 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	6.25	
3 Resident Alien Fishing @ 14.25	42.75	
5 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing @ 17.25	86.25	
1 Non-Resident Citizen 7-Day Fishing	11.25	
1 Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	6.25	
2 Duplicates @2.00	4.00	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting (Big Game)	38.25	
1 Resident Citizen Fishing Age 65 - 69	5.75	
2 Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65 - 69	16.50	
6 Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps @5.10	30.60	
1 Mass. Waterfowl Stamp	1.25	
10 Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70 FREE		
1 Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic FREE	<u>                    </u>	\$ 1,298.35
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,275.50	
Clerk's Fees Retained	<u>22.85</u>	\$ 1,298.35

**DOG LICENSES — 1980**

Males, 33 @\$3.00	\$ 99.00	
Females, 4 @\$6.00	24.00	
Spayed Females, 44 @\$3.00	<u>132.00</u>	\$255.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 226.65	
Clerk's Fees Retained	<u>28.35</u>	255.00

Respectfully submitted,  
*L. Norma Brown*  
 Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board agenda in 1980 included dealing with Town By-Law conflicts involving property owners, continuation of the Goals for Rowe program started in 1975, and the initiation of a study to determine the feasibility of using the Town Garage area for a new fire station.

The Planning Board newsletter, GOALPOSTS, was also issued during the year. However, this major project is due solely to the efforts of Planning Board member Jane Lindabury, and all credit must go to her. She deserves it. GOALPOSTS is not only a newsletter for general interest items, it also provides a mechanism to announce meetings whether for official town business, church, Grange, Historical Society or whatever. It can also be used by the Planning Board to comply with legal requirements for pre-noticing of Special Permit hearings. We have only heard good reviews of GOALPOSTS.

The Planning Board is also cooperating with the Fire Station Building Committee in the location of a site for a proposed new building. A consulting firm was hired to evaluate the feasibility of expansion in the existing Town Garage and Fire Station area. Their report indicated that the site would be ideal but additional land was needed. This possibility is being pursued.

The Planning Board lost one of its most loyal members with the passing of Walter Bates. Walter never missed a meeting. He was concerned with Rowe's future and was a vocal and active member of the Board. We will miss him.

John H. Williams has filled the vacancy on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Herbert A. Autio, Chairman*  
*Leonard J. Laffond, Vice Chairman*  
*Margalee Riggan, Secretary*  
*Jane Lindabury*  
*John H. Williams*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Townspeople of Rowe:

Despite our effort to head off further state intervention in our town's affairs, such as the data form so many of you kindly filled out last spring, it appears that it was too little, too late. Even though we revalued the town last summer, the state has not recertified us for 1981, and in fact, has threatened to send in its own team of Assessors at town expense unless we meet certain requirements.

The two principal areas of criticism are our record keeping methods, which are really inadequate, and the fact that our values for bulk land have remained the same for the past several years, despite inflation. It is difficult to argue with the state on these two points, so the Board is presently undertaking to correct these matters.

However, the state has also socked us with a 13% increase in our equalized valuation. We do not believe this is justified, and although we cannot predict the outcome, the Board has decided to contest the increase. We have also decided to lend our support to other towns in the Commonwealth who have expressed an interest to fight the state's discrimination against small towns in the matter of taxation. Ninety-one cities and towns in the Commonwealth have been ordered to revalue for a second time when the rest of the cities and towns haven't even revalued to 100% "full and fair cash value" for the first time. We are dedicated to trying to develop some political clout to combat this injustice.

One requirement we now confront, we regret to say, is that all homes in town must be visited and measured inside and out. All outbuildings must also be measured. This should help us maintain very accurate and complete records, which in turn should help us in our dealings with the state. We will be sending more complete information in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Assessors  
*John R. Riggan, Chairman*  
*Robert F. Kenney*  
*Henry G. Dandeneau*

# ASSESSOR'S REPORT - 1980

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF PROPERTY & TAXES ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1980

### NUMBER OF PARCELS ASSESSED:

Bills on Personal Property: 70  
 Bills on Real Estate: 299

### VALUE OF ASSESSED PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Total Value of Assessed Personal Property \$56,028,415.00 \$56,028,415.00

### VALUE OF ASSESSED REAL ESTATE:

Land - Exclusive of Buildings 4,826,446.00  
 Buildings - Exclusive of Land 71,036,785.00  
 Total Valuation of Assessed Real Estate 75,863,231.00

### TOTAL VALUATION OF ASSESSED PROPERTY:

131,891,646.00

TAX RATE PER \$1,000.00 — \$7.80 (Fiscal year 1981; School - \$1.57 + General - \$.23)

### TAXES FOR STATE, COUNTY, AND TOWN PURPOSES, INCLUDING OVERLAY:

On Personal Estate: 437,021.64  
 On Real Estate: 591,733.20  
 1,028,754.84

### FIGURES USED IN ARRIVING AT THE 1980 TAX RATE:

Total Appropriations to be raised by taxation: 920,595.12  
 Total Appropriations to be raised from Available Funds: 16,250.00  
 School Lunch Program: 941.00  
 Free Public Library: 1,250.00  
 County Tax: 185,604.80



# STATE TAX ASSESSMENTS:

Regional Transit Authority:

State Audit:

State Recreation Areas:

Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excises:

Air Pollution Control:

OVERLAY FOR CURRENT YEAR:

GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED:

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Receipts from the State:

Motor Vehicle:

Licenses:

School Receipts, Local:

Library:

Interest:

Protection, Persons & Property:

Cemeteries:

Highway:

Recreation:

General Government:

ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:

Prior Year's Overestimates - State & County

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS:

AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN FROM REVENUE SHARING:

1,800.65  
438.61  
23,722.06  
70.65  
1,527.87  
33,555.09

1,152,200.76  
33,555.09

1,185,755.85

57,231.00

15,500.00  
400.00  
55,000.00  
100.00  
35,000.00  
400.00  
50.00  
100.00  
300.00  
4,650.00

111,560.00  
137.00  
168,928.00

16,250.00  
7,450.00

23,700.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & AVAILABLE FUNDS:  
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY:

192,628.00  
1,028,754.84

TOTAL TAXES LEVIED ON PROPERTY:

Personal Property Valuation:

\$56,028,415.00

Tax:

\$437,021.64

Real Estate Valuation:

75,863,231.00

Tax:

591,733.20

\$131,891,646.00

\$1,028,754.84

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Town of Rowe:

During the fiscal year 1979 - 1980, there were 26 permits issued:

New homes	1
Other new buildings or additions	13
Remodeling	5
Stove permits	2
Demolition	5

In addition, a total of 50 Certificates of Inspection were issued. These represent the semi-annual inspections of public buildings as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Also 2 "Unsafe Building" notices were posted on structures.

Respectfully submitted,  
*William G. Foster,*  
 Building Inspector

## FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

During the past summer, several classes were held on pumping and the use of other equipment on fire trucks.

