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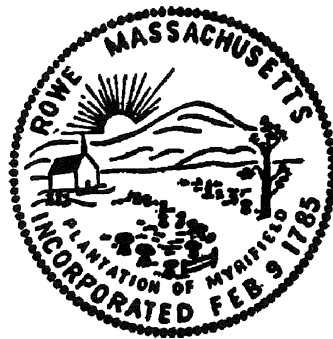
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Annual Report

of the

Town of Rowe Massachusetts



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OFFICE HOURS / MEETING SCHEDULES

| | |
|--|--|
| Town Office | Weekdays 8:30 AM to 12 Noon, 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM (Summer Hours) Weekdays 8:00 AM to 12 Noon, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Winter Hours) (Except for Legal Holidays) |
| Town Clerk | Tuesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon |
| Tax Collector | Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon |
| Board of Selectmen/ Board of Health | Every other Tuesday 7:00 PM |
| Assessor's Clerk | Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon |
| Public Health Nurse | Monday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM house calls Wednesday 8:00 AM to Noon Thursday 8:00 AM to Noon (administrative duties and house calls) |
| Assessors | As posted |
| School Committee | As posted |
| Finance Committee | As posted |
| Conservation Commission | As posted |
| Park Commission | Second/Fourth Thursday of month |
| Planning Board | 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
FAX NUMBER 339-5316

EMERGENCY PHONE (Medical, Fire & Police)

DIAL 9-1-1

Federal, State and County Officials



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Franklin Regional Council of Governments

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Carolyn Olsen, Director of Finance
Peggy Sloan, Director of Planning & Development
425 Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
1-413-774-3167
E-mail jaydi@vallinet.com

TOWN OF ROWE
County of Franklin
(Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiield)
 INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 9, 1785

POPULATION 375 (1997), 361 (1998)
 AREA: 21.78 SQUARE MILES
 PUBLIC ROADS: 45.30 MILES

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Board of Selectmen, Open Town Meeting
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Second Monday in May
 ANNUAL ELECTION: First Saturday following Annual Town Meeting

Fy 1999 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

| CLASS | TAX RATE | VALUATION | LEVY | % of TOTAL |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Residential | 5.36 per thousand | 25,522,517.00 | 136,800.69 | 8.5% |
| Commercial | 11.82 per thousand | 104,078.00 | 1,230.20 | >1.0% |
| Industrial | 11.82 per thousand | 91,368,065.00 | 1,079,970.53 | 66.8% |
| Personal Property | 11.82 per thousand | 33,698,470.00 | 398,315.92 | 24.6% |
| TOTAL | | 150,693,130.00 | 1,616,317.34 | 100.0% |

FY 1999 Revenue Sources

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Tax Levy | 1,616,317.34 |
| Local Receipts | 99,025.00 |
| Cherry Sheet | 45,823.00 |
| Free cash | 167,890.00 |
| Other Available Funds | 100,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 2,029,055.34 |

FY 1999 Appropriations and Charges

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Appropriations (5/11/98 & 10/8/98) | 1,996,233.00 |
| Cherry Sheet Offsets | 1,813.00 |
| Winter Roads Overdraft | 1,051.10 |
| Cherry Sheet Charges | 402.00 |
| Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions | 29,556.24 |
| TOTAL | 2,029,055.34 |

Elected Town Officials

| | Term Expires | | Term Expires |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| BOARD OF SELECTMEN | | PARK COMMISSION | |
| James D. Brown | 1999 | Thomas L. Chiofalo (Resigned) | 1999 |
| Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman | 2000 | John H. Williams (Appointed) | 1999 |
| Ellen L. Foberg | 2001 | Walter J. Quist | 2000 |
| | | Russell W. Jolly, Chairman | 2001 |
| BOARD OF ASSESSORS | | CEMETERY COMMISSION | |
| Frederick N. Williams, Chairman | 1999 | James W. Taylor | 1999 |
| Ellen L. Foberg | 2000 | Richard A. Tower | 2000 |
| Leonard J. Laffond | 2001 | James H. Williams | 2001 |
| TOWN CLERK | | PLANNING BOARD | |
| Susan C. Wood | 1999 | John H. Williams | 1999 |
| TREASURER | | Prudence Berry | 2000 |
| Susan Alix Williams | 1999 | Michael Posever | 2001 |
| TAX COLLECTOR | | Rebecca P. Bradley | 2002 |
| Sandra L. Daviau | 1999 | Vacant | 2003 |
| MODERATOR | | FINANCE COMMITTEE | |
| Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. | 1999 | Angela F. Foshay | 1999 |
| LIBRARY TRUSTEES | | David W. Lenth | 1999 |
| James W. Lively, Chairman | 1999 | Geoffrey Bagley | 2000 |
| Kathleen Oliver | 2000 | Dorothy Page | 2001 |
| Deanna Corarito (Resigned) | 2001 | Daniel R. Phelps, Jr. (Resigned) | 2001 |
| Ruth A. Truesdell (Appointed) | 1999 | CONSTABLE | |
| SCHOOL COMMITTEE | | Christine A. Tower | 1999 |
| Margaret B. Rice, Chairman | 1999 | | |
| James W. Taylor | 2000 | | |
| Margaret M. Woodside | 2001 | | |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

Appointed Town Officials / Employees

BOARD OF HEALTH/WELFARE

James D. Brown, Chairman
Leonard J. Laffond
Ellen L. Foberg

Term Expires

1999
2000
2001

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Peter J. Codogni

WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard J. (Pete) Brown, Jr. (Retired)
James W. Taylor

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Emil Begiebing

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Albert R. Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Richard A. Tower (Retired)
Daniel R. Phelps, Jr.
Lance P. Larned

DOG OFFICER

Albert R. Williams

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

FIRE CHIEF

Edwin L. May

AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Frederick N. Williams
Dennis F. May
Paul McLatchy, Jr.
Daniel J. Miller
William N. Reardon

Deputy Chief
Captain
Captain
Lieutenant
Lieutenant

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL

Edwin L. May

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Ruth E. Loomis, APRN

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Henry J. Dandeneau, Police Chief
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.
Michael D. Smith
Gail May
John Dalton
Charles Bellows
Melinda Dyer

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Jean Paul Migeon, EMT Coordinator
Gail May, EMT
Daniel J. Miller, EMT

RECYCLING COORDINATOR/ TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Richard K. Quinn (Resigned)
Richard A. Tower, Jr.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR ROWE SCHOOL

Gail May

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATOR

James D. Brown

CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thomas L. Chiofalo, Chairman (Resigned)
Leonard J. Laffond
Henry G. Dandeneau
Susan C. Wood
Robert R. Rice

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH and ACCOUNTING OFFICER

Melissa S. Quinn

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Sandra P. Daviau

GOAL POST

Susan C. Wood, Editor
Phyllis T. Smith, Business Administrator

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Cynthia M. Laffond

TREE WARDEN

Leonard J. Brown, Jr.

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Melissa S. Quinn

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

Ellsworth E. Palmer
James H. Williams
Thomas P. Danek, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

William G. Foster

**SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/
ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

Richard A. Tower

FENCE VIEWERS

James D. Brown
James H. Williams
Efford Pierce

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Carol F. Lively

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Term Expires

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Susan C. Wood | 1999 |
| Helen R. Shields | 2000 |
| Judith A. Pierce | 2000 |
| Sandra P. Daviau | 2001 |

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

James D. Brown

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTATIVE**

Leonard J. Laffond

**MOHAWK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE**

Margaret Woodside

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan Berry Taylor (Resigned)
Anne-Marie Demetz, Acting Chairman
Norma Donelson
Russell W. Jolly
Martha Rice
Robert Clancy

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REPRESENTATIVE**

Ruth A. Truesdell

TOWN COUNSEL

Craig W. Barry, Jr. Esq. (Bartlett & Barry, LLP)

HEALTH AGENT/SANITARIAN

Sharon White, R.S.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia M. Laffond, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg
Richard A. Tower
Carol F. Lively
Vacant

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Term Expires

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. | 1999 |
| Wendell L. Stetson | 1999 |
| Lillian H. Danek | 2000 |
| Floyd W. Smith | 2000 |
| Henry J. Dandeneau | 2001 |

**TOWN BUS TRANSPORTATION
STUDY COMMITTEE**

Barbara Stickney
Mary E. Lenth
James D. Brown

COUNCIL ON AGING

Vacant

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Karl & Pearl Jurentkuff
Judith Pierce
Lillian Danek
Deb & Tom Danek

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

| Date | Name | Parents | Place of Birth |
|----------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 01/28/98 | Haleigh Lynn Bagley | Marie Lynn White Geoffrey Niles Bagley, Sr. | Greenfield, MA |
| 05/18/98 | Enid Eireen Gallagher | Danette Lauraine Reynolds Robert Loouis Gallagher | Northampton, MA |
| 06/25/98 | Isaac Jude Paige | Mary Eve Almeida Clifford Franklin Paige, III | Greenfield, MA |

MARRIAGES

| Date | Names of Parties | Residence |
|----------|--|--|
| 06/27/98 | Duanne Hammond Weber Donna Cecile Santos | 452 Tunnel Road, Rowe, MA 452 Tunnel Road, Rowe, MA |
| 06/27/98 | Jeffrey Mark Rau Linda Susan Fitzgerald | 168 Ford Hill Road, Rowe, MA 168 Ford Hill Road, Rowe, MA |
| 07/11/98 | Travis Wade Hanely Heather Lee Dunnell | 309 River Road, Chesterfield, NH 299 River Road, Chesterfield, NH |
| 08/01/98 | Williams Arthur Loomis Ruth Elaine LaFlamme | 108 Hazelton Road, Rowe, MA 108 Hazelton Road, Rowe, MA |
| 09/05/98 | Bradley Burnham Hurlburt Michelle Elizabeth Smart | 230 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 230 Athol Road, Warwick, MA |

DEATHS

| Date | Name | Age | Place of Death |
|----------|--------------------------|-----|----------------|
| 01/11/98 | Ada L. Upham Knapp | 86 | Greenfield, MA |
| 02/16/98 | William Harry Brown | 80 | Greenfield, MA |
| 03/26/98 | Evelyn L Tower Soule | 80 | Greenfield, MA |
| 04/28/98 | Arthur Wellesley Foshay | 85 | Manhattan, NY |
| 09/30/98 | Hannah E. White Williams | 96 | Rowe, MA |
| 12/19/98 | Richard L. Jackson | 77 | Greenfield, MA |

In Memorium



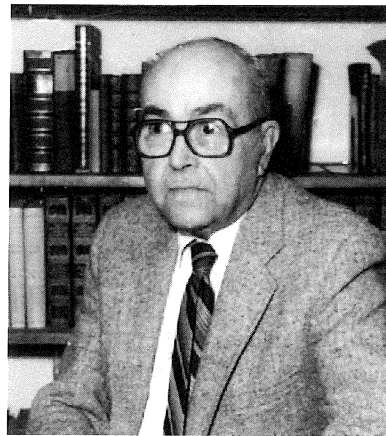
Ada L. (Upham) Knapp



William Harry Brown



Evelyn L. (Tower) Soule



Arthur Wellesley Foshay



Hanna E. (White) Williams

Sorry, no photo supplied.

Richard L. Jackson

Town Clerk

LICENSE FEES COLLECTED

DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 47 | Males @ \$3.00 | \$ 141.00 |
| 3 | Females @ \$6.00 | 18.00 |
| 44 | Spayed Females @ \$3.00 | 132.00 |
| 1 | Kennel | 50.00 |
| | Sub-total | <u>\$341.00</u> |
| | Clerks Fees Retained | 71.25 |
| | Paid To Town Treasurer | <u>269.75</u> |
| | Total | 341.00 |

SPORTING LICENSES

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 17 | Resident Fishing @ \$22.50 | \$ 382.50 |
| 1 | Resident Fishing, Minor | 6.50 |
| 1 | Resident Fishing Age 65-69 | 11.25 |
| 3 | Resident Fishing Handicapped - FREE | 0.00 |
| 10 | Non-resident Fishing @ \$32.50 | 325.00 |
| 1 | Non-Resident 3 Day Fishing | 18.50 |
| 1 | Resident 3 Day Fishing | 7.50 |
| 2 | Non-Resident Fishing/Minor @\$6.50 | 13.00 |
| 18 | Resident Hunting @ \$22.50 | 405.00 |
| 1 | Resident Hunting/Minor | 6.50 |
| 18 | Resident Sporting @\$40.00 | 720.00 |
| 7 | Resident Sporting/Over 70 -FREE | 0.00 |
| 12 | Archery Stamps @ \$5.10 | 61.20 |
| 2 | Waterfowl Stamps @ \$5.00 | 10.00 |
| 7 | Primitive Firearms Stamps @ \$5.10 | 35.70 |
| 38 | Resident Wildlife Stamps @\$5.00 | 190.00 |
| 7 | Non-Resident Wildlife Stamp @\$5.00 | 35.00 |
| | Sub-total | <u>\$2227.65</u> |

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|--|----------------|
| Clerks Fees Retained | 37.40 |
| Paid to Division of Fisheries and Wildlife | <u>2190.25</u> |
| Total | \$ 2227.65 |

RECORDS AND CERTIFICATES

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Marriage Licenses @ \$2.00 | 2.00 |
| 4 | Marriage Licenses @\$3.00 | 12.00 |
| 16 | Municipal Fees @ \$10.00 | <u>160.00</u> |
| | Submitted to Town Treasurer | \$174.00 |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Results - May 11, 1998

Town meeting was held at the Rowe Town Hall on Monday, May 11, 1998 at 7:00 PM. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator Karl Jurentkuff. Tellers: Anne-Marie Demetz, Naomi Jodoin, Bud Pierce and Jim Taylor. Warrant posted April 15, 1998.

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

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

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

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **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 1999 fiscal year.

Administration

| | |
|--|------------------|
| General Administration | \$17,000.00 |
| Summer Youth Employment Program | 18,500.00 |
| Town Officer Expenses | 1,000.00 |
| Municipal Audit | 6,000.00 |
| Municipal Center Custodian Wages | 11,397.00 |
| Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance | 15,000.00 |
| Gracy House Maintenance/Repair | 500.00 |
| 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 |
| Microfilm Town Records | 200.00 |
| Subtotal Administration | 79,757.00 |

Bonding and Insurance 55,000.00

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Core Assessment | 16,778.00 |
| Fees for Services | 1,935.00 |
| Subtotal FRCOG | 18,713.00 |

Board of Selectmen Office

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Selectmen Stipend | 6,000.00 |
| Accounting Officer/Clerk Salary | 34,789.00 |
| Asst. Accounting Officer/Clerk Pay | 500.00 |
| Floating Senior Center | 500.00 |
| Subtotal Selectmen Office | 41,789.00 |

Legal Expenses 4,000.00

Assessors Office

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Assessor Stipend | 3,000.00 |
| Clerical Wage | 8,302.00 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Operation | 3,000.00 |
| Reval./Prop. Update | 6,000.00 |
| Computer/Software | 1,700.00 |
| Subtotal Assessors Office | 22,002.00 |

Treasurer Office

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Treasurer Stipend | 4,000.00 |
| Assistant Treasurer Compensation | 400.00 |
| Subtotal Treasurer Office | 4,400.00 |

Tax Collector Stipend

4,000.00

Town Clerk Office

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Town Clerk Stipend | 4,000.00 |
| Registrar & Census Taker Compensation | 350.00 |
| Election/Teller Expense | 1,500.00 |
| Subtotal Town Clerk Office | 5,850.00 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beautification | 2,000.00 |
| Council on Aging | 1,500.00 |
| Subtotal Miscellaneous | 3,500.00 |

School Committee Stipends

3,600.00

Planning Board

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Operation | 400.00 |
| Goal Post Publication | 15,000.00 |
| Subtotal Planning Board | 15,400.00 |

Veterans' Services

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Veterans' Agent Stipend | 400.00 |
| Operation | 350.00 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 300.00 |
| Subtotal Veterans' Services | 1,050.00 |

Miscellaneous Officer Stipends

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Moderator | 300.00 |
| Constable | 400.00 |
| Animal Inspector | 400.00 |
| Dog Officer | 500.00 |
| Subtotal Miscellaneous Officer Stipends | 1,600.00 |

Total For General Government 260,661.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 1999 fiscal year.

Police Department

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Police Chief Stipend | 6,760.00 |
| Officer Wages | 6,642.00 |
| Operation | 5,600.00 |
| Subtotal Police Department | 19,002.00 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Fire Department | |
| Fire Chief Stipend | 5,000.00 |
| Officer Stipends | 5,700.00 |
| Fire-Fighter Reimbursement | 5,000.00 |
| Forest Fire Control | 100.00 |
| General Operation | 20,550.00 |
| Civil Defense Operation | 500.00 |
| Hazardous Material Control | 500.00 |
| Subtotal Fire Department | 37,350.00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Emergency Medical Service | |
| Coordinator Stipend | 1,200.00 |
| Operation | 1,000.00 |
| Equipment | 2,400.00 |
| EMT Compensation | 1,800.00 |
| First Responder Expense Reimbursement | 1,600.00 |
| Subtotal Emergency Medical Service | 8,000.00 |

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Street Lighting | 4,500.00 |
|------------------------|----------|

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Inspections | |
| Building Inspector Fees (Estimated) | 3,500.00 |
| Electrical Inspector Stipend | 900.00 |
| Plumbing Inspector Stipend | 900.00 |
| Subtotal Inspections | 5,300.00 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Cemeteries Maintenance | 5,000.00 |
|-------------------------------|----------|

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Miscellaneous | |
| Conservation Commission Operation | 200.00 |
| Hazardous Waste Collection Day | 400.00 |
| Dutch Elm Disease Control | 600.00 |
| Insect Pest Control | 60.00 |
| Subtotal Miscellaneous | 1,260.00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL ARTICLE 4 | 80,412.00 |
| ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE | |

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$29,000.00** for the future purchase of fire apparatus.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY | 109,412.00 |
|---|-------------------|

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 1999 fiscal year.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Public Health & Sanitation | |
| Board of Health Operation | 3,000.00 |
| Sanitarian Fees | 2,000.00 |
| Refuse Garden Operation | 40,000.00 |
| Attendant Compensation | 8,035.00 |
| Solid Waste District Administration | 1,693.00 |
| Subtotal Health & Sanitation | 54,728.00 |

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$25,000.00** to help fund the purchase of the Charlemont Ambulance.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

| | |
|---|------------------|
| TOTAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION | 79,728.00 |
|---|------------------|

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for various employee benefits as specified for the 1999 fiscal year.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Employee Benefits | |
| Randolph, MA Retirement Assessment | 1,025.00 |
| Franklin County Retirement Assessment | 39,183.00 |
| Group Medical, Medicaid, Health Ins. | 110,000.00 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 8,000.00 |

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Total Employee Benefits | 158,208.00 |
| *Includes benefits for school employees | |

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 9: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 1999 fiscal year.

