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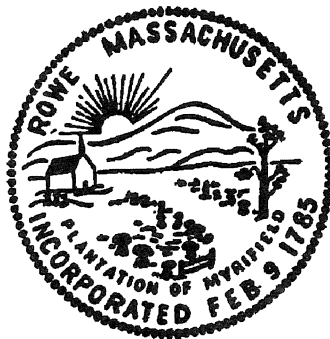


*Two Hundred and Fifteenth*

# *Annual Report*

*of the*

# *Town of Rowe Massachusetts*



*For the Year Ending*

*December 31, 2001*

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Front Cover Photo  
**"Rowe Old Home Day 2001 -  
 Everyone loves a parade-  
 MaryJo & Heidi Phelps"**

Photos by Norma Donelson

# TOWN OF ROWE

County of Franklin  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
(Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiield)  
INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 9, 1785

POPULATION	369 (2000)
TOTAL AREA:	24.07 SQUARE MILES
LAND AREA:	23.55 SQUARE MILES
PUBLIC ROADS:	45.30 MILES
ELEVATION:	1,370 FEET
LONGITUDE:	W 072 53 55
LATITUDE:	N 42 41 42

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

## Fiscal Year 2002 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations\*:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	3.44 per thousand	25,677,540.00	88,330.74	4.0236%
Commercial	5.42 per thousand	111,048.00	601.88	0.0274%
Industrial	5.42 per thousand	283,662,328.00	1,537,449.82	69.9618%
Personal	5.42 per thousand	105,365,899.00	571,083.17	25.9872%
Total		414,816,815.00	2,197,465.61	100.0000%

## Fiscal Year 2002 Revenue Sources

Tax Levy	2,197,465.61
Local Receipts	65,650.00
Cherry Sheet	73,014.00
Other Available Funds	186,600.00
Free Cash	251,795.00
Total	2,774,524.61

## Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriations and Charges

Appropriations	2,735,759.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	2,325.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	3,574.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	22,400.80
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	10,465.81
Total	2,774,524.61

\*Information is from the Assessors Tax Rate Recapitulation dated 10/31/2001



## Office Hours/Meeting Schedules

Town Office	Weekdays 8 AM to NOON, 1 PM to 4 PM (Except for Legal Holidays)
Town Clerk	Wednesday 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Tax Collector	Thursday 9 AM to NOON
Board of Selectmen/ Board of Health	Every other Tuesday 7 PM
Assessors' Clerk	Wednesday 9 AM to NOON
Public Health Nurse	Monday 8 AM to NOON, 1 PM to 3 PM office, 3 PM to 5 PM house calls Tuesday 2 PM - 6 PM Thursday 8 AM to NOON, 1 PM to 3 PM office, 3 PM to 5 PM house calls
Assessors	As posted
School Committee	As posted
Finance Committee	As posted
Conservation Commission	As posted
Park Commission	As posted
Planning Board	As posted

All other Committee, Commission and Board meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board at least 48 hours (not including Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. With the exception of School Committee meetings, which are held at the school, and Library Trustee Meetings, which are held at the Library, all meetings are held at the Town Hall.

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FAX NUMBER 339-5316  
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WEB SITE [www.townofrowe.org](http://www.townofrowe.org)

***EMERGENCY PHONE (Medical, Fire & Police)***  
**DIAL 9-1-1**

# Federal, State and Local Officials

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## **President of the United States**

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## **Massachusetts Representative In Congress**

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## **Franklin Regional Council of Governments**

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# Elected Town Officials

	<i>Term Expires</i>		<i>Term Expires</i>
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH</b>		<b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b>	
Mary Jo A. Phelps, Chair, BOH	2002	James W. Taylor	2002
Geoffrey N. Bagley, Chair, BOS	2003	Richard A. Tower	2003
James D. Brown	2004	James H. Williams	2004
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>		<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Frederick N. Williams	2002	Rebecca P. Bradley	2002
Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman	2003	Mary Jo A. Phelps	2003
Heidi Cousineau	2004	Dennis Lively	2004
		Prudence Berry (resigned)	2005
		Michael M. Posever	2006
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	
Susan C. Wood	2002	Aristia F. Veber (resigned)	2002
<b>TREASURER</b>		Frederick Lowell (appointed)	2002
Susan A. Williams	2002	Timothy Snyder	2002
		Joseph A. Ricotta	2003
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>		Dorothy F. Page, Chairman	2003
Sandra P. Daviau	2004	Jean A. Atwood	2004
<b>MODERATOR</b>		<b>CONSTABLE</b>	
Robert J. Clancy	2004	Christine A. Tower	2002
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>			
Laurie J. Pike	2002		
Susan A. Williams	2003		
Kathleen Oliver (resigned)	2004		
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>			
Margaret B. Rice, Chairman	2002		
Susan B. Taylor	2003		
Margaret M. Woodside	2004		
<b>PARK COMMISSION</b>			
John H. Williams	2002		
William A. Loomis, Chairman	2003		
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.	2004		

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

# Town Election Results

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**MAY 19, 2001**

ROWE TOWN HALL

188 residents, of 279 registered, voted

**Election Officials:** Lillian Danek – Warden, Robin Reed – Clerk, Barbara Grogan and George Gaudrey – Tellers,  
Helen Shields – Constable, Susan C. Wood – Town Clerk

## **MODERATOR (3 YEARS)**

Robert Clancy – 156  
Blank – 29  
3 write ins/one vote each

## **TOWN CLERK (1 YEAR)**

Susan C. Wood – 140  
Blanks – 26  
Carol Lively – 18  
Anne-Marie Demetz – 4

## **TOWN TREASURER (1 YEAR)**

Susan A. Williams – 168  
Blanks – 19  
One write in vote

## **CONSTABLE (1 YEAR)**

Christine A. Tower – 166  
Blanks – 21  
One write in vote

## **TAX COLLECTOR (3 YEARS)**

Sandra P. Daviau – 169  
Blanks – 18  
One write in vote

## **SELECTMAN (3 YEARS)**

James D. Brown – 113  
Jennifer Y. Wood – 68  
Blanks – 5  
Two write ins/one vote each

## **PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)**

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr. – 147  
Russell W. Jolly – 10  
Three write ins/one vote each

## **ASSESSOR (3 YEARS)**

Blanks – 128  
Heidi Lehr Cousineau – 38 – accepted as a write in  
James Brown – 5  
William Loomis and Leonard Laffond – 4 votes each  
Nine write ins/one vote each

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)**

Margaret M. Woodside – 166  
Blanks – 18  
Four write ins/one vote each

## **PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)**

Michael M. Posever – 159  
Blanks – 24  
Dennis Lively – 3  
Two write ins/one vote each

## **PLANNING BOARD (3 YEARS)**

Blanks – 132  
Dennis Lively – 29 – accepted as a write in  
Tim Snyder – 6  
Jennifer Y. Wood – 4  
Ellen Dandeneau – 2  
Fifteen write ins/one vote each

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)**

Jean A. Atwood – 141  
Blanks – 27  
Mitch Soviecke – 13  
Tim Snyder – 5  
Two write ins/one vote each

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR)**

Blanks – 129  
Tim Snyder – 29 – accepted as a write in  
Fred Lowell – 12  
Mitch Soviecke, Ellen Foberg, Kevin Sprague,  
Dennis Lively, Nancy Brown – two votes each  
Eight write ins – one vote each

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)**

Kathleen G. Oliver – 164  
Blanks – 20  
Anne-Marie Demetz – 2  
Two write ins/one vote each

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)**

James H. Williams – 175  
Blanks – 12  
One write in vote



# Appointed Town Officials

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Albert R. Williams, Assistant Superintendent  
Daniel R. Phelps, Jr.  
Lance P. Larned

## FIRE CHIEF

Edwin L. May

## CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER

Edwin L. May

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Frederick N. Williams ..... Deputy Chief  
Daniel J. Miller ..... Lieutenant  
Dennis F. May ..... Captain  
Paul McLatchy, Jr. .... Captain  
William N. Reardon ..... Lieutenant  
Robert O. Williams ..... Lieutenant

## SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Henry J. Dandeneau, Police Chief  
Gail May  
Michael Smith  
Charles Bellows  
Melinda Dyer  
Holland Herzig  
Jared Bellows

## ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR ROWE SCHOOL

Gail May

## CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Melissa S. Quinn

## ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Sandra P. Daviau

## ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sheila Ferguson

## INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

William G. Foster

## PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gerald Jubinville

## WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

## ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Emil Begiebing

## DOG OFFICER

Vacant

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

James D. Brown

## ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor

## AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Ruth E. Loomis, APRN

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Gail May, EMT, EMS Coordinator

## RECYCLING COORDINATOR/TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT

Richard A. Tower

## SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATOR

James D. Brown

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Geoffrey N. Bagley, Chairman  
Robert R. Rice  
John H. Williams  
Robert J. Clancy  
Vacant

## TREE WARDEN

James W. Taylor

## MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

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

## SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Albert R. Williams

## FENCE VIEWERS

James H. Williams  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Efford H. Pierce

## Appointed Town Officials (Cont.)

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### REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Helen R. Shields  
Susan C. Wood  
Judith A. Pierce  
Heidi Lehr Cousineau

### FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Mary Jo Phelps

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTATIVE

Leonard J. Laffond

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Floyd Smith

### CULTURAL COUNCIL

Norma Donelson (Resigned)  
Cynthia Laffond  
Anne E. Besgen  
Mary E. Lenth  
Marilyn Wilson  
Robert Clancy

### TOWN COUNSEL

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

### HEALTH AGENT/SANITARIAN

Sharon White

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen L. Foberg  
Joanne Brown  
Richard A. Tower  
Mary Jo Phelps  
Vacant

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Sandy P. Daviau  
Ruth Loomis  
Christine Tower

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Henry J. Dandeneau

### OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.  
Virginia P. Jurentkuff  
Richard E. Alix  
Lillian H. Danek  
Thomas P. Danek, Jr.  
Carol F. Lively  
Peter Besgen  
Anne Besgen  
Melissa S. Quinn

### TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber

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*Firm, united let us be,  
Rallying 'round our liberty,  
As a band of brothers joined,  
Peace and safety we shall find.*

~ Hail Columbia

# Town Officials Sworn In by Town Clerk

NAME	POSITION	DATE SWORN IN
Jody Brown	Beautification Committee	January 02, 2001
Gerald Jubinville	Plumbing/Gas Inspector	January 31, 2001
Richard Alix	Old Home Day Committee	March 07, 2001
Lillian Danek	Old Home Day Committee	March 07, 2001
Karl Jurentkuff	Community Center Committee	March 07, 2001
Karl Jurentkuff	Old Home Day Committee	March 07, 2001
Pearl Jurentkuff	Old Home Day Committee	March 21, 2001
Melissa Quinn	Old Home Day Committee	March 28, 2001
William Foster	Inspector of Buildings	March 29, 2001
Heidi Cousineau	Board of Registrars	March 31, 2001
George Gaudry	Election Worker	April 04, 2001
Lillian Danek	Election Worker, Warden	May 02, 2001
Barbara Grogan	Election Worker	May 14, 2001
Helen Shields	Constable for May 19, 2001	May 14, 2001
Helen Shields	Board of Registrars	May 14, 2001
Judy Pierce	Board of Registrars	May 14, 2001
Robin Reed	Election Worker, Clerk	May 19, 2001
Cynthia Laffond	Cultural Council	May 23, 2001
Ruth Loomis	Council on Aging	June 20, 2001
Melissa Quinn	Administrative Assistant	June 21, 2001
Melissa Quinn	Town Accountant	June 21, 2001
Melissa Quinn	Constable	June 21, 2001
Florence Veber	Town Custodian	June 27, 2001
William G. Foster	Building Inspector	June 27, 2001
John Rossi	Wiring Inspector	June 27, 2001
Sandra P. Daviau	Council on Aging	June 27, 2001
Sandra P. Daviau	Administrative Clerk (Board of Assessors)	June 27, 2001
David F. Scrivens	Agent for Veterans	June 30, 2001
Gail May	Attendance Officer – Rowe School	July 1, 2001
Gail May	Emergency Medical Services Coordinator	July 1, 2001
Dennis F. May	Rowe Fire Department – Captain	July 1, 2001
Joanne Brown	Beautification Committee	July 3, 2001
Ellsworth E. Palmer	Measurer of Wood, Bark and Lumber	July 4, 2001
Gail May	Special Police Officer	July 6, 2001
Richard A. Tower	Recycling Coordinator/Transfer Station	July 7, 2001
Richard A. Tower	Beautification Committee	July 7, 2001
Mary E. Lenth	Cultural Council	July 11, 2001
Marilyn Wilson	Cultural Council	July 11, 2001
Sheila Ferguson	Assistant Treasurer	July 11, 2001
Michael Smith	Special Police Officer	July 14, 2001
Charles Bellows	Special Police Officer	July 14, 2001
Melinda Dyer	Special Police Officer	July 14, 2001
Holland Herzig	Special Police Officer	July 14, 2001
Jared Bellows	Special Police Officer	July 14, 2001
Floyd Smith	Selectmen's Representative to the Franklin Regional Transit Authority	July 14, 2001
Lance P. Larned	Road Crew Member	July 18, 2001
Christine Tower	Council on Aging	July 18, 2001
Emil Begiebing	Assistant Wiring Inspector	July 18, 2001
James W. Taylor	Tree Warden	July 18, 2001
James W. Taylor	Highway Superintendent	July 18, 2001
James W. Taylor	Environmental Officer	July 18, 2001
Gerald Jubinville	Plumbing Inspector	July 25, 2001
John H. Williams	Conservation Commission	July 25, 2001
Edwin L. May	Fire Chief, Civil Defense Director, Hazardous Material Control Officer	August 6, 2001
Frederick K. Lowell	Finance Committee	August 8, 2001

## Town Officials Sworn In by Town Clerk (Cont.)

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NAME	POSITION	DATE SWORN IN
Sharon White	Health Agent	August 9, 2001
Ruth Loomis, APRN	Public Health Nurse	August 15, 2001
James H. Williams	Fence Viewer, Cemetery Commission, Measurer of Bark and Lumber	December 12, 2001
James Brown	Animal Inspector	December 19, 2001
<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>		
Aristia Veber	Finance Committee	June 6, 2001
George L. Gaudry	Zoning Board of Appeals	October 12, 2001
Kathleen Oliver	Library Trustee	October 17, 2001

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*We live, my dear soul, in an age of trial.  
What will be the consequence, I know not.*

~ John Adams to his wife, Abigail, 1774

# Town Clerk – Licenses

## Licenses Sold

### Dog Licenses

42 Males @ 3.00	\$126.00
53 Spayed Females @ 3.00	159.00
4 Females @ 6.00	24.00
1 Kennel @ 50.00	50.00
Sub-total	\$359.00
Clerk fees retained	-\$75.00
Total remitted to Treasurer for FRCOG	\$284.00

### Sporting Licenses

#### Resident Hunting/Fishing Licenses

13 Fishing/Hunting over 70 free	0.00
10 Resident Fishing @ \$22.50	225.00
4 Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$11.25	45.00
4 Resident Hunting @ \$22.50	90.00
1 Resident Minor Hunting @ \$6.50	6.50
10 Resident Sporting @ \$40.00	400.00
3 Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$20.00	60.00
2 Duplicate Licenses @ \$2.50	5.00

### Non-Resident Hunting/Fishing Licenses

6 Non-resident Fishing @ \$32.50	195.00
1 Non-resident 3-day Fishing @ \$18.50	18.50

### Stamps

3 Archery @\$5.10	15.30
38 Wildlife Conservation Stamps @ \$5.00	190.00

Total Fees Collected	\$1,250.30
Clerk fees retained	-19.80

Total remitted to Treasurer  
for Division of Fish and Wildlife \$1,230.50

### Other Fees Collected

4 UCC Filing Fees @ \$10.00	40.00
1 Raffle Permit @ \$10.00	10.00
2 Marriage Licenses @ \$3.00	6.00

Total remitted to Treasurer  
for General Fund \$56.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

*It needs courage, sir,  
to engage in the cause of America.*

~ Abigail Adams

# Town Clerk – Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

Date	Name	Parents	Place of Birth
02/06/01	Sean Michael Clancy	Lisa L. Miller Robert J. Clancy	Brattleboro, VT
02/17/01	Gianna Michelle Paige	Mary Eve Almeida Paige Clifford Franklin Paige, III	Greenfield, MA

## MARRIAGES

Date	Names of Parties	Residence
06/03/2001	Holly Anne Thompson Mathew Jiji Morrison	Montpelier, VT Montpelier, VT
07/21/01	Karyn Francis Lawrence James Robert Vivier	Greenwich, CT Greenwich, CT

## DEATHS

Date	Name	Age	Place of Death
01/21/01	Roberta Anne Lane	68	Greenfield, MA
08/07/01	Dorothy Isabella Stevens	89	Greenfield, MA
11/03/01	John F. Knapp	93	Greenfield, MA

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

# Voters List - Rowe Town Meeting - September 25, 2001

Alix, Richard E.	U	Crowningshield,		Jackman, Linda Eileen	L	McLatchy, Paul, Jr.	U
Atwood, Donald J.	U	Jeanette	U	Jackson, Crystal Ann	U	Miceli, Steven M.	U
Atwood, Jean Ann	U			Jackson, Darlene A.	U	Miller, Daniel J.	U
Autio, Elsie H.	R	Dandeneau, Ellen Marie	U	Jackson, Lisa Marie	U	Miller, Deborah	U
Autio, Herbert A.	R	Dandeneau, Evelyn L.	U	Jackson, Oral L.	U	Miller, Lisa Lynn	D
Avery, Charles L.	D	Dandeneau, Henry G.	U	Jerdon, Sandra A.	U	Morse, Alfred C., Jr.	U
Avery, Marion A.	U	Dandeneau, Henry J.	U	Jodoin, Naomi M.	U	Morse, Marjorie H.	U
		Dandeneau, Marion E.	U	Jodoin, Raymond A.	U		
Backlund, Cynthia G.	D	Danek, Debora J.	U	Johnston, Robin Lee	U	Oliver, Kathleen	R
Bagley, Geoffrey	U	Danek, Lillian H.	D	Jolly, Russell W.	D		
Bagley, Marie L.	U	Danek, Thomas P., Jr.	U	Jurentkuff, Karl E., Jr.	R	Page, Dorothy F.	U
Baker, Roberta T.	U	Daviau, Edward A.	U	Jurentkuff, Virginia P.	R	Paige, Mary Eve	U
Baker, William J.	U	Daviau, Sandra P.	U			Palmer, Edwin A.	U
Benson, Francis S.	U	Demetz, AnneMarie	D	Kalaus, Dorothy M.	U	Palmer, Ellsworth E.	U
Benson, Luella M.	U	Dionne, Jon A.	U	Kalaus, Warren	U	Parsons, Tendzin N.	U
Bergeron-Larsen, Linda	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	D	Katz, Deborah B.	U	Peterson, Daureen W.	U
Berry, Prudence	D	Donelson, Brian A.	R	Katz, Frederick	D	Phelps, Daniel R., Jr.	U
Besgen, Anne E.	R	Donelson, Norma J.	R	Kilgour, Christine	D	Phelps, MaryJo Anne	U
Bjork, Alan W.	R	Donovan, Eugene J.	D	Knapp, John F.	D	Pickett, Felicity	U
Bjork, Florence M.	R	Drakulich, Kevin M.	S			Pierce, Efford H.	D
Bjork, Timothy J.	U	Drummey, Jonathan T.	U	Laffond, Cynthia M.	R	Pierce, Judith Ann	R
Booth, Robin	D	Dunnell, Michelle M.	D	Laffond, Laurie L.	U	Pike, Eric A.	R
Boutwell, Joyce A.	U	Dvore, David	U	Laffond, Leonard J.	R	Pike, Laurie Jean	U
Boutwell, Raymond L.	U			Laffond, Michael S.	R	Pike, Michelle C.	U
Boyd, Irene M.	U	Essert, Mary B.	U	Lane, William Daniel	D	Poehlein, David G.	U
Boyd, William M.	U	Essert, Robert D.	U	Larned, Lance P.	U	Posever, Michael M.	D
Bradley, Michael F.	U	Evans, Leslie A.	U	Lehr, Bruce	D		
Bradley, Rebecca P.	U			Lehr, Dorothy E.	D	Quinn, Kathleen M.	D
Brown, Christopher M.	U	Faivre, Audrey I.	R	Lenth, David W.	R	Quinn, Melissa S.	D
Brown, James D.	U	Foberg, Ellen L.	R	Lenth, Mary E.	U	Quinn, Richard K.	D
Brown, Jamie A.	D	Foshay, Angela F.	U	Lepine, Florence L.	U	Quist, Kelle J.	U
Brown, JoAnn M.	D	Foster, Bernice A.	U	Lesure, Lawrence M.	U	Quist, Walter J.	U
Brown, June W.	R	Foster, William G.	U	Lindabury, Donald E.	U		
Brown, Leonard J., Jr.	R	Furgerson, Sheila M.	U	Lively, Carol F.	U	Reardon, Mary A.	U
Brown, Lillian Norma	R			Lively, Deborah L.	U	Reardon, Tiffany J.	U
Brown, Nancy A.	U	Gallagher, Robert L.	U	Lively, Dennis G.	U	Reardon, William Neil	U
Brown, Roger L.	D	Gates, Eugene H.	R	Lively, James W.	U	Reed, Robin W.	D
Brown, William M.	R	Gates, Leah M.	U	Lively, Jonathan	U	Reynolds-Gallagher,	
Bryant, Lisa A.	D	Gaudry, George L.	R	Lively, Joseph Adam	U	Danette	U
Buck, Philip Edward	U	Gleason, Susan P.	U	Lively, Sandra Julia	U	Rice, Bradley J.	U
Bullett, Richard L.	U	Gordon, Ronald P.	U	Loomis, Ruth E.	U	Rice, Dean T.	R
Burke, Lisa Danek	U	Gordon, Rosemary R.	U	Loomis, William A.	U	Rice, Donald A.	R
		Gracy, Sarah Jane	R	Lowell, Frederick K.	U	Rice, Jennifer L.	D
Cables, Alfred R.	U	Grogan, Barbara	R			Rice, Margaret B.	U
Carlow, Earl	D			Mark, Jennifer Susan	D	Rice, Martha A.	U
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D	Halberg, Neil	U	May, Dennis F.	U	Rice, Robert R.	U
Cascone, Nancy J.	U	Hardison, Billy L.	D	May, Edwin L.	R	Ricotta, Joseph A.	U
Chiofalo, Thomas L.	U	Hardison, Justin L.	U	May, Gail	U	Riggan, John R.	D
Clancy, Robert J.	D	Hardison, Leonda I.	U	May, Katherine E.	R	Riggan, Margalee O.	D
Corarito, Arthur D.	U	Hoop, Heidi A.	D	May, Micah David	R	Riggan, Merle R.	D
Corarito, Mary Ann	U	Houghtaling, Deborah	D	May, Paul E.	R	Roberson, David A.	U
Cornett, Nancy Jo	D	Houghtaling, Thomas	U	May, Seth A.	U	Roberson, Laura S.	U
Cousineau, David Allen	R	Houghtaling, Timothy L	U	Mazanec, Douglas S.	U	Roche, Barbara J.	D
Cousineau, Heidi	R	Hudson, Gary H.	R	Mazanec, Janice E.	U	Rode, Christina M.	U
Crowningshield,		Hudson, Sharon C.	R	McLatchy, Kerri L.	U	Rossi, John F.	R
Howard C.	U			McLatchy, Lesley K.	U	Rossi, Martha A.	U



