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Town of

Rowe

MASSACHUSETTS

1994 Annual Report

Office Hours/Meeting Schedules

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| Town Office | Weekdays 8:30 am to 4:00 pm (Except for Legal Holidays) |
| Town Clerk | Tuesday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon |
| Tax Collector | Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon |
| Board of Selectmen/ Board of Health | Every other Tuesday 7:00 pm |
| Finance Committee | As posted |
| Conservation Commission | As posted |
| Park Commission | Second/Fourth Monday of month 7:00 pm |
| Planning Board | First Thursday of month 7:30 pm |
| Assessor's Clerk | Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon |
| Assessors | As posted |
| School Committee | As posted |

All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. With the exception of School Committee meetings, which are held at the school, all meetings are held at the Town Hall.

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 339-5520

EMERGENCY PHONE (Medical, Fire & Police)

339-4961 or 625-8200

Two Hundred and Ninth

Annual Report

of the

Town of Rowe

Massachusetts



For the Year Ending

December 31, 1994

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United States Senators

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Edward M. Kennedy
431 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
1-202-224-3121 (Senate switchboard)

John F. Kerry
120 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
1-202-224-3121

Massachusetts Representative In Congress

John Olver
2300 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
1-202-224-3121

Governor of Massachusetts

William F. Weld
The State House
Office of the Governor, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133
1-617-727-3600

Members of the Massachusetts General Court

Senator Jane Swift
8 Bank Row
Pittsfield, MA 01201
1-413-442-5240

Representative Shaun P. Kelly
488 Housatonic St. # 12
Dalton, MA 01226
1-413-684-4418

Franklin County Commissioners

Margaret Striebel
Mary Forbes
John Stobierski, Chairman
Franklin County Commissioners Office
425 Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
1-413-774-4015

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Ellen L. Foberg | Term expires in 1995 |
| James E. O'Brien (resigned) | Term expires in 1996 |
| Leonard J. Laffond | Term expires in 1997 |

ASSESSORS

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| David F. Scrivens (resigned) | Term expires in 1995 |
| Robert F. Kenney, Chairman | Term expires in 1996 |
| Robert Reynolds-Gallagher (resigned) | Term expires in 1997 |
| Leonard J. Laffond (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |
| Ellen L. Foberg (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |

TOWN CLERK

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| L. Norma Brown | Term expires in 1995 |
|----------------|----------------------|

TREASURER

| | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| June W. Brown | Term expires in 1995 |
|---------------|----------------------|

TAX COLLECTOR

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| L. Norma Brown | Term expires in 1995 |
|----------------|----------------------|

MODERATOR

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Karl E. Jurentkuff | Term expires in 1995 |
|--------------------|----------------------|

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Evelyn L. Dandeneau | Term expires in 1995 |
| James W. Lively | Term expires in 1996 |
| Kathleen Oliver | Term expires in 1997 |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mary Jo Phelps | Term expires in 1995 |
| Margaret B. Rice | Term expires in 1996 |
| Paul McLatchy (resigned) | Term expires in 1997 |
| Susan Berry Taylor (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |

PARK COMMISSION

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Laurie J. Pike | Term expires in 1995 |
| David F. Scrivens (resigned) | Term expires in 1996 |
| Russell W. Jolly (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |
| Thomas Chiofalo (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |

CEMETERY COMMISSION

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| James H. Williams | Term expires in 1995 |
| James W. Taylor | Term expires in 1996 |
| Richard A. Tower | Term expires in 1997 |

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Prudence Berry | Term expires in 1995 |
| James W. Taylor | Term expires in 1996 |
| Deanna L. Corarito (resigned) | Term expires in 1997 |
| Rebecca Bradley (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |
| Margalee O. Riggan (resigned) | Term expires in 1998 |
| John H. Williams, Chairman | Term expires in 1999 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| William J. Baker | Term expires in 1995 |
| William F. Loomis (resigned) | Term expires in 1995 |
| Heidi Lehr (appointed) | Term expires in 1995 |
| Frederick N. Williams | Term expires in 1996 |
| Dorothy F. Page | Term expires in 1997 |

CONSTABLE

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Christine A. Tower | Term expires in 1995 |
|--------------------|----------------------|

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk



**Robert Kenney, Leonard "Pete" Brown, Supt.,
Richard Tower and James Taylor
Rowe Highway Department**

Appointed Town Officials

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Robert F. Kenney

Richard A. Tower

James W. Taylor

Carroll B. Stowe (Part Time)

FIRE CHIEF

Edwin L. May

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Robert F. Kenney, Deputy Chief, Forest Fire Warden

Frederick N. Williams, Deputy Chief

Dennis F. May, Captain

Paul McLatchy, Captain

Daniel J. Miller, Lieutenant

William N. Reardon, Lieutenant

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Henry J. Dandeneau

Thomas J. Rabbitt

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.

Michael D. Smith

Stephen Walker

CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECTMEN/ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Melissa S. Quinn

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK TO THE ASSESSORS

Doreen Wonderlick

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Kathleen M. Cloutier

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Helen R. Shields

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

William G. Foster

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Peter J. Codogni

WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

DOG OFFICER

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL

Edwin L. May

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Jean-Paul Migeon, EMT Coordinator

Gail May, EMT

RECYCLING PROGRAM/TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Richard K. Quinn

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Ellen L. Foberg

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman

Henry G. Dandeneau

Dennis R. May

David F. Scrivens (resigned)

Robert R. Rice

TREE WARDEN

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

Ellsworth E. Palmer

John R. Riggan

James H. Williams

SUPERINTENDENT OF PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Robert F. Kenney

FENCE VIEWERS

William H. Brown
James H. Williams

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Carol B. Lively

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

| | |
|------------------|------------------------|
| William H. Brown | Term to expire in 1995 |
| L. Norma Brown | Term to expire in 1996 |
| Helen R. Shields | Term to expire in 1997 |
| Ellen L. Foberg | Term to expire in 1997 |

BOARD OF HEALTH/WELFARE

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman | Term to expire 1995 |
| James E. O'Brien (resigned) | Term to expire 1996 |
| Leonard J. Laffond | Term to expire 1997 |

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Leonard J. Laffond

SCHOOL NURSE

Cheryl E. Silva, R.N.

ARTS COUNCIL

Russell Jolly
Carol B. Lively
Margaret M. Woodside
Susan Berry Taylor

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE

Leonard J. Laffond

TOWN COUNSEL

Craig W. Barry, Jr.
(Trudel, Barry, Wilson, MacNicol & Kuzmeski-Jackson, P.C., Attys. at Law)

HEALTH AGENT/SANITARIAN

John A. Brickett, R.S.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia M. Laffond, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg
Judith A. Pierce
Barbara Grogan
Richard A. Tower

COUNCIL ON AGING

Roseanna Kenney
Robert Kenney

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Lillian H. Danek, Alternate | Term to expire 1995 |
| Donald A. Foberg, Alternate | Term to expire 1995 |
| Henry J. Dandeneau | Term to expire 1995 |
| John R. Riggan | Term to expire 1995 |
| Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. | Term to expire 1996 |
| Wendell L. Stetson | Term to expire 1996 |

GOAL POST STAFF

Nancy N. Williams, Editor
Deborah J. Alix, Assistant Editor

MOHAWK REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Paul McLatchy, Jr. (resigned)

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk



Melissa Quinn
Administrative Assistant
Accounting Officer



June Brown
Treasurer

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

| Date | Name | Parents | Place of Birth |
|-------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 02/15/94 | Bradley Michael Shulda | James A. Shulda Lori Ann Vega | Greenfield, MA |
| 02/15/94 | Brooke Elizabeth Shulda | James A. Shulda Lori Ann Vega | Greenfield, MA |
| 07/26/94 | Maeve Pauline Gallagher | Robert L. Reynolds-Gallagher Danette L. Reynolds | Northampton, MA |
| 12/07/94 | Sophie May Taylor | James W. Taylor Susan Berry | Greenfield, MA |

DEATHS

| Date | Name | Age | Place of Death |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 04/10/94 | Dorothy E. Stanford | 85 Years | Greenfield, MA |

MARRIAGES

| Date | Names of Parties | Residence |
|-------------|--|----------------------|
| 06/25/94 | Robert Alfonso, Jr. Lauren Nicole Franklin | Rowe, MA Rowe, MA |
| 06/25/94 | Victor Manuel Rivera, Jr. Beth Frances Davidson | Rowe, MA Rowe, MA |
| 09/23/94 | Russell Walter Jolly Susan Carol Wood | Rowe, MA Rowe, MA |
| 10/28/94 | Terry Henry Veber Carole Ann Howard-Hardy | Rowe, MA Rowe, MA |
| 11/12/94 | Robert Michael Ovitt Alicia Marie Canevari | Rowe, MA Rowe, MA |

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

RECORDS AND CERTIFICATES

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 | Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00 | \$ 20.00 |
| 3 | Municipal Liens @ \$10.00 | 30.00 |
| 1 | Filing Release | 5.00 |
| 1 | Raffle Permit | 10.00 |
| | Total | <u>\$ 65.00</u> |
| | Remitted to Town Treasurer | \$ 65.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

SPORTING LICENSES

| | | |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 14 | Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$12.50 | \$ 175.00 |
| 1 | Resident Citizen Fishing Age 65-69 | 6.25 |
| 1 | Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic | FREE |
| 14 | Non-Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$17.50 | 245.00 |
| 2 | Non-Resident Citizen 7-Day Fishing @ \$11.50 | 23.00 |
| 10 | Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$12.50 | 125.00 |
| 9 | Non-Resident Hunting Big Game @ \$48.50 | 436.50 |
| 30 | Resident Citizen Sporting @ \$19.50 | 585.00 |
| 2 | Resident Sporting Age 65-69 @ \$9.75 | 19.50 |
| 10 | Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70 | FREE |
| 19 | Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps @ \$5.10 | 96.90 |
| 3 | MA Waterfowl Stamps @ \$5.00 | 15.00 |
| 57 | Wildlands Conservation Stamps Resident @ \$5.00 | 285.00 |
| 25 | Wildlands Conservation Stamps Non-Resident @ \$5.00 | 125.00 |
| 2 | Duplicate Hunting @ \$2.00 | 4.00 |
| | Total | <u>\$ 2141.15</u> |
| | Clerks fees retained | 43.65 |
| | Paid Commonwealth of MA | <u>2097.50</u> |
| | Total | \$2141.15 |

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|----|----------------------------|------------------|
| 48 | Males @ \$3.00 | \$ 144.00 |
| 5 | Females @ \$6.00 | 30.00 |
| 40 | Spayed Females @ \$3.00 | 120.00 |
| 1 | Kennel | 50.00 |
| | Total | <u>\$ 344.00</u> |
| | Clerk's Fees Retained | \$ 70.50 |
| | Remitted To Town Treasurer | <u>273.50</u> |
| | Total | \$344.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk



L. Norma Brown
Town Clerk
Tax Collector

In Memoriam



Dorothy E. Stanford
April 4, 1994

Board of Selectmen

Once again it is time for the Board of Selectmen to make a report to the citizens of Rowe. Some of the issues acted upon by your board since the last report follow.

In January 1994 the board received a letter from the Library Trustees requesting the Selectmen take charge of the much needed repairs to the library building. The job was awarded to Carson Ovitt of Charlemont and the work was satisfactorily completed under the watchful eye of the building inspector. Along the same line of up keep to town buildings, a new water pump was installed in the Gracy house, and the town hall was professionally power washed to remove dirt and fungus build-up. In 1995 we hope to do some painting of the library, as requested by the Trustees, along with the Gracy house, some areas of the town hall and the gazebo.

As a result of last years annual town meeting, Karen Fournier, a fifteen year veteran teacher at the Rowe Elementary School was able to take advantage of the State's early retirement incentive for teachers. I am sure the citizens of Rowe as well as former pupils and their parents, join the Selectmen in wishing Karen good luck in her retirement years.

In February 1994, the board received a letter asking if the Town of Rowe had any interest in applying for federal grant moneys through the auspices of Franklin County. This grant money, if received, could be used for road and bridges projects in the town. Since the Town Line Bridge over Pelham Brook is in need of repair or replacement, the Board thought it would be wise to participate in this project to try to obtain funding for the repair or replacement of this bridge. As was expected, Rowe's request was soon crossed off the list of projects to be funded in the County through this program. Since that rejection, we have been working with the offices of Senator Jane Swift and Representative Shaun Kelly to secure funding for the project. At the time of writing this report, we have been informed that as a result of our request, we may see work on the Town Line Bridge commence as early as next spring (1996). Our State legislators have been working hard for us.