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| General Operation | |
| Heavy Equip. Operator Wages | 122,474.00 |
| Highway Superintendent Salary | 47,873.00 |
| Machinery Maintenance | 17,000.00 |
| Fuel Oil, Electricity, Etc. | 6,000.00 |
| Fuel for Town Vehicles | 12,500.00 |
| Highway Building Maintenance | 6,500.00 |
| Subtotal General Operation | 212,347.00 |

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| Annual Highway Projects | |
| General Highway Maintenance | 14,500.00 |
| Bridges and Guard Rails | 5,000.00 |
| General Drainage | 5,000.00 |
| Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation | 45,000.00 |
| Roadside Maintenance | 2,000.00 |
| Unpaved Roads Maintenance | 4,000.00 |
| Winter Roads Maintenance | 38,000.00 |
| Subtotal Annual Highway Projects | 113,500.00 |

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| TOTAL ARTICLE 9 | 325,847.00 |
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ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 10: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,000.00** for expenses related to replacement of the Town Line Bridge.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 11: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,200.00** for the purchase of a power washer for the Highway Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 12: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purchase of a riding mower for the Highway Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 13: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be "earmarked" for the future purchase of equipment for the Highway Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

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| TOTAL HIGHWAY APPROP. | 355,047.00 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|

ARTICLE 14: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Schools for the 1999 fiscal year.

School Committee and Administration

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Salaries | 28,628.00 |
| Non-Salaries | 4,524.00 |
| Total | 33,152.00 |

Instructional Services

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Salaries | 430,106.00 |
| Contracted | 45,106.00 |
| Supplies & Textbooks | 19,614.00 |
| Other Instructional | 18,988.00 |
| Total | 513,814.00 |

Other School Services

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Salaries | 49,840.00 |
| Contracted | 15,748.00 |
| Supplies | 5,440.00 |
| Total | 71,028.00 |

Operation and Maintenance

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Salaries | 32,045.00 |
| Contracted | 10,752.00 |
| Supplies | 4,725.00 |
| Utilities | 26,940.00 |
| Insurance | 177.00 |
| Total | 74,639.00 |

Equipment

| | |
|-----------|----------|
| Equipment | 7,285.00 |
| Total | 7,285.00 |

Out-Of-District Tuition

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Tuition | 92,660.00 |
| Total | 92,660.00 |

Total Regular School Budget

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| School Choice Receipts | 792,578.00 |
| (Estimated) | -191,786.00 |

Total Appropriation

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| ARTICLE 14:* | 600,792.00 |
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| *FY 1999 Base Aid (State Aid) | 5,800.00 |
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|----------------------------------|-----------|
| *FY 1999 Minimum Aid (State Aid) | 25,065.00 |
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Note: State mandated minimum spending requirement for FY 1999 is \$569,927.00.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 15: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$40,000.00** for improvements to the Rowe Elementary School Playground.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

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|---|-------------------|
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOLS | 640,792.00 |
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ARTICLE 16: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 1999 fiscal year.

Rowe Library

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Librarian Salary | 13,069.00 |
| Library Staff Wages | 7,456.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 11,000.00 |

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| TOTAL ARTICLE 16: | 31,525.00 |
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ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 17: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$10,000.00** to automate the circulation of material (to replace the card file).

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL FOR LIBRARY | 41,525.00 |
|--------------------------|------------------|

ARTICLE 18: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$25,000.00** to fund the position of Rowe Town Nurse.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 19: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a Town Bus Service and acquire a suitable vehicle and employ qualified driver(s) to enable the Town to offer free, comfortable transportation for senior citizens, and others, on a regular basis, to Greenfield or other towns, and for visits anywhere for special events or interests; and to authorize the Selectmen to establish policies, procedures and guidelines for such Bus Services; and to **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$85,000.00**, or any other sum, for the purchase of such vehicle, from **taxation or from available funds in the treasury**.

The motion was made and seconded to amend this article to not appropriate any money and to refer the matter of a Town Bus Service to a five member study committee to be appointed by the Moderator to include one Selectman, one school committeeman, one council on aging member and two citizens: said committee to report their findings and recommendations to the town not later than the next annual meeting.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

The amended article was then voted on as follows:

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 20: The motion was made and seconded to postpone this article indefinitely.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 21: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 1999 fiscal year.

Park Commission

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Park Worker Wages | 26,520.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance | 6,300.00 |

TOTAL FOR PARK 32,820.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 22: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$6,000.00** for an Old Home Day celebration.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 23: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for Old Home Day fireworks.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 24: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$2,000.00** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** to be "earmarked" for a 21st Century Celebration.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 25: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$7,500.00** for repairs to cemetery fences.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 26: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,000.00** for printing Town By-laws.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 27: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,650.00** for modifications/repairs to the Town Hall.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 28: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** sum of **\$119,390.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other pur-

pose allowed under Chapter 113 (B) of the Acts of 1996, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

YES 40 NO 6

ARTICLE 29: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a Reserve Fund for the 1999 fiscal year, take any action in relation thereto.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 30: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to salt, sand and plow approximately 1.7 miles of Zoar Road lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 1998, in exchange for Charlemont salting, sanding and plowing of 0.7 miles of Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 31: There was a sense of the meeting relative to repairing the fence at the East Cemetery. The results were:

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

25 In favor of rebuilding and raising the stone wall.

15 In favor of replacing the picket fence.

A true copy.

Attest: Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

**RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY 1999**

APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 260,661.00 |
| PROTECTION PERSONS/PROPERTY | 109,412.00 |
| HEALTH/SANITATION | 79,728.00 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 158,208.00 |
| HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 355,047.00 |
| SCHOOLS | 640,792.00 |
| LIBRARY | 41,525.00 |
| PARK DEPARTMENT | 32,820.00 |
| SPECIAL ARTICLES | 50,150.00 |
| TOTAL FROM TAXATION | 1,728,343.00 |

APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| CHAPTER 113 | 119,390.00 |
| RESERVE FUND | 20,000.00 |
| TOTAL FROM FREE CASH | 139,390.00 |

TOTAL FY 1999 BUDGET **\$1,867,733.00**

Special Town Meeting Results - October 7, 1998

Town meeting was held at the Rowe Town Hall on Wednesday, October 7, 1998 at 7:00 PM. Quorum present. Meeting called to order by Moderator Karl Jurentkuff. Tellers: Jonathan Lively, Paul McLatchy, Phyllis Smith and Mary Jo Phelps were sworn in by the Moderator. Warrant was posted September 23, 1998.

ARTICLE 1: Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain on behalf of the Town, the property owned by the Evelyn Soule estate located at 16 Sibley Road in Rowe and described in deed of Howard N. Sibley to Kenneth D. Soule and Evelyn L. Soule and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1029, Page 279 containing 9.5 acres of land, more or less (Assessors's Map 3, Lot 23), and to **APPROPRIATE from the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$100,000.00** for said purchase or taking.

Excepting and reserving to the grantors the parcel conveyed by Howard N. Sibley to The Inhabitants of the Town of Rowe by deed dated December 31, 1937 and recorded with Franklin County Deeds, Book 834, Page 2.

Subject to the easement granted by said Howard N. Sibley to the Deerfield River Electric Co. by deed dated November, 1936 and recorded with Franklin County Deeds, Book 817, page 312.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE
47 YES 23 NO

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,000.00** for costs relative to the purchase of the Soule property (inspections, legal fees and closing fees, etc.).

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$11,500.00** for repairs to the Gracy house annex.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the completion of the Winnabago On-Line Systems. (To automate the circulation of material at the Library.)

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for construction of a riding ring at Pelham Lake Park on the property located on the corner of Cyrus Stage Road.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE
44 YES 34 NO

ARTICLE 6: No business was transacted under this article.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

A true copy.

Attest: Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

Town of Rowe Voters List - 1998

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| Alix, Richard E. | D | Daviau, Edward A. | U | Krumm, Justine S. | U | Quinn, Melissa S. | D |
| Autio, Elsie H. | R | Daviau, Sandra P. | U | | | Quinn, Richard K. | D |
| Autio, Herbert A. | R | Demetz, Anne-Marie | D | Laffond, Cynthia M. | R | Quist, Kelle E. | U |
| Avery, Charles L. | D | Dionne, Jon A. | U | Laffond, Leonard J. | R | Quist, Walter J. | U |
| Avery, Marion A. | U | Dionne, Loretta Irene | D | Lehr, Bruce | D | | |
| | | Donelson, Brian A. | R | Lehr, Dorothy E. | D | Reardon, Mary A. | U |
| Bagley, Geoffrey | U | Donelson, Norma J. | R | Lehr, Heidi | R | Reardon, William Neil | U |
| Bagley, Marie L. | U | Donovan, Eugene J. | D | Lenth, David W. | R | Reed, Robin W. | D |
| Baker, Roberta T. | U | Dvore, David | U | Lenth, Mary E. | U | Reynolds-Gallagher, | |
| Baker, William J. | U | | | Lesak, Mary T. | D | Danette | U |
| Benson, Francis S. | U | Essert, Mary B. | U | Lindabury, Donald E. | U | Rice, Bradley J. | U |
| Benson, Luella M. | U | Essert, Robert D. | U | Lively, Carol F. | U | Rice, Dean T. | R |
| Bergeron-Larsen, Linda | D | | | Lively, Deborah L. | U | Rice, Donald | U |
| Bernhardt, Jean B. | U | Faivre, Audrey I. | R | Lively, Dennis G. | U | Rice, Jennifer L. | D |
| Berry, Prudence | D | Foberg, Ellen L. | R | Lively, James W. | U | Rice, Margaret B. | U |
| Bjork, Alan W. | R | Foshay, Angela F. | R | Lively, Jonathan | U | Rice, Martha A. | U |
| Bjork, Florence M. | R | Foster, Bernice A. | U | Lively, Sandra Julia | U | Rice, Robert R. | U |
| Bjork, Timothy J. | U | Foster, William G. | U | Loomis, William A. | U | Richardson, Rebecca F. | D |
| Boggs, Marion W. | R | | | Loomis, Ruth E. | R | Riggan, George A. | D |
| Boutwell, Joyce A. | U | Gallagher, Robert L. | U | | | Riggan, John R. | D |
| Boutwell, Raymond L. | U | Garceau, Theresa | U | | | Riggan, Margalee O. | D |
| Bradley, Michael F. | U | Gates, Eugene H. | R | MacLean, John C. | D | Riggan, Merle R. | D |
| Bradley, Rebecca P. | U | Gates, Leah M. | U | MacLean, Pauline H. | D | Roche, Barbara J. | D |
| Brink, Judith B. | D | Gaudry, George L. | R | Marchegiani, Daniel | U | Rode, Jacquelyn | U |
| Brown, James D. | U | Gleason, Susan P. | U | May, Dennis F. | U | Rode, Robert | U |
| Brown, JoAnn M. | D | Gordon, Ronald P. | U | May, Edwin L. | D | Rossi, John F. | R |
| Brown, June W. | R | Gordon, Rosemary R. | U | May, Gail | U | Rossi, Martha A. | U |
| Brown, Leonard J., Jr. | R | Gracy, Sarah Jane | R | May, Katherine E. | D | | |
| Brown, Lillian Norma | R | Grogan, Barbara | R | May, Micah D. | R | Scrivens, Betty R. | U |
| Brown, Nancy A. | U | | | May, Paul E. | U | Scrivens, David F. | R |
| Brown, Roger L. | R | Halberg, Neil | U | Mazanec, Douglas S. | U | Shields, Helen R. | D |
| Brown, William M. | R | Hardison, Leonda | U | Mazanec, Janice E. | U | Shippee, Anna M. | U |
| Bryant, Lisa A. | U | Harris, Jean L. | R | McLatchy, Lesley K. | U | Shumway, Katherine | U |
| Bryant, Peter | U | Harris, Richard V. | D | McLatchy, Paul, Jr. | U | Sibley, Mary E. | R |
| | | Heiligmann, Carlos | D | Miceli, Steven M. | U | Sittinger, Robert G., Jr. | R |
| Carlow, Earl | D | Heiligmann, Katharine | D | Migeon, Jean-Paul | U | Smith, Floyd W. | U |
| Cascone, Nancy J. | U | Houghtaling, Deborah | U | Miller, Daniel J. | U | Smith, Phyllis T. | U |
| Chiofalo, Thomas L. | U | Houghtaling, Thomas | U | Miller, Deborah | U | Snivley, Mary Elizabeth | R |
| Clancy, Robert | D | Hudson, April | U | Miller, Shirley E. | U | Snyder, Catherine T. | U |
| Corarito, Arthur D. | U | Hudson, Gary H. | R | Morse, Alfred C., Jr. | U | Snyder, Michael C. | U |
| Corarito, Deanna L. | U | Hudson, Sharon C. | R | Morse, Marjorie H. | U | Snyder, Timothy C. | R |
| Corarito, Douglas C. | U | | | | | Soviecke, Karen | U |
| Corarito, Mary Ann | U | Jackson, Lisa Marie | U | O'Brien, Georgia H. | U | Soviecke, Mitchell | U |
| Crowningshield, | | Jerdon, Sandra A. | U | O'Brien, James E. | U | Sprague, Katherine D. | R |
| Howard | U | Jodoin, Naomi M. | U | Oliver, Kathleen | R | Sprague, Kevin D. | U |
| Crowningshield, | | Jodoin, Raymond A. | U | | | Stetson, Eric M. | U |
| Jeanette | U | Johnston, Robin Lee | U | Page, Dorothy F. | U | Stetson, Jane B. | D |
| | | Johnston, Timothy E. | U | Palmer, Edwin A. | U | Stetson, Wendell L. | D |
| Dandeneau, Ellen M. | U | Jolly, Russell W. | U | Palmer, Ellsworth E. | U | Stevens, Dorothy N. | R |
| Dandeneau, Evelyn L. | U | Jurentkuff, Karl E., Jr. | R | Parnizari, Anthony F. | U | Stickney, Barbara | R |
| Dandeneau, Henry G. | U | Jurentkuff, Virginia P. | R | Phelps, Daniel R., Jr. | U | Sullivan, Adrienne P. | U |
| Dandeneau, Henry J. | U | | | Phelps, MaryJo Anne | U | Sullivan, Vincent J. | U |
| Dandeneau, Henry R. | U | Kalaus, Dorothy M. | R | Pickett, Felicity | U | Swenson, Kristen C. | R |
| Dandeneau, Marion E. | U | Kalaus, Warren | D | Pierce, Efford H. | D | | |
| Danek, Debora J. | U | Kane, Sophie | D | Pierce, Judith Ann | R | Taskey, Denise E. | U |
| Danek, Lillian H. | D | Katz, Frederick | D | Pike, Laurie Jean | U | Taskey, Jeffrey A. | U |
| Danek, Thomas P., Jr. | U | Knapp, John F. | D | Posever, Michael M. | D | Taylor, James W. | U |

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|------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| Taylor, Susan Berry | U | Veber, Ellsworth W. Jr. | R | Weber, Donna C. | U | Williams, Susan A. | U |
| Tower, Christine A. | U | Veber, Florence M. | U | Webster, Gideon K. | U | Wilson, Douglas Rev. | D |
| Tower, Jonathan | U | Veber, George F. | R | Weller, James D. | U | Wood, Susan Carol | U |
| Tower, Richard A., Sr. | R | Veber, Shirley | R | Wessman, Daniel J. | D | Woodside, Margaret M. | D |
| Truesdell, Richard H. | R | Veber, Terry | R | Weston, Nathan S. | U | Woodward, Eleanor L. | U |
| Truesdell, Ruth A. | R | Veber, Wayne L. | U | Williams, Albert R. | U | Woodward, Martin V. | U |
| | | Vernes, Elizabeth A. | U | Williams, Frederick N. | U | | |
| Vadeboncoeur, | | Vernes, Ian | U | Williams, James H. | R | Zelman, Dory | U |
| Joseph A. | U | Volland, Phyllis E. | D | Williams, John H. | R | | |
| VanItallie, JeanClaude | U | | | Williams, Karin | U | | |
| Veber, Aristia F. | U | Wayne, David B. | D | Williams, Nancy N. | R | | |
| Veber, Carole A. | R | Wayne, Rebecca B. | D | Williams, Robert O. | U | | |

**Town of Rowe
Voters List - 1998**

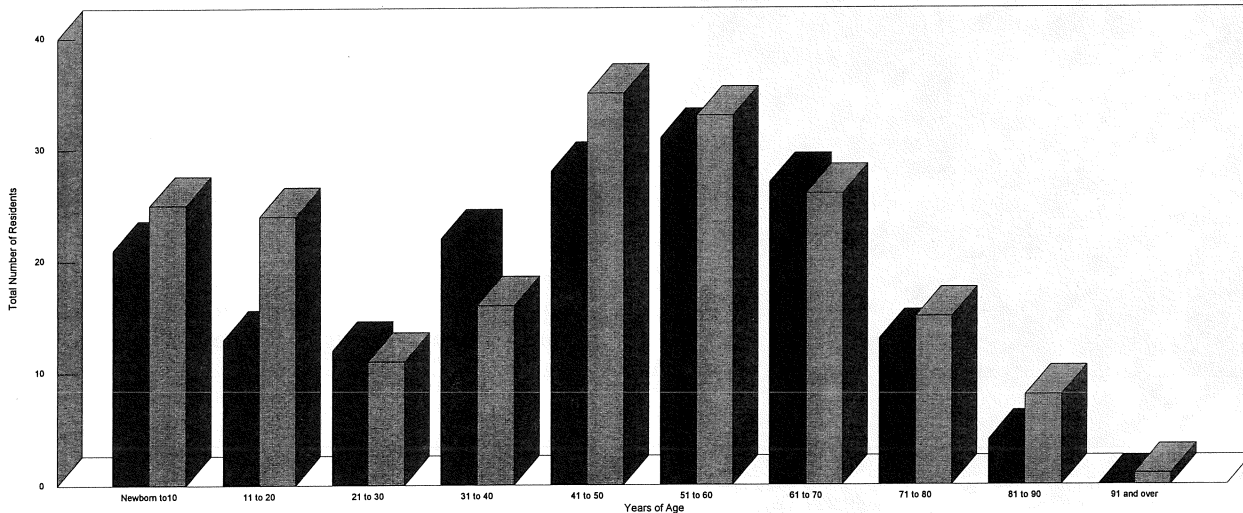
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Total registered
voters: 249

Republicans: 54
Democrats: 46
Unenrolled: 149

Town of Rowe
Population by Gender - 1998

■ Male
■ Female



Board of Selectmen

Once again it is time for the Selectmen to make their report to the citizens of the Town of Rowe. We continue to hold meetings every other week to conduct the business of the Town. In February, Highway Superintendent Pete Brown reported that the new Mack truck had been delivered and at this time he requested that the town keep the old Mack truck as a spare. He also suggested that the old fire truck be put out to bid since it was no longer used to flush out culverts. The Selectmen agreed and the truck was sold to the highest bidder. Also at this meeting a contract was signed with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments engineering department for services related to road lay-out and land taking for the town line bridge replacement. These matters were accomplished, but as you know, we still don't have the new bridge. We have it from the highest authorities in the Massachusetts Highway Department that the bridge is forthcoming.