Our program on chimney cleaning in the fall was a success and will be continued again this fall.

The Fire Department responded to twenty-two calls which were as follows:

6	Chimney Fires
3	House Fires
3	Compactor Fires
1	L.P. Gas Fire
5	Mutual Aid Calls
1	Deerfield Valley Mutual Aid Call
3	Pumping out Cellars

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kenneth D. Soule*  
 Fire Chief

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT NURSE

To the Board of Selectmen, and the people of the Town of Rowe, I submit my annual report as District Nurse.

Two flu clinics were held in the fall. 78 people in our four town area received the vaccine aimed at A/ Brazil, A/ Bangkok, and A/ Singapore strains. We were able to obtain all the vaccine we needed, even though there was a definite scarcity of the vaccine. Contact me if you are interested in next fall's clinic.

Schools continue to demand an ever increasing amount of time. State mandated procedures: testing of hearing and vision, measurement of height and weight, monitoring of immunizations, assisting the school physician, are all done. New legislation this year is for postural screening of grades 5 & 6. Schools have been thoroughly checked by the school physician, his recommendations are being carried out in an attempt to cut down on the incidence of illness spread as well as problems such as pediculosis and scabies. New diseases seen this year are the coxsackie virus and kawasakie disease. Lifetime immunization booklets were distributed to all students attending school; these are an official document for school and day care entry in Massachusetts.

Nursing procedures are performed by orders from your doctor. Blood pressures are read every Thursday 10-11 A.M. at Rowe Town Hall, and the first Wednesday of each month from 10:30 to 12 noon at the Charlemont Senior Center. If any of these times are not convenient for you, please call me weekdays from 8-9 A.M. at 339-4906

Respectfully submitted,  
*Janet A. Bliss, R.N.*  
District Nurse

## WESTERN FRANKLIN PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**January 1, 1980 — June 30, 1980**

Balance carried forward to January 1, 1980		\$1,495.83
<b>Receipts</b>		
Town of Charlemont	\$1,600.00	
Town of Heath	1,600.00	
Town of Rowe	1,600.00	
<b>Withholdings:</b>		
Federal Tax	540.00	
Mass. Tax	172.60	
County Retirement	171.45	
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		5,684.05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,179.88</b>

**Disbursements:**

Janet Bliss - Nurse	\$3,429.52	
Transportation	376.20	
Beda A. Langevin - Treasurer	125.00	
New England Telephone	119.22	
Office Rent	175.00	
Treasurer's Bond & Liability Insurance	145.00	
Franklin County		
Retirement System Assessment	832.50	
Supplies	44.52	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	540.00	
Mass. Tax	172.60	
County Retirement	171.45	
		<u>6,131.01</u>
Balance carried forward to July 1, 1980		\$1,048.87

**July 1, 1980 - December 31, 1980**

Balance carried forward to July 1, 1980 \$1,048.87

**Receipts:**

Town of Charlemont	\$1,600.00	
Town of Heath	800.00	
Town of Hawley	1,600.00	
Town of Rowe	1,600.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	540.00	
Mass. Tax	187.68	
County Retirement	186.24	
		<u>6,513.92</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,562.79</b>

**Disbursements:**

Janet Bliss - Nurse	\$3,724.92	
Lucia Finck - Nurse	37.20	
Transportation	356.80	
Beda A. Langevin - Treasurer	100.00	
New England Telephone	119.22	
Supplies	26.78	
Repairs	20.00	
Clinics	100.00	
Withholdings:		
Federal Tax	540.00	
Mass. Tax	187.68	
County Retirement	186.24	
		<u>5,398.84</u>
Balance carried forward to January 1, 1981		\$2,163.95

I hereby certify that the foregoing report to be a true statement of the financial transactions of the Western Franklin Public Health District for the year 1980.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beda A. Langevin*  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

The Pelham Lake Park Commission wishes to take this opportunity to make mention of a successful season in 1980.

Park summer projects included the clearing of the grounds between the Browning Bench Tool Factory and the Lake (including the brook bed); the children's dock was newly covered and repairs were made to the boat dock; the raft received needed repairs due to past acts of vandalism; work continued on the trails in hopes of preventing erosion; the boundaries at the park were walked by the park crew and it was determined that some of the boundaries are vague. It may become necessary for the town to look into determining exact boundaries on new and existing properties in the future.

Our newest project, the Fishing Derby, was launched during last season and proved to be fun for both spectators and participants. The Derby will be continued during the Park's upcoming season.

Rowe residents, Pelham Lake Park is yours to enjoy so we hope to see you there opening day.

Respectfully submitted,  
*James Taylor, Chairman*  
*Wendell Stetson, Secretary*  
*Robert Williams, Treasurer*

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1980

Recapitulation:

Firearms Identification Cards.....	7
Pistol Permits .....	27
Assistance Calls .....	5
Summons Served .....	2
Proof of Inspection .....	1
Larceny .....	2
Breaking and Entering.....	2
Vandalism .....	7
Complaints .....	20
Complaints (unfounded) .....	4
Accidents 1 car .....	2
Accidents 2 car .....	1

Police Officers in Rowe:  
Chief — Henry J. Dandeneau  
Special Officers:  
John R. Riggan  
Karl E. Jurentkuff Jr.  
Donald Churchill

We were fortunate that life in Rowe remained quiet and peaceful for another year. This has to be at least partially due to everyone watching out for the property of others. Please continue to call us when you feel that you or your neighbor might need help.

Thanks again to the State Police, the Resource Officers, our Special Police Officers and all the residents for your continued support and assistance this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Henry J. Dandeneau*  
Chief of Police

## TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

The Rowe Town Library has again had a very successful year. Our collection has been expanded by the donation of 2 large groups of excellent books. Circulation for FY 1980 totaled 11,847 books and periodicals and 490 recordings for a total of 12,337. Our librarian, Dorothy Stevens, constantly strives to please our patrons with the current best sellers and the difficult to find volumes. The permanent collection increased by 396 books and 36 recordings with 68 magazine subscriptions, 18 of which are gifts to the library. Further needs are met by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System Bookmobile and through Inter-Library Loan.

Exhibits this year ranged from a handcrafted jewelry display by Jacquelin Barceloux to the continuing stamp collections by Alan Bjork.

The library has been completely insulated and a new access door installed on the south side. Leakage and decay caused the replacement of the rear door and wall in the youth room with 6 windows and additional shelving.

The Librarian and Trustees attended courses sponsored by the Western Regional Library System and meetings conducted by the nine town library group.

Used books and paperbacks are constantly on sale at reasonable prices. Friends of the Library sponsor the sale of plastic book bags, available for 25¢, the proceeds of which are used for the benefit of the library.

