



*Town of Rowe
Massachusetts*

Annual Report 1985

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIMEN BALLOT

List of candidates nominated, to be voted for in the Town of Rowe,
May 17, 1986.

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

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

SELECTMAN (3 Years)	Vote for one
George A. Riggan	

TOWN TREASURER (1 Year)	Vote for one
Mary Ann Corarito	

TAX COLLECTOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
Nancy N. Williams	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Donna C. Arnold	

ASSESSOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
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CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (3 Years)	Vote for one
James H. Williams	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Lisa B. Sittinger	

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)	Vote for one
Thomas F. Dandeneau	

PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)	Vote for one
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MODERATOR (3 Years)	Vote for one
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.	

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)	Vote for one
Stephen L. Arnold	

CONSTABLE (1 Year)	Vote for one
Judith A. Pierce	

TWO HUNDREDTH

Annual Report

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

Town of Rowe MASSACHUSETTS

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1985

Adams Specialty & Printing Co. - Adams, MA

Elected Town Officials - 1985

SELECTMEN

George A. Riggan	Term expires in 1986
Timothy C. Snyder	Term expires in 1987
Ellen L. Foberg	Term expires in 1988

TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1986
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TOWN TREASURER

Jean E. Pruitt (resigned)	Term expires in 1986
Mary Ann Corarito (appointed)	

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Nancy N. Williams	Term expires in 1986
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

James H. Pruitt	Term expires in 1986
Robert F. Kenney	Term expires in 1987
Donald A. Foberg	Term expires in 1988

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Raymond K. Evans	Term expires in 1986
Melissa S. Quinn	Term expires in 1987
Katherine D. Sprague	Term expires in 1988

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Sandra J. Lively	Term expires in 1986
Alfred C. Morse	Term expires in 1987
Raymond A. Jodoin	Term expires in 1988

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

James H. Williams	Term expires in 1986
J. Henry Stanford	Term expires in 1987
William H. Brown	Term expires in 1988

MODERATOR

John H. Williams	Term expires in 1986
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PLANNING BOARD

John H. Williams	Term expires in 1986
Efford H. Pierce	Term expires in 1987
Margalee O. Riggan	Term expires in 1988
Leonard J. Laffond	Term expires in 1989
Prudence Berry	Term expires in 1990

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Donna C. Arnold
Margaret B. Rice
Henry J. Dandeneau

Term expires in 1986
Term expires in 1987
Term expires in 1988

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Term expires in 1986
Term expires in 1986
Term expires in 1987
Term expires in 1987
Term expires in 1988

CONSTABLE

Judith A. Pierce

Term expires in 1986

Respectfully submitted,

L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

Appointed Town Officials

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

TOWN COUNSEL

Craig W. Barry (Trudell, Bartlett & 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 C. Snyder

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Sharleen Moffatt

FIRE CHIEF

Edwin May

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Robert F. Kenney

CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry J. Dandeneau

SPECIAL POLICE

Karen Shulda

Karl Jurentkuff

John Riggan

Charles Bellows

Dennis Annear

John Noga

Robert Pingree

Jean Pingree

William Maclaughlin

Thomas Heinig

Edwin Carter

Clifford Wheeler

James Bafil

Francis Phelps

Lawrence Kruz

DOG OFFICER

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

LIBRARIAN

Martha Rice

ASSESSOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Aristia F. Veber

**SELECTMEN'S ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK AND
ACCOUNTING OFFICER**

Marjorie Morse (resigned)

Melissa Quinn

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Evelyn Dandeneau

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Helen Shields

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

James W. Williams

John R. Riggan

Ellsworth P. Palmer

TREE WARDEN

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

SUPT. OF PEST CONTROL AND ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Robert F. Kenney

BUILDING INSPECTOR

William Foster

EMERGENCY MEDICAL COORDINATOR

Catherine Snyder

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION
REPRESENTATIVE**

George Riggan

FENCE VIEWER

James Williams

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Raymond Jodoin

Richard Quinn

Nancy N. Williams

Timothy Snyder

Margalee Riggan

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OFFICER

Timothy Snyder

VETERANS' AGENT

James Lively (resigned)

ASSISTANT VETERANS' AGENT

Deborah Lively

**REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Gail May

**MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Donna Arnold

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL LONG RANGE
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Raymond Jodoin (resigned)

ARTS COUNCIL

Arthur Foshay

Merle Riggan

Margaret Rice

Martha Taylor

Beth Wheeler

Jeff Wheeler

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Donald Foberg (Alternate)

Lillian Danek (Alternate)

John Riggan

Henry J. Dandeneau

Karl Jurentkuff

Wendell Stetson

Term expires in 1988

Term expires in 1988

Term expires in 1986

Term expires in 1986

Term expires in 1987

Term expires in 1987

BOARD OF HEALTH

George Riggan

Timothy Snyder

Ellen Foberg

Term expires in 1986

Term expires in 1987

Term expires in 1988

BOARD OF WELFARE

George Riggan

Timothy Snyder

Ellen Foberg

Term expires in 1986

Term expires in 1987

Term expires in 1988

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CHIEF

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Willian Brown

L. Norma Brown

Helen Shields

MaryAnn Corarito

Term expires in 1986

Term expires in 1987

Term expires in 1988

Term expires in 1988

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

John Williams
Katherine Sprague
George Riggan
Aristia Veber

Sandra Lively

Robert Kenney
Pearl Jurentkuff
Cynthia Laffond
Judith Pierce

ASSISTANT ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Evelyn Dandeneau

ASSISTANT SELECTMEN'S CLERK

Aristia Veber

CONSTABLE

William Foster
Judith Pierce

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Deborah Lively

ASSISTANT ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Respectfully submitted,

L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

Jury List

JURY LIST

Roger Brown	Newell Cross Road
Brian Donelson	Potter Road
Nancy Cascone	Steele Brook Road
Karl Jurentkuff	Pine Hill Drive
Dennis Lively	Davenport Road
Sandra Lively	Davenport Road
Pauline Maclean	Ford Hill Road
Alfred Morse	Stone Hill Road
Marjorie Morse	Stone Hill Road
Frank Newton	Leshure Road
Dorothy Schubert	Kings Highway
Katherine Shumway	Tunnel Road
Martin Woodward	Stone Hill Road

NAMES DRAWN IN 1985

Gary Hudson	Traverse Jury	March 9, 1985
Martha Rossi	Traverse Jury	April 2, 1985
David Scrivens	Grand Jury	Nov. 25, 1985
Marion Newton	Traverse Jury	Nov. 25, 1985

Respectfully submitted,

L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

Town Clerk

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 1985

Date of Marriage	Name of Parties	Residence
March 16	William M. Semanie Joanne E. Alix	Enfield, CT Rowe, MA
May 4	Shawn J. Caron Martha L. Shippee	Colrain, MA Rowe, MA
October 19	Eugene H. Gates Leah M. Moulton	Rowe, MA Readsboro, VT
December 7	Harold M. Steiman Martha L. Babcock	Bristol, CT Bristol, CT

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1985

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Place of Birth
July 2, 1985	Jeremy John Hoffman	John N. Hoffman Kathleen M. Tatro	Greenfield, MA
Nov. 11, 1985	Benjamin Aaron Foberg	Donald A. Foberg Ellen L. (Babcock)	New Britain, CT

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1985

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death
Nellie Elizabeth Veber	76	February 4, 1985	Greenfield, MA
Lockwood L. Reed, III	44	August 11, 1985	Hanover, N.H.
Robert Ray C. Dolliber	78	October 13, 1985	Rowe, MA

RECORDS & CERTIFICATES - 1985

2 Filing Fees @ \$10.00	\$	20.00	
3 Raffle Permits @ \$10.00		30.00	
4 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00		16.00	
2 Marriage Certificates @ \$2.00		4.00	
7 Birth Certificates @ \$2.00		14.00	
6 Death Certificates @ \$2.00		12.00	
		<u>12.00</u>	\$ 96.00
Remitted to Town Treasurer	\$		96.00

DOG LICENSES - 1985

Males, 45 @ \$3.00 (2 void)	\$	135.00	
Females, 3 @ \$6.00		18.00	
Spayed Females, 43 @ \$3.00		129.00	
1 Kennel @ \$25.00		25.00	
		<u>25.00</u>	\$ 307.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$	238.00	
Clerk's Fees Retained		<u>69.00</u>	\$ 307.00

SPORTING LICENSES - 1985

22 Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$12.50	\$	275.00	
21 Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$12.50		262.50	
28 Resident Citizen Sporting @ \$19.50		546.00	
2 Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing @ \$17.50		35.00	
1 Non-Resident Citizen 7 Day Fishing		11.50	
3 Duplicates @ \$2.00		6.00	
5 Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Hunting (Big Game) @ \$48.50		242.50	
2 Resident Citizen Hunting Age 65-69 @ \$6.25		12.50	
2 Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69 @ \$9.75		19.50	
21 Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps @ \$5.10		107.10	
3 Mass. Waterfowl Stamps @ \$1.25		3.75	
10 Resident Citizen Sporting over 70 FREE			
1 Resident Citizen Hunting Paraplegic FREE			
1 Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic FREE			
	\$	<u>1,521.35</u>	
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts		1,477.00	
Clerk's Fees Retained		<u>44.35</u>	
	\$	<u>1,521.35</u>	

Report of the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board of Selectmen, speaking for ourselves and on behalf of the citizens of Rowe, extend grateful thanks to all elected and appointed officials for their help in making memorable the bicentennial year of our Town. Special thanks are due the Bicentennial Commission for the planning and execution of the festivities that have made 1985 a joyful year.

The several departments responsible to the Selectmen have served the town very well. Exceptionally frequent snow and ice storms have kept the road crew busy, especially in Bob Kenney's absence. We are delighted by his excellent recovery from heart surgery. The Volunteer Firemen are happily settled in their new home, with monthly training sessions and the holding of critiques after every fire. Our Police have received our commendation on several occasions for their discretion and good judgment in the performance of their duties.

The Board, on advice of Counsel, has taken emergency measures to expedite temporary repairs to keep open the Florida Bridge for emergency vehicles, school bus, postal and under three ton traffic until the new bridge over the Deerfield River is completed. Those measures require approval by the Annual Town Meeting.

The exposure to weather of salt-charged sand, stored for use on winter roads, has during twenty years or so polluted the Mill Pond and the aquifer feeding the wells of Dorothy Schubert and Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Glass. Unlike others, similarly damaged elsewhere in Massachusetts, they decline to bring suit against the Town, thanks to their goodwill and in part to prompt efforts by town officials to assure potable water for them.

The Board is currently investigating various options to eliminate the leaching of salt from the stored sand, in the hope of making specific recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting.

Taken from us by death since our last report were Nellie Elizabeth Veber, Lockwood L. Reed, III, and Robert Ray C. Dolliher, all of whom we deeply miss.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Riggan
Timothy Snyder
Ellen Foberg
The Board of Selectmen

Conservation Commission

This year has seen the completion of two projects which came under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. A pumping system in the new fire station designed to fill the fire truck tanks while inside the building was connected to the Mill Pond. This provides the Fire Department personnel with ability to draw water from the center of the pond, even during the winter months. The town road crew and Dole Brothers Construction Company completed this project in a very professional manner, consistent with good conservation practices.

The second project was the reconstruction of Pelham Lake Dam. This task was much greater in scope requiring substantially more engineering. The majority of the work was performed under the adverse effects of winter. However, Warner Brothers Construction Company completed the reconstruction, adding supports and other improvements to greatly enhance the structural integrity of the dam. The dam has been inspected several times by the primary engineer for the job, Mr. William A. Loeb, P.E., who reported that the new construction is stable, with no signs of settling or cracking. However, there are several minor leaks in the dam which need to be attended to. These minor problems will be repaired this coming summer.

The Commission also issued an Order of Conditions to New England Power Company for the relocation and reconstruction of the transformer pads at the Bear Hydro-Electric Project.

Again we thank the townspeople for their support and suggestions concerning the conservation of our resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Snyder
Margalee Riggan
Nancy N. Williams
Raymond Jodoin
Richard Quinn

Civil Preparedness Report

This year was the first in which emergency operations were carried out in the new Emergency Operations Center in the Fire Station. Arrangement of the equipment and basic operational concepts were decided on during the Emergency Response Exercise for Yankee Atomic. Since the towns were not required to participate in this years exercise, we were allowed to monitor communications and consider how to best utilize the new facilities. This readied the facilities and personnel for the first operational activation of the new Emergency Operations Center on September 27, 1985, when hurricane Gloria swept up the east coast. Fortunately the hurricane broke up just south of Rowe and the town suffered only very minor damage. Many thanks to the road crew for maintaining the roads passable and secure from flooding during what might have been a major emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Snyder
Civil Preparedness Director

Electrical Inspector's Report

There were twenty-three wiring permits issued for the year 1985.

I again would like to remind everybody that the State of Massachusetts requires a wiring permit to install any electrical wiring or equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rossi
Inspector of Wires

Report of the Bicentennial Commission

To the townspeople of Rowe:

The purpose and objective of the Rowe Bicentennial Committee was to try to make 1985 a “memorable year” for Rowe’s citizens and friends.

With the outstanding cooperation of so many citizens and organizations the Rowe Bicentennial Year should be long and fondly remembered, not only for the spectacular events such as the “official” Birthday Party on February 9th, or the Grand Parade or the Bicentennial Pops Concert or the Horse Show or the Revolutionary Battleground re-enactments or the Harvest Festival or all the other exciting activities, but also for the “Spirit of Rowe” which was evidenced over and over again throughout the year.

On behalf of the Town of Rowe, we thank all those townspeople and friends who demonstrated that enthusiastic “Pride of Community” by their active participation, not only in the planning process, but in the volunteer physical work that is always required for the success of such a celebration.

