



Elizabeth "Babcock" Adams

**Town of  
ROWE  
Massachusetts**

# OFFICE HOURS/MEETING SCHEDULES

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
Planning Board	First Thursday of month 7:00 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)*

**DIAL 9-1-1**

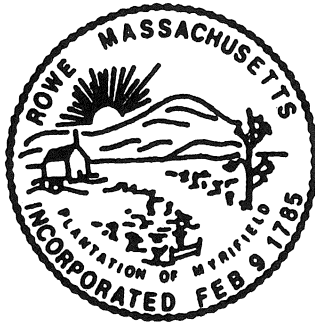
Two Hundred and Tenth

# **Annual Report**

of the

## **Town of Rowe**

## **Massachusetts**



For the Year Ending

## **December 31, 1995**





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## **United States Senators**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
Edward M. Kennedy  
315 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
1-202-224-4543 (Senate switchboard)

John F. Kerry  
421 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
1-202-224-2742

## **Massachusetts Representative In Congress**

John Olver  
1116 Longworth House  
Washington, DC 20515  
1-202-225-5335

## **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 02101  
1-413-442-5240

Representative Shaun P. Kelly  
8 Bank Rowe  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
1-413-442-2105

## **Franklin County Commissioners**

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

## Elected Town Officials

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jeffrey A. Taskey	Term expires in 1996
Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman	Term expires in 1997
Ellen L. Foberg	Term expires in 1998

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert F. Kenney, Chairman	Term expires in 1996
Ellen L. Foberg	Term expires in 1997
Leonard J. Laffond	Term expires in 1998

### TOWN CLERK

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1996
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### TREASURER

June W. Brown	Term expires in 1996
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### TAX COLLECTOR

L. Norma Brown	Term expires in 1998
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### MODERATOR

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.	Term expires in 1998
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### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

James W. Lively, Chairman	Term expires in 1996
Kathleen Oliver	Term expires in 1997
Cynthia M. Laffond	Term expires in 1998

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Margaret B. Rice, Chairman	Term expires in 1996
Susan B. Taylor	Term expires in 1997
Mary Jo Phelps	Term expires in 1998

### PARK COMMISSION

Thomas L. Chiofalo	Term expires in 1996
Laurie J. Pike	Term expires in 1997
Russell W. Jolly, Chairman	Term expires in 1998

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

James W. Taylor	Term expires in 1996
Richard A. Tower	Term expires in 1997
James H. Williams	Term expires in 1998

#### PLANNING BOARD

James W. Taylor, Acting Chairman	Term expires in 1996
Rebecca P. Bradley	Term expires in 1997
Melissa S. Quinn	Term expires in 1998
John H. Williams	Term expires in 1999
Prudence Berry	Term expires in 2000

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frederick N. Williams	Term expires in 1996 19
David W. Lenth	Term expires in 1996 19
Carlos Heiligmann	Term expires in 1997 00
Dorothy F. Page, Chairman	Term expires in 1997 00
Heidi Lehr	Term expires in 1998 01

#### CONSTABLE

Christine A. Tower	Term expires in 1996
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Respectfully submitted,  
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk



# Appointed Town Officials/Employees

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard J. (Pete) Brown, Jr.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

James W. Taylor

Albert R. Williams

Richard A. Tower

Robert F. Kenney (Retired)

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, Jr.

Captain

Daniel J. Miller

Lieutenant

William N. Reardon

Lieutenant

## SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Henry J. Dandeneau, Police Chief

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.

Michael D. Smith

Gail May

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR ROWE SCHOOL

Gail May

## CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECTMEN and BOARD OF HEALTH/ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Melissa S. Quinn

## ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Nancy A. Hazard

## 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

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Emil Begiebing

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 COORDINATOR/TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Richard K. Quinn

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Jeffrey A. Taskey

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Leonard J. Laffond

Henry G. Dandeneau

Thomas L. Chiofalo, Chairman

Melissa S. Quinn

Robert R. Rice

TREE WARDEN

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK and LUMBER

Ellsworth E. Palmer

James H. Williams

Thomas P. Danek, Jr.

SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL  
Robert F. Kenney

FENCE VIEWERS  
William H. Brown James H. Williams

ANIMAL INSPECTOR  
Carol F. Lively

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS  
L. Norma Brown Term expires 1996  
Helen R. Shields Term expires 1997  
Ellen L. Foberg Term expires 1997  
William H. Brown Term expires 1998

BOARD OF HEALTH/WELFARE  
Jeffrey A. Taskey Term expires 1996  
Leonard J. Laffond Term expires 1997  
Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman Term expires 1998

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE  
Leonard J. Laffond

CULTURAL COUNCIL (Formerly Arts Lottery Council)  
Susan Berry Taylor Carol F. Lively  
Norma Donelson Russell W. Jolly

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE  
Jeffrey A. Taskey

TOWN COUNSEL  
Craig W. Barry, Jr. Esq.  
(Trudell, Barry, Wilson, MacNicol & Kuzmeski-Jackson, P.C.)

HEALTH AGENT/SANITARIAN  
John A. Brickett, R.S.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
Cynthia M. Laffond, Chairman Ellen L. Foberg  
Judith A. Pierce Richard A. Tower

COUNCIL ON AGING  
Robert F. Kenney Roseanna Kenney

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Lillian H. Danek, Alternate  
Donald A. Foberg, Alternate  
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.  
Wendell L. Stetson  
Henry J. Dandeneau  
Judith A. Pierce

Term expires in 1996  
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Term expires in 1998

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber

Respectfully submitted  
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

Town Clerk

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VITAL STATISTICS

**BIRTHS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
05/07/95	Morghan Walker Jolly	Russell W. Jolly Susan C. Wood	Greenfield, MA
08/17/95	Alex Taylor Rice	Dean T. Rice Jennifer L. Loomis	Greenfield, MA
08/29/95	Kendel Elizabeth Houghtaling	Heather A. Houghtaling	North Adams, MA
10/11/95	Hunter Wayne Taskey	Jeffrey A. Taskey Denise E. Stickney	Greenfield, MA
11/19/95	Heidi Frances Phelps	Daniel R. Phelps Mary Jo Fuller	Greenfield, MA

**MARRIAGES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names of Parties</u>	<u>Residence</u>
04/15/95	Jeffrey A. Taskey Denise E. Stickney	Rowe, MA Rowe, MA
06/24/95	Lance P. Larned Jill D. Horrocks	Rowe, MA. Rowe, MA
10/01/95	Bruce L. Robbins Carol J. Davidson	Glastonbury, CT Glastonbury, CT
10/08/96	Douglas S. Mazanec Janice E. Rose	Rowe, MA Rowe, MA

**DEATHS**

No deaths in Rowe during 1995.

**DOG LICENSES - 1995**



52 Males @ \$3.00	\$ 156.00
4 Females @ \$6.00	24.00
43 Spayed Females @ \$3.00	129.00
1 Kennel	<u>50.00</u>
Sub-total	\$359.00
Clerks Fees Retained	75.00
<u>Paid To Town Treasurer</u>	<u>284.00</u>
Total	359.00

#### SPORTING LICENSES

18 Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$12.50	\$ 225.00
1 Resident Citizen Fishing Age 65-69	6.25
1 Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic - FREE	0.00
17 Non-Resident Citizen Fishing @ \$17.50	297.50
13 Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$12.50	162.50
16 Non-Resident Hunting (Big Game) @ \$48.50	776.00
1 Non-Resident Hunting (Small Game)	23.50
31 Resident Citizen Sporting @ \$19.50	604.50
1 Resident Citizen Sporting Age 65-69	9.75
12 Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70 - FREE	0.00
2 Duplicate Hunting @ \$2.00	4.00
2 Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.00	4.00
17 Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps @ \$5.10	86.70
1 Mass Waterfowl Stamp	5.00
63 Wildlands Conservation Stamps @ \$5.00 - Resident	315.00
<u>34 Wildlands Conservation Stamps @ \$5.00 - Non-Resident</u>	<u>170.00</u>
Sub-total	\$ 2689.70
Clerks Fees Retained	50.95
<u>Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts</u>	<u>2638.75</u>
Total	\$ 2689.70

#### RECORDS AND CERTIFICATES - 1995

4 Marriage Licenses @ \$4.00	\$ 16.00
<u>3 Municipal Liens @ \$10.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$ 46.00

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

# Town of Rowe Voters List - 1995

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

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

**C**arlow, Earl P.  
 Cascone, Michele  
 Cascone, Nancy J.  
 Chiofalo, Thomas L.  
 Cloutier, Donald  
 Cloutier, Kathleen M.  
 Corarito, Arthur D.  
 Corarito, Mary Ann  
 Crowningshield, Jeanette

Crowningshield, Howard  
**D**andeneau, Evelyn L.  
 Dandeneau, Henry G.  
 Dandeneau, Henry J.  
 Dandeneau, Henry Robert  
 Dandeneau, Marion E.  
 Danek, Deborah J.  
 Danek, Lillian H.  
 Danek, Thomas P., Jr.  
 Davidson, Robert B.  
 Dionne, Loretta I.  
 Donelson, Brian A.  
 Donovan, Eugene J.  
 Dvore, David

**E**ssert, Mary B.  
 Essert, Robert D.

**F**avre, Audrey I.  
 Foberg, Donald A.  
 Foberg, Ellen L.  
 Foshay, Angela F.  
 Foshay, Arthur W.  
 Foster, Beatrice A.  
 Foster, William G.  
 Franceschetti, Cornelio A.

**G**ates, Eugene H.  
 Gates, Leah  
 Gaudry, George L.  
 Gleason, Susan P.  
 Gordon, Ronald P.  
 Gordon, Rosemary F.  
 Gracy, Sarah Jane  
 Grogan, Barbara

**H**alberg, 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.

Hudson, Sharon C.  
**J**erdon, 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**alaus, Warren  
 Kalaus, Dorothy M.  
 Katz, Frederick  
 Kenney, Keeley C.  
 Kenney, Robert F.  
 Kenney, Roseanna  
 Knapp, Ada L.  
 Knapp, John F.

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

**M**acLean, 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.

**N**ock, Clayton

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

**P**age, 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.

**Q**uinn, James  
 Quinn, Melissa S.  
 Quinn, Richard K.

**R**eardon, Mary A.  
 Reardon, William Neil  
 Reed, Lockwood L., IV  
 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.

**S**crivens, Betty R.  
Scrivens, David F.  
Sheilds, 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, Raymond B.  
Stevens, Dorothy N.  
Stevens, Raymond B.  
Stickney, Barbara  
Sullivan, Vincent J.  
Sullivan, Adrienne P.

**T**askey, Denise E.  
Taskey, Jeffrey A.  
Taylor, James W.  
Taylor, Susan Berry  
Tower, Christine A.  
Tower, Jonathan  
Tower, Richard A., Sr.  
Truesdell, Richard H.  
Truesdell, Ruth A.

**V**adeboncoeur, 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.

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

**Z**ielonka, Stanley R.

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

## Town of Rowe THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall on Monday, May 8, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator Karl Jurentkuff. Tellers: Ruth Truesdell, Gail May, Bud Pierce, and Bob Rice appointed and sworn by Moderator. Warrant posted April 19, 1995.

**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, 1995 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 1996 fiscal year.

### ADMINISTRATION

General Administration	\$16,000.00
Summer Youth Employment	18,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	800.00
Municipal Center Custodian Compensation	10,140.00
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	11,600.00
Municipal Center Fuel Oil	2,500.00
Elevator Maintenance Contract	4,550.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Office Equipment	10.00
Printing Town Reports	2,600.00
Microfilming Town Records	<u>200.00</u>
Subtotal Administration	67,400.00

**BONDING AND INSURANCE** 58,000.00

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN OFFICE

Selectmen Compensation	6,000.00
Accounting Officer/Clerk Compensation	31,530.00

Asst. Accounting Officer/Clerk	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal Selectmen Office	38,030.00
<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>	4,000.00
<b>ASSESSORS OFFICE</b>	
Assessors Compensation	3,000.00
Assessors Clerk Compensation	6,016.00
Assessors Clerk - Instruction Compensation	500.00
Assessors Operation	1,200.00
Assessors Reval/Property Update	7,500.00
Assessors Software/Computer	<u>1,700.00</u>
Subtotal Assessors Office	19,916.00
<b>TREASURER OFFICE</b>	
Treasurer Compensation	4,000.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	<u>200.00</u>
Subtotal Treasurer Office	4,200.00
<b>TAX COLLECTOR COMPENSATION</b>	4,000.00
<b>TOWN CLERK OFFICE</b>	
Town Clerk Compensation	4,000.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Election/Teller Expense	<u>1,500.00</u>
Subtotal Town Clerk Office	5,850.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
Beautification	2,000.00
Council on Aging	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal Miscellaneous	2,500.00
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMPENSATION</b>	3,600.00
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Operation	400.00
Goal Post Publication	<u>10,116.00</u>
Subtotal Planning Board	10,516.00
<b>VETERANS' SERVICES</b>	
Veterans' Agent Compensation	400.00
Operation	350.00
Veterans' Benefits	<u>300.00</u>
Subtotal Veteran's Services	1,050.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS OFFICERS COMPENSATION</b>	
Moderator	300.00



Constable	400.00
Animal Inspector	400.00
Dog Officer	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal Miscellaneous Officers Compensation	1,600.00

**TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT** **220,662.00**

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 1996 fiscal year.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Compensation	6,760.00
Officer Compensation	5,000.00
Operation	<u>3,200.00</u>
Subtotal Police Department	14,960.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Regular Operations	
Fire Chief Compensation	3,600.00
Officer Compensation	5,700.00
Fire-fighters Reimbursement	4,600.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
General Operation	20,550.00
Civil Defense/Hazardous Material Operations	
Civil Defense Operation	1,450.00
Hazardous Material Control	<u>10.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	36,010.00

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

Coordinators Compensation	1,200.00
Operation	1,700.00
Equipment	1,000.00
EMT Compensation	1,800.00
Ambulance Contribution	<u>1,500.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Medical Services	7,200.00

**STREET LIGHTING** 4,000.00

**INSPECTIONS**

Building Inspector Fees (Estimated)	3,500.00
Electrical Inspector Compensation	900.00
Plumbing Inspector Compensation	<u>900.00</u>
Subtotal Inspections	5,300.00

**CEMETERIES MAINTENANCE** 4,000.00

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Conservation Commission Operation	200.00
Hazardous Waste Collection Day	530.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	600.00
Insect Pest Control	<u>60.00</u>
Subtotal Miscellaneous	1,390.00

**TOTAL ARTICLE 5** **72,860.00**

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 1996 fiscal year.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Board of Health Operation	2,500.00
Sanitarian Fees	1,600.00
Refuse Garden Operation	53,000.00
Attendant Compensation	7,130.00
Solid Waste District Administration	<u>1,582.00</u>

**TOTAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION** **65,812.00**

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums for various employee benefits as specified for the 1996 fiscal year.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Randolph, MA Retirement Assessment	1,000.00
Franklin County Retirement Assessment	40,082.00
Group Medical, Medicaid, Health Ins.	145,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	<u>500.00</u>

**TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** **186,582.00\***

\*Includes benefits for school employees

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 1996 fiscal year.

