

TOWN OF ROWE MASSACHUSETTS

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

Two Hundred and Sixteenth

Annual Report

of the

Town of Rowe Massachusetts



For the Year Ending

December 31, 2002

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Front Cover

Before the Sun Rises over Pelham Lake

Back Cover

Swamp Pink Blooms on the Town Common in Springtime

Autumn on the Town Common

TOWN OF ROWE

County of Franklin Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifield) INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 9, 1785

POPULATION

369 (2000)

TOTAL AREA: LAND AREA:

24.07 SQUARE MILES 23.55 SQUARE MILES

PUBLIC ROADS: ELEVATION:

45.30 MILES 1,370 FEET

LONGITUDE: LATITUDE:

W 072 53 55 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 2003 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations*.

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CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	3.49 per thousand	30,273,380.00	105,654.10	4.6677%
Commercial	5.52 per thousand	134,729.00	743.70	0.0329%
Industrial	5.52 per thousand	311,479,744.00	1,719,368.19	75.8853%
Personal	5.52 per thousand	79,687,450.00	439,874.72	19.4141%
	Total	421,575,303.00	2,265,640.71	100.0000%
Fiscal Year 200	3 Revenue Sources			
	Tax Levy		2,265,640.71	

lax Levy	2,200,040.71
Local Receipts	56,700.00
Cherry Sheet	66,377.00
Other Available Funds	598,897.00
Free Cash	172,879.00
Total	3.160.493.71

Fiscal Year 2003 Appropriations and Charges

A managania ti a ma	2.060.222.00
Appropriations	3,068,323.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	1,976.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	4,230.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	12,389.21
Allowance for Abatements & Exemp	tions 73,575.50
Total	3,160,493.71

^{*}Information is from the Assessors Tax Rate Recapitulation dated January 16, 2003

Federal, State and Local Officials



President of the United States

George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20510
Switchboard 202/456/1414
Comments 202/456-1111
FAX 202/456-2461
E-mail President@whitehouse.gov

Governor of Massachusetts

The Honorable Mitt Romney; The State House Office of the Governor, Room 360 Boston, MA 02133 1-617-727-6250 E-mail GOffice@state.ma.us

United States Senators from Massachusetts

Edward M. Kennedy 315 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 1-202-224-4543 (DC) 1-617/565-3170 (Boston) E-mail senator@kennedy.senate.gov

John F. Kerry
421 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
1-202-224-2742 (DC)
1-508/644-0522 (Springfield)
E-mail john kerry@kerry.senate.gov

Members of the Massachusetts General Court

Senator Andrea Nuciforo Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire & Franklin District 74 North Street, Room 604 Pittsfield, MA 01201 1-413-442-6801 E-mail senator@vgernet.net

Representative Daniel E. Bosley
1st Berkshire District
State House, Room 472
Boston, MA 02133
1-617/722-2120 (Boston)
1-413/663-7486
E-mail dbosley@bcn.net

Massachusetts Representative In Congress

John Olver
1st District, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
1027 Longworth House
Washington, DC 20515
1-202-225-5335 (DC)
1-413/412-9046 (Pittsfield)
1-413/532-7010
E-mail olver@hr.house.gov

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director 425 Main Street Greenfield, MA 01301 1-413-774-3167 E-mail muniserv@frcog.org

Office Hours/Meeting Schedules

Town Office Weekdays 8 AM to NOON, 1 PM to 4 PM

(Except for Legal Holidays)

Town Clerk Tuesday 6:30 PM to 7:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Tax Collector Thursday 9 AM to NOON

Board of Selectmen/

Board of Health Every other Tuesday 6 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 Library Trustees As posted Council on Aging 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.

TOWN HALL CLOSED 12 NOON TO 1 PM FOR LUNCH

TOWN OFFICE PHONE 339-5520 FAX NUMBER 339-5316

EMAIL: melissaq@townofrowe.org
WEB SITE www.townofrowe.org

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

Appointed Town Officials

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

Albert R. Williams, Assistant Superintendent Lance P. Larned Richard E. Hamilton

FIRE CHIEF

Edwin L. May

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Daniel Miller, Deputy Chief Dennis May, Captain Paul McLatchy, Captain William Reardon, Lieutenant Rob Williams, Lieutenant James White, Lieutenant

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER

Edwin L. May

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS - CHIEF

Henry J. Dandeneau

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Gail May Michael Smith Charles Bellows Jared Bellows Melinda Dyer Holland Herzig David Rich

ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR ROWE SCHOOL

Gail May

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN ACCOUNTANT
CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sheila Furgerson

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

William G. Foster

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gerald Jubinville

WIRING INSPECTOR

John F. Rossi

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Emil Begiebing (Resigned)
David York

DOG OFFICER

Albert Williams

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Robert Rice

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor

AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens

TOWN 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

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

John H. Williams

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Anne E. Besgen Mary E. Lenth Marilyn Wilson Ellyn Packard Robert Clancy

CO-TOWN COUNSELS

Craig W. Barry, Jr. Esq. Donna MacNicol, Esq.

HEALTH AGENT/SANITARIAN

Sharon White

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen L. Foberg Joanne Brown Richard A. Tower Mary Jo Phelps John H. Williams

COUNCIL ON AGING

Sandy P. Daviau Ruth Loomis Christine Tower Jodi Brown Jim McKee

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Karl Jurentkuff Term expires 2004 George Gaudry Term expires 2005

FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

Floyd Smith

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Geoffrey N. Bagley, Selectman
John H. Williams, Selectman
Michael Posever, Planning Board
Ann Foshay, Planning Board
James D. Brown, Board of Health
Susan Wood, Town Clerk
Ellen L. Babcock, Board of Assessors
Margaret Rice, School Committee
Williams Loomis, Finance Committee (Declined)
Leonard Laffond, Finance Committee

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Karen Soviecke

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber

Town Officials Sworn in by Town Clerk

(Appointed by Selectmen) Geoff Bagley, James Brown, John H. (Jack) Williams and sworn in by Town Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTAREN

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN,Melissa S. Quinn 7/10/2002

AGENT FOR VETERANS

David P. Scrivens 7/13/2002

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Robert Rice 2/27/2002

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sheila Furgerson 7/20/2002

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Emil Begiebing 7/31/2002

ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR ROWE SCHOOL

Gail May 7/10/2002

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

 Richard A. Tower
 6/29/2002

 Joanne Brown
 7/10/2002

 John H. (Jack) Williams
 7/10/2002

 Ellen L. Babcock
 9/25/2002

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

William Foster, Inspector 7/10/2002

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

 John H. (Jack) Williams
 9/18/2002

 Mike Posever
 9/18/2002

 Ellen Foberg
 9/25/2002

 Leonard Laffond
 2/03/2003

 Geoff Bagley
 2/03/2003

COMMUNITY CENTER/SENIOR CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE

Chris Swenson 11/22/2002

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John H. (Jack) Williams 7/10/2002 Robert Clancy 7/31/2002