The exciting story of all the Rowe Bicentennial activities has been well-documented by the Rowe Goal Post and the Rowe Historical Society Bulletin, so for this official Bicentennial Commission Report we will simply pay tribute to the concept of “Rowe’s Bicentennial Celebration” and express our appreciation to all those who took part, attended the events, purchased memorabilia or otherwise helped Rowe begin its third century with a renewed commitment to community spirit.

We trust it was truly a “memorable year”, and that every time you observe the “Bicentennial Gazebo” on the Village Green, you will recall what a Grand Celebration was held in 1985 for Rowe’s 200th Birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Williams, Chairman
Katherine D. Sprague, Secretary
Cynthia M. Laffond
Virginia P. Jurentkuff
Robert F. Kenney
Sandra J. Lively
Judith A. Pierce
Aristia F. Veber
George A. Riggan

Fire Department Report

The new fire station was dedicated during the Bicentennial Old Home Day celebration this year. All of the members of the building committee are to be congratulated and thanked for their successful effort. Some final touches have been finished and others are still in progress to complete the move of the Fire Department to its new location.

This year the Fire Department responded to fifteen calls which were as follows:

- 4 Chimney fires
- 1 Building fire
- 6 Mutual aid calls
- 2 Forest fires
- 2 Pumped out cellars

A forest fire occurred on March 25, 1985, involving areas of both Charlemont and Rowe. Complete extinguishment was accomplished over a two day period and the expenditure of 224 man-hours by Rowe Fire Department personnel and the assistance of many other mutual aid responders from the surrounding communities.

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program twenty-eight homes' chimneys were cleaned this year. Additional chimney cleaning equipment has been purchased in order to facilitate this operation in the future.

A program of monthly Fire Department meetings/training sessions has been instituted to improve the performance of all the Fire Department personnel when called upon to respond to any fire situation.

During October a fire prevention program was conducted for the children and staff of the Rowe Elementary School. The theme of the program was "What do I do if I find a fire?".

Portable radios and pagers have been purchased to improve communications at the fire scene and response by Fire Department personnel. Additional personal protective turnout gear will be ordered soon to provide improved safety to the Department's firefighters.

To all emergency phone operators, officers and Department personnel, thank you for a job well done. I would also like to thank Kenneth Soule, Floyd Smith and John Rossi, who resigned their positions this year, for many years of service to the town of Rowe as officers of the Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. May
Fire Chief

Rowe Town Library Report

The Rowe Town Library celebrated it's own anniversary in 1985 in conjunction with the Bicentennial festivities.

Senator John Olver addressed gathered townspeople and guests on Sunday, July 14th in a rededication ceremony marking the Library building's 50th year and the 188th year of its founding. Following the ceremony, Librarian Martha Rice served refreshments while guests visited and signed the guest book.

June Gordon and Al Morse resigned their respective positions as custodians due to school and job pressures. Our sincere appreciation goes to them for a job well done.

Valery Quinn joined the Library staff in October and Thomas Clark in November. Thanks to them the Library remains clean, neat and in good repair.

Martha Rice continues her excellent work as Librarian and Evelyn Soule and Alan Bjork serve most ably as Library aides.

Circulation has continued to increase and the Library has picked up many new Family Card Memberships.

Library hours remain Tuesday and Thursday 1 - 5, Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 and Saturday 9 - 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Evans, Chairman
Melissa Quinn
Katherine Sprague, Trustees

Police Report

Congratulations to everyone who had any part in Rowe's Bicentennial Celebration. All of the events were very enjoyable, successful and went off with very little trouble. It certainly made 1985 a memorable year.

My special thanks to the above officers and the six Greenfield Auxiliary Police Officers who helped ensure none of this years events were marred by trouble.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Dandeneau
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 1985

Recapitulation:

Firearms identification Cards	3
Pistol Permits	22
Assistance Calls	1
Summons or Warrants Served	2
Breaking and Entering	1
Other Complaints	10
Complaints (unfounded)	3
Accidents - 1 car	4
Accidents - 2 car	1

Police Officers in Rowe:

Chief: Henry J. Dandeneau

Special Police Officers:

John R. Riggan
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.
Charles H. Bellows
Dennis M. Annear

Karen Shulda
James Basile
Francis Phelps
Lawrence Krusz

Report of the Board of Assessors

In the year in which Rowe celebrated its Bicentennial, our residential tax again remained at its present stable rate. The town's total valuation increased significantly again this year, paced by the growth of our utilities.

This year the board decided to use Arlington Trust to process and generate tax commitments for the town and was pleased with the results. Future plans still include, however, the use of our town computer for tax listings and computation.

Nineteen Eighty Five was a brisk year for property sales in Rowe; a year which saw the large backlog of properties on the market being moved. One disturbing note, however, is that sales prices were generally running well above assessed values. Should this trend continue the Board may in the future be feeling the Commonwealth's influence in assessment valuations.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Pruitt, Chairman
Bob Kenney
Don Foberg
Board of Assessors

Report of the Building Inspector

During the fiscal year 1984-1985, 48 permits were issued:

New Homes	1
Other new buildings or additions	21
Remodeling	12
Demolition	3
Stoves	11

In addition, 65 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

Forest Warden's Report

This past year was an eventful one starting with the large fire in Zoar on "Old Smokey".

The rest of the year was fairly uneventful.

I would like at this time to thank everyone that assisted during the past year in every facet of Forest Fire Control.

Please remember to obey all Open Burning Regulations.

Burning permits are from January 15th to April 30th this season. Please obtain a permit before burning.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kenney
Forest Warden

Plumbing Inspector's Report

Issued 8 permits

Interviewed four applicants

Attended State Plumbing Board Meeting in Pittsfield on November 13, 1985. At this meeting we were informed about the use of lead free solder which must be used after January 1, 1986 on all potable water pipes.

I have the unit with which to make the test on lead free solder, which was issued to the Town of Rowe.

I would like to thank the Building Inspector and the Wiring Inspector for their cooperation during the past year.

Sincerely,

Pete Codogni
Plumbing Inspector

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee held regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month to review warrants for the operation of the various town departments. The status of town accounts was closely monitored to ensure that budgets were being adhered to. Reserve Fund transfer requests, to cover unforeseen over-expenditures, were considered as necessary. Reserve Fund transfers for FY-1985 and the first half of FY-1986 are listed on the following page.

Budget hearings for FY-1987 were held in March and April 1986 with town departments. Finance Committee recommendations for FY-1987 budgets as well as a review of FY-1985 and 1986 budgets will appear in a separate handout prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Continued cooperation between all departments is helping to keep the town finances and tax rate reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Williams, Chairman
William Loomis, Vice-Chairman
Gail May, Secretary
Cornelio Franceschetti
Stephen Arnold

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

(Figures rounded to nearest dollar)

Fiscal Year 1985 (7-1-84 thru 6-30-85)

Reserve Fund Appropriated		\$	20,000.00
Town Clerk (Ballot Clerk & Teller Pay)	\$	266.00	
Town Clerk (Registrar, Census Taker Pay)		250.00	
Fire Department (Forest Fire Control)		305.00	
Special (Gracy Roof Repair)		500.00	
Building Inspector (Salary)		675.00	
Administration (Officers Expense)		200.00	
Special (Gracy House Painting)		500.00	
Park (Operation)		135.00	
Highway (Roadside Maintenance)		165.00	
Fire Department (Operation)		160.00	
Public Health (Refuse Garden)		1,775.00	
Bicentennial Commission		8,000.00	
Pelham Lake Dam Repair		705.00	
Total			\$ 13,636.00
Balance to Overlay Surplus June 30, 1985			\$ 6,364.00

Fiscal Year 1986 (7-1-85 thru 12-31-85)

Reserve Fund Appropriated		\$	20,000.00
Selectmen (Assistant Clerk/ Accounting Officer Pay)	\$	500.00	
Total			\$ 500.00
Balance Remaining December 31, 1985			\$ 19,500.00

Report of the Rowe Planning Board

As in the past, the Rowe Planning Board has been meeting the first Monday of each month to conduct any business brought before the board and to work on other projects.

During this past year, in an effort to strengthen and update our by-laws some revision and changes were instituted. Included in these changes were new regulations regarding lot classification. After complying with all required notices and hearings, the revisions were presented and approved at the Annual Town Meeting. They were also approved by the State Attorney General and have become part of the town's regulations. The updated by-laws have been entered into the town computer system by a member of the planning board and it is anticipated that the updated by-law and regulation booklet will be printed and distributed to the town in the near future.

One special permit, with certain conditions attached, was issued by the board this year. The permit was to allow the conversion of the Nellie Veber house on Zoar Road to a convenience store.

Another matter under consideration by the board at this time is the need for a new **Goals for Rowe** study. The board realizes that there are many people in town now who were not here ten years ago when the first study took place. Therefore, we will try to explain what was involved and what was accomplished from such a project.

In 1974, the members of the planning board for the Town of Rowe expressed their concerns to the citizens of the town in regard to its future. The question was asked of all the citizens in the town at that time, "How goes Rowe in the next ten years?" The planning board of ten years ago, realized, as it does today, that throughout the history of the Town of Rowe it has been the citizens who have contributed time, effort, and ideas toward planning and the continuous development of their community. The board of a decade ago got the input of all the citizens by conducting a study which was called, **Goals for Rowe**. This booklet has been used to carry out the ideas and wishes of the Townspeople over the past ten years by Town officials.

Many of the goals outlined in this booklet have been accomplished, more or less in the order of priority given to them by the people at that time. For example, the landfill dump problem was solved by installing our compactor, the town hall was renovated, the Browning Bench Tool Factory was moved and preserved, and the

Searles property was acquired by the Town and developed into the Town common as we see it today. In addition more park land was acquired allowing for the expansion of the picnic area and the construction of tennis courts. Finally, roads have been improved and a new fire station was built.

Since there are many new citizens in town and in the next ten years the town will be facing many new challenges and problems, the board feels that once again it may be time to ask its citizens for input. When and if this happens, we are confident that the citizens of today will repond as they did ten years ago and in so doing will have a say in preserving the quality of life we now enjoy in the town of **Rowe**.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Laffond
Chairman

Town Nurse's Report

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

Nineteen eighty-five was a year of coming together for all of the programs that we have begun at Rowe Elementary School. The continued influx of new families to our community often poses a problem in maintaining updated immunization records on all of our children, but with the help of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Mr. Paul Swem, Principal, we have continued our strict enforcement of this law. All state mandated screening programs were carried out. In addition, we began a Flouride Mouth-rinse Program, the result of a funding grant through the State Department of Dental Health. We have had an 84% participation rate this year. This program combined with the education of our children on the basics of dental health will go a long way in helping our children to establish healthful habits that they will carry with them into adulthood.

Once again the Flu Vaccine clinic was a great success. We received a total of 70 free doses and all were given to the participants from the Towns of Rowe and Heath. Two new programs will be offered in early 1986. In January we will be offering an informational evening on the early signs of a heart attack, and how to modify your risk factors. We will have two guest speakers that evening. In February, we will be offering a Tetanus booster clinic to all of our firemen and other interested people in the community. This program will also be free of charge to our townseople.

With the use of mainly flexible hours at the school and in the community, we have been able to accomplish a great deal. If there is a person in the community who needs services while I am at the school, they receive the service. If I am at the fire station and a child becomes injured at school, I go to the school and assist that child. I feel that this system works best for the entire community to provide coverage in a variety of settings. Many people contact me at home for a variety of reasons, and I am readily available and accessible to all from my home.

I look forward to serving you all in the year to come and welcome your suggestions on ideas and programs that you would be interested in.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharleen Moffatt, R.N.
Town/School Nurse

Goal Post Report

Continuing to fulfill the "Goals for Rowe" recommendation from 1975, the Rowe Goal Post remains a popular means of communication among the townspeople, taxpayers, town officers, town organizations, and about one hundred Rowe friends who pay for a "postage subscription", as well as several others who pick up single copies.

The Goal Post is stable at the present size booklet and community calendar published on the first day of every month. It is sent free to all residents and taxpayers of the Town of Rowe. New this year has been a change to the bulk mailing. This is fine for townspeople, but for taxpayers elsewhere it may take up to a month for delivery. Those who wish their news on time have the option of paying the "postage subscription" of \$5.00 per year for first class mail delivery.

With the saving on postage, the budget of \$6,600 seems adequate at the same figure as last year. Clark in Shelburne will no longer be doing our printing, but estimates from other printers seem to average about the same. Donations for an ongoing gift fund have been received and appreciated for extra pictures or supplies as needed.

Our thanks to Ellen Foberg who worked as Assistant Editor until September and to Pearl Jurentkuff who has taken over in her place; to Dick Tower who keeps us supplied with current pictures of the scene in Rowe; to Donna Arnold for her drawings; to Merle Riggan and now Jane Gracy for all the phone calls to remind volunteers of folding night; and to all our volunteers for their monthly folding, collating and taping sessions. And special appreciation to those who call or send news items for that is what the Goal Post is all about. Suggestions and new ideas are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy N. Williams
Editor

GOAL POST BUDGET

Printing (475 copies)	\$ 4,150.00
Photos	650.00
Screening photos	650.00
Supplies	200.00
Postage & Permit	450.00
Publication Services	500.00
Total	\$ 6,600.00

Visiting Nurse & Health Services

Fiscal Year 1985 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF ROWE

The Visiting Nurse & Health Services in Franklin County, Inc. continues to provide a comprehensive array of health services to patients recovering from acute episodes of illness at home. Services are provided by qualified professionals including registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists. Personal care services by trained home health aides are also provided as an adjunct to skilled services.