During the past year Shelburne Control, our new emergency dispatch center located in the Shelburne Falls State Police Barracks came on line. This was an important step toward eventually having the E 911 emergency service become a reality in this part of the State. That service is now scheduled for Franklin County some time in 1996.

This past year we saw the enthusiastic reopening and the sad closing of the Rowe Country Store. This is a convenience that many of the townspeople will miss.

The Road Crew, all four of them, continue to do an excellent job of maintaining our roads during all seasons. We are fortunate to have four such dedicated and experienced people.

We are pleased to announce that the town has taken delivery of the two new pick-up trucks authorized for purchase at the annual town meeting May 1994. The trucks were purchased from the low bidder, Roberts Garage of Brattleboro, Vermont. The half-ton truck (the "little" pick-up) did not come until March 1995, due to delays at the factory. This resulted in the town getting a 1995 truck for the bid price of a 1994 truck.

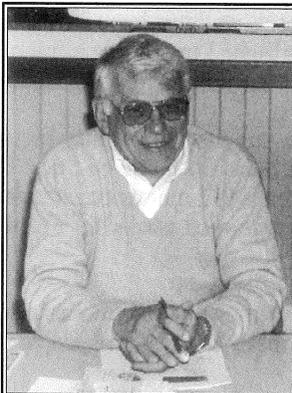
On October the board voted to accept the resignation of James O'Brien as Selectman. Mr. O'Brien was in his second three-year term on the board when he decided to return to retirement. At that time the remaining board members decided not to hold a special election due to the fact that no-one expressed any desire to fill the vacancy. We are pleased to see that there are three candidates running for this position in the May 1995 election.

We have the pleasure to report to the town that Rowe has received a \$100,000 reimbursement from the State for the construction of the salt shed. Receipt of this reimbursement is due to efforts, past and present, of former Selectman George Riggan, our Accounting Officer Melissa Quinn, Senator Jane Swift and her staff and Representative Shaun Kelly and his staff.

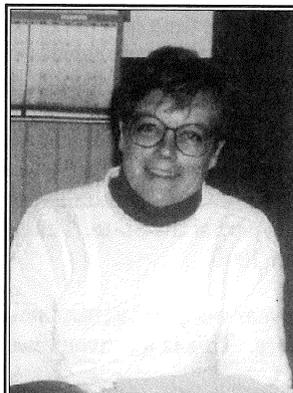
Taken from us by death since our last annual report was native and long-time resident Dorothy Stanford, who will be deeply missed and long remembered.

The board would like to take this opportunity to thank all elected and appointed officers who have worked so diligently in coordinating the day to day business of running and protecting our town.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg



Leonard Laffond
Selectman



Ellen Foberg
Selectman

Annual Town Meeting - 1994

Town Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall on Monday, May 9, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator Karl Jurentkuff. Tellers: Martha Rice, Cindy Laffond, Bud Pierce and Richard Tower appointed and sworn by Moderator. Warrant posted April 20, 1994.

ARTICLE 1: Motion was made and seconded to accept reports of the Town officers and committees.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 2: Motion was made and seconded to empower the Board of Selectmen to choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 3: 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 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: 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 and appointed officials for the 1995 fiscal year.

ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| General Administration | \$16000.00 |
| Summer Youth Employment | 18000.00 |
| Town Officer Expenses | 800.00 |
| Municipal Center Custodian Compensation | 9841.00 |
| Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance | 11600.00 |
| Municipal Center Fuel Oil | 2500.00 |
| Municipal Audit | 10000.00 |
| Elevator Maintenance Contract | 4550.00 |
| Bank Charges/Loan Interest | 1000.00 |
| Office Equipment | 10.00 |
| Printing Town Reports | 2600.00 |
| SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION | 76901.00 |
| BONDING AND INSURANCE | 58000.00 |

83 of Chapter 71 of the Acts of 1993, as amended, known as the "Education Reform Act of 1993" to provide for an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the members of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System employed by the Rowe Elementary School, with said program to include a five-year additional credit for age, service, or combination thereof, and to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$1,775.00 to fund the first year of a 15 year Early Retirement Incentive Program.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 14: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$816,147.00 for Public Schools for the 1995 fiscal year.

Motion was amended as follows: To RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$814,440.00 for Public Schools for the 1995 fiscal year.

**SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
24 YES 18 NO**

The main motion was voted as follows:

ORAL VOTE/CARRIED

ARTICLE 15: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$2,500.00 to fund late bus service for Rowe students attending Mohawk Trail Regional School, and others en route, for the 1995 fiscal year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 16: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$3,000.00 to help support the Heath Preschool Program for the 1994-95 school year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 17: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$10,800.00 to purchase Computer Hardware and Software for the Rowe Elementary School.

Motion was amended as follows: To RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$7,300.00 to purchase Computer Hardware and Software for the Rowe Elementary School.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

The main motion was voted as follows:

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

844328.00

ARTICLE 18: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 1995 fiscal year.

ROWE LIBRARY

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Librarians Compensation | 11500.00 |
| Library Staff Compensation | 5627.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 7897.00 |

TOTAL ARTICLE 18 25024.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 19: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the sum of \$7,000.00 for repairs to the Rowe Town Library roof.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR LIBRARY 32024.00

ARTICLE 20: Motion was made and seconded to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 1995 fiscal year.

PARK COMMISSION

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Park Workers Compensation | 14920.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 5200.00 |

TOTAL PARK APPROPRIATIONS 20120.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 21: Motion was made and seconded to TRANSFER from FREE CASH the sum of \$ 20,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund for the 1995 fiscal year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 22: Motion was made and seconded to vote to authorize 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 (or any portion thereof) of Zoar Road and Rowe Road lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 1994, in exchange for Charlemont's salting, sanding and plowing of Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

29 YES 7 NO

ARTICLE 23: Motion was made and seconded to amend Article I, Paragraph 4 of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement by adding

“Conway”: to the list of District member municipalities.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 24: Under this article the Rowe School Committee asked for a sense of the meeting relative to the following:

To see if the Town was in favor of asking for a study to explore the feasibility of Rowe entering a regional agreement with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for grades 7 through 12.

A motion was made and seconded to thank the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee and the Department of Education for entering this offer for a study and the sense of our annual town meeting is that we are not interested at this time.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

To see if the Town was in favor of relaxing the cap on enrollment of students tuitioned to the Rowe Elementary School and thus to bring additional revenue to the Town.

A motion was made and seconded that the annual town meeting endorse the school committees existing policy of maintaining the cap on enrollment at Rowe Elementary School.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

22 YES 12 NO

Also under this article complements were extended to the Board of Selectmen, the Highway Superintendent and Mary Jo Phelps for the fine job done by the 1993 Summer Youth Employment crew.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

A true copy.

Attest: L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 216242.00 |
| PROTECTION PERSONS/PROPERTY | 69810.00 |
| HEALTH/SANITATION | 65481.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 183592.00 |
| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 330624.00 |
| SCHOOLS | 844328.00 |
| LIBRARY | 32024.00 |
| PARK DEPARTMENT | 20120.00 |
| TOTAL FROM TAXATION | 1,762,221.00 |
| | |
| APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH | |
| RESERVE FUND | 20000.00 |
| TOTAL FROM FREE CASH | 20000.00 |
| | |
| TOTAL FY 1995 BUDGET | \$1,782,221.00 |

Arts Lottery Council

The most attended event recently sponsored by the Arts Council was the exhibit of Joan Boryta's watercolors at the Town Hall. Joan's efforts inspired us to do some similar event this year.

The Rowe School received funds for their cultural programs and artist-in-residence. We joined other Arts Councils in supporting the reading program presented in Shelburne Falls by the Mary Lyon Education Fund. We also joined the Rowe Community Church in a Christmas program with entertainment by "Yankee Notions". They were great. Their rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was particularly memorable.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Woodside, Chairman
Russell Jolly
Susan Berry Taylor
Carol Lively

Board of Assessors

We began the year with a new Assessor on Board. Robert Gallagher was elected at election time.

Tax rates were set at \$5.61 (per thousand) for residential, and \$11.75 (per thousand) for Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property. These new rates were established in October being the earliest in several years.

Robert Gallagher resigned on November 18.

David Scrivens resigned on December 31.

On January 10, 1995, two new members of the Board, Ellen Foberg and Leonard Laffond, were appointed.

The Board of Assessors now have a new meeting room which is directly across from our main office. It will be well used during the coming years.

We would like at this time to thank all other boards and persons who helped us through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Kenney, Chairman

Property Transfers

Harold W. Gardner and Genevieve M. Gardner of Weymouth, MA for consideration of \$2800.00 grant to Arthur J. Anthony of Concord, MA, Potter Road, Rowe.

Robert G. Sittinger of Rowe, MA for no consideration grant to Robert G. Sittinger & Cindy L. Vaznis, Ford Hill Road, Rowe.

Brian A. Donelson of Rowe for no consideration grant to Brian A. Donelson & Norma J. Donelson, Potter Road, Rowe.

Dorothy E. Lehr of Rowe, MA for no consideration grant to Dorothy E. Lehr, Bruce Lehr & Heidi Lehr, Zoar Road, Rowe.

Dorothy E. Lehr, Bruce Lehr & Heidi Lehr for consideration of \$1.00 grant to Terry Veber, Heidi Lehr & Bruce Lehr, 306 Zoar Road, Rowe.

Terry Veber of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$1.00 grant to Heidi Lehr & Bruce Lehr of Rowe, 306 Zoar Road, Rowe.

Wayne L. Veber, Ellsworth W. Veber, Jr., Todd H. Veber & Terry H. Veber, all of Rowe, for no consideration grant to Wayne L. Veber & Aristia F. Veber, tract one, Steele Brook Road and tract two, Steele Brook Road & Zoar Road, Rowe.

Heidi Lehr of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$65,000.00 grant to Terry Veber & Carole Hardy of 161 Zoar Road, Zoar Road, Rowe.

Wayne L. Veber, Ellsworth W. Veber, Jr., Todd H. Veber & Terry H. Veber, for no consideration, grant to Terry H. Veber, Zoar Road, Rowe.

Verne W. Bissell & Gail Bissell of Charlemont, MA for consideration of \$19,500.00, grant to Jeffrey A. Smith & Lee A. Smith of 71 Chamberlin Street, Holliston, MA 01746, County Road, Rowe.

Frank W. Newton & Marion Louise Newton of 14 Lillian's Way, Millers Falls, MA for consideration of \$97,000.00 grant to James Weller & Lori C. Weller, PO Box 34, Charlemont, MA, Leshures Road, aka Valley Road, Rowe.

Laura LeBreton & Pierre LeBreton of Chicago, IL for consideration of \$1.00 grant to Daniel J. Wessman & Barbara J. Roche of Rowe, MA, Davis Mine Road, Rowe.

Stephen P. Hayes & Dorothy R. Hayes of Meriden, CT, for consideration of \$20,000.00 grant to Michael J. Yarnell of Billerica, MA, Edward J. Silva, Sr. of Wilmington, MA & Edward J. Silva, Jr. of Haverhill, MA, Monroe Hill Road, Rowe.

Valerie Magnago & John A. Magnago of Miami, FL for consideration of \$65,000.00 grant to Susan P. Gleason of Buckland, MA, Ford Hill Road, Rowe.

Norman H. Stanford of Golden, CO, Esther S. Davis of Goodview, VA, Janice E. Delmolino of Cheshire, MA, Shirley L. Hudson of Hinsdale, NH, James R. Streeter of Shelburne Falls, MA & Glenda K. Yagodzinski of Shelburne Falls, MA for consideration of \$89,000.00 grant to Jon Dionne & Loretta Dionne of Rowe, MA, Hazelton Road, Rowe.

Jeannette S. Field, now known as Jeannette S. Streeter of Shelburne, MA for consideration of \$1.00 grant to Field Realty Trust of Littleton, MA, Tunnel Road, Rowe.

Norman I. Marchegiani & Pauline C. Marchegiani of Readsboro, VT for consideration \$1.00 grant to Adrienne M. Farrar & Leigh N. Marchegiani as trustees of the Norman I. Marchegiani Family Realty Trust, Old Cyrus Stage Road, Rowe.