## Voters List (Cont.)

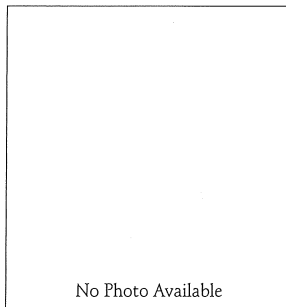
Scrivens, Betty R.	U	Sprague, Kevin D.	U	Veber, Ellsworth W. Jr.	R	Williams, Frederick N.	U
Scrivens, David F.	R	Stetson, Eric M.	U	Veber, Florence M.	U	Williams, James H.	R
Sherman, Connie P.	U	Stetson, Jane B.	U	Veber, George F.	R	Williams, James (Tom)	R
Sherman, Dohn W.	U	Stetson, Wendell L.	U	Veber, Shirley	R	Williams, John H.	R
Shields, Helen R.	D	Stickney, Barbara	R	Veber, Terry	R	Williams, Karin	U
Shumway, Katherine	U	Swenson, Kristen C.	R	Vernes, Elizabeth A.	U	Williams, Nancy N.	R
Sibley, Mary E.	R			Vernes, Ian Arie	U	Williams, Robert O.	U
Sittinger, Robert G., Jr.	R	<b>T</b> aylor, James W.	U	Volland, Phyllis E.	D	Williams, Susan A.	U
Smith, Floyd W.	U	Taylor, Sharon L.	U			Wilson, Douglas Rev.	D
Smith, Phyllis T.	U	Taylor, Susan Berry	U	<b>W</b> ayne, David B.	D	Wilson, Marilyn	R
Snivley, Mary Elizabeth	R	Tower, Christine A.	U	Wayne, Rebecca B.	D	Wood, Jennifer Y.	U
Snyder, Catherine T.	U	Tower, Jonathan	U	Webster, Gideon K.	U	Wood, Susan Carol	D
Snyder, Timothy C.	R	Tower, Richard A., Sr.	R	Weller, James D.	U	Woodside, Margaret M.	D
Soviecke, Karen	U	Trehus, Jamie R.	U	Wessman, Daniel J.	D	Woodward, Eleanor L.	U
Soviecke, Mitchell	U			White, Gerrit C.	U	Woodward, Martin V.	U
Soviecke, Nicholas J.	D	<b>V</b> adeboncoeur, Joseph A.	U	White, Glenn M.	U		
Sprague, Brandon A.	U	VanItallie, JeanClaude	U	White, Susan M.	D		
Sprague, Katherine D.	R	Veber, Carole A.	U	Williams, Albert R.	U		

### Town of Rowe Voters List - 2001

Libertarian	1
Socialist	1
Republican	55
Democrat	49
Unenrolled	166
Total Voters	272

09/19/01  
SCWood

# *In Fond Remembrance*



No Photo Available

*Roberta Anne Lane*



*Dorothy Isabella Stevens*



*John F. Knapp*

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

## Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ROWE TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, the FOURTEENTH day of MAY, 2001  
7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.  
Adjourned to Rowe School  
Re-convened at 7:15 PM, May 14, 2001

Moderator: Robert Clancy  
Town Clerk: Susan C. Wood  
Tellers: Robert Essert, Richard Tower, Sr.,  
Karen Soviecke, William Baker  
Selectmen: Ellen Foberg, Geoffrey Bagley,  
Mary Jo Phelps

**183 registered voters were present.**

James Brown made the motion that Articles 34, 14, 18 and 24 be voted upon, in that order, before any other articles.

*The motion was seconded and approved by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 34:** The motion was made to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$350,000.00** for architectural design fees for the proposed Community Center, contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 referendum question pursuant to Chapter 59, Section 21c MGL at the annual town election on May 19, 2001.

*The motion was defeated, in a secret ballot, 126 to 57.*

James Brown made the motion to alter the order of the articles to move the Rowe School articles 27, 28 and 29 before Article 11.

*The motion was seconded and so moved by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 27:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Schools for the 2002 fiscal year:

Instructional Programs	356,903.00
Instructional Staff Training	22,700.00
Special Education and Tuitions to Mohawk & Tech	175,406.00
Speech Pathology & Audiology	12,413.00
Psychological Services	12,343.00
Library Services	16,305.00
Health Services	49,486.00
School Committee	13,300.00
Principals Office	86,538.00
Food Services	17,987.00
Plant Operations	89,490.00
Shared Services	47,067.00
Pupil Transportation	17,082.00
Special Education Transportation	3,628.00

Sub-total Public Schools	920,648.00
School Choice Receipts	85,000.00

**TOTAL FROM TAXATION  
FOR ARTICLE 27** **\$835,648.00**

*Ayes carried unanimously*

**ARTICLE 28:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$20,000.00** for capital projects (*see note*) at the Rowe Elementary School.

*Note:* This is intended to be year two of a three-year plan estimated to total approximately \$70,000.00.

*Ayes carried unanimously*

**ARTICLE 29:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$50,000.00** to fund a Mohawk Technology Assistant position (with benefits).

*Ayes carried unanimously*

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR SCHOOLS** **\$905,648.00**

Selectman and Board of Health Member Geoffrey Bagley made the motion to move articles 30 and 31 to be voted upon before Article 14.

*The motion was seconded and approved  
by a majority of the voters.*

**ARTICLE 30:** The motion was made to add the Town of Heath as a member of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and therefore amend Article 1 Paragraph 4 of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement pursuant to Article 7 of said Agreement by adding "Heath to the list of District member municipalities subject to the following terms:

The Town of Heath shall be admitted as a member of the District, effective July 1, 2001, by paying a one-time membership fee to the District of \$684 plus an annual assessment of \$1159 for Fiscal Year 2002 and all future assessments based upon the same assessment formula applied to all other District member municipalities and shall comply with all other provisions of the District Agreement.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously  
by the voters.*

A motion was made by Geoff Bagley to make an amendment to Article 31: To amend Article 4 Paragraph 1 to read "The District may own, operate, construct, contract for the use of or otherwise provide one or more programs for the use of the member municipalities. The District may purchase or take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine land within member municipalities only with approval of the Legislative Body of the member municipality within which the land is located. Any program which the District operates may be located within the District or in a non-member town. The District may lease land or buildings within a non-member town. All District owned, leased, and/or operated facilities shall be sited in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations."

***The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.***

**ARTICLE 31:** The motion was made to amend the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement as follows:

a) to change the name of the District's governing body from "Committee" to "Board of Representatives" throughout the Agreement;

b) Article 1, Paragraph 4, to add "Buckland" and "Conway" to the list of member municipalities (having been inadvertently omitted previously);

c) Article 1, Paragraph 4, to delete "Greenfield" from the list of member municipalities;

d) Article 2, Paragraph Quorum, to determine that a quorum for transacting business is made up of more than 50% of "appointed representatives;"

e) to amend Article 4 Paragraph 1 to read "The District may own, operate, construct, contract for the use of or otherwise provide one or more programs for the use of the member municipalities. The District may purchase or take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine land within member municipalities. Any program which the District operates may be located within the District or in a non-member town. The District may lease land or buildings within a non-member town. All District owned, leased, and/or operated facilities shall be sited in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations."

f) Article 6, Paragraph Schedule for Annual Budget, to change the schedule for the annual budget from November 15<sup>th</sup> to the regularly scheduled November meeting;"

g) to amend Article 9, by inserting a new paragraph to read "Municipalities may request to withdraw from the District at any time. However, notification of withdrawal effective in the next fiscal year must be received by the District no later than the second week of January of the current fiscal year. Requests for withdrawal received after this date shall result in the District requiring full payment of the withdrawing municipality's assessment for the next fiscal year."

h) to amend Article 11, the definition of "District Solid Waste Program" by deleting "Department of Environmental Quality Engineering" and adding "Department of Environmental Protection" and adding (a facility) that is owned and operated by the District "or any contract or services administered by the District."

i) to amend Article 11, the definition of "Hazardous Waste" to read "shall mean material regulated as such by state and federal statutes."

j) to amend Article 11, the definition of "Solid Waste" to include "residential" waste and delete "but does not include Hazardous Wastes."

NOTE: The full text of the proposed amendments is available in a report on file with the Selectmen's Office and available for public inspection upon request.

***The motion, as amended, was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.***

**ARTICLE 14:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE from STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$185,000.00** for purchase of one All-wheel Drive Motor Grader.

***The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.***

**ARTICLE 18:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2002 fiscal year. The motion was made, seconded and carried to change Head Ranger's Salary from amount published in warrant, \$29,283.00 to \$28,398.00 and to amended bottom line to read \$76,468.00.

***Motion was seconded and carried by ayes.***

<b>Park Commission</b>	
Head Ranger Salary	28,398.00
Park Wages	28,420.00
Operation and Maintenance	19,650.00
<b>TOTAL ARTICLE 18</b>	<b>76,468.00</b>

**ARTICLE 24:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE from STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$45,000.00** for the installation of new sanitary facilities (flush toilets) at Pelham Lake Park.

***The motion was seconded and defeated***

**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made to act on reports of the Town officers and committees.

***The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.***

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

***The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.***

**ARTICLE 3:** The motion was made 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 2002 fiscal year.

**Administration**

General Administration	\$29,000.00
Summer Youth Employment Program	23,000.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,000.00
Municipal Audit	4,000.00
Municipal Center Custodian Wages	12,816.00
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	18,000.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repair	600.00
Municipal Center Fuel Oil	2,500.00
Elevator Maintenance Contract	4,700.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Computer Equipment/Software	3,100.00
Computer Network Support	12,500.00
Printing Town Reports	3,250.00
<b>Subtotal Administration</b>	<b>114,966.00</b>

**Bonding and Insurance** 35,000.00

**Franklin Regional Council of Governments**

Core Assessment	19,346.00
Fees for Services	5,250.00
<b>Subtotal FRCOG</b>	<b>24,596.00</b>

**Board of Selectmen Office**

Selectmen Stipend	6,420.00
Accounting Officer/Clerk Salary	39,122.00
Asst. Accounting Officer/ Clerk Compensation	2,000.00
<b>Subtotal Selectmen Office</b>	<b>47,542.00</b>

**Legal Expenses** 4,000.00

**Assessors Office**

Assessor Stipend	4,500.00
Clerical Wage	6,551.00
Operation	3,000.00
Mapping	1,000.00
Reval/Property Update	30,000.00
Software/Computer	2,500.00
<b>Subtotal Assessors Office</b>	<b>47,551.00</b>

**Treasurer Office**

Treasurer Stipend	4,280.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
<b>Subtotal Treasurer Office</b>	<b>4,380.00</b>

**Tax Collector Stipend** 4,280.00

**Town Clerk Office**

Town Clerk Stipend	4,280.00
Registrar & Census Taker Compensation	350.00
Election/Teller Expense	1,500.00
<b>Subtotal Town Clerk Office</b>	<b>6,130.00</b>

**Miscellaneous**

Beautification	2,500.00
Floating Senior Center	500.00
Council on Aging	2,000.00
<b>Subtotal Miscellaneous</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

**School Committee Stipends** 3,870.00

**Planning Board**

Operation	600.00
Goal Post Publication	18,500.00
<b>Subtotal Planning Board</b>	<b>19,100.00</b>

**Veterans' Services**

Veterans' Agent Stipend	450.00
Operation	400.00
Veterans' Benefits	300.00
<b>Subtotal Veterans' Services</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>

**Miscellaneous Officer Stipends**

Moderator	350.00
Constable	450.00
Animal Inspector	450.00
Dog Officer	550.00
<b>Subtotal Miscellaneous Officer Stipends</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT \$319,365.00**

PROPOSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 2002 fiscal year.

**Police Department**

Police Chief Stipend	7,260.00
Officer Wages	7,469.00
Operation	6,500.00
<b>Subtotal Police Department</b>	<b>21,229.00</b>

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Stipend	5375.00
Officer Stipends	6,000.00
Fire-fighter Reimbursement	6,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
General Operation	23,050.00
Civil Defense Operation	500.00
Hazardous Material Control	1,000.00
<b>Subtotal Fire Department</b>	<b>42,025.00</b>

**Emergency Medical Service**

Coordinator Stipend	1,290.00
Operation and Maintenance	3,000.00
EMT Call Out Reimbursement	1,800.00
First Responder Call Out Reimbursement	1,600.00
Ambulance Service	2,000.00
<b>Subtotal Emergency Medical Service</b>	<b>9,690.00</b>

Street Lighting 4,500.00

#### Inspections

Building Inspector Fees (Estimated) 4,000.00  
Electrical Inspector Stipend 965.00  
Plumbing Inspector Stipend 965.00

Subtotal Inspections 5,930.00

Cemeteries Maintenance 5,000.00

#### Miscellaneous

Conservation Commission Operation 200.00  
Dutch Elm Disease Control 600.00  
Insect Pest Control 60.00

Subtotal Miscellaneous 860.00

**TOTAL ARTICLE 4 \$89,234.00**

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 5:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for Fire Pond Maintenance.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 6:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be "tentatively earmarked"\* for the future purchase of an emergency generator to be installed at the Rowe Elementary School for town-wide emergency and/or public safety purposes.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 7:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$29,000.00** to be "tentatively earmarked"\* for the future purchase of fire apparatus.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY \$138,234.00**

\*Appropriations designated as "tentatively earmarked" for a named purchase are for budgeting purposes only. A future town meeting is not bound by this vote.

**ARTICLE 8:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 2002 fiscal year.

#### Public Health & Sanitation

Board of Health Operation 3,500.00  
Health Services Salary 34,345.00  
Health Services Operation 5,847.00  
Health Services Physician Stipend 1,000.00  
Refuse Garden Operation 45,000.00

Attendant Compensation 10,918.00  
Solid Waste District Administration 5,169.00  
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 450.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION 106,229.00**

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 9:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for various employee benefits as specified for the 2002 fiscal year.

#### Employee Benefits

Randolph, MA Retirement Assessment 800.00  
Franklin County Retirement Assessment 56,525.00\*\*  
Group Medical, Medicaid, Health & Life Insurance 150,000.00\*\*  
Unemployment Insurance 1,000.00\*\*

**TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 208,325.00**

\*\*Includes benefits for school employees

**ARTICLE 10:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 2002 fiscal year.

#### General Operation

Heavy Equip. Operator Wages 137,728.00  
Highway Superintendent Salary 50,605.00  
Highway Operation & Maintenance 34,000.00  
Fuel for Town Vehicles 17,000.00  
Subtotal General Operation 239,333.00

#### Highway Projects

Annual Highway Projects 29,500.00  
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation 45,000.00  
Winter Roads Maintenance 40,000.00  
Subtotal Annual Highway Projects 114,500.00

**TOTAL ARTICLE 10 353,833.00**

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 11:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$4,800.00** for the repairs to the roof of the Town Garage.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 12:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$6,000.00** for improvements to the Salt Shed.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 13:** The motion was made to **RAISE and**

**APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be "tentatively earmarked"\* for the future purchase of highway equipment.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**TOTAL HIGHWAY FROM TAXATION \$414,633.00**

**ARTICLE 15:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$76,777.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2000, and Chapter 53B of the Acts of 1999, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 16:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 2002 fiscal year.

**Rowe Library**

Librarian Salary	10,000.00
Library Staff Wages	10,362.00
Operation and Maintenance	14,500.00

**TOTAL ARTICLE 16 34,862.00**

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 17:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,500.00** for structural repairs to the Library.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**TOTAL LIBRARY APPROPRIATIONS 38,362.00**

**ARTICLE 19:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for materials and supplies related to the Americorps program.

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion.*

**ARTICLE 20:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,500.00** for the construction of a permanent boat dock at Pelham Lake.

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion.*

**ARTICLE 21:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$7,500.00** for the construction of a bridge over Pelham Lake dam.

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion.*

**ARTICLE 22:** To **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,700.00** for installation of an electrical panel at the Park

Riding Ring. Park Commissioner, Karl Jurentkuff proposed that Article 22 be changed to read: To **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,700.00** for the purchase of a portable electric generator for the use of the Park Department.

*The motion to amend was seconded and approved.  
Article 22 as amended was seconded and the motion was carried by ayes.*

**ARTICLE 23:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$2,400.00** for new exercise equipment.

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion.*

**Total Special Park Projects 20,100.00**

**TOTAL PARK APPROPRIATIONS \$96,568.00**

**ARTICLE 25:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for an Old Home Day Celebration.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 26:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for Old Home Day fireworks.

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion.*

**ARTICLE 32:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** toward printing the Town By-laws. (This sum would be added to \$3,000.00 previously appropriated for a total of \$6,000.00.)

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 33:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,000.00** for a Planning Board "Broadband Study", or take any action in relations thereto.

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion*

**ARTICLE 35:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a Reserve Fund for the 2002 fiscal year.

*The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the voters.*

**ARTICLE 36:** The motion was made to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$50,000.00**

*The motion was seconded and the ayes carried the motion*



**ARTICLE 37:** The motion was made 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, 2000, in exchange for Charlemont salting, sanding and plowing of 0.7 miles of Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

*The motion was seconded and  
the ayes carried the motion*

**ARTICLE 38:** To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

Margaret Woodside asked for a sense of the meeting to show if there was any interest in forming a committee to investigate the possibility of a Town sewage system, on behalf of residents who had expressed that interest when they returned their Recreation Center Questionnaires.

*A show of hands showed insufficient interest  
among the voters present*

## CAPITULATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY 2002

### APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT .....	319,365.00
PROTECTION PERSONS/PROPERTY .....	138,234.00
HEALTH/SANITATION .....	106,229.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS .....	208,325.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .....	414,633.00
LIBRARY .....	38,362.00
PARK DEPARTMENT .....	96,568.00
OLD HOME DAY .....	16,000.00
SCHOOLS .....	905,648.00
SPECIAL ARTICLES .....	54,000.00
<b>TOTAL FROM TAXATION .....</b>	<b>2,297,364.00</b>

### APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH

CHAPTER 150 & CHAPTER 53B .....	76,777.00
RESERVE FUND .....	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL FROM FREE CASH .....</b>	<b>96,777.00</b>

### APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION

MOTOR GRADER .....	185,000.00
<b>TOTAL FROM STABILIZATION .....</b>	<b>185,000.00</b>

**TOTAL FY 2002 BUDGET ..... \$2,579,141.00**

A true copy.

Attest: Susan C. Wood  
Town Clerk

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

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FY 2001  
THE TOWN OF ROWE  
MAY 16, 2001 AT 6:30 PM

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy  
**Town Clerk:** Susan C. Wood  
**Tellers:** Marilyn Wilson, Roger Brown, Rosie Gordon,  
Kristen Swenson  
**Selectmen:** Mary Jo Phelps, Geoff Bagley, Ellen Foberg  
**Town Counsel:** David M. Simanski

A motion was made by Finance Committee Member, Dorothy Page, to adjourn the Special Town Meeting to June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Saturday at 10 AM, giving as the reason that the Select Board had not met with the Finance Committee to go over the proposed money articles. The Finance Committee believes this is to be a requirement of the law. Moderator Robert Clancy asked Attorney David M. Simanski, acting as Town Counsel, for a ruling. Town Counsel stated he could not give a ruling.

Leonard Laffond made the motion move the vote. This motion was seconded and so moved by ayes.

**The original motion was defeated by naves.**

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,000.00** to the General Administration account.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$3,500.00** to the Municipal Center Operation and Maintenance account.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$9,000.00** for new general ledger, payroll and treasurer accounting software.

*Carried by ayes*

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$8,600.00** for additional computer hardware/software (\$4,500.00) and related technical services (\$4,100.00).

*Carried by ayes*

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum or **\$8,500.00** for repairs to the roof over the handicapped access ramp at the Town Hall.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$5,000.00** to the Highway Wage account.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$6,000.00** to the Fuel for Town Vehicle account.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,900.00** to the Annual Highway Projects account.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$25,000.00** for floor drain remediation.

*Ayes unanimous*

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,688.00** for the demolition of a barn at 452 Tunnel Road.

*Carried by ayes*

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for repairs to the furnace at the Town Hall.

*Carried by ayes*

**ARTICLE 12:** To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting. Karl Jurentkuff made the motion to express appreciation to the School Committee, Principal, Teachers and School Administration of the Rowe School for their effort in achieving Elementary School Accreditation for the Rowe Elementary School, and to thank the Community Center Committee for their work. He requested the Town Clerk write a letter to each of these groups on behalf of the voters present at the Special Town Meeting.

*The motion was seconded and so moved.*

**A true copy.**

**Attest.**  
**Susan C. Wood**  
**Town Clerk**

# SPECIAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TOWN OF ROWE SEPTEMBER 25, 2001 – 7:00 PM – 7:45 PM ROWE SCHOOL

**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain on behalf of the Town the property owned or to be acquired by Thomas B. Esip and Vincent Giarusso situated on the southerly side of Cyrus Stage Road and the easterly side of Davis Mine Road, said property to be used for park purposes; and in addition, to **APPROPRIATE the sum of \$36,000.00 from FREE CASH** for the purpose of making said purchase or taking. The property is more particularly described as follows:

**PARCEL ONE:** Beginning at the intersection of the southerly line of Cyrus Stage Road with the easterly line of Davis Mine Road; thence southerly and southeasterly along the easterly line of Davis Mine Road to a point at the southwesterly corner of Parcel Two: thence northerly along Parcel Two and along land now or formerly of Richard Grieco to a point on the southerly line of said Cyrus Stage Road; thence westerly along the southerly line of said Cyrus Stage Road to the point of beginning. Hereby conveying all of the land situated on the south side of Cyrus Stage Road described in deed of Emma Sanguinet, executor under the will of Peter Vareschi, to Thomas B. Esip and Vincent Giarusso dated January 11, 1965 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1176, Page 667.