The Rowe Town Library hours remain the same: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 1 to 5 P.M. and Friday evenings from 6 to 9 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sally Alix*  
*Jane Lindabury*  
*Regina Pinkham*  
Trustees of the Rowe Town  
Library



## OFFICIAL RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**May 12, 1980**

Annual Town Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School on May 12, 1980. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 6:00 P.M. Quorum present. Constable Blanche Veber served warrant. Call of meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Dorothy Evans, Gloria Leger, Jean Stanford and Thomas Danek appointed and sworn by Moderator. Town Meeting Warrant posted May 5, 1980.

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted to accept the written reports of the Town Officers and Committees. A verbal report was read by Norman Stanford, Temporary Chairman of the Village Improvement Committee.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted that the Selectmen appoint all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3.** Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1980, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4.** Voted to exempt \$59,394.00 of free cash from the provisions of Section 12A of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979 and that such free cash not be utilized for the purpose of reducing the property tax levy for fiscal 1981.

**SHOW OF HANDS VOTE**

**47 YES                      0 NO**

**ARTICLE 5.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$227,667.00 for the operation and maintenance of Rowe Elementary School which exceeds the State mandated 4% tax cap by \$5,375.24.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated for several specific purposes designated, and that the same be expended only for such purposes:

\$1,600.00	Health District
500.00	Veteran's Service Administration
16,233.00	Franklin County Retirement Assessment
14,000.00	Franklin County Group Insurance
1,000.00	Town's Interest on Loans

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7.** Voted to transfer the sum of \$15,000 from Overlay Surplus to the 1981 fiscal year Reserve Fund.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 8.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sums of money recommended by the Finance Committee, for the charges and expenses of the various Town Departments, and including compensation for elected officials and debt and interest for the 1981 fiscal period:

\$14,500.00	Administration
23,000.00	Bonds & Insurance
3,000.00	Town Hall
2,500.00	Town Officers' Expenses
16,175.00	Town Officers' Salaries
\$2,400	Selectmen
1,000	School Committee
1,200	Assessors
2,200	Treasurer
1,300	Tax Collector
1,600	Town Clerk
2,900	Selectmens' Clerk
600	Assessor's Clerk
700	Fire Chief
800	Police Chief
075	Moderator
250	Registrars
075	Dog Officer
150	Auditor
075	Constable
075	Animal Inspector
075	Fire Warden
300	Plumbing Inspector
400	Wiring Inspector
13,447.41	Capital, Regional School District
53,565.17	Operation, Regional School District
31,615.01	Capital, Franklin County Technical School District
22,704.03	Operation, Franklin County Technical School District
2,000.00	Board of Health
12,000.00	Refuse Garden, Operation
3,400.00	Police Department, Operation
5,715.00	Fire Department, Operation
1,350.00	Paid Fire Department (Officers)
2,500.00	Forest Fires
500.00	Civil Defense
60.00	Insect Pest Control
600.00	Dutch Elm Disease Control

12,500.00	Library, Operation
11,800.00	Pelham Lake Park
5,000.00	Gas Account, Town Vehicles
2,500.00	Cemeteries, Maintenance
800.00	Planning Board, Operation
3,000.00	Old Home Day
600.00	Medical Emergency Coordinator
4,000.00	Street Lighting
900.00	Non Contributory Retirement
2,500.00	Building Inspector

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 9.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for unemployment compensation for municipal employees for fiscal year 1981.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 10.** Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the General Highway Fund for the 1981 fiscal year:

\$95,000	Wages & Salaries
003,000	Sick Leave Pay
005,000	Bridge & Guard Rail
003,000	Roadside Maintenance
002,000	Town Account
012,000	Road Oiling Paving
020,000	Winter Roads
010,000	Drainage
015,000	General Highway Maintenance
022,000	Machinery Maintenance

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for Type "I" Pavement.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 12.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000 in anticipation of reimbursement under the provisions as specified on the Cherry Sheet titled "Highway and Reconstruction Maintenance" for Type "I" Pavement.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 13.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 in anticipation of reimbursement under provisions as specified on the Cherry Sheet titled "Highway Fund Distribution" for Type "I" Pavement.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 14.** Voted to accept the sum of \$22,456.50 available under the provisions of Chapter 481 for the fiscal year 1981 "Chapter 90" construction and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,456.50 to be restored to the treasury upon receipt of reimbursement.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 15.** Voted to accept the sum of \$13,107 for fiscal year 1981 under Chapter 480, Acts of 1979 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,107 for 1981 "Chapter 90" construction in anticipation of reimbursement under provisions of Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1979.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 16.** Voted to transfer from State Aid Library Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,250 for Library operation.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 17.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of insulation of the Rowe Town Library.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$750 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for the citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$750 be transferred to the Franklin/Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with the approval and under the direction of the Board of Health.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$2,300 for the purpose of conducting an energy audit at Rowe Elementary School.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 20.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 and authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee made up of one Planning Board Member, one Finance Committee Member, one Selectman, one Fireman and the committee not to exceed five, to study the construction of a new fire station with emphasis on the chosen site being suitable for future municipal development and to authorize said committee to hire any professional services that may be necessary.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for reconstruction and drainage on Brown Road.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purchase of a new two wheel drive dump truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the present G.M.C. dump truck.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23.** Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the Town the property owned by Martin V. Woodward.

**SHOW OF HANDS VOTE**

**28 YES      28 NO**

**2/3 VOTE NEEDED**

**ARTICLE 24. TABLED.**

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 25.** Voted not to rescind the previous vote of the 1975 annual town meeting article 42, which directed the Selectmen to decrease the number of street lights in Town.

**SHOW OF HANDS VOTE**  
**16 YES      30 NO**

**ARTICLE 26. TABLED.**

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 27.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Stabilization Fund.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 28.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for park benches for the Mill Pond Area.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 29.** Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a nine (9) member "Rowe Bicentennial Commission", said Commission to plan and direct a celebration of the Town of Rowe's 200th anniversary in 1985; said Commission to report its planning activities and financial requests to the Town annually; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000, or any other sum, therefor, said sum to accumulate at interest and be added to any other sums appropriated or available for such purpose.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 30.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for ambulance services.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 31.** Motion was made to table this article until a Special Town Meeting to be held before the tax rate is set.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

**RAISE & APPROPRIATE ARTICLES**

5-6-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-20-21-22-27-28-29-30- Total \$911,795.12

**REVENUE SHARING ARTICLES**

17-18-19- Total \$5050.00

**TRANSFER FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS**

Article 7 \$15,000

**TRANSFER FROM STATE AID LIBRARY RESERVE FUND**

Article 16 \$1,250

**GRAND TOTAL \$933,095.12**

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*  
 Town Clerk

## OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**September 2, 1980**

Special Town Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall on September 2, 1980. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 7:30. Quorum present. Constable Blanche Veber served warrant. Call of Meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Sally Alix, Cynthia Laffond and Herbert Autio appointed and sworn by Moderator. Town Meeting Warrant posted August 19, 1980.