CONSTABLE

Melissa S. Quinn 7/10/2002

COUNCIL ON AGING

Sandra P. Daviau 6/19/2002

James McKee Joanne Brown Ruth Loomis	7/03/2002 7/10/2002 7/10/2002	SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS Henry Dandeneau, Chief David Rich David Rich 5/11/2002 (expi	7/13/2002 red 6/30/2002) 7/10/2002
CULTURAL COUNCIL Anne E. Besgen Mary E. Lenth Robert Clancy Marilyn Wilson	7/17/2002 7/24/2002 7/31/2002	Gail May Charles Bellows Jared Bellows Michael Smith Holland Herzig	7/10/2002 7/13/2002 7/13/2002 7/13/2002 7/13/2002 7/13/2002
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT James W. Taylor	7/10/2002	SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/ DISEASE CONTROL Albert R. Wiliams	TELM 7/13/2002
DOG OFFICER Albert R. Williams	7/13/2002	TOWN ACCOUNTANT Melissa S. Quinn	7/10/2002
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR Gail May, EMT	7/10/2002	TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN Florence M. Veber	7/10/2002
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER James W. Taylor	7/10/2002	TOWN NURSE Ruth E. Loomis. APRN TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT/R	7/10/2002
FENCE VIEWER Efford H. Pierce	7/13/2002	COORDINATOR Richard A. Tower	6/29/2002
FIRE CHIEF, CD DIRECTOR AND HAZ A Ed May	MAT 8/05/2002	TREE WARDEN James W. Taylor	7/10/2002
FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTATIVE John H. (Jack) Williams	7/10/2002	TRUCK DRIVER/HEAVY EQUIPMENT Lance P. Larned Albert R. Williams	7/10/2002 7/13/2002
FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTH REPRESENTATIVE Floyd Smith	7/13/2002	WIRING INSPECTOR John F. Rossi	7/10/2002
HEALTH AGENT Sharon White	1/29/2003	RESIGNATIONS Sue Williams, Library Trustee Prue Berry, Planning Board Joseph Ricotta, Finance Committee	10/02/2002 1/11/2002 1/15/2002
LIBRARY TRUSTEE Jodie Brown 11/30/2002 (to replace Sus	an Williams)	Susan B. Taylor, School Committee	6/1/2002
MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK AND LUI Ellsworth E. Palmer James H. Williams	MBER 7/10/2003 7/10/2002		
REGISTRARS Helen Shields Judy Pierce Heidi Cousineau	7/13/2002 7/13/2002 7/13/2002		
SCHOOL COMMITTEE Lisa Burke 9/04/2002 (To replace Sus	an B. Taylor)		

Town Clerk - Licenses

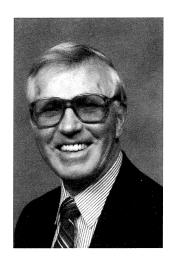
		License	es Sol	1	
	Dog Licenses			Stamps	
41 45 6	Males @ 3.00 Spayed Females @ 3.00 Females @ 6.00 Sub-total	\$123.00 135.00 36.00 \$294.00	02 01 11 48 14	Archery @\$5.10 Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00 Primitive Firearm Stamps @ \$5.10 Resident Wildlife Stamps @ \$5.00 Non-Resident Wildlife Stamps @ \$5.00	10.20 5.00 56.10 240.00 70.00
	Clerk fees retained	\$69.00		Total Fees Collected	\$2,236.05
	Total remitted to Treasurer for FRCOG	\$225.00		Clerk fees retained	33.55
Sporting Licenses				Total remitted to Treasurer for Division of Fish and Wildlife	\$2202.50
	sident Hunting/Fishing Licenses	472.50		Other Fees Collected	
21 02	Resident Fishing @ \$22.50 Resident Minor Fishing @ \$6.50	13.00	1	Raffle Permit @ \$10.00	10.00
04 04 05 06 05 01 04 01 12 03 10	Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$11.25 Resident Fishing 70 and over – FREE Non-Resident Fishing @ \$32.50 Non-Resident 3 day Fishing @ \$18.50 Resident Hunting @ \$22.50 Resident Hunting 65-69 @ \$11.25 Non-Resident Hunting @ \$94.50 Resident Minor Hunting @ \$6.50 Resident Sporting @ \$40.00 Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$20.00 Resident Sporting 70 and over – FREE	45.00 0.00 162.50 111.00 112.50 11.25 378.00 6.50 480.00 60.00 0.00	•	Total remitted to Treasurer	\$10.00
01	Duplicate Licenses @ \$2.50	2.50			

Town Clerk - Vital Statistics

		BIRTHS	
Date	Name	Parents	Place of Birth
09/16/2002	Nicholas William Tripp Baker	Roberta Tripp Baker William John Baker	Greenfield, MA
03/27/2002	Nathan Israel Paige	Mary Eve (Almeida) Paige Clifford Franklin Paige, III	Greenfield, MA
	M	IARRIAGES	
Date Names of Parties		Residence	
None			
		DEATHS	
Name		Age	Place of Death
Rita Nora (Am	law) Jackson	43	Rowe, MA
Efford H. Pierce		ierce 76	
		D C11 1	1

Respectfully submitted, Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

In Fond Remembrance



Efford H. ("Bud") Pierce



Rita Nora Jackson

Results of Annual Town Election

BALLOT FOR MAY 18, 2002 ELECTION - TOWN OF ROWE 195 OUT OF 276 REGISTERED VOTERS DID VOTE

SELECTMAN/BOARD OF HEALTH 3 YRS

Dorothy F. Page - 79 John H. (Jack) Williams - 109

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

John H. (Jack) Williams for reelection - 121

TOWN CLERK (3 YEARS)

Susan C. Wood for reelection - 142

TOWN TREASURER (3 YEARS)

Susan A. Williams for reelection - 184

CONSTABLE (3 YEARS)

Christine A. Tower for reelection - 172

ASSESSOR (3 YEARS)

Frederick N. (Rick) Williams for reelection-180

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Margaret B. Rice for reelection - 142

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

Rebecca P. Bradley for reelection - 150

PLANNING BOARD (3 YEARS)

Angela F. Foshay - 92

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

William A. Loomis - 146

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

David Lenth - declared - 75 write in votes

FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 YEAR)

Frederick K. Lowell for relection - 83 Leonard J. Laffond - 195

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Daureen W. Peterson - 163

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 YEARS)

Susan M. White - 172

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

James W. Taylor for reelection - 183

(Unaccounted for votes were blanks and assorted write-ins)



Tower Photo

"New Bridge Open to Traffic"