**PARCEL TWO:** Beginning at a point on the northeasterly line of Davis Mine Road at a corner of a stone wall, said point being the southeasterly corner of the premises herein described; thence N 75° 07' 30" W along the northeasterly line of said Davis Mine Road a distance of 91.28 feet to a point in the corner of another stone wall; thence N 4° 21' 30" E a distance of 298.61 feet to a point at the end of a stone wall; thence N 5° 38' 00" E a distance 835.63 feet to a point; thence N 10° 46' 30" E a distance of 57.24 feet to a point, the last three courses being along Parcel One; thence S 82° 48' 20" E a distance of 911.30 feet to a point in the corner of a stone wall: thence S 57° 24' 40" W a distance of 346.67 feet to a point: thence S 55° 19' W a distance of 201.36 feet to a point; thence S 60° 14' W a distance of 205.16 feet to a point; thence S 70° 08' W a distance of 117.34 feet to a point at the end of a stone wall: thence S 13° 07' W a distance of 70.02 feet to a ten inch cherry tree; thence S 6° 29' 30" W a distance of 142.74 feet to an 18 inch cherry tree at the southerly end of the last mentioned stone wall; thence S 8° 31' 30" W a distance of 193.53 feet to a 24 inch cherry tree; thence S 18° 33' W a distance of 79.12 feet to an 18 inch cherry tree at the end of a stone wall; thence S 29° 31' 30" W a distance of 201.58 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL TWO is shown as "Parcel A" on a plan prepared by Gordon E. Ainsworth & Associates dated December 6, 1962 entitled "Land in Rowe, Mass. Surveyed for Walter

A. Bates" and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 23, Page 41.

Hereby conveying the remaining portion of the premises described in deed of W. Carl Smith to Deane H. Jones and Margaret S. Jones dated May 29, 1958 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds Book 1039, Page 177.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 2:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$630.00** for legal fees relative to the purchase of the property in ARTICLE 1.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town of Rowe supports the legislation that will create a Local Roads Trust Fund, financed through a percentage of the existing Massachusetts gas tax or another source of funding such as Registry of Motor Vehicles fees, that would supply the municipalities of Massachusetts with a secure and dedicated source of funds, equaling at least \$150 million, for local road maintenance and repair, and urges its Representative and Senator to support such legislation.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$5,700.00** for the purchase and installation of an oil containment system at the town garage to comply with state and federal regulations.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 5:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$10,000.00** to complete the upgrading of the floor drains at the town garage.

*Motion carried unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 6:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,000.00** to the Council on Aging account.\*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

\*Although \$2,000.00 was appropriated at the annual town meeting for the Council on Aging account, most if not all of that money was earmarked for senior transportation (the "senior bus") and senior lunches on Tuesdays at the Rowe School. In order for the newly appointed COA to conduct any other events or outings, or meet any other needs of senior citizens for FY 2002, they need additional funds.

**ARTICLE 7:** The motion was made to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$18,500.00** for the construction of a skate park for the use of the town's youth.

*Motion carried.*

**ARTICLE 8:** The motion was made to **TRANSFER** the sum of \$1,600.00 from the EMS First Responder Expense Reimbursement account to the EMS Call-Out Stipend account and rename that account as the EMS Emergency Personnel account; to allow for a greater flexibility in compensating both EMT's and First Responders for their emergency response time. \*\*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

\*\* (These funds are already appropriated and do not add to the EMS budget.)

**ARTICLE 9:** The motion was made to approve the tax agreement between the Town of Rowe and Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) for fiscal year 2002 for real estate and personal property owned by YAEC within the Town of Rowe for a total assessed value of \$10,029,756.00.

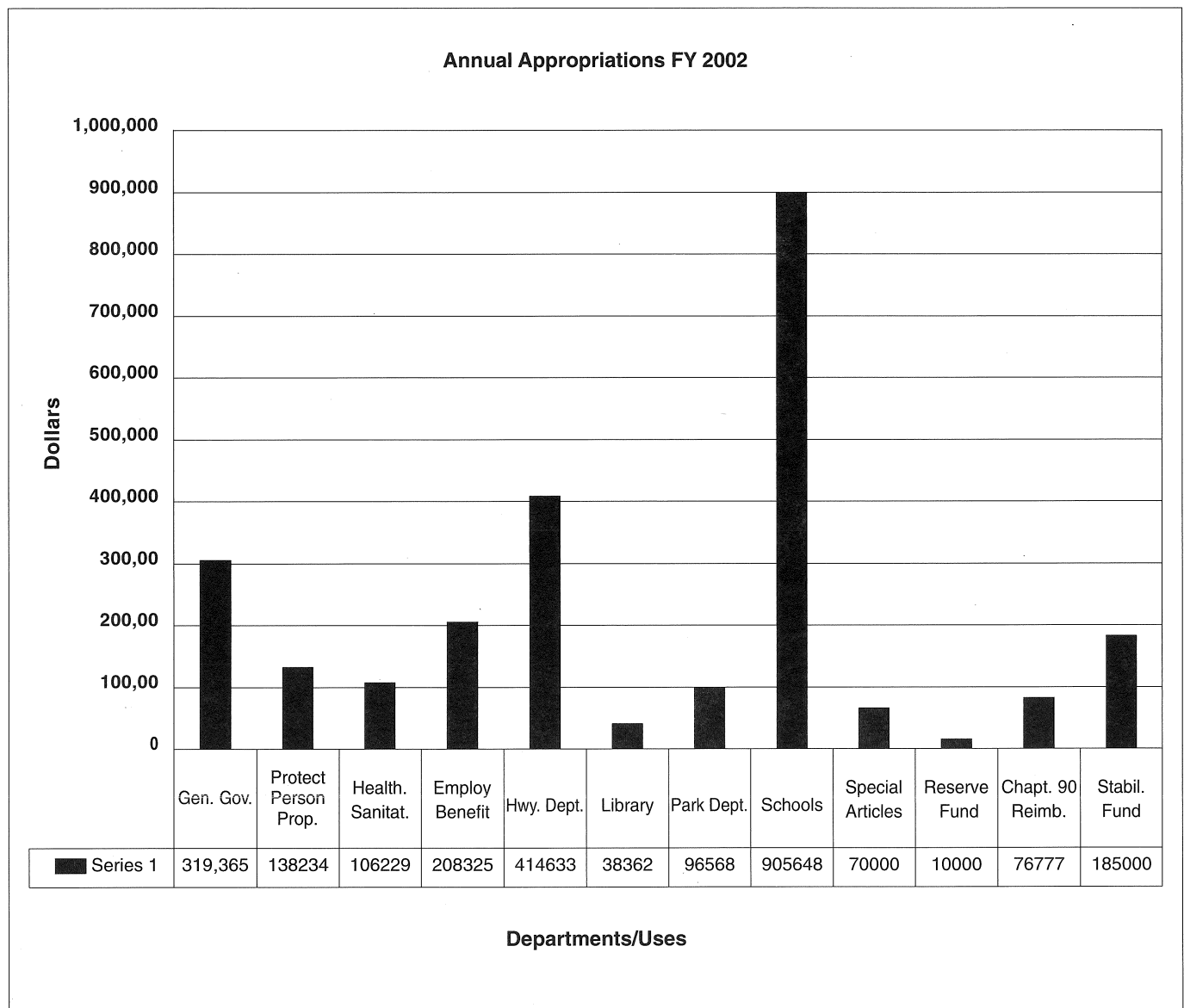
*Motion carried unanimously.*

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy

**Tellers:** Ellen Foberg, Francis Benson, Gail May and Roger Brown

**A true copy.**

**Attest:** Susan C. Wood  
Town Clerk



# Board of Selectman

The board held their regularly scheduled biweekly meetings throughout the year on every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Selectman's Meeting Room at the Rowe Town Hall. Additional meetings were held as the workload dictated. Regular biweekly meetings entailed reviewing and approving the accounting and payroll warrants for all town business and approving meeting minutes for all meetings held.

Other regular duties throughout the year included:

- Appointments (approximately 100)
- Bid openings and awards
- Contracts with vendors, suppliers, contractors and consultants
- License agreements for computer hardware and software
- Budget preparation and review with the Finance Committee

Several special projects took place during 2001 included:

- Construction of a new swap shed at the Refuge Garden
- Paving at the refuge garden
- An official town web site
- Direct PC satellite dish for the Town Hall which replaced the unreliable T1 line
- Secured the necessary funding to build a new skate board park (That will be completed in the late spring of 2002)
- Replacement of the Town Line Bridge (Which should be finished in the fall of 2002)
- Repaired the fuel lines and installed a new burner on the Town Hall boiler, which had been an ongoing problem since the Town Hall expansion in the late 1980's.

Department of Public Works business during 2001 included:

- Type I paving of Tunnel Road, Yankee Road and a portion of Zoar Road by Warner Bros. Of Sunderland, MA.
- The Department of Environmental Protection's order to remediate some of the soil under the Town Garage floor and install an water/oil separator in the floor drains prior to the discharge were completed.
- Purchase of (1) All Wheel Drive Motor Grader
- Repairs to the roof of the Town Garage
- Improvements to the salt shed

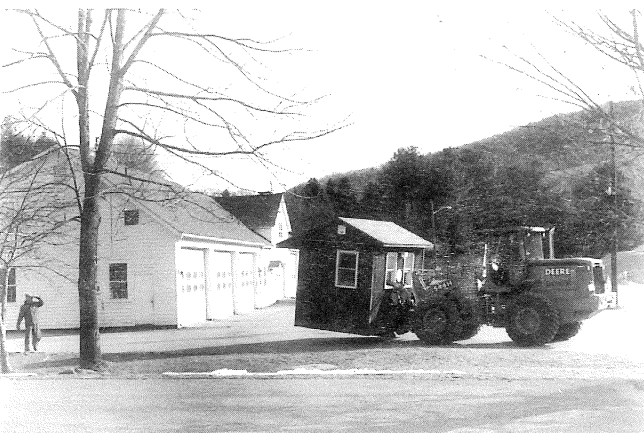
The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors to for a residential factor of .65, which resulted in a FY 2002 residential tax rate of \$3.44 per thousand dollars in valuation and a commercial, industrial, personal property tax rate of \$5.42 per thousand dollars in valuation. This compares to \$3.36 (residential) and \$5.28 (CIP) for FY 2001.

The Board would like to thank all those who serve the town and townspeople, and especially those who report directly to us and make our jobs easier- Melissa Quinn, Jim Taylor, Henry Dandeneau, Ed May, Ruth Loomis, Florence Veber, Bill Foster, Dick Tower and Sharon White.

Taken from us by death in the past year were John Knapp, Roberta Lane and Dorothy Stevens. We mourn their loss to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoffrey N. Bagley, Chairman



*Tower Photo*

*"Recycling the Shed - from the Transfer Station to the Town Yard"*



*Tower Photo*

*"Pouring Concrete for the new Town Line Bridge"*

# Board of Assessors

New member **Heidi [Lehr] Cousineau** of Zoar Road was welcomed to the Board following the annual town election in May 2001. Heidi, who is the daughter of former Assessor Fred Lehr, was elected to the vacancy left by outgoing board member **Leonard Laffond**. Lenny decided not to run this past year and to finally retire from the myriad of positions he has held spanning 30 years of service to our town. Thank you Lenny.

**Ellen Babcock** was elected Chairman, taking over the mantel from **Rick Williams** who deservedly requested a respite from his many years as chairman. Thank you for your able leadership for many years Rick. A special thank you goes to **Sandy Daviau**, Assessors' Clerk, who always remains pleasant—even cheerful!—even during our late night meetings after she's put in a full day. Sandy has been working hard on the day-to-day tasks, but one special project of significance that she completed in 2001 was a thorough study of all Chapter 61 lands and documentation. This entailed a great deal of time at the Registry of Deeds. Thank you for seeing this tedious project through to the end Sandy. You did a tremendous job.

Deregulation of the electric utility industry in Massachusetts in 1998 has completed its third year, and so far has not had a negative impact on our town. The revaluation of properties conducted in 1999 for FY2000 resulted in a tripling of the value of US Gen New England's Bear Swamp facility. This value has carried through FY2001 and FY2002, and has continued to allow the town to maintain extremely low tax rates.

For FY2002 the total town valuation was \$414,816,815 and tax rates set at \$3.44 for Residential and \$5.42 for CIP (Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property). This compares to a total town valuation of \$414,609,128 for FY 2001 with tax rates of \$3.36 (Residential) and \$5.28 (CIP).

Patriot Properties of Lynn MA continues as our appraisal consulting firm, and is also the vendor of our assessing software package, *Assess Pro 4.0*. During 2002 steps will be taken to enable this software package to share data with the Tax Collector's software package, *Point*.

Monthly building permits were received from the building inspector, and field reviews conducted to make any necessary adjustments to property cards.

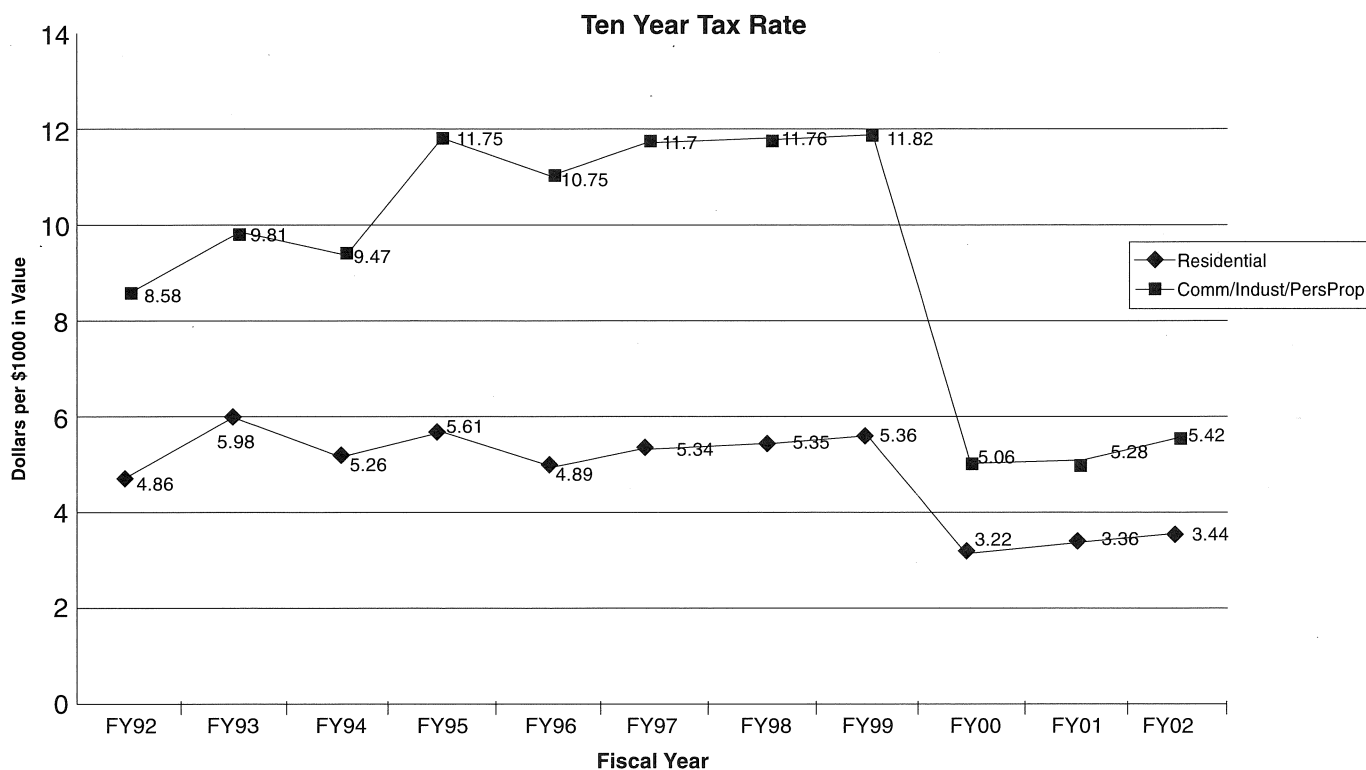
All deeds received from the Franklin County Registry were reviewed and compared to Assessors maps for verification of data. At the request of the Registry, copies of our current maps are now on file at the Registry.

Monthly Commitments and Abatements were reviewed and approved as necessary.

Please feel free to visit the Assessors' Office during posted office hours or posted meeting times, or contact any of us directly.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Babcock, Chairman  
Frederick N. Williams  
Heidi Cousineau



# Property Transfers for 2001

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**GERMAN, ANN E.** of Centerville, MA, in consideration of \$38,000, grant to **VAN ITALLIE, JEAN-CLAUDE** of Rowe, property located on Davenport Road.

**VAN ITALLIE, JEAN-CLAUDE** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **CEMETERY-IN-THE-FIELD CORPORATION** of Rowe, property located in Rowe.

**CALDWELL, FRANCIS B.** of Shelburne Falls, MA, executor of the Estate of **CALDWELL, DOROTHY C.**, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **PAGE, DOROTHY F.** of Rowe, property located at 38 Pond Road.

**ROBERTS, LEONARD H.** of Ashfield, MA, for consideration paid of \$10,000, grant to **SCHMIDT, ROBERT M.** & **KAREN B.** of Madison CT, property located on Stone Hill Road.

**NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION, INC.** of Groton, MA for consideration paid of \$275,688.00, grant to **NOBLOCH, KEVIN T. & BUCHANAN, ELIZABETH J.** of Arlington, MA, property located off Zoar Road (Property in both Charlemont and Rowe).

**JOHNSTON, TIMOTHY E.** of Rowe, in consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **JOHNSTON, ROBIN L.** of Rowe, property located at 65 Hazelton Road.

**PECK REALTY, LLP** of Westfield, MA, in consideration paid of \$12,500.00, grant to **BANNISH LAND PRESERVES, INC.**, property located on Zoar Road.

**TASKEY, JEFFREY ALLAN & DENISE E.** of Rowe, for consideration of \$220,000, grant to **PACKARD, JOHN & ELLYNN** of Cohasset, MA, property located at 47 Stone Hill Road.

**SWENSON, HOWARD E.** of Attleboro, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **SWENSON, DAVID H.** of Keene, NH, **SWENSON, KRISTEN** of Rowe & **TRACEY, SARAH** of Mapleville, RI, property located on County Road & Zoar Road.

**SWENSON, HOWARD E. & VIRGINIA H.** of Attleboro, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant **SWENSON, HOWARD E & VIRGINIA H.** of Attleboro, MA as **life tenants** and the **remainder** to **SWENSON, DAVID H.** of Keene, NH, **SWENSON, KRISTEN** of Rowe & **TRACEY, SARAH**, property located on Zoar Road.

**LAFFOND, LEONARD J. & CYNTHIA** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **LAFFOND, MICHAEL S.** & **LAURIE** of Shelburne Falls, MA, property located at 208 Hazelton Road.

**SWENSON, JOHN R.** of Yalesville, CT, in consideration of \$10,000.00, grant to **SWENSON, DAVID H.** of Keene, NH, **SWENSON, KRISTEN C.** of Rowe & **TRACEY, SARAH** of Mapleville, RI, property located on County Road & Zoar Road.

**CORARITO, DOUGLAS C. & DEANNA L.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$210,000.00, grant to **LEVITRE, CRISTINE** of Montague, MA, property located at 96 Ford Hill Road.

**MACKIE, HELEN J.** of Heath, MA, in consideration of \$40,000.00, grant to **JOLLY, RUSSELL & WOOD, SUSAN** of Rowe, land located on Stone Hill Road & Stone Road.

**KRUTIAK, EDWARD & DOROTHY L.** of Adams, MA, in consideration of \$12,000.00, grant to **FINN, PATRICK MICHAEL** of Shelburne Falls, MA, land located on County Road.

**BERNHARDT, WILLIAM J.** of Texas, for no consideration, grant to **BERNHARDT, JEAN** of West Salisbury, MA & **BERNHART, WILLIAM J.** of Ridgefield, CT & **BERNHARDT, GEORGE E.** of Plymouth, MN, property located at 143 County Road.

**VEBER, ARISTIA F.** of East Hampton, CT in consideration of \$127,800.00, grant to **MCKEE, JAMES M.** of Springfield, MA, property located at 31 Steele Brook Road.

**VEBER, TERRY H. & CAROLE A.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **VEBER, TERRY H. & CAROLE A.** of Rowe, property located at 292 Zoar Road.

**VEBER, TERRY H.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **VEBER, TERRY H. & CAROLE A.** of Rowe, property located at 294 Zoar Road.

**BRYANT, SR., PETER L.** of Pownal, Vermont & **BRYANT, LISA** of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **BRYANT, LISA** of Rowe, property located at 19 Hazelton Road.

**ZAKLUKIEWICZ, BERNARD A. & JOANNE R.** of Hernando Beach, Florida, for consideration of \$145,000.00, grant to **BELVAL, WILLIAM C. & HURD, MARILYN E.** of Rowe, property located at 154 Leshure Road.

**POSS, BARBARA Y.**, Executrix of the Estate of **YOUNG, CHRISTOPHER D.** of Urbana, IL, in consideration of \$31,000.00, grant to **LIVELY, DENNIS G. & SANDRA J.** of Rowe, property located on Tatro & Davenport Roads.

**LEBENSOHN, JEREMY** of New York City, NY & **KATZ, FREDERICK** of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **KATZ, FREDERICK & BOOTH KATZ, DEBORAH** of Rowe, property located at 80 Davenport Road.

**ESIP, THOMAS B.** of Shrewsbury, MA & **GIARUSSO, VINCENT** of West Boylston, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **JONES, MARGARET** of Shelburne Falls, MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road.

**JONES, MARGARET S.** of Shelburne Falls, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ESIP, THOMAS B.** of Shrewsbury, MA & **GIARUSSO, VINCENT** of West Boylston, MA, property located on Davis Mine Road.