Doreen Wonderlick
Assessors' Clerk

Beautification Committee

During 1994, maintenance of plantings and flower beds took place at the Town Hall, fire station, gazebo and the triangles at Potter, Brittingham Hill and Monroe Hill Roads. This included fertilization, trimming, weeding, mulching, pruning and planting. This years work was done by Mary Jo Phelps. Many thanks go to Mary Jo.

We welcome Judy Pierce, who replaced Tom Danek, to our committee.

This December we added even more lights to the Village Green holiday display. Thanks again to the Highway Department for putting the lights on the Christmas Tree and keeping them in working order.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia Laffond, Chairman,
Beautification Committee

Board of Health

Solid waste removal costs have remained steady since 1990. The townspeople (both full-time and part-time) continue to do an excellent job recycling, and this is a major factor in keeping solid waste costs down. We appreciate your efforts.

We are still in the process of obtaining an "Existing Facilities Transfer Station Permit" from the State Department of Environmental Protection for our transfer station. This process, which began in October 1993, has been very long and drawn out. In December 1994 we received word from the DEP they have issued a "Positive Determination of Suitability for the Town of Rowe Zoar Road Site." Pursuant to this determination, the local Board of Health was then able to grant a site assignment for the parcel of property where the transfer station is located. We expect the final permit to be issued in the near future.

A successful percolation test was performed on the following property for repair/upgrade, and a Disposal Works Construction Permit was granted:

Map 12, Lot 74 - Ford Hill Rd (Magnago)

Final inspections on the above system, a new system installed at Map 2, Lot 19 - Pond Rd (Taylor), and on two new grease traps installed at the Rowe Camp & Conference Center were performed by Health Agent John Brickett and the board.

A percolation test that had passed in 1988 (Map 6, Lot 39 - Davis Mine Rd Extension) was voided. It had recently been discovered by the board that the test had been requested on property belonging to someone other than the requester.

Sewage disposal system installer permits were issued to the following:

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| James H. Williams Middletown Hill Rowe MA 01367 | Thomas P. Danek, Jr. d/b/a/ Danek Logging Cross Road Rowe MA 01367 | Barkus Excavating RFD #1, Box 1 Readsboro VT 05350 |
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Septage pumper/haulers were issued to the following:

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| Houghton Sanitary Service Guilford Center Road Guilford VT | Bostley Sanitary Service Nelson Road Colrain MA | A-1 Sanitary Service Bernardston MA |
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Town-owned public water supplies (municipal center well, school well, and Avery Fountain), and the pitcher pump and swimming area at Pelham Lake (in season) were tested as required by state regulations. During the past few years the testing requirements and schedules have become more stringent as the Clean Water Act passed by the federal government is being implemented at local levels. Rowe spends over \$1400 hundred per year on tests for is water supplies.

New wells were drilled and logs received by the board for the following:

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| Map 13, | Lot 20 | - Tunnel Rd (Grofrerer) |
| Map 12, | Lot 74 | - Ford Hill Rd (Magnago) |
| Map 5, | Lot 29 | - Sabrina's Lane (Rice) |

We thank J. P. Migeon, EMT (and our EMS Coordinator), and Gail May, EMT, for their faithful service to our townspeople. As well as responding to emergency calls, they conducted blood pressure clinics during the summer months at the town hall. They could certainly use help. Anyone interested in being trained as an EMT to serve our townspeople should contact J.P. or Melissa Quinn at the town hall.

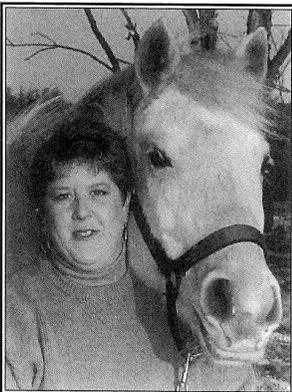
We also thank Ellie Silva, RN (our elementary school nurse) for holding weekly blood pressure clinics (Tuesday mornings) at the school for our townspeople, administering our annual influenza vaccine program, and for administering a Hepatitis B vaccine series to our public safety personnel (fire and police). Our EMT's had already been appropriately vaccinated.

Carol Lively was reappointed Animal Inspector for the town. As well as keeping abreast of the rabies epidemic and its necessary precautions, one of Carol's main duties is to perform annual inspections of all barns in town where livestock (horses, cattle, swine, chickens, goats, etc.) are kept. We thank her for her service to the townspeople and animals of Rowe.

We thank John Brickett, RS, for his lifelong service to the town as our Health Agent. We are very fortunate to have John's expertise... and especially his terrific memory! If you have any questions about your septic system, chances are John can give you some information pertaining to it.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman
Leonard J. Laffond



Carol Lively
Animal Inspector

Building Department

During the year 1994, 58 building permits were issued, as follows:

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| New Buildings/Additions | 10 |
| Remodeling | 22 |
| New Chimneys | 2 |
| Demolition | 4 |
| Signs | 2 |
| Wood Stoves | 5 |
| Replacement Windows | 5 |
| Re-Roofing | 7 |
| In-Ground Pool | 1 |
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| Total | 58 |

In addition, 78 certificates of inspection were issued. These represent inspection of public buildings, as mandated by town and state laws.

Respectfully submitted,

William Foster,
Inspector of Buildings

Cemetery Commission

All the cemeteries were kept mowed and trimmed. A great deal of credit and thanks is deserved by the people who keep our cemeteries looking neat all summer.

The repair and maintenance of stone walls, broken head stones and fencing remains our long term goal. Major and complete reconstruction of the fence around the East Cemetery would be cost prohibitive. Therefore, the Commission is planning on repairing a section at a time as priority dictates.

If anyone has a question or a comment on the cemeteries, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Williams, Chairman
James W. Taylor
Richard A. Tower

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission held meetings periodically through-out the year to attend to any business brought before them.

Cutting plans for harvesting forest products were reviewed by the board from:

Peck Realty Trust
New England Power Company
James Quinn
New England Power Company

Davis Mine Road Lot
Tunnel Road Lot
Middletown Hill Road Lot
Tunnel Road Lot (lower end)

A Request for Determination of Applicability was made by Yankee Atomic Electric Company to the Commission. After duly advertising and posting, a public hearing was conducted. After reviewing all documentation and oral presentations, the determination was deemed to be negative and the Department of Environmental Protection and Yankee Atomic Electric Company were so notified.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Berry
Henry G. Dandeneau
Dennis May
Robert Rice
Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman

Dog Officer

Number of stray dogs found in Rowe and returned to owners -10

Number of phone calls reporting lost dogs - 5

Number of phone calls received on harassing dogs - 10

Number of phone calls from County Dispatcher - 1

One stray dog was found in Rowe and not claimed. I found a home for the dog.

Again townspeople are reminded to purchase their 1995 dog licenses from the Town Clerk. The 1994 licenses expired on March 31, 1995

Thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation and help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Brown, Dog Officer

Emergency Medical Services

The Rowe Emergency Medical Services Department responded to 17 emergency calls in 1994. They were as follows:

- 6 - medical emergencies
- 5 - trauma emergencies
- 3 - auto accidents
- 2 - stand-by at fire department calls
- 1 - drill

The Rowe Emergency Medical Services Department operates with a tiered response system. This system is designed to deliver to the public the best possible care in a timely manner. When a call is made for a medical emergency, the dispatcher at Shelburne Control will dispatch the Rowe Fire Department First Responders and EMTs, who will secure the emergency scene and begin important patient care. The Charlemont Ambulance will usually be the transporting ambulance. Depending on the nature of the emergency, there may be a need for an advanced level of medical care. It is on these calls where a high level of patient care is needed that Mercy Ambulance of Franklin Medical Center will meet the Charlemont Ambulance on the way to the hospital. The Mercy Paramedics will deliver this higher level of patient care. In some emergencies in order to get a patient the best possible care as quickly as possible, the use of an air ambulance, usually New England Life Flight, will get the patient to a level one trauma center in the shortest time.

The tiered response system makes the best use of the pre-hospital care providers. It is this system that assures the public the highest level of care in an emergency situation.

It is at this time that I would like to thank all of the pre-hospital care providers who have served the people of the Rowe community. Each and every rescuer plays an important role in the emergency team that serves you. For myself, I am proud to be a part of such a well trained and dedicated group of people.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean-Paul Migeon,
EMS Coordinator

Franklin County Selectmen's Association

At its November meeting, the following officers were elected: Dennis Rindone, Selectman from Erving as President, Bruce Bennett, Selectman from Sunderland as 1st Vice-President, Jane Pierce, Selectwoman from Orange as 2nd Vice-President, Michele Giaruso, Selectwoman from Leyden as Secretary, Ed Billiel, Treasurer from Orange, Arlene Rodovich, Selectwoman from Conway - Member at Large, Ann Banash, Selectwoman from Gill - Member at Large, Betty Kirkwood from Deerfield - MMA representative, and Larry Carey, Selectman from Warwick - MMA alternative.

The successful monthly Legislative/Selectman forum that was started in 1993 and generally held on a Friday afternoon at the Greenfield Town Hall continued on through 1994. This gives Franklin County Selectmen the opportunity to have a working dialogue with their legislators on a regular basis.

Our winter meeting was held February 10, 1994 at Bill's Restaurant in Greenfield. Our guest speaker was Geoffrey Beckwith, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Jeff spoke on the FY 1995 proposed Governor's Budget.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association, in conjunction with the Franklin County Commission, formed a committee to testify before the Joint Committee on Transportation at the State House in Boston. We were successful in convincing the full legislature to increase Chapter 90 funding from 180 million dollars to 300 million over a two year period. Additional new language was also included as to how towns could spend those funds.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association co-sponsored a Franklin-Hampshire Municipal Conference with Congressman John Olver and Senator Stan Rosenberg. This event took place at Greenfield High School on April 30, 1994. The round table discussions included economic development, local arts and financing, highways and bridges, and water quality. Special guest speaker was Senator Thomas Birmingham, Chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Our late spring meeting was held on June 2, 1994 at St. Kaziemierz Hall in Turners Falls. Our guest speaker was Secretary of Administration and Finance, Mark Robinson. This meeting allowed Selectmen to continue a working dialogue with the Weld Administration officials. Some of the subjects covered were diversion of lottery aid, gas tax, the governor's budget, PILOT program, and other issues related to small towns.

A special summer meeting was held on July 12, 1994 at the Elks Club in Orange. Our special guest was Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci. Receiving our fair share of local aid was the theme for this important meeting. It was another fine opportunity for the leadership in Franklin and Worcester County to make their needs known to the

Weld Administration. A question and answer session was held after the Lt. Governor's speech. The meeting was well attended by officials from the legislature and the county.

The Selectmen's Association sponsored a tri-county selectmen workshop on September 17, 1994 at Pioneer Valley Regional High School in Northfield. Franklin, Berkshire, and Hampshire counties were invited to this all day Saturday workshop. The subject areas chosen were: municipal law, education reform 95, available grant money, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance. The association did a survey beforehand to see what topics were of the most interest to communities.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association Executive Board decided that farming issues should be a topic pursued in 1995.

Our final meeting of 1994 took place in November at Andiamo Restorante in Bernardston. Our special guest speaker was Secretary James Kerasiotes of the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction. Unfortunately Secretary Kerasiotes canceled at the last minute and Deputy Secretary Mike Swanson came in his place. Mr. Swanson spoke mostly on the central artery tunnel project. The concern on this issue is that western Massachusetts towns would lose funding for their own projects with the huge cost overruns on the tunnel. Mr. Swanson assured everyone that local projects if ready would be funded with non-federal aid from the bond bill.

At the November 3rd meeting two sub-committees were formed; one is to look at our association bylaws, and the other is to make recommendations on what to do with old association records. Both committees will report back by the November 1995 meeting. A motion was also made to support the governor on the death penalty issue. After a lot of discussion and some confusion a vote was taken on an amendment to table the issue which resulted in a 16 to 16 tie. The president broke the tie by voting to support the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis E. Rindone,
1994 President

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has in the past few years, been planning and preparing for the years that are upon us. Two years ago we asked for all departments to look for areas in their budgets for cutting costs. By proper planning each department has scheduled, postponed or started saving for future needs.

Planning on the part of the Finance Committee has been beneficial. By examining with the Assessors and Selectmen, ways to manage the tax rate we have been able to minimize any drastic changes. Further money management procedures have kept the Town of Rowe well funded.