**GENERAL OPERATION**

Heavy Equipment Operators Compensation	114,330.00
Highway Superintendent Compensation	43,388.00
Machinery Maintenance	16,000.00
Fuel Oil, Electricity, Etc.	6,000.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	12,500.00
Highway Building Maintenance	<u>4,500.00</u>
Subtotal General Operation	196,718.00

#### **ANNUAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS**

General Highway Maintenance	18,000.00
Bridges and Guard Rails	7,000.00
General Drainage	6,000.00
Road Surface Maintenance	47,000.00
Roadside Maintenance	2,000.00
Winter Roads Maintenance	35,000.00
Davis Mine/Tatro Roads	<u>4,000.00</u>
Subtotal Annual Highway Projects	119,000.00

**TOTAL ARTICLE 8** **315,718.00**

#### **ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

#### **ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 1996 fiscal year.

#### **ROWE LIBRARY**

Librarians Compensation	11,845.00
Library Staff Compensation	6,030.00
Operation and Maintenance	<u>7,900.00</u>

**TOTAL LIBRARY APPROPRIATIONS** **25,775.00**

#### **ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 1996 fiscal year.

#### **PARK COMMISSION**

Park Workers Compensation	16,080.00
Operation and Maintenance	<u>5,600.00</u>

**TOTAL PARK APPROPRIATIONS** **21,680.00**

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the 1995 Old Home Day celebration.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 18:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 19:** A motion was made and seconded **TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,275.00** to partially fund the Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program payback.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$19,500.00** for the purchase of approximately twenty (20) acres, more or less, from Susan J. Pakies, situated at the corner of Pond Road and Cyrus Stage Road in Rowe, and being the same premises described by deed recorded at Franklin County Registry, Book #1436, Page #36, for park purposes.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 24:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 25:** A motion was made and seconded to postpone this article to the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting June 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 26:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$121,291.00** (first apportionment) for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town and county highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 85 of the Acts of 1994.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 27:** A 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 1996 fiscal year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 28:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate an agreement with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to salt, sand and plow approximately 1.7 miles of Zoar Road lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 1995, in exchange for Charlemont's salting, sanding and plowing of 0.7 miles of Tatro Road lying within Rowe during the same winter season.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 29:** This article was declared out of order by the Moderator and confirmed by Town Counsel.

**ARTICLE 30:** No business was transacted under this article.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

A true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk



# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

## Town of Rowe THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town Meeting held at Rowe Town Hall on Monday, June 26, 1995 at 7: 45 P.M. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator Karl Jurentkuff. Tellers: Bud Pierce, Bob Rice, June Brown and Karen Soviecke appointed and sworn by Moderator. Warrant posted April 19, 1995.

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$830,676.49** for Public Schools for the 1996 fiscal year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$15,000.00** for painting (and related preparations/repairs) at the Town Library, the Gracy House, the Gazebo and certain areas of the Town Hall.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the purchase of playground equipment for Pelham Lake Park.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** to dredge the swimming area of Pelham Lake.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$2,500.00** for the payment of late bus fees for Rowe students for FY 1996.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$23,000.00** for the purchase of computer hardware and software for Rowe School classrooms.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 18:** Passed over.

**ARTICLE 19:** There was a motion made and seconded to rescind the vote taken on May 8, 1995.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$24,665.00** to fully fund the Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program payback.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** to help support the Heath Preschool Program for the 1995-96 school year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$6,000.00** for repairs to Pelham Lake Dam.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$10,000.00** to enable the Planning Board to initiate a GOALS FOR ROWE planning program to include a citizen survey, technical analysis and professional consultation.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 24:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$27, 500.00** for the future purchase of fire apparatus.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 25:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the future purchase of highway equipment.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 30:** A motion was made and seconded to ask for a sense of the meeting concerning replacement of the Christmas tree on the Town Green with a smaller tree.

THE SENSE OF THE MEETING WAS:

24 TO TAKE THE TREE DOWN    19 TO LEAVE THE TREE THERE

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

A true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS**  
**Town of Rowe**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Town meeting was held at the Rowe Town Hall on Monday, June 26, 1995 at 6:30 PM. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator Karl Jurentkuff. Tellers June Brown, Karen Soviecke, Efford Pierce and Robert Rice appointed and sworn by Moderator. Warrant posted June 12, 1995.

**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$105,529.26** to reduce the **FY 1996 tax rate**.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 2:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE AND TRANSFER** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$301,610.00** to the **FY 1995 OVERLAY** account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3:** The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$6,000.00** to rebuild the Town Hall fountain/monument area. (This is the area facing Zoar Road containing the Cornelius Jones/Merrifield Farm plaque.)

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

42 Yes                      7 No

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made and seconded to change Section 1 of Article II of the Town of Rowe by-laws to delete "One Member of the School Committee for three (3) years", and replace it with "One or Two Members (as required) of the School Committee for three (3) years." And further to amend Section 7 of Article III of the Town of Rowe by-laws to begin, "The School Committee shall consist of five members." And further to instruct that, in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, this increase be acted upon by adding one new member at each of the next two annual town elections.

BALLOT VOTE

29 Yes                      44 No

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

A true copy.

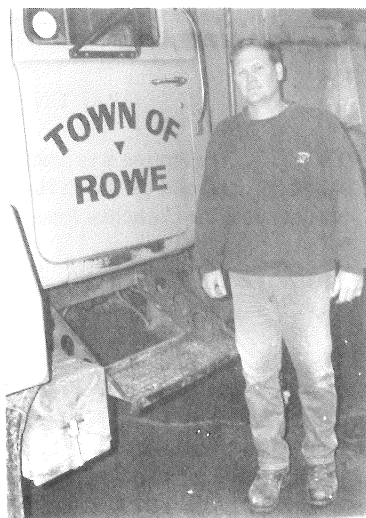
Attest: L. Norma Brown, Town Clerk



*Jeffrey  
Taskey*

*Ellen  
Foberg*

*Leonard  
Laffond*



*New Town Highway Department employee  
Al Williams of Tatro Rd.*



*Bob Kenney's retirement party in Sept. 95 after 30 years of  
service to the town of Rowe.*

## Board of Selectmen

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To the residents, citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Rowe: this report will highlight some of the issues the Selectmen's office attended to in calendar year 1995.

In January 1995 the then 2-member Board (Laffond & Foberg) appointed themselves (without pay) to the 2 vacancies on the three-member Board of Assessors. Working with the Town's contracted consultant we were able to rectify a major error in our largest taxpayers valuation. We feel satisfied with the results of our efforts and were happy to fill the gap, however, we really hope others will step forward to fill these positions.

At a meeting in February, the Board voted to appoint Gail May as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Rowe. This appointment was necessary to allow Ms. May to attend the Reserve/Intermittant Police Officers basic training course. Ms. May attended the course and passed all the required exams. We are pleased to have Gail as part of the Rowe police force.

Also in February, Rowe landowner Susan Pakies (of Virginia) offered to the Town twenty acres of land on Cyrus Stage and Pond Roads for \$19,500. As this parcel abuts Pelham Lake Park, the Park Commission and the Board of Selectmen felt that this was an ideal acquisition. Funding was approved at the annual town meeting in May and the purchase of this additional park land was completed in July.

In March the Board began discussions with Senator Jane Swift and Representative Shaun Kelly concerning the drafting of special legislation to recalculate the town's minimum spending requirement for Rowe School. The language for the special legislation has been drafted by the Senator's office with the help of the school committee and the school principal. The bill, when passed by the legislature will give Rowe a one-time adjustment to the minimum spending requirement. This is necessary because our spending requirement was artificially inflated due to Rowe's subsidy for the educational costs of the Heath tuition students.

Update on the replacement of the Town Line Bridge: the Board was informed by a MA Highway Department District 1 representative that survey crews have been at the bridge site gathering information to be used for the design of the new bridge. It may take time, but we have been assured that the old bridge will be replaced.

In late March, the Board was informed that Mr. Dandeneau, our Police Chief, had been transferred back to the area by his employer, allowing him to assume his town duties once more. Mr. Rabbitt, from Heath, had been appointed as officer in charge while Mr. Dandeneau was out of town.

After the annual town meeting in May, the Board advertised for bids to paint the Library, the Gracy house, the gazebo and the Town Hall steps. Three bids were received, with a high of \$18,150 to a low of \$10,932. The low bid, from John Platek of Orange, was accepted and the painting was accomplished within the specified time frame.

The Board would like to thank the 1995 Old Home Day committee, Bud and Judy Pierce, Dick and Chris Tower, Pearl and Karl Jurentkuff, Elsie Autio and Terry Krumm and all other volunteers that helped to make the Old Home Day celebration a great success.

In July, Bob Kenney presented the Board with a letter stating that he intended to retire from the Highway Department in September. The Board thanked him for all his years of service to the town, both as a custodian at the school, and then as a heavy equipment operator for the Town, and wished him well on his pending retirement. In a search to find a replacement for Mr. Kenney, the Board reviewed twenty-two applications and conducted interviews with the most qualified applicants. It was the consensus of the Board to hire Albert Williams of Rowe to fill the vacancy.

In another highway department matter later in the year, acting on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Pete Brown, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Jim Taylor as Assistant Highway Superintendent. In this capacity, Jim will continue to report to Mr. Brown and will oversee the day to day operations of the highway operations whenever the Highway Superintendent is absent.

In December the conversion to Enhanced E 9-1-1 took place through the Shelburne Control Dispatch Center. The system went through a brief testing phase and is fully operational. The partnership with the Massachusetts State Police has proven very beneficial to the town.

A new program under the direction of the County Sheriff's department has been instituted for the Town of Rowe, as well as other area towns. It is called the TRIAD program and was formed in 1988 as a coalition of senior citizens, the National Conference of Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriff's Association to combat crime against senior citizens. TRIAD's triangular logo represents these three entities, and also gave the program its name. It is being conducted in our town by Deputy Officer Roger Ward. Officer Ward periodically checks on elderly residents of the town, conducts home security assessments and checks houses when residents are away. Officer Ward talks to more than two dozen residents on a regular basis and we are happy to hear that the response has been overwhelmingly positive. This is a service provided at no cost to the town by the County Sheriff's Department.

In conclusion the Board of Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to say to all town employees, elected officers and committee members who have worked so hard and given of their time and energy so unselfishly to help make the Town of Rowe a great place to live...THANK YOU ALL!

Respectfully submitted,  
Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman  
Ellen L. Foberg  
Jeffrey A. Taskey  
Board of Selectmen

## Animal Inspector

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It was an interesting year for the animal inspector; we had our first case of rabies. Indiana, the cat that was exposed to a rabid raccoon, reappeared one month after he was attacked, and he was humanely destroyed. People are asked to use caution in dealing with wildlife, especially raccoons. If you have a question, please call me, and PLEASE have all your pets and animals vaccinated for rabies. Each spring there is a clinic either in Rowe or in Heath, where a veterinarian provides animal shots for a nominal fee. Watch the **Goal Post** for the date and time.

The following report is the listing of livestock in the Town of Rowe for 1995. All of the animals in town appeared to be very well taken care of and in very good shape overall.

There are:

	Grade	Purebred
Dairy cows over two year	15	
Dairy heifers one to two years	3	3
Dairy calves under one year	3	3

Number of dairy herds: 5

Beef cows over two years	15	9
Beef heifers one to two years	2	2
Beef calves under one year	6	6
Beef bulls		1
Beef steers		

Number of beef herds: 2

Horses (work and saddle)	20
Ponies	7
Goats	11
Sheep	6
Small mules	1
Poultry flocks	4

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol F. Lively, Inspector of Animals

## Board of Assessors - Chairman's Report

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This year, with the help of our consultant, there has been a major change in the valuation of New England Power Company.

We're moving into a revaluation year and at this time, hopefully, we foresee a smooth, uneventful process to setting the new tax rate for fiscal 1997.

Two members of the board received additional training and are now certified to work on the tax rate setting process.

The 1996 tax rate is \$4.89 per thousand for residential and open space; \$10.75 per thousand for commercial, industrial and personal property. The Board of Assessor's used gained tax dollars to lower the tax rate this year.

We would like to thank all the town boards for their help and cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert F. Kenney, Chairman



## 1995 Property Transfers

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**RONALD P. GORDON**, of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **RONALD P. GORDON and ROSEMARY R. GORDON**, 49 Hazelton Road.

**ROSEMARY R. GORDON**, of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **RONALD P. GORDON and ROSEMARY P. GORDON**, both of 49 Hazelton Road, two parcels, Steele Brook Road.

**JOSEPH T. BARTLETT, JR.**, Executor under the **Will of Harriet C. Read**, for no monetary consideration, grant to **NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION, INC.**, of 238 Main Street, Cambridge, MA, Dell Road.

**EDWARD R. BROWN, TRUSTEE**, for consideration of \$10.00, grant to **EDWARD R. BROWN**, of 15901 Chadbourne Road, Shaker Heights, OH, three parcels, Kings Highway.

**CINDY L. VAZNIS**, of Rowe, for consideration of \$7,500, grant to **ROBERT F. SITTINGER**, of Rowe, two parcels, Ford Hill Road.

**ROBERT G. SITTINGER AND CINDY L. VAZNIS**, both of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **ROBERT G. SITTINGER AND CINDY L. VAZNIS**, two parcels, Ford Hill Road.

**ROBERT G. SITTINGER AND CINDY L. VAZNIS**, both of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **ROBERT G. SITTINGER AND CINDY L. VAZNIS**, one parcel, Ford Hill Road.