Voters List - November 5, 2002 - State Election

A lix, Richard E.	U	D andeneau, Evelyn L.	U	Jackson, Darlene A.	U	Morse, Alfred C., Jr.	U
Atwood, Donald J.	U	Dandeneau, Henry G.	Ŭ	Jackson, Lisa Marie	U	Morse, Jennifer A.	U
Atwood, Jean Ann	U	Dandeneau, Henry J.	Ŭ	Jackson, Oral L.	U	Morse, Marjorie H.	U
Autio, Elsie H.	R	Dandeneau, Marion E.	Ŭ	Jerdon, Sandra A.	U	,	
Autio, Herbert A.	R	Danek, Debora J.	Ŭ	Johnston, Robin Lee	U		
Avery, Charles L.	D	Danek, Lillian H.	Ď	Jolly, Russell W.	D	O liver, Kathleen	R
Avery, Marion A.	U	Danek, Thomas P., Jr.	Ũ	Jurentkuff, Karl E., Jr.	R	·	
		Daviau, Edward A.	Ŭ	Jurentkuff, Virginia P.	R	${f P}$ ackard, Ellynn Baxter	D
B abcock, Ellen	U	Daviau, Sandra P.	Ŭ	, ,		Packard, John R. H.	D
Bagley, Geoffrey	U	Demetz, AnneMarie	Ď	${f K}$ alaus, Dorothy M.	U	Page, Dorothy F.	U
Bagley, Marie L.	U	Dionne, Jon A.	Ŭ	Kalaus, Warren	U	Paige, Mary Éve	U
Baker, Roberta T.	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	Ď	Katz, Ďeborah B.	U	Palmer, Edwin A.	U
Baker, William J.	U	Donelson, Brian A.	R	Katz, Frederick	D	Palmer, Ellsworth E.	U
Barish, Jane L.	Ū	Donelson, Norma J.	R	Kilgour, Christine	D	Peterson, Daureen W.	U
Belval, William C.	U	Donovan, Eugene J.	Ď	,		Phelps, Daniel R., Jr.	U
Benson, Francis S.	Ū	Drummey, Jonathan T.	Ũ	L affond, Cynthia M.	R	Phelps, MaryJo Anne	U
Benson, Luella M.	Ŭ	Dunnell, Michelle M.	Ď	Laffond, Laurie L.	U	Pickett, Felicity	U
Bergeron-Larsen,Linda	Ŭ	Dunnell, Paul P.	R	Laffond, Leonard J.	U	Pierce, Judith Ann	R
Berry, Prudence	Ď	Dumen, radi 1. Dvore, David	Ü	Laffond, Michael S.	R	Pike, Éric A.	R
Besgen, Anne E.	Ř	Dvoic, David	O	Lane, William Daniel	D	Pike, Laurie Jean	U
Bjork, Alan W.	R	E ssert, Mary B.	U	Larned, Lance P.	U	Pike, Michelle C.	U
Bjork, Florence M.	R	Essert, Robert D.	Ŭ	Lehr, Dorothy E.	D	Poehlein, David G.	U
Bjork, Timothy J.	U	Evans, Leslie A.	Ŭ	Lenth, David W.	R	Posever, Michael M.	D
Booth, Robin	D	Lvans, Lesne 1.	O	Lenth, Mary E.	U		
Boutwell, Joyce A.	U	${f F}$ aivre, Audrey I.	R	Lepine, Florence L.	U	Q uinn, Kathleen M.	D
Boutwell, Raymond L.	U	Foberg, Kirsten Ellen	Ü	Lesure, Lawrence M.	U	Quinn, Melissa S.	D
Boyd, Irene M.	U	Foshay, Angela F.	U	Lindabury, Donald E.	U	Quinn, Richard K.	D
Boyd, William M.	U	Foster, Bernice A.	Ū	Lively, Carol F.	U	Quist, Kelle J.	U
Bradley, Michael F.	U	Foster, William G.	U	Lively, Deborah L.	U	Quist, Walter J.	U
Bradley, Rebecca P.	U	Furgerson, Sheila M.	U	Lively, Dennis G.	U	_	
Brown, Christopher M.	U	8 ,		Lively, James W.	U	R eardon, Mary A.	Ũ
Brown, James D.	U	G allaghar, Robert L.	U	Lively, Jonathan	U	Reardon, Tiffany J.	Ũ
Brown, JoAnn M.	D	Gates, Eugene H.	R	Lively, Joseph Adam	Ũ	Reardon, William Neil	Ū
Brown, June W.	R	Gates, Leah M.	U	Lively, Sandra Julia	Ũ	Reed, Robin W.	D
Brown, Leonard J., Jr.	R	Gaudry, George L.	R	Loomis, Leann Zavotka	Ũ	Reynolds-Gallaghar,	T T
Brown, Lillian Norma	R	Gleason, Susan P.	U	Loomis, Ruth E.	Ũ	Danette	U
Brown, Nancy A.	U	Gordon, Ronald P.	U	Loomis, Sean R.	Ũ	Rice, Bradley J.	U
Brown, Roger L.	D	Gordon, Rosemary R.	U	Loomis, William A.	Ŋ	Rice, Dean T.	R
Brown, Willian M.	R	Gracy, Sarah Jane	R	Lowell, Frederick K.	D	Rice, Donald A.	R
Bryant, Lisa A.	D	Grogan, Barbara	R	A A A A B C C C	Б	Rice, Jennifer L.	D
Buck, Philip Edward	Ũ	_		M ark, Jennifer Susan	D	Rice, Margaret B.	U
Bullett, Richard L.	Ũ	$oldsymbol{H}$ alberg, Neil	U	May, Dennis F.	U	Rice, Martha A.	U U
Burke, Daniel J.	U	Hardison, Billy L.	D	May, Edwin L.	R	Rice, Robert R.	
Bürke, Lisa Danek	U	Hardison, Justin L.	U	May, Gail	U	Riggan, John R.	D
C 11 115 1D	T T	Hardison, Leonda I.	U	May, Katherine E.	R	Riggan, Margalee O.	D D
C ables, Alfred R.	Ū	Heiligmann, Carlos	D	May, Micah David	R	Riggan. Merle R.	U
Carlow, Earl	D	Heiligmann, Katherine	D	May, Paul E.	R U	Roberson, David A. Roberson, Laura S.	Ü
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D	Hoop, Heidi A.	D	May, Seth A.	U	Roche, Barbara J.	D
Cascone, Nancy J.	U	Houghtaling, Deborah	D	Mazanec, Douglas S.	U	Rode, Christina M.	U
Chiofalo, Thomas L.	U	Houghtaling, Thomas	Ũ	Mazanec, Janice E.	U	Rossi, John F.	R
Clancy, Robert J.	D	Houghtaling, Timothy L.		McKee, James M.	U	Rossi, Martha A.	Ü
Corarito, Arthur D.	U	Hudson, Gary H.	R	McLatchy, Kerri L.	U	10551, Martha 11.	O
Corarito, Mary Ann	U	Hudson, Sharon C.	R	McLatchy, Lesley K.	U	S crivens, Betty R.	U
Cousineau, David Allen	R	Huff, Helen Elizabeth	U	McLatchy, Paul, Jr. Miceli, Steven M.	U	Scrivens, David F.	R
Cousineau, Heidi	R	Hurd, Marilyn F.	U	Miller, Daniel J.	U	Sherman, Connie P.	Ü
Crowningshield,	TT	T i reirei	т	Miller, Deborah	U	Sherman, Dohn W.	Ŭ
Howard C.	U	Jackman, Linda Eileen	L	Miller, Lisa Lynn	Ď	Shields, Helen R.	Ď
Crowningshield, Jeanette	U	Jackson, Crystal Ann	U	ivanici, mod bymii	2	2110100, 1101011 10	_

Voters List (Cont.)

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Town of Rowe Voters List - 2002

Libertarian	1
Republican	54
Democrat	49
Unenrolled	170
Total Voters	274

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Annual Town Meeting Results

Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ROWE SCHOOL MONDAY, the THIRTEENTH day of MAY, 2002 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M

Moderator: Robert Clancy Town Clerk: Susan C. Wood

Tellers: Karen Soviecke, Myra B. Carlow, Daureen W. Petersen, Joann M Brown

Selectmen: James Brown, Geoffrey Bagley, Mary Jo Phelps

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

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made for the Town to vote to amend the Town of Rowe By-laws, Article II, Section 1 by deleting the following:

A Clerk for one (1) year A Treasurer for one (1) year One Constable for one (1) year

And substituting the following:

A Clerk for three (3) years A Treasurer for three (3) years One Constable for three (3) years

(Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, § 1, allows for the term limits of the above officers to be for the term of one or more years, not to exceed five years.)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made for the Town to vote 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 2003 fiscal year.

Administration

General Administration	\$29,000.00
Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,250.00
Municipal Audit	4,000.00
Municipal Center Custodian Wages	15,125.00
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	18,000.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repair	500.00
Municipal Center Fuel Oil	2,500.00
Elevator Maintenance Contract	4,800.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Computer Equipment/Software	0.00

Computer Network Support Printing Town Reports	14,000.00 3,250.00
Subtotal Administration	118,425.00
Bonding and Insurance	38,000.00
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	3
Core Assessment	44,543.00
Fees for Services	5,250.00
Subtotal FRCOG	49,793.00
Board of Selectmen Office	
Selectmen Stipend	6,420.00
Accounting Officer/Clerk Salary	45,000.00
Asst. Accounting Officer/Clerk Compensation	on 2,000.00
Subtotal Selectmen Office	53,420.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Assessors Office	
Assessor Stipend	4,500.00
Clerical Wage	6,748.00
Operation	3,000.00
Mapping Payal/Property Undata	1,000.00 10,000.00
Reval/Property Update Software/Computer	2,000.00
Subtotal Assessors Office	27,248.00
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Treasurer Office	4 200 00
Treasurer Stipend Assistant Treasurer Compensation	4,280.00 100.00
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Subtotal Treasurer Office	4,380.00
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
Subtotal Town Clerk Office	6,130.00
Miscellaneous	
Beautification	2,500.00
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5,000.00
7,500.00
3,870.00
600.00
18,500.00
19,100.00
450.00 400.00 300.00
1,150.00
350.00 450.00 450.00 550.00 1,800.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION

340,096.00

PROPOSED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made for the Town to vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for Public Schools for the 2003 fiscal year:

Instructional Programs	377,397.00
Instructional Staff Training	20,200.00
Special Education and Tuitions to	,
Mohawk & Tech	184,676.00
Speech Pathology & Audiology	13,034.00
Psychological Services	12,713.00
Library Services	20,438.00
Health Services	52,317.00
School Committee	5,830.00
Principals Office	91,618.00
Food Services	18,916.00
Plant Operations	84,633.00
Shared Services	50,339.00
Pupil Transportation	19,600.00
Special Education Transportation	4,114.00
Sub-total Public Schools	955,825.00
School Choice Receipts	-85,000.00
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TOTAL SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION 870,825.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH the sum of \$55,000.00 to fund a Mohawk Technology Assistant position (with benefits)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION the sum of \$31,225.00 for repair/modifications to the handicapped ramp at the Rowe Elementary School.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION the sum of \$64,500.00 for HVAC work at the Rowe Elementary School.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion made by School Committee to remove Article 8 from warrant.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TOTAL SCHOOLS (FROM ALL FUNDS)

1,021,550.00

9,690.00

A motion was made to move articles 26 and 30 up to be voted upon before Article 9. **MOTION PASSED**

(For the sake of referencing by number the Articles remain in order for this report.)