In 1985 the following services were rendered to 5 patients:

Skilled Nursing Visits	35
Physical Therapy Visits	2

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 family. 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.

**SCHOOL
REPORTS**



Annual Report of the Rowe School Committee

This past year was one of transitions and completions; a very active year for educational programs, professional staff changes and improvements of the physical plant.

Spring and summer brought the completion of the school roof, re-asphalting of the driveway and parking lot, repairs to the freezer and food storage room, as well as grounds beautification for the Bicentennial programs. Trees were planted around the property, and a "work bee" was organized to mow "Rowe's Bowl" for the symphony concert. The old tennis court was converted to a play/skating area and a flagpole was erected atop the hill behind the school. The committee extends its thanks to all the townspeople who contributed their time and effort to these projects.

Anita Page resigned her principalship at the end of July, to accept a position in South Hadley. Her legacy to the Rowe School is a strong curriculum in all subject areas. We thank her for her achievements in curriculum development which have provided us with an excellent foundation for educational progress.

In August the committee conducted a search for a new principal. Superintendent Bruce Willard presented viable candidates who were, in turn, interviewed by the Rowe and Heath school committees, professional and non-professional staff members and, ultimately, a forum was held where townspeople and candidates met face-to-face for a question and answer session. The committee feels that the candidate selection procedure was very successful, and would recommend it for future search committees.

Our search concluded with the hiring of Mr. Paul Swem as a principal who will provide sound leadership, good discipline and work habits, attention to basic skills and traditional educational methods. We warmly welcome Mr. Swem and our other new staff members: Joann Giguere, Resource Room Teacher; Mary Myers, Title 1 Teacher; Beth Bryant, Vocal Music; Ted Wirt, Instrumental Music; Julie Aron, Fifth Grade Math/English teacher; Ellen Guistembelli, Resource Room Aide; and a special "welcome back" for Karen Fournier who has returned from a leave of absence to teach our Second Grade.

The changes and events of the past year have brought vitality and an optimistic view to the future of education at the Rowe School. Increasingly, community members are becoming involved with the educational process, as evidenced by the attendance at school functions, committee meetings and forums. Many thanks for your enthusiasm, interest and support!

On a final note, I would like to present an update on the physical plant. To date, we have completed a new roof, double glazing, library reorganization, handicapped ramp and restroom, art room conversion, freezer and storage room repairs, repaving and landscaping. Window shades are being replaced this year where needed, and new equipment for the cafeteria has been purchased. Looking to the future, we will be replacing some or all of the carpeting which will be a costly item, but a necessary one. We hope to spread any expenditures for repairs or replacement over several years to help contain costs to the town. Overall, the school is in good shape and getting better every year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arnold
Chairperson

Rowe Elementary School Report of the Principal

The beginning of the 1985-1986 school year saw many new additions to the Rowe staff.

Dr. Anita Page left Rowe to become the Principal of the Mosier School in South Hadley. Foremost in her many accomplishments at the Rowe School was the leadership she provided in the development of curriculum that now spans all subject areas. Dr. Page is missed by many students, staff and parents.

Joan Benneyan left Rowe to become Principal of the Northfield Elementary School. Our congratulations extend to Joan and Anita in their exciting new ventures.

I was hired in August to replace Dr. Page. My experience includes 3 years at the Buckland Shelburne School and 5 years at the Mohawk Trail School. I was fortunate to have emerged from a number of very qualified and talented candidates.

Replacing Joan this year as the Resource Room teacher is Joanne Giguere. She taught last year at the Buckland Shelburne School. Her aide this year is Ellen Guistembelli, replacing Jan Henderson. Cindy Cole left Rowe to become the 6th Grade teacher at the Hawlemont School. Replacing her in her Title I position is Mary Myers. Karen Fournier is back as the 2nd Grade teacher, returning after a one year leave. Rounding out the staff changes at the beginning of the year were Beth Bryant as the Vocal Music Teacher and Ted Wirt as the Instrumental Music Teacher.

A major change occurred in December. As a result of a number of parental and staff concerns, it was decided that the 5th/6th grade class should be substantially split. Julie Aron was hired half time to become the 5th grade math and reading teacher for the morning academic periods. This action, along with a rescheduling of the afternoon specialists, has resulted in a far more effective learning environment for these two classes.

The new math curriculum, centered around the Scott-Forsman Math Series, was fully implemented this fall. New textbooks were purchased after the start of the school year to complement a host of other materials. Rowe's use of this series will help ensure a smoother transition for our 6th graders to Mohawk, as the series is used consistently in the district from 3rd to 8th grade.

A very successful Open House was held in the Fall. The turnout of parents and children was well over 90% of the student population. Participation was again excellent for Parent-Teacher conferences held at the end of the first marking period. The Holiday Concert held before the Christmas break was so well attended that extra chairs from the cafeteria had to be set up at the last minute; even then there were still people standing in back of the last rows. Parental involvement such as this is a very vital and necessary part of a healthy school environment.

At the time that this report was written in January, plans were being finalized for the annual environmental field trip to Cape Cod. The 6th grade trip was cancelled, unfortunately; there seemed less interest in making this happen this year than in years past.

Under the School Improvement Act of 1985, (legislation affecting schools across the Commonwealth), Rowe has qualified for \$970 in grant monies to be used for equipment or programs that will enhance the educational environment at the Rowe School. As of the end of January, a School Improvement Council was established and had met once to discuss possible ways to spend these funds. It was a goal of the Committee to make a final determination by the end of February.

The ski program was active this year, with over 60 children participating. Joanne Giguere and Cindy Laffond have taken the leadership in this area, and have done a remarkable job in coordinating the many facets of the popular program.

A newsletter created with the help of the office computer continues to keep parents informed of school activities on a weekly basis. The office computer has been invaluable this year, printing mailing labels, keeping track of budgeting expenditures, preparing budget forecasts for next year, and maintaining a student information database.

As always, the office and school are open to your visits. I welcome your input and encourage your calls.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Swem
Principal

1984-1985 ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET

Financial Statement as of June 30, 1985

SUMMARY

	1984-1985 Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
Administration	\$ 12,794.00	\$ 10,923.60	\$ 1,870.40
Instruction	196,549.00	176,494.38	20,054.62
Other School Services	32,215.00	29,619.15	2,595.85
Operations & Maintenance	51,165.00	58,462.98	(7,297.98)
Fixed Charges	365.00	346.05	18.95
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	1,000.00	1,341.99	(341.99)
Programs with Other Districts	67,803.00	62,519.79	5,283.21
Sub-Total Regular Operating Budget	\$ 361,891.00	\$ 339,707.94	\$ 22,183.06
Instruction, Special Education	\$ 38,152.00	\$ 43,608.30	\$ (5,456.30)
Total Operating Budget	\$ 400,043.00	\$ 383,316.24	\$ 16,726.76
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1000 Administration			
1100-00-2 School Committee Clerical	\$ 160.00	\$ 170.00	\$ (10.00)
1100-00-4 School Committee Legal Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
1100-00-6 School Committee Other	470.00	356.22	113.78
	\$ 630.00	\$ 526.22	\$ 103.78
1200-00-1 Administrative Salaries	\$ 4,446.00	\$ 4,557.60	\$ (111.60)
1200-00-2 Clerical Salaries	7,271.00	5,400.58	1,870.42

	1984-1985		
	Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
1200-00-6 Administrative Travel	447.00	439.20	7.80
	<u>\$ 12,164.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,397.38</u>	<u>\$ 1,766.62</u>
1000 Total Administration	\$ 12,794.00	\$ 10,923.60	\$ 1,870.40
2000 Instruction			
2100-11-1 Supervisors' Salaries	100.00	100.00	0.00
2100-11-4 Contracted Services-Curr.	200.00	193.00	7.00
2100-11-6 Supervisors' Other Expense	50.00	65.88	(15.88)
	<u>\$ 350.00</u>	<u>\$ 358.88</u>	<u>\$ (8.88)</u>
2200-11-1 Principal's Salary	26,900.00	26,900.00	0.00
2200-11-2 Principal's Clerical	8,423.00	8,196.60	226.40
2200-11-5 Principal's Supplies	1,200.00	840.19	359.81
2200-11-6 Principal's Other Expense	1,300.00	1,354.95	(54.95)
	<u>\$ 37,823.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,291.74</u>	<u>\$ 531.26</u>
2300-11-1 Substitutes	750.00	1,560.00	(810.00)
2300-11-1 Teachers' Salaries	125,811.00	105,234.53	20,576.47
2300-11-3 Tutors	10,206.00	10,050.46	155.54
2300-11-3 Chapter I	7,550.00	6,320.00	1,230.00
2300-11-4 Contracted Services	1,000.00	1,495.20	(495.20)
2300-11-5 Instructional Supplies	4,400.00	5,982.89	(1,582.89)
2300-11-6 Other Expense	700.00	520.60	179.40
	<u>\$ 150,417.00</u>	<u>\$ 131,163.68</u>	<u>\$ 19,253.32</u>

2400-00-5	Textbooks	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,781.10	\$	(581.10)
2500-11-1	Library Assistant	\$	4,659.00	\$	4,456.52	\$	202.48
2500-11-5	Supplies & Materials	\$	1,200.00		1,149.37		50.63
2500-11-6	Other Expense		75.00		0.00		75.00
		\$	5,934.00	\$	5,605.89	\$	328.11
2600-11-5	Audio-Visual Supplies	\$	100.00	\$	95.79	\$	4.21
2600-11-6	Other Expense		50.00		12.67		37.33
		\$	150.00	\$	108.46	\$	41.54
2700-11-5	Guidance Testing Supplies	\$	450.00	\$	61.28	\$	388.72
2700-11-6	Guidance Other Expense		225.00		123.35		101.65
		\$	675.00	\$	184.63	\$	490.37
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2000	Total Instruction	\$	196,549.00	\$	176,494.38	\$	20,054.62
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3000	Other School Services						
3200-11-1	Health Salaries - Physician	\$	300.00	\$	400.00	\$	(100.00)
3200-11-5	Supplies & Materials		50.00		0.00		50.00
		\$	350.00	\$	400.00	\$	(50.00)
3370-11-4	Pupil Transportation - Contr.	\$	19,055.00	\$	15,992.31	\$	3,062.69
3400-11-3	Cafeteria Salaries	\$	12,460.00	\$	12,815.30	\$	(355.30)
3400-11-5	Food & Supplies		0.00		0.00		0.00
		\$	12,460.00	\$	12,815.30	\$	(355.30)

		1984-1985		
		Appropriation	Spent to Date	Balance
3520-11-4	Student Body Activities	\$ 350.00	\$ 411.54	\$ (61.54)
3000	Total Other School Services	\$ 32,215.00	\$ 29,619.15	\$ 2,595.85
4000	Operation & Maintenance			
4110-11-3	Custodial Salary	\$ 15,086.00	\$ 15,295.33	\$ (209.33)
4110-11-5	Supplies & Materials	1,575.00	1,998.36	(423.36)
4110-11-6	Other Expense - Travel	864.00	678.00	186.00
		\$ 17,525.00	\$ 17,971.69	\$ (446.69)
4120-11-5	Heating - Fuel Oil	\$ 17,120.00	\$ 12,103.12	\$ 5,016.88
4130-11-6	Utility Services	\$ 8,820.00	\$ 8,870.01	\$ (50.01)
4210-11-4	Maintenance of Grounds - Contr.	\$ 25.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (7,975.00)
4210-11-5	Maintenance of Grounds - Sup.	350.00	61.75	288.25
		\$ 375.00	\$ 8,061.75	\$ (7,686.75)
4220-11-4	Maintenance of Building - Contr.	\$ 3,725.00	\$ 9,363.22	\$ (5,638.22)
4220-11-5	Supplies & Materials	1,050.00	528.90	521.10
		\$ 4,775.00	\$ 9,892.12	\$ (5,117.12)
4230-11-4	Maintenance of Equip. - Contr.	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,530.52	\$ 769.48
4230-11-5	Supplies & Materials	250.00	33.77	216.23
		\$ 2,550.00	\$ 1,564.29	\$ 985.71

4000	Total Operation & Maintenance	\$	51,165.00	\$	58,462.98	\$	(7,297.98)
5000	Fixed Charges						
5100-00-6	Insurance - Employer's 32B	\$	365.00	\$	346.05	\$	18.95
5200-11-6	Insurance - Committee Liability		0.00		0.00		0.00
		\$	365.00	\$	346.05	\$	18.95
5000	Total Fixed Charges	\$	365.00	\$	346.05	\$	18.95
7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets						
7300-11-8	New Equipment	\$	500.00	\$	1,150.56	\$	(650.56)
7500-11-8	Replacement of Equipment		500.00		191.43		308.57
		\$	1,000.00	\$	1,341.99	\$	(341.99)
7000	Total Acquisition of Fixed Assets	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,341.99	\$	(341.99)
9000	Programs With Other Districts						
9100-11-9	Tuition - Vocational Schools	\$	16,910.00	\$	18,309.00	\$	(1,399.00)
	Academic Secondary		50,893.00		44,210.79		6,682.21
		\$	67,803.00	\$	62,519.79	\$	5,283.21

		1984-1985					
		Appropriation		Spent to Date			
				Balance			
9000	Total Programs With Other Districts	\$	67,803.00	\$	62,519.79	\$	5,283.21
Sub-Total:	Regular Operating Budget	\$	361,891.00	\$	339,707.94	\$	22,183.06
2000	Instruction, Special Education						
2300-12-1	Substitutes, Sp. Ed.	\$	0.00	\$	1,050.00	\$	(1,050.00)
2300-12-1	Teachers' Salaries		17,457.00		20,799.43		(3,342.43)
2300-12-3	Teachers' Aide		7,545.00		8,433.65		(888.65)
2300-12-4	Contracted Services		4,500.00		4,925.82		(425.82)
2300-12-5	Supplies & Materials		300.00		99.02		200.98
2300-12-6	Other Expense		150.00		40.00		110.00
		\$	29,952.00	\$	35,347.92	\$	(5,395.92)
2400-12-5	Textbooks	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	0.00
2800-12-4	Psychological Contracted	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,090.00	\$	(90.00)
2800-12-5	Psychological Supplies		50.00		13.87		36.13
2800-12-6	Other Expense		50.00		27.17		22.83
		\$	8,100.00	\$	8,131.04	\$	(31.04)
3370-12-4	Transportation	\$	0.00	\$	29.34	\$	(29.34)

2000	Total Instruction, Sp. Ed.	\$ 38,152.00	\$ 43,608.30	\$ (5,456.30)
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Sub-Total:	Special Education Operating Budget	\$ 38,152.00	\$ 43,608.30	\$ (5,456.30)
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Total Operating Budget		\$ 400,043.00	\$ 383,316.24	\$ 16,726.76
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Encumbrances			\$ 11,685.32	\$ 11,685.32

TOWN OF ROWE
SCHOOL ATTENDING CHILDREN
As of January 1, 1985

Grade	Rowe Elem.	F.C. Tech.	Out of Dist. Public	Private	Total
Kindergarten	5				5
Grade 1	6				6
Grade 2	5				5
Grade 3	5				5
Grade 4	2				2
Grade 5	6				6
Grade 6	6				6
Grade 7			3		3
Grade 8			3	1	4
Grade 9		1	4		5
Grade 10		1	4		5
Grade 11		1	5		6
Grade 12		1	6		7
TOTALS	<u>35</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>65</u>

Franklin County Technical School District Report of the Superintendent/Director

Calendar Year January 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985

I am pleased to submit my first annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As in 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 student enrollment decreases which have been in evidence in the nation, state, and county high schools for the past four years, has materialized in the Tech School enrollment. Although the decline in high school age students will continue to be pronounced for at least three more years, the Franklin County Technical School will continue to maintain acceptable student loads.

