



1983

TOWN OF ROWE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINETH

Annual Report

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

Town of Rowe MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1983

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS - 1983

SELECTMEN

Timothy C. Snyder	Term expires in 1984
Dennis G. Lively	Term expires in 1985
George A. Riggan	Term expires in 1986

TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1984
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TOWN TREASURER

Jean E. Pruitt	Term expires in 1984
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Nancy N. Williams	Term expires in 1986
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert Kenney	Term expires in 1984
John R. Riggan	Term expires in 1985
James H. Pruitt	Term expires in 1986

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Judith A. Pierce (Resigned)	Term expires in 1984
Melissa S. Quinn (Appointed)	Term expires in 1984
Sandra J. Lively	Term expires in 1985
Raymond K. Evans	Term expires in 1986

PARK COMMISSIONER

John Pinkham	Term expires in 1984
James H. Pruitt	Term expires in 1985
Sandra J. Lively	Term expires in 1986

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER

J. Henry Stanford	Term expires in 1984
William H. Brown	Term expires in 1985
James H. Williams	Term expires in 1986

MODERATOR

John H. Williams	Term expires in 1986
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PLANNING BOARD

Leonard J. Laffond	Term expires in 1984
Herbert A. Autio (Resigned)	Term expires in 1985
John H. Williams	Term expires in 1986
Efford H. Pierce	Term expires in 1987
Margalee O. Riggan	Term expires in 1988

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arthur W. Foshay	Term expires in 1984
Merle R. Riggan	Term expires in 1985
Donna C. Arnold	Term expires in 1986

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William A. Loomis
Cornelio A. Franceschetti
Gail May
Frederick N. Williams
Stephen L. Arnold

Term expires in 1984
Term expires in 1984
Term expires in 1985
Term expires in 1986
Term expires in 1986

CONSTABLE

Judith A. Pierce

Term expires in 1984

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

TOWN COUNCIL

Craig W. Barry
(Bartlett, Trudell & 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

Timothy Snyder

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Janet Bliss (Resigned)

FIRE CHIEF

Kenneth Soule

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Robert F. Kenney

CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry J. Dandeneau

SPECIAL POLICE

Karl Jurentkuff
John Riggan
Dennis Annear
Douglas Annear
Charles Bellows

DOG OFFICER

Leonard Brown, Jr.

LIBRARIAN

Martha Rice

ASSESSORS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Marjorie Morse

SELECTMANS' ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Marjorie Morse

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Evelyn Dandeneau

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Helen Shields

MEASURES OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

James H. Williams
Ellsworth E. Palmer
John R. Riggan

POUND KEEPER

Howard O. Truesdell

TREE WARDEN

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

SUPT. OF PEST CONTROL & ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Robert Kenney

BUILDING INSPECTOR

William Foster

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

John F. Woffenden

ALTERNATE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Frederick Homer

EMERGENCY MEDICAL COORDINATOR

Catherine Snyder

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE

George Riggan

FENCE VIEWERS

Charles Avery
James Williams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Pinkham
Margalee Riggan
Timothy Snyder

MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Donna Arnold

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas P. Danek

VETERANS' AGENT

James Lively

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Nancy N. Williams
Thomas P. Danek
Judith A. Pierce

ARTS COUNCIL

Pearl Jurentkuff (Resigned)
Shirley Miller (Resigned)
Mary Snively (Resigned)
Donna Arnold (Resigned)
Merle Riggan (Resigned)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Judith Pierce
John Riggan
Karl Jurentkuff
Thomas Danek
Floyd Smith

Term to expire in 1984
Term to expire in 1985
Term to expire in 1986
Term to expire in 1986
Term to expire in 1986

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

L. Norma Brown
William Brown
Helen Shields
Jane Stetson

Term to expire in 1984
Term to expire in 1984
Term to expire in 1985
Term to expire in 1985

BOARD OF HEALTH

Timothy Snyder
Dennis Lively
George Riggan

Term to expire in 1984
Term to expire in 1985
Term to expire in 1986

BOARD OF WELFARE

Timothy Snyder

Dennis Lively

George Riggan

Term to expire in 1984

Term to expire in 1985

Term to expire in 1986

Respectfully submitted,

L. Norma Brown

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDED IN ROWE IN 1983**BIRTHS**

SETH ADDISON MAY, son of Edwin Leon May and Katherine Eileen O'Connor. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on March 23, 1983.

MELISSA ANNA MARIE BOUTWELL, daughter of Raymond Leroy Boutwell and Joyce Ann Holloway. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on April 26, 1983.

KRISTINA MARY PRUITT, daughter of James Hunter Pruitt and Jean Elizabeth Moore. Born in Greenfield, Mass. on November 28, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Norma Brown

Town Clerk

MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Names of Parties	Residence
May 4, 1983	Richard E. Taylor Suzanne A. Shea	Rowe, Massachusetts Shelburne, Massachusetts
August 8, 1983	James W. Taylor Martha L. Howland	Rowe, Massachusetts Rowe, Massachusetts
September 25, 1983	Douglas G. Wilson Prudence Berry Gabert	Rowe, Massachusetts Rowe, Massachusetts
October 1, 1983	Timothy A Royer Rebecca Pierce	Colleyville, Texas Colleyville, Texas

Respectfully submitted,

L. Norma Brown

Town Clerk

RECORDS & CERTIFICATES - 1983

7 Birth Certifications @ \$2.00	\$ 14.00	
2 Marriage Certifications @ \$2.00	4.00	
2 Death Certifications @ \$2.00	4.00	
4 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00	16.00	
1 Certificate of Registration	2.00	
1 Filing Fee	10.00	
2 Raffle Permits @ \$10.00	20.00	
1 Auction Permit	10.00	\$ 80.00
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Remitted to Town Treasurer		\$ 80.00

DOG LICENSES - 1983

Males, 44 @ \$3.00	\$ 132.00	
Females, 2 @ \$6.00	12.00	
Spayed Females 39 @ \$3.00 (2 void)	111.00	
1 Kennel	25.00	\$ 280.00
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Paid Town Treasurer	\$ 217.75	
Clerk's Fees Retained	62.25	\$ 280.00
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SPORTING LICENSES - 1983

13 Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$12.50	\$ 162.00	
12 Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$12.50	150.00	
34 Resident Citizen Sporting @ \$19.50	663.00	
7 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$17.50	122.50	
1 Non-Resident Citizen 7-Day Fishing	11.50	
2 Duplicates @ \$4.00	8.00	
1 Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69	9.75	
8 Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps @ \$5.10	40.80	
2 Mass. Waterfowl Stamps @ 1.25	2.50	
10 Resident Citizen Sporting over 70 FREE		
2 Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic FREE		
1 Resident Citizen Hunting Paraplegic FREE		\$1,166.55
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Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,131.25	
Clerk's Fees Retained	35.30	1,166.55
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Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown
 Town Clerk

JURY LIST

Bernhardt, Jean - County Road
Boutwell, Raymond - Potter Road
Brown, Everett - Newell Cross Road
Brown, Roger - Newell Cross Road
Donelson, Brian - Potter Road
Homer, Frederick - Leshure Road
Houghtaling, Thomas - Tunnel Road
Hudson, Gary - Newell Cross Road
Jurentkuff, Karl - Pine Hill Drive
Katz, Frederick - Davenport Road
Lively, Dennis - Davenport Road
Newton, Frank - Leshure Road
Shields, Peter - Potter Road
Smith, Floyd - Hazelton Road
Rossi, Martha - Brittingham Hill
Veber, Wayne - Steele Brook Road

NAMES DRAWN IN 1983

Floyd Smith, Traverse Duty - March 7, 1983
Frederick Katz, Traverse Duty - March 29, 1983
Leon Shippee, Traverse Duty - July 27, 1983
Raymond Boutwell, Traverse Duty - November 29, 1983
Peter Shields, Traverse Duty - November 29, 1983
Fred Homer, Grand Jury - November 29, 1983

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 31, 1983

Members of the Board of Selectmen take this opportunity, on behalf of the citizens of our Town, to thank our elected officials for their loyal service to our community. They serve largely out of a sense of civic responsibility, with small remuneration—some with none at all. The same holds true by and large for elective officials in most of the towns in Franklin County. Thanks are due, then, to our friends and neighbors who continue this honorable tradition of service for reasons of civic pride in our Town.

Our Highway Department has provided excellent road service through the 1983 winter season, both within town and along the Charlemont section of Zoar Road. The purchase of a new truck and sander proved to be timely, as two of the old trucks were out of service at different times during the current winter. Aside from regular maintenance, the department has reconstructed six tenths of a mile of Stone Hill Road, including slope work and gravel; laid three-hundred-fifty feet of culvert; replaced one hundred feet of pipe on Potter Road; laid three hundred feet of sub-drain, and oiled and sanded Newell Cross Road; and paved about one mile of Pond Road. Well done!

Our part time police officers are to be commended for their service, their maintenance of requisite certification, and especially for the orderly conduct of the hunting season in Rowe. We solicit suggestions of constructive community activities for our young people, especially in view of the fact that several of our youth have appeared in court upon serious charges.

The shell of our new fire station was completed before the worst of winter set in. We are indebted to Bill Foster who has served voluntarily as a clerk of the work supervising the construction. George Dole reports that work on the project is scheduled to begin again the week of March 20. Mounting enthusiasm within the department has encouraged its officers to lay plans for matching the new quarters by stepping up recruitment and the training of volunteer firemen. The Volunteer Firemen's Association is undertaking to help furnish the new station.

The town computer is in place and its word processor is in frequent use. Dennis Lively is programming software to receive town accounts. Marjorie Morse and Joseph Messana, from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, are preparing accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, and funded accounts for computerization. By June 30, 1984, all accounts should be on the computer and we should be capable of producing a monthly balance sheet showing the status of all Town funds.

Public hearings were held concerning the use of Revenue Sharing Funds, the removal of a few trees on Stone Hill Road, and the removal and replacement of utility poles on County Road.

Three percolation tests were supervised by the Selectmen and one permit granted.