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted to transfer from Revenue Sharing Bank Account the sum of \$2,400 for the purpose of painting the exterior of the Town Hall.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for bonds and insurance.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for the Motion Picture Series.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4.** Voted not to authorize the Selectmen to purchase on behalf of the Town the property owned by Martin V. Woodward.

**BALLOT VOTE**

**NO 24      YES 38**

**2/3 VOTE NEEDED**

**ARTICLE 5. TABLED.**

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of completing road construction on Monroe Hill.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7.** Voted to amend the wording of Article 15 voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on May 12, 1980 to read "said funds to be restored to the treasury upon receipt of reimbursement".

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 8.** Voted to increase the levy limit established by Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1979, by not more than \$41,080.12 so that the levy limit as so increased will not be more than \$815,877.10.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest:

*L. Norma Brown*

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Since fiscal year 1975 - 1976 the Rowe School budget has increased from \$244,468 to \$277,667. This \$33,199 increase is approximately 17%. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of living during the same six year period has increased approximately 65%. Our school is feeling the impact of this widening discrepancy. Now the dictates of Proposition 2½ cut even further into our budget.

The professional quality of the teaching staff has prevented these reductions from having the severe impact one might expect on the education of our children. Years of classroom experience, openness to new ideas, continuing course work and a positive attitude are all factors in the staffs ability to preserve high educational standards in these times of reduced spending.

With the return of our teachers we have continued to work towards strengthening the academic curriculum areas. We continue to emphasize the social behavioral goals of having children be courteous to all adults and to each other. We have continued to strive towards increased understanding between Mohawk Regional School and the upper grades at Rowe so the transition for sixth graders can be made smoothly. Thus far nothing has altered my belief that, "The educational process should be a life experience oriented towards developing, in children, high academic achievement, refined social skills, and positive self concept within a structure of freedom with responsibility." I believe Rowe School provides this experience but as personnel and programs are eliminated through budget cuts the depth and breadth of education is reduced. The options are to let these components fall by the wayside or provide an alternative approach. I believe curriculum modifications must be made involving active participation of community members if the school hopes to maintain its high quality. The beginning of the parents information meetings may be a small step towards the kind of community involvement I believe necessary to fulfill this objective.

I would like to thank Mrs. Dorothy Evans and Mrs. Joyce Boutwell for their reliable help as parent volunteers. Mrs. Housner deserves recognition for her continuing Art Program. The results of her students were on display in the Regional School Library during the month of April. I would also like to thank parents and community members who have taken the time to visit the school and ask about what we are doing and why.

*Fred K. Homer*  
Principal  
Rowe Elementary School

## ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY REPORT 1980

This past year a grant for \$652.05 funding a library inservice program for all library personnel in the district was awarded by the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative in Great Barrington. A series of workshops on such topics as Book Conservation, Nonbroadcast Video Distribution, Children's Literature and Managing a Library combined with consultants for each building, provided a meaningful inservice program.

The annual allocation of Title IV B funds for the purchase of print and non-print material and equipment for school libraries in the district was \$4,744. This sum was expended in the area of social studies for the nine town regional school district, with material purchased being housed in each respective school library.

Additional on-going programs included inservice for students and faculty, the annual Preview Day held in October, Book Fairs, special art exhibits and National Library Week activities in April. Interlibrary loan continues to support a philosophy of sharing and reducing duplication of materials. The 16 mm. film library housed at the Hawlemont School still supplements non-print holdings and helps to replace the costly rental of films.

Beverly Williams, Helen Mackie, Jane Wishart, Judy Lively and Gladys Shumway are the regular library personnel in our various school libraries, and they, including our many fine volunteers, are to be commended for their efforts and conscientious dedication to the school library programs in our district.

*Susan B. Silvester*  
Director of Instructional Media  
Mohawk Trail Regional School District  
BCS Regional School District  
Hawlemont Regional School District  
Mass. School Supt. Union No. 65



## ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rowe School has been having an eventful year. The School Committee has been unusually busy facing more decisions than usual.

As a matter of policy, the School Committee asked the teaching staff to prepare report cards that would give parents complete and accurate reporting on their children's progress. This was done for grades three through six, and for kindergarten. A new form of reporting for grades one and two is due in the fall.

A new curriculum for reading is being considered which will provide sequence and continuity through all grades. Goals will be set for each child, with a method for determining if these goals are achieved.

Proposition 2½ has compelled the School Committee to present a no-growth budget. This has been in spite of the following increased cost of oil and electricity, of transportation, of all paper goods (40% for 1980-81 and estimated 15% to 20% for 1981-82), and increased cost of all supplies.

The Summer School Program was held during July. The combination of this program with the Park swimming instructions gave our children enjoyment and constructive use of their vacation time. Unfortunately because of Proposition 2½, summer school is in jeopardy.

The school energy audit has been completed. The items recommended are mostly structural changes. The implementation is being delayed because of financial considerations. We hope it will be possible to carry out some of the recommendations in the following fiscal year as they would represent sizable energy cost savings to the Town.

The school building was not only built as a school, but as a community center, and is used as one for, at least, fifteen hours a week, year round. The cost of heating, lighting and custodial service for this use are paid from the educational budget. We refer to this because the lighting of the gym, is, by far, the most expensive in the building. We believe, however, that this is a much needed service. We simply want the people of Rowe to be aware of the use of the building.

Our Superintendent of Schools, Bruce Willard, has been called upon many times to show his excellent administrative abilities. His resourcefulness and candor has greatly aided the work of the Committee.

Fred Homer has resigned as principal and it is with regret, that the School Committee accepts his resignation. He has maintained the warm and friendly atmosphere of the school during his term as principal. The Committee wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

Rowe School is your school. The Committee's meetings are open to everyone. They are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 P.M. We need as many of you as possible to be present if the school is to reflect your desires, attitudes and goals. We hope you will attend our meetings.

Sincerely,  
*Raymond Jodoin*  
*Carol Staub*  
*Merle Riggan*

**TOWN OF ROWE**  
**SCHOOL ATTENDING CHILDREN**

**As of January 1, 1980**

Grade	Rowe Elementary	Mohawk Reg'l High School	Voca- tional	Out of District	TOTAL
Kindergarten	6				6
1	3				3
2	3				3
3	2			1	3
4	5				5
5	4				4
6	8				8
7		7			7
8		3			3
9		4	3		7
10		4	1		5
11		8	4		12
12		5	1		6
TOTALS:	31	31	9	1	72

## ROWE SCHOOL BUDGET

A copy of the proposed Rowe School Budget for the fiscal year 1982 (July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982) is on file at the Office of the Selectmen and available for public inspection.