The problems of the Education Reform Act seem to have diminished. After negotiations with State officials, they seem to understand that Rowe is in compliance and has need of specific consideration when our enrollment figures decline.

With continued planning, prudent money management and vigilance, the values that make the Town of Rowe unique can be maintained and afforded.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy F. Page, Chairman

Fire Department

The Fire Department is made up completely of volunteers from town. The effectiveness of this organization is determined by the number of individuals it can train and maintain in a state of readiness, and by the condition of its equipment. We welcome anyone who is interested in protecting his/her own and his neighbors' lives and property from the potentially devastating effects of fire. Not all of the activities required to prepare for and combat a fire involve hands-on fire fighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help. Our program of regular monthly training/meetings is announced in the Goal Post for each upcoming month. These sessions are approximately one hour in length. This is a small investment of your time when you weigh it against the potential benefit that may be derived from your membership. The officers of the department would like to take this time to thank all members who participate in fire department activities regularly, and ask other members of the town to become involved.

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to eighteen calls:

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| 2 | Structure Fires | 13 | Medical Emergencies |
| 1 | Mutual Aid Call | 2 | Brush Fires |

On February 5, 1995, there was a loss of electrical power affecting the entire town. The Fire Station was manned for the duration of the outage in the event that any town residents needed assistance or shelter from the cold. Should similar circumstances ever occur in the future, any town resident should remember that the Fire Department will assist them to the best of its ability.

Life Flight provided air transportation during two medical emergencies during the past year. This service is available (weather permitting) if such transport is deemed necessary to a trauma center. It is comforting to know that rapid transport of a patient is possible from Rowe.

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program, sixteen homes' chimneys were inspected and/or cleaned this year. In the coming year, as in the past, we will clean the chimneys of the elderly and assist able-bodied residents. We will attempt to conduct the cleaning in August and September, before the heating season, so names should be submitted early.

Shelburne Control, operated by the Massachusetts State Police, has provided reliable, effective service throughout the year. The dispatch service is housed in the Massachusetts State Police Barracks in Shelburne. The dispatch center answers our emergency phone and activates the pagers and plectrons of Rowe firemen, policemen and/or EMTs, as necessary. In the event of an emergency, dial 339-4961 or 625-8200.

Work is continuing on the statewide Enhanced Emergency 911 system. At this time an exact date of the transition has not been determined. When the system is available in our area, the individual requesting assistance will only have to dial 911. You will be provided the transition date as soon as it is available.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin L. May, Fire Chief

The Rowe GOAL POST

The Rowe Goal Post, currently in its fourteenth year of regular monthly publication, still strives to meet the need expressed in the 1976 "Goals for Rowe" report to have an instrument for "information exchange between all town departments and all Rowe citizens".

Once again the hue and cry from this editor is for more monthly submissions from ALL town officers and committees. (I will serve as an editor but not a roving reporter.) An informed citizenry makes for greater involvement in local government, better town management and wiser decisions at town meeting. Remember the Goal Post is a publication of the Town of Rowe and as such is not subject to the interpretation and slant often given to local news by outside media. Be considerate of deadlines and understand the time involved with layout. However, with a computer I try to be flexible up until the last minute - within reason and if the privilege is not abused!

The Goal Post is also your community newsletter and historical record of our life in this small county town. Please send me your news or pictures of personal events such as anniversaries, births, weddings, retirements, honors, or other special occasions to share with your Rowe community family. Call Dick Tower if there is a special picture to be taken. Once again I do not have the time or inclination to be a roving reporter and often my grapevine may not carry your news. You send the news to me and I will do my best to arrange it in the Goal Post. Original stories, poems, pictures, or other non-controversial material is always welcome.

My thanks to all who have regularly submitted their news on time and especially to Melissa Quinn at the town hall for her help in many ways. A special thanks to Sarah Jane Gracy for keeping our weather record, to Dave Scrivens for turning our eyes to the sky each month, and to Becky Bradley for helping us to be nutritionally informed. Thanks to Chris Tower for transportation to the printer and overseeing the mailing, and to the volunteers who help her. Also to Dick Tower for being available to photograph our small town life and countryside. And finally a very special thanks to Deb Alix who steps in as assistant editor in my absence.

Our budget will remain the same as last year, \$9500. My services as editor are volunteer and the use of my computer, laser printer and copier are donated.

As always suggestions are most welcome. If you keep me informed, together we can make the Goal Post a real unique and valuable community project.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy N. Williams, Editor

Health Agent/Sanitarian

During the year 1994, I observed, with members of the Board of Health, the performance of one percolation test for the repair of a sub-surface sewage disposal system.

Final inspections of four sewage systems were made with Board of Health members.

Inspections of the Country Store and the Rowe Camp and Conference Center were made with Board members.

An investigation was made with Board members as to the location and repair to the sewage disposal system of the Rowe Historical Society museum building.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Brickett, R.S.,
Certified Health Agent

Library Trustees

Once again it is time to present our annual report. It has been a progressively good year with our patronage continuously growing.

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| Circulation total for the year | 9050 |
| Books, periodicals, videos added to collection | 360 |
| Items withdrawn | 83 |
| Requests for interlibrary loans | 53 |
| Bookmobile visits | 6 |

We began 1994 with two seats vacant on the Board of Trustees. Kathleen Oliver was elected for three years and Evelyn Dandeneau was elected for one year.

Donations - Jean Claude Van Itallie donated \$165.00 to be spent for books on art, music and/or dance performance.

Library Director Martha Rice continues to evaluate the status of Library Automation.

Congratulations to Alan W. Bjork who has successfully completed the following courses sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library Association:

Collection Development
Cataloging
Administration

A warm welcome to Phyllis Smith who occasionally stands in for her aunt Evelyn Soule.

Repairs have been completed to the Library roof.

The glass cabinet at the rear of the sofa is used to display workmanship of local talent.

We are grateful for the continued financial support of the Town and strive to improve the quality of Library Services.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Rice, Library Director
Board of Trustees
James Lively, Chairman
Evelyn Dandeneau
Kathleen Oliver

Park Commission

The Park was open for the 1994 summer season on May 28 and closed September 5. We would like to extend a special thank you to our supervisor Mary Jo Phelps and her assistant, Fawn Hardison. They did a wonderful job of maintaining our Park and keeping it looking nice despite shortages in staff members. Thank you also to Claudine Rice and Dan Smachetti for their expertise in lifeguarding and keeping the beach area safe. Our swimming instruction program was very successful this year with fifty students participating. Once again, Heath agreed to pay half the costs for the program. We would like to thank Joyce Muktarian for running the program and Mary Essert and Karen Gesin for assisting her. Details for next summer's swim instructional program will be sent home with students at the end of the school year and posted in the June Goal Post.

This was a year of general maintenance and small projects. New trail signs were installed, a new wading dock was constructed, new fireplaces were built and old ones repaired and a new canoe was added to our inventory. In the spring we weeded out some of the weaker trees on the left side as you enter the Park to enable other trees to grow stronger. New stickers and guest passes were issued to one hundred residents this past summer. If you have not obtained a sticker or pass, please stop by the maintenance shed at the beginning of the next summer season as the use of these will be strictly enforced.

On October 29 we held a volunteer day with eight people participating. Seven water bars and three corduroy roads were built on the Williams and Sabrina Rice trails to help preserve the trail system. The weather was beautiful and a picnic lunch was provided by the Park. We hope to hold another volunteer day in the spring to continue our trail preservation work. Watch the Goal Post for details.

Welcome to Russ Jolly who was appointed in July to fill a position left open after the May election. David Scrivens resigned his position this winter leaving an open seat. We would like to thank Dave for his past contributions to the Park. (Tom Chiofalo was appointed to fill this vacancy)

We are currently investigating the dredging of the swim area for this spring to alleviate the problem of shallow waters caused by years of erosion and filling in. It has become hazardous for people to dive or jump from the raft due to shallow depths in the "deep" end. We are also rewriting the rules and regulations for the park and will be distributing new booklets for the summer season.

We look forward to a safe and productive summer of 1995. Be sure to come down and enjoy the beautiful hiking trails this spring!

Respectfully submitted:
Laurie Pike, Chairperson
Russ Jolly
Tom Chiofalo

Planning Board

Two items of official business were completed in 1994:

1. Hearing and “Approval-not-required” certificate for Molly Scott parcel on Davis Mine Road.
2. Hearing and approval for increase of number of rooms for the Maple House Bed and Breakfast.

Margalee Riggan resigned in February 1995 after almost two decades of active membership, as she and Rob moved to Easthampton for the winter. Her dedicated service to this Board and the community will be greatly missed by her colleagues and the townspeople. On behalf of the town we extend sincere thanks for Margalee’s conscientious efforts to improve Rowe, its government and its future.

Many topics and concerns have been reviewed during 1994 including the possible need for amending or adding to our existing by-laws. Some of the topics studied include:

1. “Non-criminal” enforcement of the by-laws.
2. Junk and junk-vehicle accumulation throughout the town.
3. “Recall of elected officials” procedures.
4. “Open Space” preservation. (The Board endorses the town meeting article for the town to acquire the Pakies parcel for addition to Pelham Lake Park.)

Because of the many uncertainties now facing Rowe (and all small towns in New England), the Board has voted to seek funds at the Annual Meeting for a new “GOALS FOR ROWE” survey to attempt to determine the opinions of all townspeople regarding what this town should be doing to assure a desirable future for our unique community.

The original GOALS FOR ROWE survey nineteen years ago provided a blueprint for the development of the town. Almost all the recommendations have since been adopted by the voters. It is again time to consult with all citizens, in such an informal and private manner, concerning “their ideas, hopes and concerns about their town”. The Board welcomes input from everyone!

The GOAL POST, the town’s newsletter, was started as a project of the original GOALS FOR ROWE and had continued as a local monthly publication for town officials and citizens to interact. Nan Williams has served as editor for 14 years and will retire on June 1, 1995. Thank you Nan for all your energy and dedication in nurturing the GOAL POST into such a wonderful community paper.

There will be three vacancies to be filled at the upcoming election. Prue Berry is seeking re-election for a five year term and there are vacancies for two and three year terms.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Williams, Chairman
Jim Taylor, Vice-Chairman
Prue Berry
Rebecca Bradley

Plumbing Inspector

The following permits were issued in 1994:

Brian Donelson (1 gas, 1 plumbing)

Rowe Camp & Conference Center (3)

John Hoffman (2)

Francis Benson (gas)

Jim Taylor

Robert Rode

Mack Brothers (gas)

Yankee Atomic Electric Co.

John Hoffman

James Williams (gas)

Mitch Soviecke (1 gas, 1 plumbing)

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Codogni, Plumbing Inspector

Police Department

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| Accidents | |
| 2 cars | 1 |
| 1 car | 1 |
| Complaints | 23 |
| Unfounded | 9 |
| Vandalism | 1 |
| Disturbances | 1 |
| Assaults | 2 |
| Medical Assistance | 4 |
| Summons Served | 2 |
| Breaking & Entering | 1 |
| Larcenies | 2 |

Special thanks to all those who made the Town of Rowe a more peaceful place to live in 1994.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Dandeneau, Chief of Police

Veterans' Agent

The Persian Gulf Plaque was installed on the War Memorial in late November. The plaque honors the four men from Rowe who served on active duty during the Persian Gulf War. The four men and their branch of service are:

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| Richard Alix | Air Force |
| Michael Laffond | Air Force |
| Dean Rice | Army |
| Lockwood Reed IV | Navy |

I would like to thank Don Lindabury for his help last May in decorating the graves of our veterans for Memorial Day. If any other veterans would like to help us this year, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
David Scrivens, Veteran's Agent

Wiring Inspector

It is required by Massachusetts State Law that anyone performing electrical work obtain a permit. The work performed shall conform to the Massachusetts Electrical Code.

There were 25 permits issued in 1994 with 21 completed inspections and 4 active.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Rossi, Inspector of Wires

Town of Rowe 1994 Voting List

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Alix, Brian R.
Alix, Deborah J.
Alix, Richard E.
Arnold, Donna Canfield
Arnold, Stephen L.
Autio, Elsie H.
Autio, Herbert A.
Avery, Charles D.
Avery, Charles L.
Avery, Marion A.