**THE TOWN OF ROWE**, for unpaid taxes plus interest (\$1193.64), property on Tatro and Davenport Roads.

**FREDERICK N. WILLIAMS**, of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **FREDERICK N. WILLIAMS and LAURIE J. PIKE**, both of Rowe, two parcels, Ford Hill Road.

**MARY E. LENTH**, of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **DAVID W. LENTH**, of Rowe, Tunnel Road.

**CAROL BAKER CORNISH**, of Port Ewen, NY, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANITA M. CORNISH**, of Warren, CT, Dell Road.

**CATHERINE CORNISH VAN VOORHIS**, of Kingston, NY, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANITA M. CORNISH**, of Warren, CT, Dell Road.

**ANN CORNISH KUTTER**, of Yorktown, NY, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANITA M. CORNISH**, of Warren, CT, Dell Road.

**BENJAMIN WILLIAM CORNISH**, of Saugerties, NY, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANITA M. CORNISH**, of Warren, CT, Dell Road.

**THOMAS HARRISON CORNISH**, of Bellevue, NB, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANITA M. CORNISH**, of Warren, CT, Dell Road

**SUSAN J. PAKIES**, of Orange, VA, for consideration of \$19,500, grant to the **TOWN OF ROWE**, one parcel, corner of Pond and Leshure Roads.

**BETTY J. SCRIVENS**, of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **DAVID F. SCRIVENS**, of Rowe, Newell Cross Road.

**PAUL E. ADAMS and BERNARD J. ADAMS**, of Northgale, Montague, NJ, for no consideration, grant to **JOSEPH EDGAR INVESTMENTS, INC.**, of 102 Northgale, Montague, NJ, Cyrus Stage Road.

**MARION J. SMITH**, of Rowe, for consideration of \$76,000, grant to **PETER L. BRYANT, SR. and LISA BRYANT**, 11 Hazelton Road.

**JAMES QUINN**, of 78 Vernon Street, Northampton, MA, for consideration of \$1,000, grant to **KARL E. and VIRGINIA PEARL JURENTKUFF**, of Pine Hill Road, Rowe, Middletown Hill Road.

**WILLIAM A. LOOMIS**, of Rowe, and **FAITH R. LOOMIS**, of Greenfield, for no consideration, grant to **WILLIAMS A. LOOMIS**, 108 Hazelton Road.

**ERNEST GUYETTE and CONCHITA GUYETTE**, for no consideration, grant to **JOHN GUYETTE**, of Agawam, MA., Leshure Road.

**JAMES QUINN**, of Rowe, in consideration of \$150,000, grant to **LEWIS SPRATLAN, JR. and MELINDA K. SPRATLAN**, of 75 Woodside Avenue, Amherst, three parcels on Middletown Hill Road.

**ROBERT B. DAVIDSON, SR., and ANNA G. DAVIDSON**, both of Rowe, for consideration of \$142,000, grant to **EDWARD A. DAVIAU and SANDRA P. DAVIAU**, 17 Potter Road.

**FLOYD W. SMITH and MARION J. SMITH**, of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **MARION J. SMITH**, Hazelton & Monroe Hill Roads.

**EDGERTON A. MILES**, of Winter Park, FL, for consideration of \$6,200, grant to **JEFFREY ALLEN TASKEY and DENISE E. TASKEY**, Ford Hill Road.

**RICHARD C. and JACQUELINE M. HOWE**, of Rowe, for consideration of \$6,000, grant to **GEOFFREY N. BAGLEY, SR., and MARIE L. BAGLEY**, 21 Newell Cross Road.

## Beautification Committee

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During 1995, maintenance of plantings and flower beds took place at the town hall, fire station and the Potter, Brittingham and Monroe Hill Road intersections. This included fertilization, trimming, weeding, mulching, pruning and plantings. The work was performed by Tom Chiafalo and Mary Jo Phelps...many thanks to both of them.

For many years the memorial in front of the town hall commemorating the settlement of Myrfield Plantation had been deteriorating, and had reached the point of requiring replacement of the concrete base and fountain area. In consultation with the Board of Selectmen, it was agreed that the Beautification Committee would take on this project. Money was appropriated by town meeting vote in June 1995.

Local stone mason Dick Belair was chosen for the job, the committee agreed on design sketches, and work began in early July. Dick is an artist in stonework and painstakingly worked on this project all summer and into the fall using Goshen (MA) and various other stone from the west county area. He did a beautiful job. The fountain long out of service has been restored. Work halted with freezing temperatures in the fall, which left a few items unfinished. The fountain should be in working order some time this spring.

In December we added a few more lights to the town hall/village green holiday display, Thank you to the citizen that donated some of those lights.

A special thank you goes to the Highway Department for their help with the holiday lights, the fountain project, and general clean-up around town all year long.

If you're interested in helping keep things spruced up around town, or have other ideas for "beautifying" Rowe, please submit your ideas and/or your name (we're short one member) to Cindy Laffond.



*Pete Brown, Hwy Supt., and Dick Belair working on fountain rehab project.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Laffond, Chairman  
Ellen Foberg  
Judith Pierce  
Richard Tower

# Building Department

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During the year 1995, fifty building permits were issued, as follows:

New buildings/additions	14
Remodeling	21
New chimneys	1
Demolitions	2
Wood stoves	2
Replacement windows	2
<u>New roofs</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	50

In addition, 76 certificates of inspection were issued. These represent inspection of all public buildings.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Foster, Inspector of Buildings

## Cemetery Commission

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The Cemetery Commission has decided to ask the townspeople for special projects money at the next annual town meeting. This money will be used for the complete reconstruction of the fence around the East Cemetery.

All the cemeteries were kept mowed and trimmed. Much deserved thanks is due the folks who keep our cemeteries looking so great over the summer. If money is granted to us for the fence reconstruction, this will free up funds to start much needed repair of broken head stones.

If anyone has comments or questions, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Williams  
James Taylor  
Richard Tower

## Conservation Commission

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The Conservation Commission met as needed through the year, but it was basically a quiet year. Tom Chiofalo was elected Chairman when the Commission reorganized in August.

Cutting plans for harvesting forest products were reviewed and are kept on file.

Meetings are held as needed, and are always posted at the Town Hall. Anyone with questions regarding Conservation Commission issues may call any member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas L. Chiofalo, Chairman  
Leonard J. Laffond,  
Henry G. Dandeneau  
Robert R. Rice  
Melissa S. Quinn, Secretary

## Dog Officer

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Number of stray dogs found in Rowe and returned to owners - 5

Number of phone calls reporting lost dogs - 7

Number of complaints received on harassing dogs - 6

One phone call from Shelburne State Police asking that I check on a dog in Rowe seen chasing geese.

Two stray dogs found in Rowe and not claimed. I found a home for the dogs.

Again, townspeople are reminded to purchase their 1996 dog licenses from the Town Clerk. The 1995 licenses expired on March 31, 1996.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Leonard J. Brown, Dog Officer

## Emergency Medical Services

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In 1995 the Rowe EMTs responded to :  
10 emergency calls  
4 automobile accidents  
2 drills



The Rowe EMTs also stood by at, or assisted at, ten fire calls.

As I have in the past, I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people who have given so much of their time to make the Rowe EMS a professional and successful department. I would like to thank EMT Gail May for her consistent dedication and commitment to Rowe EMS and the people of Rowe. I have had the honor of working with Gail for the past three years and during this time we have watched each other mature as EMTs and have developed an excellent working relationship. Gail has not only dedicated her time to Rowe EMS, but has also joined the Rowe Police Department as a Special Officer.

Dan Miller, an officer in the Rowe Fire Department, has recently passed his state EMT exam and has become the newest member of the Rowe EMS team. Dan offered an emergency first responder class through the Fire Department. Emergency first responders are an important part of the emergency medical service in the Town of Rowe. Thank you and welcome to Dan Miller.

There are a few more folks I would like to thank: Fire Chief Ed May and his Department for their support, Police Chief Henry Dandeneau and his officers for their willingness to help. As usual we must thank Charlemont Fire and Rescue for their many rapid responses to the Town of Rowe, and I would especially like to thank Lissa Quinn for all her help and guidance in pulling together all the loose ends.

Please keep in mind that the phone number for **all** emergencies, Fire, Police and Medical is now **911** in the Town of Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean-Paul Migeon, EMS Coordinator



## Finance Committee

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The year 1995 marked a return to a full five person committee with the re-election of Heidi Lehr, election of Carlos Heiligmann and appointment of Dave Lenth. The Finance Committee appreciated the cooperation received from all town departments and again would like to thank Melissa Quinn (Administrative Assistant/Accounting Officer) for her invaluable help in keeping the figures straight. Several issues related to town finances, one significant and the other minor, arose in 1995 which caused much rumor and speculation. The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to clarify these issues.

The significant issue involves discrepancies discovered in the valuation figures for the town's largest taxpayer, New England Power Company (NEPCO). In the fall of 1994, the Finance Committee discovered a discrepancy in the numbers for total town valuation at the tax rate hearing for fiscal year 1995. It was observed that the total town valuation had decreased almost \$10 million more than had been expected due to the decreases associated with the shutdown of the Yankee Atomic Electric Company facility. At that time the Board of Assessors was unable to come up with an explanation for this additional decrease. Subsequent investigations by the Selectmen, Assessors and Finance Committee revealed unwarranted decreases in the valuation for the NEPCO facilities not only for fiscal year 1995 (\$8.9 million) but also for fiscal year 1994 as well (\$10.8 million). These decreases proved to be as a result of mistakes and oversights by the Assessors and their revaluation consultant. The Board of Assessors had experienced quite a bit of turnover in personnel in recent years (board members and clerks). By January of 1995 there were two vacancies on the three member Board. Due to the significant financial implications for the town, the Selectmen chose (with the complete backing of the Finance Committee) to fill these vacancies by appointing themselves to the positions, without pay.

Numerous discussions were held during 1995 between the Selectmen/Assessors, the consultant, and NEPCO. The consultant agreed to provide his services (gratis) to justify an amended tax bill to be sent to NEPCO for fiscal year 1995 resulting in over \$105,000 of additional tax revenue for the town. The consultant also agreed to redo (gratis) the entire revaluation of NEPCO facilities for fiscal year 1996. Delays in this process caused the Finance Committee to recommend a one month postponement of the Annual Town Meeting to ensure all uncertainties were resolved. With the cooperation of NEPCO, the net result was an increase in NEPCO (and therefore total town) valuation for fiscal year 1996 of over \$23 million. Let there be no question that the actions taken by the Selectmen were legal, well justified and of great benefit to the town.

For comparison, the total Town valuation in fiscal year 1992 prior to the Yankee shutdown was \$190,748,547 and the tax rate (residential/commercial-industrial-personal property) was \$4.86/\$8.59. By fiscal year 1995, the Town valuation was down to \$135,567,850 due to Yankee and the erroneous NEPCO figures and the tax rate was up to \$5.61/\$11.75. As a result of the efforts of the Selectmen/Assessors and the Finance Committee, the fiscal year 1996

total Town valuation was back up to \$156,966,340 and the tax rate down to \$4.89/\$10.75. This experience has shown us again the importance of close communication and cooperation between Selectmen, Assessors and Finance Committee.

The minor issue involves a lack of communication to the Townspeople on the part of the Finance Committee concerning the increases (or lack thereof) in wages, salaries and stipends for Town employees for fiscal year 1996. Some discussion is required to explain each type of pay. **Salaries** are paid on an annual basis to full time Town employees who do not get overtime pay (e.g. teachers, highway superintendent, school custodian, etc.). **Wages** are paid on an hourly basis to full and part-time Town employees who may or may not get overtime pay (e.g. highway workers, library workers, park workers, grasshoppers, etc.). **Stipends** are paid to part-time Town employees who serve in elected positions (e.g. Selectmen, Treasurer, etc.) or appointed positions (e.g. Fire Chief, Police Chief, etc.). Since Town employees do not receive individual annual performance reviews, their wages and salaries are generally increased according to contract (i.e. teachers) or through an annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA). Stipends on the other hand are not intended to fully compensate an individual for their time worked, and given their nature, stipends are not adjusted on any particular frequency. The Franklin County Wage Survey is also reviewed for comparison when considering wages, salaries and stipends for a given fiscal year.

For fiscal year 1996 most wages and salaries were adjusted up 3.0%. Exceptions to this were the teachers and Administrative Assistant/Accounting Officer who also got professional steps and the library workers who were given an additional one-time adjustment to bring their pay up to par with other comparable workers. Most stipends, which had not been increased since fiscal year 1991, were adjusted. Exceptions to this were the Police Chief and the Fire Chief, who had been given significant increases in fiscal year 1992 and 1993 respectively.

As mentioned above, the Town of Rowe has seen its overall valuation go down over the past four years due primarily to the devaluation of the shutdown of the Yankee Atomic Electric Company facility. With the continuing decommissioning of this facility, we can expect the total town valuation to be reduced by as much as an additional \$10-15 million over the next four years. This in itself won't be too significant of an impact to the town provided that NEPCO and its Bear Swamp facility remain in good financial health. However, as we learned with the Yankee facility, nothing lasts forever and it is best to plan ahead for the rainy day (or loss in valuation)! It is important to remember that in times of decreasing total Town valuation, either the tax rate must go up to maintain the same level of spending, or spending must be cut to maintain the same tax rate.

The Finance Committee has established the following financial planning goals to carry us into the year 2000:

- to work closely with the Assessors and Selectmen to anticipate and respond to "big picture" financial changes and to satisfy the needs and desires of the town while striving to maintain a stable tax rate (prevent wide fluctuations either up or down from one year to the next).

-to work with individual town departments to carefully plan the long term scheduling and funding of special projects (e.g. new equipment purchases, capital improvements, etc.) so as to limit the impact on the tax rate for any given year.

-to build up the stabilization fund (the town's savings account) to a total of \$1 million by the year 2000 from taxation or via transfers from other available funds (e.g. free cash) such that future major projects can be funded without having to borrow or cause a large increase in the tax rate for any given year.

Through continued cooperation between all town departments, the Finance Committee will strive to monitor the status of the town's financial situation and make sound recommendations for the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Lehr  
Carlos Heiligmann  
Dave Lenth  
Rick Williams  
Dot Page, Chairman  
Finance Committee



*New park land acquisition (corner of Pond and Cyrus Stage Road)*



*Aftermath of July 15<sup>th</sup> "Microburst" storm Pond Rd. and Hazelton Rd.*

## Fire Department

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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:

- 6 Chimney Fires
- 4 Traffic Accidents
- 2 Storm/Power Outages
- 1 Fire Detection Activation
- 1 Brush Fire
- 9 Medical Emergencies
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program, eighteen 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.