CHART OF ACCOUNTS - FISCAL 1983

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Administration			
Office Equipment, Supplies, & Operation	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 13,061.01**	- 0 -
Data Processing	4,200.00	2,493.48	1,706.52
Microfilming Town Records	200.00	- 0 -	200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000.00	1,934.06	65.94
External Audit	2,500.00	2,640.00**	- 0 -
Bonding and Insurance	27,000.00	27,000.00	- 0 -
Selectmen's Office			
Selectmen's Salaries	3,300.00	3,300.00	- 0 -
Selectmen's Clerk Salaries	3,725.00	3,720.00	5.00
Town Counsel	3,600.00	8,242.60**	- 0 -
Assessors' Office			
Assessors' Salaries	1,200.00	1,200.00	- 0 -
Clerk's Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	- 0 -
Consultants' Fee	500.00	500.00	- 0 -
Computer Services	650.00	629.10	20.90
Office Supplies	300.00	37.60	262.40
Registry of Deeds	25.00	47.25**	- 0 -
Mapping Services	400.00	41.00	359.00
Treasurer's Office			
Treasurer's Salary	3,100.00	3,100.00	- 0 -
Assistant Treasurer's Pay	100.00	28.00	72.00

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Tax Collector's Office			
Tax Collector's Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	- 0 -
Deputy Collector's Pay	100.00	- 0 -	100.00
Tax Refunds	- 0 -	1,100.00	- 0 -
Demand Fees	- 0 -	121.00	- 0 -
Town Clerk's Office			
Town Clerk's Salary	2,500.00	2,500.00	- 0 -
Registrar's Pay	300.00	300.00	- 0 -
Ballot Clerks and Tellers	100.00	733.64**	- 0 -
School Committee			
Salaries	1,200.00	1,200.00	- 0 -
Finance Committee			
Planning Board			
Operation	500.00	116.93	383.07
Goal Post Publication	2,040.00	2,089.16**	- 0 -
Zoning Board of Appeals			
Miscellaneous Offices			
Moderator's Salary	100.00	100.00	- 0 -
Dog Officer's Salary	100.00	100.00	- 0 -
Local Auditor's Salary	200.00	- 0 -	200.00
Constable's Salary	100.00	100.00	- 0 -
Animal Inspector's Salary	100.00	100.00	- 0 -

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Town Hall			
Regular Operation	1,200.00	1,073.47	126.53
Fuel Oil	2,500.00	1,565.61	168.65
Administrative Carryover Accounts			
Microfilming Town Records	400.00	- 0 -	400.00
Woodward Property	5,280.61	5,280.61	- 0 -
Assessors' Revaluation Program	1,561.15	270.00	1,291.15
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY			
Police Department			
Chief's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	- 0 -
Operation	3,800.00	2,091.09	1,708.99
Fire Department			
Chief's Salary	900.00	900.00	- 0 -
Officers' Salaries	1,350.00	1,308.33	41.67
Forest Fire Warden's Salary	100.00	100.00	- 0 -
Regular Operation	5,274.00	5,435.68**	- 0 -
Forest Fire Control	2,500.00	67.50	2,432.50
Street Lighting	4,000.00	3,366.80	633.20
Building Inspection			
Inspector's Salary	2,500.00	2,094.55	405.45
Clerical Assistant	200.00	77.02	122.98
Electrical Inspection			
Inspector's Salary	600.00	600.00	- 0 -

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Plumbing Inspection Inspector's Salary	600.00	600.00	- 0 -
Civil Defense Operation	1,000.00	846.95	153.05
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00	- 0 -	600.00
Insect Pest Control	60.00	- 0 -	60.00
Special Projects - Protection of Persons & Property New Fire Station	325,000.00	8,222.72	319,614.03
Carryover Accounts - Protection of Persons & Property Fire Station Study Committee	139.09	139.09	- 0 -
Fire Station Building Committee	3,726.90	3,726.90	- 0 -
HEALTH AND SANITATION Board of Health	2,00.00		
Carryover from FY '82	180.00		
	<u>2,180.00</u>	1,732.35	447.65
Refuse Garden Operation	14,000.00	12,427.21	1,562.79
Ambulance Service Charlemont	1,000.00	1,000.00	- 0 -
Whittingham	1,000.00	1,000.00	- 0 -

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Medical Emergency Coordination			
Coordinator's Salary	400.00	400.00	- 0 -
Operation	300.00	182.70	117.30
Equipment	600.00	581.60	18.40
Cemeteries, Maintenance	3,000.00	2,631.50	318.50
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT			
General Operation			
Wages & Salaries	95,000.00	97,997.49**	- 0 -
Sick Leave Pay	3,000.00	2,947.02	52.98
Machinery Maintenance (Regular TM) 20,000			
Machinery Maintenance (Special TM) 8,942	28,942.00	30,162.60*	778.54
Fuel Oil, Electricity, Etc	4,500.00	2,510.98	1,989.02
Gasoline for Town Vehicles			
(Highway, Fire, Police)	6,500.00	5,411.53	1,088.47
Annual Highway Projects			
General Highway Maintenance	17,000.00	15,561.64	1,438.36
Bridges and Guard Rail	5,000.00	4,824.80	175.20
Drainage, General	10,000.00	8,983.10	1,016.90
Road Oiling & Paving	12,000.00	11,989.38	10.62
Winter Road Maintenance	21,000.00	20,999.40	.60
Roadside Maintenance	3,000.00	1,977.26	1,022.74
Town Account	2,000.00	- 0 -	2,000.00
Type "I" Pavement	18,000.00	18,000.00	- 0 -
Gravel Account (Special Town Mtg)	9,832.00	9,832.00	- 0 -

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Special Projects (Reimbursible)			
2-S1 Type "I" Pavement	9,191.00	9,191.00	- 0 -
2-S2 Type "I" Pavement	15,500.00	15,500.00	- 0 -
2-S4 Type "I" Pavement	19,000.00	19,000.00	- 0 -
2-S5 Type "I" Pavement	4,000.00	4,000.00	- 0 -
Special Projects (Non-reimbursible)			
Stone Hill Road	15,000.00	290.00	4,710.00
Two Pickup Trucks	16,000.00	12,115.98	3,884.02
Sander	6,500.00	6,499.00	1.00
Highway Department Carryover Accounts			
Potter Road - 1976	5,960.30	5,960.30	- 0 -
Potter Road - 1982	2,750.00	2,750.00	- 0 -
Road Oiling and Paving	8,258.62	8,258.62	- 0 -
Sick Leave	1,278.15	- 0 -	1,278.15
PUBLIC SCHOOLS			
Mohawk Regional High School District	64,842.69	64,842.69	- 0 -
Franklin County Technical High School	27,152.17	24,302.84	2,849.33
Rowe Elementary School (Regular TM) 286,190 (Special TM) 11,000.00	297,190.00	292,915.11	4,274.89
Public School Carryover Accounts			
Roof Repair, 1981	3,338.22	1,500.00	1,838.22
Roof Repair, & Energy Projects, 1982	237,000.00	23,628.27	213,371.73
5141 Writing Grant	- 0 -	1,148.00	- 0 -
5142 Arts Grant	- 0 -	3,000.00	- 0 -

Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
LIBRARY			
Administration			
Librarian's Salary	5,200.00	5,200.00	- 0 -
Operation - Tax Funded	8,050.00	7,874.14	175.86
State Aid			
Gift Fund	1,250.00	1,167.86	82.04
Library Special Projects	40.00	40.00	- 0 -
Library Wall Repair	1,000.00	999.88	.12
Library Carryover Accounts			
Library Trust Funds \$120.40 Carried from 1982	220.40	- 0 -	220.40
\$100.00 Recieved			
VETERAN'S SERVICE			
Administration	600.00	212.50	387.50
Veterans' Benefits	1,000.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
Veterans' Services Carryover Accounts			
Veterans' Benefits, 1982	1,000.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
RECREATION			
Pelham Lake Park			
Salaries & Wages	7,000.00	7,122.13**	877.87
Maintenance/Special Programs	4,800.00	4,224.84	575.76
Motion Picture Series	800.00	593.25	206.75
Old Home Day	4,000.00	3,999.85	.15
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Account Name	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Special Projects - Recreation Rowe Bicentennial	5,000.00	- 0 -	5,000.00
Recreation Carryover Accounts Bicentennial	10,000.00	- 0 -	10,000.00
Tennis Court Repairs	2,194.12	- 0 -	2,194.42
UNCLASSIFIED			
Franklin County Retirement Assessment	25,954.00	25,954.00	- 0 -
Non-Contributory Retirement	3,952.86	831.19	3,121.67
Franklin County Group Insurance	16,000.00	19,577.65**	- 0 -
Unemployment Insurance	2,500.00	102.00	2,398.00
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST			
Interest on Loan Account	1,000.00	- 0 -	1,000.00
COUNTY AND STATE ASSESSMENTS			
Franklin County Taxes	151,831.28	153,268.08	(1,436.80)
Massachusetts State Taxes	30,315.40	27,307.02	3,008.38
RESERVE ACCOUNTS			
From Current Taxation Stabilization Fund Overlay	10,000.00		
Transfer from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund	20,000.00	13,773.16	6,226.84

WITHHOLDING/REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

Withholding Accounts			
Federal Income Tax	- 0 -	40,614.63	- 0 -
State Income Tax	- 0 -	14,965.34	- 0 -
Franklin County Retirement - Contributory	- 0 -	9,916.24	- 0 -
Franklin County Group Insurance - Contributory	- 0 -	7,744.67	- 0 -
Revolving Accounts			
Dog Licenses	- 0 -	220.00	- 0 -
Dog Officer's Expenses	- 0 -	44.00	- 0 -
Rowe School Cafeteria	- 0 -	7,876.14	- 0 -
Rowe School Band Account	- 0 -	449.75	- 0 -

TOTAL SPENT TO DATE:

REVENUE SHARING FUND PROJECTS

Security System for Rowe School	2,800.00	1,553.05	1,246.95
Wall light, at Handicap Ramp of Library	125.00	89.01	35.99
Additional Playground Equipment at Rowe School	4,000.00	4,021.98	-(21.98)
Window for Front Wall of Children's Section at Rowe Library	1,200.00	1,167.52	32.48
Eight Sets: Boots, Coats, Helmets for Rowe Volunteer Fire Department	2,100.00	1,864.45	235.55
Revenue Sharing Carryover Accounts			
First Aid and Storage Building - Park Department	1,595.00	201.56	1,393.44

TOTAL SPENT TO DATE:

*Indicates reimbursements have been made to this account

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee finally attained its full complement of members with the election of Steve Arnold in May of 1983. Regular meetings were held the first Tuesday of each month to review warrants for the operation of the various town departments. The status of town accounts was periodically checked to ensure that budgets were being followed. Reserve Fund transfer requests to cover unforeseen overexpenditures were reviewed as necessary. Reserve Fund transfers for FY 1983 and the first half of FY 1984 are listed below.

During 1983, moneys were appropriated for several special items worth noting. The Fire Station project received \$325,000 during FY 1983 and \$91,035 during FY 1984 for construction. A new 4-wheel drive truck and sander were purchased for the Highway Department during FY 1984 for the sum of \$71,400. A new Apple /// Computer system was purchased for the Selectmen during FY 1984 for the sum of \$9973.

Budget meetings for FY 1984 were held in April of 1984 with town departments. Results of these meetings and the Committee's recommendations for FY 1985 budgets will appear in a separate handout along with the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. We would like to thank all departments for their cooperation.