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Bainbridge, Dorothy A.
Baker, Roberta T.
Baker, William J.
Benson, Francis S.
Benson, Luella M.
Bernhardt, Jean B.
Berry, Prudence
Bjork, Alan W.
Bjork, Florence M.
Bjork, Timothy J.
Boggs, Marion W.
Bradley, Michael F.
Bradley, Rebecca P.
Brochu, Arthur J., Jr.
Brown, James D.
Brown, Jo-Ann M.
Brown, June W.
Brown, L. Norma
Brown, Leonard J., Jr.
Brown, Nancy A.
Brown, Roger L.
Brown, William H.
Brown, William M.
Bryant, Peter

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Carlow, Earl P.
Cascone, Michele
Cascone, Nancy J.
Chiofalo, Thomas L.
Cloutier, Donald

Cloutier, Kathleen M.
Corarito, Arthur D.
Corarito, Deanna L.
Corarito, Douglas C.
Corarito, Mary Ann
Crowningshield, Jeanette
Crowningshield, Howard C.

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Dandeneau, Evelyn L.
Dandeneau, Henry G.
Dandeneau, Henry J.
Dandeneau, Henry Robert
Dandeneau, Marion E.
Danek, Lillian H.
Danek, Thomas P., Jr.
Davidson, Robert B.
Donelson, Brian A.
Donovan, Eugene J.
Dvore, David

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Faivre, Audry I.
Foberg, Donald A.
Foberg, Ellen L.
Foshay, Angela F.
Foshay, Arthur W.
Foster, Bernice A.
Foster, William G.
Franceschetti, Cornelio A.

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Gates, Eugene H.
Gates, Leah
Garceau, Nancy
Gaudry, George L.
Gordon, Ronald P.
Gordon, Rosemary P.
Gracy, Sarah Jane
Grogan, Barbara

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Halberg, Neil
 Hardison, Billy
 Hardison, Fawn E.
 Hardison, Leonda
 Harris, Jean L.
 Harris, Richard V.
 Heiligmann, Carlos
 Heiligmann, Katherine
 Houghtaling, Deborah
 Houghtaling, Thomas
 Hudson, Gary H.

-J-

Jerdon, Sandra A.
 Jodoin, Naomi M.
 Jodoin, Raymond A.
 Johnston, Robin Lee
 Johnston, Timothy E.
 Jolly, Russell W.
 Jurentkuff, Karl E., Jr.
 Jurentkuff, Virginia P.

-K-

Kalaus, Warren
 Kalaus, Dorothy M.
 Katz, Frederick
 Kenney, Keely C.
 Kenney, Robert F.
 Kenney, Roseanna
 Knapp, Ada L.
 Knapp, John F.

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Laffond, Cynthia M.
 Laffond, Leonard J.
 Latawiec, Phyllis J.
 Lehr, Bruce
 Lehr, Dorothy E.
 Lehr, Heidi
 Lindabury, Donald E.
 Lively, Carol
 Lively, Deborah L.
 Lively, Dennis G.
 Lively, James W.
 Lively, Jonathan
 Lively, Sandra Julia
 Loomis, William Arthur

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MacLean, John C.
 MacLean, Pauline H.
 May, Dennis F.
 May, Edwin L.
 May, Gail
 May, Katherine Eileen
 May, Micah
 McLatchy, Lesley K.
 McLatchy, Paul, Jr.
 Migeon, Jean-Paul
 Miller, Daniel J.
 Miller, Deborah
 Miller, Joan M.
 Miller, Jonathan D.
 Morse, Alfred C., Jr.
 Morse, Marjorie H.

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Nock, Clayton

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O'Brien, James E.
 O'Brien, Georgia H.
 Oliver, Kathleen

-P-

Page, Dorothy F.
 Palmer, Edwin A.
 Palmer, Ellsworth E.
 Pecor, Wayne D.
 Phelps, Daniel R., Jr.
 Phelps, Mary Jo Anne
 Pierce, Efford H.
 Pierce, Judith Ann
 Pike, Laurie J.

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Quinn, James
 Quinn, Melissa S.
 Quinn, Richard K.

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Reardon, Mary A.
 Reardon, William Neil
 Reed, Robin W.
 Reynolds-Gallagher, Danette

Reynolds-Gallagher, Robert
Rice, Claudine M.
Rice, Dean
Rice, Donald A.
Rice, Jennifer L.
Rice, Margaret B.
Rice, Martha A.
Rice, Robert R.
Riggan, George A.
Riggan, John R.
Riggan, Margalee O.
Riggan, Merle R.
Roche, Barbara J.
Rossi, Caroline
Rossi, John F.
Rossi, Martha A.

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Scrivens, Betty R.
Scrivens, David F.
Shields, Helen R.
Shields, Peter E.
Shippee, Anna M.
Shumway, Katherine
Sibley, Mary E.
Sittinger, Robert G., Jr.
Smith, Floyd W.
Smith, Phyllis T.
Snivley, Mary Elizabeth
Snyder, Catherine T.
Snyder, Timothy Charles
Soule, Evelyn L.
Soviecke, Karen
Soviecke, Mitchell
Sprague, Katherine D.
Sprague, Kevin D.
Stetson, Jane B.
Stetson, Wendell L.
Stevens, Dorothy N.
Stevens, Raymond B.
Stickney, Barbara
Stickney, Denise
Sullivan, Vincent J.
Sullivan, Adrienne P.

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Taskey, Jeffrey A.
Taylor, James W.
Taylor, Susan Berry
Tower, Christine A.
Tower, Jonathan
Tower, Richard A., Sr.
Truesdell, Richard H.
Truesdell, Ruth

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Vadeboncoeur, Joseph A.
VanItallie, Jean-Claude
Vaznis, Cindy
Veber, Aristia F.
Veber, Ellsworth W., Jr.
Veber, Florence M.
Veber, George F.
Veber, Mary
Veber, Shirley
Veber, Terry
Veber, Todd
Veber, Wayne L.
Vega, Brian
Volland, Phyllis E.

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Wayne, David B.
Wayne, Rebecca B.
Weller, James D.
Wessman, Daniel J.
Williams, Albert R.
Williams, Frederick N.
Williams, James H.
Williams, John H.
Williams, Karin
Williams, Nancy E.
Williams, Nancy N.
Williams, Ree S.
Wilson, Douglas F.
Woffenden, Rena B.
Wood, Susan Carol
Woodside, Margaret M.
Woodward, Eleanor L.
Woodward, Martin V.

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Zielonka, Stanley R.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the residents of FCSWMD member municipalities:

During the 1994-95 year the Solid Waste Management District produced a number of accomplishments aimed at waste reduction, long-term waste disposal, and consumer education.

The District continues to work closely with the Town of Northfield and the proponent of a privately funded solid waste composting facility. The project is moving through the regulatory process and, while progress is slower than what we had hoped, there is still progress. Local opposition has been strong and focused. The District continues to see this project as being in the best interests of all our member towns, and believes that it will be constructed and operated in a manner that will protect the environment and ambiance of the neighborhood.

Our education programs, under the direction of Lynn Rose, worked with area schools to start or expand recycling programs, train teachers, and provide educational materials. Our Resource Center provides local schools, businesses, and individuals with information, curricula, videos, and periodicals. We received a major federal grant to design and build a series of interactive displays about waste reduction and hazardous products. The displays will begin circulating throughout the District this spring. Our education efforts are gaining attention throughout Massachusetts and New England. Our efforts have been enhanced by the work of interns from area colleges. The interns receive training and supervision, and allow us to accomplish more at no added cost to our towns.

Using start-up funds provided by the state, we sold more than 520 backyard compost bins at a reduced price to Franklin County residents. We also put on a series of "how to" workshops for people interested in composting food and yard waste in their backyards. This popular bin distribution program will be repeated this coming summer and fall.

Thanks to a new contract negotiated last year, all District towns will continue to enjoy free recycling privileges at the Springfield MRF (Materials Recycling Facility). In fiscal 1994, District towns recycled a combined total of over 3,376 tons of paper, glass, metals, and plastic. This works out to about 105 pounds of recycled material for every resident of all our towns, and represents a combined savings of over \$185,000 in disposal fees. Our plastics recycling program continues to grow: over 100 tons — 5,872 cubic yards — of plastic containers were returned to the manufacturing process in 1994. Our Administrator, Bob Rottenberg, was elected chairman of the new MRF Advisory Board. This will ensure that our towns' recycling concerns are well heard at the state level.

Our third annual Household Hazardous Waste day collected 6,100 gallons of a variety of toxic substances from over 800 households in 19 participating towns. 52% of the participants used the collection for the first time, which indicated that many people are reducing or eliminating their purchase and use of these substances. This is good news for our local environment.

Our District Committee, made up of volunteer representatives from all member towns, works hard to find environmentally and economically sound solutions to our solid waste management challenges. We continue to seek and receive grants that help extend the value of every municipal dollar voted to support the District's efforts. We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Charles Sylvester, Bernardston,
Chairman
Robert Rottenberg, Administrator

Town of Rowe Balance Sheet - FY 1994

June 30, 1994

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:

CASH

| | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|
| General Cash | 483561.95 | |
| TOTAL CASH | | 48561.95 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Personal Property Taxes FY1994 | 154.61 | |
| TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES | | 154.61 |

REAL ESTATE TAXES

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Real Estate Taxes FY1994 | 3413.68 | |
| TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES | | 3413.68 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY1994 | 1127.59 | |
| TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES | | 1127.59 |

TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Tax Titles | 831.26 | |
| TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS | | 831.26 |

AGENCY

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Withholding-Federal Tax | 60.02 | |
| TOTAL AGENCY | | 60.02 |

GRANTS

| | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Chapter 1 | 725.46 | |
| TOTAL GRANTS | | 725.46 |

APPROPRIATION BALANCES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|------|
| TOTAL OVERDRAWN APPROPRIATIONS | | 0.00 |
|--------------------------------|--|------|

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| TOTAL ASSETS: | | <u>489874.57</u> |
|----------------------|--|------------------|

LIABILITIES:

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| AGENCY | | |
| Group Insurance | 1652.63 | |
| Dog Licenses | 34.10 | |
| TOTAL AGENCY | | 1686.73 |
| GIFTS & BEQUESTS | | |
| Goal Post Gift Account | 2186.14 | |
| TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS | | 2186.14 |
| TRUST FUND INCOME | | |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care | 893.62 | |
| School Trust Fund | 43.78 | |
| TOTAL TRUST FUND INCOME | | 937.43 |
| GRANTS | | |
| Council on Aging - State | 929.75 | |
| Arts Lottery Grant | 3179.07 | |
| Early Childhood Education | 273.10 | |
| TOTAL GRANTS | | 4381.92 |
| REVOLVING FUNDS | | |
| School Band | 213.70 | |
| School Lunch | 2028.57 | |
| Use of Gazebo Deposit | 75.00 | |
| County Dog Refund | 190.27 | |
| TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS | | 2507.54 |
| RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION | | |
| Cemetery Sale of Lots | 1750.00 | |
| Wetlands Protection Fund | 730.00 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION | | 2480.00 |
| OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS | | |
| OVERLAY FY 1994 | 3568.29 | |
| TOTAL OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS | | 3568.29 |
| REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED | | |
| Tax Title Revenue | 831.26 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue | 1127.59 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED | | 1958.85 |

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|----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| SURPLUS | | |
| Surplus Revenue | 395608.69 | |
| TOTAL SURPLUS | | 395608.69 |

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|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| APPROPRIATION BALANCES | | |
| Highway - General Drainage | 1026.81 | |
| Town Line Bridge Engineering | 3300.00 | |
| Davis Mine & Tatro Roads | 8086.24 | |
| Rowe School Salary Encumbrance | 25618.22 | |
| Dump Fence & Gate | 3995.00 | |
| Recycling Shed & Bin Pad | 460.35 | |
| Gracy House Repair/Modifications | 2000.00 | |
| Town Hall Expansion Contingency | 6812.26 | |
| Town Hall Furnishings | 3060.10 | |
| Microfilming Town Records | 200.00 | |
| Reserve Fund FY 1995 | 20000.00 | |

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| TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES | | 74558.98 |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|