This is due to the fact that the non-district towns are continuing to send a large number of tuitioned students to our school. Also, the percentage of enrollment decline in the county's high school's appears to be offset by a continuing increased percentage of District student applications.

The October 1, 1985 enrollment by District and Non-District towns are as follows:

District Towns		Non-District Towns	
Bernardston	23		
Buckland	28		
Colrain	22		
Conway	12		
Deerfield	41		
Erving	20	Amherst	5
Gill	13	Ashfield	10
Greenfield	189	Athol	29
Heath	7	Charlemont	16
Leyden	5	Hadley	1
Montague	80	Hawley	5
New Salem	7	Orange	6
Northfield	20	Leverett	4
Shelburne	20	Pelham	1

Sunderland	13	Plainfield	4
Warwick	9	Rowe	3
Wendell	20	Shutesbury	1
Whately	<u>6</u>	Williamsburg	<u>1</u>
	535		86

Total Students = 621

As in every year since the school's opening, perhaps the most serious problem facing the School District is the major handicap of attempting to establish educationally sound and fiscally responsive operational budgets nearly two years in advance of the expenditure calendar for those budgets. The difficulty is compounded by the fact that nearly fifty percent of the cost of every regional school budget is borne by state reimbursements. When, as it often happens, the state changes reimbursement projections, after local budgets have been finalized, the results are destructive to effective budget analysis and management.

This year has been highlighted by the expansion of the District to include the town of Leyden, and the passing of the Educational Reform Act (Chapter 188). In addition, I would like to point out that the Building Subcommittee saved the District many thousands of dollars by correcting the roof drains and replacement of the insulated windows while under warranty.

As in the past, a large number of community service projects were completed by our school production shops. The annual house building project (being built this year in Bernardston) is our major project, however, a large number of district towns benefited from the skills of our student body.

The Tech School continues to receive a large and varied number of federal grants allocated to curriculum improvement. The school receives in excess of two hundred thousand dollars in direct grant dollars to assist us in developing a large number of vocational and special education programs. Furthermore, a number of our area businesses and industrial firms donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be very effective job placement vehicles for the Tech School student. As of September 1985, our senior placement record was as follows:

Available for placement	93
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Placed in Jobs:

Related to Shop Training	60
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Unrelated to Shop Training	33
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Job Placement (Total)	98.9%
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Job Placement (Related to Shop)	64.5%
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This placement record represents the single best placement year in the school's history; special credit for this record must be given to the school's vocational placement counselor, Mrs. Gloria Bean. In addition twenty-five students went on to higher education, which is the largest number in the school's history. I'm happy to note, that we now have a National Honor Society Chapter in our school and that our first induction ceremony was recently held with twelve students selected.

I would like to conclude by expressing my gratitude to the entire educational community at the Tech School. Their support and understanding has been appreciated during my first year as Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Filkins
Superintendent-Director

Principal's Report

It is a pleasure to present my fourth annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our emphasis on excellence in education is maintained through a continued refinement of our curriculum. All departments in the school have prepared extensive documents which describe departmental goals and objectives and which specify the specific objectives for each course taught. These documents provide the basis for consistent and quality teaching throughout the high school years.

Teacher evaluation has also been refined with the further goal of specifying for each teacher concrete areas for improvement. Each teacher is evaluated on a yearly basis by both department chairpersons and the administration. We believe that the strength of our faculty derives from clear teaching objectives, regular supervision, student input into the teaching process and a high degree of morale.

Inservice programming throughout the year is extensive. Faculty workshops have been held in areas of teenage sexuality, peer education and writing in the content areas. Nine faculty members are participating in the New England Middle School Conference. Other faculty members have attended diverse workshops in the area, including a word processing course offered at Mohawk. A graduate course in the area of Learning Theory was also offered at the school.

Students are also continuing to excel in academic, musical, artistic and social areas. Our scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests continue to rise on a yearly basis. In the spring of 1985, over 55% of the senior class had received acceptance to either two or four year colleges and universities. Over \$60,000.00 in scholarships from local groups were presented to the graduates. We expect these trends to continue.

The school is continuing to expand offerings in areas of "honors" programs for accelerated students. Both the English and Social Studies departments have been able to offer advanced level courses to students. Chapter I programs in Writing have assisted students who are weak in the area of written expression to succeed. This year the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee has mandated that a passing grade on the Basic Skills Testing Program become a graduation requirement.

The Middle School Musical, "Peter Pan", and the All-School Musical, "The Sound of Music" attracted sell-out crowds and were tremendous successes. Twelve Mohawk Students were selected to

participate in district and state Chorus recitals. The Jazz Band and Select Chorus are travelling to Orlando, Florida this spring for a National Music Competition.

Individually and collectively, Mohawk students are excelling in academic, athletic, and artistic competitions. The list of accomplishments appears too lengthy for a report of this nature. The school and its student body is a source of pride to this community and will continue to be so.

Philip A. Dzialo
Principal

Graduates

The June, 1985 graduates from Mohawk Trail Regional High School from the town of Rowe were:

Heather Brown
William Cascone
Lisa Danek
June Gordon
Holly Hudson
Tina Hunkler
Timothy Jodoin



Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1985

Assets:		Liabilities & Reserves:	
Cash		Asbestos, Temporary Loan	\$ 260,000.00
Bank of Boston, Regular	\$ 32.49	Asbestos, Fund Balance	7,239.69
Bank of Boston, NOW	(32,163.60)		
M.M.D.T.	292,101.01	Payroll Deduction/Health Insurance	5,190.42
M.M.D.T. - Asbestos	\$ 267,209.59	Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Retirees	(118.99)
		Cafeteria, School Lunch	(12,135.52)
Loan Offset (Asbestos)	\$ 260,000.00	Music Revolving Fund	318.10
		Athletic Revolving Fund	902.97
		Non-Revenue Construction	1,468.01
		Grants:	
		Chapter I	\$ 1,028.68
		Adaptive P.E.	597.84
		Title VIB '85	(8,569.15)
		Block Grant	703.21
		Occup. Educ.	11.41
			(6,228.01)
		Unrestricted Surplus	(846.08)
		Restricted Surplus (for FY86 Budget)	130,000.00
		Encumbered Summer Salaries	140,919.00
		Gym Floor Retainer	500.00
TOTAL ASSETS		TOTAL LIABILITIES & RESERVES	\$ 527,209.59

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Statement of Expenditures from FY 85 Budget

	FY 85 Appropriation	FY 85 Appropriation Charges	FY 85 Appropriation Balance
OPERATING BUDGET			
1000 Administration			
1100001 Legal Services	6,500.00	24,832.92	(18,332.92)
1100002 Treasurer's Salary	3,960.00	3,960.00	.00
1100002A Assist. Treas. Salary	200.00	200.00	.00
1100004 Contracted Services	2,400.00	2,782.03	(382.03)
1100005 Treasurer's Supplies	600.00	292.46	307.54
1100005-1 Treasurer's Mileage	25.00	77.76	(52.76)
1100006 Treas. & Assist. Treas. Bonds	400.00	277.00	123.00
1100006 School Committee Expenses	5,000.00	4,495.34	504.66
1200001 Administrative Salaries	29,878.00	30,067.50	(189.50)
1200002 Clerical Salaries	47,716.00	53,553.64	(5,837.64)
1200004 Contracted Services	3,500.00	3,795.15	(295.15)
1200005 Supt. Office Supplies	5,500.00	6,708.61	(1,208.61)
1200006 Supt. Office-Other Expenses	3,400.00	3,605.91	(205.91)
Total Administration	109,079.00	134,648.32	(25,569.32)

2000	Instruction	FY 85 Appropriation	FY 85 Appropriation Charges	FY 85 Appropriation Balance
2100311	Coordinators' Salaries	14,149.00	16,492.96	(2,343.96)
2100312	Department Head Secretary	.00	4,809.60	(4,809.60)
2100315	Coord. Supvsn. Supplies	565.00	13.24	551.76
2100316	Supervision Expenses	698.00	168.69	529.31
2200311	Administrators' Salaries	60,372.00	60,360.00	12.00
2200312	Clerical Salaries	35,865.00	23,232.20	12,632.80
2200314	Contracted Services	7,600.00	5,115.90	2,484.10
2200315	Principal's Office Supplies	4,700.00	7,046.10	(2,346.10)
2200316	Principal's Ofc.-Other Expenses	3,210.00	4,589.08	(1,379.08)
2200316	Graduation Expenses	900.00	1,077.03	(177.03)
2300311	Teacher Salaries	1,036,551.00	1,018,405.88	18,145.12
2300312	Teacher Aides' Salaries	30,570.00	32,691.32	(2,121.32)
2300314	Contracted Services	4,850.00	4,928.70	(78.70)
2300315	Teacher Classroom Supplies	34,469.00	55,301.63	(20,832.63)
2300316	Teacher Other Expense	3,540.00	4,462.49	(922.49)
2400315	Textbooks	25,141.00	19,407.98	5,733.02
2500311	Librarian	24,197.00	17,690.90	6,506.10
2500312	Library Assistant/Libry. Aide Sal.	11,714.00	12,816.77	(1,102.77)
2500315	Library Supplies	7,000.00	5,867.52	1,132.48
2500316	Library Expenses	300.00	343.84	(43.84)
2600312	Audio-Visual Aide	7,320.00	7,183.61	136.39
2600315	Audio-Visual Supplies	4,550.00	2,194.69	2,355.31
2700311	Student Services-Guidance Sals.	61,296.00	66,253.67	(4,957.67)
2700312	Student Services Secretary	10,666.00	11,232.00	(566.00)
2700314	Contracted Services	2,509.00	952.12	1,556.88

2700315	Student Services Supplies	1,708.00	776.43	931.57
2700316	Student Services Other Expenses	<u>300.00</u>	<u>187.50</u>	<u>112.50</u>
Total Instruction		1,394,740.00	1,383,601.85	11,138.15
3000	Other School Services			
3100311	Attendance Officer Salary	325.00	325.00	.00
3100316	Attendance Officer Expenses	75.00	.00	75.00
3200311	Health Salaries	12,679.00	13,717.70	(1,038.70)
3200315	Health Supplies	550.00	500.27	49.73
3200316	Health Expenses	130.00	50.00	80.00
3310315	Leased Bus-Supplies	9,166.00	3,550.46	5,615.54
3370314	Pupil Transportation-Contracts	354,334.00	361,861.19	(7,527.19)
3370314	Pupil Trnsp.-Late Buses	16,669.00	14,365.00	2,304.00
3370314A	Pupil Trnsp.-Private Schools	6,975.00	2,960.00	4,015.00
3370316	Pupil Trnsp.-Field Trips	8,025.00	2,331.80	5,693.20
3400313	Cafeteria Manager Salary	12,596.00	12,420.00	176.00
3400313A	Cafe. Workers - Holidays	1,619.00	1,679.12	(60.12)
3400313B	Cafe. Workers - Labor	5,000.00	295.20	4,704.80
3510.31.5	Athletics	<u>34,639.00</u>	<u>34,369.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total Other School Services		462,782.00	448,694.74	14,087.26
4000	Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
4110313	Custodial Salaries	110,220.00	104,297.69	5,922.31
4110315	Custodial Supplies	8,868.00	13,627.38	(4,759.38)
4120315	Electric Energy	119,760.00	122,437.47	(2,677.47)