ITEM	Expenditures 1/1/80-6/30/80	Expenditures 7/1/80-12/31/80	Appropriation 7/1/80-6/30/81
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
School Committee Clerical	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$160.00
School Committee Supplies	- 0 -	- 0 -	25.00
School Committee Other	382.00	144.00	340.00
Administrative Salaries	1,650.00	1,923.00	3,754.00
Clerical Salaries	1,978.00	2,624.00	4,895.00
Administrative Travel	182.00	141.00	438.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$4,292.00</b>	<b>\$4,892.00</b>	<b>\$9,612.00</b>

<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Supervisors' Salaries	\$550.00	\$451.00	\$1,050.00
Supervisors' Other Expense	154.00	93.00	290.00
Principal's Salary	9,363.00	10,720.00	20,000.00
Principal's Clerical	3,949.00	3,327.00	7,408.00
Principal's Supplies & Materials	128.00	579.00	900.00
Principal's Other Expense	- 0 -	80.00	325.00
Teachers' Salaries	54,677.00	40,453.00	97,100.00
Teachers Summer School	- 0 -	1,100.00	1,300.00
Substitutes	- 0 -	- 0 -	300.00
Teacher Aides/Tutors	17,789.00	13,131.00	32,947.00
Contracted Services	8,008.00	2,322.00	8,650.00
Instruction Supplies	581.00	4,756.00	5,100.00
Other Expense	464.00	273.00	1,355.00
Textbooks	8.00	6.00	150.00
Library Assistant	4,101.00	1,565.00	4,300.00

Supplies and Materials	596.00	655.00	1,750.00
Other Expense	75.00	8.00	40.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	377.00	57.00	20.00
Other Expense - Postage	- 0 -	- 0 -	20.00
Guidance Supplies	\$62.00	- 0 -	350.00
Other Expense - Scoring	- 0 -	- 0 -	100.00
Psychological - Contracted	- 0 -	- 0 -	600.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$100,882.00	\$79,576.00	\$184,055.00

#### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Health Salaries - Physician	\$- 0 -	\$20.00	\$100.00
Supplies and Materials	11.00	74.00	50.00
Pupil Transportation - Contracted	7,948.00	5,395.00	13,900.00
Cafeteria Salaries	6,371.00	4,194.00	10,448.00
Food and Supplies	178.00	228.00	400.00
Student Body Activities	125.00	49.00	350.00
TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$14,633.00	\$9,960.00	\$25,248.00

#### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salary	\$4,865.00	\$5,461.00	\$11,085.00
Supplies and Materials	783.00	795.00	1,350.00
Other Expense - Travel	310.00	307.00	600.00
Heating	7,140.00	7,964.00	20,000.00
Utility Services	3,879.00	4,076.00	9,675.00
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	23.00	146.00	270.00
Supplies and Materials	30.00	53.00	100.00
Maintenance of Building - Contracted	1,430.00	1,283.00	3,100.00
Supplies and Materials	822.00	700.00	1,000.00
Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	967.00	130.00	1,125.00
Supplies and Materials	47.00	67.00	425.00
TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	\$20,296.00	\$20,982.00	\$48,730.00

<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>		
Insurance - Employer's 32B	\$386.00	\$- 0 -
Insurance - Committee Liability	- 0 -	625.00
<b>TOTAL FIXED CHARGES</b>	<b>\$386.00</b>	<b>\$625.00</b>
<b>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>		
New Equipment	\$27.00	\$- 0 -
Replacement of Equipment	485.00	44.00
<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$512.00</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$141,001.00</b>	<b>\$116,079.00</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		
Teachers' Salaries	\$583.00	\$667.00
Teachers, Aide Salaries	274.00	- 0 -
Contracted Services - Speech	- 0 -	498.00
Supplies and Materials	6.00	- 0 -
Other Expense	449.00	86.00
Textbooks	- 0 -	- 0 -
Contracted Services - Psychological	1,570.00	1,852.00
Psychological Supplies	12.00	- 0 -
Other Expense - Travel	- 0 -	50.00
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$2,894.00</b>	<b>\$3,103.00</b>
<b>OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>		
Transportation	\$- 0 -	\$250.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$2,894.00</b>	<b>\$3,103.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$143,895.00</b>	<b>\$119,182.00</b>
		<b>\$277,667.00</b>

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It's with pleasure that I write my second annual report as Superintendent of the ninetown area schools. Due to the high cost of printing, the towns have requested that we make our reports brief.

Since the passage of Proposition 2½ in November of 1980 we have had many questions and concerns about the impact of this new law on our educational programs. This law will limit the amount that our various communities can appropriate for the 1981-82 school budgets and will require substantial reductions in the budget. With the loss of fiscal autonomy it will mean that the school budgets will have to be approved by the taxpayers at town meeting. In the case of regional school districts the member towns will each have to approve a budget figure for the 1981-82 school year. This process creates much uncertainty as to the final outcome of the budgets for next year. We are deeply concerned about the effects that will result in our schools if we are required to make drastic reductions in our budgets.

In the past year there has been substantial progress made in the development and implementation of the state mandated Basic Skills Improvement Program. Basic skills assessments in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics competencies are scheduled for April 1981 for all students in grades two, five and eight in the system with the results being reported in May. Plans for assessing listening skills competencies are underway.

Staff members from the several districts will be involved in a Chapter 622 (sex equity) inservice training program during the spring in preparation for a future audit of our school system. Other projects this year include the implementation of the Middle School Program for grades seven and eight at Mohawk Trail and establishment of a district-wide method of student achievement assessments. The Title I Math and Health Education programs have continued this year and have helped to enrich our students academically.

The school district's special education programs are effectively serving over 200 students, offering a full range of diagnostic and prescriptive programs. Several state and regional audits have commented favorably on our programs and personnel.

A new computerized system of data management, many inservice programs, and extensive training in the process of writing educational plans are providing an incentive in implementing the "spirit" of Chapter 766 legislation.

At this point in time our educational systems face many serious challenges. Together, we must face these challenges squarely so that we can provide the best quality education within the framework of our limited financial background.

In closing this report I wish to thank the many people who have supported us this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bruce E. Willard*  
Superintendent of Schools

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

The year 1980 has been marked by a continuation of refinement in our curriculum and by a general examination of the courses which are offered to our students. While there were few additions and deletions in the curriculum there were many courses which were changed and updated.

Perhaps one of the most dramatic changes in our school was brought about by the implementation of the Middle School project for grades 7 and 8. The implementation has been successful in terms of the effects on the atmosphere in the two grades as well as in the whole school. It is felt by most that the transition from elementary school to the Middle School grades at Mohawk has been improved tremendously. The Related Arts program in which all Middle School students are involved has been a source of great satisfaction for both students and parents. There has been a great acceptance of the Middle School project effort.

The increased amount of activities and the high achievement of several of our sports teams has elated the student body and the faculty. Our successful musical concerts, the class dances, Creative Arts Program and the general inclusion of worthwhile experiences have increased the kind of growth and maturity in our school which has been developing through the years.

The advent of Proposition 2½ has added many challenges to the faculty and administration of this school in their effort to maintain quality of education. The challenge must be accepted not only by the school community, but also by the community as a whole. Now, more than ever, the integration of school and community must become a reality.