Continued cooperation between the Selectmen, Assessors, and Finance Committee is helping to keep the town finances within the limits of Proposition 2½ and the tax rate stable. Long term budget planning is also underway to assure a secure financial position for the town well into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Frederick Williams, *Chairman*
William Loomis, *Vice-Chairman*
Gail May, *Secretary*
Cornelio Franceschetti
Steve Arnold

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS
(Figures rounded up to nearest dollar)

FISCAL YEAR 1983 (7/1/82 through 6/30/83)

Reserve Fund Appropriated		\$20,000
Town Clerk's Office (Ballot Clerk & Tellers)	\$ 634	
Town Counsel	4643	
Assessors' Office (Registry of Deeds)	23	
Planning Board (Goal Post)	50	
Park Commission (Wages & Salaries)	1000	
Franklin County Group Insurance	3578	
Highway (Wages & Salaries)	3001	
Fire (Regular Operation)	156	
Administration	553	
Administration (external audit)	140	
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		13,778
Balance to Overlay Surplus - June 30, 1983		\$ 6,222

FISCAL YEAR 1984 (7/1/82 through 12/31/83)

Reserve Fund Appropriated		\$20,000
Fire (Regular Operation)	\$2444	
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		2,444
Balance remaining December 31, 1983		\$17,556

**TOWN OF ROWE, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**

June 30, 1983

ASSETS		
Cash		973,360.45
Accounts Receivable		
Taxes		
1983 Real Estate	6,792.44	
1983 Personal Property	129.34	
1982 Real Estate	3,661.48	
1982 Personal Property	39.82	
1981 Real Estate	1,030.01	
1981 Personal Property	15.49	
1980 Real Estate	237.32	
		11,905.90
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1983	1,305.50	
Levy of 1982	1,207.14	
Levy of 1981	1,366.10	
Levy of 1980	3,498.11	7,376.85
Tax Liens and Foreclosures		777.44
State Aid to Highways		
Chapter 732	9,191.00	
Chapter 191	15,376.00	
		24,567.00
Departmental		
Town of Heath - Tuition		9,113.33
Due from County - Dog Officer Fees		44.00
Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts		
Federal Withholding Taxes	860.76	
State Withholding Taxes	275.74	
County Tax Assessment	3,737.00	
		4,873.50
		<u>1,032,018.47</u>

Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance

Accounts Payable	
Agency Funds	
Bid Deposits - Fire Station	175.00
County Retirement	222.97
Group Insurance	75.15
Dog Licenses	39.60
State Recreation	1,096.00
Air Pollution	417.00
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch	4,308.44
School Band	201.91
Trust Fund Income	
School	43.78
Cemetery Perpetual Care	34.58
F. R. Whitcomb Cemetery	341.69
Martha Wells Henry Library	570.40
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	
Pelham Lake - Tennis Lessons	1,393.28
Road Machinery Earnings	1,543.93
Chapter 335-Highway Potholes	6,553.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,300.00
State Aid to Libraries	1,250.00
County Dog Refund	134.20
Reserves	
Reserve for Abatements and Exemptions	
Overlay of 1983	4,233.26
Overlay of 1982	2,998.21
Overlay of 1981	762.75
Overlay of 1980	167.27
Reserve for Uncollected Receivables	8,161.49
Motor Vehicle Excise	7,376.85
Aid to Highways	24,567.00
Tax Liens and Foreclosures	777.44
Departmental	9,113.33
	41,834.62
Appropriation Balances Encumbered	573,666.87
Fund Balance	
Restricted - Overlay Surplus	121,619.77
Unrestricted - Surplus Revenue	267,034.79
	1,032,018.47

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Pruitt
Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF ROWE
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
For the year ended June 30, 1983

	Fund Balance July 1, 1982	Receipts	Disbursements	Fund Balance June 30, 1983
Trust Funds in Custody of Town Treasurer				
Library:				
Demons and Dr. Humphry-Guild Fund	\$ 6,957.78	\$ 437.59	\$ 350.00	\$ 7,045.37
Charles Wells Fund	1,043.54	66.36		1,109.90
Preserve Smith Fund	1,751.70	47.64		1,799.34
Gift Fund	121.58	7.72		129.30
Albert Beebe White Fund	2,086.59	122.56		2,209.15
Limie Tower Jones Memorial Fund	2,086.59	122.56		2,209.15
Martha Wells Henry Memorial Fund	4,436.39	202.56	100.00	4,538.95
School:				
Foster Fund	959.39	64.86		1,024.25
Cemetery:				
Charles Wells Fund	804.59	51.13		855.72
Abbot White Fund	844.07	53.67		897.72
Arthur Volland Fund	328.77	20.88		349.65
East Cemetery Association	8,791.38	364.15		9,155.53
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	3,437.02	130.16		3,567.18
Stabilization Fund	428,778.76	31,778.59	85,026.00	375,531.35
Trust Fund in Custody of Probate Court				
Fred R. Whitcomb Cemetery	300.00	12.85	12.85	300.00
	\$462,728.15	\$ 33,483.28	\$ 85,488.85	\$410,722.58

FEDERAL RESERVE SHARING FUND

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED WITH AUTHORIZATION IN DETAIL BY MUNICIPAL FUNCTION

For the year ended June 30, 1983

	Prior Years		Fiscal 1983				
	Reserve For Encumbrances	Ex- penditures	Encum. Re-Estab.	Approp. Revised	Ex - penditures	Encum- brances	Unencumbered Balance
Protection of Persons and Property							
Eight Sets - Fire Dept Clothing				\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,864.45	\$ 233.55	
Public Schools and Libraries							
Security System at Elementary School				\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,553.05	\$ 1,246.95	
Wall Light at Library				125.00	89.01		\$ 35.99
Window at Library				1,200.00	1,167.52		32.48
Play Equipment at Elementary School				4,000.00	4021.98		(21.98)
				\$ 8,125.00	\$ 6,831.56	\$ 1,246.95	\$ 46.49
Recreation							
First Aid and Utility							
Building at Pelham							
Lake Park	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 201.56	\$ 1,393.44				

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Pruitt
Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROWE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was pleased by the approval on proposed bylaw changes at the last annual meeting. These changes mainly concerned the restriction of dwelling units to one per lot, i.e., no. "guest houses" may be constructed unless placed on a separately-defined building lot. The question of frontage was also cleared up by the addition of the word "contiguous" to bylaws concerning frontage on public roads. A bylaw to regulate prospecting for minerals was also passed; this was prompted by renewed interest by mining companies in the historic Davis mine area of our town.

In July of this year our board lost long-time member Herbert Autio who resigned after retiring as Superintendent of the Rowe Yankee Atomic Plant. Herb has found new employment as a consultant in Atlanta, Georgia and so could not continue as a member of our Board. We miss his advice and help on the Board and hope he is enjoying his stay in the warmer climes.

The Board has given much thought and work concerning problems of land development in Rowe, particularly in the wake of the purchase of the Codrick property and its partition into lots by Properties of America. At this time our town is lucky in that many areas of the town are held by individuals in large tracts and this helps to maintain the beautiful rural quality of Rowe. However land developers are actively soliciting such large land owners to sell these tracts and allow their division into smaller parcels which are then sold to buyers interested in acquiring country property, usually from urban areas. These buyers are often ignorant of the regulations of our state and town particularly those relative to installation of in-ground septic systems necessary before building a house.

The Planning Board has been considering what steps could be taken to help protect the character of the town without being hostile to development in suitable areas. Our town is located on a geological area in which it is particularly difficult to find land where septic fields can be installed. A case in point is a local attorney who purchased several hundred acres and then was unable to get a positive percolation test at any possible house site. Yet land developers have not been sensitive to this potential difficulty when they have made divisions of large tracts, and the Planning Board has been interested in investigating ways in which this could be remedied, for the protection of potential buyers and the town.

One suggestion made was that the town adopt a zoning bylaw like that in force in Northfield. This bylaw designates lots in town into classes depending on whether they are suitable for building. For Rowe, this would mean all lots would be designated Class A or Class B. A Class A lot would mean that it has been shown that this lot has an area suitable for an inground septic system and could be built on (or already has a septic system and a building on it); a Class B lot would be any lot which does not have such an area on it (i.e., has not had a positive perk test). What this bylaw has meant in Northfield is that developers who buy a large tract of land and divide it, have the resulting lots perked before they try to sell them as house lots. The Planning Board is currently at work on drafting this bylaw for consideration by the town at an upcoming town meeting. The Board is also having a soil map of the town made showing soil types as determined by the soil survey of Franklin County done by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service. This map would show what areas of the town have severe, moderate or slight limitations for

the location of septic fields. Of course this survey is general in nature and percolation tests at the site will continue to be the deciding factor in the classification of lots and issuance of septic system permits.

Another means to preserve large land holdings intact and benefit the owner too is by the donation or sale of development rights to the town. This is an idea for owners who would like to see their holdings remain undivided and also reduce their federal and/or property taxes. If an individual donates his development rights on all or part of his real estate holdings, he can take a deduction from his federal income taxes equal to the value of the donation and this credit can be used to reduce taxes over a period of several years. In addition, the assessed value of the real estate is lowered if potential building lots are eliminated by the donation. This means lower real estate taxes. If the landowner is not in a position to benefit from being able to write off a donation on his taxes, it is possible that the town might buy his development rights, and he would still be able to benefit from reduced property assessment. Donation of development rights is a very flexible plan, and a landowner does not need to be a large landholder to benefit. A person who owned a house with enough land to have a second building lot assessed on it, could eliminate this second lot by giving the development rights to the town. The owner's rights on the property would only be curtailed in that he could not subdivide the property; in all other respects he could do as he liked with the land. Giving or selling development rights to the town is a permanent lien on the property so affected and will continue when the land is sold or passes to heirs.

The Planning Board thinks that the donation or sale of development rights by landowners to the town could be very important to maintaining the rural beauty of our community. If you are interested in such a gift or sale, please do not hesitate to get in contact with a Planning Board member, and we will see you are provided with further information. Our community has long been interested in preserving our town's unique character and the Planning Board will continue to work in that spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
Margalee Riggan, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF ROWE:

For the first time we have met the State requirement for detailed information, the basis upon which assessments can be made. Our new record keeping system, including files on each parcel in Town is operating smoothly.

Several applications for Home Farm Rule, which was instituted this year, were received by the Board. Many met the qualifications outlined early in the Fall and were, therefore, approved. Any person believing he might be eligible for a valuation reduction under Home Farm Rule should have the application in by August 1, 1984.

During 1983, the board signed three-year contracts with J.C. Keane Company, United Appraisal and Almer Huntley Associates, our mapper. These should help the Board keep its appraisals current without any unanticipated increase in expenses.

Because of a change in legislation, 1985 will be a revaluation year. It is our expectation that due to the overall accuracy of the appraisals made during the last revaluation there should be no significant increase in property valuations in the Town. We do not anticipate any conflicts or problems with the State such as occurred three years ago.

Respectfully submitted,
THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
John R. Riggan, Chairman
Robert Kenney
James Pruitt

REPORT OF THE WIRING INSPECTOR

There were eighteen (18) wiring permits issued for the year 1983.