**ESIP, THOMAS B.** of Shrewsbury, MA & **GIARUSSO, VINCENT** of West Boylston, MA, in consideration of \$36,000.00, grant to **THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ROWE**, property located on Cyrus Stage Road & Davis Mine Road.

**GFROERER, WESLEY P.** of Charlottesville, VA, in consideration of \$145,000.00, grant to **CROWNINGSHIELD, STEVEN & DEBRA** of Heath, property located on Tunnel Road.

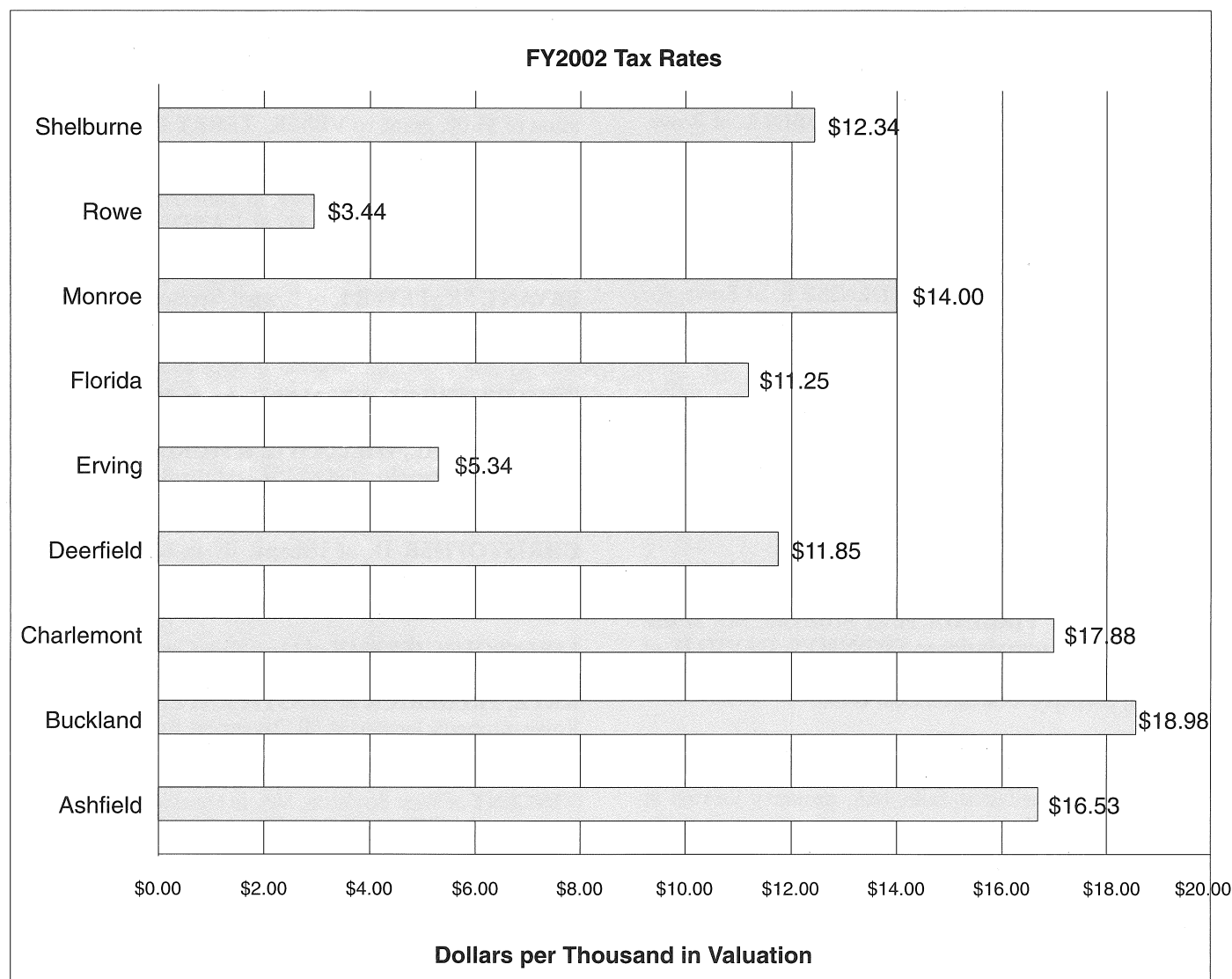
**DEL GRECO, JOSEPH F.** of Revere, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **DEL GRECO, JOSEPH F. & VICTORIA A. AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE ANXUR TRUST** of Revere, MA, property located on Lot 6F Leshure Road.

## GRANT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS FOR 2001

**NOBLOCH, KEVIN T. & BUCHANAN, ELIZABETH J.** of Arlington, MA, in consideration of \$1.00 exclusively for conservation purposes, grant to **NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATION, INC.** of Groton, MA, a conservation restriction for property located in Rowe.

**USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC.** (Deerfield River Hydroelectric Project) of Bethesda, MD in consideration of \$10.00, grants to **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT** of Boston, MA, conservation restrictions for property located in Rowe.

**USGEN NEW ENGLAND, INC.** (Bear Swamp Hydroelectric Project) of Bethesda, MD in consideration of \$10.00, grants to **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT** of Boston, MA, conservation restrictions for property located in Rowe.



## Animal Inspector

This report is as of December 31, 2001

The census of domestic livestock in Rowe is as follows:

Horses .....	16
Mule .....	1
Ponies .....	2
Bulls .....	1
Heifers .....	1
Steer .....	1
Pigmy Goats .....	5
Goats .....	8
Turkeys .....	7
Roosters .....	2
Chickens .....	111
Rabbits .....	8
Geese .....	3
Sheep .....	3
American Highland Cattle .....	8

All of the animals appear to be in good health and are well kept.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Brown,  
Animal Inspector

## Beautification Committee

Spring signaled the traditional clean up and mulching of the town hall complex. Once again this year the committee hired the local talents of Carol Lively and Sue Williams. Together they implemented the planting and maintenance of various flowering annuals. Pink ivy-geraniums were hung in the gazebo; a thank you to Jodi Brown for taking on the responsibility of daily watering. The placement of red geraniums at the War Memorial, Fire Department and Town Hall entrance made us want to extend the theme to the Library. With the purchase of custom window boxes made in town by Howard Crowningshield, an additional "splash of red" greeted Library patrons.

The Beautification Committee spent a good deal of time gathering input from townspeople on what our goals for the coming planting season should include. Among those ideas adopted were: install 20' flag pole at transfer station and under plant with red-white-blue theme, purchase heavy duty brackets and new flags for display along main drive through town. We would also like to add early blooming yellow daylilies around the gazebo. These would alternate with the peonies and daffodils that were planted last year. (Yes, these are all goose-proof!) An old fashioned yellow rose will enjoy a place of honor, by being highlighted on the Brittingham Hill island. Two points in town that act as transition areas between lawn and woodland will be seeded with native Lupine. Although it will take until the second year to enjoy a show of flowers it will be well worth the wait.

The holiday season found the Town Hall festooned with wreaths and roping of mixed greens and traditional red bows. Tiny white lights were draped on the native swamp pink azaleas near the front steps to the Post Office which along with the lights of the gazebo gave late night travelers a delight as they crested the hill coming into town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Phelps  
Ellen L. Foberg  
Richard Tower  
Jodi Brown



Tower Photo

*"New kids on the block"*

## Building Inspector

During the year 2001, a total of 58 building permits were issued as follows:

Remodeling .....	14
New Buildings/Additions .....	14
New Siding.....	1
Wood Stoves.....	1
Replacement Windows .....	7
Demolition .....	1
New roofs .....	17
Swimming Pool .....	1
Building Moved .....	2

In addition, 78 certificates of inspection were issued; these represent public buildings.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Foster  
Inspector of Buildings

## Cemetery Commission

General repair has continued on damaged headstones and split rail fencing at the cemeteries. Levin Hardison has agreed to continue work on the East Cemetery stone wall. The Commissioners are having a difficult time locating native stones for this project. Anyone that knows of old stone piles please contact any commissioner.

The Cemetery Commission would like to again thank the Vebers and Al Morse for doing a great job maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Cemetery lots are available in all three cemeteries, (East, West and North). You may contact Chairman James Williams at 339-4731 for information on purchasing a lot.

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Williams  
Richard Tower  
James Taylor



*Tower Photo*

*"Foundation work at Larned house on Newell Cross Road"*

# Council on Aging

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The Council on Aging for Rowe was reactivated in 2001 consisting of a three-person committee. Ruth Loomis and Sandra Daviau are co-chairpersons and Christine Tower is a committee member. The Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month.

During the year the committee applied for a Grant from the State and the grant was approved. This grant will help us to provide simple chore service, respite for caregivers and minor home repairs. Surveys were sent out asking our citizens if they would be interested in providing some of these services and asking the seniors what specific services they needed. The response received from some of our youth and neighbors showed a genuine interest in helping others.

The Grant monies allowed the Council to purchase a recumbent bicycle as an addition to our fitness center. This type of exercise equipment is particularly helpful for seniors and people with back problems.

Council members were active this year as advocates for our seniors in obtaining fuel assistance, telephones for the hearing and visually impaired and homemaker services.

The Council continues to support the weekly lunches at the school for our seniors and weekly bus trips to Greenfield for errands and shopping.

During this 1<sup>st</sup> year the committee has also had the opportunity to do some enjoyable things with appropriated funds from the Town. A few things our seniors were able to enjoy were the Italian Luncheon, a trip to the North Hill Gardens, the Magic Garden Butterfly Conservatory and the Clark Museum, all of which were well attended.

Our hope in the future is to continue to provide for our seniors, the help, support and quality of life that they truly deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Tower  
Sandra Daviau, Co-Chairman  
Ruth Loomis, Co-Chairman



*Tower Photo*

*"Sugaring keeps you young"*

## Conservation Commission

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The Town of Rowe Conservation Commission continues to meet on an as needed basis to conduct any business that is brought before it.

During 2001, hearings were held to deal with one filed Determination of Applicability, one Notice of Intent and two forest cutting plans.

Boston and Maine / Guilford Transportation Railroad (B&M/GTR) filed a Determination of Applicability for finding along with their application plans for spraying herbicides along the track beds. All of the documentation and plans were in order and a no finding was issued.

National Grid notified the commission of the work and replacement of the high-tension power line towers through out Rowe.

Jack Cox of Jack Cox Associates Engineering filed a Notice of Intent on behalf of the Town of Rowe Highway Department for the construction of a truck port washing station. With there being no objections to this project the commission voted to write the Order of Conditions as required.

The commission reviewed a cutting plan that was submitted by Roberts Brothers Lumber Company for Stone Hill Road. After the plan was reviewed with no issues, it was filed.

The commission reviewed a cutting plan that was submitted by Chris Brown for Hazleton Road. After the plan was reviewed with no issues, it was filed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoffrey Bagley  
Robert Clancy  
Robert Rice  
Jack Williams

## Rowe Cultural Council

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The Rowe Cultural Council funded the following events all or in part in 2000.

### FY2001 APPLICANTS

Partnership for Arts in Western Mass .....	\$100
Pothole Pictures .....	\$50
Academy at Charlemont .....	\$300
Academy at Charlemont .....	\$200
Nick Waynelovich .....	\$750
Mary Lyon Education Fund .....	\$200
Arms Library .....	\$75
Rowe School Cartoonist Across America .....	\$785
Mohawk Trail Concerts .....	\$300
Bob Thomas-"Larry Blotter" .....	\$395
Ashfield Community Theatre .....	\$180
Carol Lively-Art/making gifts .....	\$150
Carol Lively-Art/crafting Kids Toys .....	\$200
Total Approved by the Rowe Cultural Council ..	\$3685

The mandate for a Massachusetts Cultural Arts Council is to support local programs in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences by way of exhibit or public performance, whenever possible contributing to the cultural life of the community. At this writing the events for 2002 have been selected and as we are now streamlined we will be notifying applicants with acceptance letters by January 25, 2002. The Rowe Cultural Council hopes that each of the new events for this year will be enjoyed and will enrich the lives of those that attend and participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Besgin  
Bob Clancy  
Betty Lenth  
Marilyn Wilson  
Cynthia Laffond

# Emergency Medical Services

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This year first responders and EMTs responded to 29 emergencies of which 4 were automobile accidents. Our EMTs and first responders continue to respond in a timely manner to any situation and deliver the highest quality of care. We are thankful for their dedication to the Town of Rowe.

Rowe EMS personnel will respond to your emergency with both the knowledge and equipment to help stabilize a patient before and during transport to the hospital by ambulance. Being as rural as the town of Rowe is, our first responders may play a critical role in the outcome of your emergency and thus are an important part of the chain of survival. Rowe EMS works closely with the Rowe Fire

Department. Most of our members are cross-trained as medical, fire and/or police personnel. We respond to both fire and police scenes to aid and support those departments.

I would like to thank all those who take time from their busy lives to support Rowe EMS. You are a wonderful group of people. Thanks again for all your help. Anyone who may be interested in becoming a Rowe EMT can contact me at 339-5761.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail May, EMS Coordinator

# Finance Committee

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While the general purpose of the Finance Committee is to be "watch dog" over planned versus actual expenses for the Town of Rowe, our committee has also made specific goals to accomplish our purpose. In the year 2001, we have continued our "watch dog" activity with regular meetings to review warrants and progress on special projects.

In addition the Goals are:

**Goal One** – Build the Stabilization Account (our savings account) so that it is available to pay for expenses in the beginning of a fiscal year before the tax rate is set, bills are sent and paid, while keeping departments within budgeted spending. The first goal has been ongoing and necessary over the past five years not only for the normal time delay but for delays beyond our control. When the Department of Revenue questions the utility valuation the time taken causes delays in approving the tax rate. This has made it necessary to have the Stabilization Account at our disposal. The Treasurer tells us that occasionally a quarter of a million dollars needs to be temporarily transferred to meet expenses.

**Goal Two** – Encourage departments and committees to plan similar and integrated projects over the span of more than a single year but to request the money as needed for single year size phases of the project. The second goal has served as a guide to helping break down large projects to workable and financially manageable size. The Library and School have used this method to maintain and upgrade their buildings. The best example is that while other towns have found it necessary to build new schools at great expense and burden to the taxpayers, our school has used a multi-year phased-in plan which is manageable.

**Goal Three** – Encourage departments and committees to plan multiple special projects with regard to time, staff and money so that all can be accomplished in a year. The third goal has been necessary for every department. An example is the Park Department, which has been growing and developing lists of needs for improving park assets, services and facilities. By selecting from the list, the projects put forward have been accomplished in one year.

On another subject, it is the philosophy of the Finance Committee that we will "Recommend" articles but if there is no recommendation one can conclude that the Finance Committee has no positive reaction. The Finance Committee will state "Not Recommended" only if an article is viewed by the committee as unhealthy for the Town finances. The Committee takes the position that the citizens are the ones responsible for voting "for or against" spending. Citizens should not assume that an article tagged "Not Recommended" will not pass, and as a result not attend the annual town meeting. The vote is your decision.

We have had a full Finance Committee for the most of 2001 but an opening developed at year end with the resignation of Joseph Ricotta from Rowe Camp & Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Atwood  
Timothy Snyder  
Frederick Lowell  
Joseph Ricotta (Resigned)  
Dorothy Page, Chairman

# Fire Department

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to thirty-four calls:

- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 30 Medical Emergencies
- 3 Mutual Aid Calls
- 2 Chimney Fires
- 1 Electrical Line Fire
- 2 Trees/Wires Down on Road
- 2 Brush Fires
- 1 Fire Drill at Yankee

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program, twenty-three 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 effort to improve the water supply sites in the town for fire fighting use was started this year. This project was started to enlarge, clean out and/or deepen water holes and water sources in town. The water supplies will have a pipe or hydrant installed to allow the rapid use of the water at any time of the year. This project is expected to be an ongoing endeavor, assuming continued funding by the town. The first water supply to be completed was east of the junction of Tunnel Road and Hazelton Road on Hazelton Road. A silt and debris catch area was added just above the water supply. I would like to thank Jim and Tom Williams and Jim Taylor and the Highway Department for all their efforts to complete this water supply.

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

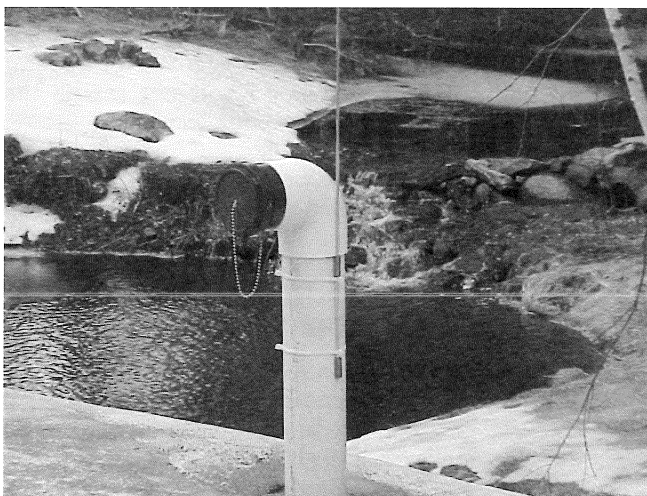
Medical Services of emergency situations. When you make a 9-1-1 call, the dispatcher has the telephone number of the originating phone location on a computer screen in front of him/her. When assistance is needed, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not waste precious time trying to contact a friend, neighbor 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.

Lieutenant Rob Williams has continued to photograph the homes and outbuildings in town and enter the photos in the Fire Department computer. These photographs will be used to pre-plan for potential fires. They will also be called up by the firefighter in the communications room of the Fire Station to provide information to the firefighters on the scene. The Fire Department is requesting important fire fighting information about your home and property. This information will include fuel supply storage locations, type and quantity of fuel, gun powder supplies, and any other potential hazardous conditions or special considerations that may be important in the event of a fire at your home. Any information that you think is important for the Fire Department to know, for the safety of you and your family and the firefighters and the protection of your property can be included.

This year (2002) the Fire Department will be preparing specifications for the purchase of a new attack fire truck and plans for the installation of an emergency diesel generator at the Rowe Elementary School. This generator would supply power to the school in the event the normal electrical power source was lost. The generator would prevent damage to the building and its equipment in the event normal power was lost for a long period of time. It would also provide a safe and heated structure for the protection of town residents in the event of a large scale loss of power or other major problem affecting the town.

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 hand-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 coming month. 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 our activities regularly, and ask other members of the town to become involved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin L. May, Fire Chief



*Photo Ed May*

*Fill Pipe at Fire Pond on Hazelton Road*





Donelson Photo

*"Old Home Day Parade, July 14, 2001"*

## Goal Post Editor

The 20th anniversary of the Goal Post passed uneventfully last year. The continuous life of the Goal Post is a great tribute to Nancy Williams and Pearl Jurentkuff and all the others who worked so diligently on our town's newsletter in the days before computers when "cut and paste" really involved scissors and glue sticks. We celebrated with our first color cover for October.

The Goal Post would not be produced or mailed without the services of our devoted business and production staff. We are proud of the quality of the photos which are taken by Dick Tower, staff photographer, and welcome the artistry of Norma Donelson, as well. We try to remember that the mission of the Goal Post is to provide an "information exchange between all departments and all citizens of Rowe." Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Woodside  
Goal Post Editor

## Health Agent/Sanitarian

During the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, with members of the Board of Health, the following inspections were conducted:

13 Septic System inspections (includes Title 5 inspections and percolation tests)

Food Establishment inspections

- 1 Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Elementary School
- 1 Rowe Camp kitchen
- 1 Conference Center Farm House kitchen

1 Camp for Children inspection

1 Day Camp inspection

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon White,  
Regional Health Agent  
Franklin Regional Council of  
Governments

# Board of Health

The Board of Health meets alternate Tuesdays throughout the year. As a result of annual town elections, we welcome James Brown as our newest member. Jim fills a position previously held by our most senior board member, Ellen Foberg. Ellen served the town for fifteen years as both Selectman and Board of Health chairman. Thank you Ellen, for your time, attention to detail and patience explaining the responsibilities the board continues to undertake. You set a high standard by which any future members will be measured. Thank you, Ellen!

The board once again appointed Sharon White as our town health agent. Sharon serves the town in a variety of ways, including:

- Act as a consultant for review of building permit applications
- Officiate at Title 5 inspections
- Officiate at percolation tests
- Conduct food service establishment inspections
- Conduct camps for children inspections

Sharon also provided guidelines for the issuance of temporary food establishment licenses this year. These were required for our growing number of Old Home Day food booths. (A total of five vendors applied and received licenses in 2001.) State regulations require each food establishment to have cleaning facilities available for hands and utensils, 130 degree water available, and refrigeration facilities when warranted. The state also mandated enrollment in a safe food handling certification course for P.I.C.'s of food establishments. We currently have four kitchen managers in town: two have passed their courses, and two are awaiting their test results. We thank you Sharon, for your expertise and assistance to the board over the past year. We truly value your dedication.

## Certified Water Inspector

The Board of Health continues to utilize the services of Berkshire Enviro-Labs of Lee, Massachusetts for the testing of municipal public water supplies. Included in the testing

are the town hall, town garage, fire station, library, school, park and Avery Fountain. Samples are analyzed monthly and all results have been within permissible limits. This was the first year we have had to implement the state mandated weekly testing of bathing beaches operated by the town during the bathing season; one week prior to Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day weekend. (Prior to this, water at the beach was tested on a monthly basis during the summer months.) Three test samples are drawn from Pelham Lake:

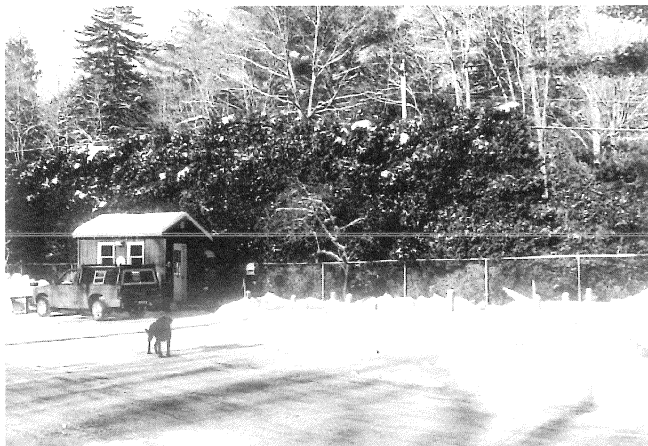
- A. Out-flow area of the storm drain
- B. Beach proper, within buoyed swim area
- C. North side of beach, because of close proximity to dwellings

In the event of unfavorable test results, the town office and the Board of Health would be notified, "NO SWIMMING" signs posted at the park entrance, parking areas, and on the beach.