*I. Melvin Abrahamson, Principal*  
Mohawk Trail Regional High School

## RESOURCE CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

The following statistical information has been compiled for the school year 1979-80:

Print Material	6,772
Non-print Material	688
Inter-library Loan Material Sent to Elementary Schools	123
Classes Using the Resource Center for Special Projects	270
New Books Cataloged	575
Individuals Using the MOIS Career Computer	836
Equipment Circulation	2,011

The annual allocation of Title IV B funds for the purchase of print and non-print material and equipment was \$4,744. This sum was expended in the area of social studies for the nine town regional school district, with material purchased being housed in each respective school library.

A grant for \$652.05 funding a library inservice program for all library personnel in the district was awarded by the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative in Great Barrington. A series of workshops on such topics as Book Conservation, Nonbroadcast Video Distribution and Managing a Library combined with consultants for each building, provided a meaningful inservice program.

Many thanks to the following people for their gifts to the Resource Center: Doris Askew, Neil Potter, Chris Hynnyshyn, Nancy Bell, Diane Trembley, David Newell, Jane Grant, Eleanor Garber, Libby Burnham, Eileen Silvester, Barbara Zalenski, Mary Doyle, Bryant Avery, Ardelle Chase, Sylvia Barnard and Flo Scott.

The annual Creative Arts Festival sponsored by the Resource Center Council was held in February with many local community people, students and faculty participating. Other programs held this year include the ongoing Artist of the Month exhibits, annual Preview Day in October, National Library Week activities, Faculty Tea and Media Day.

*Susan B. Silvester*  
Director of Instructional Media  
Mohawk Trail Regional School District



## MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the calendar year 1980 are as follows:

January 1, 1980	Cash on Hand	\$368,057.96
		(Note 1)
Received:		
Town Assessments	\$1,494,401.61	
Commonwealth Reimbursements:		
Chapter 70	314,024.00	
Chapter 71	100,045.00	
Chapter 71A	19,170.00	
Transportation	126,076.00	
Transportation, Vocational	20,342.00	
School Building Assistance	53,866.06	
Title IV C(Middle School)	36,125.00	
Title VI C(West County)	26,460.00	
Title IV B(Library)	5,610.00	
Reading Project	1,388.00	
Vocational Project	4,459.00	
Health Grant	1,395.07	
Computer Grant	1,881.00	
Cafeteria	51,582.84	
Cafeteria Collections	70,822.65	
Cafeteria Meals Tax	245.98	
Payroll Deductions for taxes etc.	463,986.22	
Revolving Funds-Athletic	6,497.35	
Revolving Funds-Music	1,035.50	
Evening School Registration	1,470.00	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Reimb.	11,716.32	
Withdrawals from investments	566,145.81	
Proceeds of Cert. of Deposit	130,000.00	
Interest Accruals		
NOW Account	3,167.22	
Savings Bank Accounts	73.45	
Certificate of Deposit Int.	14,987.55	
Repurchase Securities	14,633.77	
Mass. Mun. Deposit Trust	21,255.39	
Telephone Commissions	301.27	
Use of Buildings and Facilities	234.85	
Sale of Surplus Property	397.50	
Refunds	440.66	
Lost and Damaged Books and property	182.46	
Industrial Arts Project	208.15	
Tuitions	4,370.72	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Holding Acct.	10,291.00	

Account Reimbursements —1000 Account	43.04	
—2000 Account	433.22	
—3000 Account	55.00	
—2000 Voc. Ed.	40.00	
Paid in Error	331.50	
	<u>\$3,580,192.16</u>	<u>3,580,192.16</u>
Total Cash and Receipts:		\$3,948,250.12
Paid:		
Operations Warrants:		
Administration	\$75,057.53	
Instruction	1,039,965.14	
Other School Services	280,767.03	
Operation and Maintenance Plant	204,563.23	
Fixed Charges	92,452.81	
Community Services	29.25	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	40,110.44	
Debt and Debt Service	187,600.00	
Vocational Education		
Instruction	20,169.62	
Transportation	32,861.95	
Oper. & Mtce. Plant	125.00	
Acq. of Fixed Assets	397.51	
Programs-Other Districts	30.00	
Tuition-Day	35,641.44	
Tuition-Evening	558.00	
Special Education		
Instruction	116,779.27	
Other School Services	29,568.11	
Oper. & Mtce. Plant	1,128.86	
Acq. of Fixed Assets	450.00	
Programs-Other Districts	31,000.31	
Practical Arts	45.00	
Encumbered Funds	86,770.56	
Transfers to Investment	566,045.81	
Purchase of Copying Machine	3,250.00	
Federal Grants		
Title IV C(Middle School)	27,422.57	
Title VI B(West County)	38,881.09	
Food Storage	1,988.05	
Cashiering	710.08	
Title IV (Library)	5,679.00	
Reading Project	1,388.00	
Health	8,197.25	
Computer Project	1,881.00	
Vocational Information	4,429.00	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Refunds	4,065.62	

Revolving Funds-Lunch	117,832.46	
—Meals Tax	214.48	
—Athletics	4,579.49	
—Music	1,539.70	
Holding Account (Paid in Error)	331.50	
Payroll Deductions for taxes, etc.	<u>462,488.27</u>	
	\$3,526,894.23	<u>\$3,526,894.23</u>
Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1981		<u>421,355.89</u>
Total Cash on Hand and Paid:		\$3,948,250.12

Note 1: Assessments include \$81,135.55 due Jan. 1, 1981 but paid by the towns of Colrain and Rowe in 1980.

The Mohawk Trail Regional School District  
Committee  
*F. Newton Miller, Treasurer*

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VI ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET				
10-1-79		80-81		TOWN
Enrollment	Percent	Enrollment	Percent	
105	13.05	181,565.04	Ashfield	10-1-80
171	21.24	295,512.76	Buckland	Enrollment
91	11.31	157,356.37	Charlemont	118
138	17.14	238,469.34	Colrain	168
17	2.11	29,356.49	Hawley	91
38	4.72	65,669.50	Heath	135
36	4.47	62,191.24	Plainfield	17
31	3.85	53,565.17	Rowe	51
178	22.11	307,617.09	Shelburne	44
805	100.00%	1,391,303.00		32
				<u>167</u>
				823
				100.00%
				1,508,453.00

The difference in the 807 enrollment and the 805 used for assessment purposes for 80-81 was the result of two tuition students from Greenfield.