	FY 85 Appropriation	FY 85 Appropriation Charges	FY 85 Balance
4130316	2,280.00	4,455.58	(2,175.58)
4130006	3,990.00	2,883.92	1,106.08
4210315	2,360.00	2,983.05	(78.05)
4210314	4,500.00	5,114.50	(614.50)
4220314	13,785.00	3,259.95	10,525.05
4220315	11,815.00	10,835.53	979.47
4220315	3,000.00	3,840.47	(840.47)
423006	450.00	.00	450.00
4230314	300.00	1,555.83	(1,255.83)
4230315	5,170.00	821.50	4,348.50
4230318	7,370.00	5,259.63	2,110.37
Total Operation and Maintenance of Plant	294,368.00	281,327.50	13,040.50
5000 Fixed Charges			
5100316	65,720.00	71,610.00	(5,890.00)
5200316	29,175.00	27,660.00	1,515.00
5200316	5,000.00	1,749.00	3,251.00
5500316	62,720.00	69,849.09	(7,129.09)
Total Fixed Charges	162,615.00	170,868.09	(8,253.09)
6000 Community Services			
6200313	40.00	40.00	0.00
Total Community Services	40.00	40.00	.00

7000	Acquisition of Fixed Assets			
7300008	Acq. New Equipment-Supt. Office	500.00	.00	500.00
7300318	Acq. New Equipment-High School	65,843.00	55,607.76	10,235.24
7400008	Replacement Equip.-Supt. Ofc.	1,400.00	3,253.30	(1,853.30)
7400318	Replacement Equip.-High School	25,307.00	24,900.30	406.70
7200314	Storage Shed	.00	1,743.25	(1,743.25)
7200315	Storage Shed-Supplies	.00	<u>1,990.82</u>	<u>(1,990.82)</u>
	Total Acquisition of Fixed Assets	93,050.00	87,495.43	5,554.57
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS	2,516,674.00	2,506,675.93	9,998.07
	SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET			
2000	Instruction			
2100321	Coordinator's Salary	22,625.00	26,999.87	(4,374.87)
2100322	Clerical Salary	5,679.00	5,563.48	115.52
2100324	Contracted Services	.00	788.30	(788.30)
2100325	Coordinator Supplies	1,500.00	1,243.36	256.64
2100326	Coordinator Expenses	1,500.00	1,910.09	(410.09)
2300321	Teacher Salaries	60,320.00	59,570.48	749.52
2300321	Home Instruction Salaries	1,500.00	2,258.00	(758.00)
2300322	Paraprofessionals & Aides Sals.	21,578.00	28,300.53	(6,722.53)
2300324	Contracted Services	1,500.00	.00	1,500.00
2300325	Supplies	900.00	816.29	83.71
2300326	Expenses	1,100.00	378.83	721.17
2400325	Textbooks	800.00	197.56	602.44
2700321	Counselor	14,223.00	.00	14,223.00

	FY 85 Appropriation	FY85 Appropriation Charges	FY 85 Appropriation Balance
2800321	10,200.00	24,089.20	(13,889.20)
2800324	1,500.00	1,207.50	292.50
2800325	300.00	152.22	147.78
2800326	200.00	179.50	20.50
Total Spec. Ed. Instruction	145,425.00	153,655.21	(8,230.21)
3000			
Other School Services			
3200321	1,408.00	1,394.90	13.10
3200326	50.00	35.00	15.00
3370324	9,500.00	9,819.62	(319.62)
Total Sp. Ed. - Other School Services	10,958.00	11,249.52	(291.52)
4000			
Operation and Maintenance of Plant			
4130326	1,500.00	1,108.11	391.89
Total Sp. Ed.-Oper. & Maintenance of Plant	1,500.00	1,108.11	391.89
7000			
Acquisition of Fixed Assets			
7300328	400.00	.00	400.00
Total Sp. Ed.-Acquisition of Fixed Assets	400.00	.00	400.00

9000	Other Districts			
9300329	Tuition	15,000.00	12,211.00	2,789.00
Total Sp. Ed.-Other Districts		15,000.00	12,211.00	2,789.00
Special Education Budget Totals		173,283.00	178,223.84	(4,940.84)
CAPITAL BUDGET				
8000	Debt Retirement			
8100317	Debt Retire.-Principal	140,000.00	140,000.00	.00
8200317	Debt Retire.-Interest	8,400.00	8,400.00	.00
Total Debt Retirement		148,400.00	148,400.00	.00
CAPITAL BUDGET TOTALS				
GRAND TOTALS (All Budgets)		2,838,357.00	2,833,299.77	5,057.23

Mohawk Trail Regional School Vocational Account **Balance Sheet as of June 30, 1985**

Assets:		Liabilities & Reserves:	
Cash	\$ 4,861.99	Notes Payable	\$ 345,000.00
M.M.D.T.	<u>76,019.16</u>	Expenses:	
State Street Bank	\$ 80,881.15	Interest	\$ (17,016.47)
		Tuition Payments	(120,567.64)
		Miscellaneous	(1,615.00)
Loan Offset	<u>\$ 345,000.00</u>	Transportation	<u>(51,415.22)</u>
			\$ (190,614.33)
		Estimated Receipts:	
		Interest Earned	\$ 5,546.51
		Town Receipts	90,425.77
		State Aid	48,401.36
		Loan	195,000.00
		Misc.	<u>25.00</u>
			\$ 339,398.64
		Fund Balance	<u>\$ (67,903.16)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:	<u><u>\$ 425,881.15</u></u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES:	<u><u>\$ 425,881.15</u></u>

Assets:			Liabilities & Reserves:		
Cash	\$	4,861.66	Notes Payable		\$ 345,000.00
M.M.D.T.					
State Street	\$	<u>76,019.16</u>	Fund Balance		<u>80,881.15</u>
Loan Offset	\$	<u>345,000.00</u>			
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u><u>\$ 425,881.15</u></u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES:		<u><u>\$ 425,881.15</u></u>

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

1985 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

On Tuesday, July 23, 1985, Governor Michael S. Dukakis signed into law the Public School Improvement Act of 1985. This Act is the result of over two years of study and debate by the General Court and numerous other individuals and organizations who are involved in the field of education. This Act offers school districts new opportunities and places on them new responsibilities for the steady improvement of education for all students in the Commonwealth.

The Public School Improvement Act is an extension law which will have an influence on many areas of education. Some of the more significant positions of this Act are as follows:

1. Equal Education Opportunity Grant

The purpose of these grants will be to increase per pupil expenditures in school districts currently spending below 85 per cent of the average statewide per pupil expenditure. Our district are eligible to receive funds as follows:

Ashfield	\$ 4,692.00	The acceptance of these funds requires approval at a town meeting. All communities have voted to approve the acceptance of these funds.
Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne	10,100.00	
Hawlemont	6,624.00	
Heath	8,652.00	
Plainfield	2,265.00	

2. Professional Development Grants

The purpose of these grants is to supplement teacher salaries and other related compensation. Acceptance of these funds required an agreement between School Committees and Teachers Associations as to how they would be distributed to the teaching staff and approved at town meeting. In case of regional school districts 2/3 of communities are required to approve the acceptance of the funds. At this time the funds have been approved for all school districts. The funds for our districts are as follows:

Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne	\$34,917.00
Hawlemont Regional School	10,248.00
Mohawk Trail Regional High	56,365.00
Rowe Elementary School	7,174.00
Sanderson Academy	13,909.00

School districts will receive these funds over a period of two years.

3. Minimum Teacher Salary Grants

These grants are intended to raise all teacher salaries to a minimum of \$18,000. As of this report the Town of Ashfield has approved the acceptance of these funds for teachers at Sanderson Academy. In the Hawlemont Regional School District, Charlemont has approved the acceptance of the funds and Hawley has voted not to accept the proposal. Acceptance of the funds at Hawlemont requires the approval of both communities. The Town of Hawley may be asked to consider again the acceptance of the Minimum Teacher Salary Grant at a future town meeting. These grants provide a unique opportunity to upgrade the Hawlemont salary schedule with the state paying for 70 per cent of the total cost. This proposal is viable for both Ashfield and Hawlemont Regional because we have many teachers who are making less than \$18,000 per year. Over a period of two years by combining the Minimum Teacher Grants and the Professional Development Grants, Ashfield would receive approximately \$62,200 and Hawlemont would receive approximately \$53,500.

4. School Improvement Fund

These grants, in the amount of \$10 per pupil, are to be used at the building level to establish innovative academic programs, expended services to students, purchase of instructional equipment, alternative education programs, or other similar programs. A School Improvement Council will be established to determine how the funds will be used in each school. The Council consists of the building principal, three teachers, two parents of children in school, and one community representative. This year the funds will be distributed to elementary school districts in the following amounts:

Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne	\$4,770
Hawlemont Regional School	1,400
Rowe Elementary School	980
Sanderson Academy	1,900

5. Horace Mann Teacher

The purpose of these grants is to provide additional pay to teachers for performing expanded responsibilities in the area of training other teachers, developing curricula, providing special assistance to student dropouts or potential dropouts, and serving as inservice instructors or consultants. The funding for this program will not be available until a year when it will provide for grants of up to \$2500 for a Horace Mann Teacher.

This extensive piece of legislation has other sections which include:

1. **Discretionary Grant Programs** for remedial reading, dropout prevention, early childhood, educational technology, instructional materials; the establishment of a **Leadership Academy** to provide additional training for administrative personnel; **Lucretia Crocker Program** to provide fellowships for the dissemination of successful educational programs across the state; **Reach Educational Achieveness Awards** which will provide awards for several school districts for the best overall and most improved educational performance; **Teaching Learning Corps** which will pay for college students to serve as instructional aides in low-income school districts; and **Commonwealth Scholars Grants** for high school seniors planning to attend Massachusetts colleges and who meet certain academic and extra curricula criteria.

Another important section of the Act includes testing and other non-grant programs. A summary of this section includes:

1. **Evaluation of Teachers and Administrators**

Each school committee will evaluate teachers and administration on the basis of regulations adopted by the State Board of Education.

2. **School and District Evaluation**

School Committees will file annual reports with the Department of Education covering fifteen different categories.

3. **Curriculum Assessment**

Once every two years the State Board will assess the effectiveness of curriculum in school districts by testing all students in selective major curriculum areas at three grade levels.

4. **Basic Skills Test**

In the 1986-87 school year there will be new statewide tests in reading, writing, and mathematics at three grade levels with test results being reported on a statewide level.

5. **Gifted and Talented**

The legislation formally established the Office for the Gifted and Talented to provide assistance to districts developing and maintaining programs for gifted and talented students.

6. **Teacher Certification Tests**

This Act imposes three new requirements for Teacher Certification as follows:

- A. Passing a standardized test in the teaching subject field
- B. Passing a standardized test in communication and language skills
- C. Completing a semester on teaching skills and methods.

As you can surmise from this brief review of the Public School Improvement Act, this is a comprehensive law which will have a major impact on the future of education in the Commonwealth. The law will be providing additional financial assistance to school districts which will give us the opportunity to improve the quality of education for all students.

Last year the major portion of my Annual Report was devoted to the asbestos emergency at Mohawk Trail Regional High School. At this time I'm able to report that the asbestos removal project has been successfully completed. Mohawk received a grant of \$130,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency in the form of a \$65,000 interest free loan, and a \$65,000 grant. The State of Massachusetts has now passed a law which will provide a 25 million dollar fund for the removal of asbestos. We will be applying for a grant to provide additional financial assistance for the \$260,000 that was expended on the project. Representative Jay Healy and Senator John Olver were instrumental in the passage of this asbestos legislation. We are grateful for their valuable assistance in this important matter.

The towns of Ashfield and Plainfield are considering the feasibility of forming a K-6 regional school district at Sanderson Academy, similar to what now exists in the Hawlemont or Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne Regional School Districts. The Ashfield-Plainfield Regional Planning Committee has been studying this question during the school year and will make a report and recommendations at the annual town meeting for both communities. This conscientious committee has devoted numerous hours to the task. Steve Judge of Ashfield is serving as chairperson of this committee.

The Joint Long Range Financial Planning Committee consists of representatives from the nine town area who will be studying issues relating to school district and town finances. Some of the topics being reviewed will be the issue of growth, regional agreements, capital projects and assessments, expenditure forecasting, incentive aid grants, and other related topics. The task of this committee will be to develop a list of recommendations on these important topics which will be presented to school committees and town officials.

This year there have been and will be, several staff members retiring who I want to acknowledge. We thank these staff members for their valuable contributions and extend our best wishes to each person. These staff members include:

Leona Parker - 25 year Superintendent Office Secretary
Leonora Sackett - 7 year Mohawk Trail School Nurse
Arthur March - 18 year Mohawk Trail Industrial Arts Teacher
Mary Hall - 23 year Sanderson Academy
Second Grade Teacher
Margaret Booker- 17 year Sanderson Academy
Third Grade Teacher
Floyd Parker - 19 year Mohawk Trail Custodian

In closing this report, I want to thank community members for their continuing support of the public schools in our nine town area.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce E. Willard
Superintendent of Schools

Special Education

The number of students in the Mohawk Trail District receiving special education services is 241. All of these students, whose ages range from 3 to 22, have Individual Educational Plans. The type of service provided varies from simple monitoring to costly placement in residential facilities. At present we have four students placed in out-of-district programs.

During this past year we have had a number of staff changes, primarily at the elementary level. Special education is feeling the same kind of "crunch" that regular education is in terms of filling vacant positions. Although we have been very fortunate in finding excellent people, the number of certified, qualified applicants has dropped significantly in the last couple of years.

We have also made some programmatic changes this year. There is a new "substantially separate" program at the Hawlemont School. It is a classroom staffed by a teacher and an aide. Students from any of our district towns may attend on a tuition basis, provided that their evaluation teams make the recommendation. Presently there are four students enrolled. The Buckland-Shelburne school also has a new "substantially separate" program for students from the Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne district. Currently it has one teacher and one student. The benefit of both of these programs is that we are able to keep students with significant handicaps in our district rather than sending them elsewhere. The students are better off because they are in regular elementary schools (often in their "neighborhood") with plenty of opportunity for "mainstreaming" and the district benefits because these programs are far less costly than out-of-district placements. The other major programmatic change is that our pre-school program - Side by Side West - now has two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This change was necessitated by a large increase in our pre-school special needs population.