We had two requests for beaver control information, and forwarded packets including applications for removal to Greg Poehlein and Jim Carse. Both home owners have ponds with very active beaver populations.

## Town Nurse Practitioner

Under the medical supervision of Dr. Robert Miller of Shelburne Falls, Ruth Loomis continues to serve as our town nurse. Ruthie provides townspeople with regular office hours at the town hall, home visits for housebound patients and responds to off-hour urgent medical needs. On behalf of the Board of Health Ruth attended a workshop on emergency preparedness in the event of a threat of biological attack. In an effort to streamline responsibilities, the board communicated this information to Ed May, our appointed civil Defense director. Rowe has an emergency preparedness plan in place, and has been conducting recent training for detection of anthrax and bomb threats. Ruthie also took on the responsibility for collecting dead birds, and forwarding them to be tested for West Nile Virus. On her recommenda-



*Tower Photo*

*"New Recycling Shed - 1st phase"*



*Tower Photo*

*"Making Progress- Phase 2"*

tion, the board requested DPW workers to be certified in pesticide application practices.

### Inspector of Animals

After several requests for a candidate went unanswered, the Selectmen were notified by the state that the position of Animal Inspector could not remain vacant. Jim Brown graciously volunteered to serve, he conducted twenty-one barn inspections, and provided a count of all farm animals, horses, sheep, cattle, swine, goats, sheep and fowl. Thank you, Jim.

### Transfer Station

The town transfer station, Richard Tower attendant, continues to be a hub of activity. The town maintains a compactor, recycling bins for paper, cans and glass, a demolition dumpster, scrap metal bin, accepts TVs and computer monitors, batteries, old tires, florescent bulbs and propane tanks. Items that still have a bit of life in them find a home in the ever popular swap shed. Dick has a new office in the building and is always on hand to provide friendly and courteous help or good, hot coffee! Thank you, Dick Tower.

### Policy for Issuance of Septic Installers Licenses

After a request from a homeowner to install his own system revealed a policy shortfall, the board contacted DEP and acting on their recommendations, adopted the following criteria.

Applicants must: Pass a Title 5 installers course,  
or  
pass a written test administered by the town health agent,  
or  
provide two references from other towns where the  
applicant holds a current license,  
and  
provide proof of a current hoisters license.

A provision was made for those installers currently holding a license granted by the Rowe Board of Health to be granted "grandfathered" installer status.



Tower Photo

*"All done, complete with window boxes"*

Your Board of Health is also required to inspect all new septic systems as well as repairs to systems, maintain pumping records of septic tanks, observe percolation tests, maintain water well drilling logs, issue septic pumper/hauler licenses, issue septic installer licenses and, when appropriate, grant extensions for construction/repair of septic systems. The following is an account of the business conducted this year.

### Soil Suitability/Percolation Tests Performed and Passed

5/30 Corarito, Zoar Rd., repair to system, Perc rate 7.7 min/inch  
5/30 Laffond, Hazelton Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 32 min/inch  
7/20 Poehlein, Zoar Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 16 min/inch  
7/27 Brown, Kings Hwy., Repair to system, perc rate 8.3 min/inch  
7/27 Gfroerer, Tunnel Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 14 min/inch  
7/30 Adams, Ford Hill Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 11 & 14 min/inch (property owner has choice of two sites)  
7/30 Clancy, County Branch Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 4.3 min/inch  
10/24 Corarito, Dell Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 5.3 min/inch  
11/11 Nock, Ford Hill Rd., Repair to system, perc rate 85 min/inch (Tight tank required for existing camp - pending DEP approval)

### On-Site Sewage Disposal Installation Permits Issued

Corarito, Zoar Rd., Repair  
Poehlein, Zoar Rd., Repair  
Gfroerer, Tunnel Rd., Repair  
Adams, Ford Hill Rd., Repair  
Clancy, County Branch Rd., Repair



Tower Photo

*"Grand Opening - Ready for business"*

Rowe Camp & Conference Ctr., Kings Highway, New System, DEP approved

### **Septic System Installation Extensions**

Corarito, Zoar Rd., to August 31, 2002

Levitte, Ford Hill Rd., to October 9, 2002

### **Title 5 Inspections**

5/4 Taskey, Stone Hill Rd., sale of property, Passed

5/18 Larned, Newell Cross Rd., sale of property, Passed

6/5 Veber, Steele Brook Rd., sale of property, Passed

10/11 Rowe Historical Society, addition to building, Passed

### **Septic Pump Log**

Veber, Steele Brook Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Petersen, Zoar Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Dandeneau, Zoar Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Poehlein, Zoar Rd., 900 gal. Tank, good condition

Lively, Tatro Rd., 1500 gal. Tank, good condition

Dandeneau, Leshure Rd., 500 gal. Tank, good condition

Lehr, Zoar Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Donelson, Potter Rd., 1500 gal. Tank, good condition

Miller, Ford Hill Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

May, Cross Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Reardon, Cyrus Stage Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Graziano, Pond Rd., 1500 gal. Tank, good condition

Woodward, Stone Hill Rd., 500 gal. Tank, good condition

White, Hazelton Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Rowe Camp & Conference Ctr., Kings Highway, Tank 1 & Tank 2, poor condition

Brown, Newell Cross Rd., 500 gal. Tank, good condition

Johnston, Hazelton Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Baker, Stone Hill Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

McLatchy, Newell Cross Rd., 1500 gal. Tank, good condition

Larned, Cross Rd., 1500 gal. Tank, good condition

Jackson, Hazelton Rd., 1000 gal. Tank, good condition

Taskey, Stone Hill Rd., 1500 gal. Tank, good condition

### **Annual Tight Tank Inspections**

Daneker, Potter Rd.

McKay, Pond Rd.

### **Septic Pumper/Hauler Licenses Granted**

Bostley Sanitary Services, Colrain, MA

Greg's Wastewater Co., So. Deerfield, MA

Hartigan Company, Rutland, VT

Houghton Sanitary Services, Guilford, VT

A-1 Sanitary Services, Bernardston, MA

### **Septic Installers Licenses Granted**

James Williams, Rowe, MA

Thomas Danek, Rowe, MA

Barkus Excavating, Readsboro, VT

W.R. Hillman & Sons, Colrain, MA

We conclude this years report with yet another thank you to Melissa Quinn, our tireless assistant. Melissa has the unenviable job of scheduling percolation tests and Title 5 inspections, a coordinating nightmare to be sure. Our board is fortunate to have someone with so much experience and mastery of subject matter.

Thank you, Melissa, keep up the great job.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Phelps, Chairman  
Geoffrey N. Bagley  
James D. Brown

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*These are the times  
that try men's souls.*

~ Thomas Paine

# Library Trustees

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The Library Trustees would like to start off by thanking the voters of Rowe for supporting our local library. We hope that all townspeople are able to take advantage of this valuable resource. We welcome and encourage your comments and suggestions. The library's materials are updated with monthly purchases of new books, videos and periodicals to accommodate a variety of interest. The Rowe Library is now on the web under the Town of Rowe website at [www.townofrowe.org](http://www.townofrowe.org).

We would like to thank Kay Oliver for her many years of dedicated service as a library trustee for the Town of Rowe and wish her well.

The library staff has participated in several workshops offered by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. Topics included computer training, Interlibrary Loan delivery and Bookmobile services.

Children's videos are now conveniently located in the children's reading room. The summer reading program for children ended with a campfire and campout at Pelham Lake Park. Thanks to Colleen King for telling us some wonderful

campfire stories. Everyone had a great time. Plans are already in the works for next year's summer reading program. Each month the library hosts an evening Book Talk. Participants pick out a different book each month to read and discuss.

Also, every month the library hosts the Toddler's Story time. Children are treated to stories and a snack. We would like to thank Susan White for leading this program.

New equipment purchases by the library this year included a fax machine, a laminator, and a dehumidifier. Plans are under way to replace the building main carrying beam in the cellar. We would also like to thank the Beautification Committee for the flower boxes under the front windows and look forward to filling them with lots of color this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Williams, Chair  
Laurie J. Pike



*"Rowe Town Library*

*Donelson Photo*



## Nurse Practitioner

Health Services has now completed its third year of service to the residents of Rowe. It has been a deeply satisfying and wonderfully rewarding position for me as a nurse practitioner. It is a rare opportunity to know your friends and neighbors on such an intimate level and to be able to assist them through some of life's ups and downs. I would say that my role as your advocate, in a very complex medical system, has been one of the most important and gratifying aspects of the job. I plan to continue working with local agencies to assure that the people of Rowe get equal access to medical care. This is particularly important for those struggling to maintain independent living in a rural community. Most of us have chosen this lifestyle, but the isolation carries consequences for our elderly. This community continues to amaze me with its network of caring and offers of assistance to our seniors. Thank you.

There were 1086 patient visits this year, 125 of which were house calls to homebound elders, new mothers or recently hospitalized residents. 271 of the 350 residents have now been cared for at Health Services. The influenza vaccination clinics held every year in October have continued to grow with 120 residents immunized this year. The program's impact was evident by an exceptionally low incidence of influenza this winter. Health education continues to be an important role of Health Services along with acute care. My goal is to prevent illness when possible and to promote healthy lifestyles.

Thanks to the generosity of the Heiligman's and other thoughtful residents, the town Medical Equipment Loan Program has expanded and served several folks in need. These devices and furnishings are available and range from an electric hospital bed to walkers and shower chairs. The Council on Aging has added a wonderful new piece of exercise equipment to our town exercise room. It is particularly valuable for those with back problems and the seniors. The U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher recommends 30 minutes of moderate exercise a day (60 minutes for children) at least 5 days a week. We are fortunate in this community to have both the park and the exercise room as fantastic resources for maintaining an active lifestyle.

It is through continual input from the community that our Health Services can identify the needs and remain flexible to provide quality care to Rowe residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Loomis, NP

## Old Home Day Committee

The day started off early with the fishing derby. Lots of eager young anglers tossed their lines in for a chance to catch one of the big ones. Several lucky fishermen caught some decent sized trout, and everyone that participated went home with a prize. The Highland Farm (on Brown Road) location was new this year and it was very accessible to all and fun to watch for spectators. After the derby was over, the crowd headed off to assemble their floats or find a good vantage point from which to watch the parade.

Heidi Phelps led the parade on her shiny Shetland pony, Cinnamon, who was all dolled up for the event. (Her mom, Mary J, even provided a few pony rides to kids after the parade.) "The Simple Life" was the theme this year and Nina, Laurie and Andrew Murphy took first place for their float. Second place went to the Rowe Community Church tractor driven by Howard Crowningshield with his grandson aboard, and the Brown/Morse family float won third prize.

Grand Marshalls Mary Sibley, Sarah Jane Gracy, Phyllis Volland, Ellsworth Palmer, John Knapp and Don Lindabury looked sporty in their hats and red, white and blue corsages and boutonnieres.

The Veber family did well in the tractor division; Carol Veber was first, Dohn Sherman second and Terry Veber took third place.



*Tower Photo*

*"Fishing Derby - Mike & Natalie Posever & Rick & Dana Williams"*

The First place fire truck was won by the Colrain Fire Department, Second went to the Ashfield Fire Department and third to the Readsboro (VT) Fire Department.

All of the children marching or riding in the parade received gold dollars for their participation. A very special thanks go to parade judges, David Holt and John and Ellyn Packard; they had a tough job.

The new venue for Old Home Day (or perhaps I should say the old venue) around the town hall/gazebo/mill pond, proved to be a nice change from the school setting. Things were spread out, but close enough to allow everything to be seen. Several entertainers performed using the gazebo as a stage, including the Shelburne Falls Military Band, Roger Tincknell and friends, Nick Waynevovich's musicians and the Colrain Cloggers. Folks could listen while seated under the tents or under the shade of trees on the town green.

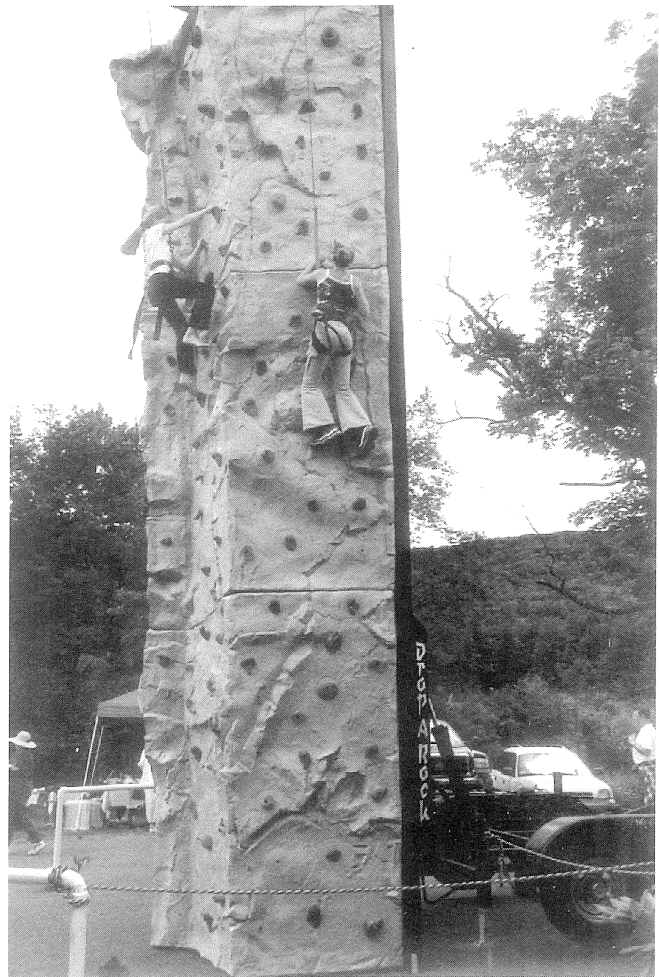
The beautiful sunny day certainly helped the festivities. There was great food including the Rowe Church's famous strawberry shortcake, Hager's fried dough, ice cream, hamburgers and cotton candy. Typical great fair food... and several vendors even set up at the school to sell goodies during the fireworks display. The Readsboro Lions once again provided a delicious chicken barbecue – 376 dinners were sold with not one left over. Several people were asking how they marinated that chicken, but rumor has it that is a closely kept "secret recipe" and they are not telling...

The kids were entertained all day with the ever popular bounce castle, Poppy Doodle Puppet Show and (new this year) the climbing wall. Many a tyke had a balloon in tow and some sort of design painted on their face. The parents had lots do interest them too. Seven vendors set up crafts and flea market items and all appeared to be doing a brisk business. The church auction was buzzing behind the town garage, and lots of folks went away with treasures. Bob and Mary Essert reported that 84 people came through the Rowe Showcase Gallery at the Browning Bench Tool building to view photographs, paintings, wood and metal sculptures, all the work of Rowe resident artists.

Many visitors rode the replica trolley bus around town to various locations, while others opted for wagon rides with Carroll Stowe. Nine gardens were featured on the garden tour, each very different and unusual. The Park Commission provided fly fishing demonstrations and nature hikes. The Small Change band performed at Pelham Lake Beach.

Late in the afternoon, Bob Clancy and friends parachuted into the Soule field, thrilling chicken barbecue diners with their aerial feat. Those running late for the dinner were treated to a quick sprinkle of rain and a special surprise: a picture perfect rainbow could be seen from end to end over the Mill Pond. The Old Home Day Committee, as organized as they were, simply could not take credit for the show! The closing ceremonies by Atlas Pyrotechnics were, in a word, spectacular. What an amazing location, every vantage point as good as the next, from the causeway, to the beach, to behind the school.

There are so many people to thank for helping with the celebration. It is really a major undertaking to organize every event and coordinate everything so that everyone has



Donelson Photo

*"The Wall — a very popular attraction on Old Home Day"*

a wonderful time. The OHD committee would like to thank Tom Willard and his Park Department crew for helping out in many areas during the day, Carroll Stowe for the wagon rides, Bob Clancy for "dropping in" on the occasion, Bob & Mary Essert for coordinating the gallery, Lil Danek, Nancy Brown, Deb Danek, Sue Williams, Nancy Williams, Rosie Gordon, Sue Taylor, Norma Donelson and Ruth Loomis for spiffing up and sharing their lovely gardens, Jack & Nan Williams for the use of their pond for the fishing derby, the Road Crew for all their help with setting up and breaking down (they do a difficult job with smiles on their faces), Russ Jolly for handling the sound system, all those who manned the bounce castle and the Grasshopper Crew for raking the town common and helping with the cleanup on the following day. If anyone was missed, please accept the Committee's apology. We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Lively,      Dick Alix  
Lillian Danek,    Tom Danek  
Peter & Anne Besgen  
Melissa Quinn  
Karl & Pearl Jurentkuff

## Park Commission

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This was another active year for the Rowe Park Staff. There were good times and difficult times. Park activities were disrupted because of the unfortunate automobile accident Ranger Tom Willard was involved in at the end of October. Because of his injuries and personal reasons Tom was out of work for the balance of the year.

In addition to the normal maintenance of the park and trail system, several new bridges were installed including the sixty footer constructed by Americorp over Potter Brook. New boat docks were purchased and installed, a new trail was cut to Dell Road and electricity was provided at the riding ring. Winter trail grooming was performed for the first time with great success.

Per the recommendation of the Park Commission the Town voted to purchase 43 Acres of forested land north of Davis Mine road. This land also includes a floating bog area, which now can be preserved by the town. A hiking trail is planned through this new land acquisition.

The new state mandated bathing water quality regulation became effective this year. The Rowe Board of Health/Park Commission instituted this more restrictive regulation and not once did the swimming area or lake have to be closed for high bacteria count.

The summer youth recreation program, YMCA swim lessons, park related Old Home day events, senior citizen cookouts and the adult water aerobics were activities again sponsored by the Park Staff. Also this year, several new activities were conducted; 1) Carol Lively's Craft Fair, Ladies Night at the Fitness Center and the Winter Fun Day sponsored by the Indian Head Snowmobile Club. If you have an activity that you would like to see take place at your park, please let the commission know and we will assist you in making it happen.



Donelson Photo

*"Al Morse on Park Department float"*

The Fitness Center continues to grow. We have added two new treadmills and a recumbent bike. Daytime use of the center has been very encouraging and we are working on programs to increase evening participation.

A spring horse show, summer horsemanship clinic and a fall gymkhana were events conducted at our riding ring. A spring trail ride through the park was also done.

Major equipment purchases included: 1) park vehicle (old Police Cruiser), 2) electrical generator, 3) rowboat, 4) utility trailer, 5) permanent boat docks and 6) two treadmills.

The Park Commission has submitted to the town the following proposed projects for the coming year: 1) replace the bridge over Pelham Lake dam, 2) new roof and other repairs to Browning Bench, 3) an addition to the Park Headquarters building for equipment storage and 4) running water to the Headquarters building.

The Park Commission would like to give special thanks to the Friends of Pelham Lake Park. This volunteer group was responsible for: 1) trail blazing, 2) assisting with equipment maintenance, 3) assisting with the implementation of special projects and 4) organizing new activities conducted at the park. Every town resident is encouraged to join this organization. Remember this is your park.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Williams  
Karl E. Jurentkuff, Jr.  
William A. Loomis, Chairman  
Rowe Park Commission

## Plumbing Inspector

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I became Inspector April 2001. Since that time I have made the following inspections:

10 Plumbing Inspections  
16 Gas Inspections

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald "Jerry" Jubinville  
Plumbing Inspector  
120 State Street  
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370  
625-6376



## Planning Board

Dennis Lively joined the Planning Board following the Town Elections.

The Board also wishes to thank Prudence Berry for her many years of service. Prue resigned in order to devote more time to her professional activities. She will be missed. No replacement has yet been identified.

The By-laws were not reprinted this year as planned because converting from hard-copy to word processing format is taking more time than the Board has been able to devote to it. The Board is expecting to complete this work in the coming year.

In the course of the past year, the Board has been asked to review several zoning matters related to potential property purchases in town. All of the properties in question have met applicable requirements.

The Board also wishes to thank Margaret Woodside for her editorial stewardship of the Goal Post. In spite of her injury, she has continued to produce an informative and professional organ for communicating about activities in Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Posever, Chairman  
Rebecca Bradley  
Dennis Lively  
Mary-Jo Phelps

## Summer Youth Program

### Report from the Administrator

This is a program where the Town really gets their moneys worth. The young people have the opportunity to learn the responsibility of having a job, learning to work and get along with others and earn a little spending money.

The Town's people can be very proud of the young people who choose to take part in this program.

As the Selectmen in charge of the Grasshopper Crew, I commend and thank the crew under the direction of Jim Lively for the great job that they do in making our town a very pleasant treat to drive through.

Again, special thanks to:

Joe Lively	Assist. Supervisor
Brett Lane	String Trimmer
Seth May	Lead Laborer
Brittani Sprague	Laborer
Patrick Bradley	Laborer
Seth Jackman	Laborer
Leah Williams	Laborer
Purnima Booth	Laborer
Becky Katz	Laborer
John Paige	Laborer

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Brown, Selectman  
Summer Youth Program  
Administrator

## Police Department

### Accidents

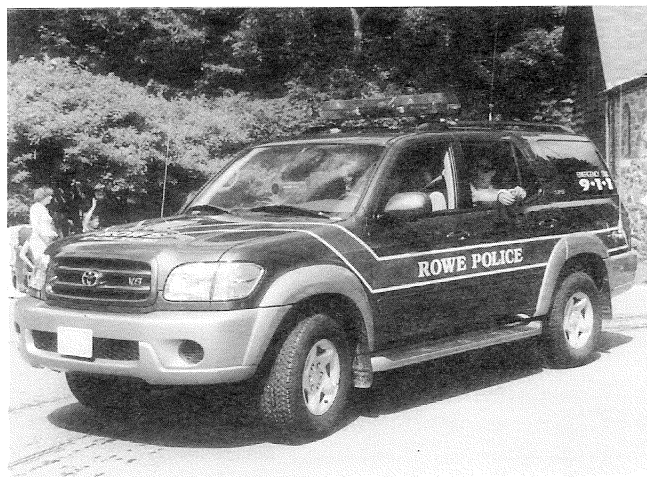
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2 car .....	4
Complaints .....	36
Vandalism .....	3
Disturbances .....	1
Breaks .....	1
Medical Assistance .....	9
Responses to Fires .....	2
Mutual Aid Assists .....	2
Larceny .....	1
Abandoned 911 calls .....	3
Trespassing .....	2
Dog Complaint .....	1

In 2000 we experienced an increase in serious crimes. In 2001 we successfully prosecuted the perpetrators of those crimes. We returned to more normal statistics last year and were able to clear all serious incidents except one.