VII ASSESSMENTS ON CAPITAL BUDGET  
(Percentage figures remain the same each year)

Town	Percent	Amount
Ashfield	11.9	13,248.75
Buckland	19.3	21,487.46
Charlemont	9.9	11,022.07
Colrain	16.3	18,147.44
Hawley	2.7	3,006.02
Heath	4.3	4,787.36
Plainfield	4.1	4,564.69
Rowe	11.5	12,803.41
Shelburne	20.0	22,266.80

# FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

For the Calendar Year January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980

To the citizens of the member towns of the Franklin County Technical School District:

Bernardston	Gill	Rowe
Buckland	Greenfield	Shelburne
Colrain	Heath	Sunderland
Conway	Montague	Warwick
Deerfield	New Salem	Wendell
Erving	Northfield	Whately

Another busy year has passed at the Technical School; some major things were accomplished. First, a change in the Administration structure was designed to eliminate overlapping responsibilities. Some Administrative positions were realigned and others were redefined while still retaining the same fine staffing quality which has existed at the school.

After much study, an agreement was reached to expand the agriculture program to include animal sciences. This has not, as yet, come to full realization, although much ground work has been done. We are anticipating a healthy future in this area, especially when the new Multi-Species Animal Building is operational.

As you know, the second multi-year contract with the Teachers Association was signed only recently. The Committee feels this contract to be fiscally sound and at the same time respectful of the excellent teaching staff that the District has employed.

Your District Committee has twenty-two members and is one of the largest in the State. It seems appropriate to offer a word of thanks to all of the members for their excellent participation and attendance record; a quorum is rarely a problem.

Further appreciation is extended to the entire Tech School Staff for their fine efforts and accomplishments; I would especially like to single out for special praise our Custodial Staff. Their extra care and dedication have helped to keep this the best maintained school in the Commonwealth.

Finally, it is my belief that continued cooperation among and between all concerned will enable the District Committee to continue to maintain the high degree of fiscal responsibility and judgement that has been our trademark in the past.

With high hopes for the future, I respectfully submit this report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert MacGregor, III  
Chairman

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**December 31, 1980**

Bernardston:	Frederic D. MacNeill	Heath:	Philip Fournier
Buckland:	Robert MacGregor, III	Montague:	Donald F. O'Hara
Colrain:	William H. Dornbusch		R. John Ryan
Conway:	George B. Eldridge	New Salem:	Harold S. Overing
Deerfield:	Marshall Aronstam	Northfield:	Marian A. Holbrook
Erving:	Ronald Rowe	Rowe:	M. Arlene Andognini
Gill:	Shirley Flagg	Shelburne:	Eugene R. Butler
Greenfield:	Jane Dutcher	Sunderland:	Clarence H. Warner
	Marilyn M. Lee	Warwick:	Fredericka Fellows
	Frank Sussenberger	Wendell:	Albert Diemand
	David Yetter, Jr.	Whately:	Jane Grybko

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

**Calendar Year January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980**

I am pleased to submit my fifth annual report of the management of the Franklin County Technical School. As in my previous reports, I will attempt to briefly summarize the more significant aspects that have contributed to our school's growth during this past year.

As in our two previous years, the Tech School reached a maximum capacity in its day school student enrollment. For the first time, however, there is a large waiting list of both District and non-District students. The October 1, 1980 enrollment report listed 576 male and 284 female grade 9-12 students. Our women enrollment continues to increase; and, this year, women were registered in all 18 shops. Fifty percent of this year's ninth grade class were women. The District residents may be interested in the enrollment by trades and technical areas:

	(M)	(F)	Total		(M)	(F)	Total
Agriculture	37	22	59	Drafting	30	12	42
Auto Body	47	10	57	Electronics	42	5	47
Auto Mechanics	50	4	54	Graphic Arts	23	17	40
Food Services	33	28	61	Metal Working	37	6	43
Health Aide	8	37	45	Cosmetology	7	43	50
Child Develop.	8	31	39	Computers	25	18	43
Carpentry	50	9	59	General Merchandise	11	23	34
Electricity	51	4	55	Plant Maintenance	46	6	52
Plumbing	35	4	39	Machine Shop	36	5	41

The Adult Education Program continues to operate at near capacity in 19 trade and technical courses. In addition, area industries are utilizing the Tech School's facilities and staff in our manpower Training program during our non-school day periods.

As in the past years, the school has been the proud beneficiary of a number of substantial donations from area business and industrial firms. Also, through the generosity of many individuals, firms, and civic and fraternal organizations in the District, our graduation scholarship funds reached another record high.

Since the major goal of a Vocational Technical education is "to prepare students to seek, acquire, and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field," the school continued to stress and improve our job placement and cooperative work experience programs. Over ninety four percent of the 1980 senior class were successfully placed in career related occupations or advanced into post secondary training programs. Our largest group of seniors, to date, fifteen percent of the class, enrolled in two and four year colleges. Also, through the financial assistance of a federal grant program, a large number of our handicapped students were successfully placed in self-supporting employment.

A major innovation this school year was the inauguration of a school wide testing and remediation program in the state mandated Basic Skills areas. Major emphasis is being directed to the improvement of mathematics, reading, writing, and listening skills as they apply to all subject and shop courses.

As in the past, the Culinary Arts, Agriculture, Auto Mechanics, and Cosmetology programs continue to receive very strong community support throughout the year.

In closing, I would like to briefly offer my assessment of the Technical School's future role in Franklin County. Certainly, along with every town and county municipal body, we anticipate that the fiscal effects of Proposition 2½ will be paramount beginning with the next budget. The District Committee will present, for approval, a FY-1982 Budget four percent over last year's District Assessment. Therefore, we should be within the legal limits. However, it will be impossible to maintain present staff, programming, and operational capacity under a four percent future annual growth pattern. The spector of energy problems, particularly those relating to transportation and utilities, are awesome. This School District has already begun both short and long range energy audits and conservation programs. Every aspect of the school's day and evening programs are being reviewed for cost saving benefits.

The present student application list, and our future projections indicate that interest in this school's programs will continue at a very high degree. Women applicants will continue to demonstrate strong growth. Consequently, with leveling or declining enrollments in the area high schools, it is imperative that an orderly and systematic total county wide educational planning program be implemented. This has already begun.

It seems equally certain that this Vocational Technical training school will be called upon to develop effective long range adult job training and retraining programs. As the County Schools' Coordinator for all Ceta Youth Programs, we have already begun to develop models for successful adult employment programs in association with the other area post secondary schools. As a further assistance toward the area's public and private efforts in developing new jobs and businesses in Franklin County, we have joined with the Franklin County Chamber of

Commerce and the Franklin County Planning Office by offering our computer facilities and staff to assist with future economic analyses.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our entire educational community at the Tech School for their significant assistance and cooperation during our successful fifth school year. I am indebted, also, to hundreds of parents, townspeople, business, industrial, and educational benefactors for giving so generously of their time and talent to our school's growth. And certainly, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to you and your Committee. Your consistent support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration of this fine school is deeply rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,  
James J. O'Neil, Jr.  
Superintendent-Director



## FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### District Agreement, Section IV, E (3) - Operating Costs

“If there is enrollment in the regional district school on October 1 of any year and the total of such enrollment on said date is equal to or greater than 75% of the design capacity of the school, operating costs for the ensuing fiscal year shall be apportioned to each member town on the basis of the ratio which the town's enrollment in the regional district school on said date bears to the total enrollment in the school on said date.”