ARTICLE 9: The motion was made for the Town to vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 2003 fiscal year.

Police Department Police Chief Stipend Officer Wages Operation	7,260.00 4,000.00 6,500.00
Subtotal Police Department	17,760.00
Fire Department Fire Chief Stipend Officer Stipends Fire-fighter Reimbursement Forest Fire Control General Operation Civil Defense Operation Hazardous Material Control	5,375.00 6,000.00 6,000.00 100.00 23,050.00 500.00 1,000.00
Subtotal Fire Department	42,025.00
Emergency Medical Service Coordinator Stipend Operation and Maintenance Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses Ambulance Service	1,290.00 3,000.00 3,400.00 2,000.00
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Subtotal Emergency Medical Service

Street Lighting	4,500.00
Inspections Building Inspector Fees (Estimated) Electrical Inspector Stipend Plumbing Inspector Stipend	4,000.00 965.00 965.00
Subtotal Inspections	5,930.00
Cemeteries Maintenance	5,000.00
Conservation Commission Operation	200.00

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS/ PROPERTY FROM TAXATION

85,105.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$285,000.00** for the purchase of a new fire truck for the Rowe Fire Department.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION** the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Rowe Elementary School.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS/ PROPERTY FROM ALL FUNDS

420,105.00

ARTICLE 12: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 2003 fiscal year.

Public Health & Sanitation

Board of Health Operation	5,000.00
Health Services Salary	35,375.00
Health Services Operation	5,897.00
Health Services Physician Stipend	2,000.00
Refuse Garden Operation	50,000.00
Attendant Compensation	11,275.00
Solid Waste District Administration	5,333.00
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION

111,580.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for various employee benefits as specified for the 2003 fiscal year.

Employe	Ran	ofite
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Randolph, MA Retirement Assessment	800.00
Franklin County Retirement Assessment	67,037.00**
Group Medical, Medicaid, Health &	
Life Insurance	178,650.00**
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**

TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FROM TAXATION

247,487.00

**Includes benefits for school employees

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED

ARTICLE 14: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the Highway Department for the 2003 fiscal year.

General Operation

Heavy Equip. Operator Wages	141,860.00
Highway Superintendent Salary	52,123.00
Highway Operation & Maintenance	35,000.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	17,000.00
Subtotal General Operation	245,983.00

Highway Projects

Annual Highway Projects Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	30,000.00 45,000.00
Winter Roads Maintenance	45,000.00
Subtotal Annual Highway Projects	120,000.00

TOTAL ARTICLE 14

365,983.00

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15: The motion was made for the Town to vote to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE to the STABILIZATION FUND the sum of \$50,000.00, to be "tentatively earmarked" for future purchase of Highway Equipment.

RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TOTAL HIGHWAY FROM TAXATION 415,983.00

Note: 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 16: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,000.00** to complete the injection control remediation at the Town Garage.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH the sum of \$5,000.00 for the second phase of repairs to the roof of

the Town Garage.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION the sum of \$125,000.00 for a 2002 cab & chassis complete with dump body, stainless steel sander, and wing tower and plow assembly for the Highway Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 19: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the purchase of a snow plow for the Highway Department.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of \$5,425.00 for the purchase and installation of a waste oil burner at the Town Garage.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION** the sum of \$37,500.00 for the design and construction of a equipment wash station, and other yard improvements at the Town Garage.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH the sum of \$75,954.00 for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999 and Chapter 53C of the Acts of 1999, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TOTAL HIGHWAY FROM ALL FUNDS 670,862.00

ARTICLE 23: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 2003 fiscal year.

Rowe Library
Librarian Salary
Library Staff Wages
Operation and Maintenance
10,000.00
10,673.00
15,300.00

35,973.00

TOTAL LIBRARY FROM TAXATION

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RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 24: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of \$2,000.00 for computer equipment/software for the Library.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of \$3,500.00 for interior updating, including interior painting of the Library.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

TOTAL LIBRARY FROM ALL FUNDS 41,473.00

ARTICLE 26: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2003 fiscal year.

Park Commission

Park Wages	27,199.00
Head Ranger Wage	28,766.00
Operation and Maintenance	19,133.00
	75,098.00

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A motion was made to amend Article 26 total to reflect the fact a full time employee is not needed during the winter. The motion to amend was not passed.

ARTICLE 26 PASSED

ARTICLE 27: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$1,500.00 for repairs the Browning Bench Tool buildings.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 28: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$7,800.00 for Park Headquarters Building addition and repair.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED

TOTAL PARK FROM TAXATION 84,398.00

ARTICLE 29: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for an Old Home Day celebration.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED

ARTICLE 30: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for Old Home Day fireworks.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED

TOTAL OLD HOME DAY FROM TAXATION

16,000.00

ARTICLE 31: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **APPROPRIATE FROM STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$25,000.00** for repairs/modifications to the front door, steps and walks at the Town Hall.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED

ARTICLE 32: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$2,300.00 to replace ceiling light fixtures in the assembly room/fitness room at the Town Hall.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 33: The motion was made for the Town to vote to **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of a new copier for the Town Hall.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 34: The motion was made for the Town to vote to APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund for the 2003 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 35: The motion was made for the Town to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to salt, sand and plow approximately 1.7 miles of Zoar Road, lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 2002, in exchange for Charlemont salting, sanding and plowing of 0.7 miles of Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 36: No action was taken for the transaction of any other business.

Adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

A true copy. Attest:

Susan C. Wood Town Clerk



Tower Photo

"New Grader"

Special Town Meeting Results

OCTOBER 30, 2002 - FY 2003 THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TOWN OF ROWE

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Rowe School with approximately eighty voters present.

Moderator: Robert Clancy Town Clerk: Susan Wood

Board of Selectmen: James Brown and Geoffrey Bagley

Tellers: George Gaudry, Barbara Grogan, Robin Johnston and Paul McLatchy

ARTICLE 1: The motion was made and seconded to direct the Moderator to appoint a committee of 5 -7 townspeople to study the feasibility of a town-sponsored day care program for Town of Rowe children and their families; and, if the day care center appears feasible, to instruct this committee to place an article on a subsequent Special Town Meeting warrant, or the warrant for the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, to appropriate money to implement and manage said day care program.

Defeated by standing counted vote – forty-one nays and thirty-six ayes

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to approve the tax agreement between the Town of Rowe and Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) for fiscal year 2003 for real estate, land and personal property owned by YAEC and located within the Town of Rowe for a total assessed value of \$10,629,856.00.

Carried unanimously by ayes.

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$172.00** to pay a bill for senior bus transportation from a previous fiscal year (FY 2002).

Carried unanimously by ayes.

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$7,000.00** for City and Town municipal accounting software for the Rowe Elementary School.

Carried unanimously by ayes.

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$25,000.00** for a residential placement for a Rowe student.

After lengthy discussion it was carried by ayes to move the question.

Article Five was carried by ayes.

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$10,000.00 for expenses related to the review and revision of the Town By-Laws, Rules and Regulations booklet.

Carried unanimously by ayes.

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$75,000.00 to the **STABILIZATION FUND**.

Carried unanimously by ayes.

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE FROM the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$3,000.00 to allow the Park Department to initiate a new Fitness and Health Program utilizing the services of a professional fitness trainer to advise and assist Seniors and others, with scheduled programs for using aerobics and/or the exercise-fitness machines owned by the town to further promote and encourage the good health of Rowe citizens.