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| TOTAL LIABILITIES: | | 489874.57 |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

| TRUST FUNDS | Assets | Liabilities |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Trust Cash | 728208.05 | |
| Martha Wells Memorial Library | | 8581.20 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | | 13548.39 |
| Rowe Library Gift Trust | | 254.85 |
| Charles Wells Library | | 2077.10 |
| Preserved Smith Library | | 1790.44 |
| Gould Library | | 13151.77 |
| Foster Donation | | 1860.67 |
| White Memorial Library | | 4047.46 |
| L. Tower/Jones Library | | 4047.46 |
| Rowe Memorial Scholarship | | 1929.90 |
| Stabilization Fund | | 676918.81 |
| | <u>728208.05</u> | <u>728208.05</u> |

Appropriation Balances Report - June 30, 1994

| Account Names | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Expended/ Transferred | Balance |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | |
| Town Counsel | 4000.00 | | 1890.41 | 2109.59 |
| Selectmen's Stipends | 4800.00 | | 4800.00 | 0.00 |
| General Administration | 16000.00 | 445.50 | 16445.50 | 116.44 |
| Misc. Officers Stipends | 1300.00 | | 1300.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Officers Expenses | 800.00 | | 735.43 | 64.57 |
| Printing Town Reports | 2600.00 | | 2234.97 | 365.03 |
| Summer Youth Employment | 18000.00 | | 15926.10 | 2073.90 |
| Council on Aging | 500.00 | | 70.00 | 430.00 |
| Accounting Officer/Clerk Salary | 27746.00 | | 27746.00 | 0.00 |
| Clerical Assistant | 500.00 | | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Assessors Stipends | 2400.00 | | 2400.00 | 0.00 |
| Assessors Clerks Pay | 3000.00 | | 2014.25 | 985.75 |
| Assessors Operation | 1000.00 | | 973.38 | 26.62 |
| Assessors Mapping | 400.00 | | 300.00 | 100.00 |
| Assessors Software/Computer | 2366.04 | | 1444.34 | 921.70 |
| Assessors Revaluation/Tax Billing | 7661.66 | | 6555.85 | 1105.81 |
| Treasurers Salary | 3500.00 | | 3500.00 | 0.00 |
| Asst. Treasurer Pay | 200.00 | | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Tax Collectors Salary | 3400.00 | | 3400.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Clerks Salary | 3600.00 | | 3600.00 | 0.00 |
| Election/Teller Expenses | 1200.00 | | 414.00 | 786.00 |
| Registrars/Census Stipends | 350.00 | | 350.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Commission Operation | 200.00 | | 48.95 | 151.05 |
| Planning Board Operation | 400.00 | 146.07 | 546.07 | 340.00 |
| Planning Board - Goal Post | 8800.00 | (146.07) | 8653.93 | 0.58 |
| Total General Government | 114723.70 | 445.50 | 104892.16 | 10277.04 |

HIGHWAYS

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|----------|
| Chapter 90 (Chapt. 33B) | 76300.00 | | 76300.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway Wages | 115160.00 | | 97428.61 | 17731.39 |
| Highway Sick Leave | 4000.00 | | 2593.50 | 1406.50 |
| Highway Machine Maintenance | 16000.00 | | 15998.10 | 1.90 |
| Hwy - Fuel Oil, Elec., Etc. | 6000.00 | | 3261.14 | 2738.86 |
| Hwy - Fuel for Town Vehicles | 12500.00 | | 10719.86 | 1780.14 |
| Hwy - General Maintenance | 11500.00 | | 11469.00 | 31.00 |
| Hwy - Bridges & Guard Rails | 7805.36 | | 7800.98 | 4.38 |
| Hwy - General Drainage | 16756.85 | | 15730.04 | 1026.81 |
| Hwy - Road Surface Maintenance | 32000.00 | | 32000.00 | 0.00 |
| Hwy - Roadside Maintenance | 2000.00 | | 1979.70 | 20.30 |
| Hwy - Superintendents Salary | 40504.00 | | 40504.00 | 0.00 |
| Hwy - Building Maintenance | 3000.00 | | 2994.00 | 6.00 |

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|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Town Line Bridge Engineering | 3300.00 | | 0.00 | 3300.00 |
| Davis Mine & Tatro Roads | 9734.22 | | 1647.98 | 8086.24 |
| Hwy - Winter Roads | 34000.00 | | 33999.04 | 0.96 |
| Street Lighting | 4000.00 | | 3791.19 | 206.81 |
| Total Highways | 394560.43 | 0.00 | 358219.14 | 36341.29 |

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| School Committee Salaries | 3000.00 | | 3000.00 | 0.00 |
| Rowe Elementary School | 756651.00 | (25618.22) | 729903.20 | 1129.58 |
| Rowe School Salary Encumbrance | 27907.39 | 26878.08 | 29167.25 | 25618.22 |
| Franklin Cty. Tech Capital | 15313.00 | | 15313.00 | 0.00 |
| Heath Pre-School | 3000.00 | | 3000.00 | 0.00 |
| Mohawk Late Bus Service | 9440.00 | | 6840.00 | 2600.00 |
| Mohawk Guidance Counselor | 15000.00 | | 15000.00 | 0.00 |
| Librarians Salary | 11056.00 | | 11056.00 | 0.00 |
| Library Wages | 5410.00 | | 5222.65 | 187.35 |
| Library Operation | 7897.00 | | 7483.88 | 413.12 |
| Total Schools & Libraries | 854674.39 | 1259.86 | 825985.98 | 29948.27 |

VETERANS

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Veterans Admin. Salary | 300.00 | | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Veterans Admn. Operation | 300.00 | | 291.69 | 8.31 |
| Veterans Benefits | 500.00 | | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Total Veterans | 900.00 | 0.00 | 591.69 | 308.31 |

CEMETERIES

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Cemetery Maintenance | 3200.00 | | 3200.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Cemeteries | 3200.00 | 0.00 | 3200.00 | 0.00 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Police Chiefs Salary | 6760.00 | | 6760.00 | 0.00 |
| Police Officers Wages | 6215.00 | | 3910.50 | 2304.50 |
| Police Department Operation | 2800.00 | | 1697.32 | 1102.68 |
| Police - New Cruiser | 4691.91 | | 86.10 | 4605.81 |
| Fire Chiefs Stipend | 2500.00 | 1100.00 | 3600.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Officers Stipends | 5700.00 | | 5700.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire-Fighters Stipends | 4550.00 | | 4000.00 | 550.00 |
| Fire Department Operation | 20550.00 | | 20550.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Dept - New Truck | 10517.06 | | 10517.06 | 0.00 |
| Building Inspectors Fees | 2800.00 | 715.80 | 3515.80 | 0.00 |
| Plumbing Inspectors Stipend | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 0.00 |
| Electrical Inspectors Stipend | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 0.00 |
| Civil Defense Operation | 10.00 | | 0.00 | 10.00 |
| Forest Fire Control | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease | 600.00 | | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| Insect Pest Control | 60.00 | | 0.00 | 60.00 |
| Total Prot. Persons/Property | 69453.97 | 1815.80 | 614714.00 | 9555.77 |

| Account Names | Original Budget | Budget Revisions | Expended/ Transferred | Balance |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| HEALTH & SANITATION | | | | |
| Ambulance Service | 1500.00 | | 1500.00 | 0.00 |
| EMT Coordinators Stipend | 500.00 | | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| EMT Operation | 1400.00 | | 1245.05 | 154.95 |
| EMT Equipment | 300.00 | | 286.45 | 13.55 |
| EMT Call-Out Stipend | 900.00 | | 600.00 | 300.00 |
| Hazardous Material Control | 10.00 | | 0.00 | 10.00 |
| Refuse Garden Operation | 51000.00 | | 50652.83 | 347.17 |
| Sanitarians Fees | 1600.00 | | 837.00 | 763.00 |
| Dump Fence & Gate | 3995.00 | | 0.00 | 3995.00 |
| Dump Attendant Wage | 6700.00 | | 6380.00 | 320.00 |
| Franklin Cty. Solid Waste | 1401.00 | | 1392.00 | 9.00 |
| Recycling Shed & Bin Pad | 460.35 | | 0.00 | 460.35 |
| Board of Health Operation | 2000.00 | | 1946.29 | 53.71 |
| Total Health & Sanitation | 72266.35 | 0.00 | 65797.12 | 6469.23 |
| DEBT & INTEREST | | | | |
| Bank Charges/Loan Interest | 1500.00 | (165.00) | 232.67 | 1102.33 |
| Total Debt & Interest | 1500.00 | (165.00) | 232.67 | 1102.33 |
| UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES | | | | |
| Bonding/Insurance | 55000.00 | 1190.00 | 56183.00 | 7.00 |
| Municipal Cntr. Custodians Wage | 10000.00 | | 9646.00 | 354.00 |
| Municipal Cntr. Op. & Maintenance | 9600.00 | | 8952.17 | 647.83 |
| Elevator Maintenance | 4550.00 | | 4512.00 | 38.00 |
| Municipal Cntr. Fuel Oil | 2500.00 | | 2003.51 | 496.49 |
| Gracy House Repair | 2000.00 | | 0.00 | 2000.00 |
| Beautification | 1600.00 | | 579.31 | 1020.69 |
| Office Equipment | 10.00 | | 0.00 | 10.00 |
| Town Hall Exp. Contingency | 6812.26 | | 0.00 | 6812.26 |
| Town Hall Furniture | 3060.10 | | 0.00 | 3060.10 |
| Micro-filming Town Records | 200.00 | | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Old Home Day | 6000.00 | | 0.00 | 6000.00 |
| Park Wages | 15304.00 | | 13798.48 | 1505.52 |
| Park Operation | 3430.00 | | 3427.67 | 2.33 |
| Tennis Court Repair | 4350.00 | | 4320.00 | 30.00 |
| County Retirement | 48972.00 | | 48972.00 | 0.00 |
| Retirement - Randolph | 1000.00 | | 988.11 | 11.89 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 500.00 | | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Group Insurance | 140000.00 | | 126503.73 | 13496.27 |
| Early Retirement Program | 10000.00 | | 0.00 | 10000.00 |
| Stabilization Appropriation | 100000.00 | | 100000.00 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization Hwy. Equipment | 20000.00 | | 20000.00 | 0.00 |
| Reserve Fund | 20000.00 | 3005.80 | 0.00 | 16994.20 |
| Total Unclassified Expenses | 464888.36 | (1815.80) | 399885.98 | 63186.58 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 1976167.20 | 1540.36 | 1820518.74 | 157188.82 |

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn, Accounting Officer

Tax Collector's Report - FY 1994

| Year/Tax | Outstanding 07/01/93 | Commitment | Abate- ments | Tax Title | Payments | Refunds Outstanding 06/30/94 |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 92MV | 0.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 |
| 93MV | 2064.27 | 2177.23 | 590.66 | 0.00 | 3819.74 | 168.90 |
| 94MV | 0.00 | 16846.69 | 813.96 | 0.00 | 15132.01 | 226.87 |
| 93PP | 97.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 97.11 | 0.00 |
| 94PP | 0.00 | 927356.09 | 165.25 | 0.00 | 926947.23 | 243.61 |
| 93RE | 4636.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4636.14 | 0.00 |
| 94RE | 0.00 | 430567.81 | 3019.25 | 45.24 | 425186.51 | 1363.69 |
| TOTAL | 6797.52 | 1376952.82 | 4589.12 | 45.24 | 1375823.74 | 1759.46 |

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| Interest Collected on Overdue Taxes | \$220.99 |
| Lien Fees | 425.00 |
| Demands | 175.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
L. Norma Brown, Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

STABILIZATION FUND FY 1994

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance as of June 1, 1993 | \$538,346.52 |
| Transfers From General Fund | 120,000.00 |
| Transfers To General Fund | -0- |
| Interest Earned 7/1/93 to 6/30/94 | 18,572.29 |
| Balance as of June 30, 1994 | \$676,918.81 |

Respectfully submitted,
June H. Brown, Treasurer

Treasurer's Trust Fund Report

TRUST FUNDS FY 1994

| NAME OF FUND | BAL 6/30/93 | TRANS IN | INT. | TRANS OUT | BAL 6/30/94 |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------------|----------------|
| M. Wells Mem. Library | 8323.39 | 0.00 | 257.81 | 0.00 | 8581.20 |
| Cemetery | 14496.51 | 100.00 | 451.87 | (1500.00) | 13548.38 |
| Rowe Lib. Gift Trust | 247.20 | 0.00 | 7.65 | 0.00 | 254.85 |
| Charles Wells Library | 2014.68 | 0.00 | 62.42 | 0.00 | 2077.10 |
| Preserved Smith Library | 1736.66 | 0.00 | 53.78 | 0.00 | 1790.44 |
| Gould Library | 12756.62 | 0.00 | 395.15 | 0.00 | 13151.77 |
| Foster Donation | 1804.76 | 0.00 | 55.91 | 0.00 | 1860.67 |
| White Memorial Library | 3925.86 | 0.00 | 121.60 | 0.00 | 4047.46 |
| L. Tower/Jones Library | 3925.86 | 0.00 | 121.60 | 0.00 | 4047.46 |
| Rowe Mem. Scholarship | 1862.03 | 10.00 | 57.87 | (25.00) | 1904.90 |
| TOTALS | 51093.57 | 110.00 | 1585.66 | (1525.00) | 51264.23 |

Respectfully submitted,
June H. Brown, Treasurer

Superintendent of Schools

It is certainly with joy and pride that I write this Annual Report, marking the end of my first year as Superintendent of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, the Hawlemont Regional School District, and the Rowe School District.