### District Agreement, Section IV (F) - Special Operating Costs

The Committee shall determine the operating costs for each fiscal year of any evening trade extension courses or any other types of courses which are offered by the District to persons other than pupils attending the regular day regional vocational school. Each member town's share of such operating costs shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's enrollment of pupil hours in such courses on November 1 of the year preceding the year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total enrollment of pupil hours in such courses from all the member towns on the same date.

### District Agreement, Section IV (D) - Capital Costs

“Each member town's share of capital costs shall be determined annually according to the following formula:

- (1) Compute to four decimal places the ratio which the town's total population bears to the total district population as established by the last preceding official United States Federal Census.
- (2) Compute to four decimal places the ratio which the town's equalized valuation bears to the total district equalized valuation as most recently reported by the State Tax Commission to the General Court, prior to the start of the fiscal year for which the determination is being made.
- (3) Add the two ratios computed to four decimal places together, and;
- (4) Divide the sum by two and round off the resultant combined average ratio to nearest third decimal place.”.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPERATING ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 1981 & 1982**

	FY 1981			FY 1982		
	FCTS Enrollment	Operating	Operating	FCTS Enrollment	Operating	Operating
Town	October 1, 1979	Percentage	Share	October 1, 1980	Percentage	Share
Bernardston	22	2.67	\$56,680.07	26	3.31	\$63,678.54
Buckland	34	4.15	88,098.23	38	4.84	93,113.03
Colrain	40	4.88	103,595.03	33	4.20	80,800.57
Conway	29	3.54	75,148.85	27	3.44	66,179.51
Deerfield	53	6.47	137,348.33	56	7.13	137,168.58
Erving	24	2.93	62,199.48	39	4.97	95,614.00
Gill	22	2.69	57,104.64	20	2.55	49,057.49
Greenfield	255	31.14	661,055.18	235	29.94	575,992.62
Heath	8	.98	20,803.92	8	1.02	19,622.99
Montague	162	19.78	419,899.53	143	18.22	350,520.55
New Salem	8	.98	20,803.92	9	1.15	22,123.96
Northfield	49	5.98	126,946.37	36	4.59	88,303.48
Rowe	12	1.47	31,205.88	10	1.27	24,432.55
Shelburne	35	4.27	90,645.65	38	4.84	93,113.03
Sunderland	22	2.69	57,104.64	28	3.57	68,680.48
Warwick	5	.62	13,161.66	7	0.89	17,122.02
Wendell	16	1.95	41,395.56	14	1.78	34,244.05
Whately	23	2.81	59,652.06	18	2.29	44,055.55
	<b>819</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$2,122,849.00</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,923,823.00</b>

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 1982 BUDGET ASSESSMENT  
7/1/81 Through 6/30/82  
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,188,954.00

Town	Operating %	Operating Share	Capital %	Capital Share	Total Assessment
Bernardston	3.31	63,678.54	3.030	8,033.47	71,712.01
Buckland	4.84	93,113.03	3.155	8,364.88	101,477.91
Colrain	4.20	80,800.57	2.890	7,662.29	88,462.86
Conway	3.44	66,179.51	2.165	5,740.09	71,919.60
Deerfield	7.13	137,168.58	8.660	22,960.34	160,128.92
Erving	4.97	95,614.00	5.305	14,065.20	109,679.20
Gill	2.55	49,057.49	2.170	5,753.34	54,810.83
Greenfield	29.94	575,992.62	30.430	80,679.36	656,671.98
Heath	1.02	19,622.99	1.240	3,287.62	22,910.61
Montague	18.22	350,520.55	15.305	40,578.30	391,098.85
New Salem	1.15	22,123.96	1.050	2,783.88	24,907.84
Northfield	4.59	88,303.48	5.205	13,800.07	102,103.55
Rowe	1.27	24,432.55	6.885	18,254.27	42,686.82
Shelburne	4.84	93,113.03	3.215	8,523.96	101,636.99
Sunderland	3.57	68,680.48	4.415	11,705.53	80,386.01
Warwick	0.89	17,122.02	1.230	3,261.11	20,383.13
Wendell	1.78	34,244.05	1.050	2,783.88	37,027.93
Whately	2.29	44,055.55	2.600	6,893.41	50,948.96
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1,923,823.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>265,131.00</b>	<b>2,188,954.00</b>

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAPITAL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
FISCAL YEARS 1981 & 1982**

Town	FY 1981		FY 1982	
	Capital %	Capital Share	Capital %	Capital Share
Bernardston	3.120	8,960.98	3.030	8,033.47
Buckland	3.145	9,032.79	3.155	8,364.88
Colrain	3.015	8,659.40	2.890	7,662.29
Conway	2.095	6,017.07	2.165	5,740.09
Deerfield	8.695	24,973.00	8.660	22,960.34
Erving	6.215	17,850.16	5.305	14,065.20
Gill	2.110	6,060.16	2.170	5,753.34
Greenfield	29.850	85,732.48	30.430	80,679.36
Heath	1.145	3,288.57	1.240	3,287.62
Montague	13.790	39,606.40	15.305	40,578.30
New Salem	0.990	2,843.39	1.050	2,783.88
Northfield	5.445	15,638.64	5.205	13,800.07
Rowe	7.905	22,704.03	6.885	18,254.27
Shelburne	3.275	9,406.16	3.215	8,523.96
Sunderland	4.510	12,953.22	4.415	11,705.53
Warwick	1.145	3,288.57	1.230	3,261.11
Wendell	1.160	3,331.65	1.050	2,783.88
Whately	2.390	6,864.34	2.600	6,893.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$287,211.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$265,131.00</b>

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## SPECIMEN BALLOT

List of candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Rowe, May 16, 1981.

Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying a list of Candidates or Specimen Ballot - five to one hundred dollars fine.

TOWN CLERK (1 Year)	Vote for one
L. Norma Brown	

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SELECTMAN (3 Years)	Vote for one
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TOWN TREASURER (1 Year)	Vote for one
Jane H. Lindabury	

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Raymond A. Jodoin	

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LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Katherine May	

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for two
Cornelio A. Franceschetti	
Timothy C. Snyder	

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PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)	Vote for one
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Years)	Vote for one
J. Henry Stanford	

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PARK COMMISSIONER (2 Years)	Vote for one
Evelyn L. Dandeneau	

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PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Years)	Vote for one
John D. Pinkham	

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ASSESSOR (2 Years)	Vote for one
Brian A. Donelson	

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ASSESSOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
Robert F. Kenney	

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AUDITOR (1 Year)	Vote for one
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CONSTABLE (1 Year)	Vote for one
Blanche C. Verber	

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QUESTION:

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provides that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

*Lillian Norma Brown*  
Town Clerk

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