Carried by standing counted vote – thirty-eight ayes and thirty-seven nays

ARTICLE 9: The motion was made and seconded to instruct the Moderator to appoint a five-member exploratory committee to study the possibility of a community center to be constructed at the Soule property and to report to the voters at the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting; and if the community center appears reasonable, to instruct this committee to seek an appropriation for a feasibility study.

Carried by standing counted vote -fifty-five ayes and nineteen nays

ARTICLE 10: The motion was made to investigate the cost of buying out the school bus contract with the Mohawk District for Rowe Transportation, and the cost involved in the purchase and operation of busses to be owned by the town for the purpose of transporting Rowe School students. Margaret Rice, School Board Member, will investigate.

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Respectfully submitted,

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 meeting 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 2002 included:

- > Modifications of a new swap shed at the Refuge Garden
- > An official town web site updates
- > Constructed (with help of the Highway Department) and opened a new skate board park
- > Replacement of the Town Line Bridge (Which should be finished in the Spring of 2003)

Department of Public Works business during 2002 included:

- > Type I paving of Zoar Road, Pond Road and Leshure Road by Lane Construction of Northfield, MA
- > Purchase and installation of (1) waste oil burner
- > Purchase of (1) 2003 Mack cab & chassis
- > Repairs to the roof of the Town Garage
- > Improvements to the salt shed

The Board was not able to approve or accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors for the FY03 tax rate in 2002. This was due to the fact that 2002 was a re-evaluation year. (Approval was given in January 2003.)

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.

It is with sadness that we noted the passing of two Rowe residents; Rita Jackson and Efford "Bud" Pierce. Our community is diminished by their loss.

Respectfully Submitted, Geoffrey N. Bagley, Chairman



Tower Photo

"New Skate Park under construction"

Board of Assessors

Membership of the Board remained the same for this past year as **Rick Williams** was re-elected at the annual town election in May 2002. Thank you for your continued commitment Rick. **Ellen Babcock** was re-elected Chairman when the board reorganized following the town election. **Heidi Cousineau** continues her learning curve, in her second year on the board.

The board again thanks **Sandy Daviau**, Assessors' Clerk, for handling the day-to-day tasks in the Assessors Office. Sandy has a good deal of contact with the public and always manages to be gracious and helpful to everyone.

Early in the year work began on our re-evaluation for FY2003. Again we contracted with **Patriot Properties** of Lynn MA for all town valuations and assessments. New construction and property changes (additions, demolitions, etc) from the period 7/1/01 to 6/30/02 are counted toward FY2003 values. All commercial properties were inspected for this reevaluation. In addition, a major component of the reval process is the analysis of real estate sales in Rowe and the surrounding towns. As a result of this process, Residential valuations increased by approximately 20%.

An agreement was again signed between the Town and Yankee Atomic for their FY2003 valuation. However, the re-evaluation of our other two utilities—USGen New England and Bear Swamp Generating Trust—held up our re-evaluation certification this past fall due to difficulty in obtaining information from the utility in a timely manner. These properties were on the market during 2002, and understandably the utility was being careful about the dissemination of information. Information was forthcoming in late November, and preliminary certification was received from Mass DOR on December 18, 2002. Final certification was received on January 3, 2003. Our classification hearing was held with the selectmen on January 14, 2003.



Tower Photo

"New Bridge — Putting on decking"

For FY2003 the total town valuation is \$421,575,303 and tax rates set at \$3.49 for Residential and \$5.52 for CIP (Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property). This compares to a total town valuation of \$414,816,815 for FY2002 with tax rates of \$3.44 (Residential) and \$5.42 (CIP). Please see historic valuation and tax rate data on the following page.

The Assessors Office continues to use the assessing software Assess Pro, which was upgraded to version 4.1. During 2002 steps were taken to enable this software package to share data with our Tax Collector's software package, Point.

The usual items were handled as needed: **monthly building permits** were received from the building inspector, and field reviews conducted to make any necessary adjustments to property cards... **deeds** received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed and compared to Assessors maps for verification of data... **map changes** have been collected for the past few years, and the maps will be updated in the coming year (copies of our maps are also on file at the Registry in Greenfield)... and **monthly commitments and abatements** were reviewed and approved as warranted.

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

Animal Inspector

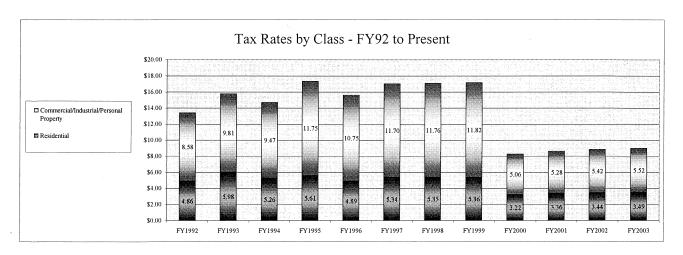
I would like to report that all barn inspections were completed with cooperation from all owners and I have found all in good health and adequate condition in which they are kept.

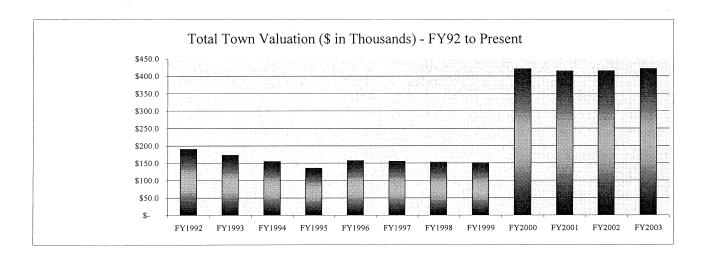
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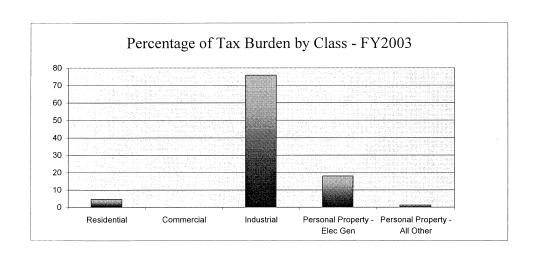
Sheep	4
Chickens	71
Horses	12
Ponies	9
Goats	25
Water Fowl	3
Rabbits	4
Turkey	1
Beef Cattle	23

Respectfully submitted, Robert Rice, Animal Inspector

Board of Assessors - Graphs







Property Transfers for 2002

ADAMS, ALICE T. of East Providence, RI, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ADAMS, HERBERT M. JR.** of East Providence, RI, Trustee of **ADAMS, ALICE T.**, property located on Middletown Hill Road.

ATWOOD, DONALD J. & JEAN ANN of Rowe, ATWOOD, RONALD A. of North Adams & WILSON, DONA A. of Skillman, NJ, for no consideration, grant to ATWOOD, RONALD & WILSON, DONA A., property located in Rowe.

FOBERG, DONALD A. of Glastonbury, CT, for no consideration, grant to **BABCOCK, ELLEN L.** of Rowe, property located at 160 Hazelton Road.

BEAUMIER, LUCIEN A. & ROBERT PAUL of West Hartford, CT, for no consideration paid, grant to **BEAUMIER, LUCIAN A.** of West Hartford, CT, property located at 13L, Leshure Road.

DUNNELL, PAUL P. of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **DUNNELL, PAUL P. & DALE S.**, property located at 137 Leshure Road.

GIRARD, BONNIE LANE of Suffield, CT, in consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **GIRARD, GREGOIRE F.** of Simsbury, CT, property located on Pelham Drive.

GIRARD, GREGOIRE F. of Simsbury, CT, in consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **GIRARD, DAVID G.** of West Simsbury, property located at 65 Hazelton Road.

LINDABURY, DONALD E. of Rowe, in consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to LINDABURY, DONALD E. of Rowe, LINDABURY, JEROME T. of Hinsdale, MA, LINDABURY, RICHARD A. of Davenport, IA & KRISCUNAS, MARY J. of Landing, NJ, property located on Cross Road.

JOHNSON, CLYDE A. & SUSAN J. of Jasper, TN, in consideration of \$5,673.00, grant to **BAKER, WILLIAM & ROBERTA** of Rowe, MA, property located on Stone Road.