In March of 1998 this board met jointly with the selectmen from Charlemont, Heath and Hawley to discuss the

purchase of a new ambulance by Charlemont. At that time it was estimated that the cost of the new vehicle would be approximately \$100,000. After looking at how much Rowe had contributed for the old ambulance and reviewing the number of calls the ambulance made to Rowe, it was decided to ask town meeting for \$25,000 to contribute toward the purchase of the new ambulance.

Another year, another Old Home Day Committee. The board was very pleased to have Karl & Pearl Jurentkuff, Judy Pierce, Lillian Danek and Deborah & Tom Danek volunteer for the job. The board unanimously appointed them to the committee.

At a meeting in July, the board held interviews for the job of transfer station attendant and subsequently appointed Dick Tower to the position.

This year the town was fortunate to be able to purchase the Soule property consisting of 9.5 acres of land, a very small house, a garage and a barn. Because it is located close to the town center, the board felt that it would prove to be a very useful piece of land for the use of the town in the future. The purchase price was \$100,000. Although the property abuts the Town Park, it was not added to existing park land.

Dan Phelps and Lance Larned have been hired to fill vacant positions in the highway department. We were fortunate to be able to find two people who live in town with truck driving experience and snow plowing experience as well as mechanical and welding abilities. The vacancies were due to the retirement of heavy equipment operator Dick Tower and highway superintendent Pete Brown. Jim Taylor was appointed to the position of superintendent and Albert Williams as his assistant.

At a December meeting with the park commission in attendance, John Williams was appointed to the park commission to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Tom Chiofalo.

Taken from us by death since our last report were Ada Knapp, William Brown, Evelyn Soule, Arthur W. Foshay and Richard Jackson, all of whom we deeply miss.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard J. Laffond, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg
James D. Brown



Photo - N. Donelson

"Who said 'does a bear eat in the wood?'"

Per Capita Spending - a comparison of Rowe with other towns in the State

| Town | 1996 Population | 1998 Tax Rate | 1998 Average Tax Bill | 1998 Expenditures per capita in 000s | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------|------|------|
| | | | | Total | Education | Police | Fire | Hwy |
| Rowe | 377 | 5.35 | 575 | 3794 | 1619 | 44 | 89 | 844 |
| New Ashford | 181 | 6.49 | 646 | 1568 | 1163 | 0 | 25 | 179 |
| Tolland | 279 | 4.68 | 658 | 1995 | 500 | 55 | 64 | 680 |
| Monroe | 113 | 12.30 | 707 | 2981 | 1157 | 2 | 11 | 1062 |
| Hancock | 589 | 6.30 | 745 | 1458 | 1069 | 1 | 28 | 197 |
| Gosnold | 97 | 2.50 | 775 | 4956 | 350 | 130 | 70 | 2257 |
| Ashfield | 1744 | 16.55 | 2027 | 1276 | 693 | 32 | 13 | 152 |
| Buckland | 1943 | 17.86 | 1779 | 1097 | 666 | 50 | 0 | 154 |
| Charlemont | 1256 | 21.29 | 1963 | 1428 | 641 | 47 | 33 | 381 |
| Colrain | 1841 | 18.51 | 1773 | 962 | 632 | 18 | 14 | 132 |
| Conway | 1644 | 18.60 | 2683 | 1714 | 1029 | 13 | 11 | 147 |
| Hawley | 327 | 15.00 | 1574 | 1319 | 710 | 2 | 40 | 309 |
| Heath | 741 | 19.73 | 1719 | 1499 | 668 | 19 | 38 | 320 |
| Shelburne | 2027 | 14.66 | 1719 | 1049 | 606 | 48 | 0 | 170 |

First six towns listed have the lowest average tax bills in the state.

Animal Inspector

All of the animals in town appear to be of good health and are well kept. The rabies problems of the past few years are still with us. Please have your cats, dogs and livestock immunized against rabies. Watch the **Goal Post** for details of annual rabies clinic for cats and dogs. Contact Carol Lively at 339-0252 as soon as possible if you would like to participate in a shots clinic for horses and cattle in April.

The following is the census of the livestock in Town:

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Young Dairy Cattle | 1 |
| Adult Beef Cattle | 19 |
| Young Beef Cattle | 4 |
| Adult Goats | 14 |
| Young Goats | 1 |
| Sheep | 2 |
| Adult Horses | 24 |
| Young Horses | 1 |
| Adult Ponies | 4 |
| Chickens | 115 |
| Waterfowl | 7 |
| Rabbits | 1 |
| Small Mule | 1 |

Please don't feed cats and dogs in a place where wild animals may get to the food. Don't leave food out on the back step, as that is an easy way to draw in unwanted animals, and can cause fights between pets and potentially rabid animals.

Let the wild animals stay wild. Raccoons and foxes that have been fed by hand appear tame to the people feeding them, but another individual may interpret the animals non-fear of people as a symptom of rabies. There is no reason to put people, pets, and the wild animals at risk. Let's enjoy them from a distance.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol F. Lively,
Inspector of Animals

Board of Assessors

Lenny Laffond was re-elected to another three year term and Rick Williams was again nominated to be chairman. Assessors Clerk, Sandy Daviau, took on additional duties as a result of her election as Tax Collector. We would like to thank her for her continued excellent work in the Assessors Office including interacting with the Town Accountant, Treasurer, and state officials to keep things running smoothly. We hope she can get along with the new Tax Collector!

The major news for 1998 on the assessing front was the sale of New England Power Company (NEPCO) properties to US Generating Company (US Gen) in August. This transaction involving the largest taxpayer for the Town of Rowe occurred late enough in the year to have essentially no impact on the FY99 tax rate. The second year of our two-year agreement with Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) resulted in a planned \$2 million decrease in personal property valuation. This drop in valuation accounts for the final removal of major systems and components not associated with Spent Fuel Pool cooling during the ongoing decommissioning process. As a result of this reduction, total town valuation has dropped to \$150,693,130.

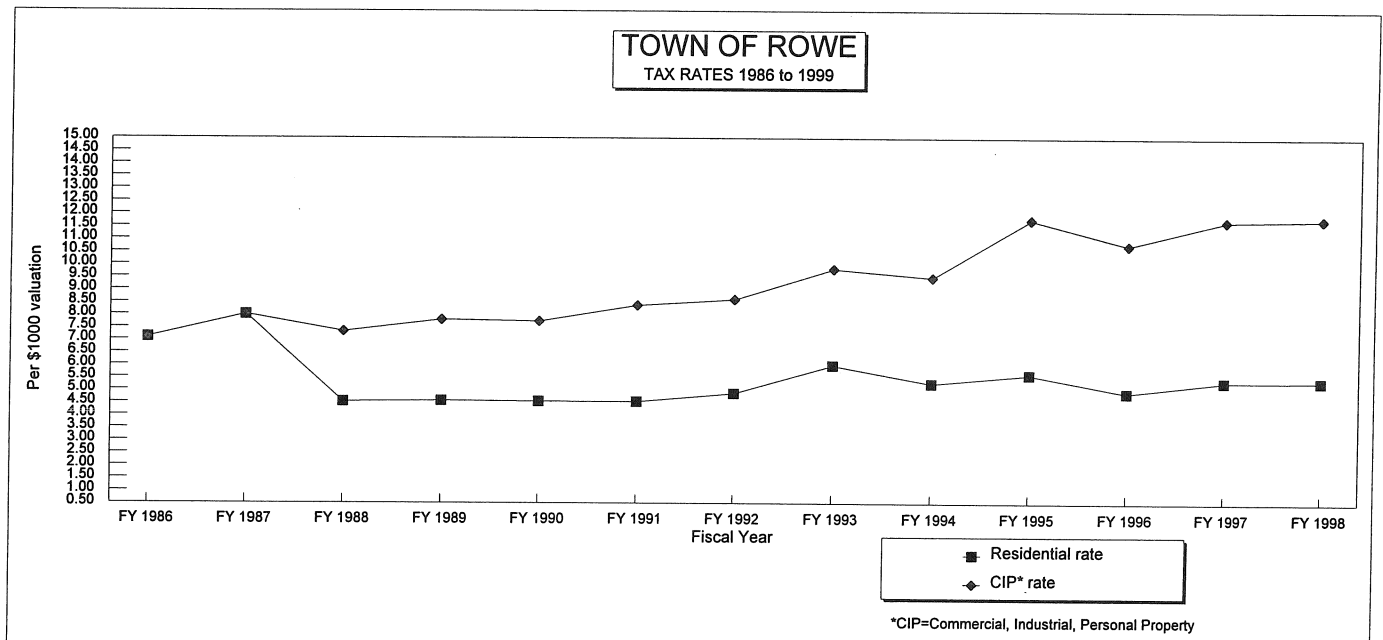
Bases on the above and results of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting, the tax rate for Fiscal Year 1999 (FY99) was set and tax bills were mailed out on November 2, 1998. We are happy to point out that for the second year in a row, the tax rate went up only \$.01 for residential property and \$.06 for commercial/industrial/personal property over that for the previous year. The FY99 tax rates are as follows:

\$ 5.36 per \$1000 - Residential
\$11.82 per \$1000 - COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL
PERSONAL PROPERTY

Under the contract with our consultant (Patriot Properties), state-mandated full measure and list inspections of all houses were begun in December. The remainder of these inspections along with a major revaluation of all properties in town will be conducted in 1999 for Fiscal Year 2000. A new multi-year agreement with YAEC also needs to be negotiated.

The largest issue facing the town and its ability to maintain a stable tax base is resolution of the new assessment for the US Gen (formerly NEPCO) properties in light of the utility deregulation legislation. For FY99, the tax base is comprised of approximately 17% residential property and 83% COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY. Due to our ability to use a split tax rate, the percentage of tax burden borne by residential versus COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/PERSONAL PROPERTY is approximately 8.5% versus 91.5%. Clearly any reduction in utility valuations will result in an increase in residential taxes, if current levels of spending are maintained. The Board of Assessors will continue to utilize the professional consulting services of Patriot Properties to assist us in dealing with this vitally important issue. We will strive to keep you informed.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick N. Williams, Chairman
Ellen L. Foberg
Leonard J. Laffond



Property Transfers for 1998

PHILLIPS, MICHAEL J. & REGINA L. of Kingston, Pennsylvania in consideration of \$3,000.00 grant to GRAZIANO, JOHN M. & ROBERTA K. of Flushing, NY, .48 acres located off Pond Road.

QUIST, WALTER J., of 4 Ford Hill Road for no monetary consideration, grants to QUIST, WALTER J. & KELLE J., property at 4 Ford Hill Road.

DOCKET OF TAKING of certain parcels in Docket #1757. Parcel #2 belonging to VEBER, WAYNE L. & ARISTIA F. of Steele Brooke Road. Parcel #3 belonging to WESTON, VIVIAN of Zoar Road.

RIGGAN, GEORGE A. & RIGGAN, MERLE ROBINSON of Rowe, in consideration of \$163,000.00, grant to BOOTH, ROBIN of Buckland, MA property located at 194 Leshure Road.

ROSENBERG, DEBRA MAE of Charlemont, in consideration of \$75,000.00, grants to WHITE, GLENN M. & DAWN M. of Charlemont, property located at 245 Leshure Road.

FIELD JR., FREDERICK D., Trustee of the FIELD REALTY TRUST, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to FIELD ROOSA, CAROL, Trustee of the CDF REVOCABLE TRUST of West Swanzey, NH, property located on Tunnel Road.

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, of Westborough, MA, in consideration of less than \$10.00, grants to THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN located in Greenfield, land located on Monroe Hill Road.

THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, located in Greenfield, in consideration of less than \$10.00, grants to NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, located in Westborough, MA, land located on Monroe Hill Road.

THOMPSON, DORA I., Trustee of the ALICE M. WILLEY TRUST, in consideration of \$125,000.00, grants to BRINES, MICHAEL of Woodbridge, CT property located at 189 Potter Road.

SIBLEY, MARY E. of Rowe & ANDOGNINI, M. ARLENE of Zephyrhills, FL, in consideration of \$20,000.00 grant to BURKE, DANIEL J. & DANIEK BURKE, LISA A. of Groton, MA, land located on No Number Tunnel Road and No Number Brittingham Hill Road.

FIELD, JR., FREDERICK D., TRUSTEE TO FIELD REALTY TRUST, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to FIELD ROOSA, CAROL, property on Tunnel Road.

WASKO, FRANCES D., of Rowe, in consideration of \$235,000.00, grants to CLANCY, ROBERT J. and MILLER, LISA L. of Greenfield, MA, property located on County Branch Road.

BELANGER, EDMOND A. and RACHEL I. of Manchester, CT, in consideration of \$140,000.00, grant to ROBERSON, DAVID A. and LAURA S. of Ashfield, MA, property located on Tunnel Road.

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, of MA in consideration of \$1,297,384.00, grants to USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC. of Maryland, property located in Rowe, Charlemont, Buckland, Shelburne, Conway and Florida.*

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, of MA in consideration of \$1,697,852.00, grants to USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC. of Maryland, property located in Rowe, Monroe and Readsboro, VT.*

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, of MA in consideration of \$9,613,586.00, grants to USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC. of Maryland, property located in Rowe, Florida, and Monroe.*

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, of MA in consideration of \$339,452,208.00, grants to USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC. of Maryland, property located in Rowe and Florida.*

BROCHU ARTHUR J. JR., of Rowe, in consideration of \$17,900.00, grants to HERSHEY, JOEL A. of Warren, MA, property located on Davis Mine Road.

REED, LOCKWOOD LYON IV, of Washington and REED, ROBIN of Rowe, in consideration of \$50,000.00, grant to SHERMAN, DOHN W. of Charlemont, MA, property located on Hazelton Road.

MILLER, SHIRLEY E. of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to MILLER, SHIRLEY E., Trustee for the SHIRLEY E. MILLER TRUST, property located on Brown Road.

HOUGHTALING, THOMAS V., of Rowe, grants to HOUGHTALING, THOMAS V. and DEBORAH of Rowe, in consideration of no monetary consideration, property located on Tunnel Road.

SMITH, PHYLLIS, Executor of SOULE, EVELYN L., late of Rowe, in consideration of \$100,000.00, grants to THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ROWE, land located on Sibley Road.

USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC., of Delaware, in consideration of \$251,422,500.00, grants to BEAR SWAMP GENERATING TRUST NO. 1 of Delaware, land located in Rowe and Florida.*

USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC., of Delaware, in consideration of \$83,807,500.00, grants to BEAR SWAMP GENERATING TRUST NO. 2 of Delaware, land located in Rowe and Florida.*

Property Transfers for 1998 - Continued

WILLIAMS, JOHN H., JAMES H. & BROWN, JUNE W. of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to WILLIAMS, JAMES H. property located on Ford Hill Road.

HARRINGTON, JOSEPHINE L., of Revere, MA, for consideration paid of \$2,000.00, grants to DEL GRECO, JOSEPH F. of Revere, MA, property located on Leshure Road.

SIBLEY, MARY E. of Rowe & ANDOGNINI, M. ARLENE of Zephyrhills, FL., for consideration of \$10,500.00, grant to BROWN, JUNE W. of Rowe, property located off Tunnel Road.

JURENTKUFF, KARL E. & VIRGINIA P. of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to JURENTKUFF, KARL E. JR. & VIRGINIA P. of the JURENTKUFF TRUST, property located Middletown Road, Pine Hill Drive and Newell Cross Road.

**Rowe portion yet to be determined.*

Beautification Committee

Our committee has a lot of fun each year getting things spruced up around municipal buildings and some of the intersections around town. This year we hired Turner Landscaping of Shelburne to fertilize, trim, weed, mulch and prune plantings and shrubs. We also hired Mary Jo Phelps to plant annuals around the village area, and plant a few more rose bushes along the split rail fence by the War Memorial on the village green.

The Highway Department faithfully helped out by taking care of the light displays on the Town Christmas Tree and the gazebo. Thanks guys!

We are short one member at the moment. If you're interested in being on this fun committee, please contact one of the current members. (We've already got some interesting ideas for Beautification 2000!)

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Laffond
Ellen Foberg
Richard Tower
Carol Lively

Building Department

During the year 1998, sixty building permits were issued, as follows:

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|-------------------------|----|
| New buildings/additions | 17 |
| Remodelings | 17 |
| New chimneys | 3 |
| Wood stove | 1 |
| Replacement windows | 1 |
| New roofs | 13 |
| Sidings | 3 |
| Demolitions | 3 |
| Swimming pool | 1 |
| Sign | 1 |
| Total | 60 |

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

Respectfully submitted,
William Foster,
Inspector of Buildings

Cemetery Commission

The split rail fence around the West Cemetery was replaced during 1998. Damon Fencing of Bernardston did an outstanding job. Levin Hardison worked on repairing broken headstones in the West Cemetery. Many of the stone had to be pinned and epoxied. Levin did a great job; the stones he repaired look fantastic.

Work on the East cemetery stone wall will continue this spring. It is our intention to raise the stone wall one foot. New wooden gates will be constructed to resemble the old ones.

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Terry and Carol Veber and Al Morse for doing a great job maintaining the cemetery grounds this year.

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,
James Williams
James Taylor
Richard Tower

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission meets throughout the year as needed. The purpose of the Conservation Commission is "for the promotion and development of natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources" of the Town, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 8C of the Massachusetts General Laws.

1998 was a quiet year with no action required of the Commission.