Our Federal grants this year total \$58,445, an increase of \$5,275. They continue to fund the following positions: Early Childhood Coordinator, two half-time Program Coordinators, a part-time Adaptive Physical Education teacher, as well as providing money for in-service training and the purchase of specialized equipment, including computers. The future of all Federal grants and programs is unknown. The Gramm Rudman bill will almost certainly effect the amount of money that is available from the Federal government, although how and to what extent is anybody's guess at this time. A dramatic reduction would have a serious impact on the high quality of services that we are now providing. Another potentially serious

"problem" is the issuance of a new set of state regulations governing special education. The new regulations have been "in the works" for a while and are now close to becoming law. From an educational perspective there is not much to argue with. The problem is financial. I just do not know where the money is going to come from to pay for all of the extra services that are being discussed. The potential for further strain on already strapped school and town budgets is enormous. I hope that when the new regulations are finally written that some of the financial implications have been addressed.

On the bright side, we have seen a decrease in the number of D.S.S. and D.Y.S. foster placements in our area. It is probably nothing more than the "luck of the draw," but we'll take it. Most importantly, the Mohawk Trail District continues to provide exceptionally high quality services to its students. The reason is a combination of dedicated, well-trained staff and strong community support. It is a mix that I hope we never lose.

Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program In addition to such well publicized aspects of the Public School Improvement Act of 1985, (Chapter 188) as \$18,000 minimum salary grants, professional development grants and school improvement councils, the law also mandates two different kinds of testing, Assessment Testing and Basic Skills Testing, each to be done annually. Assessment testing will begin this spring. Between March 24 and April 11, 1986, third, seventh and eleventh grade students will be tested in reading, math and science. All students will be tested except special needs students whose parents request a waiver and students with limited English proficiency. The purpose of the Assessment Testing is to improve curriculum and instruction. Results of the testing will be reported statewide in October, 1986. Comparisons between schools and districts will be included.

The new Basic Skills testing will begin next fall (1986). Its purpose is to identify individual students needing assistance. We do not know much more than that at this point.

We will also give the California Achievement Tests in grades 3 through 6 during the first two weeks in May, again, just as we have in previous years.

The major difference between the testing mandated by Chapter 188 and that which has been done previously is that the State Board of Education is responsible for all testing. They assume all costs involved in preparing, delivering and collecting test material as well as scoring, analyzing and reporting results.

Kevin Courtney
Assistant to the Superintendent

School Librarian's Report

It has been an interim year for the school library media centers. With Susan Silvester on sabbatical, it has been my pleasure to fill in for her and try to keep things running as smoothly as she does.

Three of the elementary school libraries have had a change in personnel. The transitions have been very smooth and all of the libraries continue to offer excellent services and programming.

The major goal for school library service at Mohawk following the asbestos crisis has been to reaffirm the Resource Center's commitment to being a center for study and information access. During the asbestos problem the Resource Center was utilized as a classroom causing a drop in traditional library usage and in circulation statistics. We have now been able to reinstate our traditional services and provide even more expanded reference services.

The reference collection has acquired valuable new material in all areas, many through Block Grant funds. The general fiction collection has been boosted by the purchase of many new titles in permabound, hardcover and paperback.

We are examining the possibility of a computer link-up that would allow the library staff to perform literature searches. This would open up a whole new area of information resources to students and faculty.

The Teacher Center has been reorganized and is once again providing a variety of educational resource material as well as minigrants to faculty and staff district-wide.

District Library Personnel

Buckland Shelburne - Kate Jones Randall

Colrain - Carol Agrillo

Hawlemont - Martha Rice

Rowe - Jane Wishart

Sanderson - Bev Williams

Mohawk - Jan Wertheim, Julie DuPree, Marge Porrovecchio,
Elizabeth Stewart

Library Statistics

	Print	Non-print	ILL	Total
Buckland Shelburne	9495	1106	86	10687
Colrain	3844	556	16	4416
Hawlemont	7008	129	74	7211
Sanderson	6449	574	56	7079
Rowe	2695	311	50	3056
Mohawk	5714	502	92	6308
District Totals	35205	3178	374	36953

Tax Collector's Report

Fiscal Year/Tax	Outstanding 7/1/84	Commitments	Abatements	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Outstanding 6/30/85
1983 Motor Vehicle	50.01	433.64	352.50		328.89	243.75	46.01
1983 Real Estate	208.13				208.13		0.00
1984 Motor Vehicle	2,793.33	2,262.69	398.09		4,548.05	39.23	149.11
1984 Personal Property	0.39				0.39		0.00
1984 Real Estate	942.28				942.28		0.00
1985 Motor Vehicle		8,379.79	140.00		6,653.75	107.50	1,693.54
1985 Personal Property		869,864.56	6.57		869,756.98		101.01
1985 Real Estate		235,568.64	1,570.94	64.47	230,747.52	51.83	3,237.54
Total:	3,994.14	1,116,509.32	2,468.10	64.47	1,113,185.99	442.31	5,227.21

Interest on Taxes Collected	47.05
Lien Fees Collected	180.00
Demand Fees Retained	52.00

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy N. Williams
Tax Collector

CHART OF ACCOUNTS — FISCAL 1985

Account Name	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Other Credits	Expenditures	Balance
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Administration	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 4,689.56	\$ 14,924.66	\$ 2,264.90
Office Equipment & Operations	1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00
Microfilming Town Records	2,000.00	200.00	2,174.70	25.30
Town Officers Expenses	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00
Accounting Officer's Pay	32,000.00	61.00	21,124.50	10,936.50
Bonding & Insurance	3,300.00		3,300.00	0.00
Selectmen's Salaries	2,200.00		2,200.00	0.00
Selectmen's Clerk Salary	4,000.00		2,780.47	1,219.53
Town Counsel	300.00		156.00	144.00
New Clerk Training Pay	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00
Assessors' Salaries	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00
Assessors' Clerk's Salary	1,100.00		793.70	306.30
Assessor's Office Operation	1,000.00		125.00	875.00
Assessor's Software	650.00		0.00	650.00
Mapping Services	16,919.15		14,200.00	2,719.15
Reval-Consultant's Fees	11,500.00		0.00	11,500.00
Reval-Utilities	1,291.15		72.00	1,219.15
Assessors' Records-Reval Program	10,000.00		4,341.79	5,658.21
Summer Youth Employment	3,100.00		3,100.00	0.00
Treasurer's Salary	100.00		0.00	100.00
Assistant Treasurer's Pay	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00
Tax Collector's Salary	7,500.00		2,789.20	4,710.80
Florida Bridge Engineering	2,600.00		2,600.00	0.00
Town Clerk's Salary	285.00	283.52	16.48	0.00
Registrars' Pay	500.00	265.54	765.54	0.00
Ballot Clerks & Tellers	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00
School Committee Salaries	500.00	325.50	397.89	427.61
Planning Board - Operation				

Goal Post Publication	4,824.00	500.00	5,324.00	0.00
Goal Post Editors Salaries	1,000.00	66.24	1,066.24	0.00
Moderators Pay	100.00		100.00	0.00
Local Auditor	200.00		0.00	200.00
Constable	100.00		100.00	0.00
Animal Inspector	100.00		100.00	0.00
Dog Officer	100.00		100.00	0.00
Beautification	5,600.00		5,290.29	309.71
Town Hall Operation	1,100.00	559.71	1,508.37	151.34
Town Hall - Fuel Oil	2,500.00		1,205.36	1,294.93
Town Hall Custodian	700.00		355.10	344.90
Gazebo	10,000.00		9,632.18	367.82
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Chief's Salary	1,800.00		1,800.00	0.00
Police Officers Wages	2,050.00		814.75	1,235.25
Police Dept. Operation	1,750.00		1,493.02	256.98
Fire Chief's Salary	900.00		900.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Officers Salaries	1,350.00		1,318.75	31.25
Forest Warden's Salary	100.00		100.00	0.00
Fire Department - Operation	11,265.00	159.28	11,424.28	0.00
Forest Fire Control	2,500.00	304.75	2,803.75	1.00
Fire Dept. Training	600.00		0.00	600.00
Street Lighting	4,200.00		3,362.15	837.85
Building Inspectors Fees	2,250.00	679.18	2,929.18	0.00
Building Inspector Clerical Pay	250.00		117.37	132.63
Electrical Inspector's Salary	600.00		600.00	0.00
Plumbing Inspector's Salary	600.00		600.00	0.00
Civil Defense - Operation	1,200.00		748.51	451.49
Hazardous Material Control	300.00	229.00	0.00	529.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00		0.00	600.00
Insect Pest Control	60.00		0.00	60.00
Conservation Commission Oper.	500.00		0.00	500.00
Fire Station	1,555,455.65	184.69	110,447.50	45,192.84
Pumping Project	2,000.00		1,892.10	107.90

Account Name	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Other Credits	Expenditures	Balance
HEALTH & SANITATION				
Board of Health	2,000.00		1,725.85	274.15
Health Services District	5,450.00		5,420.65	29.35
Refuse Garden Operation	15,000.00	1,774.29	16,774.29	0.00
Ambulance Service - Charlemont	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00
Ambulance Service - Whittingham	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00
Medical Emergency Cood. Salary	400.00		400.00	0.00
Medical Emergency - Operation	300.00		130.90	169.10
Medical Emergency Equipment	600.00		0.00	600.00
Cemeteries - Maintenance	3,000.00	309.00	3,104.20	204.80
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
Highway Dept. Wages	110,000.00		102,485.91	7,514.09
Sick Leave Pay	12,371.38		2,967.67	9,403.71
Machinery Maintenance	22,000.00	531.86	22,499.02	32.84
Fuel Oil, Elect., Telephone, Etc.	5,000.00		3,704.32	1,295.68
Gasoline for Town Vehicles	6,500.00		3,578.16	2,921.84
General Highway Maintenance	1,400.00		13,999.60	0.40
Bridges & Guard Rail	5,000.00		5,000.00	0.00
General Drainage	10,000.00		6,354.13	3,645.87
Road Oiling & Paving	20,000.00		19,804.88	195.12
Winter Road Maintenance	28,000.00		27,613.13	386.87
Roadside Maintenance	3,000.00	1,634.84	4,634.84	0.00
Type "T" Paving	14,300.00		14,300.00	0.00
Stone Hill Road	16,186.60		7,590.33	8,596.27
New Truck	20,000.00		0.00	20,000.00
New Sander	7,500.00		0.00	7,500.00
Chapter 637 Type I	29,400.00		29,400.00	0.00
Chapter 289 Type I	15,219.00		15,219.00	0.00

SCHOOLS & LIBRARY

Mohawk Tr. Reg. High School
Franklin County Technical School
Rowe Elementary School
School Band
School Roof & Energy
Handicapped Restroom at School
Librarian's Salary
Library Operation

10,921.55
15,313.00
327,200.14
183.41
50,655.95
5,000.00
6,000.00
9,875.00

75,371.00
170.00

10,921.55
15,313.00
385,842.40
125.00
3,980.00
0.00
6,000.00
9,247.67

0.00
0.00
16,728.74
228.41
46,675.95
5,000.00
0.00
627.33

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veterans' Services Administration
Veterans' Benefits

600.00
3,000.00

200.00
0.00
400.00
3,000.00

RECREATION

Park Wages
Park Department
Old Home Day
Bicentennial
Engineering at Pelham Lake Dam
Browning Bench Tool Repair
Drilling Well at Beach
Pelham Lake Dam Repair

8,000.00
5,300.00
4,800.00
28,801.02
8,850.00
600.00
1,800.00
52,913.68

685.54
13,450.90
124.87
4,583.32

7,744.39
5,985.54
4,360.60
17,220.22
7,100.00
550.87
1,800.00
5,599.00

255.61
0.00
439.40
25,031.70
1,750.00
174.00
0.00
1,500.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Franklin County Retirement
Non-Contrib. Retirement-Warren
Franklin County Group Insurance
Unemployment Insurance
Interest on Loan Account
Stabilization Fund
Reserve Fund

14,417.00
1,000.00
30,600.00
2,500.00
1,000.00
10,000.00
20,000.00

14,417.00
0.00
27,050.98
0.00
0.00
10,000.00
13,633.37

0.00
1,000.00
2,875.02
2,500.00
1,000.00
0.00
6,366.63

Account Name	Appropriation/ Balance Forward	Other Credits	Expenditures	Balance
SPECIAL PROJECTS				
Summer School Salary	650.00		650.00	0.00
Summer School Material	500.00		156.18	343.82
Arts & Crafts Program Salary	750.00		635.00	115.00
Arts & Crafts Materials	300.00		199.47	100.53
Library Painting	1,990.00		1,990.00	0.00
Portable Pump & Hose	2,000.00		1,990.00	10.00
Fire Dept. Comm. Equip.	1,900.00		868.00	32.00
Police Dept. Comm. Equip.	900.00		837.00	63.00
Civil Defense Comm. Equip.	1,200.00		1,200.00	0.00
Highway Dept. Comm. Equip.	800.00		800.00	0.00
Electric Pump, 300 Gal.	3,000.00		3,000.00	0.00
Pipe, Gas, Oil Pond Const.	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00
New Roof, Gracy House	1,990.00	500.00	2,415.00	75.00
Painting, Gracy House	4,700.00	500.00	2,500.00	2,700.00
TOTALS	<u>\$2,714,557.68</u>	<u>\$ 107,369.59</u>	<u>\$1,108,393.30</u>	<u>\$ 275,284.22</u>