CORARITO, DOUGLAS C. & DEANNA of Rowe, in consideration of \$119,000.00, grant to **PATLIN, STEVEN E. & LESLIE S.** of Charlemont, MA, property located at 162 Zoar Road.

JOHNSON, **JAMES J**. of Meriden, CT, in consideration of \$3,750.00, grant to **COUSINEAU**, **DAVID A**. & **HEIDI** of Rowe, property located on Old Cyrus Stage Road.

SAICH, MARGARET K. of Yonkers, NY, **SAICH-SENKO**, **HELEN** of Brewster, NY & **SAICH**, **WILLIAM J. JR.** of Hartsdale, NY, for no consideration, grant to **SAICH**, **WILLIAM J. JR.**, of Hartsdale, NY, property located on Davis Mine Road.

CROWNINGSHIELD, PHYLLIS of Greenfield, MA, executor under the will of **KNAPP, JOHN E**, in consideration of \$93,000.00, grant to **FENSKY, KENNETH & DORIS** of Oxford, CT, property located at 93 Brittingham Hill Road.

SHUMWAY, MONICA R. of Athol, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **SHUMWAY, DAVID B.** of Templeton, MA, property located on Tunnel Road.

TRUESDELL, RICHARD H. & RUTH A. of Rowe, in consideration of \$95,500.00, grant to SOUSA, JAMES E. of Taunton, MA, property located at 99 Brittingham Hill Road.

JOHNSTON, **ROBIN L**. of Rowe, in consideration of \$140,000.00, grant to **HYYTINEN**, **CHRISTOPHER S**. & **PETERS**, **TABITHA J**. of Rowe, property located at 65 Hazelton Road.

JODOIN, RAYMOND A. & NAOMI M. of Rowe, in consideration of \$230,000.00, grant to **WILLIAMS, JAMES T. & JOHNSTON, ROBIN L.** of Rowe, property located at 75 Stone Hill Road.

RADASCH, BONNIE JO of Charlemont, Executor of the Estate of **PARNIZARI, ANTHONY FRANK**, in consideration of \$175,000.00, grant to **LOOMIS, LEANN Z.** of Greenfield, MA, property located at 63 Middletown Hill Road.

NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY a Mass. Corporation, in consideration of less than \$100.00, grant to **USGEN NEW ENGLAND**, **INC.** a Delaware corporation, property located in Rowe.

Property Valuations

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	303	BRYANT LISA /	11		2.20	20,300	5,200	71,900	97,400

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3063	BRYANT LISA /		HAZELTON RD	1.10	800	0	0	800
6019	BUKER PHILIP G / YORK ARTHUR	165	DELL RD	137.20	55,600	3,200	11,200	70,000
802 4032	BURKE DANIEL J / DANEK BURKE LISA A BURT ERNEST R / BURT ELIZABETH A	465	TUNNEL RD Ford Hill RD	24.60 2.20	25,400 2,000	0	251,800 0	277,200 2,000
1002	DOM BRUEDI M. DOM BELLEBETTI				2,000	Ū	Ü	2,000
11029 1107	CAREY ANNE S	4	STONE HILL RD	94.79	1,123	10 100	100 100	1,123
1107	CAREY ANNE S CAREY ANNE S	4	STONE HILL RD STONE HILL RD	118.06 4.70	43,635 212	48,400 0	188,100 0	278,135 212
3048	CARON MARTHA L	285	ZOAR RD	5.60	24,900	600	48,200	73,700
3038 3060	CARSE JAMES P / CARSE JAMES P /	228	ZOAR RD ZOAR RD	15.40 5.00	10,200 24,400	0 400	0 187,000	10,200 211,800
8029	CASCONE NANCY J /	24	STEELE BROOK RD	1.00	16,400	0	97,100	113,500
7036	CEMETERY-IN-THE-FIELD / JEAN-CLAUDE VAN	63	DAVENPORT RD	5.97	5,400	0	0	5,400
11075 4039	CHIOFALO THOMAS CITINO LAUREL	87	POTTER RD County RD	8.18 8.69	27,300 7,000	0	162,100 0	189,400 7,000
3057	CLANCY ROBERT J / MILLER LISA L	12	COUNTY RD	45.00	38,900	26,800	129,900	195,600
12010	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS		POTTER RD	74.55	23,500	0	0	23,500
12016 12045	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	OFF	POTTER RD Monroe Bridge RD	59.49 121.30	16,100 30,600	0	0	16,100 30,600
12088	COMMONWEALTH OF MASS	OFF	POTTER RD	0.10	100	0	0	100
4033 6011	CONWAY GREGORY J / CONWAY DONNA W CORARITO ARTHUR / CORARITO MARYANN		FORD HILL RD	3.45	3,100	0 0	0	3,100
6011	CORARITO ARTHUR / CORARITO MARYANN	65	DELL RD DELL RD	77.80 16.15	24,300 31,300	0	312,000	24,300 343,300
6015	CORARITO ARTHUR D / CORARITO MARYANN	64	DELL RD	4.30	23,800	4,000	52,200	80,000
6012 6044	CORARITO ARTHUR O / CORARITO MARYANN CORNISH ANITA M	51	DELL RD DELL RD	12.59 10.55	9,600 29,200	0 500	0 32,800	9,600 62,500
11098	CORSO DAVID / CORSO KATHLEEN	51	LESHURE RD	4.22	3,800	0	0	3,800
	Cousineau david a / cousineau heidi	150	CYRUS STAGE RD	4.41	23,900	0	0	23,900
13031 8043	CROWNINGSHIELD STEVEN R. / CROWNINGSHIELD CROWNINGSHIELD STEVEN R / CROWNINGSHIELD	450	TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD	13.78 9.85	30,500 8,900	17,200 7,500	79,700 0	127,400 16,400
8020	CROWNINGSHIELD STEVEN RY CROWNINGSHIELD	106	ZOAR RD	7.50	26,700	27,800	90,200	144,700
5030	CUPPLES J+A / HAGEMAN ALICE	15	KINGS HIGHWAY	5.70	25,000	10,600	115,200	150,800
6062	DANAHER(HILLERY) PATRICIA L /		DAVIS MINE RD	8.00	6,500	0	0	6,500
11039	DANDENEÀU HENRY G/MARION E	100	LESHURE RD	44.50	38,800	16,400	111,800	167,000
11044 3085	DANDENEAU HENRY G / DANDENEAU MARION E DANDENEAU HENRY J / DANDENEAU EVELYN L	272	LESHURE RD Zoar RD	35.50 6.54	14,700 25,800	0 5,700	0 77,300	14,700 108,800
11024	DANEK LILLIAN /	23	CROSS RD	11.20	29,500	20,600	116,700	166,800
11025	DANEK THOMAS P JR / DANEK DEBORA J R	39	CROSS RD	17.60	31,800	2,300	153,400	187,500
12078 11074	DANEKER JAMES J / MARIONE DAVIAU EDWARD A / DAVIAU SANDRA P	17	POTTER RD POTTER RD	0.59 16.46	1 <i>7,</i> 500 31,400	900 6,800	34,700 126,600	53,100 164,800
4018	DAVIDSON BARBARA F REVOCABLE /	81	BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	13.90	30,500	0	283,700	314,200
4021 4019	DAVIDSON BARBARA F REVOCABLE /		BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	8.80	7,900	0	0	7,900
4019	DAVIDSON BARBARA REVOCABLE TRU / C/O DEEP MICHAEL / LAND CORP		COUNTY RD COUNTY RD	46.90 7.16	15,600 5,800	0	0	15,600 5,800
4043	DEEP MICHAEL / LAND CORP		COUNTY RD	8.94	7,200	0	0	7,200
11099 11095	DEL GRECO JOSEPH F CO-TRUSTEE / DEL GRECO DION DONALD		LESHURE RD FORD HILL RD	5.02 2.17	4,500 2,000	0	0	4,500 2,000
302	DIONNE JON / DIONNE LORETTA	21	HAZELTON RD	47.70	39,500	21,800	66,200	127,500
11087	DONELSON BRIAN A /	40	POTTER RD	12.35	9,500	0	0	9,500
11089 8021	DONELSON BRIAN A / DONELSON NORMA J Donovan Eugene J / Donovan Sandra H	43 100	POTTER RD Zoar RD	5.00 0.46	24,400 17,300	36,400 0	606,400 50,400	667,200 67,700
12079	DUGAL MARIONE / DUGAL GERARD U		POTTER RD	2.00	1,800	Ő	0	1,800
11033 11034	DUNNELL PAUL P / DUNNELL DALE DUNNELL PAUL P / DUNNELL DALE		LESHURE RD LESHURE RD	13.00 12.00	7,700 7,600	0	0	7,700 7,600
11054	DUNNELL PAUL P / DUNNELL DALE	110	LESHURE RD	12.00	1,600	0	0	1,600
11035	DUNNELL PAUL P / DUNNELL DALE W		R LESHURE RD	36.50	34,500	0	17,400	51,900
11036 11079	DUNNELL PAUL P / DUNNELL DALE W DUNNELL PAUL P / DUNNELL DALE S	137	LESHURE RD LESHURE RD	58.00 3. <i>7</i> 9	41,900 3,400	32,500 0	89,400 0	163,800 3,400
12080	DUPREE BERT / EVELYN R		POTTER RD	10.90	9,200	0	0	9,200
11041	DVORE DAVID	75 476	POTTER RD	14.83	30,900	3,800	78,900	113,600
13019	DYKEMAN ROBERT L /	476	TUNNEL RD	134.50	59,400	0	56,000	115,400
11057 12063	EAST CEMETERY ASSOC ESSERT ROBERT D / ESSERT MARY B	112	CYRUS STAGE RD FORD HILL RD	1.47 2.87	1,300 21,500	0 10,000	0 105,500	1,300 137,000
11088	FAIVRE AUDREY I /	29	POTTER RD	7.23	26,400	6,200	162,700	195,300
1058	FELDMAN ARNOLD L /		NEWELL CROSS RD	2.09	1,900	0	0	1,900
4017	FENSKY KENNETH/ FENSKY DORIS	93	BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	10.90	29,300	9,500	53,900	92,700
12083 4023	FIELD ALAN P / MARSENA FINN PATRICK MICHAEL /		FORD HILL RD COUNTY RD	2.20 15.60	2,000 9,200	0	0	2,000 9,200
110120	FITZGERALD HAROLD R TRUST /	42	OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	7.77	26,900	0	97,500	124,400
206	FOSHAY ANGELA F	19	FORD HILL RD	30.00	35,200	0	128,000	163,200