When meetings are needed, they are always posted at the Town Hall. Anyone with questions regarding Conservation Commission issues may call any member.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Chiofalo (Resigned)
Leonard J. Laffond,
Henry G. Dandeneau
Robert R. Rice
Susan C. Wood (Resigned)

Cultural Council

The following events funded all or in part by the Rowe Cultural Council took place during 1998:

| Amount | Event |
|----------|--|
| \$130.00 | Ashfield Community Theater, assistance with production expenses for 1998 season |
| 400.00 | King Philip Dixieland Band, Old Home Day |
| 325.00 | Henry Lappen, juggling performance at Rowe School |
| 400.00 | Mary Lyon Education Fund, Children's Music Festival at Charlemont Federated Church, August |
| 50.00 | Mohawk Trail Concerts, Inc., assistance with summer classical music series |
| 100.00 | Art bank, Electric Circus multimedia event for teens |
| 50.00 | Pothole Pictures, student film series |
| 975.00 | Artist-in-Residence program at Rowe School with Rona Leventhal, storyteller, centered on local history of Rowe, February |

In addition, the Council assisted with funding for admission to Springfield Symphony Hall and Pioneer Valley Symphony through PASS grants for Rowe School Students.

Our mandate continues to be the support of local programs in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences through exhibit or public performance wherever possible, contributing to the cultural life of the community as a whole. Many thanks to all our members for their efforts this year. We were pleased that the events we supported were well attended. The 1999 application process began in October and the final packages was sent to the Massachusetts Cultural Council in December. We look forward to a busy and productive 1999 season.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne-Marie Demetz,
Acting Chairman

Dog Officer

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| Number of stray dogs found in Rowe and returned to owners | 2 |
| Number of stray dogs unclaimed | 0 |
| Number of phone calls reporting lost dogs | 4 |
| Number of complaints received on harassing dogs | 0 |
| Number of stray cats found in Rowe and returned to owners | 0 |
| Number of phone complaints | 7 |
| Number of people notified of violation by letter | 2 |

Please make sure your pets are vaccinated and up to date on all their shots due to increased diseases in wildlife.

Again, townspeople are reminded to purchase their 1999 dog licenses from the Town Clerk. The 1998 licenses expired on March 31, 1999.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Williams, Dog Officer

Emergency Medical Services

Rowe EMTs and First responders attended one drill and answered 22 emergency calls last year. Calls were as follows:

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|------------------------|----|
| Medical calls | 12 |
| Automobile accidents | 2 |
| Trauma calls | 5 |
| Stand-by at fire scene | 3 |

In 1998 the Town of Rowe operated with three Emergency Medical Technicians:

Gail May Dan Miller J. P. Migeon

and eight First Responders:

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Henry Dandeneau | Karl Jurentkuff |
| Susan Wood | Rick Williams |
| Deb Miller | Jeff Taskey |
| Barbara Grogan | Ed May |

All members of our rescue squad are trained in basic life support and ten rescue squad members are trained in semi-automatic defibrillation, a life saving technique used in the event of a cardiac arrest.

Our first transporting ambulance is out of the Charlemont Fire Department and our second ambulance is out of Shelburne Falls Fire Department. BHS ambulance is third to respond and also serves as our advance life support ambulance for those patients who are unable to be stabilized by our basic level ambulance services.

In May of this year three of Rowe's Rescue Squad members, as well as two members of BHS Ambulance, were honored by the Western MA Office of Emergency Medical Services. Those honored were involved in a medical call that saved the life of a Rowe resident. Thank you Gail May, Barbara Grogan and Rick Williams.

Deputy Fire Chief/EMT Dan Miller ran a First Responder class and was able to recertify our firefighters and first responders. Consistent training by Deputy Chief Miller can ensure the high level of EMS care we continue to offer to the residents of Rowe.

I am pleased to see how well the Rowe Emergency Medical Service staff have responded to the emergencies that the people of Rowe have challenged them with. This year it wasn't enough to respond to medical and motor vehicle accidents, but one victim even jumped out of a perfectly good airplane to challenge Rowe EMS! It is the way that the Rowe Rescue Squad responds with such dedication and professionalism that makes me proud to be a member.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean-Paul Migeon
Emergency Medical
Services Coordinator

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has spent a routine year with regular meetings to review spending. Projects have moved ahead as planned. The new budget forms helped to standardize the annual budget requests from the committees and departments, ensuring that there were no misunderstandings.

We are exploring the question of a by-law change that will make service on the Committee more attractive. The Committee now serves as, in effect, unpaid auditors with no budget, no stipend, and no vote on any expenditures. We can only recommend, and members are forbidden to serve the Town in any other official capacity even where there's

no vote on expenditures. With the resignation of Daniel Phelps pursuant to his employment by the Town, we now have only three full time members and one half time member which makes it difficult to assemble a quorum for meetings in the spring when budget hearings need to be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Bagley, Chairman
Dorothy Page, Vice Chairman
Angela Foshay, Secretary
David Lenth
Daniel Phelps (Resigned)

Fire Department

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

- 1 Smoke in House
- 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 4 Fire Detection Activation
- 21 Medical Emergencies
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls
- 1 Chimney Fire

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program, twenty-four 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.

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.

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. If you have a special need please contact me and I will provide the necessary information to the Dispatch Center.

After many years of service Lenny Laffond resigned as a member of the Fire Department this year. Lenny has been a firefighter for nearly a quarter of a century. The Fire Department was only one of many town functions/responsibilities to which Lenny dedicated himself. Lenny has always been one of the first to volunteer his time and energy to meet the needs of the Department, from the design of the fire station to chimney cleaning. I want to wish Lenny well in his retirement and thank him for his many years of service to the Rowe Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin L. May, Fire Chief



Photo - N. Donelson
"1971 International Pumper - Old Home Day Parade."

The Goal Post

Until the end of May, the *Goal Post* continued as it had for the last six months of 1997. Deanna Corarito did the layout at her home and Anne-Marie Demetz paid the bills and kept up the subscription end of the business. I was doing the editing and some of the writing. With the June issue completed, Deanna and Anne-Marie decided to spend more time with their families (they both have little ones; Deanna's baby, Reese, wasn't even a year old.) We were hoping to find people to take over Deanna's and Anne-Marie's responsibilities, three people were interested in the "business" end but no one expressed any interest in the layout. It began to look as though I would have to "retire" also, as I was sure I could not possibly do Deanna's job in addition to the editing. Somehow I ended up attempting the July issue, with a lot of help from Mike Posever, Anne-Marie's husband and Doug Corarito, Deanna's husband. We produced that issue; it took over 100 hours and a lot of patience on everyone's part. For the August issue, the *Goal Post* was able to obtain a computer system that would handle the Page Maker program and the scanner already belonging to the *Goal Post*. Since then, with technical support from Doug, we have been able to publish a *Goal Post* every month. Phyllis Smith took over as the Business Administrator; she has a computer system that enables her to keep on top of billing and subscriptions. She's been great at reminding the Department Heads and Committees that it's "deadline time" again.

Dick Tower remains our Staff Photographer; he's responsible for most of the cover shots and for photos of Town events. He also develops his photos so we are able to get "last minute" shots. Russell Jolly has been in charge of Photo Shop; he scans the photos we receive into the *Goal Post* and then sizes them to fit the spaces. This takes quite a lot of time each month and I do appreciate that he does this. It saves the *Goal Post* a considerable amount of money as each photo would cost \$7.50 to be done by the printer. Russell also works with Doug keeping the "bugs" out of the computer and finding lost stories and issues that disappear into some nether land if the computer wakes up cranky.

Jennifer Wood has been invaluable as my assistant; every month she helps with the typing of the submissions that come to us handwritten and by diverting Morghan from Mommy when it's *Goal Post* deadline time.

Doug and Deanna Corarito continue to offer assistance whenever the latest publishing crisis arises. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Chris Tower, Barbara Stickney and Billie Brown have thankfully remained as the final production staff. Chris takes the completed *Goal Post* disk and hard copy to the printer and brings back the copies ready to be mailed. Then all three of them meet at the Town Hall and put on the mailing labels and add any inserts.

We continue to use the most excellent printer, Eugene Michalenko, of Adams Specialty & Printing Company. He

is able to print the *Goal Post* in a very short time and is very helpful with last minute additions or changes.

We sponsored a Halloween Party for the children of Rowe; it was a lot of fun and was organized by Chris Tower, Anne-Marie Demetz and Laurie Pike.

In December we sponsored our second annual Holiday Bazaar; this is a non-profit community function. It enables us to get together and view what the crafts people of Rowe have been up to, as well as visiting and getting in some shopping. Margaret Woodside prepared delicious soups to sell to benefit the Holiday Party and visit from Santa Claus. The Holiday Potluck and Community Party were also sponsored by the *Goal Post* and funded by generous contributions from townspeople; it was organized by Pearl and Karl Jurentkuff. Chris Tower helped with decorations and David Wayne, Helen Shields, Aarolyn, Meredith and Susan Williams provided the musical entertainment. Another great party!

The community responses (and the response from our subscribers) has been positive; we appreciate the stories (Dan Phelps' story of a day on the Road Crew was enthusiastically enjoyed), recipes, (Gail May's fudge got a rave review from California!) and the articles and photos. This is your publication; you pay for it; it for your enjoyment and information. We are so fortunate, as a town, to be able to enjoy this benefit. Keep on contributing. Thank you all for your help and input.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan C. Wood, Editor in Chief

Health Agent / Sanitarian

During the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, with members of the Board of Health, nine septic systems were tested. (This includes percolation tests and Title 5 Inspections.) There was one inspection of a camp (Rowe Camp & Conference Center) and three septic plans were reviewed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon White, Rowe Health
Agent/Sanitarian
Regional Health Agent, FRCOG

Board of Health

The board once again appointed Franklin COG Health Agent Sharon White as our Health Agent. We sure miss John Brickett's wit and uncanny memory of all your septic systems. Sharon is very capable and has done an excellent job. She's not afraid to tackle any problem and is very easy to work with. We use Sharon for all of our Title 5 work, percolation/soils suitability tests, camp inspections, school inspections, housing inspections, and various other duties.

A major addition to the Health Department during 1998 was Ruth Loomis of Hazelton Road. Ruth was hired in December as our new town nurse. She plunged right into the job organizing the nurse's office and meeting with townsfolk. She is particularly paying attention to our senior population, but has also met and provided services for many other townspeople. She holds regularly scheduled office hours, and provides home care and visits as needed. Her duties are overseen by Dr. Robert Miller of Shelburne Falls, who is quite enthusiastic about what she can offer to the town. Initially we had advertised the position for an RN; however, it turns out Ruth is an Advanced Practice Nurse which allows her to practice in a much broader

role...including the ability to diagnose and write prescriptions for all but controlled substances. If you haven't already met Ruth, please stop by during her scheduled office hours or give her a call at the town hall. We've gotten very good reports back from many people and are very fortunate to have her.

Thank you to school nurse Barbara VanDyke who provided services to our townspeople before our town nurse came on board. I know she misses seeing a lot of you now. Please stop by and say hello to her once in a while. She'd love to know how you are doing.

Carol Lively of Petrie Road again happily accepted her appointment as Inspector of Animals. This is a state required appointment. Her duties include inspecting all barns and farm animals once per year, providing a tally of all farm animals (horses, cows, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, fowl, etc.) to the state, responding to calls concerning wild animals (including all reports of potentially rabid wildlife), and various animal complaints and queries. She happily accepted this appointment???

SOIL SUIABILITY/PERCOLATION TESTS PERFORMED:

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| Map 6, Lot 63 | Shantigar, Davenport Road | 2 tests, both passed - 6 to 6 min/inch |
| Map 11, Lot 1 | Willey/Brines, Potter Road | Passed—9 min/inch |
| Map 8, Lot 2 | Sibley, Brittingham Hill Road | Passed—18 min/inch |
| Map 11, Lots 15/65 | Riggan, Leshure Road | Passed—40 min/inch |
| Map 3, Lot 44 | Wasko, County Branch Road | Passed—55 min/inch |
| Map 4, Lot 44 | Petersen, Zoar Road | Passed—8 min/inch |

ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM PLANS APPROVED:

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Map 11, Lot 115 | Morency, Old Cyrus Stage Road | New system |
| Map 6, Lot 63 | Shantigar, Davenport Road | New system |
| Map 11, Lots 15/65 | Riggan, Leshure Road | New system |
| Map 11, Lot 37 | Phelps, Leshure Road | New system |
| Map 1, Lot 35 | Reed, Hazelton Road | New septic tank |
| Map 4, Lot 44 | Petersen, Zoar Road | New leach field—approved (2 variances granted) |
| Map 4, Lot 44 | Petersen, Zoar Road | Extension granted until 12/31/99 for new leach field |
| Map 3, Lot 57 | Clancy, County Branch Road | New leach field—approved (1 variance granted) |

TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS:

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|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Map 3, Lots 44/45 | Kenney, Zoar Road | Sale of property | failed |
| Map 11, Lot 4 | Pecor, Leshure Road | Sale of property | passed |
| Map 11, Lot 15 | Riggan, Leshure Road | Sale of property | failed |
| Map 4, Lot 4 | Belanger, Tunnel Road | Sale of property | passed conditionally |
| Map 4, Lot 4 | Belanger, Tunnel Road | Repair to D-box | approved |
| Map 13, Lot 20 | Groferer, Tunnel Road | Installed new 1500 gallon tank | approved |
| Map 3, Lot 57 | Wasko, County Branch Road | Sale of property | failed |
| Map 11, Lot 72 | Miller, Potter Road | Sale of property | passed |
| Map 12, Lot 55 | Vernes, Potter Road | Sale of property | passed |
| Map 11, Lot 75 | Chiofalo, Potter Road | Possible dwelling expansion | passed |
| Map 11, Lot 20 | Sullivan, Cross Road | At request of owner | passed conditionally |
| Map 11, Lot 37 | Phelps, Leshure Road | Final inspection—new system | approved |
| Map 6, Lot 63 | Shantigar, Davenport Road | Final inspection—new system | approved |

SEPTIC TANK PUMPING RECORDS RECEIVED:

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| Map 4, Lot 16 | Truesdell, Brittingham Hill Road |
| Map 8, Lot 20 | Crowningshield, Zoar Road |
| Map 11, Lot 89 | Donelson, Potter Road |

1000 gallon concrete tank in good condition
1000 gallon tank in good condition
1500 gallon tank

WELL LOGS RECEIVED:

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| Map 6, Lot 63 | Shantigar, Davenport Road |
| Map 11, Lot 4 | Glenn White, Leshure Road |
| Map 13, Lot 36 | Besgen, Hazelton Road |
| Map 2, Lot 40 | Girard, Pelham Lake Drive |
| Map 1, Lot 13 | Gordon, Hazelton Road |

12 gpm—185' to bedrock
5 gpm—285' to bedrock
15 gpm—125' deep
12 gpm—265' deep
30 gpm—160' deep

LICENSES ISSUED:

Septage Pumper/Hauler

Bostley Sanitary Service, Colrain, MA
Houghton Sanitary Service, Guilford, VT
Greg's Wastewater, Greenfield, MA

Septic System Installer

James H. Williams, Rowe, MA
Danek Excavating, Rowe, MA
Barkus Excavating, Readsboro, VT

Water Testing:

Our certified water inspector Bill Enser of Berkshire Enviro-Labs continues to perform all of the state required testing for our municipal public water supplies (the well serving the town hall, town garage, fire station and library, the school well, the pitcher pump at the park) along with the Avery Fountain and the swimming area (during swimming season) at Pelham Lake. All results have been fine. Copies of reports for all other public water supplies in town

have also been received as required. No problems have been found in these systems.

Building Permits: Reviewed as required for applicability to current Title 5 regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen L. Foberg



"View of Village Green and Town Center"

Photo - N. Donelson

Library Trustees

On October 13, acting on a request from the Library Trustees, the Board of Selectmen appointed Ruth Truesdell as a Trustee to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Deanna Corarito.

As of March 1, 1999 we are waiting for delivery of the Winnebago system. The specially designed desks are already in place.

The Gateway 98 computer has been on-line for six months and is another State-sponsored gift from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library Service. Phyllis Smith, library aide, has had sixteen hours of training on the Gateway. The timing of the set-up for both the Winnebago system and Gateway computer will avoid Y2K problems.

A special project for a summer intern will be initiated this year, consisting of fifty hours of work on library grounds and the proper care and handling of library materials.

Circulation increased during 1998. Other activities were:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Books, videos and periodicals removed | 90 |
| Inter-library loans | 100 |
| Bookmobile visits | 6 |

The telephone number at the Library is 413/339-4761. The hours are:

| | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Tuesday | 1 PM to 5 PM |
| Wednesday | 5 PM to 9 PM |
| Saturday | 9 AM to 5 PM |

Please come in and take advantage of the benefits so generously offered by Rowe voters.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Oliver, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Nurse Practitioner

To the Board of Selectmen/Health and the residents of the Town of Rowe, I submit my annual report as the newly appointed nurse practitioner. The calendar year of 1998 (as regards my new position) was short, 3 weeks, but very fruitful. Time was spent setting up a functional medical office on the second floor of the Town Hall. Supplies, equipment and necessary instruments were ordered. Pertinent registrations and licensures were applied for and put in place. A local physician, Dr. Robert Miller of Shelburne Falls, was contacted and graciously agreed to function in a collaborative and supervisory role. He has already been very supportive in the setting up our Town office and I am extremely grateful for his selfless dedication to medicine.

Many of our elders who are at risk have been identified with appropriate outreach contacts made. People with medical needs have been identified with the assistance of School Nurse Barbara VanDyke, Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Jubb, our TRIAD officer, other town officials and good neighbors. This process will remain ongoing as needs arise and will depend in a large part on the caring nature of this community.

In the first three weeks there were 32 patients cared for. Acute care was given, house call to home-bound residents, monitoring of chronic illness and patient education. In the upcoming year, services will expand to the town road crew, "grasshoppers," park and transfer station workers. A fall Influenza Vaccine Clinic will be offered as well as health maintenance immunizations.

I am looking forward to an exciting first full year in 1999. With the support of the town and Dr. Miller, I hope to identify the medical needs of this rural community and strive to meet them with quality medical care.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth E. Loomis, NP

Old Home Day Committee

The Rowe Old Home Day Committee had it's first meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 1997 at 7:00 PM at the town hall. Those present at the first meeting were Karl and Pearl Jurentkuff, Tom and Deb Danek, Judy Pierce and Lillian Danek. We met with the selectmen and were appointed to the OHD committee. Karl and Pearl were elected chairmen, Deb Danek was elected secretary, the other members were co-chairmen. We requested that the following funds be included on the annual town meeting warrant: \$5,000 for activities and \$6,000 for fireworks. These funds were used to sponsor the free chicken Bar-B-Que and to pay for entertainment throughout the day.