My thanks to all of the Rowe police officers for their service and protection of the residents of Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Dandeneau  
Chief of Police



Donelson Photo

"New Cruiser in Old Home Day Parade"

## Summer Youth Program

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### Report from the Supervisor

I would like to thank the people of Rowe for funding the Summer Youth Program. It has given me the opportunity of working with some of the town's bright, mature, hard working young people. I tried to impress on the kids that they were lucky to have this job and it was not a gift. I believe that they earned their pay. They worked very hard on some very hot days. I also feel that the kids did a job both they and the townspeople can take pride in.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lively, Summer Youth  
Program Supervisor

## Wiring Inspector

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

The 2002 code is now in effect with many changes.

There were 31 permits issued in 2001 with 25 completed and 6 active.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Rossi  
Wiring Inspector  
413/339-5541

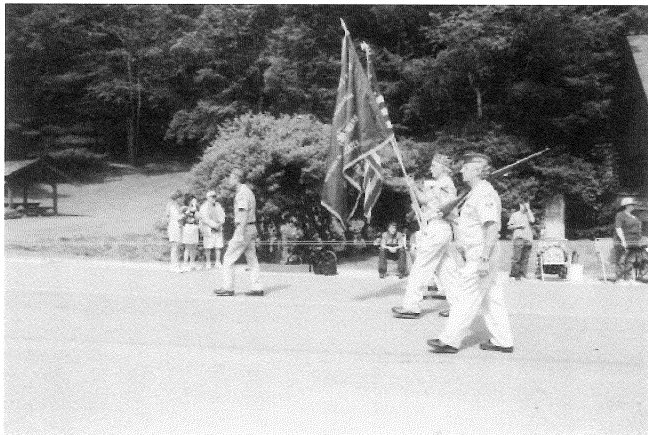
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Assistant Wiring Inspector  
802/368-7119

## Veterans' Agent

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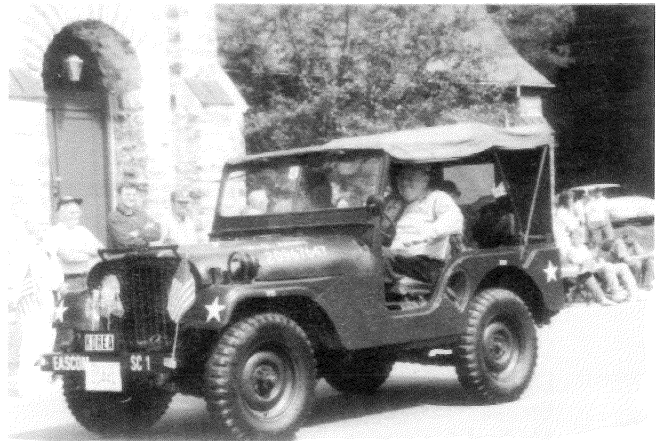
All the veterans' graves in the three cemeteries in town had new flags in place for the Memorial Day weekend. If you know of any veterans' grave that has not been marked please let me know. Sometimes we have a burial of a veteran from out of town and it is never reported to this office so that I might be able to put a marker and flag on the grave.

My thanks to Melissa Quinn for always being there to give help whenever it is needed. Also special thanks to Jim Taylor and the highway department for getting the new flag in place on the town common and getting the new liberty pole flag up.



*Donelson Photo*

*"Veteran George Gaudry marches in Old Home Day Parade"*



*Donelson Photo*

*"Veteran Junior Veber in Old Home Day Parade"*

It was nice that we had extra stick flags available after September 11<sup>th</sup> for people that wanted one to show their love of country during this troubling time. It shouldn't take a tragedy like this for us to fly our flag with pride for what we have here.

In closing, I would like for everyone to keep our men and women in uniform in our thoughts and prayers as they serve in different parts of the world in the fight against terrorism.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Scrivens  
Veterans' Agent

# *Financial Reports*

In March, 2001, a new Windows™ based accounting program was purchased and installed on the Town Hall computer network. The new program takes full advantage of the Windows™ platform, and provides greater flexibility and ease in producing reports and budget information for use by town departments, as well as the ever more numerous reports that must go to the Bureau of Accounts and other state agencies.

In addition, the new accounting program brings Rowe into compliance with the Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS). This system was developed and is maintained by the State Department of Revenue through the Bureau of Accounts. It is one of the first statewide, uniform municipal accounting systems in the country. Prior to March, 2001, the Town of Rowe was using the old "statutory" system that is being phased out in Massachusetts. We are now in the mainstream of municipal accounting.

UMAS uses a fund accounting system, and currently, for Rowe, this means that there are four funds: the General Fund, the Special Revenue Fund, the Trust Fund, and the Agency Fund. Revenues and expenditures are reported in these four funds. The funds are broken down into various accounts, for example:

## **General Fund**

Tax Receipts, Penalty & Interest Payments, Federal & State Revenues, Departmental Revenues, Miscellaneous Revenues, Appropriations, etc.

## **Special Revenue Fund**

Federal & State Grants, Receipts Reserved for Appropriation (such as Wetland Funds), Revolving Funds, etc.

## **Trust Fund**

Library, Cemetery, Memorial Scholarship, School Activity, Stabilization, etc.

## **Agency Fund**

Licenses Due State (sporting licenses), Police Special Detail, School Choice, Goal Post subscriptions, Licenses due County (dog licenses), etc.

For those of you that are used to seeing the town's financial reports in the old statutory format, the new reports will look quite different, and may take some getting used to. However, this new system brings Rowe's fiscal management into the new millennium. Our accounting program is still in the early stages of development and will continue to grow and expand as new technology becomes available and improvements are added.

Admittedly, the transition was difficult. March is NOT the ideal time to switch to a new accounting system, but perhaps there really is no ideal time. I don't think such a change is ever made without some complications. FY 2001 reporting was "challenging". However, with the patience and assistance of Town Treasurer Sue Williams and Tax Collector Sandy Daviau; and the good nature and understanding of Auditor Scott Sawyer, CPA and our DOR Representative Joe Boudreau, we persevered and things are now running far more smoothly.

As usual, all requisite reports have been filed with the State and Federal authorities, including Schedule A, Free Cash Balance Sheet, quarterly reconciliation of cash, employer state and federal tax reports, Franklin County Retirement monthly reports, Massachusetts Teacher's Retirement Reports, Department of Employment and Training reports, and Chapter 90 Reports to mention only a few. Some reports continue to be filed electronically and town officers use new and innovative technology whenever it proves to be quicker, easier and more effective. Once again, I want to express my appreciation to Treasurer Susan Williams and Tax Collector/Assessors' Clerk Sandra Daviau. It is a pleasure to work with individuals of such integrity, dedication and good humor.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Quinn  
Town Accountant

# Financial Reports - Revenues & Expenditures

## General Fund – Revenue

### Taxes

Personal Property FY 2000	135.29
Personal Property FY 2001	557,542.01
Real Estate FY 2000	7,500.27
Real Estate FY 2001	1,581,398.75
MVE FY 1996	20.00
MVE FY 1999	1,263.55
MVE FY 2000	6,840.04
MVE FY 2001	28,620.13
Penalties/Interest	568.00
60 day accruals	(10,099.04)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,173,789.00</b>

### Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues

Charges for Service	3,688.00
Other Departmental Revenues	1,378.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,066.00</b>

### Revenue from State

Cherry Sheet, etc.	136,445.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,445.00</b>

### Other Government Revenue

Court Fines	185.00
Received from County	218.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>403.00</b>

### Miscellaneous Revenue

Misc. Revenue	799.00
Interest from Investments	32,551.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,350.00</b>

## Total General Fund – Revenue 2,349,053.00

## Special Revenue Fund – Revenue

Public Safety Grant	30,044.00
Cultural Council Grant	3,300.00
Revolving Fund – School	794.00

## Total Special Revenue Fund – Revenue 34,138.00

## Trust Fund – Revenue

Non-expendable Trust Funds (Library, Cemetery, Etc.)	1,982.00
Stabilization	124,798.00
Other Trust Funds (School Activity, Scholarship, etc.)	5,077.00

## Total Trust Fund – Revenue 131,857.00

## Total Fund – Revenue 2,515,048.00

## Agency Fund – Revenue

Licenses due to State, School Choice, Goal Post subscriptions, Fees due to Collector/Deputy Collector, Licenses due to County, etc.

## Total Agency Fund – Revenue 164,413.00

## General Fund – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	925,169.00
Expenditures	635,600.00
Construction	210,977.00
Capital Outlay	235,744.00
Debt Service	0.00
Unclassified	198,323.00

## Total General Fund – Expenditures 2,205,813.00

## Special Revenue Funds – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	0.00
Expenditures	20,762.00
Construction	0.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Debt Service	0.00

## Total Special Revenue Funds – Expenditures 20,762.00

## Trust Fund – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	0.00
Expenditures	4,220.00
Construction	0.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Debt Service	0.00

## Total Trust Fund – Expenditures 4,220.00

## Total Fund – Expenditures 2,230,795.00

## Agency Fund – Expenditures

## Total Agency Fund – Expenditures 162,628.00

# Appropriation Balances – June 30, 2001

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Selectmen – Legal Expenses	5,628.66	-5,628.66	0.00	0
Selectmen – Selectmen Stipend	6,420.00	-6,420.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – General Administration	32,126.34	-31,304.94	821.40	2
Selectmen – Misc. Officers Expenses	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Misc. Officers Stipend	1,000.00	-996.04	3.96	<1
Selectmen – Printing Town Reports	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Municipal Audit	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Summer Youth Employment	22,000.00	-21,468.55	531.45	2
Selectmen – SYE Encumbered	2,049.25	-1,268.75	780.50	38
Selectmen – Floating Senior Center	500.00	-22.00	478.00	95
Selectmen – Acct/Admin Salary	36,908.00	-36,908.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Asst Acct Clerk	1,000.00	-990.00	10.00	1
Selectmen – Asst Acct Clerk Encumb	16.41	-16.41	0.00	0
Selectmen – FRCOG Core Assessment	18,875.00	-18,874.13	0.87	<1
Selectmen – FRCOG Fees	7,780.00	-1,703.00	3,077.00	64
Council on Aging	2,203.67	-2,203.67	0.00	0
Assessor Stipend	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00	0
Assessor Clerk Wage	6,180.00	-5,832.00	348.00	5
Assessor Clerk Wage Encumbered	202.39	-202.39	0.00	0
Assessor Operation	7,577.00	-2,231.28	5,345.72	70
Assessor Software/Licensing	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	0
Assessor Mapping Services	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0
Treasurer Stipend	4,280.00	-4,280.00	0.00	0
Assist Treasurer Wage	400.00	-49.50	350.50	87
Tax Collector Stipend	4,280.00	-4,280.00	0.00	0
Town Clerk Stipend	4,280.00	-4,280.00	0.00	0
Election/Teller Expense	1,647.92	-1,647.92	0.00	0
Registrar/Census Compensation	350.00	-350.00	0.00	0
Conservation Commission	200.00	-40.00	160.00	80
Planning Board Operation	600.00	-194.29	405.71	67
Planning Board <i>Goal Post</i> Operation	16,387.93	-16,387.93	0.00	0
Accounting Software	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00	0
Repair Town Hall Roof	8,500.00	0.00	8,500.00	100
Office Equipment Computer Upgrade	12,547.39	-10,792.33	1,755.06	13
Planning Board By-Law Reprint	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100
Administrative Office Remodel	5,000.00	-4,990.00	10.00	<1
Municipal Painting/Repair	57,100.00	-57,100.00	0.00	0
Barn Demolition	4,688.00	0.00	4,688.00	100
Town Hall Furnace Repairs	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100
Soule Land Expense	1,200.83	-74.28	1,126.55	93
Reserve Fund FY 2001	20,000.00	-11,845.10	8,154.90	40
Chapter 53B & Chapter 150 (Chapter 90)	76,876.65	-76,876.65	0.00	0
Hwy – Wages	134,932.00	-132,541.48	2,390.52	1
Hwy – Wages Encumbered	4,690.82	-957.86	3,732.96	79
Hwy – Operation & Maintenance	32,000.00	-31,956.30	43.70	<1
Hwy – Fuel for Town Vehicles	18,705.35	-18,705.35	0.00	0
Hwy – Road Maintenance & Reclamation	45,000.00	-44,844.84	155.16	<1
Hwy – Roadside Maintenance	34,400.00	-34,317.31	82.69	<1
Hwy – Superintendent Salary	47,741.00	-47,741.00	0.00	0
Hwy – Maintenance Encumbered	5.80	-5.80	0.00	0
Town Line Bridge Engineering	1,304.69	0.00	1,304.69	100
Hwy – New Sander	17,435.00	-17,435.00	0.00	0
Hwy – New Air Compressor	9,800.00	-9,800.00	0.00	0
Hwy – New Loader	119,500.00	-119,452.00	48.00	<1

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Hwy – Injection Control	30,000.00	-3,871.10	26,128.90	87
Hwy – New Pickup Trucks	1,302.97	-597.11	705.86	54
Hwy – Winter Roads	40,000.00	-62,400.80	-22,400.80	*
Street Lighting	4,500.00	-3,745.95	754.05	16
Cemetery Maintenance	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	0
Cemetery Fence Repair	6,854.98	-2,277.00	4,577.98	66
Town Hall Custodian Wages	12,091.00	-12,084.00	7.00	<1
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	20,500.00	-19,213.00	1,287.00	6
Elevator Maintenance	5,512.00	-5,512.00	0.00	0
Town Hall Fuel Oil	2,500.00	-1,625.74	874.26	34
Gracy House Repairs/Modifications	5,500.00	-4,150.00	1,350.00	24
Beautification	2,500.00	-2,005.25	494.75	19
Dam Maintenance/Repairs	6,211.80	0.00	6,211.80	100
Activity Center Study Committee	1,000.00	-144.21	855.79	85
Police Chief Stipend	7,260.00	-7,260.00	0.00	0
Police Officer Wages	7,046.00	-4,164.29	2,881.71	40
Police Officer Wages Encumbered	494.00	-453.83	40.17	8
Police Department Operation	6,500.00	-6,172.23	327.77	5
Police New Cruiser	40,000.00	-35,045.00	4,955.00	12
Fire Chief Stipend	5,375.00	-5,375.00	0.00	0
Fire Officer Stipend	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Firefighter Reimbursement	5,500.00	-5,300.00	200.00	3
Fire Department Operation	23,018.46	-23,018.46	0.00	0
Fire Department Air Compressor	4,126.33	0.00	4,126.33	100
Fire Department Fire Pond Maintenance	8,139.89	0.00	8,139.86	100
Building Inspector Fees/Reimbursements	4,728.30	-4,728.30	0.00	0
Plumbing Inspector Stipend	965.00	-965.00	0.00	0
Electrical Inspector Stipend	965.00	-965.00	0.00	0
Civil Defense Operation	500.00	-500.00	0.00	0
Forest Fire Control	100.00	-100.00	0.00	0
Fire Dept Haz Mat Control	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0
Dutch Elm Disease	600.00	0.00	600.00	100
Insect Pest Control	60.00	0.00	60.00	0
New Ambulance Fund	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00	0
EMS Coordinator Stipend	1,290.00	-1,290.00	0.00	0
EMS Operation	3,000.00	-2,045.97	954.03	31
EMS Call-Out Stipend	1,800.00	-800.00	1,000.00	55
EMS First Responder Stipend	1,600.00	-1,600.00	0.00	0
Hazardous Waste Collection Day	400.00	-400.00	0.00	0
Refuse Garden Operation	43,479.88	-39,667.75	3,812.13	8
Dump Attendant Wage	10,300.00	-10,073.40	226.60	2
Solid Waste District Administration	3,044.12	-3,044.12	0.00	0
Dump Attendant Wage Encumbered	252.00	-252.00	395.52	156
Recycling Shed	18,000.00	-13,781.86	4,218.14	23
Transfer Station Road Improvement	4,455.35	0.00	4,455.35	100
Board of Health Operation	4,610.75	-4,610.75	0.00	0
Health Services Salary	31,837.00	-31,837.00	0.00	0
Health Service Operation	6,372.00	-6,325.37	46.63	<1
Health Service Physician Stipend	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0
School Committee Stipend	3,870.00	-3,870.00	0.00	0
Rowe Elementary School	658,160.00	-658,158.47	1.53	<1
Rowe Teachers Salary Encumbered	12,547.35	-12,547.35	0.00	0
Mohawk Technical Assistant	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0
Rowe School Capital Improvement	30,527.30	-19,873.26	10,654.04	34
Librarians Salary	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00	0
Library Wages	9,094.00	-8,447.10	646.90	7
Library Operation	14,200.00	-13,653.45	546.55	3
Library Wages Encumbered	868.20	-545.64	322.56	37

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Old Home Day	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00	0
Old Home Day Fireworks	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.00	0
Millennium Celebration	3,605.00	-1,110.90	2,715.90	75
Park Wages	24,036.00	-17,613.43	6,422.57	26
Park Wages Encumbered	3,290.58	-1,049.13	2,241.45	68
Park Operation	11,000.00	-10,846.41	153.59	1
Park Head Ranger Salary	24,215.00	-24,215.00	0.00	0
Park Mill Pond Water Management	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100
Park Swim Area Management	2,572.88	-662.60	1,910.28	74
Park Headquarters Improvement	1,200.00	-830.41	369.59	30
Park New Equipment	4,350.00	-3,773.14	576.86	13
Bonding & Insurance	35,000.00	-25,130.00	9,870.00	28
County Retirement	63,666.00	-63,666.00	0.00	0
Non-Contributory Retirement (Randolph)	1,025.00	-704.66	320.34	31
Unemployment (Self-Insurance)	2,231.74	-812.00	1,419.74	63
Group Insurance/FICA/Medicare	120,000.00	-107,809.31	12,190.69	10
Veterans' Agent Stipend	450.00	-450.00	0.00	0
Veterans' Administration Operation	350.00	-326.28	23.72	6
Bank Charges	500.00	-199.08	300.92	60
Stabilization Appropriation	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00	0**
Stabilization Fire Equipment	29,000.00	-29,000.00	0.00	0**
Stabilization Emergency Generator	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.00	0**

\* Legal overdraft for winter roads (snow & ice) account, raised on FY 2002 taxes.

\*\* Transferred to Stabilization Account

***Honor and shame from no condition rise;  
act well your part, there all the honor lies.***

~ Alexander Pope

# Tax Collector's Report

**Fiscal Year 2001**  
**July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001**

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7/1/2000	Commit- ments	Abate- ments	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Adjust- ments	Outstanding 6/30/2001
96MVE	-20	-20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
98MVE	-58.75	0.00	47.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-11.25
99MVE	-405.42	-1,209.38	47.50	0.00	1,263.55	0.00	0.00	-303.75
00MVE	-2,263.55	-4,670.24	572.62	0.00	6,840.04	-546.37	0.00	-67.50
01MVE	0.00	-29,998.67	1,462.38	0.00	28,620.13	-954.26	0.00	-870.42
00RE	-7,696.25	0.00	103.17	27.69	7,840.63	-275.24	0.00	0.00
01RE	0.00	-1,583,109.90	1,105.79	0.00	1,581,398.75	-111.15	28.90	-687.61
00PP	-135.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
01PP	0.00	-557,572.20	0.00	0.00	557,542.01	0.00	0.00	-30.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-10,579.26</b>	<b>-2,176,580.39</b>	<b>3,358.96</b>	<b>27.69</b>	<b>2,183,660.40</b>	<b>-1,887.02</b>	<b>28.90</b>	<b>-1,970.72</b>

\*Difference between Accountant's Report and Collector's Report due to FY2001  
MVE refund paid July 2001. Accountant reported refund on FY 2002 books.

LIEN FEES:	400.00
DEMANDS:	165.00
INTEREST ON OVERDUE TAX PAYMENTS:	542.84
INTEREST ON SAVINGS:	41.08

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector



# Treasurer's Reports

## TRUST FUNDS - FY2001

Name of Fund	Balance 7/1/00	Transfer in	Interest	Transfer out	Balance 6/30/2001
M. Wells Memorial Library	\$5,391.49	\$1,614.76	\$242.72		\$7,248.97
Cemetery	16,683.22	0.00	575.28	-1,000.00	16,258.50
Rowe Library Gift	341.29	0.00	11.82		353.11
Charles Wells Library	2,781.53	0.00	96.33		2,877.86
Preserved Smith Library	2,397.67	0.00	83.06		2,480.73
Gould Library	13,501.52	0.00	467.70		13,969.22
Foster Donation	2,491.72	0.00	86.32		2,578.04
White Memorial Library	4,392.54	0.00	152.16		4,544.70
L. Tower/Jones Library	4,392.54	0.00	152.16		4,544.70
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	3,321.20	0.00	114.13	-50.00	3,385.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$55,694.72</b>	<b>\$1,614.76</b>	<b>\$1,981.68</b>	<b>-\$1,050.00</b>	<b>\$58,241.16</b>

### Stabilization Fund FY 2001

Beginning Balance 7/1/2000	\$2,140,187.90
Transfers from General Fund	-400,000.00*
Transfers to General Fund	641,000.00
Interest earned 7/1/00 to 6/30/01	124,797.83

\*This amount was borrowed from stabilization to offset costs in anticipation of tax revenues and was paid back when tax monies were received.