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3026	FOSTER WILLIAM G / FOSTER BERNICE A	300	ZOAR RD	1.20	18,600	0	84,200	102,800
12054 6080	GALLAGHAR ROBERT / REYNOLDS GALLAGHAR GARY DOROTHY / GARY RICHARD	30	POTTER RD CYRUS STAGE + DELL RD	1.19 0.92	18,600 800	5,300 0	76,300 0	100,200 800
11048	GARY RICHARD / GARY DOROTHY		CYRUS STAGE RD	94.25	28,000	0	0	28,000
602 12088	GARY RICHARD / GARY DOROTHY GATES EUGENE / GATES LEAH	40	CYRUS STAGE RD Shippee RD	54.17 2.24	18,900 20,400	0 9,800	0 67.000	18,900 97,200
1030	GAUDRY GEORGE L	5	PINE HILL RD	0.54	17,400	0	64,300	81,700
13020	GFROERER WESLEY /		TUNNEL RD	120.68	56,300	0	0	56,300
803 304	GFROERER WESLEY I		TUNNEL RD HAZELTON RD	10.15 0.68	9,000 600	0	0	9,000 600
8012	GFROERER WESLEY P / GFROERER WESLEY P /	36	PETRI RD	18.84	32,200	38,900	112,400	183,500
806	GFROERER WESLEY P /		PETRI RD	16.10	10,400	0	0	10,400
808 2040	GFROERER WESLEY P /	23	PETRI RD PELHAM DR	57.45 0.39	19,700 17,200	0 3,500	0 82,500	19,700 103,200
6045	GIRARD DAVID G / GIROUX BERTRAND	20	DELL RD	1.40	1.10		02,500	1,100
3014	GLASS HELENE S	6	KINGS HIGHWAY	6.50	25,800	7,700	167,100	200,600
12075	GLEASON SUSAN P / CORDON POSTANARY	248	FORD HILL RD HAZELTON RD	6.84 14.10	26,100 30,600	8,700 0	43,400	78,200 00 79,600
1013 1038	GORDON RONALD P / GORDON ROSEMARY GORDON RONALD P / GORDON ROSEMARY R	78 49	HAZELTON RD	5.70	25,000	13,300	101,700	140,000
10021	GORDON ROSEMARY /GORDON RONALD P	37	STEELEBROOK RD	2.70	21,200	0	81,900	103,100
8026	GORDON ROSEMARY / GORDON RONALD P	<i>(</i> 0	STEELE BROOK RD	9.10	6,600	8,500 0	0 0 600	15,100 113.300
2020 11046	GRAZIANO JOHN M / GRAZIANO ROBERTA K GRIECO RICHARD / GRIECO ANN	60 54	POND RD OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	0.71 133.10	17,700 59,100	12,300	95,600 138,100	209,500
606	GRIECO RICHARD / GRIECO ANN	01	CYRUS STAGE RD	26.86	12,800	0	0	12,800
11047	GRIEC RICHARDN / GRIECO ANN L		LESHURE RD	55.10	15,300	5 700	0	15,300
2015 1034	GRODD STUART / GRODD VELMA GROGAN BARBARA	56 81	POND RD HAZELTON RD	21.05 2.58	32,800 21,000	5,700 3,500	139,400 52,900	177,900 77,400
10010	GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION IND., /		TUNNEL RD	3.80	3,400	0,500	0	3,400
10012	GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION IND., /	OFF	TUNNEL RD	3.10	2,800	0	0	2,800
9020	GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION IND., /	OFF	TUNNEL RD Tunnel RD	24.92 6.76	22,400 6,100	0	0	22,400 6,100
9023 9026	GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION IND., / GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION [ND., /	OFF	TUNNEL RD	1.50	1,400	0	0	1,400
	GUZZO ALBERT	011	LESHURE RD	5.90	5,300	1,000	0	6,300
2032	HALBERG NEIL D	13	PELHAM DR	0.40	17,200	4,900	38,400	60,500
6018 9015	HAMILTON WARREN HARDISON BILLY L / HARDISON LEONDA		DAVIS MINE RD TUNNEL RD	5.00 99.80	3,600 26,300	0	0	3,600 28,300
9016	HARDISON BILLY L / HARDISON LEONDA	220FF	TUNNEL RD	2.73	17,200	4,900	51,600	73,700
11021	HEILIGMANN CARLOS /HEILIGMANN KATHERINE	7.	CROSS RD	4.03	3,600	0	0	3,600
11082 6020	HEILIGMANN CARLOS / HEILIGMANN KATHERINE S HERSHEY JOEL A /	71	CROSS RD Davis mine RD	4.07 31.40	23,600 34,300	0 5,000	122,800 0	148,400 39,300
4030	HERVIEUX CARLE / HERVIEUX CHARLENEH	195	FORD HILL RD	2.80	21,400	0	77,100	98,500
4034	UERVIEUX CARL E / HERVIEUX CHARLENE	0.77	FORD HILL RD	3.80	3,400	0	0	3,400
7031 12046	HICKS NORMAN A / HICKS BETTY A HIGHLANDS REALTY TRUST / JOHN WILLIAMS	OFF 36	TATRO RD Brown RD	90.00 62.70	21,600 43,000	0 10,800	0 189,200	21,600 243,000
12040	HIGHLANDS REALTY TRUST / JOHN WILLIAMS	30	SHIPPEE RD	14.75	10,100	0	0	10,100
12071	HIGHLANDS REALTY TRUST		FORD HILL RD	55.16	19,200	0	0	19,200
12073	HIGHLANDS REALTY TRUST II /	20 312	BROWN RD Zoar Rd	59.80 1.90	42,400 19,800	18,200 16,900	86,100 139,900	148,700 176,600
3010 12070	HOFFMAN JOHN N / HOFFMAN KATHLEEN HOLT DAVID J / NEWMAN JUDITH H	168	FORD HILL RD	4.60	24,000	500	105,300	129,800
9019	HOUGHTALING THOMAS V / HOUGHTALING	14 OFF	TUNNEL RD	0.14	5,300	800	62,000	68,100
11030	HOXIE HENRIETTA P	1 =	STONE HILL RD	14.30 2.70	9,000	10,000	0 87,900	9,000 127,100
1048 106	HUDSON GARY H / HUDSON SHARON C HUDSON HUBERT M JR / HUDSON GLADYS A	15 20	NEWELL GROSS RD NEWELL CROSS RD	1.90	21,200 19,800	18,000 0	62,900	82,700
1036	HYYTINEN CHRISTOPHER S / PETERS TABITHA J	65	HAZELTON RD	2.56	21,000	800	67,300	89,100
1047	JACKSON ORAL L / JACKSON DARLENE A	88	HAZELTON RD	4.54	24,000	11,200 0	80,900 0	116,100 11,600
	JACKSON STANLEY F / JACKSON JOAN M JETTE RONALD E / JETTE KATHLEEN J		LESHURE RD OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	21.37 5.37	11,600 4,800	7,300	0	12,100
	JOHNSON RUSSELL E / JOHNSON RUSSELL E.	242	FORD HILL RD	8.20	27,300	2,300	151,500	181,100
401	JOHNSON RUSSELL E / TRUSTEE OF RUSSELL E		FORD HILL RD	19.90	11,200	7,700	0	18,900
11010 6052	JOLLY RUSSELL W / WOOD SUSAN C JONES MARGARET S /		STONE HILL RD CYRUS STAGE RD	49.72 6.40	40,000 5,800	0	0	40,000 5,800
1029	JURENTKUFF TRUST / C/O JURENTKUFF KARL E JR	6	PINE HILL DR	2.15	20,300	Ő	122,100	142,400
8042	KALAUS WARREN /KALAUS DOROTHY	14	BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	2.80	21,400	200	100,100	121,700
7026	KATZ FREDERICK / KATZ DEBORAH BOOTH	80 28	DAVENPORT RD OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	2.00 9.00	20,000 28,000	7,100 1,000	91,000 83,200	118,100 112,200
3046	KEENEY EDWARD V SR KNOBLOCH KEVIN T / BUCHANAN ELIZABETH J	40	ZOAR RD	9.00 113.70	28,000 1,617	1,000	05,200	1,817
7012	KNOBLOCH KEVIN T. / BUCHANAN ELIZABETH J.		ZOAR RD	217.60	2,228	0	0	2,228
7013	KNOBLOCH KEVIN T / BUCHANAN ELIZABETH J.		ZOAR RD	10.50	385 414	0	0	365 414
7014	KNOBLOCH KEVIN T / BUCHANAN ELIZABETH J	Off	ZOAR RD	16.00	414	U	U	414