Our Postmaster Tammy Hicks offered to man a mobile post office van where people could mail cards and letters from the school area during OHD. These were canceled with a pictorial cancellation designed by Deanna Corarito especially for the day.

The committee received many requests to go back to the Chicken Bar-B-Que dinner put on by the Readsboro Lions Club. They were contacted, a reasonable price was offered and accepted.

The following groups were hired to provide a variety of musical entertainment: the Shelburne Falls Military Band,

Ted Wirtz Jazz Band, the Mad Bavarian Brass Band and Small Change from Charlemont. The Rowe Cultural Council sponsored the King Philip Dixieland Band. Sky diving by our school principal Bob Clancy and his friends, pony rides by the Rowe Riders, wagon rides by Carroll Stowe, the fishing derby sponsored by the Park Commission, the Bounce Castle and Circus Clowns all provided entertainment for young and old. Free boat rides around Pelham Lake were provided by Captain Jack Williams aboard the S.S. Percy Brown. The baseball game, Rowe Church-sponsored auction and food booths were all hits for those attending. The self-guided Garden Tour was taken by many both Saturday and Sunday. The Gymkhana and horse show sponsored by the Rowe Riders was well attended. All committee members worked diligently to make this year's Old Home Day a big success again. Many thanks to the Selectmen for their help, the Highway Crew whose help both before and after the celebration we could not do without. Thanks also to the Park Commission and their crew for the many tasks they performed to help make the day fun. Thank you to principal Bob Clancy and friends, the School Committee and School Custodian Bob Rice, Carroll Lively and the Rowe Riders and the townspeople for their support and attendance. We are already planning for another year so put on your thinking caps and come up with ideas for making Old Home Day 1999 another day of fun.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Danek
Judy Pierce
Tom and Deb Danek
Karl and Pearl Jurentkuff

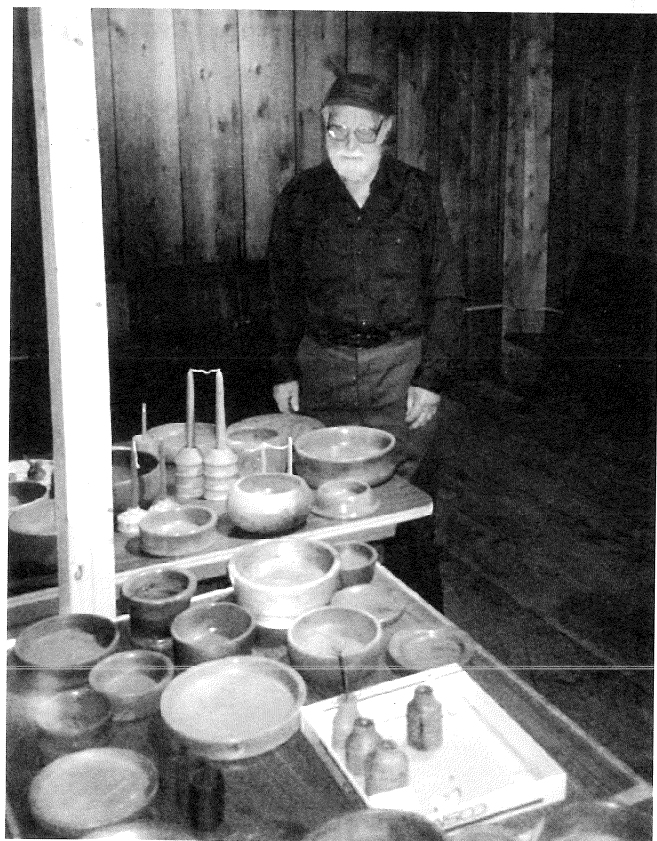


Photo - N. donelson

"Ellsworth Plmer at Browning Benchtool - Old Home Day"

Plumbing Inspector

Permits issued in 1998 were as follows:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Shirley Veber | Gas Unit Heater |
| Terry Veber | Gas Unit Heater |
| David Dvore | Gas Vent |
| Thomas Chiofalo | Gas Furnace |
| John Sherman | Plumbing |
| Rowe School | Plumbing |
| Dot Page | Plumbing |
| James Williams | Plumbing |
| Walter Quist | Gas Range |
| Ian Vernes | Plumbing |
| Michael Brines | Gas Line |
| Shantigar Foundation | Gas Line |
| Shantigar Foundation | Plumbing |

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Codogni,
Plumbing Inspector

Park Commission

The 1998 season at Pelham Lake Park started out on the wet side, nearly 7.5 inches of rain in June made spring clean-up a soggy mess, and delayed several projects. The meadow was finally mowed just in time for Old Home Day, (thanks to Al Williams and helpers for a hard day's work!)

A new program this year was a two-week visit by a trail crew sponsored by the AmeriCorps volunteers. This group of a dozen young people spent two weeks rebuilding the Adirondack shelter at the southeast corner of the lake, removing and burying debris from the burned Sibley cabin remains, cutting a new connecting trail from the cabin site to the King's Highway Trail, and filling and repairing several wet spots on the other trails. Their work was first class and much appreciated.

The Park got a beautiful new entry sign this year; sign maker Ed Daviau painted and installed it. New at the beach are the lifeguard chair and the paddle boat, both replacing well-used models. Also, in the shed, is a wonderful 3-D map of the park built by the Rowe School upper classes, with the trails painted on by the park staff. The trail locations have never been so clearly shown.

At a Special Town Meeting on October 7th, \$5,000.00 was appropriated to purchase fencing to build a riding ring for the Rowe Riders horse club.

The Park was ably staffed by MaryJo Phelps, and her rangers Ellen Dandeneau and Jenn Wood, and lifeguards Nick Soviecke and Kara Cetto, with help from the YMCA swim program, who sent people up to run the lessons. Also, Ellen ran a popular youth activity program for two weeks.

MaryJo Phelps retired after eight years with the park, six as the Head Ranger. Her contributions to the park are many, varied and always well executed. She leaves to devote more time to her gardening business, and her skilled work and cheerful smile will be missed at the park.

Thomas Chiofalo resigned as a Commissioner. Thom was a great commissioner, who will be remembered for championing the construction of the Volleyball Court, and opening up the view of the cove on the North side of the beach. He has been replaced by John Williams, appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Jolly, Chairman

Planning Board

Fiscal Year 1998 was a relatively quiet year for the Planning Board. It was nice to relax a bit after three busy years with the Goals for Rowe project.

We met with three families here in town to discuss land subdivision and acquisition. All requests were approved as they met the towns by-laws governing minimum lot size and arrangement. We also signed off on the re-direction of Zoar Road made necessary by the replacement of the town line bridge.

We have been busy redesigning the by-law booklet. We have put numerous requests in the *Goal Post* to other town boards for any changes to their regulation section of the by-law booklet but have received none. Mike Posever has retyped the booklet into an 8"x12" format. We hope to include some maps, an index, a table of contents, and have a glossy cover with an attractive photograph. These new booklets will be available in fiscal year 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca P. Bradley, Chairman
Jack Williams
Mike Posever
Pru Berry
Mary Jo Phelps

Police Department

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Accidents | |
| 1 car | 4 |
| 2 car | 2 |
| Medical assistance | 10 |
| Domestic disturbances | 8 |
| Restraining orders | 1 |
| Missing persons | 1 |
| Larcenies | 3 |
| Vandalism | 11 |
| Trespassing | 1 |
| Breaking and entering | 2 |
| 911 hang-ups | 2 |
| Permits issued | 22 |
| Reported incidents | 84 |
| Unfounded incidents | 25 |

Respectfully submitted,
Henry J. Dandeneau,
Chief of Police

Summer Youth Employment

Chief Supervisor Yves Marceau of Greenfield ran what was arguably the most successful summer employment program ever held. Jon Tower did a great job assisting him in running the crews. The crews covered a lot of ground and accomplished a great deal of work.

Once again, emphasis was placed on removing litter along the roadsides and cleaning up downed limbs as well as trimming roadsides. Mowing of accessible areas is done by the road crew with the town's Ford tractor and cutter bar. The grasshoppers then complete the clean up of the areas, as well as getting into all of the tough spots, some of which now contain healthy crops of poison ivy. The hard working crews deserve recognition for their hot, tiring work swinging trimmers and running "weed whackers" on steep slopes in sultry, humid weather. Crew members this summer were:

Luke Jette
Tiffany Reardon
Melissa Boutwell
Max Krumm
Tim Bradley

Jamie Soucy
Josh Weller
Seth May
Joe Lively
Crystal Reardon

As usual, a safety presentation was given to the crew by a representative of the Fair Labor & Business Practices Division of the Office of Attorney General to emphasize the importance of working safely, which is our primary concern.

In addition to developing a "work ethic", and learning that a days work equals a days pay, our young people also begin to develop skills in filling out a job application and other accompanying forms, experiencing a job interview, showing up on time, taking direction from a supervisor, working with others, and hopefully, the value of a hard-earned dollar. We are happy to be able to offer this valuable program and we commend voters for continuing to support it.

Thank you to all who participated.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Selectmen

Wire Inspector

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 24 permits issued in 1998 with 21 completed inspections and 3 active.

Contacts for inspection are:

John F. Rossi 339-5541
Wiring Inspector

Emil F. Begiebing 1-802/368-7119
Assistant Wiring Inspector

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Rossi,
Wiring Inspector

Veteran's Agent

All veterans graves had new flags in place for Memorial Day. My thanks to Donald Lindabury who helped place the flags on the graves this past year. If anyone knows of a Veterans grave that does not have a flag in place, please let me know so that a flag and flag holder can be put in place by Memorial Day.

A new MIA/POW flag has been put on the town flagpole in honor of the men still missing from the Vietnam Conflict.

Veterans continue to lose more and more of their benefits as Congress continues to make budget cuts. As usual it is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease so continue to make your voice heard by writing your representatives in Congress and join a local Veterans group such as the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Scrivens
Veteran's Agent

Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 1998

July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

| Year/Tax | Outstanding 7/1/97 | Commit- ments | Abate- ments | Tax Title | Payments | Refunds | Adjust- ments | Outstanding 6/30/98 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 96MVE | -53.13 | -258.64 | 5.00 | 0.00 | 318.77 | -32.00 | 0.00 | -20.00 |
| 97MVE | -2,351.26 | -4,197.79 | 1,107.29 | 0.00 | 5,409.36 | -259.68 | 292.08 | 0.00 |
| 97RE | -6,413.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,250.27 | -9.00 | 0.00 | -172.26 |
| 97PP | -249.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 249.31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 98MVE | 0.00 | -26,339.60 | 2,277.40 | 0.00 | 23,146.15 | -393.65 | -190.31 | -1,500.01 |
| 98RE | 0.00 | -1,211,832.30 | 759.62 | 127.86 | 1,207,725.71 | -88.91 | -256.33 | -3,564.35 |
| 98PP | 0.00 | -421,033.66 | 82.34 | 0.00 | 420,896.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -54.58 |
| 98 Forest Products | 2,949.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,949.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | -12,016.35 | -1,663,661.99 | 4,231.65 | 127.86 | 1,666,945.43 | -783.24 | -154.56 | -5,311.20 |

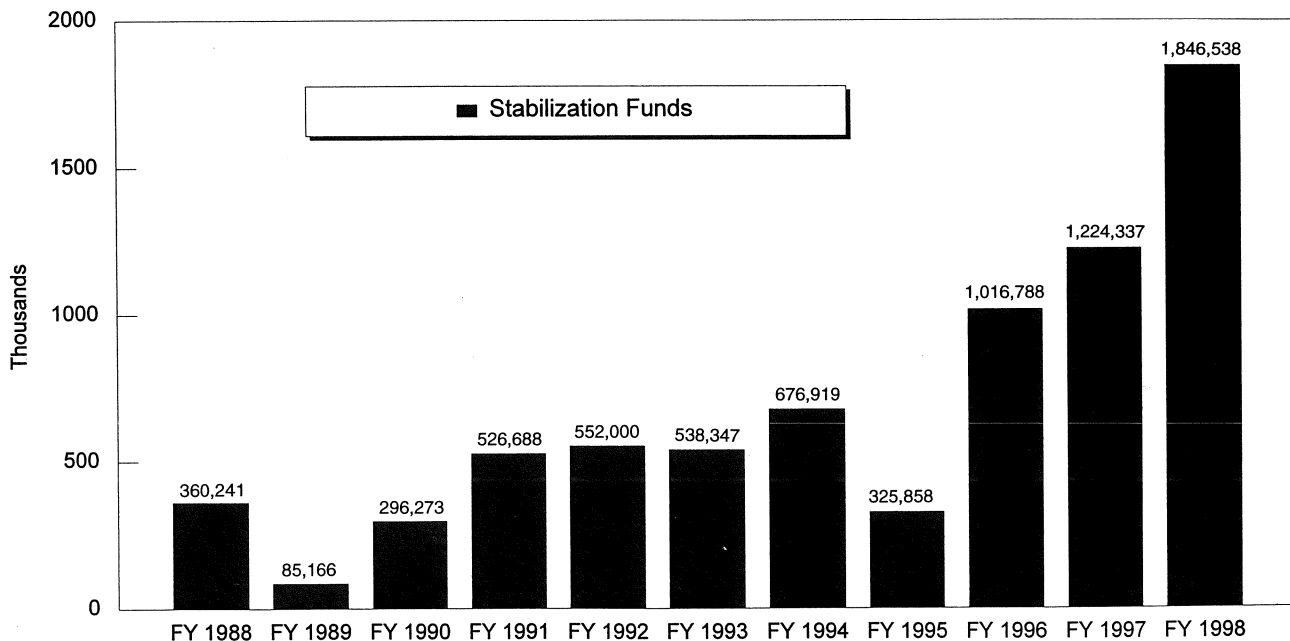
Lien Fees: \$425.00

Demands: 195.00

Interest on overdue tax payments: 257.26

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

Town of Rowe Ten Year Look At Stabilization Balances



1988 to 1998
Balance as of June 30 (End of Fiscal Year)

Treasurer's Reports

Trust Funds - 1998

| NAME OF FUND | BALANCE 7/1/97 | TRANSFER IN | INTEREST | TRANSFER OUT | BALANCE 6/30/98 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| M. Wells Memorial Library | 6,959.14 | 0.00 | 379.90 | 0.00 | 7,339.04 |
| Cemetery | 16,050.44 | 200.00 | 862.44 | 1,764.75 | 15,348.13 |
| Rowe Library Gift | 297.74 | 0.00 | 16.24 | 0.00 | 313.98 |
| Charles Wells Library | 2,426.47 | 0.00 | 132.47 | 0.00 | 2,558.94 |
| Preserved Smith Library | 2,091.60 | 0.00 | 114.18 | 0.00 | 2,205.78 |
| Gould Library | 15,363.90 | 0.00 | 838.69 | 0.00 | 16,202.59 |
| Foster Donation | 2,173.64 | 0.00 | 118.65 | 0.00 | 2,292.29 |
| White Memorial Library | 4,728.27 | 0.00 | 258.12 | 0.00 | 4,986.39 |
| L. Tower/Jones Library | 4,728.27 | 0.00 | 258.12 | 0.00 | 4,986.39 |
| Rowe Memorial Scholarship | 2,194.17 | 35.00 | 126.45 | 0.00 | 2,355.62 |
| TOTALS | 57,013.64 | 235.00 | 3,105.26 | 1,764.75 | 58,589.15 |

Stabilization Fund FY 1998

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance as of July 1, 1997 | \$1,224,336.70 |
| Transfers from General Fund | 651,000.00 |
| Transfers to General Fund | 102,284.00 |
| Interest Earned 7/1/97 to 6/30/98 | 73,485.19 |
| Balance as of June 31, 1998 | \$1,846,537.89 |

Respectfully submitted,
Susan A. Williams, Treasurer

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

| ACCOUNT NAME | AMOUNT | ACCOUNT NAME | AMOUNT |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS | | Sporting Licenses (To State) | 2,478.75 |
| Taxes | | Sale of Adult Lunches | 2,108.00 |
| Personal Property Taxes FY 1997 | 249.29 | School Lunch Fed/State | |
| Personal Property Taxes FY 1998 | 420,896.74 | Reimbursement | 6,671.54 |
| Real Estate Taxes FY 1997 | 6,250.28 | Extended School Services | 1,316.50 |
| Real Estate Taxes FY 1998 | 1,207,469.38 | School Choice Tuition | 122,250.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1996 | 318.77 | School Choice SPED Transportation | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1997 | 5,701.44 | Reimbursement | 399.28 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1998 | 22,955.84 | Cemetery Sale of Lots | 100.00 |
| Forest Products FY 1998 | 2,949.12 | Chapter 113A (Highway, Chapter 90) | 119,389.00 |
| Receipts (Cherry Sheet = CS) | | Departmental Refunds (Combined) | 1,135.24 |
| Interest on Property Taxes | 324.83 | TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS | 2,044,968.34 |
| Municipal Liens | 20.00 | | |
| Chapter 71 Pupil Transportation (CS) | 3,977.00 | TRUST FUND RECEIPTS | |
| Municipal Building Rent | 3,300.00 | M. Wells Memorial Library (Interest) | 379.90 |
| Board of Health Permits | 225.00 | Cemetery Trust (Receipts) | 200.00 |
| Town Clerk Permits & Licenses | 12.00 | Cemetery Trust (Interest) | 862.44 |
| Police Department Permits | 164.00 | Library Gift Trust (Interest) | 16.24 |
| Copier/FAX Receipts | 308.75 | Charles Wells Library (Interest) | 132.47 |
| Loss of Taxes (CS) | 1,975.00 | Preserved Smith Library (Interest) | 114.18 |
| Abatements for Veterans | 575.00 | Gould Library (Interest) | 838.69 |
| Chapter 70 School Aid (CS) | 25,065.00 | Foster Donation (Interest) | 118.65 |
| Highway Reconstruction/ Maintenance (CS) | 2,476.00 | White Memorial Library (Interest) | 258.12 |
| Lottery (CS) | 3,120.00 | L. Tower/Jones Library (Interest) | 258.12 |
| Court Fines | 375.00 | Memorial Scholarship (Interest) | 126.45 |
| Interest on Deposits | 45,808.67 | Memorial Scholarship (Donation) | 35.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 29.40 | Stabilization (Interest) | 73,485.19 |
| Sale of Town Property | 14.95 | TOTAL TRUST FUND RECEIPTS | 76,825.45 |
| Charter School Student | 5,182.00* | | |
| Recycling Revenue | 360.70 | GRAND TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS | 2,121,613.79 |
| Group Insurance (Payroll Withholding) | 15,389.87 | | |
| School Activity Fund | 2,914.00 | | |
| Dog Licenses (To County) | 281.00 | | |
| Goal Post Gift Account | 810.00 | | |
| COA Grant FY 1998 | 1,500.00 | | |
| Arts Lottery Grant | 3,650.00 | | |
| DARE Grant | 2,133.00 | | |
| Police Block Grant | 2,158.00 | | |

*To offset a assessment by state made in error.