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

Massachusetts Electric has many new regulations governing services, location, metering, components, etc. Please contact their customer service department before performing any of this work.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Rossi
Inspector of Wires

TOWN LIBRARY REPORT

The Rowe Town Library has had another busy and successful year. With the "Due Process" legislation mandated by the state legislature the librarian has a contract, job description and selection policy. Many responsibilities and duties are changing concerning the trustees and transferring to the librarian, specifically in the areas of staffing and management.

Martha Rice, our librarian for over a year now, has completed workshops to comply with certification standards and has received her certification. Martha has continued to provide a very welcoming and accomodating atmosphere, as seen by her two animal friends in the children's room and the crackling "fire" in the fireplace.

The entire library collection has been gone through and recatalogued. Many outdated books were removed from the stacks to allow space to update the collection.

The library is especially proud of the wonderful children's room mural completed this past year by Dianna Tanquay. It has been enjoyed by all who have seen it and makes this room very special. In addition to presenting a pictorial history of many favorite children's books and characters, like Black Beauty, Paul Bunyan, Casper, the Grinch, and Jack and the Beanstalk, the artist also incorporated a rendition of the building to house the first Rowe Town Library.

The summer reading program for the children brought out many new readers and was received enthusiastically by children and parents. Martha initiated a balloon lift - ending the program on a grand note. The balloons were seen by residents many miles away. Martha plans to make the balloon lift an annual event, as this seems to motivate the children to read more in the summer months.

The library again hosted refreshments after the annual tree lighting ceremony on the common. Christmas carols and cheer filled the rooms of the library as the weather was quite chilly that night.

Circulation statistics show an average of 1100 per month and registered borrowers are now 336.

The Rowe Town Library is open a total of 15 hours per week: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 5, Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9, and Saturday mornings from 9 to 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Rice, Librarian
Melissa Quinn, Chairperson - Trustee
Sandra Lively, Trustee
Ray Evans, Trustee

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1983

Recapitulation:

Firearms Identification Cards	10
Pistol Permits	19
Assistance Calls	4
Summons Served	2
Breaking and Entering	4
Other Complaints	15
Complaints (unfounded)	3
Accidents 1 car	3
Accidents 2 car	1

Police Officers in Rowe:

Chief - Henry J. Dandeneau

Special Police Officers

John R. Riggan

Karl E. Jurentkuff Jr.

Dennis Annear

Douglas Annear

Charles Bellows

Donald Churchill

Congratulations to Karl E. Jurentkuff Jr. who successfully completed the Massachusetts Emergency Medical Technician course. It took a lot of time and effort and we all benefit from it. Thanks Karl.

My thanks also to everyone who helped make Rowe such a great place to live again this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Dandeneau
 Chief of Police

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Due to winter weather, no work has been done to finish the new fire station.

Several new men have joined the Department.

As soon as good weather comes, classes will be held on the use of all equipment.

The Fire Department responded to 20 calls:

- 3 Building Fires
- 5 Chimney Fires
- 1 Railroad Fire
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls
- 3 Ambulance Calls
- 3 Oxygen Calls
- 1 Person Lost and Found
- 1 Pumping out of a cellar

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth D. Soule
Fire Chief

AGENT - SANITARIAN

To: The Honorable Board of Health, Rowe, Mass.

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

During the year 1983, the following work was accomplished.

Three percolation tests were conducted, one permit was issued and one certificate of inspection was issued.

One permit was issued to a contractor to install sub-surface sewage disposal systems.

One permit for the operation of a recreational camp for children was issued. Two inspections of the camp were made during the summer months.

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

I wish to thank the Board of Health for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1983.

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Taxes outstanding as of June 30, 1983 and recommitted to new collector.

1980		
Real Estate	\$	237.32
Motor Vehicle		3,498.11
1981		
Real Estate		1,030.01
Personal		15.49
Motor Vehicle		1,366.10
1982		
Real Estate		3,661.48
Personal		39.82
Motor Vehicle		1,207.14
1983		
Real Estate		6,792.44
Personal		129.34
Motor Vehicle		1,305.50
		<hr/>
		\$19,282.75

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy N. Williams
 Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

During the fiscal year 1982-1983, there were 24 permits issued:

New Homes	0
Other new buildings or additions	9
Remodeling	6
Demolition	2
Swimming pools	1
Stoves	6

In addition, 59 Certificates of Inspection were issued. These represent the semi-annual inspection of public buildings as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,
William G. Foster,
 Building Inspector

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Our 1983 Old Home Day started out quite dreary, but it didn't "rain on our parade." The day started out with an enthusiastic group of entrants for the annual Fun Run. Many friends old and new enjoyed participating in or watching the various activities, horse drawn wagon rides, fishing derby, ballgame, water polo. Judging from the comments heard, the Mohawk Regional Dance Band concert was one of the highlights of the day.

This year's parade theme "The Joys of Country Living" proved an inspiration for many local residents and friends who provided some unique floats which obviously entertained onlookers.

This year saw the groundbreaking for the new fire station with well attended ceremonies held at the site.

The ever increasing crowds attending the fireworks display have caused concern. Questions have been raised as to the practicality of continuing this activity.

The Committee would like to thank all who helped make the day such a success and again requests residents comments, ideas and participation in the planning of Rowe's special day.

The 1984 Old Home Day is scheduled for July 14.

1983 Expenditures

Three Bands	\$ 530.00
Fireworks	2200.00
Ambulance on duty	150.00
Sound System	150.00
Janitor in charge	100.00
Shuttle Bus	47.42
Williamstown Theatre	300.00
Parade and new trophy	232.00
Communication Center	27.00
Potluck beverage and supplies	205.07
Advertising	63.00
Extra Police	125.50
Supplies	14.00
Donations for services	221.70
	<hr/> \$4365.69
Appropriation	\$4400.00
Expended	4365.69
Balance	<hr/> \$ 34.31

These figures are under the FY 1984, not the FY 1983 Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Williams
Thomas Danek
Judith Pierce

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

The Park Commission had a very busy and successful year in 1983. The established programs of the swimming lessons, tennis lessons and the lake front showing of a series of recent films again enjoyed enthusiastic participation and response from many members of the community.

The Fun Run, Fishing Derby and Square Dance on Old Home Day were again organized by the Park Commission and attracted many people as onlookers as well as participants. These have also become a yearly event and will continue this year. The lake and the Mill Pond were stocked with fish and we hope to determine the species best suited to these waters this next year.

The Park Commission would like to thank the park crew for their work this past year. We would like to invite any who have not yet enjoyed the various aspects of the park area to do so this coming season.

We welcome any and all comments and/or suggestions at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
John Pinkham, Chairperson
James Pruitt, Treasurer
Sandra Lively, Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

During 1983 the Rowe Conservation Commission began to reorganize itself and start to round out it's fields of concern. Early in the year we were reminded that there are areas within the town that are environmentally sensitive. While these areas themselves may not be necessary to the health and atmosphere of the town, they are directly linked to many water supplies and recreational areas. Members of the commission have attended seminars and workshops to learn the scientific and environmental basis for the conservation laws, and how to apply them. We have also had local field trips with state engineers to learn how these laws must be applied to specific instances in Rowe.

We have been meeting with residents to evaluate possible projects, and assisting with the required forms and filings. Public information is being developed so that these cumbersome regulations will be easier to understand for everyone.

We want to thank everyone for their support and cooperation in protecting the valuable resource areas that we all enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Snyder, Chairman
Margalee Riggan
James Pruitt
Nancy Williams
Judith Pierce

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS REPORT

Ever since the unfortunate accident at Three Mile Island Unit 2, regulatory requirements provided the initiative to develop an emergency response capability for accidents at nuclear facilities. Over the past three years all of the town's emergency departments cooperated to meet these requirements. This cooperation has produced an effective emergency response organization which can provide the necessary control and assistance for this type of emergency. These procedures and our proficiency are continually being tested, revised and improved, as they were on April 6th during our annual exercise.

One of the by-products of this planning is an increased awareness of emergency response planning for all emergencies. This is not limited to planning however. We now have a greater understanding of the town's requirements and the resources that are available locally, and from many other sources.

During the past year a Basic Emergency Response Plan has been written, which details necessary actions that are basic to any type of major emergency. This plan will give us direction should a serious emergency occur while other specific plans are being developed. With the help of state and federal agencies plans are being researched for Transportation Emergencies, Weather Emergencies, and Nuclear Civil Protection. As these plans are put into place they will give instructions that are specific to these individual emergencies.

Also plans have been made with the Fire Department to move our Emergency Operating Center from the Town Hall to the new Fire Station. This move will correct a deficiency that we were sited for in all three annual evaluations of our emergency operations, as the Town Hall lacked sufficient room to accommodate the personnel needed for effective decision making. Additionally a more reliable communication network will be available in the new facility.

Thanks to all Emergency Services Departments for their support for comprehensive emergency response.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy C. Snyder
Civil Preparedness Director

**REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN
PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR - 1983**

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983

Balance on hand 7/1/82 \$ 196.59

Receipts:

Town of Charlemont	\$ 5,200.00
Town of Hawley	2,600.00
Town of Heath	2,600.00
Town of Rowe	2,600.00

Withholdings

Federal Withholding	1,081.20
State Withholding	440.49
Retirement Withholding	441.50
Bank error	9.20

14,972.39

\$15,168.98

Expenses:

Janet A. Bliss, Salary	8,500.00
Janet A. Bliss, Travel	688.00
Lucia J. Finck, Salary	12.00
Lucia J. Finck, Travel	15.60
Norma J. Lynch, Salary	200.00
Samual J. Galbo, Clinic	75.00
Bank Error	9.20
Telephone	259.95
Rent	700.00
Franklin Cty. Retirement Assessment	1,422.00
Supplies and Repairs	247.67
Treasurer's Bond	30.00
Liability Insurance	50.00

Deductions:

Federal	1,048.80
State	423.84
Retirement	425.04

14,107.10

Balance on hand 6/30/83

\$ 1,061.88

Balances on 6/30/83

Bank of Boston Checking Acct.	\$ 561.88
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	500.00
	<u>\$ 1,061.88</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Norma J. Lynch, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VISITING NURSE & HEALTH SERVICES

The Visiting Nurse & Health Services in Franklin County, Inc. continues to provide a comprehensive array of health services to residents in their homes. In 1983, the following services were rendered in Rowe.

Skilled Nursing Visits	
Therapeutic	46
Maternal Child Health	1

The Agency has a large component of homemakers whose services are available to help the frail elderly to remain independent at home by assisting with light housekeeping, personal care, shopping, and errands. Referrals for any of the above services are accepted from physicians, hospitals, patients, and/or families. Call 774-2302 for services.

In addition, the agency provides for the Women's, Infant's and Children's Supplemental Food Program (WIC) for all of Franklin County from our office at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield. Call 774-2302 to enroll.