Enhanced 9-1-1 became operational in December of 1995. You have to dial only three digits, 9-1-1, to notify the Rowe Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Medical Services of emergency situations. When you make a 9-1-1 call the dispatcher has the telephone number, the name listed for that number and the address of the originating phone location on a computer screen in front of him/her. When assistance is needed call 9-1-1 **immediately**, do not waste precious time trying to contact a friend, neighbor, or member of the Department for assistance.

I want to thank Daniel Miller for conducting a Red Cross First Responder class during the period of October 1995 through February 1996. Eight individuals successfully completed their CPR and First Responder Certification.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin L. May, Fire Chief

## The Rowe **GOAL POST**

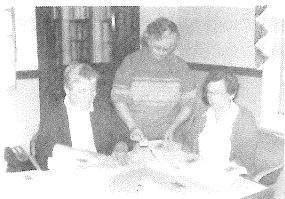
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On July 1, 1995, Nancy Williams retired from her position as the editor of the **Goal Post**. For fourteen years, she provided a caring, talented and dedicated stewardship of this very valuable community resource. We all miss the wealth of knowledge she brought to the pages of the **Goal Post** and extend sincere thanks to Nancy for her fine contribution to our town.

The most obvious changes in the **Goal Post** are the format, the style of print and the page size. In addition, several townspeople share their ideas and expertise in new regular columns: Ann Foshay's "Celebrating People" provides profiles of many of Rowe's talented residents; Norma Donelson's recipes and "theme dinners" teach us how to have delicious meals which are easy to prepare; Rebecca Bradley keeps us healthy with her columns on nutrition and exercise; the "Rowe-mer" features tales and advice from near and far for voyagers and armchair travelers; the "Postal News" is always up-to-the-minute thanks to Postmaster Tammy Hicks, and the "Best friends" feature showcases Rowe's lovable pets.

No report on the **Goal Post** would be complete without acknowledging our photographer, Dick Tower. He responds to every request for pictures and always provides multiple copies well in advance of the publication deadline. His wife, Chris, has assembled the unique collection of photos for the "Remember When?" feature, and she always makes sure the **Goal Post** is delivered to our talented printer, Eugene Michalenko. Our mailing team of Chris Tower, Barbara Stickney and Billie Brown are dedicated volunteers who work long and hard to make sure you receive your **Goal Post** on time. They have been especially helpful in providing the necessary revisions to our large mailing list. I also want to acknowledge the generous help provided by Tammy Hicks, Melissa Quinn and Norma Brown. Special thanks as well go to Sarah Jane Gracy for her informative and popular column on the weather.

In closing, I would remind the townspeople that the **Goal Post** is issued by the Planning Board "in the interest of information exchange between all town departments and all Rowe citizens." Toward that end, I ask all town officers, departments and committees to make an extra effort to provide me with news items for inclusion in the **Goal Post**. Although news about Rowe is often carried by other weekly and daily newspapers published in our area, not all townspeople choose to pay extra money for these subscriptions in order to receive news about our town. Our **Goal Post** is sent free to all taxpayers and residents and should be the primary news source for our townspeople. Please help to make our **Goal Post** even better by submitting your news in a timely manner on a regular basis.



Barbara    Christine    Billie  
Stickney    Tower    Brown  
*Goal Post Crew*

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine Heiligmann, **Goal Post** Editor

## Board of Health

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Solid waste removal costs have improved this year due to expanded recycling and waste stream reduction, and the fact that since September 1, 1995, Rowe Camp & Conference Center has been using a private contractor for their solid waste and has not been using the town's transfer station. The town has received an "A" for recycling and an "excellent" for effort on the report card issued by the state. We thank all of you for those excellent results.

The following one-year contracts were renewed: Holyoke Sanitary Landfill (Chicopee) for landfill use; Commercial Disposal (W. Springfield) for solid waste hauling and transfer station equipment rental; Richard Jenkins (Greenfield) for white goods, tires & scrap metal removal; and Stericycle (Middletown CT) for bio-hazard disposal. A new five-year agreement was entered into with the MRF (materials recycling facility) in Springfield.

Sewage disposal system installer permits were issued to:

James H. Williams Rowe MA	Danek Excavating Rowe MA	Barkus Excavating Readsboro VT
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Septage pumping/hauling permits were issued to:

Houghton Sanitary Service Guilford VT	Bostley Sanitary Service Colrain MA	A-1 Environmental Service Bernardston MA
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The following Title 5 inspections were performed:

Map 03, Lot 03 - Hazelton Rd (Smith)	failed
Map 11, Lot 01 - Potter Rd (Willey)	failed
Map 01, Lot 10 - Newell Cross (Howe)	passed
Map 07, Lot 08 - Davenport Rd (VanItallie)	passed
Map 01, Lot 19 - Middletown Hill (Quinn)	failed
Map 11, Lot 90 - Leshure Rd (J/M Riggan)	passed
Map 06, Lot 20 - Davis Mine Rd (Brochu)	failed

The following percolation tests were performed:

Map 3, Lot 3 - Hazelton Rd (Smith)	passed (replacement system)
Map 11, Lot 37 - Leshure Rd (Phelps)	passed ( " " )
Map 13, Lot 18 - Tunnel Rd (Arnold)	passed ( " " )
Map 1, Lot 7 - Newell Cross Rd (Scrivens)	passed ( " " )
Map 1, Lot 50 - Newell Cross Rd (Jurentkuff)	passed ( " " )
Map 6, Lots 31, 39, 40, 59 - Davis Mine (Waltermire)	failed

Inspections were conducted at the Rowe Camp & Conference Center and the Maple House Bed & Breakfast. Food Establishment Permits were granted for both businesses.

A new well was drilled and well log received from Cushing Well Drillers for the following property:

Map 04, Lot 16            - Brittingham Hill Rd (Truesdell)

Carol Lively of Petrie Road was reappointed as Animal Inspector. Thank you for your service to the town Carol.

As required by state regulation, water testing was conducted on all town-owned public water supplies (town hall well, school well and Avery fountain) and the pitcher pump and swimming area at Pelham Lake. All tests have been within required parameters. The Avery fountain, which is the overflow from the artesian well at the Rowe Community Church across the street, has gone from quarterly to monthly testing. Please feel free to avail yourself of this water supply. It's an excellent source and comes in handy during power outages.

The blood pressure clinic continued to be held at Rowe Elementary School on Tuesday mornings for townspeople. We thank Robin Booth, RN, for providing this service and for administering the annual influenza vaccine program.

We also thank EMTs J.P. Migeon and Gail May for holding the blood pressure clinics during the summer months at the town hall.

It has been a very busy year for the Board, and we thank our health agent John Brickett, RS, for his continued assistance and expertise in helping us comply with the ever-increasing state regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Jeffrey A. Taskey



## Health Agent/Sanitarian

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During the year of 1995, I observed with members of the Board of Health, the performance of 5 percolation tests for the repair of subsurface sewage disposal systems and deep observation tests for 7 lots on Davis Mine Road. Final inspections were made by Board members and myself on 4 systems.

Inspections were made of the Rowe Camp & Conference Center and a bed and breakfast establishment by members of the Board and myself. All establishments passed inspection and licenses were issued.

Investigation was made as to the eventual repair of 3 sewage disposal systems. These systems will be re-evaluated in 1996.

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.  
Health Agent/Sanitarian

# Library Trustees

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Our annual report is hereby presented.

Circulation	12,052
Books added	480
Books removed	31
Periodicals removed	186
Videos removed	0
Requests for inter-library loans	150
Bookmobile visits	5

The Board extends a cordial welcome to Cynthia Laffond.

Alan Bjork has successfully completed the basic library courses plus many information seminars sponsored by the Western Regional Library System.

The building and grounds are well maintained by Deborah Lively. The new roof and freshly painted exterior greatly enhance town prestige.

An exciting addition is the gift of a micro-computer, a printer, a telecommunication connection providing text-based access to the Internet and the training necessary to utilize this new technology. This is provided through a State Capital Bond Bill that also authorizes the establishment of the Massachusetts Library and Information Network (MLIN.) The MLIN project is administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) located in Boston and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS) headquartered in Hatfield.

Ownership - quote "The Regional Library System will own the equipment for a period of three years. During this time, if in the opinion of the Regional Administrator, the equipment is not being used for the purpose of the grant, the Region may reclaim the equipment. After the three year period, ownership of the equipment will be transferred to the local library."

Martha Rice and Phyllis Smith have been attending a series of training sessions at the University of Massachusetts on how to access and search the MLIN and Internet.

Our sincere appreciation to Rowe taxpayers for their patronage and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Oliver, Secretary  
James Lively, Chairman  
Cynthia Laffond

## Park Commission

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1995 was a busy year for the Pelham Lake Park. May Jo Phelps and her staff did a capable job with everyday maintenance and special projects. The early summer consisted of the usual beach, play area and trail maintenance, organization for swim lessons and daily operation.

The July windstorm wreaked havoc on the Park. Many trees were blown down in the beach area. The large pine trees known as "Three Pine Point" opposite the beach blew over, probably the largest trees in town to be destroyed, leaving a 25 foot high root mass as a prominent lake-side "attraction." The trail over Todd Mountain was closed due to the tangled mass of blown-down trees; professional help will be required if the trail is to be reopened.

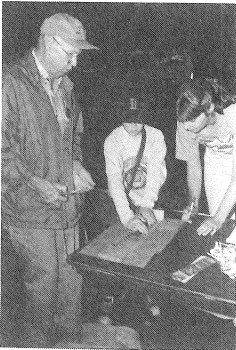
Clean-up was fast, due to extra help hired, and the beach was soon open and looking good again.

Dredging of the swimming area was postponed a year when the proposed underwater dredging proved unfeasible. Permits and bids are being gathered for a September partial draw-down of the lake level and removal of silt and beach sand from the swim area.

The beach area was expanded by one third, as a new play area was begun between the beach and picnic pavilion. Construction is underway for a volleyball court and wooden play structure, with completion due by swim season. Trees blown down in the July storm were sent to a sawmill and returned as play structure materials. Several erosion control measures were created to stop beach erosion.

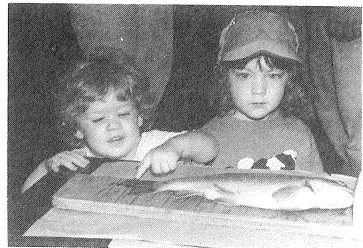
The Park purchased a piece of land from Susan Pakies on the corner of Leshure and Cyrus Stage roads, adding a beautiful meadow and further protecting the watershed of Pelham Lake.

All in all, it was a busy year, with the Park bigger and looking better than ever.



*Herb Autio, official measurer, Jeremy Hoffman with 1st fish caught, and Park Commissioner Laurie Pike.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Russell Jolly, Chairman



*Dana Williams of Rowe (in baseball cap) w. "largest fish" at the Old Home Day Fishing Derby, July 95.*

## Planning Board

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The Planning Board considered a number of issues in 1995. A possible by-law which would enable the Town to better enforce its own laws without having to refer to district court was discussed at length but no action was taken. We also discussed procedures for recall of town officers -- no action at this time. The Board made in-depth preparations for a new Goals for Rowe planning survey of the Town which will occur in 1996. It will be called "Goals for Rowe II" and should be another effective planning tool for the Town. Philip B. Herr & Associates were hired to mastermind the operation. (It should be noted that Mr. Herr was the also the consultant for the first Goals for Rowe study in 1975, and the Board felt that it would be particularly beneficial to the Town to have this second survey conducted by the same firm.)

We acquired a new member of the Board, Melissa Quinn, who is taking the place of Margalee Riggan, who resigned in February of 1995. Margalee's long and effective work with the Town is very much appreciated.

We had another resignation in 1995. Nan Williams retired from her position as Editor of the *Goal Post*. It was Nan who made the *Goal Post* an effective and exciting communications media for us for 14 years. We can't thank you enough, Nan! The Board hired Kathy Heiligmann as the new Editor, and her husband, Carlos, will assist with computer graphics and formatting.

Other issues that came before the Board in 1995 were the acquisition of Clement Corner (corner of Leshure and Cyrus Stage Roads), road work on Davis Mine Road, and a discussion about the siting of low level radioactive waste material. Special permits were granted for the construction of a new dwelling on Dan and Mary Jo Phelps's land and construction on David Scriven's land. Several strategies for getting the various Town committees, board and officers to make monthly reports to the *Goal Post* were discussed also.

In December of 1995, Jack Williams took a leave of absence as Chairman of the Board while away on vacation in Florida. Jim Taylor was elected as Acting Chairman until Jack's return.

Respectfully submitted,  
Prudence Berry, Secretary, for the members  
James Taylor, Acting Chairman  
Rebecca Bradley  
Jack Williams  
Melissa Quinn

## Plumbing Inspector

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Permits issued in 1995 were as follows:

J.C. Van Itallie	Gas line permit
Robert Davidson	Gas line permit
J.C. Van Itallie	Plumbing permit
Brian Donelson	Plumbing permit
James Carse	Plumbing permit
Henry Dandeneau	Plumbing permit
Rowe Camp/Conference	Plumbing permit
Terry Veber	Plumbing permit
Howard Swenson	Plumbing permit

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Codogni, Plumbing Inspector

## Police Department

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ACCIDENTS	
3 cars	1
1 car	2
COMPLAINTS	46
UNFOUNDED	14
VANDALISM	2
DISTURBANCES	1
BREAKS	1
RESTRAINING ORDERS	2
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	2
RESPONSES TO FIRES	2
MUTUAL AID ASSISTS	2

In 1995 we had two new police officers start working for the Town of Rowe: Mike Smith and Gail May. My thanks to them for their willingness to serve and protect the residents of Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry J. Dandeneau, Chief of Police

## Summer Youth Employment

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This years grasshopper crew, which is made up of local teenagers and supervisors, was kept busy cleaning up the roadsides in town; mowing, trimming, etc. The hardworking crew this year was made up of the following:

### Supervisors

Micah May, Chief Supervisor  
Fawn Hardison  
Justine Krumm

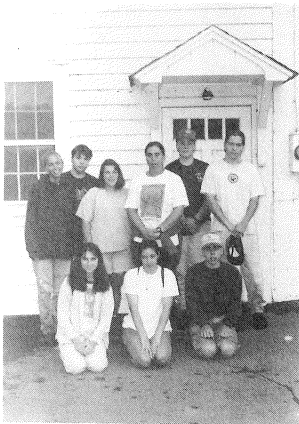
### Grasshoppers

Jamie Brown	Luke Jette
Justin Hardison	Kevin Nolan
Jamie Jette	Kate Quinn

On May 30, 1995, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to require that all Summer Youth employees wear work boots with leather "uppers" to reduce the risk of injury. Work began on June 26, 1995. The first two days of work started with an equipment orientation followed by a safety presentation by the Department of Labor and Industries. It's important that the crew understand the importance of safety when operating equipment and working near the roadsides. As a reminder, *please use caution and drive slowly when approaching and passing workers.*

The grasshoppers were also very helpful in the clean-up of the big July storm that brought down many trees and branches around town. The program ended on August 18th. A big thank you to the grasshopper crew for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey A Taskey, Administrator



*Summer Youth Employment*  
*Back Row (L-R) Front Row(L-R)*  
Fawn Hardison Jamie Brown  
Justin Hardison Kate Quinn  
Jamie Jette Luke Jette  
Justine Krumm  
Kevin Nolan  
Micah May

## Veteran's Agent

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My thanks to Lenny Laffond and Jeff Taskey who got up bright and early one morning to flag the veteran's graves for Memorial Day during my absence from this office.