**Balance as of June 30, 2000** **\$2,505,985.73**

### Agency Account FY2001

Beginning Balance 7/1/2000	\$2,915.52
Deposits	4,975.41
Withdrawals	-3,407.28
Interest	102.54

**Balance as of June 30, 2001** **\$4,586.19**

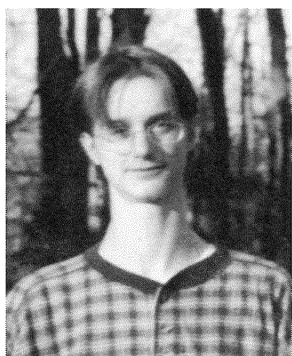
Respectfully submitted,  
Susan A. Williams, Treasurer

# *School Reports*

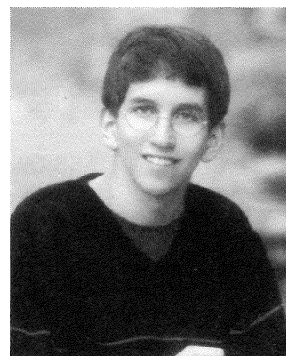
## **Congratulations Graduates Class of 2001**

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### **Mohawk Trail Regional High School**

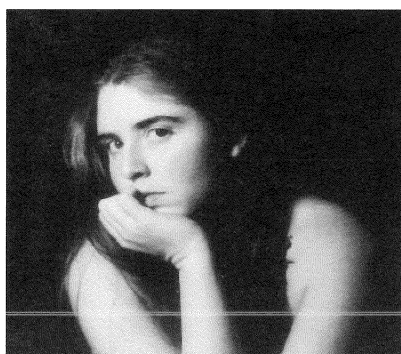


*Joseph Lively*



*Seth May*

### **Academy at Charlemont**



*Jennifer Wood*

## Rowe School Committee

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Thanks to the continued generous support from citizens and taxpayers, we have a pretty wonderful little school. Our students will enter the high tech world well prepared for Middle School and the world beyond. We continue to be proud of the Spanish language exposure that our children receive throughout their time at our school. It was very nicely augmented this year by the presence of a student from South America and his ESL tutor, also Hispanic.

It was sad to say good-bye to Bob Rice last fall but we are glad to have Brandon Sprague as part of our school community. It is a good feeling to be able to have someone from town to fill this position.

The Committee commends the staff for continuing the reaccreditation process with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We are confident that it will be good for the school. Some community events will be arranged during their visit and we hope that the townspeople will attend when possible.



*"Bob Rice's Retirement Party"*

Thank you again for all you do for us. Come visit, partake in the Community Meal on Tuesdays and come to events whenever you can. It is great to have you.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Woodside,  
School Committee

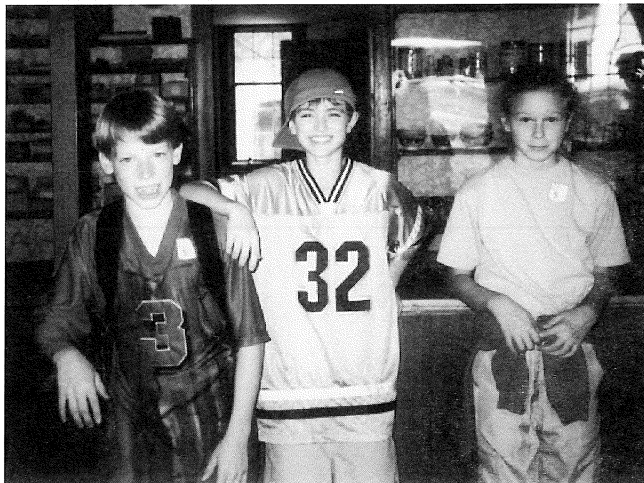
## Rowe Elementary School Principal's Report

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It is my pleasure to present the annual report for the Rowe Elementary School – the learning adventure continues for students and staff alike.

A large task that got underway in 2001 was the self-study of our school in preparation for recertification with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The study includes a review of our mission and expectations; it also has the professional staff reexamining the curriculum, methods of instruction and assessment, as well as the leadership and organization, and resources that are available within the school and the community at large relative to student learning. In the spring of 2003 a visiting team from the NEAS&C will visit and conduct a review of these items to see first hand what we do. What follows will be a series of commendations (we hope) for items that we do well as well as recommendations and suggestions for improvement to assist us in providing our children with the best education possible from preschool through grade six. This should lead to our recertification with this nationally recognized organization of schools and colleges. Certification is something that we should all be proud of. The certification is earned through the good work of our professional staff, the volunteerism and general support of our friends and neighbors, as well as the generous annual financial support of the school by the taxpayers of the Town of Rowe.

Our school maintains a population of roughly sixty students, one third of the students coming from our neighboring communities. Class size is maintained at an average of twelve to fourteen students in a multi-grade setting. This instructor to student ratio allows more direct instruction to individual students. Additionally, we have many volunteers from town and our neighbor towns as well as organi-



*"Peter Bryant, Brian White & Natalie Posever  
at Sturbridge Village"*

zations such as AmeriCorps that assist in the classroom. Volunteers continue to help out with a variety of tasks in all grade levels that range from art projects and field trips, one-to-one tutoring in reading and other essential skills, as well as the computer lab and the science classroom.

The arts continue to be a large part of the schools curriculum. All of our students write, act and sometimes direct, as well as make props and scenery for at least one play per year. Students' first endeavor at a play is in the primary classroom, which have typically had an environmental theme, while upper class students in 2001 had themes in United States History. Instrumental music instruction now has our third graders receiving instruction with the recorder that are then followed up with small group instruction with woodwinds and brass instruments for grades four through six. Fourth grade students also participate in a music appreciation series with the Pioneer Valley Symphony in Greenfield and we have started a Rowe School Band. Fine art graces every wall surface of the school produced by our student artists. Art projects are varied and rich within thematic units that typically begin with the history of a given period of art.

Fifth and sixth grade students went to a week long nature and environmental camp on Cape Cod while K through 4 students participated in a Nature Day Camp sponsored by the Forest and Parks Service AmeriCorps program. They have skied in a winter enrichment program at Berkshire East, visited the Mashentucket Pequot Museum, held fund raisers including a spaghetti supper and a craft fair, and put the principal on the roof for a day by not watching television for a week.

MCAS testing continues to expand in four of our grade levels as the state expands a quest for accountability of both student and teacher performance with regard to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. MCAS testing begins in third grade for reading and fourth grade for English and

Language Arts as well as Mathematics. The fifth graders are tested in Science, Technology and Social Studies, and then the sixth graders are tested again in Mathematics. Our students outperform their peers in the state and continue to improve year-to-year, as does the delivery of instruction by teachers. I would like to point out that our student performance is not the result of teaching to the test, but rather the teaching of critical thinking skills which provide the student a means to perform better.

We continue to make capital improvements in our forty-five year old building. Over the year we repaved the basketball court and made improvements in the kitchen and the boiler room. For the next few years our plans include replacing the ceilings and lights in the classrooms, upgrading the heating and ventilation support spaces, replacing the handicap ramp and putting a roof over it, and replacing the well. Our building is a good one and we continue to treat it well by maintaining an ongoing plan of service, repair or replacement. I thank Bob Rice, our school custodian, for devoting seventeen years of service to our school and for keeping the building in such good condition. Bob retired in October and is likely to be found most days in the woods of Rowe.

Finally, the tragic events of September 11, as well as those that are happening in schools throughout the country are forcing even the smallest schools to reflect, and plan, what to do in case of a variety of catastrophic events. Our Local Education Council has been diligently working to produce working documents and procedures for several events that only a year or two ago we would have thought unimaginable. Our hope is that in being prepared we will find ways to prevent many of these situations before they could possibly occur.

Once again I would like to thank the many volunteers and the community at large for their continued support of a great local school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Clancy, Principal



*"Pre-K on Mexican Night"*

# Rowe Elementary School District

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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It is with both pride and pleasure that I submit my fourth report as superintendent. I would like to publicly thank and recognize your school committee representatives. Maggie Rice, chairperson, provides strong leadership while Margaret Woodside and Susan Taylor greatly contribute to the dialogue involved in decisions. They are each to be commended for their commitment to public education, especially to the children of Rowe. They truly represent the best interests of all students. In addition, I would like to thank the educational staff, parents, community officials and the townspeople for their continued support and cooperation.

Your generous support of tax dollars has enabled the school committee and staff to provide education to students that is second to none. The Rowe Elementary School is well managed and maintained. The committee has implemented a preventative maintenance program that will keep this educational facility in excellent condition. The principal, Bob Clancy, has researched and recommended logical sequential phases for improving the facility. He is to be commended for his leadership in this area. Robert Rice took great pride in the appearance of the school, and after many years of devoted service he resigned in the fall. Brandon Sprague has assumed the responsibilities of Mr. Rice and also gains much satisfaction from having the building look great.

Computer technology has taken on a life of its own at Rowe Elementary. Students rely on computers to conduct research, prepare reports, communicate and deliver presentations. The students are fortunate to have a principal and staff who recognize the value of technology in facilitating student learning. They continue to explore the best methods of delivering instruction. Many teachers attended workshops and courses to learn more about improving their instructional practices and expanding their subject content knowledge.

The skills the students at Rowe acquire serve them well when they enter Mohawk. In fact, many students (and teachers) continue to visit the web pages created by Rowe teachers because they are linked to exceptionally good educational sites. Thanks to your generosity, students can continue using this technology for learning in the Rowe Middle School lab. As mentioned in last year's report, there is a plaque dedicating this lab to the residents of Rowe. Rowe taxpayers also funded a technology technician to work with Middle School students and keep the equipment working properly. The entire educational Mohawk community is most grateful for this funding. Without it, the lab would not be as productive for students as it has been.

Students continue to learn the content embodied in the state curriculum frameworks. There are MCAS exams given at different grade levels to measure their progress. Rowe teachers continue to incorporate this body of knowledge into their lesson plans for students along with other important skills they believe are necessary to be successful. Beginning

this year, students in tenth grade must pass MCAS in order to graduate in the year 2003 in addition to satisfying local school district requirements. Rowe students are doing well on MCAS thanks to the hard work of teachers and the support of parents. It is my expectation that other forms of assessment will be used to evaluate the progress of students and the effectiveness of our curriculum and instruction.

Through the coordinated efforts of Dot Lyman, administrators, coordinators and other staff members in the three districts, grants continue to be written for supplemental funding in the areas of special education, preschool, health, professional development, technology, after-school programs, community service and curriculum development. These supplemental funds help Rowe and other schools in the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts to provide professional development opportunities for staff, align each district's curriculum to the frameworks, purchase student materials to support curriculum changes, and offer additional services to the children in all three districts. Needless to say, this would not be possible without these supplemental grant funds. Students benefit in many ways from these additional dollars. I very much appreciate the efforts of our in-district "grant writers."

The school committee continues to review its policies and make changes accordingly. Negotiations are presently underway with the Rowe Teachers' Association. Everyone remains hopeful that a fair and reasonable contract will be forthcoming prior to the close of this school year. Also, the Rowe School Committee will seek to renew its accreditation with the New England Schools and Colleges. Rowe Elementary School is one of the few schools in the area to be recognized as an accredited elementary school. This is quite an honor.

Cynthia Laffond, school secretary, is to be recognized for helping the school to run smoothly. Again, Bob Clancy is to be commended for keeping the students' best interest first and foremost while making decisions. Also, a special thanks to Melissa Quinn for her work in processing and reconciling school related reports.

In closing, I encourage each of you to become involved in the education of Rowe students. "It takes a village to raise a child" and your help can make a difference. You are encouraged to talk with your child's teacher or the principal about ways to become involved in school activities. Working together, we will be better able to prepare our children for the challenges that await them. The town of Rowe is an exceptional community thanks to you. I consider it a privilege to serve as your superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan D. Genovese, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

# Mohawk Trail Regional School

## Report of the Principal

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It is my pleasure to present my twenty-first annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This year is marked by the completion of our faculty's work on the 10 year accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We anticipate a team of fifteen educators visiting the school for four days in September, 2002.

To prepare for the accreditation, the school has revised its mission statement based upon extensive surveys of community, parents, students and faculty. Learning expectations which are measurable are being developed in departments. These school wide expectations are a part of each curriculum document.

This year we received a \$40,000 Project MEET Grant which allowed two staff to act as trainers and consultants to other teachers in integrating technology into the curriculum. Additionally, we have re-designed the Mohawk website ([www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu](http://www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu)) to include e-mails for all staff, departmental pages where parents can view homework and curriculum and calendar pages. Our goal is to have all homework posted on our website by the end of the school year. The math department also received a \$30,000 grant to purchase a portable computer lab to implement several curriculum projects.

This school year opened with an increased enrollment compared to the past two years. We received 32 students under the School Choice plan from our neighboring towns. This will mean that the school will sustain a growth of 135 students in the past seven years and we will have a total population of over 860 students. We anticipate this enrollment will be level for the next several years, but will begin a decline in 2004.

The faculty continues work to insure that all students are successful on the MCAS. We have reduced failures in math and English in grade 10 by over 50%. With this year's Class of 2003 (11<sup>th</sup> grade), all students must successfully pass the MCAS in areas of English and mathematics in order to receive a Mohawk diploma. We are providing MCAS remediation to students who need assistance through several grants we have written.

Our athletic programs continue to prosper. This fall, both the cross country and field hockey teams were Western Massachusetts champions and went on to regional competitions. We are looking forward to successful winter and spring sports seasons. The middle school musical, "Honk" was a great success and sold out the auditorium repeatedly. Over 1,500 people viewed this musical. The all-school musical "The Music Man" is now in production for performance in the spring. This will be the twenty-fifth annual performance. Music students have performed at the State House twice this year.

The Science Department is cooperating with GCC to develop local instructional units in areas of maple sugaring and pasture management. These will be widely disseminated.

We thank our communities for their continued support of education programs and facilities improvement at Mohawk.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip A. Dzialo, Principal

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***...a memorable change must be made  
in the system of education, and knowledge  
must become so general as to raise the lower  
ranks of society nearer to the higher.***

~ John Adams, 1786

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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It is with both pride and pleasure that I submit my fourth report as superintendent. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all school committee members, the educational staff, parents, community officials, and the townspeople for their support and cooperation. I also wish to publicly thank the entire administrative team and central office staff for their assistance throughout this past year.

School personnel and taxpayers have much to be proud of in this district. Students continue to receive recognition in areas of academic excellence, the performing arts, athletics, and community service. Six students from Mohawk Trail Regional were recipients of the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award. This award celebrates and recognizes the mastery of skills and knowledge as demonstrated through their accomplishments in mathematics, science, arts and humanities. These students obtained the highest proficiency score on the MCAS test and demonstrated two additional qualifying accomplishments that included at least one outstanding score on either the Advanced Placement or SAT II exam. This past year 118 students graduated from Mohawk. Seventy-three percent of these students went on to attend college. The mean score for all participating students on the SAT exam this past year was as follows: Verbal 510, Math 516, Writing 549, Math Level IC 570. Curriculum accommodations and instructional practices continue to focus on elevating student learning and achievement.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Morgan Riddler received the superintendent's award for academic achievement, athleticism and community service. She is an excellent choice for this prestigious award. Her grade point average, community service, participation in sports and extra-curricular activities and artistic abilities all contributed to the decision to present this award to her. Morgan is certainly not alone. There are many students that could have been given this award. However, she is one example of the many talented students that we are privileged to have in our school system.

Under the direction of Nick Waynelovich and Scott Bryant many of our gifted and talented musicians continue to excel. Some of the more noteworthy accomplishments are: the Middle School Musical celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Mohawk All School Musical Celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; the Mohawk Select Chorus performed, recorded and produced a music CD at St. John Cathedral Of The Divine in New York City and the Select Chorus was ranked the highest scoring chorus at the New York/New Jersey Competition for over a two month period competing against 80 other choruses, and more than 30 students participated in the District All State and Regional Festivals.

Students continue to excel in art and athletics. Five students received the Boston Globe Art Award for their extraordinary artistic abilities. The athletic program continues to experience an increase in participation. The fall and spring seasons each had approximately 310 students involved

and the winter teams had over 200 students playing. Several of the teams have been quite successful. The field hockey team captured the Western Mass Division Title. The Girls' Cross Country team won the Division II title while the Boys' Cross Country team finished second in Division II. The Nordic and Alpine ski teams along with the Indoor Track, softball and tennis teams all qualified for post season tournaments. The Boys' Track team was undefeated in their league and finished second in the Western Mass Invitational Meet. The Boys Basketball team advanced to the Western Mass Semi-finals.

Participation in co-curricular activities such as sports and music are a very important part of the total educational experience for students at Mohawk. Studies have shown that students who participate in activity programs tend to have higher grade-point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates and fewer discipline problems than students generally. As the National Federation of State High School Associations states, "sports and fine arts activities promote citizenship and sportsmanship. They instill a sense of pride in community, teach lifelong lessons of teamwork and self-discipline and facilitate the physical and emotional development of our nation's youth." Recognition and appreciation is extended to all our coaches, volunteers and staff for their support. In addition, special recognition is given to John Hickey, our Athletic Director, for his outstanding efforts coordinating events and improving the quality of the sports programs in general. For all updated sports and music schedules visit the Mohawk website at [www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu/highschool](http://www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu/highschool) for more information.

Teachers are also being recognized for their outstanding contributions to the teaching profession. For example, Bob Mastorakas was nominated for the Outstanding Teacher Award by a student attending the University of Chicago for his many contributions to the academic and personal development of young people by opening new vistas to them and challenging their intellectual growth. Kathy Stier and William Kindzior are well known for their professional competence in their field and have been selected for the past two years as assessment specialists to read and score College Board Advance Placement tests in Princeton, NJ.

David Greenberg, our Technology Director, was fortunate to have the assistance of two very skilled Franklin County Technical School students that provided technical support to keep equipment working. David focused on initiatives that facilitated student learning, wrote grants, worked with teachers and students, and also provided technical support. There appears to be a growing trend of more students coming to school with the skill and knowledge to use computer technology in a meaningful way to promote their own learning. Many teachers are finding innovative ways to incorporate computer technology into instructional practices that motivate students to challenge themselves. When learning expectations are made clear to students, their



accomplishments are impressive. Our teachers deserve great recognition for the miracles they perform daily.

Some teachers have created web pages linked to educational sites for their students to explore and do research and several students have been involved in distance learning opportunities. Others are using specialized software programs to complete assignments and give presentations. We plan to expand these learning opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about what is happening in the district, please visit the Mohawk website at: [www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu](http://www.mohawk.k14.mass.edu). You will also discover that each school has a web page and there is a district calendar of events that is regularly updated. Please visit these sites to learn more about what is happening in all our schools.

Teachers have developed and implemented curricula that embodies the skills and knowledge contained in the state curriculum frameworks. The district's average MCAS score, in general, has been slightly above the state average. However, we can do better! Teachers are continuing to offer a comprehensive learning program at each grade level while focusing on content competencies that students must acquire to pass MCAS. Other forms of assessment are also being utilized to assess the progress of individual students. Student success plans are created for students in risk of failure. Tutorial help is available to students who wish to elevate their achievement. Beginning in the year 2001, tenth grade students will have to satisfy all local high school requirements and pass the MCAS in order to graduate. This requires that parents, students and educators work together in partnership to ensure that "no student is left behind."

Taxpayers have made an incredible effort to fund the renovation and addition projects at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Buckland Shelburne Elementary School, Colrain Central School and build a new Sanderson Academy. These new facilities provide exceptional learning environments for students. A special thank you and recognition to all those that participated and supported the Mary Lyon Education Fund building capital campaigns. All projects reached their fundraising targets except the Buckland Shelburne School capital campaign. This project was in direct competition with the high school and outdoor track. Efforts are under way to continue fund raising for several more months. These additional dollars have made it possible to purchase greatly needed equipment and other items.

Lynne Connors of Shelburne served as chairperson of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee until Peggy Hart of Buckland assumed this role. Under both their leadership, with the cooperation of all members, the school district continues to make progress. Thanks to the efforts of the policy subcommittee, chaired by Peggy Hart of Buckland, the district has established a number of new policies to help govern the business of the district. This subcommittee established policies on Infection Control, HIV Infection, Field Trips, Vocational Education and Community Use of School Facilities. In addition, revisions were made to policies on Tuberculosis Control, Internet Use and the Common Chapters of the District Policy for student handbooks. This committee recommended to the full committee that a task force be created to study the District Regional Agreement. Among

the topics for review will be the ongoing concern of the size of the committee. Presently, this committee is working on revisions to the Transportation Policy.

Richard Ohmann of Hawley chaired the Education subcommittee. This subcommittee assisted the school committee in setting long range priorities to be incorporated into the District Wide Goals for 2000-2002. These goals include: 1) that by grade three, each student will be a discerning writer and reader; 2) that the Middle School programs and administrative structure be reviewed and recommendations presented; 3) that the committee study what students are actually achieving, explore ways to assess their achievement, compare their achievement to professed standards, and begin work on raising standards. In addition, this subcommittee reviewed how computer technology was being integrated into the curriculum.

Kenneth Chaffee of Colrain chaired the Personnel Subcommittee. This subcommittee works on school employee related issues and made recommendations to the full School Committee. Modifying the employee handbook and reviewing employee job descriptions have been helpful in clarifying responsibilities and obligations. Members of this committee have assumed the responsibility of negotiating a new contract with the Mohawk District Teachers' Association.

Charlie Stetson of Hawley chaired the Joint-Three-District Transportation Subcommittee that has representatives from the Rowe, Hawlemont and Mohawk committees. This subcommittee addressed parents' transportation requests. In general, many of the issues raised are either decided by established district policy and/or state statutes pertaining to school transportation. The service provided by Liebenow Transportation under Norm Beckwith's management has been commendable. The drivers are to be recognized for their high level of care and professionalism in providing service. Doug Mollison is the Director of Transportation and pursues matters related to transportation. The Transportation Bus Contract expires at the end of the 2002 school year. Parents are reminded to frequently talk with their children about bus safety and proper behavior while at the bus stop, boarding, riding, and exiting the bus.

Dudley Williams of Plainfield served as Chairperson of the Budget subcommittee. This subcommittee's primary responsibility is to review and participate in the development of the District's budget that is prepared by the Superintendent of Schools. This subcommittee eventually makes a recommendation to the full School Committee. The budget review process begins in October with a series of meetings that are open to the public. A difficult but necessary task in the budget process is estimating the amount of state aid that will support the budget without knowing what the legislators in the three branches will be allocating. The budget subcommittee, together with the Business Manager, David Fraser and the Superintendent, meet with principals and other departments to determine educational needs and related expenses. The school committee usually adopts a budget in March and the towns act on this budget in May. During this budget process, guidance, effort and support of the Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC) is extremely helpful and appreciated. In addition, the budget



subcommittee reviews and signs the warrants for all the expenditures of the District. In performing this budget review, members are sensitive to providing the resources necessary to achieve the District's educational goals, and at the same time make the financial request affordable for the towns.