OFFICIAL RESULTS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 9, 1983

TOWN MEETING HELD AT ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MAY 9, 1983. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR JOHN WILLIAMS AT 6:10 PM. QUORUM PRESENT. CONSTABLE BLANCHE VEBER SERVED WARRANT. CALL OF MEETING AND CONSTABLES RETURN READ BY MODERATOR. TELLERS SALLY ALIX, JUDITH PIERCE, RAYMOND JODOIN, RAYMOND EVANS AND KATHERINE SPRAGUE APPOINTED AND SWORN BY MODERATOR. WARRANT WAS POSTED APRIL 24, 1983.

ARTICLE 1: Voted to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.
**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 2: Voted that the Selectmen choose all necessary Officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 3: Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1983, in accordance with the provisions of the 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
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 4: Voted that the Town go on record in support of immediate actions by the Federal Government to control and reduce acid rain that is harmful to the environment and economy of Rowe and to the health and welfare of the people of Rowe.

These actions shall include:

1) Reduce by at least half the major cause of acid rain, sulfur dioxide emissions, by the year 1990.

2) Conclude negotiations and adopt a treaty with the government of Canada that will commit both nations to this same goal.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 5: Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for a computer system to expedite the accounting and other services in the administration of the Town.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 6: Voted to receive the report of the Fire Station Committee.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 7: Voted to raise and appropriate \$91,034.87 for construction of the Fire Station designed by Juster-Pope Associates, Architects.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 8: Voted to appropriate from Available Funds the sum of \$10,000.00 as a contingency fund for the construction of the Fire Station.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 9: Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Special Occasions Committee for one (1) year.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 10: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for the conduct of General Government, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices; and compensation for elected officials for the 1984 fiscal year:

Administration

Office Equipment, Supplies and Operation	\$12,500	
Data Processing	2,000	
Microfilming Town Records	200	
Town Officers' Expenses	2,000	
External Audit	2,500	\$19,200

Bonding and Insurance 31,000

Board of Selectmen's Office

Selectmen's Salaries	3,300	
Clerks' Salaries	3,725	7,025

Town Counsel 7,000

Assessors' Office

Assessors' Salaries	1,200	
Clerk's Salary	1,200	
Computer Service	800	
Office Supplies	200	
Registry of Deeds	100	
Mapping Services	400	
Revaluation of Housing & Land	1,200	
Revaluation of Utilities	11,500	16,600

Treasurer's Office		
Treasurer's Salary	3,100	
Assistant Treasurer's Pay	<u>100</u>	3,200
Tax Collector's Office		
Tax Collector's Salary	1,600	
Deputy Tax Collector's Pay	<u>100</u>	1,700
Town Clerk's Office		
Town Clerk's Salary	2,500	
Registrars' Pay	300	
Ballot Clerks & Tellers' Pay	<u>500</u>	3,300
School Committee Salaries		1,200
Finance Committee		- 0 -
Planning Board		
Operation	500	
Editors of the Goal Post	1,000	
Publication of the Goal Post	<u>2,240</u>	3,740
Zoning Board of Appeals		- 0 -
Miscellaneous Offices		
Moderator's Pay	100	
Local Auditor's Pay	200	
Constable's Pay	100	
Animal Inspector's Pay	100	
Dog Officer's Pay	<u>100</u>	600
Town Hall Account		
Regular Operation	1,200	
Maintenance	250	
Fuel Oil	<u>2,500</u>	3,950

TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$ 98,515

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 11: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for the Protection of Person and Property for the 1984 fiscal year:

Police Department		
Chief's Salary	1,800	
Regular Operation	<u>3,800</u>	5,600

Fire Department		
Chief's Salary	900	
Paid Officers' Salaries	1,350	
Forest Fire Warden's Pay	100	
Forest Fire Control	2,500	
Regular Operation	<u>5,290</u>	10,140
Street Lighting		4,200
Building Inspection		
Inspector's Fees, Estimated	3,000	
Clerical Assistant's Pay	<u>200</u>	3,200
Electrical Inspection		
Electrical Inspector's Salary		600
Plumbing Inspection		
Plumbing Inspector's Salary		600
Civil Defense (Operation)		1,500
Dutch Elm Disease Control		600
Insect Pest Control		60
TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSON & PROPERTY		\$ 26,500

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 12: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 1984 fiscal year:

Public Health		
Board of Health		2,000
Local Health District		2,600
Refuse Garden Operation		15,000
Ambulance Service		
Charlemont	1,000	
Whitingham	<u>1,000</u>	2,000
Cemeteries (Maintenance)		3,000
Medical Emergency Coordination		
Coordinator's Salary	400	
Operation	300	
Equipment	<u>600</u>	1,300
TOTAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION		\$ 25,900
ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE		

ARTICLE 13: Voted to raise and appropriate the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 1984 fiscal year:

General Operation

Wages and Salaries	\$105,000	
Sick Leave Pay	7,000	
Machinery Maintenance	20,000	
Fuel Oil, Electricity, etc.	4,500	
Gasoline for Town Vehicles	6,500	\$143,000

Annual Highway Projects

General Highway Maintenance	\$14,000	
Bridges & Guard Rails	5,000	
Drainage, General	10,000	
Road Oiling & Paving	12,000	
Winter Roads Maintenance	22,000	
Roadside Maintenance	3,000	
Town Account	2,000	68,000

Special Projects (non-reimbursable)

Toward the Purchase of a New Truck	48,500
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**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 14: Voted to accept the sum of \$9,191.00 under the provisions of Chap. 732, Acts of 1981, and to raise and appropriate for Type "I" paving an identical sum of reimbursement.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 15: Voted to accept the sum of \$15,376.00 under the provisions of Chap. 351, Acts of 1981, and to raise and appropriate for Type "I" paving an identical sum in anticipation of reimbursement.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 16: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,701.00 toward the purchase of a new truck and the sum of \$3,299.00 toward the purchase of a new sander in anticipation of reimbursement under Cherry Street specification, "Highway Reconstruction and Maintenance," Chap. 825, Acts of 1974

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 17: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 toward the purchase of a new sander in anticipation of reimbursement under Cherry Sheet specification "Highway Fund, G.L.," Chapter 81, Section 31; 1980, Chapter 577, Section 8.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 18: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,553.00 toward the reconstruction of Stone Hill Road in anticipation of reimbursement under G.L., Chapter 335, Acts of 1982.

Total Appropriations for New Truck	\$68,201.00
Total Appropriations for New Sander	7,299

TOTAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1984 \$313,620
ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 19: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Schools for the 1984 fiscal year:

Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Tuition	\$ 50,490.00	
Capitalization	13,731.59	\$ 64,221.59

Franklin Technical School District

Tuition	10,876.64	
Capitalization	15,731.59	26,189.93

Rowe Elementary School

Administration	12,554.00	
Regular Instruction	178,691.00	
Other School Services	32,576.00	
Operation and Maintenance	50,206.00	
Fixed Charges	275.00	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	0.00	
Special Instructions	29,980.00	304,282.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS **\$394,693.52**

(Estimated Reimbursements in Education, 1984)

Tuition Payments from Heath	\$ 72,517
Chapter 1 Math Program	3,782
Transportation of Pupils (72%)	12,900
Chap. 70, Save Harmless from 2½	12,609
Chapter 70, Supplement	7,985
Additional Education Tuition	
Rowe Students Grades 7-12	6,000

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 20: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for the Rowe Library for the 1984 fiscal year:

Rowe Library

Librarian's Salary	\$ 5,200
Substitute Librarian's Pay	100
Custodian	1,000
Operation	4,500
Books and Periodicals	2,700

AMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

VOTED TO HAVE A TWO LINE LIBRARY ACCOUNT:

Librarian's Salary	5,200	
Operation	8,300	8,300

TOTAL TO BE RAISED & APPROPRIATED FOR LIBRARY 13,500.00

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 21: Voted to appropriate from the State Aid Library Reserve \$1,250.00 for operation of the Library.

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY \$14,750.00

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 22: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for Veteran's Services for the 1984 fiscal year.

Veterans' Service

Administration	\$ 600	
Veterans' Benefits	3,000	\$ 3,600

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 23: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Recreation for the 1983 fiscal year: PARK COMMISSION

Park Commission

Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,200	
Mileage	100	
Maintenance	1,500	
Continuing Existing Programs:		
Fish	500	
Fishing Derby & Prizes	200	
Square Dance	200	
Swimming Lessons	600	
Browning Bench Tool Factory	700	
Tennis Instruction	1,500	
Motion Pictures	800	\$ 13,300

Old Home Day \$ 4,400

Special Occasions Committee 500

Rowe Bicentennial Commission 5,000

AMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Recreation for the 1984 fiscal year:

Operation & Maintenance	\$13,300
Old Home Day	4,400
Special Occasions Committee	500
Bicentennial	5,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC RECREATION \$ 23,200

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 24: Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for various unclassified purposes as specified for the 1984 fiscal year:

Franklin Cty Retirement Assess.		28,608
Randolph, Massachusetts, Non-contributory Retirement assessment (Thomas Warren)	1,000	
Franklin County Group Insurance (Estimated)	19,240	
Unemployment Insurance	2,500	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED APPROPRIATIONS		\$51,348

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 25: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the interest on the Loan Account for the 1984 fiscal year.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 26: Voted to transfer from the Overlay Surplus and to appropriate as a Reserve Fund for the 1984 fiscal year the sum of \$20,000.00.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 27: Voted to appropriate from Available Funds the sum of \$3,000 for the oiling and paving of previously constructed private driveways to existing residences subject to immediate reimbursement by owners of the driveways for whom the work is done.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 28: Voted to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the following sums for the purposes specified:

Rowe Elementary School	
Summer Remedial Reading Program	\$ 1,200
One Photo-Copying Machine	1,495
Two Computers with components	2,532
Board of Assessors	
Revaluation of Utilities	10,000
Fire Department	
Canvas Tank	800
Board of Selectmen	
Toward the Purchase of a Computer	3,973

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM REVENUE
SHARING FUNDS**

\$20,000

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 29: Moved that the Town purchase for \$40,000 or any other sum or take by eminent domain, for conservation purposes, the property described in a deed from Elsa T. Codrick to Properties of America, Inc. recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1715, Page 210, and shown on a plan surveyed by Dennis Drumm for Properties of America, dated January 25, 1983, excluding therefrom the parcel number 13L on said plan, being the lot on which the house and buildings formerly of said Elsa T. Codrick are located.

MOTION TO AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to begin negotiations with the several owners of the property formerly owned by Elsa T. Codrick as described by deeds to Properties of America, Inc. dated January 4, 1983 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry in Book 1715, Page 210, and as shown on a plan entitled "Survey of Land in Rowe, Mass." prepared for Properties of America, Inc., by Dennis C. Drumm and Associates, dated January 25, 1983, and recorded at said registry in Plan Book 52, Page 66, for the purpose of purchasing or taking by eminent domain said land for conservation purposes in accordance with General Laws, excluding therefrom Parcel 13L on said plan, being the lot on which the dwelling and out buildings formerly of Elsa T. Codrick are located and to report their findings and recommendations to a special meeting or the next annual town meeting.