The newly expanded Mohawk Trail Regional School District, created by legislation passed on December 31, 1993, saw one school committee replace three committees. The new Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee of 22 members has worked very hard at addressing the needs of schools in the district as well as working at unifying the three into one united district.

In my 1993 report, I indicated that the district was faced with serious building problems. I am happy to report that this is definitely one area that was addressed during this past year. Feasibility studies were made on four school buildings of the district and a study of the future needs of Heath was completed. Building committees were formed to study the feasibility study reports, come up with plans of action, and bring their recommendations to the voters. The people of the district, concerned with the education of their children, have responded to the needs revealed through the feasibility studies and the recommendations of the building committees.

On March 24, 1994, the voters of Heath approved the building of a new elementary school at a cost of \$3,303,403.00. The State will reimburse 71.67% of this cost. Heath has progressed to the point of issuing bid documents. Bids are due by the end of February and construction should begin in April of 1995.

Four other projects were - or are about to be - presented to the voters for approval. If approved, these must be submitted to the State before June 1, 1995 in order to be placed on the approved building list:

1. Ashfield and Plainfield have approved the building of a new elementary school which will cost \$5,016,947. A 72.5% reimbursement will come from the state.
2. Colrain has also approved an addition/renovation to their elementary school at a cost of \$3,078,186. The town will receive a 77% reimbursement from the State.
3. Buckland and Shelburne will be voting on an addition/renovation to their elementary school estimated to be at \$3,321,900. The state will reimburse the towns at a 71.67% level.
4. Finally, six towns have approved a \$750,000 loan for planning an addition/renovation project for Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Two other towns still have to vote approval of the planning project. If the

addition/renovation project is approved at the town meetings in late spring, the project could cost up to \$12,297,242. A 71.67% reimbursement will come from the State.

In its continued implementation of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993, the State Board of Education has promulgated a new policy which will require the teachers to be re-certified every five years. This also obligates the District to develop and offer in-service programs that will help all staff meet the required 120 hours of in-service necessary for re-certification, free-of-charge to the teacher. The District, through Dot Lyman, Special Projects Liaison, is developing a plan to implement this program for all three Districts.

On December 20, 1994, the State Board also promulgated directives related to time and learning. The State mandates through this policy that all students in elementary school must interface with teachers a total of 900 hours per year. High School students will have to do the same for 990 hours per year. Not counted in these 900/990 hours are time spent in home room, recess, lunch, passing time between periods, etc. We do know, however, that we will have to add some time to the high school day.

The planned building of a new elementary school in Heath will leave Rowe with a very small school population. This has necessitated the school committee as well as the Rowe School Principal to plan a re-structuring of the program in this school. The School Committee has indicated its firm resolve to keep this school open as a "school of choice."

All of the work that has been done during this past year; whether the area of school construction planning, implementation of new school reform legislation, development of new educational programs, the melding of three districts into one could not have been done had it not been for dedicated staff, concerned parents and citizens, and dedicated citizens who have run for election as school committee members or as members of special committees. In the name of all of the children of the District, a sincere "Thank You!"

Respectfully submitted,
Albert J. Cormier,
Superintendent of Schools

Rowe School Committee

1994 has been another busy year for the Rowe School Committee; working with the new Education Reform laws and continuing to provide quality education for all our children.

The committee accepted with regret the resignation of Karen Fournier, a long-time teacher at Rowe Elementary, contingent upon an early retirement incentive pursuant to Section 83 of the Education Reform Act of 1993.

Those currently being home taught are now at 55 students in our district. Superintendent Albert Cormier presented the committee with policies and procedures which will bring us into compliance.

The Mohawk District decided to reinstate the late bus schedule for all students. The Committee asked the people of Rowe to fund the tickets for our students at a cost of \$2500.

The Committee throughout the year continued to work with State officials, members of the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the Superintendent's office to establish a formal proposal with regards to Education Reform requirements and the future of Rowe Elementary School.

We have been looking at budget and enrollment projections for the next five years. Factors included were:

How many students will be enrolled?

How much money will be spent?

If Rowe runs as a school of choice, how many students would be needed to make it viable?

What would the tuition amount be? (There is a formula that must be used based on per pupil spending.)

The Education Council presented a timeline for 1994-95. This is a new committee under the Education Reform Act, which works with the Principal to improve over-all school performance by adopting educational goals, assessing the needs of the school, and formulating a school improvement plan.

Throughout the year a sub-committee continued to negotiate a contract with the teachers of the elementary school.

The Rowe School Committee continues to work towards quality education in a positive learning atmosphere. We, as a committee, encourage townspeople to attend our meetings regularly and want to thank you all for your support over the last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Rice, Chairman
Mary Jo Phelps
Susan Berry Taylor

Rowe School - Principal's Report

It has been usual, in these reports, to review the past year as we approach Town Meeting: to establish a sense of continuity with Rowe School's past.

But as we approach May, and the submission to the Town of what we expect to be the last school budget under the tuition arrangement with our neighbors in Heath, I think it is worth reflecting on the future of Rowe School.

In 1993 the School Committee, at the behest of the voters, took the initial steps in "downsizing" the school. When we open our doors next September, we will have two dozen less students than we had only three years ago, and the new school building in Heath will be well under way. The budget submitted to you now aims to provide the best education possible for the ninety-odd children we'll have next year. But it is also meant to lay the groundwork for the very different school we'll be in September of 1996.

One key component of the new Rowe School is technology. Many in our community still think of the computer as an important new machine, the uses of which our children should be taught. But the computer's potential for Rowe is greater than that.

Some of you may have caught the brief human interest article in Yankee magazine last year, about the country's biggest agency devoted solely to booking cruises. A decade ago, an operation on this scale, tracking dozens of ships to hundreds of destinations for thousands of customers, would have had to be in a major urban area. But today, this entire business is run by a husband and wife team, using a computer and a satellite dish, from their home in a rural Maine town about the size of Rowe.

Technology can bring a double benefit to Rowe. Certainly, we want our children (and our adult residents as well!) to learn to master this powerful new tool. But in providing the means to do so, we can bring enhanced access to information to all Rowe residents.

The proposed school budget includes funds to bring the much-touted "information highway" into Rowe School, with communications connections in every classroom, and sufficient dollars to keep students on line regularly.

What do elementary school children do with telecommunications? They participate as local data collectors in ongoing scientific research. They share their writing projects, and their community histories, with students from other classrooms around the world. They ask real experts questions, the answers to which can't be found in elementary textbooks. The applications are as diverse as the school's curriculum and the children's interests.

The budget includes funds to increase access to computers at school. For next year, even the jump from twenty-one to thirty-six computers will require some sharing of machines and restricted access: but these machines will enable us to

begin the 1996-97 school year with a computer available for every student.

The budget also includes funds to put a satellite dish in service at the school, to allow participation in video-based “distance learning” programs. Initially, we will use this service to increase the range of enrichment materials in math, science and the humanities, and to supplement our new foreign language program.

Which brings me to the next major new item in the proposed budget: funding for a 60% position to guide the creation of that foreign language program. With a teacher available three days a week, and video material available on demand, we expect to be able to provide a thorough foundation in at least one foreign language for students attending Rowe School.

Aside from the important advantages mastering a foreign language brings to our students in their adult lives, elementary school language instruction also serves an important role in making their high school years more flexible. The Massachusetts Department of Education and the state School Board are putting in place the requirement that all Massachusetts students demonstrate proficiency in a second language before graduating high school. Students who have become proficient in elementary school will have more freedom to choose appropriate classwork in their secondary years than their friends who put off learning a language until high school.

The budget also contains significant funds for keeping some teachers at work this summer, designing the next steps in our transition to a multiage primary program. This spring, teams of teachers and parents have been visiting model programs in Maine, Vermont and New York. During the next year, we will engage teachers and students in several structured, cross-age projects. In 1996, we will reopen school with a multiage program in place.

Still, there are many questions left to be answered as we move toward the new Rowe School. The Education Council and the School Committee will wrestle with these as they come up. But Rowe community members must grapple with these issues as well. For that reason, the school has been holding periodic community meetings, where information is provided and questions can be asked in less formal ways than at public hearings. We will continue these meetings throughout the transition period. And we will continue to publish our Rowe School Tomorrow newsletter, which is mailed to all Rowe residents.

It would be disingenuous of me not to acknowledge that facing these questions has led - and will certainly continue to lead - to much sharp debate in Rowe. What makes me optimistic about the eventual outcome of these debates is that, on all sides, the touchstone of argument is always what is best for Rowe’s children. It takes but a brief glance at the school news from other towns this time of year to show us all how rarely that is the case. If the debate continues to take this high road, then, whatever the outcome, I am confident the children of Rowe will have been well served.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Taylor, Principal

Town of Rowe

School Attending Children

| Grade | Local Public School | Franklin Cty. Tech Vocational | Out of District Public | Private | Total |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-------|
| Kindergarten | 6 | | | | 6 |
| Grade 1 | 4 | | 1 | | 5 |
| Grade 2 | 5 | | | | 5 |
| Grade 3 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 |
| Grade 4 | 5 | | 1 | | 6 |
| Grade 5 | 4 | | | 1 | 5 |
| Grade 6 | 2 | | 1 | | 3 |
| Grade 7 | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Grade 8 | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Grade 9 | | 2 | 3 | | 5 |
| Grade 10 | | 1 | 3 | | 4 |
| Grade 11 | | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Grade 12 | | | 4 | | 4 |
| | 27 | 3 | 19 | 7 | 56 |

Mohawk High School Principal

It is my pleasure to submit my thirteenth report as principal of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The present school year is one which is marked by much activity and change. It brings with it a hope for facilities expansion and update and program development for all students.

On October 1, 1994, 791 students were in attendance; an increase of 60 over the previous year. We expect nearly 900 students by the year 1996. Four modular classrooms were added to accommodate the increase.

A faculty day of reflection at Linden Hill School opened the year and provided us with an agenda for change. Faculty, parents and students have been visiting model school task forces programs throughout New England and each group is represented on school task forces which are developing advisory programs, new ways of scheduling, apprenticeships and examining graduation criteria. Reports of the task groups are expected in May, 1995. Our students continue to score creditably on standardized tests. Our tenth graders scored at the top of Franklin County Students in the MA Assessment of Educational Progress. New programs are being developed by math and English departments to assist students in mastering the SAT's. As of last spring, 55% of the graduating class had been accepted into two or four year colleges.

The middle school musical, "Annie Warbucks" was performed in November to audiences in our towns and in Turners Falls. The reviews were extremely positive. Students are in the process of preparing the all-school musical "Carousel" for the spring.

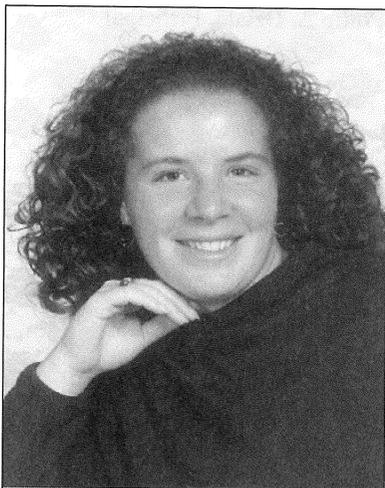
Global Ecology students have two Costa Rica expeditions planned; social studies students have broadcast several mock trials; the science department introduced an Advanced Placement Biology course this fall; the foreign language staff is planning a winter excursion to Mexico, and the Related Arts department is in the process of introducing a CAD/CAM program. The past summer also brought the design and equipping of an MS-DOS based computer lab, refurbishment of school lockers and the move of the Superintendent's Offices into a modular on the campus.