School administrators continue to explore and implement initiatives that realize a savings in the operating costs of the school budget. However, most often these savings go undetected because of rising costs in other areas. Projected level service budgets continue to increase significantly. Health insurance, salaries, utilities, and other financial obligations all contribute to these increases. School officials continue to explore alternatives that may minimize the growth in school spending while meeting all the educational obligations required by both state and federal statutes. It is our responsibility to meet the educational needs of all students. We (district educators) endeavor to provide quality programs and services to students in a reasonably cost efficient and effective manner. It is our professional responsibility to do so, especially when we are all competing for limited financial resources to meet these obligations. These ongoing efforts, in fact, have helped to minimize additional spending. Principals and other administrators are taking this professional responsibility very seriously and are making progress. However, very little has been done to communicate these cost saving initiatives to the public. Therefore, the next several paragraphs will share some of the cost saving initiatives that have been undertaken to maximize your tax dollar.

At the present time we are experiencing declining enrollment in our elementary schools. In response to this decrease in student population three classroom teaching positions have been eliminated in the past three years. The average classroom size in our elementary schools is approximately 18 students. If possible, we would like to maintain this ratio. Obviously, this is an area that is re-examined each year during the budget process. To maintain this ratio principals have combined grades to form split classes, i.e., a combination third and fourth grade. Using Buckland Shelburne Elementary as an example, approximately \$123,000 was saved by reconfiguring the composition of eight classrooms during the last three years.

When shifts in student population occur at different grade levels, teachers have been transferred to other schools to fill retirement positions. For example, one teacher was transferred from Buckland Shelburne Elementary to Sanderson Academy to fill the position of one retired teacher. A position was eliminated. The following year, another teacher was transferred from Sanderson Academy to Buckland Shelburne Elementary to replace a teacher there. If declining enrollment continues, it is hoped that many of these positions will be filled through attrition rather than laying off teachers, although this will be inevitable.

Instructional Assistants (IA) are primarily used to provide direct services to students. Their schedules are reviewed constantly to be aligned with the schedules of the students they serve. This practice maximizes the efficient use of their time. For example, at Sanderson Academy, two IAs are placed

in the Resource Room. One IA works with students in this room while the other works with students in the classroom. When classroom assignments are made, students with similar needs and educational plans are placed in one classroom with an IA assigned to the room. This model supports the inclusion philosophy that district educators support. When SPED populations shift, reductions are made accordingly. For example, two SPED IA positions have been eliminated at Buckland Shelburne.

In addition, school officials believe that it is in the best interest of special education students to be educated in their own district schools whenever possible. Efforts are made to create programs that will permit students to return to the district. As one example, a student returned from a very expensive out of district placement to one of our elementary schools. We hired a certified teacher with specialized training to meet the student's needs. This enabled the child to advance to a new level of achievement and at the same time the district saved significant dollars in transportation and tuition costs. This move also benefits the staff because the skills, knowledge and expertise of this teacher are constantly being shared.

The Buckland Shelburne Educational Project (BSEP) provides the district with four "open seats" for students that would otherwise be placed out of the district. If we did not create this program, students would be placed in similar programs presently offered in Greenfield, West Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, Amherst, Chicopee or Deerfield. Obviously, placements depend on whether or not an opening is available. It is estimated that the district has saved about \$300,000 in out of district tuition in the past couple of years and about \$250,000 in special education transportation. The district receives very little reimbursement from the state for SPED transportation.

The middle school also tailors two programs to meet the specific needs of certain students. One special education program requires a significant amount of specialized instruction. There are approximately 6 students enrolled that would otherwise require out of district placements. The average tuition cost for such placement is \$44,000 per year. Therefore, after in district expenses associated with the program are deducted, it is estimated that the yearly savings are \$238,000. Another specialized program at the middle school is the Language Based Program. This program helps students who have pervasive language based learning disabilities. There are about 8 students enrolled. The average out of district cost for a similar program is \$27,000. The district also operates an Alternative Learning Program (ALP) at the high school. This program averages about 12 students. If these students were placed out of district, the daily rate ranges from \$133/day to \$155/day. After we deduct the district's expenses associated with this program, the estimated savings is in the range of \$207,000/ year.

Another successful initiative that meets students' needs in our own high school is the Intensive Needs Program. This program averages about nine students who would otherwise be placed in neighboring high school programs. The estimated savings to the district is about \$132,000/year. The benefit to the students and their families is that they are

educated with their peers in the community where they live and do not have to travel long distances for their education. School officials are also piloting a program focused on Vocational Integration (Vocational Integration Program). This is a job-coaching program for students in senior high school who require a direct work experience as part of their educational plan. These students are not only having their educational needs met in school but are also gaining valuable real-work experience in their communities.

The print shop was being supervised and coordinated by a teacher with certification, knowledge and skill in business. This teacher has been transferred to a business teaching position and a competent instructional assistant is now staffing the print shop. Bulk purchase orders for supplies, such as paper, are put out to bid at a district level rather than each building Principal ordering these supplies separately. This competitive bidding process helps acquire pupil supplies at a reduced cost. This is also being done for certain custodial supplies. More attention will be focused in this area in the next school year. Another successful initiative is the use of computers using a wireless delivery system. This approach has been extremely successful in two of our elementary schools as well as the high school. For example, students taking a language course at the high school pick up a lap top computer as they enter the class and have access to the World Wide Web and the school's server right from their desks. They can read the newspaper in the native language of that country. This enriches the learning experience for students and expands their thinking. We hope to replicate a similar initiative in the science department next year.

Many people are unaware that the Principal of Heath Elementary School also serves as the District Title I Director. This dual responsibility utilizes the talents of one full time administrator while the funding source is split between the local budget and the Title I grant. District educators at all levels are to be commended for their efforts and success in securing additional funding for the district. Through the coordinated efforts of Dot Lyman the district received slightly over one million dollars in grant funding this past year in the areas of special education, preschool, health, professional development, technology, after-school programs, community service and curriculum development. This supplemental funding has helped the district provide professional development opportunities for staff, align the district's curriculum to the frameworks, purchase student materials to support curriculum changes, and offer additional services to the children in our district. This district continues to provide a wide variety of services as part of its comprehensive school health program. These areas include health services (including registered nurses certified by the Massachusetts Department of Education in each school), counseling and psychological services, school lunch programs, comprehensive Pre-K through 12 health education curriculum development, healthful school environment programs and community health promotion initiatives. These initiatives are supported by eight related grants.

A recent initiative undertaken by all three school committees (Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe) is providing our own transportation. Needless to say, this is a huge under-

taking. The bid proposal for the next five years contained many cost-saving elements. The number of regular buses and SPED buses required at the outset of this new contract has been reduced from the previous contract. This is possible because of declining enrollment and reconfiguring bus routes and bus stops. However, if additional buses are needed, or additional mileage is necessary as population shifts, this will result in increases to the bids received. Although all three bus bids were less than this year's contract, the Three District-Joint Transportation Subcommittee anticipates increased expenses that the district will not be able to control if the contract is awarded to a bidder. Although there were many reasons given to support all three districts jointly providing transportation, I believe two underlying assumptions influenced the school committees' decision: 1) The belief that the committee could better control the quality of service being delivered and, 2) they could minimize the anticipated increase in cost over the next five years as changes to routes and other areas are necessary. At this point, school officials are actively involved in researching bus transportation related issues because the implementation date is the next school year.

Another initiative that has provided additional revenue for the district is aggressively pursuing Medicaid reimbursement. In FY 98 the district only received \$43,567 in reimbursement. This is federal money that is available to reimburse the district for spending associated with health related SPED services to students. However, to access this money takes a great deal of time completing and coordinating the paperwork necessary to receive this reimbursement. Through the cooperative efforts of those involved we have seen this revenue steadily increase. In FY 99 reimbursement increased to \$69,869. In FY 00 it increased to \$78,806. In FY 01 the district received \$173,814 and we estimate a Medicaid revenue projection of \$208,000 for this year. This federal program allows schools to be reimbursed for providing services that were previously provided through clinics. To access this program, parents must give their permission and most parents have been very cooperative. Participation in this program does not affect personal Medicaid benefits and greatly helps the district because we are able to recoup a portion of the costs for providing these services. In doing so we are able to provide more services to students.

The statement, "It takes a whole village to educate a child," is right on target. Let's continue to work together in preparing our children for the challenges that await them. I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to town officials for their support, to you for freely expressing your concerns regarding school-related issues and for financially supporting the resources to sustain these exciting learning opportunities in our schools. Also, I would like to thank your school committee representative Susan Taylor for her contribution and hours of service. These are wonderful communities and the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is an exciting, challenging, and rewarding school system in which to work. I consider myself most fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as your superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan D. Genovese, Ed. D.  
School Superintendent

## School Library/Media

Our seven school library/media centers in the Mohawk, Rowe and Hawlemont School Districts continue to effectively serve students and faculty. During the past year there had been increased utilization of library/media services with an emphasis on the technological capacity of each library. Interlibrary loan service at the high school in particular, provides an opportunity for all patrons to have unlimited access to the vast array of print and non-print material available to Massachusetts residents. With the addition of new PC computers and portable laptops in several libraries, Internet access is increasing as well.

Funding for library computers has been made possible through the annual Block Grant allocation. This year a special history grant with the Frontier Regional School District and Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association enabled the Mohawk and Sanderson libraries to upgrade computers and integrate local history into the curriculum frameworks for all subject areas. Library/media personnel continue to be actively engaged in establishing school-based and district-wide goals, professional development opportunities and the promotion of literacy at all levels. Staff includes:

Buckland-Shelburne Regional – Toni Wilcox  
Colrain Central School – Eugenie Lynch

Hawlemont Regional Elementary – Candace Cross  
Heath Elementary School – Wanda Musacchio  
Rowe Elementary School – Colleen King  
Sanderson Academy – Beverly Williams, Amanda Adams  
Mohawk Trail Regional School – Marjorie Porrovecchio,  
Carrie Ferretti, Judy Willis, Susan Silvester

With increased technological capacity, circulation statistics rise commensurately:

School	Print	Non-Print	ILL	Total
Mohawk	3,651	385	257	4,293
BSE	9,555	367	10	9,932
Colrain	7,773	61	19	7,853
Hawlemont	6,104	120	0	6,224
Heath	3,960	125	55	4,140
Rowe	1,482	53	32	1,567
Sanderson	9,263	79	0	9,342
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41,788</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>43,351</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Susan B. Silvester, ED.D.  
Director of Instructional Media K-12

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*We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal,  
that they are endowed by their creator  
with certain unalienable rights...*

# Special Education

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The December 1, 2001 Child Count figures indicate that there are 272 students receiving special education services in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District which is 17% of the total school population. There are 25 students receiving special education services in the Hawlemont Regional School District, which is 16% of the total school population. There are 14 students receiving special education services in the Rowe Elementary School, which is 19% of the total school population. These are all below the state average. Most services are being provided in the home school district of the children, although we do have a few out of district placements, and school choice students who are special education eligible.

We continue with the new Special Education Regulations, which now require that students be specifically identified with a disability to be special education eligible. Children already identified will be evaluated through the new Regulations as their next re-evaluation becomes due over the next three years. The recognized areas of disability are autism, developmental delay (up to age 9), intellectual impairment, sensory (hearing, vision, deaf-blind), neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning disability, and health impairment.

January 2002 brings into law the final change in the new Special Education Regulations, that of FAPE, or Free Appropriate Public Education. This rule requires us to look as to what is an appropriate program for the child's level of disability.

The Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont and Rowe Districts provide special education services to pre-school students ages 3-5 within the Districts integrated preschools. For children in these programs, the Early Childhood Coordinator performs the duties of the special education liaison. This means she convenes the Individualized Education Plan meetings, and writes the plans for children who attend our preschools, as well as private ones. She also acts as a liaison with outside agencies referring children for our services. The Early Childhood program provides screening and testing for disabilities for children ages 3-5, monitors children found eligible in programs, and acts as a resource person to the parents. She also coordinated the transition into kindergarten.

System-wide services are provided throughout the three districts. These services include occupational therapy, physi-

cal therapy, speech and language therapy, assistive technology, counseling and psychological evaluations. We also have an integration specialist, who assists with planning for children at high risk for out of district placement.

Most of the special education students in all of our schools receive their basic education in the general classroom, only to the resource room for specific instruction. Some children do receive all of their basic instruction in the resource room. Each of our schools has at least one resource room. This is determined by the needs of the children. Mohawk Trail Regional Middle School and High School have three separate classrooms in which the students spend most of their day. Students in these rooms leave only for specific classes. Additionally, we have a Language Based Program, designed to remediate the effects of their disabilities.

We have one elementary age separate classroom at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School, which is operated in partnership with the Center for Crisis Intervention.

This year we started a new service at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School known as the Vocation Integration Program. The initial plan for the program was to provide work experiences for students who were in need of direct training in a work experience, but were unable to go to the Vocational High School. Our plan is to review the success of the first year and make plans for the future.

All of our special education staff members work together with teams of people in each building to provide preventative support to students who are having difficulty in the classroom. They also provide evaluations for students who are referred for special education consideration and provide services once found eligible. Meetings are convened and IEP's prepared by the liaisons.

In addition to contact with the liaisons, therapists and teachers, parents meet through the Parent Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Morgan, Director of  
Personnel Services

## Carl Nilman Scholarship Fund

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

This year the Awards subcommittee read 119 applications. Fifty-three were from seniors and 66 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$41,500 was to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that the seniors have ample scholarship funds awarded from other sources while graduates have far fewer resources. Thirty-four scholarships totaling \$12,600 were awarded to seniors (65% of applicants). Fifty-two scholarships totaling \$27,900 were given to graduates (79% of applicants). The awards committee was: Cindy Laffond (Rowe), Pauline Mills (Buckland), Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Marion Scott (Buckland), and Alicia Tripp (Heath).

From 1991 – 2000: \$122,275 has been awarded to Mohawk Seniors and \$266,775 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates for a total scholarship amount of \$389,050.

Other members of the committee are: Sally Rick, Michelle Hillman, Bob Gruen, Joan Schiffer, Carolyn Taylor (formerly Jarmulowicz), Richard Bole and David Engle.

The Mohawk community 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.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk are encouraged to apply. Call the guidance office at Mohawk for information as to requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn D. Taylor

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*...that among these are life,  
liberty and the pursuit of happiness.  
That to secure these rights,  
governments are instituted among men...*

# Franklin County Technical School

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It is a privilege to submit the Annual Report on behalf of the administration and School Committee of the Franklin County Technical School. Enrollment calculated on October 1, 2001 is as follows:

Bernardston --22	Buckland ----- 12
Colrain -----22	Conway ----- 15
Deerfield -----27	Erving ----- 10
Gill ----- 7	Greenfield ----- 140
Heath ----- 9	Leyden ----- 5
Montague ----77	New Salem ----- 7
Northfield ----19	Orange ----- 74
Shelburne ---- 8	Sunderland ----- 9
Warwick ----- 8	Wendell ----- 8
Whately ----- 7	Non-District ---- 26

Our achievements and accomplishments during the year were noteworthy. 2001 saw a renewal of the FCTS house building program. In partnership with Rural Development Inc., FCTS students and staff from the construction cluster made the dream of affordable housing come true for the Johnson family on Winthrop Street in Millers Falls. This project, like many others our students were involved in throughout the county, provided an opportunity for them to engage in service learning activities and community service projects which are essential to citizenship development and character education. Other service projects during 2001 have benefited: Montague Food Bank; Franklin County Home Care; Athol Memorial Hospital; Boy Scouts; NELCWIT; Buckland Fire Department; Heath Elementary School; Turners Falls High School; Farren Care Center; Town of Montague; Sheffield Elementary School, Turners Falls; Town of Greenfield; Rotary Club of Greenfield; Franklin County Chamber of Commerce;

Mohawk Trail Regional High School and Pearl Rhodes Elementary School, Leyden.

Work coop remained a popular option for students in our 13 vocational programs. More extensive opportunities will become available as we expand our offerings in the areas of HVAC, CAD, CNC and computer animation.

Once again, the FCTS Eagles soared athletically. The softball team went to the semi-finals of the Western Mass. Tournament at UMASS and to the finals of the Mass. Vocational tournament. Both the girls and boys basketball teams qualified for the Western Mass. tournament. The girls team also advanced to the semi-finals of the Mass. Vocational tournament. A senior from Wendell won the Western Mass. Wrestling Championship in his weight class.

In May 2001, a senior in our Welding program from Wendell won a gold medal at the Massachusetts Skills USA-VICA competition. Later in Kansas City at the National championships, he placed 13th in the country.

June 2, 2001 represented a milestone in the history of the school as FCTS graduated its 25th senior class. The day was marked by an exceptionally inspirational valedictory address given by senior Amos Wetherbee of Shelburne. In addition to receiving diplomas, for the first time graduates were formally presented with their completed portfolios, a newly adopted requirement for graduation. Three seniors (from Colrain, Shelburne and Greenfield) were named University of Massachusetts scholars, each receiving a full four-year scholarship. Among the 93 graduates, 43 entered the work force, 42 planned continued education, 3 entered the military and 5 were uncommitted.

In the spring of 2001, the Class of 2003 took the state MCAS exams and when the scores were reported, FCTS experienced significant improvement over previous years. As academic and vocational requirements become more demanding, we find that our 26-year-old building is in need of renovations to keep pace with these challenges. A feasibility study and preliminary sketches have been presented to the school's building committee, which has been working on the project since 2000 with Dore & Whittier Architects of So. Burlington, VT. Following the preparation of a financial plan and a budget estimate, the next decision to be made is when to apply for grant funding from the state and ultimately when to seek approval from each of the 19 district towns.

We look forward to your continued support as we embark upon this renovation project and remain grateful for the faith that the citizens of Franklin County have placed in Franklin County Technical School since 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford J. Fournier,  
School Committee Chairman  
Patricia J. Bassett,  
Interim Superintendent/  
Principal

# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

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The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to submit this annual report summary to our member towns for the calendar year 2001. As the regional planning and governmental membership organization serving the towns of Franklin County, the FRCOG provides a broad array of planning, advocacy, and community health services, as well as fee-for-service programs serving a variety of municipal needs. The \$372,158 core assessment paid by FRCOG member towns for the fiscal year 2002, leveraged nearly \$3 million dollars of services to our region, meeting our mission of supporting the economic, community, and environmental health of our communities through both regional coordination and individual assistance.

FRCOG's accomplishments throughout the year included:

- Franklin/Hampshire Connect – With the aid of a Steering Committee made up of business leaders in Franklin and Hampshire counties, the FRCOG led and facilitated a process to bring telecommunications infrastructure to our region. The effort has been very successful and advanced, affordable telecommunications will be available to businesses in 2002.
- Executive Order 418 Certification – FRCOG again partnered with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to help all towns meet the fiscal year 2002 certification requirements of Executive Order 418. We are currently working with towns to develop scopes of work to access the planning funds available through Executive Order 418.
- Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee – The FRCOG leads and facilitates the Franklin County LEPC process, which all 26 towns are a part of. In the last year we began the important work of creating a regionally coordinated hazardous response plan. In response to the events of September 11, we are also working with our legislative delegation to lead a pilot project that will devote full time resources to regional emergency planning and coordination.
- Representation of Franklin County interests – FRCOG represents Franklin County on several regional and state committees including: MassHighway Design Issues Working Group, Connecticut River Crossing Committee, Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress, Rural Health Advisory Committee, and the Franklin County Retirement Board.
- Build-Out analyses for all 26 Franklin County towns – Our planning department completed build-out analyses using a methodology developed by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The resulting product provides all towns with GIS data on current land use and development, environmental constraints, and other information valuable for local planning.
- Collaborations between local government officials, agencies, and organizations serving community needs throughout the region – Through the year the FRCOG continued its commitment to facilitate education, peer networking and coalition- building through projects such as the Animal Control Network, the Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force, the Education Reform Task Force, and Board of Health Workshops series, among many others.

As the towns in our region face tough challenges posed by state budget cuts and a downturn in the economy overall, the FRCOG continues its work to meet community needs by maximizing services, and saving dollars. We are proud of the work that we do to serve the Franklin County region and its 26 municipalities, and encourage you to read FRCOG's full 2001 Annual Report for further detail.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director  
Franklin Regional Council of  
Governments

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*deriving their just powers  
from the consent of the governed.*

~ Declaration of Independence

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, compostables, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses. Our assistance can be general in nature – filling out paperwork required by the state – or specific – helping a town design its transfer station or solve a particular problem.

In addition to the above services, the District continues to oversee the operation of four permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes - oil-based paint and paint-related products, used motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, fluorescent lights, ballasts, and rechargeable batteries. These sites are open year-round to all District residents. There is a small disposal fee. The sites are located in Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, and Orange.

In July 2001, the District added Heath to its member towns. We are pleased that Heath has joined and are finding ways to assist the town manage its solid waste and recycling.

In 2001, District towns recycled approximately 2800 tons of paper and 1090 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3890 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved approximately \$245,700 in disposal costs.

Not only did towns save money by recycling, most District towns made money. Most towns receive a share of the market price for the recyclables; \$1900 collectively in 2001. Most towns also participate in the Municipal Recycling Incentive Program. When a town meets certain

criteria, the state pays them a set rate for every ton recycled. Although the criteria get more difficult each year, in 2001 towns collectively received almost \$36,000. None of this would be possible without your commitment to recycle. Thank you.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in September. Almost 240 residents participated delivering 10 tons of hazardous waste! We also collected 1200 gallons of used motor oil! This was a record breaker.

The District continues to sell backyard compost bins, recycling bins, and used oil containers. We also continue to answer questions from residents about a whole variety of problems.

Projects slated for 2002 include bids for hauling recyclables, trash, bulky items, scrap metal and appliances; ensuring trash disposal capacity regionally; special waste collections; release of a “how-to recycle” video on local cable stations; and a website with town-specific as well as general information. The website should be running by the summer of 2002.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 413-772-2438; e-mail us at [fcswmd@crocker.com](mailto:fcswmd@crocker.com) or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*  
Bruce Scherer, Orange – *Vice-Chair*  
Scott McKusick, Bernardston – *Chair*  
Bill Obear, Whately - *Treasurer*

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*...And for the support of  
this Declaration—we mutually pledge  
to each other our lives, our fortunes  
and our sacred honor.*





## Dedication

This 2001 Annual Report is dedicated to the memory of all the innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001 in terrorist attacks on the United States.

Although these cruel and cowardly attacks took place far from our quiet, peaceful and seemingly safe community, we were all reminded on that day how small the world has become. We honor those who lost their lives on that day, especially the FDNY, NYPD and Port Authority employees who died while saving the lives of others. May our collective memory of that terrible day be tempered by a recognition and gratitude for their courage, spirit and unswerving devotion to their fellow man.