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Mike Cascone this past January. Mike lived in Rowe for many years and served as the Army Recruiter for the Franklin County area for many years. The veterans of Rowe extend their sympathy to his wife Nancy and his three sons.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Scrivens



*Installation of Persian Gulf conflict plaque on town war memorial.*



## Wiring Inspector

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It is required by Massachusetts General Law that anyone performing electrical work must obtain a permit. The work performed shall comply with the current Massachusetts electrical code.

There were 20 permits issued in 1995 with 19 completed inspections and 2 active.

Emil F. Begiebing was appointed Assistant Wiring Inspector in May of 1995. He may be reached at 1-802/368-7119.

Respectfully submitted,  
John F. Rossi, Wiring Inspector

# Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 1995 July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995

Year/Tax	Outstanding 07/-/94	Commitments	Abatements	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Outstanding 06/30/95
94MVE	1127.59	5147.88	301.77	0.00	5789.46	78.33	262.57
94PP	243.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	243.61	0.00	0.00
94RE	3680.50	0.00	0.00	180.94	3593.19	93.63	0.00
95MVE	0.00	20805.78	383.74	0.00	17767.85	74.27	2728.46
95RE	0.00	487671.79	2076.60	241.23	266166.89	0.00	219187.07
95PP	0.00	1357901.41	301826.37	0.00	1357664.27	301642.25	53.02
TOTAL	5051.70	1871526.86	304588.48	422.17	1651225.27	301888.48	222231.12
Interest Collected on Overdue Taxes			\$ 156.34				
Lien Fees			250.00				
Demands			125.00				

Respectfully submitted,  
 L. Norma Brown, Tax Collector

## Treasurer's Reports

### Trust Funds - 1995

NAME OF FUND	BALANCE 7/1/94	TRANSFER IN	INTEREST	TRANSFER OUT	BALANCE 6/30/95
M. Wells Memorial Library	8,581.20	0.00	412.19	(2,728.95)	6,264.44
Cemetery	13,548.38	200.00	699.83	0.00	14,448.21
Rowe Library Gift	254.85	0.00	13.16	0.00	268.01
Charles Wells Library	2,077.10	0.00	107.14	0.00	2,184.24
Preserved Smith Library	1,790.44	0.00	92.36	0.00	1,882.80
Gould Library	13,151.77	0.00	678.39	0.00	13,830.16
Foster Donation	1,860.67	0.00	95.98	0.00	1,956.65
White Memorial Library	4,047.46	0.00	208.79	0.00	4,256.25
L. Tower/Jones Library	4,047.46	0.00	208.79	0.00	4,256.25
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	1,904.90	10.00	98.73	(25.00)	1,988.63
Totals	51,264.23	210.00	2,615.36	(2,753.95)	51,335.64

### Stabilization Fund FY 1995

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 1994	\$ 676,918.81
Transfers from General Fund	20,000.00
Transfers to General Fund	(407,139.26)
Interest Earned 7/1/94 to 6/30/95	36,077.82
Balance as of June 31, 1995	\$ 325,857.37

Respectfully submitted,  
June W. Brown, Treasurer

Financial Reports - Town of Rowe  
 July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

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SCHEDULE OF CASH RECEIPTS - GENERAL FUND

<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Taxes	
Personal Property Taxes F1994	243.61
Personal Property Taxes F1995	1,357,664.27
Real Estate Taxes F1994	4,752.30
Real Estate Taxes F1995	480,577.75
Motor Vehicle Excise F1993	28.75
Motor Vehicle Excise F1994	5,789.33
Motor Vehicle Excise F1995	17,767.85
Estimated Receipts (Cherry Sheet = CS)	
Interest on Property Taxes	2,742.50
In Lieu of Taxes (CS)	947.00
Municipal Liens	20.00
Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation (CS)	20,629.47
Municipal Building Rent	2,700.00
Board of Health Permits	180.00
Town Clerk Permits & Licenses	34.00
Police Department Permits	139.00
Copier/FAX Receipts	270.70
Abatements to Veterans (CS)	700.00
Chapter 70 School Aid (CS)	15,090.00
Highway Reconstruction/Maintenance (CS)	2,476.00
Lottery (CS)	1,445.00
Court Fines	235.00
Interest on Deposits	35,037.42
Heath Tuition	497,688.56
Sale of Town Property	2,756.50
Refunds (Insurance)	8,752.00
Intergovernmental (Salt Shed Reimbursement)	100,000.00
Dog Licenses (To County)	313.00
Goal Post Gift Account	847.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care (Interest)	2.54
Elections (CS)	180.00
Cultural Council	3,010.61
Computer Tech Grant	12,111.00
Chapter I Reimbursement	777.60
SPED Development	3,000.00
School Band	438.20
Sporting Licenses (To State)	2,279.00
Sale of School Lunches	1,068.75
School Lunch Fed/State Reimbursement	15,179.47

Use of Gazebo

Total

25.00

2,597,999.18

## BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1995

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

#### ASSETS

##### CASH

General Cash

1,083,032.39

TOTAL CASH

1,083,032.39

##### PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Personal Property Taxes F1995

127.07

TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

127.07

##### REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate Taxes F1995

4,918.15

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES

4,918.15

##### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Motor Vehicle Excise F1994

262.70

Motor Vehicle Excise F1995

2,728.46

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

2,991.16

##### TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS

Tax Titles

1,253.43

TOTAL TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS

1,253.43

##### DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS

Due From Stabilization

407,139.26

TOTAL DUE FROM TRUST FUNDS

407,139.26

##### AGENCY

Withholding-Federal Tax

60.02

TOTAL AGENCY

60.02

##### GRANTS

Chapter I

5.46

TOTAL GRANTS

5.46

##### REVOLVING FUNDS

Special Duty-Police

176.00

Sporting Licenses

83.00

TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

259.00

TOTAL ASSETS

1,499,785.94

**LIABILITIES**

REVENUE

Revenue Fiscal 1996	<u>105,529.26</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE		105,529.26

AGENCY

Group Insurance	857.56	
Dog Licenses	<u>34.10</u>	
TOTAL AGENCY		891.66

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

Goal Post Gift Fund	<u>2,564.25</u>	
TOTAL GIFTS & BEQUESTS		2,564.25

TRUST FUND INCOME

Cemetery Perpetual Care	62.49	
Library Trust Fund	1,283.83	
School Trust Fund	<u>43.78</u>	
TOTAL TRUST FUND INCOME		1,390.10

GRANTS

Council on Aging	929.75	
Cultural Council (Arts Lottery)	1,624.68	
Early Childhood Education	273.10	
SPED Development	<u>516.13</u>	
TOTAL GRANTS		3,343.66

REVOLVING FUNDS

School Lunch	1,601.09	
Use of Gazebo	75.00	
County Dog Fund	<u>160.27</u>	
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS		1,836.36

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

Cemetery Sale of Lots	1,750.00	
Wetlands Protection Fund	<u>730.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		2,480.00

OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS

Overlay F1995	<u>5,045.22</u>	
TOTAL OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENT		5,045.22

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED

Tax Title Revenue	1,253.43	
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	<u>2,991.16</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED		4,244.59

SURPLUS

Surplus Revenue	<u>1,135,381.46</u>	
TOTAL SURPLUS		1,135,381.46

#### APPROPRIATION BALANCES

Chapter 85	121,291.00	
Highway-General Maintenance	2,638.68	
Town Line Bridge Engineering	3,300.00	
Highway-New Trucks	4,179.62	
Davis Mine & Tatro Roads	6,027.68	
Rowe School Salary Encumbrance	36,977.16	
Rowe School Early Retirement	1,775.00	
Dump Fence & Gate	3,995.00	
Recycling Shed & Bin Pad	460.35	
Gracy House Repair/Modifications	2,000.00	
Town Hall Fountian/Monument	6,000.00	
Town Hall Expansion Contingency	6,099.79	
Town Hall Furniture	2,835.10	
Pakies Land Purchase	19,500.00	
Reserve Fund F1996	<u>20,000.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES		<u>237,079.38</u>

<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>1,499,785.94</u>
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#### TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

	<u>Assets</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>
TRUST FUNDS		
Trust Cash	784,297.28	
Due to General Fund		407,139.26
Martha Wells Memorial Library		6,264.44
Cemetery Trust Fund		14,398.22
Rowe Library Gift Trust		268.01
Charles Wells Library		2,184.24
Preserved Smith Library		1,882.80
Gould Library		13,830.16
Foster Donation		1,956.65
White Memorial Library		4,256.25
L. Tower/Jones Library		4,256.25
Rowe Memorial Scholarship		2,003.63
Stabilization Fund		325,857.37
	<u>784,297.28</u>	<u>784,297.28</u>

# APPROPRIATION BALANCES REPORT - JUNE 30, 1995

Account Name	Approp./Bal. Forward July 1, 1994	Transfer	Expended	Balance June 30, 1995
Town Counsel	4,000.00	0.00	1,983.93	2,016.07
Selectmen's Compensation	4,800.00	0.00	3,815.60	984.40
General Administration	16,000.00	385.64	16,340.21	45.43
Misc. Officers Compensation	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00
Town Officers Expenses	800.00	0.00	791.15	8.85
Printing Town Reports	2,600.00	0.00	1,607.75	992.25
Municipal Audit	10,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
Summer Youth Employment	18,000.00	0.00	13,773.85	4,226.15
Council on Aging	500.00	0.00	151.00	349.00
Admin. Assist./Accountant	29,721.00	0.00	29,721.00	0.00
Asst. Accountant	500.00	0.00	50.00	450.00
Assessors Compensation	2,400.00	0.00	1,721.93	678.07
Assessors Clerk Compensation	3,370.00	600.00	3,963.91	6.09
Assessors Operation	1,500.00	100.00	1,509.79	90.21
Assessors Mapping	1,600.00	0.00	1,500.00	100.00
Assessors Software/Computer	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
Assessors Licensing/Tax Billing	2,400.00	0.00	103.00	2,297.00
Treasurer Compensation	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	200.00	0.00	16.00	184.00
Tax Collectors Compensation	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	0.00
Town Clerks Compensation	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00	0.00
Election/Teller Expenses	1,200.00	500.00	1,569.22	130.78
Registrar/Census Compensation	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00
Conservation Commission Operation	200.00	0.00	48.95	151.05
Planning Board Operation	400.00	0.00	86.00	314.00
Planning Board - <i>Goal Post</i>	9,500.00	0.00	8,890.81	609.19
Chapter 85 ( <i>1st Half</i> )	121,291.00	0.00	0.00	121,291.00
Highway - Compensation	114,330.00	0.00	100883.92	13,446.08
Highway - Sick Leave	4,000.00	57.44	4,057.44	0.00
Highway - Superintendent Salary	42,124.00	0.00	42,124.00	0.00
Highway - Machinery Maintenance	16,000.00	0.00	15,833.22	166.78
Highway - Fuel Oil, Elect., Etc.	6,000.00	0.00	3,279.74	2,720.26
Highway - Fuel for Town Vehicles	12,500.00	0.00	8,006.53	4,493.47
Highway - General Maintenance	11,500.00	0.00	8,861.32	2,638.68
Highway - Road Surface Maint.	32,000.00	0.00	31,973.68	26.32
Highway - Roadside Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	1,991.40	8.60
Highway - Building Maintenance	3,000.00	0.00	2,969.44	30.56
Town Line Bridge Engineering	3,300.00	0.00	0.00	3,300.00
Highway - New Trucks	30,000.00	0.00	25,820.38	4,179.62
Davis Mine/Tatro Roads	8,086.24	0.00	2,058.56	6,027.68
Highway - Winter Roads	35,000.00	0.00	34,924.18	75.82
Street Lighting	4,000.00	0.00	3,810.04	189.96
School Committee Compensation	3,000.00	0.00	2,833.33	166.67
Rowe Elementary School	814,440.00	(36,977.16)	754,526.82	22,936.02
Rowe School Encumbered Salaries	25,618.22	36,977.16	25,618.22	36,977.16
Franklin County Tech. Capital	15,313.00	0.00	15,313.00	0.00
Heath Pre-School	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
Mohawk Late Bus Service	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Early Retirement	1,775.00	0.00	0.00	1,775.00
School Computer/Software	7,300.00	0.00	7,290.76	9.24
Librarians Compensation	11,500.00	0.00	11,500.00	0.00
Library Workers Comp.	5,627.00	0.00	5,373.88	253.12