Athletics continue to provide students with a host of extra-curricular options. Boys' volleyball and cross country skiing have been added to the list of available sports for the present school year. Several teams have made it into tournament play. In several areas, the process of rebuilding is completed after the graduation of many talented seniors. We are enthused about the high level of community support for our athletic programs. On Booster Day, October 1, 1994, the football field was formally dedicated in honor of William C. "Bill" Pollard, a teacher, coach and friend who passed away last winter.

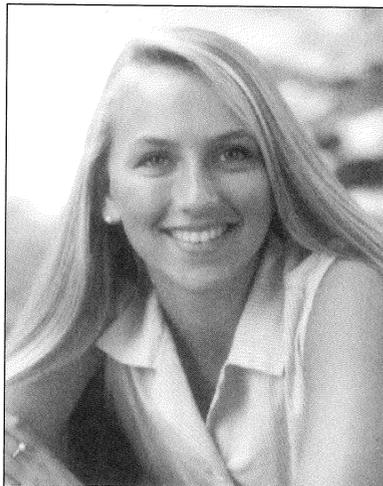
In summary, the school year is marked with excitement, change and hope. Architectural studies are underway to expand and renovate the school. Complete plans will be available for the annual town meetings. We thank the residents of our towns for your complete support of the education of our young.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Dzialo, Principal

1994 Mohawk Graduates



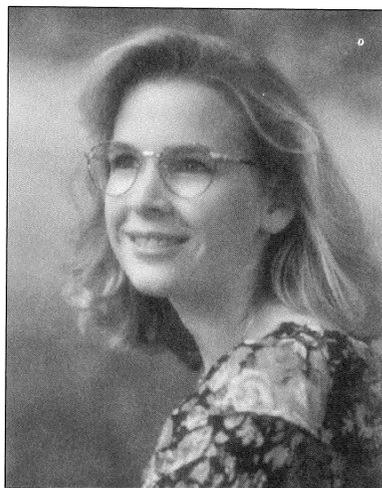
Ellen Dandeneau



Fawn Hardison



Jaime Jette



Willian Morse

Director of Special Education

As of December 1, 1994, there were 367 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Hawlemont School District, and Rowe Elementary School. This accounts for approximately 19% of the total student and pre-school population. The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district whenever possible. When, as in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services, such services are sought.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 requires that services be provided to a "...school age child: any person of ages three through twenty-one up to his/her twenty-second birthday, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent.... and who because of temporary or permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from a developmental delay or intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical factors, specific learning or health impairment or combination thereof, they would be unable to progress effectively in a developmentally appropriate education program and would require special education."

In order to meet the needs of our students, a wide variety of services are provided. A number of these services and their providers cover the entire nine town district, while others are found in individual districts.

System-wide services are provided and consist of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and the services of an Early Childhood Coordinator. A great deal of the therapy provided is on a one-to-one or small group basis. The goals and objectives that the therapist and student work on are addressed in the child's Individualized Education Plan. These goals and objectives are periodically reviewed so the child's program will continuously provide for the best possible program.

The Early Childhood Coordinator is responsible for implementing federally mandated child search activities in the nine town area throughout the year. The Early Childhood Coordinator coordinates and/or participates in: a) special needs screening of pre-schoolers ages 3-5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergartners; and c) Team meetings for pre-schoolers and Kindergartners. The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a liaison with outside agencies serving young children in and from our district. In addition The Early Childhood Coordinator also acts as a resource person to parents, teachers, and other school staff in regards to resources, programs and services for young special needs children.

There are two primary goals in our special education program, one is to "mainstream", that is, to integrate the children into the regular education program as much as possible. And, two, we have also embarked on a program of "full-inclusion", where and whenever possible, which maintains the child in the classroom all day, regardless of the disability.

There are ten special needs rooms throughout the nine town district. Most of the students serviced by these programs are seen for subject areas such as language arts, math study skills, etc., while also developing strategies and techniques which are aimed at helping children to both cope and/or remediate the effects of their disabilities on learning. The special education instructor often coordinates the child's program with that of the regular education program. With the added assistance of the special education aides, the goals and objectives of each child's Individual Education Plan are implemented and regularly evaluated.

Each of the schools within our district receives the services of a school psychologist. The school psychologist contributes a variety of services to our schools, chief among these services are their assessments of an individual's ability and the counseling provided to individuals.

All of the support services provided within our nine town district depend upon the strong networking of talented individuals. Parents (through individual and Parent Advisory Council support), school personnel, and outside support agencies, all assist in providing guidance in programs for children in both special and regular education programs. It is this coordinated effort that strengthens special education programs and enables us to meet the special needs of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,
William Hickey,
Director of Special Education

School Library/Media Report

The six school library/media centers in our school districts have continued to work towards increased utilization of technology, striving towards the on-line computerization of each collection. Last year the high school Resource Center commenced this major project, and this year the BSR school library has begun the process in earnest. With the assistance of grant money and Block Grant allocations, we hope to complete the project in two more years.

An integral part of this technology process has been the on-going in-service opportunities for library/media staff. Many workshops, after school meetings and visitations have helped us gain a better understanding of new technology and software. Staff visited the Greenfield and Turners Falls high school libraries and participated in countless in-service workshops in the school district in preparation for using the Winnebago comprehensive software programs. All our school libraries have been engaged in serving students and teachers while simultaneously undertaking collection development, weeding out dated material and integrating new technology such as UMass K-12 on-line computer services. The combined circulation for our school library/media centers is as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Print material | 32,130 |
| Non-Print Material | 5,101 |
| Inter-Library Loan | 145 |
| Total District Circulation | 37,376 |

Library personnel continue to be involved in the development of a K-12 Technology Plan, library/media in-service programs, individual courses at local colleges. Staff for the 1994 school year are as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Buckland-Shelburne Regional School | Toni Wilcox |
| Colrain Central School | Eugenie Lynch |
| Hawlemont Regional Elementary | Candy Cross |
| Rowe Elementary | Wanda Musacchio |
| Sanderson Academy | Beverly Williams |
| Mohawk Trail Regional | Marjorie Porrovecchio |
| | Julie DuPree |
| | Patsy Jill Hinds |
| | Susan Silvester |

We remain grateful to the many members of the local community who continue to donate print and non-print material, time and expertise.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Silvester,
Director of Instructional Media K-12

Franklin County Technical School District School Committee Annual Report of the Chairperson

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

“The staff and community of the Franklin County Technical School District believe that all students are able to learn. It is our responsibility to provide our students with a safe, tolerant, disciplined and supportive environment that will nurture and stimulate this ability. We believe that our school, which offers professional technical training combined with solid academic education, gives students their best chance at success in life. In addition, the broad sampling of student activities available provides the opportunity to master a variety of skills and acquire values that will enable our students to develop physically, intellectually, and socially.”

This paragraph represents a portion of the Statement of Philosophy of the Franklin County Technical School as developed as a part of the accreditation process. On December 8, 1993, we were notified that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges had approved our initial accreditation status. This was a culmination of a great deal of work by the entire staff of the school and our thanks goes out to each and every member of the administration and staff who helped make this possible.

The ushering in of 1994 brought a great deal of change to the Franklin County Technical School and the school committee as well. Still reeling from the sweeping changes brought about by education reform in Massachusetts, we slowly but surely plot the course for the future of the school and committee. The members of the school committee have worked hard at looking at the changing role of the school committee under the changes of the reform bill. By sending representatives to both the Massachusetts Association of School Committees and Superintendents Conference and the National Vocational Conference, the committee strives to keep up with the changing face of vocational education and committee responsibility.

Summer of 1994 the long awaited “roof repair project” got underway. Building maintenance continues to be a target area in our budget as the building approaches its twentieth year. It will seem nice to store those buckets away and our maintenance crew already replaced many of those stained ceiling tiles, which had been ready proof of our need for the new roof.

As always, we thank the voters of our member towns for their continued financial support of the Franklin County Technical School. Vocational-technical education is a valuable resource to our communities and the students who take advantage of it. As we form stronger ties within the business community, it is our hope that we can all feel a strong sense of ownership and responsibility for the education of students.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharleen Moffatt, Chairperson
Town of Buckland

Annual Report of the Superintendent Franklin County Technical School District

**Director for Calendar Year
January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994**

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. As submitted in previous reports, I will briefly outline those significant events that have transpired during the past year.

Franklin County Technical School continues to strengthen its programs and course offering so that our students, staff and communities will be able to meet the technological requirements for area businesses and industries well into the twenty-first century. In helping to meet this goal, the school has just been accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This was the result of a lot of hard work over the past year and a half on the part of the faculty, staff, students, parents, advisory boards, school councils, and administration. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

The Education Reform Bill is still making headway into new educational standards. In addition, the Federal School-to-Work requirements will require that we all work together in Franklin County to offer all students training and learning opportunities that will help them to focus on future careers. We plan to be an active part of these new education programs.

Franklin County Technical School continues to develop adult education programs that are open to all Franklin County residents and businesses.

The student enrollment has increased again this year by about ten percent over the previous year. This trend will continue as the Franklin County population of high school age students increases and as the area regional schools eliminate the general tract of education.

The October 1, 1994 enrollment by District and Non-District towns are as follows:

| District Towns | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------------|----|
| Bernardston | 13 | Montague | 79 |
| Buckland | 3 | New Salem | 8 |
| Colrain | 18 | Northfield | 15 |
| Conway | 6 | Orange | 89 |
| Deerfield | 13 | Shelburne | 7 |
| Erving | 17 | Sunderland | 12 |
| Gill | 9 | Warwick | 6 |
| Greenfield | 111 | Wendell | 9 |
| Heath | 6 | Whately | 7 |
| Leyden | 6 | | |

Non-District Towns

| | | | |
|------------|---|------------|---|
| Amherst | 6 | Pelham | 2 |
| Ashfield | 9 | Plainfield | 2 |
| Charlemont | 4 | Rowe | 1 |
| Hawley | 2 | Shutesbury | 1 |
| Leverett | 2 | | |

A successful career fair was held in March at which Franklin County eighth grade students were given an opportunity to explore careers in the fourteen vocational-technical areas offered at the school. In addition, a well attended evening session was held for all the parents of these students, as well as for other prospective students.

Articulation agreements continue to exist with Greenfield, Holyoke and Springfield Technical Community Colleges. These agreements allow our students to receive college credit based on their competence in several technical programs.

Franklin County Technical School has entered its fourth year as a member of the Tech Prep West Consortium with the same community colleges. This innovative program encourages our students to enroll in advanced math, science and communication courses at F.C.T.S for which the students receive college credit, automatic acceptance into the community college and an opportunity to transfer into an advanced degree program at the University of Massachusetts.

As in past years, a large number of community service projects were completed by our school shop production projects. The annual house building project continues to be our major project and this year it is being built in Conway. In addition, a large number of district towns benefited from the skills of our students. F.C.T.S. students made a handicapped accessible building for 4-H Camp Howe; visited Senior Centers and gave manicures to nursing home residents; helped to renovate a public access TV studio; made plans for the Mary Lyons Educational Office Renovation Project (to be completed this coming year) and many other worthwhile community services.

The school has a new retail store that is student run and open to the public. Individual items made by students are on sale, such as cutting boards and wall mirrors.

F.C.T.S. continues to receive a large and varied number of federal grants to help with programs and services to students. The school received in excess of \$230,000 in direct grants to assist us in developing a number of technical and special education programs. A number of our area businesses and industrial firms also donated valuable materials, equipment, and services to our school.

The sports programs are expanding and our new football program is doing very well. We were proud to award diplomas and trade certificates to the sixty-three seniors in the class of 1994. Our work experience and cooperative work programs

continue to expand and be an effective vehicle for job placement of our students. As of September, 1994, our senior placement record was as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Students Available for Placement | 61 |
| Entered Work Force | 38 |
| Entered Military | 3 |
| Entered College | 10 |
| Total Placement | 84% |

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the entire educational community at Franklin County Technical School and to all the residents of the County for their dedication and hard work. Their support and understanding are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter R. Welch
Superintendent-Director