*To offset a assessment by state made in error.

Balance Sheet - June 30, 1998

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

| | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| CASH | | |
| General Cash | 697,442.91 | |
| TOTAL Cash | | 697,442.91 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

| | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Personal Property Taxes FY 1998 | 54.58 | |
| TOTAL Personal Property Taxes | | 54.58 |

REAL ESTATE TAXES

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Real Estate Taxes FY 1997 | 172.22 | |
| Real Estate Taxes FY 1998 | 3,564.35 | |
| TOTAL Real Estate Taxes | | 3,736.57 |

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1996 | 20.00 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise FY 1998 | 1,500.01 | |
| TOTAL Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes | | 1,520.01 |

TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Tax Titles | 1,719.18 | |
| TOTAL Tax Titles & Possessions | | 1,719.18 |

AGENCY

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| School Activity | 600.00 | |
| TOTAL Agency | | 600.00 |

REVOLVING FUNDS

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| School Choice Tuition | 27,537.42 | |
| TOTAL Revolving Funds | | 27,537.42 |

APPROPRIATION BALANCES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Highway - Winter Roads | | |
| Overdraft | 1,051.10 | |
| TOTAL Overdrawn Appropriations | | 1,051.10 |

TOTAL ASSETS

733,661.77

LIABILITIES

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
| AGENCY | | |
| Group Insurance | 205.72 | |
| Dog Licenses | 270.10 | |
| TOTAL Agency | | 475.82 |

GIFTS & BEQUESTS

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Goal Post Gift Fund | 816.83 | |
| TOTAL Gifts & Bequests | | 816.83 |

TRUST FUND INCOME

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Library Trust Fund | 327.77 | |
| TOTAL Trust Fund Income | | 327.77 |

GRANTS

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Council on Aging - FY 1998 Grant | 900.00 | |
| Cultural Council | 2,305.89 | |
| Police - DARE Grant | 1,147.02 | |
| TOTAL Grants | | 4,352.91 |

REVOLVING FUNDS

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| School Lunch | 630.40 | |
| Use of Gazebo | 200.00 | |
| Extended School Services | 706.90 | |
| School Choice Encumbered | 46,004.53 | |
| TOTAL Revolving Funds | | 47,541.83 |

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Cemetery Sale of Lots | 1,850.00 | |
| Wetlands Protection Fund | 730.00 | |
| County Dog Refund | 542.23 | |
| TOTAL Receipts Reserved for Appropriation | | 3,122.23 |

OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Overlay FY 1997 | 172.22 | |
| Overlay FY 1998 | 3,618.93 | |
| TOTAL Overlays Reserved for Abatement | | 3,791.15 |

REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTED

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Tax Title Revenue | 1,719.18 | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue | 1,520.01 | |
| TOTAL Revenue Reserved Until Collected | | 3,239.19 |

Balance Sheet - continued

LIABILITIES - cont.

SURPLUS

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Surplus Revenue | 456,843.06 | |
| TOTAL SURPLUS | | 456,843.06 |

APPROPRIATION BALANCES

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Assessors' Clerk's Pay | | |
| Encumbered | 146.20 | |
| Assessors' Reval/Property | | |
| Update | 2,378.00 | |
| Chapter 113 B (Chapter 90) | 119,390.00 | |
| Highway - Encumbered Wage | 1,032.92 | |
| Highway - General Maintenance | | |
| Encumbered | 299.49 | |
| Highway - Bridges & | | |
| Guard Rails Encumbered | 220.06 | |
| Highway - General Drainage | | |
| Encumbered | 3,913.00 | |
| Highway - Roadside | | |
| Maintenance Encumbered | 1,823.02 | |
| Town Line Bridge Engineer | 304.69 | |
| Highway - Davis Mine Road/ | | |
| Potter Road | 5,538.27 | |
| Rowe School Playground | | |
| Equipment | 3,850.00 | |
| Rowe School Capital | | |
| Improvement | 18,510.60 | |
| Library Table & Chairs | 100.68 | |
| Cemetery Fence Repair | 2,834.38 | |
| Police Officers' Wages | | |
| Encumbered | 359.61 | |
| Fire Department Air | | |
| Compressor | 4,144.00 | |
| Transfer Station Road | | |
| Improvement | 4,455.35 | |
| Printing By-Law Booklet | 1,000.00 | |
| Municipal Center Painting | | |
| & Repair | 3,219.00 | |
| Pelham Lake Dam Repair | 6,000.00 | |
| Town Hall Expansion | | |
| Contingency | 5,574.79 | |
| Town Hall Furniture | 113.92 | |
| Park Swim Area Dredging | 6,000.00 | |
| Unemployment Insurance | | |
| Encumbered | 1,943.00 | |
| Reserve Fund FY 1999 | 20,000.00 | |
| TOTAL Appropriation Balances | | 213,150.98 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES 733,661.77

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

| | Assets | Liabilities |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TRUST FUNDS | | |
| Trust Cash | 1,905,127.04 | |
| Martha Wells Memorial | | |
| Library | | 7,339.04 |
| Cemetery Trust Fund | | 15,348.13 |
| Rowe Library Gift Trust | | 313.98 |
| Charles Wells Library | | 2,558.94 |
| Preserved Smith Library | | 2,205.78 |
| Gould Library | | 16,202.59 |
| Foster Donation | | 2,292.29 |
| White Memorial Library | | 4,986.39 |
| L. Tower/Jones Library | | 4,986.39 |
| Rowe Memorial Scholarship | | 2,355.62 |
| Stabilization Fund | | 1,846,537.89 |
| | <u>1,905,127.04</u> | <u>1,905,127.04</u> |

Appropriation Balances Report - June 30, 1998

| Account Name | Approp/Bal Forward 7/1/97 | Budget Revisions | Actual Expended | Account Balance 6/30/98 |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Town Counsel | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,480.18 | 2,519.82 |
| Selectmen's' Stipend | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,467.20 | 532.80 |
| General Administration | 16,000.00 | 825.71 | 16,798.65 | 27.06 |
| Miscellaneous Officers' Stipends | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 1,600.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Officers' Expenses | 800.00 | 175.00 | 911.50 | 63.50 |
| Printing Town Reports | 2,600.00 | 0.00 | 2,581.45 | 18.55 |
| Summer Youth Employment | 18,500.00 | 0.00 | 14,883.05 | 3,616.95 |
| Summer Youth Employment Encumbered | 1,076.75 | 0.00 | 1,076.75 | 0.00 |
| Council on Aging | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 326.61 | 1,173.39 |
| Selectmen - Floating Senior Center | 500.00 | 0.00 | 424.29 | 75.71 |
| Administrative Assistant & Accountant's Pay | 33,613.00 | 0.00 | 33,613.00 | 0.00 |
| Assistant Accountant Pay | 500.00 | 79.70 | 579.70 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Stipend | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Clerk Pay | 8,021.00 | -146.20 | 3,970.67 | 3,904.13 |
| Assessors' Clerk Pay Encumbered | 0.00 | 146.20 | 146.20 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Operation | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,861.99 | 1,138.01 |
| Assessors' Software & Computer | 1,700.00 | 0.00 | 1,700.00 | 0.00 |
| Assessors' Revaluation & Property Update | 2,378.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,378.00 |
| Treasurer's Stipend | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Assistant Treasurer's Pay | 400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Tax Collector's Stipend | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Town Clerk's Stipend | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Election & Teller Expenses | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 748.50 | 751.50 |
| Registrar & Census Pay | 350.00 | 0.00 | 350.00 | 0.00 |
| Conservation Commission Operation | 200.00 | 0.00 | 38.85 | 161.15 |
| Planning Board Operation | 400.00 | 0.00 | 107.28 | 292.72 |
| Planning Board - <i>Goal Post</i> Operation | 12,486.00 | 900.68 | 13,128.83 | 257.85 |
| Chapter 113 A (Type I Paving) | 119,389.00 | 0.00 | 119,389.00 | 0.00 |
| Chapter 113 B (Type I Paving) | 119,390.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 119,390.00 |
| Highway - Wages | 118,332.00 | -1,032.92 | 115,805.19 | 1,493.89 |
| Highway - Wages Encumbered | 0.00 | 1,032.92 | 1,032.92 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Machinery Maintenance | 16,000.00 | 2,155.20 | 18,155.20 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Fuel Oil, Electricity, Etc. | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,079.03 | 2,920.97 |
| Highway - Fuel for Town Vehicles | 12,500.00 | 0.00 | 10,055.65 | 2,444.35 |
| Highway - General Maintenance | 14,500.00 | -299.49 | 14,200.51 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Bridges & Guard Rails | 5,000.00 | -220.06 | 4,779.94 | 0.00 |
| Highway - General Drainage | 8,000.00 | -3,913.00 | 4,087.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Road Maintenance & Reclamation | 45,000.00 | 0.00 | 45,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Roadside Maintenance | 2,000.00 | -1,823.02 | 176.98 | 0.00 |
| Highway - General Maintenance Encumbered | 0.00 | 299.49 | 0.00 | 299.49 |
| Highway - Superintendent's Salary | 46,254.00 | 0.00 | 46,254.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Building Maintenance | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Bridges/Guardrail Encumbered | 0.00 | 220.06 | 0.00 | 220.06 |
| Highway - Drainage Encumbered | 0.00 | 3,913.00 | 0.00 | 3,913.00 |
| Highway - Roadside Maintenance Encumbered | 0.00 | 1,823.02 | 0.00 | 1,823.02 |
| Highway - Building Maintenance Encumbered | 607.80 | 0.00 | 607.80 | 0.00 |
| Town Line Bridge Engineering | 3,300.00 | 1,300.00 | 4,295.31 | 304.69 |
| Davis Mine & Tatro Roads | 16,442.10 | 0.00 | 10,903.83 | 5,538.27 |
| Highway - UST Removal & Replacement | 25,000.00 | 2,075.00 | 27,075.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - New Truck & Equipment | 102,284.00 | 0.00 | 102,284.00 | 0.00 |
| Highway - Winter Roads | 38,000.00 | 0.00 | 39,051.10 | -1,051.10 |
| Winter Road Overdraft (FY 1997) | -3,096.56 | 3,096.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Street Lighting | 4,500.00 | 0.00 | 4,095.73 | 404.27 |

| Account Name | Approp/Bal Forward 7/1/97 | Budget Revisions | Actual Expended | Account Balance 6/30/98 |
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| School Committee Stipend | 3,600.00 | 0.00 | 3,600.00 | 0.00 |
| Rowe Elementary School Operation | 580,192.00 | 0.00 | 580,189.47 | 2.53 |
| Rowe School Salaries Encumbered | 20,484.21 | 0.00 | 20,484.21 | 0.00 |
| School Roof Repairs | 89,392.50 | 0.00 | 89,392.50 | 0.00 |
| School Playground Equipment | 3,850.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,850.00 |
| School Capital Improvement | 30,607.50 | 0.00 | 12,096.90 | 18,510.60 |
| Librarian's Salary | 12,627.00 | 0.00 | 12,627.00 | 0.00 |
| Library Wages | 7,204.00 | 0.00 | 6,104.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Library Operation | 10,700.00 | 0.00 | 10,691.22 | 8.78 |
| Library Operation Encumbered | 170.00 | 0.00 | 106.96 | 63.04 |
| Library Interior Lighting | 3,479.44 | 0.00 | 320.00 | 3,159.44 |
| Library Table & Chairs | 1,600.00 | 0.00 | 1,499.32 | 100.68 |
| Library Repairs | 3,200.00 | 0.00 | 3,200.00 | 0.00 |
| Veterans' Administration Stipend | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| Veterans' Administration Operation | 350.00 | 0.00 | 324.05 | 25.95 |
| Veterans' Administration Benefits | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Cemetery Maintenance | 4,500.00 | -34.38 | 4,462.50 | 3.12 |
| Cemetery Fence Repair | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,165.62 | 2,834.38 |
| Police Chief's Stipend | 6,760.00 | 0.00 | 6,760.00 | 0.00 |
| Police Officers' Wages | 6,417.00 | -359.61 | 5,491.68 | 565.71 |
| Police Officers' Wages Encumbered | 229.71 | 359.61 | 229.71 | 359.61 |
| Police Department Operation | 5,500.00 | 0.00 | 4,123.33 | 1,376.67 |
| Police Department Operation Encumbered | 1,206.93 | 0.00 | 316.13 | 890.80 |
| Fire Chief's Stipend | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Officers' Stipends | 5,700.00 | 0.00 | 4,750.00 | 950.00 |
| Fire Fighter's Reimbursement | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 4,999.88 | 0.12 |
| Fire Department Operation | 20,550.00 | 0.00 | 20,550.00 | 0.00 |
| Fire Department Communications | 7,939.78 | 0.00 | 7,939.78 | 0.00 |
| Fire Department Air Compressor | 6,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,356.00 | 4,144.00 |
| Building Inspector's Fees | 3,500.00 | 0.00 | 3,311.02 | 188.98 |
| Plumbing Inspector's Fees | 900.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 | 0.00 |
| Wiring Inspector's Fees | 900.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 | 0.00 |
| Civil Defense Operation | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Forest Fire Control | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 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 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS Coordinator's Stipend | 1,200.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS Operation | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS Equipment | 3,450.00 | 0.00 | 3,420.38 | 29.62 |
| EMS Call-Out Reimbursement | 1,800.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | 0.00 |
| EMS Defibrillator | 4,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,959.82 | 40.18 |
| Fire Department Hazardous Material Control | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Hazardous Waste Collection | 500.00 | 0.00 | 236.00 | 264.00 |
| Refuse Garden Operation | 40,000.00 | 0.00 | 31,356.75 | 8,643.25 |
| Sanitarian's Fees | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 218.92 | 1,781.08 |
| Transfer Station Road Surface Improvement | 4,455.35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,455.35 |
| Dump Attendant's Wage | 7,763.00 | 0.00 | 7,647.12 | 115.88 |
| Solid Waste District Administration | 1,554.00 | 0.00 | 1,525.00 | 29.00 |
| Board of Health Operation | 3,000.00 | 754.18 | 3,754.18 | 0.00 |
| Bank Charges & Loan Interest | 500.00 | 0.00 | 390.00 | 110.00 |
| Bonding & Insurance | 58,000.00 | -2,649.00 | 20,600.00 | 34,751.00 |
| Municipal Center Custodian's Wage | 11,012.00 | 1,160.60 | 12,172.60 | 0.00 |
| Municipal Center Operation & Maintenance | 12,000.00 | 200.00 | 12,188.40 | 11.60 |
| Elevator Maintenance | 4,550.00 | 0.00 | 4,136.00 | 414.00 |
| Town Hall Fuel Oil | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,227.37 | 1272.63 |
| Gracy House Repair & Modification | 500.00 | 0.00 | 333.75 | 166.25 |

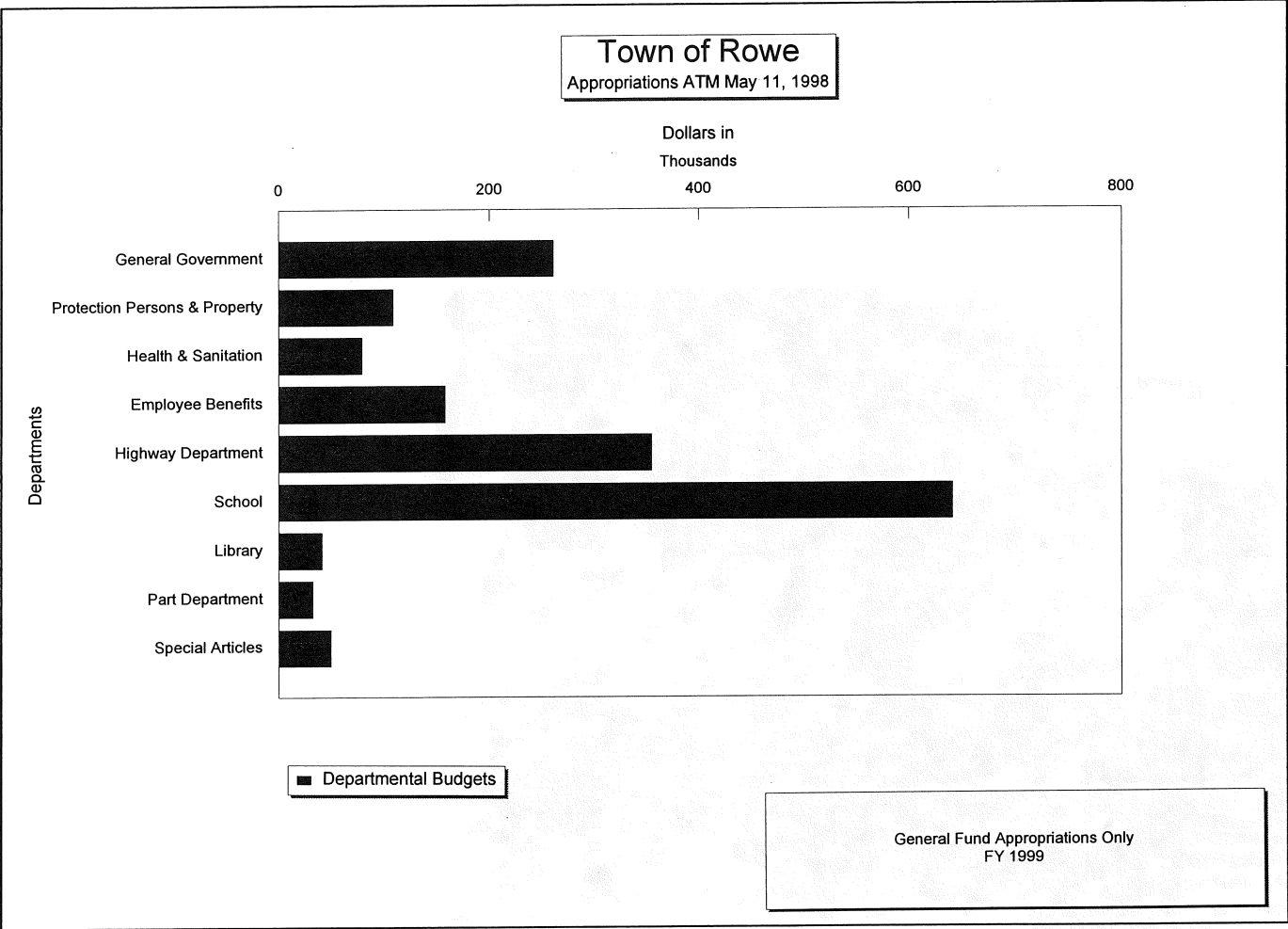
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| Beautification | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,603.84 | 396.16 |
| Office Equipment | 10.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 |
| Printing By-Law Booklet | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Municipal Center Painting & Repair | 4,068.00 | 0.00 | 849.00 | 3,219.00 |
| Pelham Lake Dam Repair | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Town Hall Exp. Contingency | 5,574.79 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,574.79 |
| Town Hall Furnishings & Fixtures | 2,310.10 | 0.00 | 2,196.18 | 113.92 |
| Kuzdizal Land Purchase | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Old Home Day | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,765.18 | 234.82 |
| Old Home Day Fireworks | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Park Wages | 21,840.00 | -1,684.00 | 18,905.50 | 1,250.50 |
| Park Operation Encumbered | 0.00 | 1,364.00 | 1,364.00 | 0.00 |
| Park Operation | 6,125.00 | 0.00 | 6,050.03 | 74.97 |
| Park Swim Area Dredging | 6,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,000.00 |
| County Retirement | 38,012.00 | 0.00 | 38,011.80 | 0.20 |
| Non-Contributory Retirement | 1,025.00 | 0.00 | 1,008.43 | 16.57 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 9,000.00 | -1,943.00 | 5,584.00 | 1,473.00 |
| Medical & Medicare Insurance | 110,000.00 | -956.52 | 90,371.39 | 18,672.09 |
| Unemployment Insurance Encumbered | 2,248.00 | 1,943.00 | 2,248.00 | 1,943.00 |
| Stabilization - Highway Equipment | 20,000.00 | -20,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization - Fire Equipment | 29,000.00 | -29,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stabilization - 21st Century | 2,000.00 | -2,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Reserve Fund FY 1997 | 20,000.00 | -9,015.30 | 0.00 | 10,984.70 |
| Reserve Fund FY 1998 | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Column Totals | 2,175,044.40 | -51,252.57 | 1,800,637.81 | 323,154.02 |