Library Operation	7,897.00	0.00	7884.71	12.29
Library Roof Repair	7,000.00	0.00	4,990.05	2,009.95
Veteran Adm. Compensation	300.00	0.00	260.39	39.61
Veteran Adm. Operation	300.00	0.00	272.20	27.80
Veteran Adm. Benefits	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Cemetery Maintenance	3,200.00	1,200.00	4,400.00	0.00
Police Chief Compensation	7,030.00	0.00	5,622.50	1,407.50
Police Officers Compensation	5,900.00	0.00	3,517.80	2,382.20
Police Dept. Operation	3,200.00	0.00	3,142.24	57.76
Fire Chief Compensation	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00	0.00
Fire Officers Compensation	5,700.00	0.00	5,700.00	0.00
Fire Fighter Reimbursement	4,550.00	0.00	3,800.00	750.00
Fire Dept. Operation	20,550.00	0.00	20,550.00	0.00
Fire Dept. Extinguishers	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
Civil Defense Operation	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Hazardous Material Control	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Building Inspector Fees	2,800.00	400.00	3,175.00	25.00
Plumbing Inspector Fees	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
Wiring Inspector Fees	800.00	0.00	800.00	0.00
Dutch Elm Disease	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Insect/Pest Control	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Ambulance Service	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
EMT Coordinator Compensation	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
EMT Operation	1,200.00	0.00	1,180.57	19.43
EMT Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
EMT Call-Out Reimbursement	900.00	0.00	600.00	300.00
Refuse Garden Operation	53,000.00	0.00	40,722.46	12,277.54
Sanitarians Fees	1,600.00	80.00	1,680.00	0.00
Dump Fence & Gate	3,995.00	0.00	0.00	3,995.00
Recycling Shed & Bin Pad	460.35	0.00	0.00	460.35
Dump Attendant Compensation	6,950.00	0.00	6,805.76	144.24
Solid Waste District Administration	1,431.00	0.00	1,430.00	1.00
Board of Health Operation	2,500.00	266.34	2766.34	0.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	1,000.00	0.00	838.69	161.31
Bonding & Insurance	58,000.00	0.00	36,466.00	21,534.00
Municipal Center Custodian Comp.	9,841.00	0.00	9,841.00	0.00
Municipal Center Op. & Maint.	11,600.00	1,000.00	12,586.83	13.17
Elevator Maintenance	4,550.00	0.00	4,512.00	38.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	2,500.00	0.00	1,446.71	1,053.29
Gracy House Repair/Modification	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Beautification	2,000.00	0.00	1,441.41	558.59
Office Equipment	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Town Hall Fountain/Monument	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
Town Hall Exp. Contingency	6,812.26	0.00	712.47	6,099.79
Town Hall Furnishings/Fixtures	3,060.10	0.00	225.00	2,835.10
Pakies Land Purchase	19,500.00	0.00	0.00	19,500.00
Microfilming Records	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Park Compensation	14,920.00	0.00	14,455.56	464.44
Park Operation	5,200.00	297.87	5,497.87	0.00
County Retirement	42,092.00	0.00	42,092.00	0.00
Non-Contributory Retirement	1,000.00	0.00	988.67	11.33
Unemployment Insurance	500.00	1,766.00	1,896.00	370.00
Medical/Medicare Insurance	140,000.00	0.00	122,365.51	17,634.49
Stabilization - Highway Equipment	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	0.00	0.00
Reserve Fund F95	20,000.00	(6,267.65)	0.00	13,732.35

All financial reports were filed with the State and Federal Department's of Revenue as required and on time, including Schedule A, Free Cash Balance Sheet, quarterly reconciliation of cash, employers state and federal tax reports, Franklin County Retirement monthly reports, Department of Employment and Training reports, and Chapter 90 Reports, to mention only a few. I want to express my appreciation to Treasurer June Brown and Town Clerk/Collector Norma Brown for their help and cooperation throughout the year. Rowe's financial officers have a fine reputation with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and other state and Federal agencies for filing reports and forms both on time and correctly. Our auditor has informed me that because Rowe has had such a "clean" audit in the past, the cost of our next audit will be discounted. Taxpayers can take pride that our small town has achieved such a high level of competency.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa S. Quinn, Accounting Officer

## Rowe School Committee

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1995 has been a busy year for school personnel, parents, townspeople and committee members, as they continued to move forward gathering data in order to make decisions as to the future of Rowe Elementary School.

Issues considered included an assessment of the impact of class size, professional development, uses for the building and grounds, curriculum, multi-age development and restructuring. Also taken under consideration were programs including pre-school and school of choice.

A public hearing was held September 26, 1995 at 7:00 PM in order to obtain opinions, suggestions and information from townspeople.

Along with all the concerns regarding the school was the issue of finances with the Town of Heath building their own school. The Rowe finance committee, selectmen and school committees filed a bill with State Representative Shaun Kelly and Senator Jane Swift to set a new base year expenditure amount for Rowe under the Education Reform Act.

It was a year of tough decisions; forming a school with enhanced educational programs while knowing that downsizing enrollment meant the lay-off of loyal employees.

Several parents/townspeople also were interested in the committee taking under consideration the possibility of students choosing to be tuitioned to the new Heath School. There were several meetings devoted to this request. During the course of study and data collection a number of letters and petitions were received by the committee.

On November 14, 1995 the committee unanimously voted on three issues molding the future of the Rowe Elementary School: 1. a motion was made to not tuition children to Heath, 2. a motion was made that Rowe School be opened as a school of choice (the Committee stated that Rowe is considered a school of choice by the State unless a vote is taken not to be a school of choice; the Committee decided to vote to become a school of choice to reaffirm the direction Rowe is heading.), and 3. a motion was made to implement a preschool program into the Rowe School for the fall of 1996.

A letter written by Susan Taylor was adopted by the School Committee unanimously to voice our response to citizens regarding our decisions. The letter follows in its entirety:

In the process of reaching a final decision the School Committee members had an enormously difficult task analyzing and reviewing the complex and myriad facets that surround the tuitioning issue.

Clearly, the time has come to unite our community, just as our neighbors had the need to do the same.

To allow the tuitioning of children to Heath would negatively impact the children of Rowe by making a small school too small. It would reduce the opportunity for critical interaction and socialization substantially.

We must focus on conveying to our children a sense of belonging. The energy and talents of all Rowe's parents need to be channeled into nurturing and fostering a close-knit, trusting and top-notch educational institution.

If the parents feel that their reshaped school can be a warm and stimulating environment, a place where politics are put aside, understanding is adopted -- then the children will echo and mirror their enthusiasm.

We will not perpetuate the division of our community. An earlier-made decision has led to a series of actions and reactions. This chain of events has to be put to rest, so that we may proceed in achieving the ultimate goal -- an unsurpassed quality education at Rowe School.

Parents will always have a voice in the decision as to where their children attend school by choosing to reside in the school district that best fulfills their educational ideals and beliefs. Rowe's establishment of a highly innovative and progressive school will draw families here. New friendships will blossom, yet there is absolutely no reason why past formed friendships cannot be maintained through various after-school programs, sports activities and interaction between schools.

Valuable friendships are just that -- many turn out to be life-long, weathering change and strengthening from it.

It is time to unite and strengthen our community spirit and focus on a vision of a positive future for all.

This coming year is one of challenges and excitement for all the residents of Rowe and the school community. We encourage you all to attend our meetings or just stop by to see the changes over the next two to three years in our school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rowe School Committee  
Maggie Rice, Chairman  
Mary Jo Phelps  
Susan Taylor

## Rowe School Principal

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After several years of planning and debate, we have finally arrived at a turning point in the school's life: when we reopen next September, our enrollment will be around two dozen, down from the hundred and fifteen students who attended when I started here in 1993.

There is no denying that the transition has been a painful one in many ways, for parents, for the town, and for the school staff. It may help now to reflect that despite the sometimes bitter moments, the pain of this transition has not been placed upon the children.

Now it is time to look forward, to a new Rowe School: a school that, while carrying on in areas of traditional strength, is remaking itself to meet the high expectations for the Rowe community.

Continuity and change: the two will be intertwined everywhere.

Academically, Rowe School has been strong: our students perform well, and our teachers are always looking for ways to do better. This year's emphasis on mathematics is a fine example, with the primary teachers developing four cross-age thematic math units that really engaged the children, while we piloted the University of Chicago math program in grades three, four and five with quite visible results in student math proficiency.

The emphasis on sound basic skills at the core of our philosophy continues: but aided by a change in the way instruction is organized. By placing children in broader ("multi-age") settings, and pairing teachers with these groups, we can better meet the academic needs -- and feed the academic strengths -- of each child.

Social development has always received attention here: using morning meetings, student mediators, and this past year, a fledgling student council, we have tried to foster the social skills and social awareness proper to a democratic society.

This emphasis too will continue: the changes will come from the new opportunities and new challenges of our small school size. Children of different ages will be in more regular contact, giving more scope for modeling, and we will foster that with school-wide opportunities to share projects as well as concerns, and to solve problems.

Bringing the wider world, especially the cultural world, to our children and the community has always been an important consideration in planning the year's calendar. This year, for example, saw the University of Massachusetts dance company, Indian dancer Ranjanaa Devi, and singer-songwriter Sarah Pirtle in separate residencies at school; a Jeddlie Circus performance; and field trips to the Berkshire Museum (grades two, three and four), Sturbridge Village (grade five), and the AIDS Quilt at the Academy at Charlemont (grades five and six), plus the regular week-long trips to Cape Cod (grade five) and Washington (grade six).

We will continue doing these things; but here, as in the past, we will look in part to the larger community -- particularly the parents' organization and the local Cultural Council. Change here will take two forms: the richer possibilities for residencies, with our small student group, and the greater ease with which trips out into the broader community can be organized -- and paid for!

Finally, we have always sought to broaden the curriculum, without losing depth, by bringing new elements into our basic curriculum structure. For example, we have invested heavily over then last several years in new technologies: the computer, CD-ROMs, telecommunications and robotics. But none of these have become new "subjects" in themselves: all have been adapted to the need to teach sound reading, writing and mathematical skills, and to enhance opportunities in the natural and social sciences. There have been frustrations -- as with this year's efforts to get on the internet in a manner useful to elementary students, where the current limitations of communications technology have slowed us down. But there have also been successes, as with the smooth incorporation of laptop computers into the sixth grade program, or the use of digital cameras and color printing to enhance the school's -- and the students' -- ability to communicate in a lively way.

These efforts, too, will continue: and with technology, of course, continuity means change: continual change. This model -- of incorporating the new in ways that enhance our fundamental mission -- applies to more than technology, however. We will be moving over the next two years to develop a foreign language program for our children. But not as an "add-on": we are working to design a program that strengthens our world studies, arts, movement and music curricula. Here, too, the new will be embedded in the old.

Rowe has always been generous in support of its school. We are thankful for that support and we expect to continue working hard to deserve it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Taylor, Principal

Town of Rowe  
School Attending Children

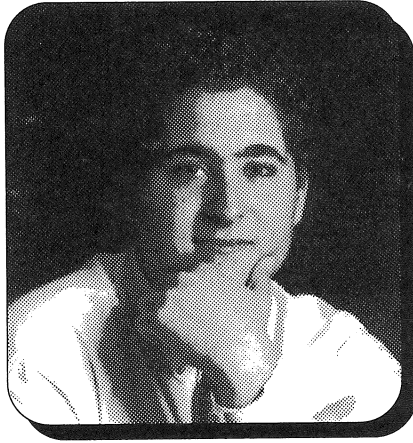
January 1, 1995

GRADE	LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL	VOCATIONAL	OUT OF DISTRICT PUBLIC	PRIVATE	TOTAL
Kindergarten	2				2
Grade 1	2				2
Grade 2	4		1		5
Grade 3	4				4
Grade 4	2				2
Grade 5	6				6
Grade 6	4			1	5
Grade 7			5		5
Grade 8			4	1	5
Grade 9			1		1
Grade 10			3	2	5
Grade 11			5		5
Grade 12			1	3	4
Totals	24		19	7	50

## 1995 Graduates - Congratulations!

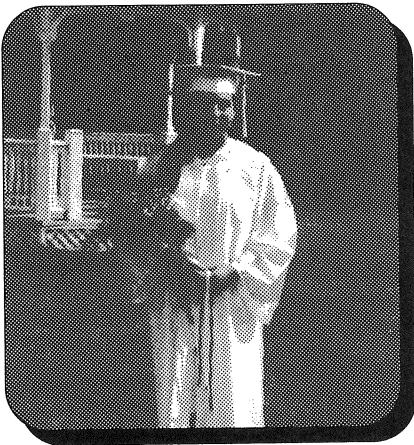
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### **Mohawk Trail Regional School**

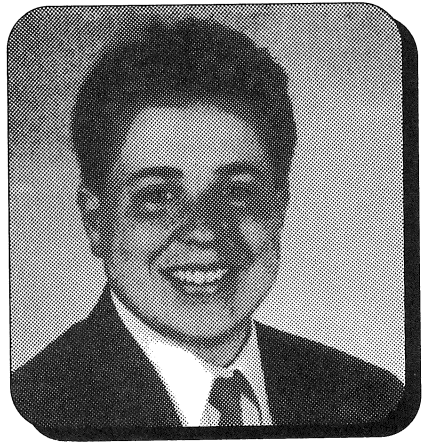


Jonathan Tower

### **The Academy at Charlemont**



Justine Krumm



Michael Snyder



## Superintendent of Schools

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On December 31, 1995, the Mohawk Trail Regional K-12 District celebrated its second anniversary. During the last two years - and more avidly during the last year - efforts of the District have been to bring about a closer union of the three districts that joined to make up the K-12 district. Not wanting to leave out Hawlemont Regional and Rowe districts, these two were invited to participate in the activities described below. Since both districts feed children to the Mohawk Trail Regional Jr.- Sr. High Schools, they wanted to share in whatever developmental programs the Mohawk Trail Regional District undertook.

In August, a group of 13 teachers/administrators/School Committee members attended a full week workshop at American International College. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education, its goal was to develop a leadership team whose purpose was to set a direction for the District(s) and develop long range plans for the future education of children in our schools. The group included people from Mohawk and Hawlemont Regional School Districts.

By the end of the week, the team had decided on three goals: 1. - Develop a Mission Statement which would set the direction of education in the districts for years to come; 2. - Develop common curriculum goals in PreK-8 science so that all children in the Districts' schools would enter high school having been exposed to similar programs; and 3. - Communicate to all staff an understanding of the Guiding Principles that would be the basis of the curriculum frameworks coming from the State.

Personnel from all three Districts have participated in activities developed by the leadership team toward the completion of the three goals and see the successful completion of these by June of 1996.