BALLOT VOTE
AMENDMENT DEFEATED
60 NO 56 YES

A vote was called on the original motion:

That the Town purchase for \$40,000 or any other sum, or take by eminent domain for conservation purposes, the property described in a deed from Elsa T. Codrick to Properties of America, Inc. recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in book 1715, Page 210, and shown on a plan surveyed by Dennis Drumm for Properties of America, dated January 25, 1983, excluding therefrom the parcel number 13L on said plan, being the lot on which the house and buildings formerly of said Elsa T. Codrick are located.

BALLOT VOTE
ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED
56 YES 56 NO
2/3 VOTE NEEDED

Mr. Kenney gave notice in open meeting of his intention to move for reconsideration of Article 29 after a lapse of one half (½) hour following the original vote on the article. The Moderator acknowledged his announced intention and passed on to Article 30 at 10:16 PM.

ARTICLE 30: Moved that the Town adopt the following amendments and revisions of the By-Laws of the Town.

1. Article III - General Government
 Section 10:

No contract for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials, the actual or estimated cost of which amounts to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or more, except

in cases of special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same have been invited by a request for bids by sending of letters of invitation to a sufficient number of vendors, contractors or other qualified persons to insure fair competition, or by advertisement in a newspaper in general circulation in town.

2. Article IV - Licenses and Permits
Section 4:

No person shall burn brush without permission, from the Town Forest Warden or one of his deputies, for that date. Such burning shall be permitted only during the dates designated by the State for such burning. The Town Forest Warden and his deputies shall keep a record of having given such permission.

3. Article V - Protective Regulations
Section 6:

The area of any lot with a dwelling thereon shall not be less than two (2) acres. Any lot with a dwelling thereon shall have a minimum frontage on a public road of two hundred fifty (250) contiguous feet. In the case of a lot at the junction of two public roads, the minimum frontage on each such public road shall be two hundred fifty (250) contiguous feet. No lot shall be divided so as to leave an existing dwelling on a lot of less than two (2) acres and with less than two hundred fifty (250) contiguous feet frontage on the public road(s). A dwelling lot is hereby defined as a continuous parcel of land, in one ownership, with legally definable boundaries described in a deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds or Land Court.

4. Article V - Protective Regulations
Section 7:

Except as provided under Section 2 (B) I (b) of this Article, no more than one (1) dwelling unit shall be constructed on any dwelling lot and no existing structure shall be converted for use as a dwelling unit unless a dwelling lot is created in accordance with Section 6 of this Article. A dwelling unit shall be defined as a single unit providing complete, independent living facilities for one or more persons.

5. Article V - Protective Regulations
Section 8:

No dwelling, or other structure shall be constructed closer than thirty (30) feet from the side or rear lines of any lot, nor shall any existing lot be divided so as to leave any building closer than thirty (30) feet from the side or rear lines of any lot.

6. Article V - Protective Regulations
Section 12 - Earth Removal Operations:

c) Commercial Prospecting: No commercial prospecting for minerals or other underground deposits involving the use of electronic devices, core drilling or excavation shall be permitted on any land in the Town of Rowe unless a special permit has been issued therefore in accordance with Section 18 of this Article.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 31: No business transacted under this Article.

ARTICLE 29: (Continued) At 10:46 Mr. Kenney moved for reconsideration of action under article 29.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

60 YES 34 NO

A MOTION was made that the town vote to instruct the Selectmen to begin negotiations with the several owners of the Property formerly owned by Elsa T. Codrick as described by deeds of Properties of America, Inc. dated January 4, 1983, and recorded at Franklin County Registry in Book 1715, Page 210, and as shown on the plan entitled Survey of Land in Rowe, Mass. prepared for Properties of America, Inc. by Dennis C. Drumm Associates dated January 25, 1983 and recorded at said registry in plan Book 52, Page 66, for the purpose of purchasing or taking by eminent domain said land for conservation purpose in accordance with the General Laws excluding therefrom parcel 13L on said plan being the lot on which the dwelling and out buildings formerly of said Elsa T. Codrick are located, and to report their findings and recommendations to a special town meeting or the next annual meeting of the Town.

MOTION TO AMEND AS FOLLOWS:

This meeting designates the Selectmen to enter negotiations for the purpose of purchasing for conservation purposes all properties formerly of Elsa Codrick purchased by Properties of America, Inc. recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1715, Page 210, and shown on a plan surveyed by Dennis Drumm for Properties of America, dated January 25, 1983, except for parcel 13L and any other parcel that upon future testing cannot support a developed lot and to take such by eminent domain. The Selectmen shall report back at a future meeting or next annual town meeting.

MOTION TO AMEND WITHDRAWN

Moved to amend the original motion as follows:

That the Town purchase for \$40,000, or any other sum, or take by eminent domain, for conservation purposes, the property described in a deed from Elsa T. Codrick to Properties of America, Inc., recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1715, Page 210, and shown on a plan surveyed by Dennis Drumm for Properties of America, dated January 25, 1983, excluding therefrom the parcel number 13L, on said plan, being the lot on which the house and buildings formerly of said Elsa T. Codrick are located.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

BALLOT VOTE

83 NO 23 YES

A vote was called on the original motion:

That the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to begin negotiations with the several owners of the property formerly owned by Elsa T. Codrick as described by deed to Properties of America, Inc. dated January 4, 1983, and recorded at Franklin County Registry in Book 1715, Page 210, and shown on the plan entitled "Survey of Land in Rowe, Mass. prepared for Properties of America, Inc." by Dennis C. Drumm & Associates, dated January 25, 1983 and recorded at said registry in Plan Book 52, Page 66: for the purpose of purchasing or taking by eminent domain, said land for conservation purposes in accordance with the General Laws, excluding therefrom "Parcel #13L" on said plan, being the lot on which the dwelling and outbuildings formerly of said Elsa T. Codrick are located; and to report their findings and recommendations to a special meeting or the next annual town meeting.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY BALLOT

58 YES 47 NO

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 AM.

A true copy.

Attest:

L. Norma Brown

Town Clerk

OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 17, 1983

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD AT ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 17, 1983. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR JOHN WILLIAMS AT 7:00 P.M. QUORUM PRESENT. CONSTABLE JUDITH PIERCE SERVED TOWN MEETING WARRANT. CALL OF MEETING AND CONSTABLES RETURN READ BY MODERATOR. TELLERS KATHERINE SPRAGUE, HENRY G. DANDENEAU, LEONARD LAFFOND AND MARGALEE RIGGAN APPOINTED AND SWORN BY MODERATOR. TOWN MEETING WARRANT WAS POSTED SEPTEMBER 29, 1983.

ARTICLE 1. Motion was made to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$40,000 to take by eminent domain, for conservation purposes, the property described in a deed from Elsa T. Codrick to Properties of America, Inc., recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1715, Page 210, and shown on a plan surveyed by Dennis Drumm for Properties of America, dated January 25, 1983, excluding therefrom the parcel number 13L on said plan, being the lot on which the house and buildings formerly of said Elsa T. Codrick are located.

NEGATIVE VOTE BY BALLOT

62 NO 23 YES

ARTICLE 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$21.98 from Revenue Sharing Funds to balance the Playground Equipment Account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000.00 for the Stabilization Fund.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,584.00 for the publication of the Goal Post during the balance of this fiscal year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 5: Vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont for the Town of Rowe to salt, sand, and plow approximately 4.3 miles of Zoar Road, in Charlemont, for one winter season beginning November 1, 1983 provided that the Town of Charlemont reciprocates by salting, sanding, and plowing Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season, and provided that portion of Zoar Road under construction is adequately drained and its surface prepared against rutting and potholes during the winter season.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Voted to appropriate from Available Funds the additional sum of \$3,000.00 for oiling and paving of previously constructed private driveways to existing residences, subject to immediate reimbursement by the owners of the driveways for whom the work is done.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the operation of the Conservation Commission.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 8: Voted to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$100.00 for the Treasurer's Assistant.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 9: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the purchase of two lateral filing cases.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRAMTIVE VOTE**

ARTICLE 10: No business transacted under this article.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest:

L. Norma Brown

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Curriculum and Instruction

The newly written social studies curriculum has been implemented during the 1983-84 academic year and is taught Monday and Friday afternoons with grades departmentalized for this subject. In addition to regular classroom teachers, Principal Anita Page is teaching 3rd grade social studies and kindergarten teacher Ruth Law the fourth grade.

The science curriculum is being written during the 1983-84 year and the departmentalized program will be implemented in 1984-85. This year, science is taught three afternoons a week.

Great emphasis has been placed on writing at the school with each child having a folder of writing samples to show their progress throughout the year. Writing activities are numerous and varied in the school: journals, dictation, penpal programs, stories, and reports. To encourage examples of finished final drafts, the principal has made a writers' wall in her room to encourage each child in the school to exhibit an example of his/her work at least once a year.

Revenue sharing money has made possible the purchase of an Apple IIe computer for the school to supplement the simpler TRS 80's which the school owns. Teachers have taken introductory computer workshops in basic language. Use of the computer has been introduced to the math programs of the fourth through sixth grades.

An integrated part of our curriculum are the field trips and various presentations that are done at the school. As in the past, sixth grade students raised money and went by train with teacher Leonard Schoenfeld and aide Janise LaPointe to Washington, D.C. Fourth and fifth grade students also visited Deerfield and the kindergarteners visited Friendly Farms in New Hampshire. Performance groups at the school included the Ram Island Dance Company and the Just Around the Corner Theatre Company. Both groups did workshops with each one of the classes as well as performing for the school. Smith College students performed a children's play for the whole school.

In the spring, for the third time, students in grades three through six took the California Achievement Tests, a standardized test to measure and diagnose student achievement progress. For the second year in a row, scores have shown improvement in language and math scores throughout the school, particularly in spelling and in computation. In addition, March basic skills testing in grades 2 and 5 showed that 90% of the students passed basic tests in reading, math and listening. This result is an improvement of the 1981 and 1982 scores.

Parents

Parents continue to be actively involved in the school. A PTO was formed in September and have met several times to discuss and outline aims and goals of the organization. Rowe parent Polly MacLean and Heath parent John Henry are co-coordinators of the group. Parents John Pinkham and Polly MacLean accompanied the fourth and fifth graders on their environmental trip to Cape Cod led by teachers Ruth Law and Karen Fournier. A parent handbook was developed this year detailing the rules, regulations, programs and services of the school and

was distributed at the Annual Open House in October which a large majority of the parents attended as they did the Christmas program in December.