In October 1998, Scott M. Sawyer, CPA conducted a municipal audit of all accounts held by the Town of Rowe as of and for the year that ended June 30, 1998. In his report, he noted one instance of noncompliance, as follows: "During the fiscal year (ending) June 30, 1998, the Town of Rowe appropriated \$651,000 from taxation and other available funds to its stabilization fund. Chapter 40 § 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws provides in part; that only an amount not exceeding ten percent of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year by taxation of real estate and personal property may be appropriated to the stabilization funds. The \$651,000 appropriated by the town represents approximately 40% of such amount and is therefore not in compliance with this provision of the law." No other matters of noncompliance were found. It should be noted that at a special town meeting held on September 22, 1997, the town voted to transfer \$600,000 from certified free cash to the stabilization fund, which has been considered to be our "savings account." There are no penalties for this non-compliance and Rowe continues to have the lowest average tax bill in the commonwealth. The consensus among the Selectmen, Assessors, Finance Committee and other financial officers is that it is prudent to continue to build the Stabilization Fund.

Rowe's financial officers continue to maintain their high standards of fiscal responsibility and have filed with the Department of Revenue all requisite reports, including Schedule A, Free Cash Balance Sheet, quarterly reconciliation of cash, employer 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 Susan Williams, Town Clerk Susan Wood, Tax Collector/Assessors' Clerk Sandra Daviau for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa S. Quinn,
Town Accountant

Appropriations Graph - ATM May 11, 1998



Rowe School Committee

In reviewing the past year, my first on the School Committee, three events come to mind as being worthy of mention.

The first thing was the hiring of Alan Genovese to be superintendent of the Mohawk, Rowe and Charlemont School Districts. Jim Taylor was the Rowe representative to the search committee. It was a good process; many applicants were interviewed and the final choice from a talented pool of candidates has been an excellent one. Alan attends our meetings, which are open, of course, and we wish you'd come.

The second item of note, was the purchase and assembly of the new playground equipment for which we thank the Local Education Council. The children love the play area and we all have to thank the many, many volunteers who put the components together.

The third event was the release of the results of the MCAS test which was administered to fourth graders last May. Our students did very well but this is an evolving assessment exam and many questions were raised about the meaning of the results, the impact on curriculum and the future of the test itself. Alan brought a very interesting visual presentation to our November meeting which we found very informative.

All in all, it has been an interesting first year for me. It would be great to see you at a committee meeting soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Woodside, Secretary
School Committee



*Fifth and Sixth Graders meet with Senator John Kerry during their Washington, DC trip.
Standing: Senator John Kerry, Bob Clancy, Johanna Weinstein, Jsus Olivera
Back Row: (l-r) Meghan McLatchy, Ben Foberg, Josh Weston, A.J. Epicino, Brittani Corbett, Jeremy Hoffman
Front Row: (l-r) Michael Shattuck, Brittany Sprague, Megan Cross, Ben Edleberg, Travis Johnston*

Rowe School Principal

The 1998-1999 school year was very successful. We began the year with many expectations and worked steadily on a school improvement plan. From the standpoint of the school committee, the local education council, and the staff these goals were met or are progressing as intended. Additionally, we have a new Superintendent of Schools, Alan Genovese, who is visible in the schools and with the nine-town officials, is meeting the goals set by the three school committees, and is moving the Mohawk District forward positively.

The results for the first year of the long awaited MCAS test finally arrived at the start of the year and last year's fourth graders from the Rowe School performed exceptionally well. The assessment is given to 4th, 8th, and 10th graders and is a very difficult test that carries high expectations for everyone but appears to be a good place to start. Our school average will vary widely from year to year due to the composition and size of classes. It is likely to take five years for the State, and our school, to have the ability to assess the results of the test. We are now preparing for the next round of testing in May that will include Social Studies and the District is engaged in grade level meetings to coordinate that segment of the curriculum. Additionally, a foreign language component will be added in the year 2000 to the MCAS for 10th graders that we have addressed by adding Spanish as a foreign language to our classrooms. A district-wide committee that includes Anne Marie Demetz, Colleen King, and myself will be looking into this next MCAS component and how the district will best be able to prepare.

Doug Wilkins returned to the District in his previous role as Director of Technology and has been very busy wiring the high school and getting networks running in all schools and the Central Office. He is point person on the district committee for technology, which I also joined, that will look at how we will integrate technology into all classrooms and design curriculum.

This year's school population held at fifty-three, twenty-three of which commute to Rowe from six towns. The mix yielded grade configurations of twenty-five in the upper classroom, twenty-one in the primary class, and seven in the preschool. The next two years will yield an upper classroom of thirty-two and possible shifts in classroom configurations may result. Planning is ongoing to insure good program and an alignment with the State Standards.

The after school Outing Club continued in its second year. Hikes and other activities were scheduled on an average of once a month, mostly exploring the network of trails in Rowe by foot or snowshoe. We also had a very successful basketball season thanks to Laurie Pike and assistance from our two AmeriCorps volunteers. Field trips to the Pioneer Valley Symphony, Springfield Civic Center, Boston Museum of Science, Williams College Museum of Art, the Cape Outdoor Discovery Center, several local sites, and an artist in residence augmented a very full curriculum. Community lunch continues to be served to Rowe residents every Tuesday for \$1. And once again this is your school and you are welcome to visit, volunteer, and use it.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Clancy, Principal



Recess!

Superintendent of Schools

It is with both pride and pleasure that I submit my first report as your superintendent. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to school committee members Margaret Rice, Margaret Woodside and James Taylor, the educational staff, parents, community officials and the townspeople for their support and cooperation as I learn about your community and the Rowe School District. I would especially like to thank the Central office staff and Phil Dzialo, Mohawk's principal, for helping me better understand the unique complexities that are peppered throughout Mohawk's school district. Although Rowe students are tuitioned into Mohawk, they are considered students of the Mohawk district and we are most fortunate to have them.

In addition, I wish to recognize Bob Clancy for his dedication and commitment to providing a quality education to all students at Rowe School and commend both Mohawk's and Rowe's Local Education Councils for striving to improve services and programs offered at each school. This has been a very busy year for everyone affiliated with education.

Computer technology remains a focus as we move forward in utilizing it to support curriculum and instruction. Through the efforts of Doug Wilkins, our Director of Technology, a grant was obtained that allowed us to hire two computer specialists: Gail Roberts and Steve Sauter. They are providing on-site professional training for teachers. Computer technology can be a valuable tool in facilitating student learning. Efforts are being made to integrate this technology into the curriculum. You are encouraged to visit the Mohawk web site at: www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu. There you will find information about the schools, and even snow day cancellations.

We are in the sixth year of a seven-year reform initiative. During this time we have experienced major state financial reform, changes in teacher certification requirements, whereby teachers must pass a test before entering the teaching profession, the institution of a five year re-certification process for our existing teaching staff and administrators, adjustments to the school schedule to ensure more time is spent on learning and instruction, aligning the district curriculum with the state curriculum frameworks in the areas of English Language Arts, mathematics, science and technology, history and social sciences, and the implementation of a state testing program for the students. This state testing program is referred to as Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).

This is an exciting time in education because for the first time Massachusetts will have a comprehensive plan that connects curriculum, instruction, and assessment (CIA). One advantage of this triad is that all Massachusetts teachers will have a clear understanding of what their students will be expected to know in order to be able to pass the test as well as what skills their students will be required to possess at different intervals in their education.

Students in grades 4, 8, and 10 took this test last spring and the results were released in December. These tests are based on common rigorous curriculum standards. Rowe was not issued a testing profile because of the small numbers of students taking the test. However, all the students did well. Parents received an assessment profile of how their child performed on these statewide tests. Beginning in the year 2001, tenth graders will have to pass this test in order to graduate in the year 2003, as well as satisfying other high school requirements.

These results are being and will continue to be analyzed. At Mohawk, in many areas our students scored about the same as the state average. In other content areas our students scored above or below the state average. Strategies are being developed to raise student achievement in all areas. Used correctly, this information will serve as a blueprint for improvement. Teachers are working together to link district and state curriculum to instructional methodologies and practice. The success of merging CIA into classroom instruction on a daily basis should be reflected in future MCAS results as students' achievement levels rise.

Both Rowe's and Mohawk's staffs are to be commended for devoting many additional hours on curriculum development in preparation for the MCAS tests. As curricula are realigned, new textbooks, technology, and support materials must be purchased to facilitate the teaching of these new competencies and skills. Budgets are being prepared to reflect the needs of each school. With their support, both Rowe and Mohawk students should realize an increase in achievement over time, as measured by MCAS.

As a matter of information you should know that the Mohawk Trail Regional School District construction project is nearing completion. When middle and high school students return next school year, they will have full use of the expanded and renovated facilities of the Mohawk Trail Regional School.

Through the coordinated effort of Dot Lyman, administrators, coordinators and other staff members, the district received \$898,428 in grants to offer professional development opportunities to staff, align the district's curriculum to the frameworks, purchase student materials to support the curriculum changes, and offer additional services to the children in our district. This would not be possible without these supplemental grant funds. Students benefit in many ways from these additional dollars. Both Rowe and Mohawk have a unique relationship when grants are written, and students in both districts continue to benefit. I very much appreciate the efforts of the "grant writers."

In my capacity as superintendent of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, I have worked closely with their School Committee Chairperson, Norman Russell of Ashfield. His focus has been achieving financial stability by putting in place a management team that will be responsive and

accountable for the financial operations of the district schools and involved in educational initiatives that will benefit students. In addressing these areas several subcommittees have been established and meet regularly. Since your students attend Mohawk, I believe it is important to share some of their efforts to date.

Peggy Hart of Buckland serves as the chairperson of the Policy Sub-Committee. This year her committee began a major revision of the District's tobacco use policy, revised the policy governing the administration of medications in the schools, and completed a student sexual harassment policy. The committee is also working on a policy to govern community use of school facilities. In addition, administrators are working on a safe schools policy for each school.

With two new schools and three renovated and expanded schools, it is the intent of this sub-committee to develop a policy that will encourage communities who are supporting these schools to have maximum use of these facilities. Policy notebooks containing district policies are available at all schools, all town libraries, and in the superintendent's office for the convenience of the public.

Cindy Smith of Shelburne is chairperson of the Budget Sub-committee. This sub-committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing the expenditures on a monthly basis. Her sub-committee members visit the office every two weeks to review all invoices and sign warrants. In addition, her committee participates in reviewing and planning future budgets and makes recommendations to the full committee. With the final year of Education Reform closing in, the state's financial formula may change or be modified in such a way that the district schools and towns would be financially hurt. It will be important for everyone to follow this closely. Foundation Reserve money (pothole) may likely "dry up" in the future. We were fortunate to apply and receive foundation reserve money this year. This will be helpful to the towns as they also face unanticipated costs.

In preparation for the FY 2000 budget, this sub-committee has met with principals and administrators to review all proposed line items. This format has generated a tremendous amount of discussion. It also clarified how certain requests support educational programs within each school, as well as the district. Cindy believes that understanding both the needs of our schools, as well as the financial limitations of the towns, creates a balance that would enable the school committee to do their best for our children. The Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee's (MMAC) effort and support are greatly appreciated during the budget planning process.

Through the efforts of MMAC, the school committee, Interim Superintendent David Filkins, Marcey Goldstein, Director of Finance, and the entire school community, expenditures were carefully monitored during the FY 98 budget year. This resulted in a \$277,140 surplus. However, approximately \$200,000 has been earmarked for unanticipated special education expenditures in the FY 99 budget. As carefully as Interim Superintendent Filkins and the school

committee have planned, these unanticipated costs continue to strain the operating budget.

To address this issue, the school committee has created a revolving account for this specific purpose and State Ward reimbursement receipts will be placed into this account. This will allow for carefully monitoring special education expenditures. I very much appreciate the efforts of Mike Ponti, Special Education Director, in meeting the needs of our special education population in a responsible and cost effective manner. It is the expectation of the school committee that creating a specific accountability process pursuant to special education regulations will illuminate an expenditure profile that may guide future planning. As superintendent, I believe it is extremely important to develop a budget that will serve as a planning document to improve programs and services. Otherwise, money, time and effort spent will not realize efficient and effective results. Monitoring and planning Mohawk's budget continues to be a learning opportunity for me. Since we know financial resources are limited we must be sure to have an economy of effort in our planning and the execution of that plan. I hope to have some positive influence in this area.

A screening sub-committee was appointed to search for a business administrator this past year. Members included Beverly Burke of Charlemont, Raz Parra of Hawley, David Filkins of Plainfield, Larry Shearer of Colrain, Dick Baker of Shelburne Falls and myself. David Rees of Shelburne Falls agreed to serve as the interview facilitator. He did an outstanding job and I remain grateful to him. This process resulted in the selection of David Fraser of Wilmington, MA. I believe that he will bring a new dimension to the Administrative Office and I look forward to working with him.

Richard Ohmann of Hawley is chairing the Education Sub-committee. His committee has been involved in a number of exciting initiatives, including a task force working on educational policies pursuant to early primary education, for example, all day kindergarten, the relationship of preschool to the early grades, the impact of retention on students, and related educational programs. Also, this committee, through a special task force sub-committee, is exploring alternative approaches to the teaching of languages other than English. Finally, the Educational Sub-committee Continues to monitor MCAS testing and each school's response to its results, and is reviewing proposed changes in high school graduation requirements. I continue to enjoy working with this sub-committee and believe their efforts, along with those of a dedicated teaching staff, will elevate student achievement. Mohawk has had a reputation of providing an excellent education to students long before this education reform initiative began.

Betsy Howes of Plainfield chairs the Personnel Sub-committee. This committee works with school employees not covered under the teachers' contract. They listen to their concerns and requests and make appropriate recommendations to the full School Committee. One initiative under consideration is elevating one paraprofessional per school to assume additional responsibilities. This sub-committee is defining its role and duties.

Raz Parra of Hawley is service as chairman of the Transportation Sub-committee at Mohawk. This committee focuses on ensuring that the negotiated transportation contract is implemented as written and meets with the contractor periodically. It serves as the "watch dog" to ensure that safe efficient school transportation is provided.

In speaking with Raz I have learned that he believes this sub-committee's work is made easier because of the cooperation of parents, who drill safety and accountability behavior into their children both while waiting for the bus as well as riding on it, the highway superintendents and crews of all towns, who spend many hours during the night making the roads ready for the mornings commute, Liebenow Transportation Company for their commitment to providing the safe and reliable transportation for our children, and the bus drivers for their daily care and caution in transporting our most precious resource. I have worked with this committee on several difficult issues and was most impressed with the solutions crafted.

Lynne Connors of Shelburne is chairperson of the Negotiation Sub-committee. She believes that the challenge her committee faces is balancing the commitment to provide a fair and equitable contract for our district teachers with an awareness of the enormous investment the taxpayers have made "re-building" the district's schools. The Negotiation Sub-committee is hopeful that it will soon reach agreement with the teachers' union.

This is also a bargaining year for the Rowe School Committee. Negotiations are underway. It is the expectation of the committee that a contract will be agreed upon in time before a final budget is adopted.

As you know, the Commissioner of Education, Robert Antonucci, has resigned and a new Commissioner should

be appointed in the next couple of months. Many have wondered if his resignation would effect the direction of the Education Reform Law that he so passionately championed. I think not. True reform does not happen at the state level. It happens at the most basic level of instruction — the classroom. The success or failure of the reform has always rested on the shoulders of our educational and instructional leaders. These leaders will continue to make curriculum modifications to prepare our students to be life-long learners in a rapidly changing world.

This is an exciting time in education and I encourage each of you to become a strong advocate and supporter of providing a quality learning experience for our children. Educating our children continues to be the single most important investment in our future. Let's continue to work together in preparing our children for the challenges that await them. The world is changing so rapidly that our kindergarten students now entering our schools will graduate from high school in a world quite different from when they began their education. Our challenge is helping them prepare for this rapidly changing world.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to town officials for their support and the residents for freely expressing their comments and concerns regarding school-related issues. These are wonderful communities and both the Mohawk and Rowe School Districts are exciting, challenging, yet rewarding school systems to work in. I enjoy working for both districts and I consider myself most fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as your superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan D. Genovese,
Superintendent



5th and 6th Graders Ready to Serve at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner.