In the Spring of 1995, all three Districts voted to support and fund the new position of Director of Technology. There is no doubt in my mind that we would be remiss if we did not graduate students who know how to use technology in seeking information, solving problems, communicating with others, etc. We are quickly moving to the time where one who lacks these skills will certainly be at a disadvantage in the 21st century world. Douglas Wilkins of Heath was hired as the three Districts' Director of Technology. The main thrust of his activity since September has been to take stock of what each school has in the area of technology, visiting schools and classrooms where he works with teachers and students, offering workshops to staff to help them further develop their skills, and chair a technology committee whose work it is to develop a long range plan for technology in our Districts. Not only is this position a "must", but the individual chosen for the position has proven to be an asset to all.


The Summer of 1995 saw the completion of the first phase of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School addition/renovation program. A new peaked roof now graces the classroom wing of the building; the conversion of the heating system to gas heat in the classroom wing; and the installation of a new ventilation system, also in the classroom wing, have all been completed.

Work on the new Heath Elementary School has been progressing since early Spring and its Summer of 1996 completion date is definitely assured. A committee of fourteen members - nine of whom were Heath citizens - chose Philip O'Reilly as the principal of the new school. He will begin this position full-time as of early February when he will begin recruiting a staff as well as define the curriculum for the close to 100 students who will attend the school this coming September.

The Rowe School Committee had been working hard during this past year in planning the conversion of their 100+ student school to a much smaller school for the coming year. Determined to maintain an elementary school that will offer superior programs coupled with new and innovative teaching methodology, the School Committee is ready to do what is necessary to guarantee the success of its "new" school and of its students.

My goal for the coming year is to continue supporting activities that will help develop common goals, common curricula, etc. to help guarantee the successful implementation of educational reform in the Mohawk Trail Regional, Hawlemont Regional and Rowe School Districts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert J. Cormier, Superintendent



## Mohawk High School Principal

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It is my pleasure to present my fifteenth annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This year is marked by much change in educational planning and direction; by high levels of student achievement; and, by population growth and facilities updating.

During the summer months, a standing seam metal roof replaced the 27 year old flat membrane roof on the classroom block of the school. A leaking roof in the classrooms is now a thing of the past. The entire heating system in the classrooms has been replaced and the conversion from electric heat to gas is complete. After several weeks of problems with the new system, both heating and ventilation seem to operate within expectations and in a more cost effective fashion. The remainder of the \$13 million dollar renovation and addition project is scheduled for the fall of 1997.

This school year opened with an increase of 60 students, mostly on the high school level. We anticipate another 40 student increase for September 1996. This will mean that the school will sustain a 100 student growth in the past two years and we will have a total population of 880 students.

Several interdisciplinary programs which link American History and American Literature were developed and implemented in September, 1995. Staff began experimenting with double period courses, i.e. Human Anatomy, and have reported success. The school is examining the option of having students take four 90 minute courses per semester next year. Longer time in class, fewer courses and more teacher contact time raise student achievement.

This year the school received a grant from the Department of Education to join the Coalition of Essential Schools, a nationwide reform movement. Funds will provide staff training and professional development. The school also received another grant to implement Advanced Placement Programs in both chemistry and English Literature-Composition. This past year 70% of students taking the AP Biology national exam passed and received college credit.

Our athletic programs continue to build and grow in size. Several teams have gone to state tournaments this fall and we expect similar successes in the winter and spring. The middle school musical "Peter Pan" was a great success and sold out the auditorium for three consecutive days. Over 2,000 people viewed the musical and some were turned away at the door. The all-school musical "Will Rogers Follies" is now in production for performance in the spring.

We thank our communities for their continued support of education programs and facilities improvement at Mohawk. We owe a special debt of gratitude to the School Committee, the Mohawk School Council and the Parent-Teacher Organization for their unwavering support of quality education for all students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip A. Dzialo, Principal

## Department of Special Education

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As of December 1, 1995, there were 381 children receiving special education services throughout the nine towns of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Hawlemont Regional School District, and Rowe Elementary School. This accounts for approximately 22% 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 require 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 to 5 years; b) special needs screening of Kindergartners; and c) team meetings for preschoolers 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 eleven 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. A new program was instituted this year at the middle school. The program is referred to as the Language Based Program and is designed to assist students who have specific language processing difficulties.

Typically, the special education instructor often coordinates the child's program with that of the regular education teacher's 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 services from 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 Center Report

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This has been an exciting year for our school library/media centers. We have continued to work towards the goal of computerizing the print collections in each building, and at the present time the on-line catalog system is fully operational at Mohawk Trail Regional School, Sanderson Academy, Buckland-Shelburne Regional School and Hawlemont Regional School.

With the recent acquisition of a main server located at the high school library, students and staff in each of these schools have direct computer access to not only their own collections, but the district wide print collection as well. This Union Catalog program will ultimately allow members of the community to also conduct research utilizing the schools' database. Funding for this project has been the result of continued but diminishing Block Grant allocations, a competitive state technology grant for the Hawlemont School, a grant from the International Paper Foundation for Colrain Central School and local budgets.

Mohawk Trail Regional School has been fortunate to have excellent technical assistance from the Falls Cable Corporation located in the Resource Center; Dr. Mark Purington and Bob Kugell continue to team teach a Television Studio class with two Mohawk teachers and provide support for sports, music and cultural events throughout the school year.

Library/media personnel have been engaged in on-going inservice opportunities to become more knowledgeable about the Winnebago computer system, on-line cataloging, circulation, inventory and reporting methods. Staff include Toni Wilcox at Buckland-Shelburne Regional, Eugenie Lynch at Colrain Central, Candy Cross at Hawlemont Regional, Beverly Williams at Sanderson Academy, Wanda Musacchio at Rowe Elementary School and Julie DuPree, Marjorie Porrovecchio, Pat Hinds and Susan Silvester at Mohawk Trail Regional School. The district circulation statistics indicate a dramatic increase from last year.

Print Material.....	35,979
Non-Print Material.....	3,593
Inter Library Loan.....	181
 Total District Circulation.....	 39,753

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

## Mary Lyon Education Fund

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Incorporated in March, 1991, the Mary Lyon Education Fund is a 501(c)3 community based non-profit organization which supports excellence in local public education in the towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe and Shelburne. Serving on the Board of Directors are the following community representatives: President Barbara Bishop, Judy Anderson, Sylvia Smith, Marion Taylor, Bruce Willard, Carolyn Jarmulowicz, Pam Kelleher, Alice Kinsman, Chris Singley, Bill Lawless, Jim Boulger, Hugh Knox, Kevin Parsons, Dorothy Richardson, Linda Prokopy, Mary Campbell, Frank Carcio, Ken Cole, Irene Gifford, Sharon Hudson, Gordon Russ, Hank Samoriski and ex officio member Al Cormier. The Board meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6 Water Street in Shelburne Falls.

Since its inception the Mary Lyon Education Fund has infused hundreds of thousands of dollars into local education; students in grades preschool through 12 benefit from in-kind contributions, grants, partnerships and community resources. On-going programs include the Wilderness Adventure Project (UNYTE) for teenagers, annual Literature Festival, summer tennis lessons, a Comprehensive School Health Initiative, inservice programs and conferences for teachers, Mini-Grants for innovative classroom projects, a Student Assistance Fund to help needy children, publication of an annual Gift Catalog, school-business partnerships and Evening Enrichment Classes.

The goals of the organization are:

To support all aspects of quality education in the school district and promote positive interaction between the private sector and the public schools.

To identify, secure and direct resources and expertise into the schools.

To identify educational needs in the schools and implement programs which address those needs.

To communicate to the public the needs and accomplishments of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Susan B. Silvester, Executive Director

# The Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall be graduates of Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and are in need of financial assistance.

Scholarships awarded since 1991 total \$153,300. Of this \$53,575 has gone to graduating seniors and \$99,725 has gone to post-graduates. The initial committee felt that much money is available to graduating seniors but little to those already in college. They chose to grant more money to post-graduates.

The breakdown is as follows:

YEAR	# OF AWARDS (Seniors)	AMOUNT	# OF AWARDS (Graduates)	AMOUNT
1991	32	17,900	43	27,250
1992	23	6,450	50	19,350
1993	29	8,925	51	16,425
1994	31	11,800	54	16,600
<u>1995</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>20,100</u>
	144	53,575	252	99,725

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Jarmulowicz, Secretary



# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

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## Summary of Cash Receipts for FY 1995 General Fund

Balance of Cash on hand as of July 1, 1994 brought forward as follows:

From Ashfield Plainfield School District	107,922.14
From Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne School District	145,588.11
From Mohawk Trail Regional School District	<u>509,025.81</u>
Total:	762,536.06

### RECEIPTS

#### Town Assessments:

Ashfield	909,395.57	
Buckland	980,723.62	
Charlemont	259,023.65	
Colrain	928,777.04	
Hawley	90,289.22	
Heath	450,730.46	
Plainfield	333,221.47	
Shelburne	957,610.97	4,909,772.00

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Chapter 70	4,553,556.00	
Less: Energy Assessment MTR	(882.00)	
Less: Energy Assessment BSR	(1,137.00)	
School Choice Reimbursement	2,836.00	
School Choice Assessment	(4,430.00)	
Transportation:		
Regular	583,841.00	
SPED	23,630.00	
Vocational	13,049.00	
Transportation from Town of		
Heath sent to them in error	10,955.00	
S.B.A.B. Grant	17,395.00	
State Wards FY94	APR	1,109.00
	BCS	1,668.00
	MTR	10,354.00
		5,211,944.34

#### Cafeteria Receipts:

Sales/Other Income	189,367.65	
Meals Tax	886.07	
Federal reimbursement	111,880.80	
State Reimbursement	9,372.82	311,507.34

APSRD Cafeteria Receipt from Comm. of MA for FY94 (into surplus)		3,996.68
BCSRSD Cafeteria Receipt from Comm. of MA for FY94 (into surplus)		10,703.61
Blue Cross/Blue Shield -- Retirees/Direct Payments		90,651.01
Chapter I Reimbursement for FY94 to:		
APSRD	1,143.12	
BCSRSD	9,880.37	11,023.49
Colrain Preschool Loan Payments		3,910.00
Feasibility Study at BSR		3,885.00
Encumbered Salaries		507,851.53
Heath Tuition to Rowe Set-aside FY95		43,266.66
Interest Earnings:		
General Fund	47,167.25	
Asbestos	1,653.77	
Gas Conversion	3,477.43	
Ashfield/Plainfield Reg. Capital	349.92	
Buckland/Shelburne Reg. Cap.	309.13	
Colrain Central Cap.	197.47	
MTRHS Capital	845.19	54,000.16
Loans:		
Gas Conversion	207,200.00	
Handicapped Access	69,000.00	
Ashfield Plainfield Capital	270,000.00	
Buckland Shelburne Reg. Capital	130,000.00	
Colrain Central Capital	123,100.00	
MTRHS Capital	462,500.00	
Superintendent's Office Building	140,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue	1,145,000.00	2,851,800.00
Medicaid Receipts:		68,124.55
Miscellaneous Receipts		21,140.09
Building Use	1,377.95	Medicare Reimb. Grants 1,869.21
Telephone Comm.	260.22	Jury Duty 100.00
Records	139.00	Donation for Maps 150.00
Lost Books/Gym Locks	1,297.00	Misc. Supplies 227.98
Toll Calls/Faxes	221.38	Misc. Refunds 617.75
Unemploy. Tax Rfnd.	282.74	Outstanding Checks added
Field Trip Fees for Bus	231.00	back to cash (old) 1,075.38
Rfnd-Bills Paid Twice	1,729.56	Late Bus Fees 2,185.10
Vocational Gas Fee	4,080.00	High School Postage 72.66
Vocational Admn. Fee	5,000.00	Copier Fees 181.90
Close BCS Bank Acct.	40.63	
National Endowment for Humanities (Alyson Patch at Sanderson)		30,000.00
Print Shop		9,697.22

Revolving Accounts:		
Athletic	34,643.43	
Band (MTR)	200.00	
BSR Computer		
(from sale of chairs to Sanderson)	600.00	
Colrain After School Program	3,499.00	
Colrain Computer Program	1,700.00	
Colrain Preschool	8,592.73	
Driver Education	19,673.01	
Field Study Grant	700.00	
Inservice Workshops	10,940.63	
Middle Grades Reg. Alliance	6,565.00	
Newsletter	400.00	
Heath Preschool	27,450.08	
Rice Oil Discount	340.96	
Rotating Salaries		
FY94: 23,442.00		
FY95: 58,224.45	81,666.45	
Secretary Support	471.00	
Summer Camp Program	12,964.80	210,407.09
Special Education Gift		370.00
Tuition Receipts		
Town of Deerfield	10,018.95	
Town of Rowe	57,549.92	67,568.87
R0999 Miscellaneous In/Out Accounts:		
Vocational Backcharge for Town of Ashfield included in MTR		
Assessment check	15,272.40	
Vocational Backcharge for Town of Charlemont included in MTR		
Assessment check	9,952.15	
BCS SPED check held from FY94	4,217.50	
Contracted Service bill paid twice	1,464.50	
Miscellaneous	2,092.21	32,998.76
Union Budget Reimbursement for FY94 to BCSRSD		9,983.66
Union Budget Reimbursement to MTR:		
FY94	25,459.11	
FY95	49,211.99	74,671.10
Vocational Transportation Payroll Expense Reimbursement		1,044.23

FEDERAL GRANT RECEIPTS:

Chapter I

FY94	28,838.00	
FY95	142,177.00	171,015.00
Chapter 2 EESA		8,607.00
Drug Free Schools		9,122.00
Early Childhood Integration		12,000.00
Early Childhood Program		
Quality Enhancement FY94		6,705.00
Early Intervention		15,400.00
IEP Training		4,275.00
Mohawk District Integration FY94		3,437.00
SPRIG		45,000.00
Title II Eisenhower - NW Consortium		5,031.00
West County Resource		111,150.00
		391,742.00

STATE GRANT RECEIPTS:

Academic Enrichment FY94	5,763.60	
Consumer & Homemaker	13,264.00	
Curriculum Framework Study Groups	7,395.00	
Essential Skills Remedial	20,000.00	
Essential Skills Drop-Out	15,000.00	
FAME Study Groups	18,000.00	
Franklin Alliance for		
Middle Education	3,000.00	
Health Protection	78,831.00	
Middle Grades Regional Alliance	7,000.00	
PALMS	2,500.00	
Preschool	92,845.00	
Professional Development	8,093.00	
Safe Schools	2,000.00	273,691.60