Revised Balance Sheet

June 30, 1985

Account Name	Debit	Credit
Cash	\$ 838,715.79	
R.E. 1985	1,412.56	
P.P. 1985	1,993.94	
MVE 1985	1,576.04	
MVE 1984	186.20	
MVE 1983	156.92	
Federal Income Tax Withholding		\$ 10.22
State Withholding		1,733.93
Franklin County Retirement Withholding		1,186.36
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		183.25
Group Life Insurance Withholding	\$ 30.10	
School Lunches		\$ 3,686.22
County Dog (Officers Expense)		117.28
Town Clerk (Dog Licenses)		278.85
Bid Deposits		375.00
School Trust Fund		43.78
School Band		228.41
Sale of Lots		1,375.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care		76.50
Cemetery - Whitcomb		349.91
Martha Welles - Library		570.40
State Aid to Library		1,250.00
County Dog Refund		162.99
Pelham Lake Tennis		2,053.28
Tax Titles	\$ 768.06	
MVE Revenue		\$ 1,919.16
Tax Title Revenue		768.06
State Recreation Areas		9.00
Franklin County Assessment		9,139.77
Overlay 1985		3,406.50
Overlay Surplus		85,897.55
Surplus Revenue		524,162.38
Microfilming Town Records		1,000.00
Beautification		309.71
Gazebo/Bandstand		367.82
Florida Bridge Engineering		4,710.80

Mapping Services	650.00	
Revaluation	2,719.15	
Assessors' Software	875.00	
Goal Post Gift Fund	196.64	
Hazardous Material Control	229.00	
New Fire Station	45,192.84	
Pumping Project at Mill Pond	\$ 107.90	
Sick Leave	9,403.71	
Road Oiling and Paving	8,000.00	
Stone Hill Road Construction	8,596.27	
New Sander	7,500.00	
1986 Purchase of a New Truck	20,000.00	
Rowe Elementary School	11,685.32	
School Roof & Energy	46,675.95	
Guidance Grant	180.00	
Engineering at Pelham Lake Dam	1,750.00	
Browning Bench Tool Factory Repair	174.00	
Drilling Well at Beach	0.00	
Pelham Lake Dam Repair	1,500.00	
Bicentennial	25,031.70	
Bicentennial Gift Fund	6,300.00	
Painting at Gracy House	2,700.00	
Total	<u>\$ 844,839.61</u>	<u>\$ 844,839.61</u>

Treasurers Report of Trust Funds

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance

For the year ending June 30, 1985

	Fund Balance June 30, 1984	Receipts	Fund Balance June, 1985
Trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer			
Library:			
Demons/Humphry Gould Fund	\$ 7,454.46	\$ 612.71	\$ 8,067.17
Charles Wells Fund	1,174.71	94.15	1,268.86
Preserved Smith Fund	908.52	134.37	1,268.86
Gift Fund	136.83	10.95	147.78
Albert Beebe White Fund	2,035.77	182.46	2,488.23
Linnie Jones Memorial Fund	2,305.77	182.46	2,488.23
Martha Wells Henry Mem. Fund	4,872.73	394.94	5,267.67
School:			
Foster Fund	1,083.46	64.33	1,147.79
Cemetery Funds:			
Post War Rehab. Fund	11,991.32	3,054.83	15,046.15
Expenditure - \$ 3,981.82	3,806.91	174.91	0.00
Stabilization Fund	483,940.73	55,962.13	539,902.86
Trust Funds in Custody of Probate Court			
Fred R. Whitcomb			
Cemetery	320.93	16.95	337.88
	\$ 520,302.14	\$ 60,885.19	\$ 577,205.51

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Pruitt
Treasurer

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

Fund Balance June 30, 1984	\$	31,367.56
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Receipts

U.S. Treasury	\$	11,326.00
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Interest		<u>1,881.50</u>
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\$	13,207.50
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\$	44,575.06
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Expenditures

Franklin Co. Retirement System	\$	14,417.00
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Utilities Evaluation		<u>10,000.00</u>
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\$	24,417.00
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Fund Balance June 30, 1985	\$	20,158.06
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Respectfully submitted,

Jean Pruitt
Treasurer

Official Results - Annual Town Meeting

May 13, 1985

Town Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School May 13, 1985. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 6:00 PM. Quorum Present. Call of meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Efford Pierce, Wayne Stickney, Melissa Quinn and Christine Tower, appointed and sworn by Moderator. Warrant was posted April 28, 1985.

Article 1: The motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 2: The motion was made and seconded that the Selectmen choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 3: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1985, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 4: The motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate from free cash a sum not to exceed \$30,039 toward the cost of removing asbestos from the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 5: The motion was made and seconded that the Town appropriate from free cash the sum of \$40,000 toward the purchase of a tank truck in fiscal year 1987.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 6: The motion was made and seconded 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 1986 fiscal year:

Administration

General Administration	\$ 12,500	
Microfilming Town Records	200	
Town Officers' Expense	2,000	
Summer Youth Employment	15,000	
Town Hall Account		
Custodian's Wages	700	
Operation & Maintenance	1,200	
Fuel Oil	<u>2,500</u>	\$ 34,100

Bonding and Insurance \$ 34,000

Board of Selectmen's Office

Selectmen's Salaries	3,300	
Clerk's Salary	2,200	
Accounting Officer's Salary	3,000	
Assistant Clerk & Acc't Officer	<u>100</u>	\$ 8,600

Town Counsel \$ 4,000

Assessors' Office

Assessors' Salaries	1,800	
Clerk's Salary	1,800	
Mapping Services	0.00	
Revaluation Consultation	0.00	
Operation	<u>1,400</u>	\$ 5,000

(NOTE: No appropriation is necessary this year for Mapping or Revaluation, there will be a balance brought forward.)

Treasurer's Office

Treasurer's Salary	3,100	
Assistant Treasurer's Pay	<u>100</u>	\$ 3,200

Tax Collector's Salary \$ 3,000

Town Clerk's Office

Town Clerk's Salary	2,600	
Registrar's Pay	200	
Ballot Clerk & Tellers Pay	<u>500</u>	\$ 3,300

School Committee Salaries \$ 1,200

Finance Committee		\$	0.00
Planning Board			
Operation	500		
Goal Post Publication	<u>6,600</u>	\$	7,100
Zoning Board of Appeals		\$	0.00
Miscellaneous Officers' Pay			
Moderator	100		
Local Auditor	200		
Constable	100		
Animal Inspector	100		
Dog Officer	<u>100</u>	\$	600
Total For General Government		\$	104,000

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 7: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 1986 fiscal year:

Police Department			
Police Chief	\$	1,800	
Officers Wages		2,050	
Bicentennial Security		1,000	
Operation		<u>1,750</u>	\$ 6,600
Fire Department			
Officers' Salaries		3,150	
Forest Fire Warden's Salary		100	
Custodian's Salary		300	
Forest Fire Control		2,500	
General Operation		<u>15,020</u>	\$ 21,070
Street Lighting			4,000
Building Inspection			
Inspector's Fees, estimated		2,500	
Clerical Assistan Pay		<u>200</u>	\$ 2,700
Electrical Inspector's Salary			700
Plumbing Inspector's Salary			700
Civil Defense (operation)			1,200

Conservation Commission (operation)	300
Hazardous Material Control	500
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500
Insect Pest Control	500
Total For Protection Of Persons & Property	\$ 38,770

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 8: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 1986 fiscal year:

Public Health

Board of Health Operation	\$ 2,000	
Health Services Salary	10,000	
Health Services Operation	200	
Refuse Garden Operation	<u>18,000</u>	\$ 30,200

Veterans' Services

Administration Salary	200	
Administration Operation	200	
Veterans' Benefits	<u>3,000</u>	\$ 3,400

Ambulance Service

Charlemont	1,000	
Whittingham	<u>1,000</u>	\$ 2,000

Cemeteries (Maintenance)		\$ 3,000
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Medical Emergency Coordination

Coordinator's Salary	400	
Operation	300	
Equipment	<u>600</u>	\$ 1,300

Total For Public Health & Sanitation		\$ 39,900
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**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 9: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 for the installation of access control at the Refuse Garden.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 10: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 1986 fiscal year:

General Operation		
Wages and Salaries	\$ 111,000	
Sick Leave Pay	7,000	
Machinery Maintenance	22,000	
Fuel Oil, Electricity, etc.	6,000	
Gasoline for Town Vehicles	<u>6,500</u>	\$ 152,500
Annual Highway Projects		
General Highway Maintenance	14,000	
Bridges & Guard Rail	5,000	
General Drainage	10,000	
Road Oiling & Paving	12,000	
Winter Roads Maintenance	28,000	
Roadside Maintenance	3,000	
Type "I" Paving	<u>7,000</u>	\$ 79,000
Special Projects & New Equipment		
Middletown Hill Road Reconstruction	18,000	
New Garage Door, Door & Wall Repair	3,790	
Toward Flood Damage Repair	14,300	
Toward purchase of a two wheel drive, 35,000 GVW new truck in FY 86	<u>41,000</u>	\$ 77,090
Total Non-Reimbursable Appropriations for Highway Department		\$ 308,590

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 11: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate in anticipation of reimbursement the sum of \$7,000 toward the repair of flood damage.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 12: The motion was made and seconded to accept the sum of \$13,474 under the provisions of Chapter 234 of the Acts of 1984, and to raise and appropriate for Type "I" paving an identical sum in anticipation of reimbursement.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Total Highway Department Appropriations For FY 86	\$ 329,064
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Article 13: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Schools for the 1986 fiscal year:

Mohawk Trail Regional High School District		
Capitalization	\$	10,277.55
Franklin County Technical School District		
Capitalization	\$	15,313.00
Rowe Elementary School		
Administration	\$	12,931.00
Regular Instruction		198,414.00
Other School Services		31,560.00
Operation & Maintenance		55,240.00
Fixed Charges		365.00
Acquisition of Fixed Assets		9,000.00
Special Instruction		50,902.00
Mohawk tuition		50,430.00
Franklin Co. Technical tuition		<u>18,665.00</u>
	\$	427,507.00
Total Appropriations For Public Schools	\$	453,097.00

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 14: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,188 and to transfer from the State Aid Library Reserve \$1,250 for the Rowe Library in the 1986 fiscal year:

Rowe Library		
Librarian's Salary	\$	6,500
Substitute Librarian's Pay		100
Custodian		1,000
Library Aids Pay		925
Operation & Maintenance		<u>7,913</u>
	\$	16,438
Total Appropriations For The Library	\$	16,438

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 15: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Recreation for the 1986 fiscal year:

Park Commission		
Wages and Salaries	\$	12,000
Operation & Maintenance		<u>5,500</u>
	\$	17,500

Old Home Day Committee 4,800

Total Appropriation For Public Recreation \$ 22,300

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 16: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300 for the maintenance and repair of the Browning Bench Tool Factory.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 17: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for various unclassified purposes as specified for the 1986 fiscal year:

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	\$ 13,097
Randolph, Mass, Non-contributory Retirement Assessment (Thomas Warren)	1,000
Franklin County Group Insurance (Blue Cross/Blue Shield & Life)	36,000
Unemployment Insurance	<u>2,500</u>

Total To Be Raised And Appropriated \$ 52,597

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 18: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Revenue Sharing Funds the sum of \$13,097 toward the Franklin County Retirement Assessment for Rowe employees, as recommended by vote at a public hearing on the use or Revenue Sharing Funds held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening of April 9, 1985, in the Town Hall.

**Total Appropriations For
Unclassified Purposes** \$ 65,694

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 19: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,021 for miscellaneous Departmental Projects as specified below:

Town Hall		
Exterior painting	\$ 3,200	
Interior painting & refinishing	4,800	
Purchase of new drapes	<u>1,850</u>	\$ 9,850

School			
Summer Program salary	650		
Woodworking material	200		
Computer discs	<u>30</u>	\$	880
Fire Department			
Portable/mobile radio		\$	1,200
Nursing Services			
Summer Program Salary	216		
Supplies	<u>75</u>	\$	291
(Proposed programs include Family safety course, including CPR, training for babysitting, and a youngster's basic first aid course).			
Park Department			
Flag and flag pole for beach area		\$	900
Town Hall			
Flag and flag pole installed		\$	900
Total Miscellaneous Departmental Projects		\$	14,021

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 20: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the interest on the Loan Account for the 1986 fiscal year.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 21: The motion was made and seconded to transfer from the Overlay Surplus and to appropriate as a Reserve Fund for the 1986 fiscal year the sum of \$20,000.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 22: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,650 for the Stabilization Fund.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 23: The motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely this article concerning a contract for solid waste disposal.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 24: The motion was made and seconded to postpone indefinitely this article concerning the Bicentennial Gazebo/Bandstand.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 25: The motion was made and seconded to 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 four thousand dollars (\$4,000) 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 V - Protective Regulations
Section 7:

No dwelling unit hereinafter placed in any district shall be located on a lot having less than the minimum requirements set forth below. No existing lot shall be changed as to size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements set forth below.

(A) Class A Lot: A Class A Dwelling Lot shall not be less than two (2) acres and shall have a minimum frontage on a public road of two hundred fifty (250) contiguous feet. In the case of a Class 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.

- (i) A Class A Lot has none of the following qualities in the area of proposed usage:
 - (a) Bedrock, ledge, hardpan or other impermeable or poorly permeable subsurface layer within six (6) feet of existing surface grade.
 - (b) Seasonal surface water present during the year for a period of 30 days or more, within 100 feet of an area of proposed usage.
 - (c) Ground water within six (6) feet of existing surface grade during any period when percolation tests are permitted.

- (ii) The Soils Map designations of “slight limitation” and “moderate limitation” may be used for reference location of Class A Lots.