Staff

The instructional staff for Rowe School is as follows:

Ruth Law - Kindergarten (AM), Science and Social Studies (PM)

Karen Fournier - First and Second Grade

Nancy Rillings - Second and Third Grade

Johanna Weinstein - Fourth and Fifth Grade

Leonard Schoenfeld - Fifth and Sixth Grade

Joan Benneyan - Special Education

Linda Taylor - Special Education Aide/Art Teacher

Mary Campbell - Special Education Aide (part time)

Kathy Sprague - Secretary/Physical Education

Katie Tolles - Vocal Music (1/2 day)

David Maloney - Instrumental Music (1 day)

Cindy Laffond - Aid (part time)

Cindy Cole - Chapter I Aide (Federally funded math and language arts
remediation program)

Jane Wishart - Library Manager (part time)

ROWE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Under Dr. Anita Page's leadership, the elementary school staff has developed, over a three year period, a curriculum in language arts, social studies and science. They are reviewing the math program in order to implement a new curriculum next year. We hope that this establishes a continuous process of curriculum review. Dr. Page and the staff are to be commended for their efforts resulting in improved academic progress and higher test scores of the children in Rowe School.

For some years the flat school roof has been a source of problems and expense. Thanks to a vote at the Town Meeting in May 1983, funds were provided for construction of a peaked roof, and weatherization of the building. Most of the work has been completed, and we hope it will be finished by June.

The budget is presented for public scrutiny each year before the Town Meeting. It will be noted, at that time, that local real estate taxes provide only 6.5% of the total educational budget because Bear Swamp and Yankee Atomic provide 93.5% of the total tax revenue in Rowe. Each year, the state reimburses the individual towns for general school services which include transportation and a small percentage of special education services. This past year, the state reimbursement for Rowe was \$58,200.00. It is worth noting that the substantial expenditure for special education is required by state law. Governor Dukakis has indicated that the state will, at some time in the future, reimburse the school districts more fully for this mandated expenditure. At present, the school districts have to bear the major expense for the education of children with special needs.

The school budget for 1984-85 will be voted on at the annual Town Meeting in May. The special education share will be significantly higher because of unavoidable costs due to increased needs in this area. More complete information on the new school budget will be passed out at the Town Meeting showing cost breakdowns and revenue sources.

Members of the School Committee will be pleased to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur W. Foshay
Chairman

TOWN OF ROWE
SCHOOL ATTENDING CHILDREN

As of January 1, 1983

Grade	Rowe Elem.	Mohawk Reg. HS	F.C. Tech.	Non- Public	Total
K	6			1	7
1	4				4
2	2				2
3	5				5
4	5				5
5	2				2
6	4				4
7		5			5
8		5			5
9		5	1		6
10		5	2		7
11		1		1	2
12		3			3
TOTALS	28	24	3	2	57

ROWE SCHOOL BUDGET

A copy of the Rowe School Budget for the fiscal year 1985 (7/1/84-6/30/85) is available for inspection at the Office of the Selectmen.

ITEM	Expenditures 1/1/83-6/30/83	Expenditures 7/1/83-12/31/83	Appropriations 7/1/83-6/30/84
ADMINISTRATION			
School Committee Clerical	\$ 80.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 160.00
School Committee Supplies	24.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
School Committee Other Expenses	215.00	226.00	275.00
Administrative Salaries	1,960.00	2,067.00	4,121.00
Clerical Salaries	3,097.00	3,293.00	7,598.00
Administrative Travel	188.00	198.00	400.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,564.00	\$ 5,834.00	\$ 12,554.00
INSTRUCTION			
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Contracted Services	198.00	- 0 -	200.00
Supervisors' Other Expense	38.00	32.00	50.00
Principal's Salary	11,392.00	12,450.00	24,900.00
Principal's Clerical	4,688.00	3,644.00	8,877.00
Principal's Supplies & Materials	61.00	623.00	1,200.00
Principal's Other Expense	230.00	541.00	800.00
Teachers' Salaries	64,372.00	39,035.00	107,922.00
Aides	11,663.00	7,881.00	19,487.00
Contracted Services	2,371.00	1,462.00	1,000.00
Instructional Supplies	5,211.00	3,089.00	6,000.00
Other Expense	1,665.00	181.00	600.00
Textbooks	384.00	189.00	1,500.00
Library Assistant	2,240.00	1,312.00	4,205.00
Supplies & Materials	540.00	381.00	1,000.00
Other Expense	5.00	21.00	75.00

Audio-Visual Supplies	716.00	- 0 -	100.00
Other Expense	- 0 -	- 0 -	50.00
Guidance Supplies	63.00	130.00	450.00
Guidance Other Expense	- 0 -	- 0 -	175.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$105,887.00	\$ 71,021.00	\$178,691.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Health Salaries	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	\$ 200.00
Supplies & Materials	- 0 -	- 0 -	50.00
Pupil Transportation	10,814.00	4,535.00	18,257.00
Cafeteria Salaries	6,752.00	4,455.00	12,580.00
Food & Supplies	1,972.00	15.00	1,139.00
Student Body Activities	255.00	- 0 -	350.00
TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 19,793.00	\$ 9,005.00	\$ 32,576.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salary	\$ 6,707.00	\$ 7,315.00	\$ 14,322.00
Supplies & Materials	1,225.00	120.00	1,575.00
Other Expense	403.00	321.00	864.00
Heating	14,740.00	5,384.00	17,350.00
Utility Services	4,740.00	3,324.00	8,820.00
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	- 0 -	120.00	20.00
Maintenance of Grounds - Supplies	52.00	45.00	335.00
Maintenance of Building - Contracted	2,601.00	1,714.00	3,725.00
Maintenance of Building-Supplies	372.00	167.00	1,050.00
Maintenance of Equipment-Contracted	255.00	1,429.00	1,915.00
Maintenance of Equipment-Supplies	254.00	58.00	230.00
TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 31,349.00	\$ 19,997.00	\$ 50,206.00

FIXED CHARGES				
Insurance - Employer's 32B	\$ 201.00	\$	- 0 -	\$ 275.00
Insurance - Liability	- 0 -		45.00	- 0 -
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 201.00	\$	45.00	\$ 275.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS				
New Equipment	\$ - 0 -	\$	- 0 -	\$ - 0 -
Replacement of Equipment	255.00		- 0 -	- 0 -
TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	\$ 255.00	\$	- 0 -	\$ - 0 -
SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET	\$163,049.00		\$105,902.00	\$274,302.00
INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 10,429.00	\$	8,670.00	\$ 19,530.00
Teachers' Aide	3,756.00		341.00	- 0 -
Contracted Services	1,705.00		1,119.00	4,000.00
Supplies & Materials	33.00		105.00	100.00
Other Expense	9.00		- 0 -	150.00
Textbooks	- 0 -		- 0 -	100.00
Psychological-Contracted Services	3,390.00		2,920.00	6,000.00
Psychological-Supplies	- 0 -		- 0 -	50.00
Psychological-Other Expense	12.00		- 0 -	50.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION-SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 19,334.00	\$	13,155.00	\$ 29,980.00
SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET	\$ 19,334.00	\$	13,155.00	\$ 29,980.00
GRAND TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$182,383.00		\$119,057.00	\$304,282.00++
TUITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS				
	\$ - 0 -	\$	931.00	\$ 50,409.00

++Includes \$3,782.00 For Chapter I expenses reimbursed by the federal government.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is with great pleasure that I submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of the nine town area schools.

In the past several months there have been numerous reports released on the status of education in the United States. The report that has received the most attention was the report released by the National Commission on Excellence in Education entitled, *A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform*.

The report raised the following concerns:

1. The decline in student achievement of American students when compared with other industrialized nations.
2. Concern about the large number of American adults who are functionally illiterate in the area of reading, writing and comprehension.
3. Average achievement of high school students on most standardized tests is now lower than 26 years ago when Russia's Sputnik was launched.
4. Decline in the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Tests scores from 1963 to 1980.
5. There has been a steady decline in science and math skills of American students. There has been a significant increase in college remedial classes in the past several years.
6. Business and military leaders complain about the millions of dollars that they are required to spend for remedial education for their trainees.

Another significant report was the *Joint Legislative Committee on Education's Summary Report of the Massachusetts Committee on Education*. Some of the recommendations contained in the report are as follows:

1. Each school district would be required to develop a Comprehensive Curriculum and School Plan.
2. The Board of Education would be empowered to accredit school districts.
3. There would be a system of statewide testing and assessment.
4. More vigorous academic preparation of teachers and administration would be required along with high standards for certification.
5. Increase in the teacher work year by 10% and a corresponding 10% increase in salary.

These reports raise many serious issues and questions about education in the country and specifically Massachusetts. However, there has been good progress made in our school districts in a number of the areas that were contained in these two reports and other educational reports as follows:

1. Students are doing exceptionally well on our Basic Skills Tests.
2. Student results on the achievement tests have shown steady improvement over the past several years.
3. Students at Mohawk are obtaining better results on their Scholastic Aptitude Tests.
4. At the high school level students are required to complete 120 credits for graduation. Students must complete four years of English, social studies, science or math, physical education as well as other electives.
5. All schools are in the process of reviewing and upgrading their curriculum with an emphasis on more coordination between the elementary schools and the high school. Students in our five elementary schools should have common curriculum experiences by the time they reach the seventh grade. This is a high priority of the administrative staff in all of our schools.
6. In the past two years we have been concentrating on the improvement of writing skills for all students. Our Basic Skills Tests have shown that we need improvement in this area.
7. Staff morale and the commitment to educational excellence is outstanding at this time. A high level of trust and cooperation exists between the school committee, administration, and staff members. We are able to use our energies and resources in a positive manner as we concentrate on the important issues that will impact the future of education in our nine towns.
8. An Administrative Study Group has been appointed by the various school committees to review the services being provided by the Superintendent's Office. The purpose of the committee will be to make recommendations that will result in more effective and efficient utilization of central office services.

This year we have several new administrators. Gwen Van Dorp has been appointed Principal of Hawlemont School replacing Kevin Courtney who has become the Director of Pupil Personnel Service for the nine town area schools. One of Kevin's primary responsibilities is serving as the Administrator of Special Education. Kevin replaced Dr. Gordon Parker who now works as a School Psychologist for the Mohawk and Hawlemont Regional Schools. David Rempell has become Principal of Colrain School replacing William Konzal. Mr. Konzal was appointed Supervisory Principal of four elementary schools in Buxton, Maine. Martha Conant has returned to the Principalship of Sanderson Academy after a year's leave of absence.

I continue to remain very optimistic about the status of education in our several school districts both now and in the future. We will need the continued support and encouragement of the residents of our nine towns in order to be successful. We sincerely appreciate your support in the past and we anticipate that it will continue in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce E. Willard
 Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

The past school year has been a year marked by stability, tranquility and growth. Administration, staff and students have evidenced a commitment to excellence in learning in a setting of discipline. In a time marked by criticism of educational processes on a national level, Mohawk maintains a firm belief that every student can learn and succeed given the proper tools and guidance.

Basic skills scores for eighth graders in mathematics and reading have continued to rise dramatically. In the area of SAT testing, students at Mohawk have attained average scores in Verbal and Math areas which were 50 points higher than preceding years. The school remains very proud of the outstanding efforts of faculty and students.