TOTAL CASH RECEIVED DURING FY95:	15,205,750.65
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DURING FY95:	15,968,286.71
WARRANTS PAID IN FY95:	(17,312,407.58)
EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS FY95:	2,352,279.08
<u>WORKER'S COMP. ADJUSTMENT FY93:</u>	<u>(761.50)</u>

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 6/30/95:	1,007,396.71
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SUMMARY OF CASH:

United Savings Bank NOW Account	
	141,054.55
Bay Bank	10,420.45
MMDT	691,550.88
General Fund	23,200.12

Asbestos	62,011.43
Ashfield Plainfield Capital	1.62
Buckland Shelburne Regional Capital	29,366.43
Colrain Central School Capital	5,354.67
Mohawk Trail High School Capital	44,436.56

TOTAL SUMMARY OF CASH

1,007,396.71

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District - Balance Sheet June 30, 1995 (After Transfers)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash		Asbestos Fund	23,200.12
Asbestos MMDT	23,200.12	Asbestos Interest	0.00
Gas Conversion	62,011.43	Gas Conversion Fund	62,011.43
United - General Fund	141,054.55	Gas Conversion Interest	0.00
BayBank	10,420.45	AP Capital Fund	(4,239.06)
General Fund MMDT	691,550.88	AP Capital Interest	0.00
AP Capital MMDT	1.62	BS Capital Fund	32,021.04
BS Capital MMDT	29,366.43	BS Capital Interest	0.00
CCS Capital MMDT	5,354.67	CCS Capital Fund	5,354.67
MTR Capital MMDT	44,436.56	CCS Capital Interest	0.00
		MT Capital Fund	44,136.56
		MT Capital Interest	0.00
Receivables		Handicapped Access	(8,544.12)
Voluntary Contribution - Rowe		Chap.. 74 Voke Trans.. FY93	1,435.00
Commonwealth of MA		Chap.. 74 Voke Trans.. FY94	10,943.00
Energy Assessment		Chap.. 74 Voke Trans.. FY95	13,049.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,007,396.71	Blue Cross-Retirement/Other	6,054.29
		Payroll Deductions	
		Blue Cross	34,099.62
		Franklin County Retirement	6.11
		Washington Natl. Insurance	619.33
		Flex Spending	478.66
		Athletic Revolving/User Fees	
		Driver Education	
		Revolving Band Mohawk	321.37
		Revolving Band Ashfld/Pinfld	(4.95)
		School Lunch	316.42
		Preschool Revolving - Colrain	12,204.42
		Preschool Revolving - Heath	5,410.04
			11,977.71

Colrain After School Revolving	(118.52)
Colrain Extension Programs	1,863.16
Summer Camp Program	676.60
Encumbered Salaries Mohawk FY95	507,851.53
Buckland/Shelburne Regional Library	1,001.00
CCS Library	1,551.24
Rotating Salaries FY95	(7,739.53)
R0999 Miscellaneous	332.28
Inservice Workshop	2,551.98
SPED Gift	45.58
Unrestricted Surplus - Mohawk	125,611.65
Unrestricted Surplus - Ashfld/Plnflld	(1,958.28)
Unrestricted Surplus - Buckld/Shlbrn	12,002.41
Union Budget FY95	(8,813.09)
Sanderson Academy Cap. Set-aside	12,546.34
BuckInd/Shlbrn Computer Revolving	600.00
Vocational Trans. P/R Expenses	(297.68)
Grants (see next page)	58,500.86
Natl. Endowment for Humanities	4,615.30
Rice Oil Discount Revolving	(47.15)
FAME Study Group	3,813.68
Heath Tuition to Rowe Set-aside	43,266.66
	<u>1,007,396.71</u>

Grant Fund Balances (after Transfers)  
June 30, 1995

FEDERAL		
Chapter 2 EESA	0.00	
Drug Free Schools	5,216.78	
Chapter 1 - FY95	19,850.73	
Early Intervention	4,456.68	
Individual Education Plan	0.00	
SPRIG	15,839.51	
Early Childhood Intervention	1,163.08	
Title II Eisenhower Grant	0.00	
West County Resource	5,984.32	
STATE		
MEAP FY94	622.00	
Essential Skills - Drop Out	0.00	
Essential Skills - Remedial	0.00	
Preschool	0.00	
Health Protection/Comprehensive	0.00	
Consumer & Homemaker Education	5,367.76	
Safe Schools	0.00	
PALMS Grant	0.00	
Middle Grades Reg. Alliance	0.00	
FAME Study Group	0.00	
Professional Development	0.00	
Curriculum Framework Study Groups	0.00	
Total Grants	58,500.86	



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

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To the community towns of the Franklin County Technical School District, I submit my annual report as school committee chair.

The Franklin County Technical School continues to provide high quality vocational education for students from the nineteen member towns as well as tuition students from an additional nine towns in the area. Members of the school committee and administration have participated in the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Annual Conference and the National Vocational Conference in an attempt to assure that our school continues to provide for up to date vocational/technical studies that are in step with business and national trends. We are happy to report that we are offering opportunities that will serve as a strong foundation for our students continuing education and job placement. As we listened to other vocational/technical schools from across the country, we quickly realized that our computer cluster is "miles ahead" of many other programs that are thought to be on the "cutting edge". It was nice to come home with the knowledge that we are truly meeting the needs of our students and their communities.

The last few months of 1995 have been very difficult for the Franklin County Technical School District community. Our staff has worked to maintain the professional educational environment that we pride ourselves on. They have succeeded and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Those days are now behind us and we look forward to moving ahead in a positive direction. The next few months will see the committee busy in budget preparation as well as dealing with the recommendations of our recent audit. We have been most fortunate to have the skills of David Filkins to assist us and I would like to thank him publicly for coming out of his "retirement" to help us through this transition time.

As always I need to thank all of you, for without your support none of these things would be possible. Your vote of support, in the form of budget approval as well as the increased student enrollment, tells us that we are doing the job as you expect us to do it. Thank you for your continued support and faith in us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharleen Moffatt  
Town of Buckland

## Franklin County Technical School

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

Student enrollment has increased again this year. It appears this trend will continue as the Franklin County population of high school age students increases and the area schools eliminate the general tract of studies.

The October 1, 1995 enrollment by District and Non-District towns was as follows:

### DISTRICT TOWNS

Bernardston	17	Montague	78
Buckland	10	New Salem	6
Colrain	21	Northfield	12
Conway	6	Orange	81
Deerfield	17	Shelburne	10
Erving	12	Sunderland	7
Gill	5	Warwick	7
Greenfield	125	Wendell	9
Heath	5	Whately	7
Leyden	8		

### NON-DISTRICT TOWNS

Amherst	4	Pelham	2
Ashfield	11	Plainfield	2
Charlмонт	10	Rowe	1
Hawley	3	Shutesbury	2
Leverett	1		

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to expand and be an effective vehicle for job placement of our students. As of June 1995, our Senior placement record was as follows:

Students Available for Placement	80
Entered Work Force	46
Entered Military	4
Entered College	19
Overall Placement Rate	87%

As in past years, a number of our shops were involved with Community service projects. Three of these projects were the renovation of the Shea Theater, work at Powers Institute for the Bernardston Historical Society and a roofing project in Northfield through the Rural Self Help Housing Program.

In conclusion, we would like to express our gratitude to the entire educational community at Franklin County Technical School and to all the residents of the County for their support and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,  
David E. Filkins, Interim Superintendent/Director  
and  
Sharleen Moffatt, Chairperson

## Franklin County Commission

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The Franklin County Commission is a multi-purpose agency dedicated to providing services and products which support our municipalities and residents. We integrate regional and local planning human services advocacy and coordination, and municipal services production through the Commission in order to secure our regional goals of:

- Balancing economic development with the protection of natural and cultural resources which are the foundation of our region's rural character and heritage,
- Capturing economies of scale in public services production and delivery in a rural region comprised of many political subdivisions, and
- Building healthier communities by developing and connecting broad-based community coalitions which raise the level of expectations for community achievement.

The Franklin County Commission advocates on behalf of our twenty-six communities at the state and federal level to ensure that programs, policies and funding which impact our natural, cultural and human resources are responsive to our rural issues and build upon our economic strength as a unique region.

### HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM 1995

#### *PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT*

- Organized and produced an Overall Economic Development Plan for Franklin County. This plan sets the funding priorities for U.S. Economic Development Administration projects in industrial parks and public infrastructure.
- Awarded and executed a Route 112 Scenic Farm Byway Plan for Buckland and Ashfield. This plan enables these towns to take further actions which enhance agricultural and open space economic development opportunities.
- Organized pilot project for Connecticut River Streambank Erosion Management. Brought to the table utilities, landowners, town, state and federal government, environmentalists to develop and execute pilot project.
- Secured \$140,000 EPA grant to implement Connecticut River Pilot Study.
- Developed and secured \$200,000 funding for Route 2 Safety Improvements Study design for funding and execution in 1996.
- Published model manual for Design Alternatives for Rural Roads. Identifies standards and models which support towns' interests in constructing and repairing roads in keeping with rural character.

- Awarded \$183,000 Tri-State Scenic Farm Byway grant focusing in Franklin County on expanding economic and safety features for farm related or business use.
- Developed the Public Water Suppliers Cooperative Purchasing System.
- Coordinated the development of the 1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Program, which prioritizes the use of federal highway funds in Franklin County.
- Secured \$215,000 funding for first leg of the Franklin County Bikeway.
- Secured in-house Certifications for Title V System Inspections and Soil Evaluations so that these services can be provided to towns or developers.
- Developed Computer Mapping Services for town planning and engineering.

#### *COMMUNITY SERVICES*

- Conducted and disseminated results of Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Abuse among Young People in Greater Franklin County.
- Produced a Youth Activities Fair and Forum attracting over 100 participants.
- Organized with DARE Officer and Coalition Members Franklin County Fair Booth Outreach
- Staffed the efforts of the Tobacco Control Coalition and Awarded \$8,000 in mini-grants for tobacco-use cessation activities.
- Organized and supported the production of the Sixth Annual Youth Issues Conference attracting over 150 participants.
- Coordinated and implemented the School to Work Partnership for Franklin County, serving eight area schools with school to career training, secured \$275,000 in additional grant funding.
- Substantially participated in drafting A Reinventing Justice Action Plan, a report to the Massachusetts Supreme Court on the extensive outreach efforts, analysis, and recommendations for the creation of a twenty-first century justice system in Franklin County.

#### *ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS*

- Secured Legislation changing Treasurer from elected to appointed, assuring increased professionalism in the management of budget and pension funds.
- Caught up two years of audits and cleared all outstanding audit issues.
- Produced Cooperative Bids for 22 towns and 20 other public entities for a total value of \$2,805,000 of goods ranging from office products to highway supplies.

- Established as State Pilot Site for Municipal Internet Link to State Services.

#### *MUNICIPAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES*

- Implemented the Economic Target Area Designation won by the Commission in 1994 by preparing 7 of 23 successful Economic Opportunity Area projects statewide, enabling the creation of 319 new jobs and retaining 505...a total of \$28 million in new investment.
- Analyzed and coordinated changes in subscription pool to secure decreased health insurance premiums for the Franklin County Group consisting of 24 towns and 10 other public entities.
- Produced several Grantwriting workshops for Towns attended by over 50 people.
- Organized and conducted Workshops for evaluating Americans with Disabilities Act for town facilities.
- Redesigned engineering services to be self funding within two years, while nearing completion of local road design project in Colrain.
- Provided computer consulting services under specific job contracts to three towns for systems installations, applications and troubleshooting.
- Published Wage and Salary Survey for Franklin County Towns and the Guide to Franklin County Municipal Officials.

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## Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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We have had an active and productive year, focusing on waste management planning and education, with a number of new and continuing programs.

The District received a federal grant for \$100,000 to design a series of mobile, interactive displays on recycling, waste reduction, and hazardous waste management. The program, entitled "Waste on Wheels" (WOW) is now circulating nine museum-quality exhibits throughout our towns. We hope you get to see them soon. We have also produced two comprehensive "Think Before You Buy" brochures that focus on teaching consumers how to make wise choices about the purchase, use, and management of toxic products. These brochures are now available in all our towns. Lynn Rose, our Program Director, continues to produce a wide variety of educational programs for our schools, institutions, businesses, and the towns themselves. Call her for information!

Our backyard compost bin distribution program sold 750 bins to residents of our towns. This program will continue through the spring, summer and fall of 1996. We also are selling the popular recycling set-out boxes at a reduced price at many town transfer stations. Both these programs help people divert even more waste from their normal waste stream.

The District Administrator played a major role in negotiating a new contract for all towns that use the state-run Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Springfield. This new contract pays towns a minimum of \$20 for every ton of recyclable materials sent to the MRF. With our towns sending a combined total of about 2,500 tons to the MRF, the new contract will reimburse our towns for a total of \$50,000 in FY 1996. This is in addition to the \$150,000 saved through avoided disposal fees. Recycling *does* make sense! The new MRF contract allows us to once again recycle boxboard (cereal boxes) and all junk mail, including envelopes. Meanwhile, our own plastics recycling program continues to grow: we collected 6,051 cubic yards of plastic containers...just under 106 *tons*. Did you know that we collect every type of plastic container, including caps and lids?

Our annual regional collection of household hazardous waste reached some 350 households in 19 different towns. For the second consecutive year, 50% of the participants were first-time users. This means that there are still old stockpiles of toxic products in people's cellars and garages that the collection is reaching. This year, for the first time, we made the collection available to area businesses on a pay-as-you-go basis. This helps our local businesses safely and economically dispose of any toxic materials they have had on hand.

Long-term solid waste and sludge disposal remain a top priority for the District, as local landfills continue to close. We produced a Request for Proposals for regional sludge disposal; our contract with the Bernardston landfill allows towns a low-cost, local short-term disposal site for their solid waste. We continue to support the development of the proposed solid waste facility in Northfield as the best long-term disposal option.

The District received grants totaling just under \$139,000 during the year. These grants help extend the "buying power" of town assessments voted at your town meeting. We continue to seek grants to make your dollar go that much further. Our District Committee, made up of volunteers from all our member towns, continues to do the hard work planning for an economically and environmentally sound solid waste future. We all appreciate your continuing support of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard D. Little, Chairman  
Robert B. Rottenberg, Administrator