Mohawk High School Principal

It is my pleasure to present my eighteenth annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This year is marked by continued high achievement of students, solid performances on the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) by 8th and 10th graders, and by intense efforts to align the school's curriculum with the MA State Curriculum Frameworks.

The building and renovation project is nearing completion. The first floor of the classroom wing which contains science labs and related arts rooms has been refurbished. New flooring and ceilings, a bright new coat of paint and renovated rest rooms greeted students for the opening of school. The construction of the middle school addition and administration area was completed for the opening of school, September 1998. This addition provided for an additional fourteen classrooms for students in grades 7 and 8. The addition to the gym was also completed. The cafeteria renovation was completed on December 1 and the media center and auditorium renovation will be finished by June. The original gym will be refurbished from April through June 1999.

This school year opened with a level enrollment compared to the past year. We received 31 students under the School Choice plan from our neighboring towns. This will mean that the school will sustain a growth of 120 students in the past five years and we will have a total population of over 850 students.

The faculty is working on a review and redevelopment of existing curriculum documents so that all students receive a complete education with an emphasis on the State Frame-

works documents. After the first administration of the MCAS, departments are reviewing students' levels of achievement to further refine our curriculum. New courses were added this year in International Studies, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, upper level World Languages and an EMT Cadet Program. Our participation in the School-to-Work partnership has been successful in bringing the work community into the school and our students into various internship sites in West County.

Our athletic programs continue to build and grow in size. Several teams have gone to state tournaments. Fundraising has been successful for lighting for the athletic fields and installation was completed for September, 1998. Several football and soccer games were played "under the lights" and attendance has more than doubled. The middle school musical, "Anything Goes" was a great success and sold out the auditorium for three consecutive days. Over 2,000 people viewed the musical. The all-school musical "42nd Street" 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 and the Mohawk School Council for their unwavering support of quality education for all students.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip A. Dzialo, Principal

School Library / Media Center Report

With major library building construction projects recently completed for the Colrain Central School, Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary School and Sanderson Academy, our new school library/media centers are finally becoming a reality. Although the efforts are far from complete, fundraising for print and non-print material and equipment greatly enhances the collections. The next renovation project is planned for the high school Resource Center in the spring of 1999. Special thanks go to all the library/media staff in the district who made it possible to continue library programs and services despite the disruption of construction.

Goals for the library/media programs this past year have included weeding and updating the collections, increasing the use of technology, updating the Winnebago software system that networks the collections, establishing a more up-to-date professional development library for staff, emphasizing literacy and reading programs that support the curriculum and continuing a close working relationship with local public libraries. The establishment of a new set of library skills to coordinate technology with library research is also a major undertaking as new computers are purchased and installed.

District library staff have been engaged in continuing professional development activities with both local and out-of-district in-service opportunities. We are especially grateful to the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System

that provides technical training, extensive interlibrary loan opportunities and cooperative purchasing as an integral component of our membership.

Circulation statistics for this past year for all schools have continued to increase despite construction projects and school schedule disruption due to weather. New material added to the collections district wide totals 945 items. Increased district circulation is indicated as follows:

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Print Material | 40,689 |
| Non-print Material | 2,392 |
| Interlibrary Loan | 304 |
| Total Circulation | 43,385 |

District library/media staff include Beverly Williams and Carrie Ferretti at Sanderson Academy, Genie Lynch at Colrain Central School, Toni Wilcox at Buckland-Shelburne Regional Elementary School, Martha Rice and Colleen King at Rowe Elementary School, Wanda Musacchio at Heath Elementary School, Candy Cross at Hawlemont Regional Elementary School and Marjorie Porrovecchio, Carrie Ferretti, Pat Hinds and Judy Willis at Mohawk Trail Regional School.

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

Department of Special Education

As of December 1, 1998, there were 360 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 19% of the total student and preschool population (down 1% from last year.) The majority of special services are provided within the individual's school district, however in some cases, it becomes more effective to provide out-of-district services.

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

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

System-wide services are provided and consist of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, counseling, and, early childhood education. Most therapy is provided individually or in small groups. 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 preschoolers 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, the first is to "*mainstream*," that is, to integrate the children into the regular education program as much as possible. The second goal is for "*full inclusion*," where and whenever possible, which maintains the child in the classroom all-day, regardless of the disability. At Mohawk Trail Regional H.S./M.S. a partnership project with the ARC of Franklin County and UMASS is under way to examine effective and meaningful ways to foster our two goals.

There are twelve special needs room throughout the nine town district. Most of the students served by these programs are seen for subject areas such as language arts, math study skills, etc., while also developing strategies and techniques which are aimed at helping children to both cope and/or remediate the effects of their disabilities on learning. The Language Based Program is designed to assist students who have specific language processing difficulties. The program has been expanded for the 1998-99 school year and now services seventh and eighth grade students.

Typically, the special education instructor 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, who contributes in a variety of ways. Chief among these services are assessments of an individual's cognitive ability and emotional factors that contribute to learning difficulties. Psychologists also provide individual and group counseling services within the district.

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,
Michael Ponti, Director of
Special Education

The Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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.

This year the awards sub-committee read 117 applications. Forty-three were from seniors and 74 from previous graduates of Mohawk. Thirty-seven thousand, eight hundred dollars was to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that seniors have ample scholarship funds awarded from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. Thirty-one scholarships totaling \$11,800 were awarded to seniors (73% of applicants). Sixty-one scholarships totaling \$26,000 were given to graduates (82% of applicants). The awards committee was: Pauline Mills (School committee representative), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Marion Scott (Buckland), Alicia Tripp (Heath) and Kirby Thwing (Hawley).

From 1991-1998: \$84,475 has been awarded to Mohawk seniors and \$172,275 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates for a total of \$256,750.

The Mohawk community certainly owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The members of the committee are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Jarmulowicz, Colrain
Secretary

1998 Graduates - Congratulations!

Mohawk Trail Regional School

Jamie Brown

(No photo available)

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Combined Balance Sheet - June 30, 1998

| | General OPERATING | Governmental Fund Types Special Revenue GRANTS & REVOLVING | Capital Project | Proprietary Fund Type Internal Service VOCATIONAL | Fiduciary Fund Type Trust & Agency SCHOLARSHIPS | Account Group General Long Term Obligations | Total Memo random Only |
|--|----------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | |
| Cash and Equivalents | 578,313 | | | 194 | 75,394 | | 653,901 |
| Investments | 446,005 | | 3,261,175 | 216,373 | 883,835 | | 4,807,388 |
| Receivables | | | | | | | 0 |
| Due from State Government | 212,119 | 13,429 | | | | | 225,548 |
| Due from Local Governments | 66,882 | | | 202,933 | | | 269,815 |
| Due from Other Funds | | 263,711 | | | | | 263,711 |
| Amount to be provided for | | | | | | | 0 |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt | | | | | | 160,900 | 160,900 |
| Other amounts to be provided | | | | | | 1,366,044 | 1,366,044 |
| Total Assets | 1,303,319 | 277,140 | 3,261,175 | 419,500 | 959,229 | 1,526,944 | 7,747,307 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | 0 |
| Notes Payable - | | | | | | | 0 |
| Temporary Loans | | | 21,850,801 | | | | 21,850,801 |
| Warrants Payable and Accruals | 837,670 | | 964,659 | 39,500 | 37,800 | | 1,879,629 |
| Withholdings and Other Liabilities | 1,471 | | | | 58,846 | | 60,317 |
| Due to Other Funds | 164,206 | | 72,898 | | 26,607 | | 263,711 |
| General Obligation Debt Payable | | | | 380,000 | | 160,900 | 540,900 |
| Lease Obligations Payable | | | | | | 62,318 | 62,318 |
| Retirement Benefits Payable | | | | | | 1,303,726 | 1,303,726 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,003,347 | 0 | 22,888,358 | 419,500 | 123,253 | 1,526,944 | 25,961,402 |
| Fund Balances | | | | | | | |
| Reserved for Expenditures | 9,754 | 221,757 | | | 280,830 | | 512,341 |
| Reserved for Capital Outlay (deficit) | | | (19,627,183) | | | | (19,627,183) |
| Reserved for Endowment | | | | | 555,146 | | 555,146 |
| Unreserved: | | | | | | | 0 |
| Designated for Special Purposes | 12,546 | | | | | | 12,546 |
| Undesignated | 277,672 | 55,383 | | | | | 333,055 |
| Total and balances | 299,972 | 277,140 | (19,627,183) | 0 | 835,976 | 0 | (18,214,095) |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | 1,303,319 | 277,140 | 3,261,175 | 419,500 | 959,229 | 1,526,944 | 7,747,307 |

Mohawk Trail Regional School District

Combined Balance Sheet - June 30, 1998 - *cont.*

| | General OPERATING | Governmental Fund Types Special Revenue GRANTS & REVOLVING | Capital Project | Fiduciary Fund Type Trust & Agency SCHOLARSHIPS | Total Memorandum Only |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | | |
| District Assessments | 5,993,394 | | | | 5,993,394 |
| Intergovernmental Aid | 7,193,514 | 1,082,594 | 316,903 | | 8,593,011 |
| Out-of-District Tuition | 54,213 | | | | 54,213 |
| Investment Income | 47,445 | | 154,007 | 65,358 | 266,810 |
| Charges for Services - School Lunch | | 256,580 | | | 256,580 |
| Departmental and Miscellaneous | 49,201 | 202,337 | | | 251,538 |
| Scholarship Bequests | | | | 7,022 | 7,022 |
| Total Revenue | 13,337,767 | 1,541,511 | 470,910 | 72,380 | 15,422,568 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| Education | | | | | |
| Instruction | 7,467,560 | 862,232 | | | 8,329,792 |
| Administration & District | 395,902 | | | | 395,902 |
| Other School Services | 1,354,001 | 538,912 | | | 1,892,913 |
| Operation & Maintenance | 914,089 | 5,358 | | | 919,447 |
| Fixed Charges | 988,908 | | | | 988,908 |
| Programs with Other Districts | 687,411 | | | | 687,411 |
| Capital Outlay | | | 9,699,115 | | 9,699,115 |
| Scholarships | | | | 37,900 | 37,900 |
| Retirement of Debt | | | | | 0 |
| Principal | 92,600 | | | | 92,600 |
| Interest | 553,805 | | | | 553,805 |
| Total Expenditures | 12,454,276 | 1,406,502 | 9,699,115 | 37,900 | 23,597,793 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of Total Revenue | | | | | |
| over Total Expenses | 883,491 | 135,009 | (9,228,205) | 34,480 | (8,175,225) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | |
| Transfers In | 9,906 | | 125,044 | | 134,950 |
| Transfers Out | (125,044) | | (9,906) | | (134,950) |
| Unrealized Appreciation on Investments | | | | 51,216 | 51,216 |
| | | | | | 0 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of Total Revenue | | | | | |
| and Other Financing Sources over Total | | | | | |
| Expenditures and Other Uses | 768,353 | 135,009 | (9,113,067) | 85,696 | (8,124,009) |
| NET INCOME FROM | | | | | |
| NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS | | | | | |
| | | | | 17,176 | 17,176 |
| Fund Balances, beginning of year (restated) | (468,381) | 142,131 | (10,514,116) | 733,104 | (10,107,262) |
| FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR | \$299,972 | \$277,140 | (\$19,627,183) | \$835,976 | (\$18,214,095) |

Franklin County Technical School

We are pleased to submit the annual report of the administration of the Franklin County Technical School. The significant events that have transpired during the past year are noted. The October 1, 1998 enrollment was as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------|----|--------------|-----|
| Bernardston | 18 | Buckland | 18 |
| Colrain | 35 | Conway | 11 |
| Deerfield | 16 | Erving | 8 |
| Gill | 4 | Greenfield | 137 |
| Heath | 7 | Leyden | 7 |
| Montague | 55 | New Salem | 7 |
| Northfield | 12 | Orange | 78 |
| Shelburne | 11 | Sunderland | 13 |
| Warwick | 7 | Wendell | 10 |
| Whately | 7 | Non-District | 28 |

Our work experience and cooperative work programs continue to be an effective method for job placement of our students. As of June 1998, 73 students graduated and their placement record was as follows:

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Entered Work Force | 47 |
| Entered Military | 2 |
| Entered College | 24 |

Student Awards Highlights

University of Massachusetts Scholars:

Christine A. Mullen and Ashley T. Barstow

Outstanding Vocational Technical Student:

Christine A. Mullen

Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence:

Ashley T. Barstow

Franklin County Rotary Club Most Improved Student Awards:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Donna Babcock | Jennifer Clough | Chad Gates |
| Sandra Gonzales | Scott Grover | Ranaye Hardy |
| Sandra Krouse | Jason Secord | Robert Sokoloski |
| Kenneth Vight | | |

FCTS was the recipient of the 1998 Sportsmanship Award Sponsored by Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Community service projects for surrounding towns and organizations continue to be an integral part of our vocational programs. The second year of our Franklin Medical Center's Beacon Housing Program is underway with completion set for June of 1999. In addition, we will be constructing an information center at the Whately Transfer station; building picnic tables and a gate for Sunderland's Town Park; building a stage addition for the Sunderland Elementary School; providing wiring for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Home and Trade Show; finishing the airport project in Turners Falls and providing a variety of services for other towns when needed.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cliff Fournier, School
Committee Chairperson
Frederick H. Green, III
Superintendent-Director

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Regional approaches have been for years touted as the logical arena for wrestling with many local problems. Whether getting a “bigger bang for the buck” in service delivery or attracting “more people under the tent” of economic development, environmental protection or issue advocacy, the merits of reaching beyond municipal boundaries are hard to reject out of hand. The Massachusetts Municipal Association sponsors workshops on the subject. Numerous state agencies create program incentives for regionalizing service delivery. Increasingly, federal and private foundation grantors look for bigger picture approaches to investing their funds in infrastructure and programming.

In spite of the advantages, however the practical obstacles to delivering regional services in home-rule strong Massachusetts can challenge short-term financial and long-term strategic logic. The challenges of growth or its absence, can cause citizens to focus only within the municipal bounds, presenting town officials with choices between the immediate bottom line and a riskier feeling long term investment in flexible capacity through regional partnership.

Since our transition to a voluntary council of governments in 1997, the FRCOG has been seen as a model in Massachusetts, serving both the bigger bang and bigger tent objectives of regional collaboration. A central theme for the FRCOG is to provide our critical customers, town officials, with the hard products average taxpayers value while supporting the big-picture regional efforts that create the context for our individual municipal members’ success.

In fiscal 2000, the total \$331,120 core regional services assessment to the towns will leverage nearly \$1.2 million in planning, community health, economic development and management capacity grants which serve our members. We have developed fee for service programs in health inspection, procurement, engineering and resource development that give officials a straight-forward way of purchasing the service they need without giving up home-rule control or committing to staffing levels that are sometimes politically difficult to change. Our regional planning efforts connect local technical support people can see, to a regional plan that supports balanced growth. We lead advocacy for the future of state funding of school foundation budgets, awareness of the impact of the bond cap on critical service and economic development, and coordination of acquiring federal economic development dollars through the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Local officials have enormous agendas to balance to keep typical service costs down while maintaining an eye on how the environmental, economic, and political changes played out on a world scale will affect their town’s future. The balance of hard products and regional strategies offered through the FRCOG gives local officials an efficient and locally accountable way to represent to their constituents that they are doing both.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay DiPucchio,
Executive Director

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the residents of FCSWMD member municipalities:

The District unveiled several new initiatives this past year, and took major steps toward determining where the solid waste from our member towns will go after June of 1999, when the Bernardston landfill finally closes. We issued a request for bids for hauling and disposal costs which, at this writing (January) are still being evaluated. One thing is certain: the "sticker shock" of increased disposal costs, that has been predicted for many years, has finally arrived. We are working to keep the costs down by contracting regionally.

Our three new hazardous waste "super sites" opened in the fall, accepting products such as automotive fluids, oil-based paints, fluorescent bulbs, and rechargeable batteries in Bernardston, Colrain, and Conway. The sites have been well received, and well used, even though users must pay a small disposal fee. At least one of these sites is open every weekend throughout the year. As we expected, the super sites siphoned off much of the material that traditionally goes to the Household Hazardous Waste collection, reducing costs to the towns.

We provided residents of all of our towns the opportunity to get rid of their old electronic components with our Consumer Electronics Collection at three sites (Erving, Greenfield, and Shelburne) in September. About 12 tons of old computers, VCRs, and stereos came out of closets and attics, and all were brought to UMASS, where they are "de-manufactured" before being recycled. Many of the items had been in storage for 10 years or more, testifying to peoples' reluctance to discard something that "must have some value." We are planning another collection for this summer.

Ten schools in our region are now outfitted with special units to wash milk cartons which, believe it or not, make up some 30% of a school's trash. Once washed, the cartons are fully recyclable. They are now being collected and transported to the Springfield Municipal Recycling Facility.

Our recycling programs continue their effectiveness. Most of our towns joined the new state program that reimburses towns for every ton of recyclable materials collected in the town. This program (called MRIP) brought in over \$31,000

in new revenue to our towns. Many towns use this money to reduce their assessments for the Solid Waste District. More than 5,463 tons of recyclable paper, bottles, cans, plastic, and aluminum were sent to the Springfield MRF or to Goodworks Recycling, saving approximately \$300,000 in disposal costs, while generating more than \$21,000 in revenue. Our combined recycling rate was 45% — just shy of the state's overall goal of 46%, but way ahead of the overall state average of 34%. Clearly, all of your efforts at separating recyclables from your trash are paying off!

Our waste management committee prepared a model trash hauler licensing regulation for our Boards of Health, which will enable local Boards to keep better track of trash and recycling collection services being provided to residents. Most of our towns took advantage of a "mini-grant" program offered by the Springfield MRF Advisory Board. Depending on their population, towns received from \$250 to \$2000 to help promote their local programs. Many of the towns took part in a District-sponsored "lottery"; 70 residents of 11 towns won prizes such as home compost bins, recycling set-out boxes, or used oil collection containers — all made from recycled plastic.

By the time you read this, the District's new Solid Waste Master Plan will be in the hands of local Selectboards. The new plan incorporates information on "trash priorities" gathered from all Selectboards last year, and sets out the District's long and short-term goals for the coming 5 years. One element of the new plan is to shift many of our expenses onto a "fee for service" basis. The District has been moving in this direction for the past few years; about 85% of our FY 2000 revenue will come from program service fees.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Cohen, Gill — Chairman
Robert B. Rottenberg,
Colrain — Administrator

Town of Rowe
Franklin County
Massachusetts