This year, the school is engaged in process of curriculum review and each department is completing the task of defining courses and levels through the medium of a printed document. The Middle School staff is also engaged in further refinements to a program which we view to be among the best.

Computer programing on two levels, Pre-calculus, Human Anatomy, Advanced Biology and Advanced Issues in Psychology are among the newer offerings to challenge our more accelerated students.

In the area of arts, the Middle School students participated in a musical "Annie" which played before two sold-out audiences. The reviews were highly complimentary. The All-School Musical, in rehearsal at this writing is "My Fair Lady." Both in the areas of arts and athletics, students are evidencing sincere and dedicated efforts.

During this school year, we have had the pleasure of hosting seven Chilean exchange students for two months. A contingent of Mohawk students will be spending time in Mexico in February. Once again Middle School foreign language students will visit Montreal.

The quality of education at Mohawk continues to develop and excel. Thanks certainly are due to the staff whose efforts have been unrelenting. Appreciation also is given to the citizens of the nine-town school area who have always supported our budget which is no more than a monetary reflection of our community's regard for the education of its young. Our students do succeed because of your generous support!

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Dzialo
Principal

TOWN REPORT SPECIAL EDUCATION

In the nine town Mohawk Trail District we are currently providing special education services to 266 students between the ages of three and twenty-one. These services, mandated by two laws, Massachusetts Chapter 766 and the Federal Public Law 94-142, run the gamut from our pre-school Side by Side West program at the Buckland-Shelburne school to monitoring a twenty year old at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown.

All of the students enrolled in special education have undergone a Team Evaluation. The Team, which includes teachers, administrators, specialists and parents determines what services are needed and how they are to be provided. An Individual Education Plan is then written. The program begins when a parent or guardian signs it. We are obligated to provide whatever kind of program is needed, but the typical special education student in our district is in a regular class for most of the day, but goes to a Resource Room for one or two periods of remedial instruction. We have a Resource Room in each one of our elementary schools and three at Mohawk. We also have a psychologist and a speech therapist at each school. Other services available throughout the district, but offered less frequently are physical therapy, occupational therapy and family counseling.

Again this year we have received a Federal grant totaling \$35,700. With this money we are able to fund the Early Childhood Coordinator position and Team Chairperson/Program Coordinator position at Mohawk. The grant also pays for psychological supervision, in-service and specialized equipment. We have already applied for next year and it appears that we have a good chance of receiving at least as much as we did this year.

In general the Mohawk District is doing a fine job of educating its special needs population. The challenge of the future will be to continue to offer high-quality services while working within the financial limits imposed by Proposition 2½. If we continue to receive the same fine support we have in the past I am confident that we will be able to do so.

Kevin Courtney
Administrator of Special Education
March 1, 1984

INFORMATIONAL SHEET — MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASSESSMENTS AND BILLINGS TO TOWNS FOR FISCAL 84-85

	84-85 OPERATING (8 Towns)	84-85 CAPITAL (9 Towns)	TOTAL 84-85 APPROPRIATION ASSESSMENT	VOCATIONAL BACKCHARGE (4 Towns)	TOWN TOTAL
ASHFIELD	219,565.65	11,301.43	230,867.08	39,258.04	270,125.12
BUCKLAND	334,266.49	18,329.21	352,595.70	- 0 -	352,595.70
CHARLEMONT	185,932.76	9,402.03	195,334.79	37,073.94	232,408.73
COLRAIN	283,182.57	15,480.11	298,662.68	- 0 -	298,662.68
HAWLEY	50,925.27	2,564.19	53,489.46	5,918.33	59,407.79
HEATH	87,096.49	4,083.71	91,180.20	- 0 -	91,180.20
PLAINFIELD	80,274.73	3,893.77	84,168.50	8,175.46	92,343.96
SHELBURNE	345,213.04	18,994.00	364,207.04	- 0 -	364,207.04
ROWE	- 0 -	10,921.55	10,921.55	- 0 -	10,921.55
	1,586,457.00	94,970.00	1,681,427.00	90,425.77	1,771,852.77

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

For the Calendar Year January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983

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

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

The purpose of this school is to provide a quality technical education for the youth in the Franklin County area. This goal is obtained through the interaction of our fine administrative, teaching and support staff.

In September we started our eighth school year. October 1st enrollment approximated (740) students, making Franklin Tech the largest high school in Franklin County.

During 1983 the Town of Rowe withdrew from the district, leaving seventeen (17) member towns.

Auto Mechanics Instructor Karl J. Dihlmann, became the school's first retiree on October 15, 1983. Leaving the school district committee, during the 1983 year, was Thomas Danek, Peter Erikson and Frank Sussenberger.

I want to thank the many area people who have helped us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald F. O'Hara
 Chairman

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT COMMITTEE
December 31, 1983**

Bernardston:	Frederic D. MacNeill	Heath:	F. Walter Gleason
Buckland:	Robert MacGregor, III	Montague:	J. Richard Colgan
Colrain:	William H. Dornbusch		Donald F. O'Hara
Conway:	George B. Eldridge	New Salem:	Harold S. Overing
Deerfield:	Marshall J. Aronstam	Northfield:	Marian A. Holbrook
Erving:	Vacancy	Shelburne:	Eugene R. Butler
Gill:	Shirley E. Flagg	Sunderland:	Clarence H. Warner
Greenfield:	Jane H. Dutcher	Warwick:	Fredericka H. Fellows
	Angela Martini	Wendell:	Albert Diemand
	Peter Ruggeri	Whately:	Marcia L. Nickerson
	Edward N. Tombs		

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR
Calendar Year January 1, 1983 to December 31, 1983**

I am pleased to submit this eighth annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As in my previous reports, I will briefly report only on those significant events that have contributed to our school's growth and progress during this past year.

The Tech School continues to maintain a near capacity enrollment. The school age populations in the District Towns, and across Massachusetts, are declining, and they will continue to decline, in the high school grades, until the early 1990's. This decline has resulted in a smaller District enrollment than in previous years. However, a number of non-district towns continue to send a large number of tuitioned students to our school. Therefore, the school's total student population is near capacity, and, in fact, there is a waiting list of applicants. The October 1, 1983 enrollments by District and Non-District Towns are as follows:

Bernardston	27	Warwick	5
Buckland	26	Wendell	14
Colrain	31	Whately	7
Conway	14		
Deerfield	55	Non-District Towns	
Erving	27	Ashfield	11
Gill	13	Athol	35
Greenfield	245	Charlemont	8
Heath	10	Hawley	1
Montague	106	Leverett	4
New Salem	6	Leyden	7
Northfield	30	Orange	7
Rowe	5	Plainfield	5
Shelburne	35		
Sunderland	14	TOTAL	748

Perhaps the most significant continuing problem for this school district has been the increasing difficulty of providing quality vocational-technical programs under the handicap of constantly diminishing budgets. Unless the state's school finance patterns quickly address the negative impact on school services that have resulted from the imposition of Proposition 2½, this school, particularly because of its demand for heavy material intensity and labor market pay standards, will face serious future curtailments.

Two major changes took place in our shop programs during the 1983 school year. The programs of Child Care and Allied Health were merged into a new program entitled Community Services Aide Program. Also, our Data Processing Program was modified to include a typingword processing component. Both of these program changes should result in more varied and effective job placements for our students.

A large number of community service projects were performed by our school's production shops. In addition to our annual House Building project (being built in Northfield this year), the shops performed a number of valuable and cost saving services for nearly every District town and regional school district in Franklin County.

As a consequence of past and continuing energy savings' projects, the school benefited from the most cost effective year in its short history. In addition, the recently completed computerized programmed budgetary accounting system is enabling the Business Office to establish an extremely accurate and fast analysis of all departmental expenditures.

As in past years, the school was fortunate to receive a number of federal grants in furthering its educational plans. A new program, Technical Drawing, has been funded for three years. It will enable over 150 students a year to gain valuable insight and theory related to a number of our vocational programs. Furthermore, a number of area businesses and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

The Tech School has continued to maintain collaborative links with all levels of education in the Franklin County Area. The Greenfield Community College continues to operate the adult education evening program, The Tech Connection, and a group of regional high schools have tied into the Tech School's Computer in the operation of a guidance program for post secondary college and career information.

Since a major goal of all vocational-technical education is "to prepare students to seek, acquire, and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field", this school's staff has continued to stress and improve on our job placement efforts. Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be very effective placement vehicles. As of September, 1983, our senior student placements were as follows:

Available for placement	120
Placed in Jobs:	
Related to Shop Training	67
Unrelated to Shop Training	42
JOB PLACEMENT (Total)	90.8%
JOB PLACEMENT (Related to Shop)	55.8%

As in my previous annual reports, I would like to conclude by offering a brief assessment of the Tech School's future role and impact on Franklin County. Undoubtedly, the challenge for the future of this school will be to continue to anticipate and intelligently provide for the future societal and industrial changes. The ability of any vocational - technical school to effectively accomodate the rapid technological changes of the marketplace rest, to a major degree, upon the adequacy of funding mechanisms. If our students are to receive proper career training, the staffing and tooling costs for this school must be equitable and appropriate.

Further enrollment patterns at this school will probably remain very constant. Despite the state-wide shrinkage in student populations in grades four to twelve, this school will not witness a serious decline. In fact, beginning in 1989, our school probably will be facing a fairly severe surplus of student applicants. Also, if the present trend continues, the female population will continue to increase appreciably, thereby increasing the total enrollment significantly.

Within the next five years, it is anticipated that vocational-technical schools will be asked to play an even more important role in the education and career training of adults and post-secondary students. With the advent of robotics and other new technologies, and with an increasing national and state emphasis on excellence in education, many innovations in the existing school year and/or school day programming could result.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at the Tech School. Their dedication and cooperation have significantly contributed to our success this year. Also, I am indebted to our parents, county residents, business, industrial, and educational benefactors for their assistance and generosity. And finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my appreciation to you and your District Committee. Your solid support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration of this fine school is sincerely appreciated.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIMEN BALLOT

List of candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Rowe, May 19, 1984.

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) L. Norma Brown	Vote for one
SELECTMAN (3 Years) Timothy C. Snyder	Vote for one
TOWN TREASURER (1 Year) Jean Pruitt	Vote for one
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years) Margaret B. Rice	Vote for one
ASSESSOR (3 Years) Robert F. Kenney	Vote for one
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Years) J. Henry Stanford	Vote for one
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years) Melissa Quinn	Vote for one
PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Years) Alfred Morse	Vote for one
PLANNING BOARD (5 Years) Leonard J. Laffond	Vote for one
PLANNING BOARD (1 Year)	Vote for one
FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years) William A. Loomis	Vote for one
FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years) Cornelio A. Franceschetti	Vote for one
CONSTABLE (1 Year) Judith A. Pierce	Vote for one

L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