(B) Class B. Lot: A Class B Lot is any lot which has in the area of proposed usage one or more of the qualities listed in the definition of a Class A Lot. An in-ground sewage system shall not be permitted in a Class B Lot.

- (i) The Soils Map designation of “severe limitation” may be used for reference location of Class B Lots.

(C) Definitions:

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, which complies with the minimum requirements of this section.

AREA OF PROPOSED USAGE shall mean the location of an in-ground sewage system, the area of such location to be not less than twice the area required for the initial installation of that system.

SOILS MAP shall mean the map on file with the Town Clerk entitled “Soils Limitation for Septic Tank Sewage Disposal” prepared for the Town of Rowe based on U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service Survey.

The classification of all lots on which an approved in-ground sewage system exists at the time of the adoption of this by-law is to be designated as Class A. The classification of any lot designated as Class B may be changed by the Planning Board to Class A upon presentation to that Board of a certificate from the Board of Health that said lot has an area of proposed usage suitable for the installation of an approved in-ground sewage system.

3. Article V - Protective Regulations

Section 11:

Cutting operations: Every owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of lands of any rights or interests therein, who cuts or permits the cutting of brush, wood, or timber on lands which border upon a highway shall dispose of the slash caused by such cutting in such a manner that the same will not remain on the ground within seventy five (75) feet of the centerline of the highway.

4. Article VII - Miscellaneous
Section 4:

No person shall keep any dog which by biting, howling, damaging public or private property or in any other manner disturbs the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or endangers the safety of any person.

5. Article VII - Miscellaneous
Section 6:

No minor under the age of fifteen years of age shall discharge any firearm or air rifle or BB gun within the town limits unless such minor is at the time accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or over.

Show Of Hands Vote
50 Yes 1 No

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Total approved budget \$1,219,374

A true copy.

Attest: L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

Official Results - Special Town Meeting

September 16, 1985

Town Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School September 16, 1985. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 7:00 PM. Quorum present. Call of meeting and Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Cynthia Laffond and William Loomis were appointed and sworn by Moderator. Warrant was posted August 30, 1985.

Article 1: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the additional sum of \$12,000.00 toward the purchase of a special lawn mower for the Rowe Elementary School.

Show Of Hands Vote

26 Yes 12 No

Article 2: The motion was made and seconded to adopt Section 26 E of Chapter 148, of the Massachusetts General Laws relative to the requirement that smoke detectors be installed in all residential buildings within one year of the adoption of this section by the Town.

Oral Vote

Carried Substantial Majority

Article 3: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars and to authorize the Selectmen to take therewith by eminent domain from Mary L. Stanford for park purposes forty-five acres more or less of land near King's Highway, known as "the southerly portion of the Stanford Farm," subject only to the granting of an adequate right of way to said property.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the above motion by inserting after the word "Farm" as follows: the parcel to be incorporated and used the same way as the Brown and Sibley parcels were incorporated for use.

The Amendment Carried

26 Yes 12 No

As amended, the motion was to appropriate from free cash the twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars, and to authorize the Selectmen to take therewith by eminent domain from Mary L. Stanford for park purposes forty-five acres more or less of land near King's Highway, known as "the southerly portion of the

Stanford Farm,” the parcel to be incorporated and used the same way as the Brown and Sibley parcels were incorporated for use, the purchase subject only to the granting of an adequate right of way to said property.

The Motion As Amended Carried
29 Yes 10 No

Article 4: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$4,680.00 for the purchase of fifteen two-way pagers for members of the Rowe Volunteer Fire Department.

Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote

Article 5: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$3,975.00 for the purchase of turnout gear for members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote

Article 6: The motion was made and seconded to transfer three hundred dollars (\$300) from the Fire Department custodian’s wages account to the Fire Department Operating account.

Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote

Article 7: The motion was made and seconded to authoize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to salt, sand, and plow approximately 4.3 miles of Zoar Road lying within the Town of Charlemont, for the one winter season beginning November 1, 1985, in exchange for Charlemont’s salting, sanding, and plowing Tatro Road during the same winter season.

Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote

Article 8: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Early Childhood Education Program (Side by Side West).

Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

Official Results - Special Town Meeting

December 10, 1985

Town Meeting held at Rowe Elementary School December 10, 1985. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator John Williams at 7:00 PM. Constables return read by Moderator. Tellers Cindy Laffond and Margalee Riggan were appointed and sworn by Moderator.

Article 1: The motion was made and seconded to accept Professional Development Grants in the amount of \$4,239 for the calendar year of 1986 and \$2,935 for the calendar year 1987 to be expended by the School Committee for teacher compensation at the public school of Rowe.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 2: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$2,609 for the payment of legal fees arising from the suit by Properties of America against the Town of Rowe and its officials.

The motion was made and seconded to amend the above motion by appropriating from free cash the sum of \$2,609 for the payment of fees for legal services provided by the firm of Trudell, Bartlett, Barry, Fuller and Wilson arising from the suit by Properties of America against the Town of Rowe and its officials.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 3: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$1,000 for controlling access to the Refuse Garden.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 4: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the additional sum of \$1,616 for pagers for the Fire Department.

**Oral Unanimous
Affirmative Vote**

Article 5: The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the sum of \$10,000 for a symphony concert to be given in the summer of 1986.

**Oral Vote
Carried Substantial Majority**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

A true copy.

Attest: L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk

1985 Property Transfers

- Ferdinand J. Lehr of Norton to Heidi Lehr of Norton, Zoar Road.
1/9/85
- Stewart E. Slaunwhite and Nell L. Slaunwhite to Nell L. Slaunwhite
of Charlemont, Maxwell Road. No consideration. 1/10/85
- Brett A. Bordon of Wallingford, CT to Properties of America, Inc., of
Williamstown, Lot 3L Leshure Road, \$5,900. 1/21/85
- Michael F. and Carol L. Shea of Easthampton to Properties of
America, Inc., Lot 11L Leshure Road, \$7,900. 1/21/85
- Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown to Henry J. and
Charlene D. Palach of Torrington, CT Leshure Road, Lot 3L
\$6,900. 2/26/85
- Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown, to John C. Roman of
Billerica, Lot 1F, Ford Hill Road, \$5,500. 3/6/85
- Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown, MA to Paul A.
Brautigam of Danbury, CT, Lot 4F, Leshure Road, \$6,500. 3/12/85
- Doris B. Munroe of St. Petersburg, FL to Carl A. Munroe of
Somerset, MA, Tatro Road. No consideration. 4/1/85
- Marion F. Waltermire of Bernardston to Robert George Waltermire
of Ft. Collins, CO. Davis Mine Road. No Consideration. 4/16/85
- Gilbert W. and Harold A. Roberts to Edward W. Pepyne, Sr., and
Edward W. Pepyne, Jr. of Greenfield, Zoar Road. \$11,760. 4/18/85
- Caroline Rossi to John F. Rossi, Brittingham Hill Road. No
consideration. 5/20/85
- Edward C. LaFlam and Patricia M. LaFlam of Danbury, CT to
Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown, Leshure Road, Lot
6F, \$5,900. 5/24/85
- Properties of America, Inc. to Josephine L. Harrington of Revere,
Leshure Road, Lot 6F, \$2,000. 5/24/85
- Chester E. Clark of Spring Hill, FL to Edward W. Pepyne of Ashfield
and Edward W. Pepyne, Jr. of Greenfield, Zoar Road, \$14,000.
5/24/85

Marjorie L. Allen of Ellsinore, MO to K. Peter Besgen and Anne E. Besgen, Hazelton Road, \$14,900. 5/24/85

Deane H. Brown and Violet C. Brown to Richard D. Howe and Jacqueline M. Howe of Charlemont, Newell Cross Road, \$41,900. 5/29/85

James Quinn to Ellsworth W. Veber and Shirley M. Veber, Middletown Hill Road, \$1,000. 5/30/85

Leroy F. Baier of Fordville, ND to Northeast Auction and Land Corp. of North Adams, County Road, Lot 1, \$1. 6/10/85

John J. Motroni, Randy R. Mead, Roger LaFlemme and Roger P. LaFlemme of Holyoke to Bernard W. Anderson and Joyce G. Anderson of Charlemont, Cyrus Stage Road, Lot 9C, \$13,900. 6/14/85

Patrick R. Carroll and Irene C. Carroll of Chelmsford to Martha L. Rice and Bradley J. Rice, Ford Hill Road, \$68,500. 6/18/85

David M. O'Brien III of Springfield to Anthony Manzi of Longmeadow, Joseph Sleeper, Donald Dion, and David Niedbala, all of Springfield, Lot 2F, \$4,700. 6/19/85

Anthony Manzi, Joseph Sleeper, Donald Dion and David Niedbala, all of Springfield, to Anthony Manzi of Longmeadow, Donald Dion and David Niedbala of Springfield, Ford Hill Road, Lot 2F. No consideration. 6/19/85

Blanche C. Veber to Heidi Lehr, Zoar Road, \$29,500. 6/25/85

Anne S. Carey of Farmington, CT to Richard C. Bishop, Stone Hill Road and Valley Road. No consideration. 6/28/85

Richard C. Bishop to Anne S. Carey of Farmington, CT, Stone Hill Road and Valley Road. No consideration. 6/28/85

Varion B. Hicks of Greenfield to Edwin L. May and Katherine E. May, Cross Road, \$2,000. 6/30/85

Chris R. Commeford and Susan E. Commeford of Omaha, Neb., to Gregoire F. Girard and Michael A. Girard of Simsbury, Conn., Pelham Drive, \$55,000. 8/2/85

Raymond A. Plasse and Suzanne Plasse of Springfield to Properties of America, Inc., of Williamstown, Leshure Road, Lot 6L, \$7,900. 8/6/85

Bruce E. and Linda M. Baker of Rowe to Marion M. and Ida E. Boggs of Rockville, MD, Middletown Hill, \$146,500. 8/28/85

Priscilla W. Rich of Fort Washington, MD and Marion R. Fulton of Winston-Salem, NC to Alan H. and Bonnie M. Fish of Buckland, Pine Hill Drive, \$53,000. 8/28/85

Maurice and Dorothy Martin to Brian Alix and Richard and Sally Alix, Ford Hill Road. \$35,000. 8/30/85

William Riggan of Berkeley, CA to Prudence Berry, Leshure Road, \$29,500. 9/3/85

David J. Martel, administrator of Thaddeous A. Wales estate to Edward W. Pepyne, Sr. of Ashfield and Edward W. Pepyne, Jr. of Greenfield, Zoar Road, \$1,500. 9/3/85

Donald A. and Gloria J. Leger of San Clemente, CA to William and Julie Tearney, Zoar Road, \$62,500. 9/18/85

David A. Wissman and Arnold C. Purinton of Charlemont to Thomas N. and Dorothy B. Clark, Zoar Road, \$47,000. 9/23/85

E. Hampton and June H. Decker to Robert G. and Lisa B. Sittinger, Ford Hill Road, \$90,000. 10/4/85

William and Shirely Tyrrell of Danbury, CT to Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown, Leshure Road, Lot 7L, \$7,900. 10/22/85

Shirley E. Hooper Tyrrell of Danbury, CT to Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown, Leshure Road, Lot 8L, \$6,900. 10/22/85

Henry J. and Charlene D. Palach of Torrington, CT to Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown, Leshure Road, Lot 3L, \$6,900. 10/22/85

Mary L. Stanford of Stockton, CA to Inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, Kings Highway, \$22,500. 10/24/85

Eugene E. Sokolosky of Greenfield and Albert B. Giknis of Montague to Edward W. Pepyne of Ashfield and Edward W. Pepyne, Jr. of Greenfield, Zoar Road, \$500. 10/30/85

John D. Pinkham of Gill to Donald A. Rice of Charlemont, Brittingham Hill Road, \$66,500. 11/1/85

Frederick J. Call and Helen W. Call to Vivian Weston, Trustee of the Call Irrevocable Trust, Zoar and Steele Brook Roads. No consideration. 11/6/85

Gene P. Bond and David B. Bond individually and as executors of Eugene L. Bond Estate to Fannie P. Gfroerer of Hamden, CT, Petrie Road, \$35,000. 11/8/85

E. Hampton and June H. Decker to Robert G. and Lisa B. Sittinger, Ford Hill Road, \$22,000. 11/8/85

Carol Ann Decker of New York City, N.Y. to Edward H. Decker III of New York, N.Y. Potter Road. No consideration. 11/19/85

Edward H. Decker III to David Dvore of Westford, Potter Road. \$79,000. 11/19/85

Everett C. Brown to Donald P. Cloutier of Colrain, Newell Cross Road, \$99,000. 11/20/85

Donald T. Hillier of Charlemont to James H. Williams and Regina Pinkham, Ford Hill Road, \$9,000. 11/22/85

James H. Williams to Regina M. O'Toole, Shippee Road. No consideration. 11/22/85

Regina O'Toole of Rowe to James H. Williams of Rowe. Potter Road. No consideration. 11/22/85

James H. Williams and Regina O'Toole to Myra F. Bennett and Earl Philip Carlow of Cambridge, Ford Hill Road, \$99,000. 11/22/85

Austin A. Leise, Jr. of Greenfield to Dorothy E. Caldwell of Shelburne, Pond Road, \$43,500. 12/3/85

Properties of America, Inc. of Williamstown to Lucien A. Beaumier and Robert Paul Beaumier of West Hartford, CT, Leshure Road, Lots 8L and 11L, \$1. 12/18/85

Frederick A. Lively of Heath to Timothy Lively of Heath, Cyrus Stage Road. \$1. 12/23/85

Lewis and Melinda K. Spratlan of Amherst, MA to Brian A. and Shirley A. Donelson of Rowe, Potter Road, \$14,500. 12/31/85

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