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7027 11058 502	KNOBLOCH KEVIN T. / BUCHANAN ELIZABETH J. KRATKY JOSEPH M / KRATKY NANCY L KRIJMM TERRY REVOCABLE TRUST / CIO TERRY		ZOAR RD Potter RD Davis Mine RD	20.60 1.02 76.90	455 900 46 300	0 0 38 400	0 0 205 400	455 900 290 100
502 13027 13013 1050 408 3011 3069 13016 3027 5014 5013 11020 12087 110101	KRATKY JOSEPH M / KRATKY NANCY L KRUMM TERRY REVOCABLE TRUST / CIO TERRY LAFFOND LEONARD J / LAFFOND CYNTHIA M LAFFOND MICHAEL S. / LAFFOND LAURIE LARNED LANCE / LEE LAWRENCE III / LEE KENNETH LEHR DOROTHY / LEHR BRUCE LEHR DOROTHY / LEHR BRUCE LEHR DOROTHY LENTH DAVID W LESCARBEAU NANCY / LESCARBEAU HOWARD J LESCARBEAU NANCY LESCARBEAU NANCY / SHIPPEE LEON B LESURE LAWRENCE M / LEVITRE CRISTINE / LEWIS MICHAEL / LINDABURY DONALD E / LINDABURY RICHARD A LINDABURY DONALD E / LINDABURY JEROME LINDABURY DONALD E / LINDABURY JEROME LINDABURY DONALD E / LINDABURY JEROME LIVELY DENNIS G / LIVELY SANDRA J LIVELY JENNIS G / LIVELY SANDRA J LIVELY JONATHAN / LIVELY CAROL F LOOMIS LEANN Z / LOOMIS LEANN Z / LOOMIS RUTH /	294 205 208 26 306 544 75 96 82 148 11 63 63	POTTER RD DAVIS MINE RD HAZELTON RD HAZELTON RD NEWELL CROSS RD HAZELTON RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD TUNNELRD ZOAR RD DAVIS MINE RD DAVIS MINE RD CROSS RD FORD HILL RD LESHURE RD LESHURERD CROSS RD CROSS RD CROSS RD TATRO RD TATRO PD TATRO + DAVENPORT RI PETRI RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD HAZELTON RD	76.90 23.40 74.60 2.00 72.40 2.70 1.20 148.90 0.91 10.40 8.43 3.70 2.25 5.02 7.90 1.00 1.00 2.00 34.00	900 46,300 33,500 45,800 20,000 23,000 21,200 900 62,700 800 8,200 6,800 23,000 20,400 4,500 7,100 18,200 900 1,800 36,200 25,300 21,300 25,300 21,300 1,800 21,300 21,200 900 1,800 1,	0 38,400 15,000 0 5,500 0 16,200 0 14,600 0 0 0 0 0 0 7,900 0 0 0,900 4,100 4,500 0	0 205,400 99,200 71,300 36,800 0 137,600 0 145,500 0 0 84,500 184,300 0 62,300 0 0 107,100 85,800 99,500	900 290,100 147,700 117,100 62,300 23,000 175,000 900 222,800 8,200 6,800 108,300 205,200 4,500 7,100 88,400 900 1,800 36,200 111,200 123,100 10,400 11,500
104 4042 4041	LOOMIS WILLIAM A / LOOMIS RUTH E LOWELL DANIEL LOWELL DANIEL F LOWELL FREDERICK K / LOWELL KEVIN M	108 18	HAZELTON RD COUNTY RD COUNTY RD OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	8.90 8.72 8.94 6.33	27,900 7,100 7,200 25,600	13,600 0 0 9,000	128,300 0 0 126,300	169,800 7,100 7,200 160,900
2026 2023 607 11080 11016 11019 11071 2018 10024 8028 8040 1011 6024 105 2030 102 110115 7010 7029 7032 7034 12090 4031	MARCHEGIANI ELLIOT N MARCHEGIANI NORMAN / FAMILY REALTY TRUST MAYCHEGIANI NORMAN / FAMILY REALTY TRUST MAY DENNIS F / MAY GAIL MAY EDWIN L / MAY KATHERINE E MAY EDWIN L / MAY KATHERINE E MAY EDWIN L / MAY KATHERINE E MCKAY DAVID J / MCKAY DANIEL F/BRIAN C MCKEE JAMES M/ MCKEE JAMES M/ MCLATCHY PAUL JR / MCLATCHY LESLEY K MEKRUT IRENE W MICELI STEPHEN M MILES PAUL / MILES EDGERTON A MILLER DEBORAH / MILLER DANIEL J MORENCY DANIEL / MORENCY KAREN E MORSE ALFRED / MUNROE CARL A	33 22 68 50 31	PELHAM DR PELHAM DR OLD CYRUS STAGE RD FORD HILL RD CROSS RD CROSS RD POTTER RD POTTER RD POND RD STEELE BROOK RD ZOAR RD STEELE BROOK RD NEWELL CROSS RD DAVIS MINE RD NEWELL CROSS RD PELHAM DR FORD HILL RD CYRUS STAGE RD STONE HILL RD TATRO RD SHPPEE RD TUNNEL RD	0.12 1.27 6.08 2.27 30.95 18.60 4.00 0.23 4.00 4.60 1.60 1.00 14.60 5.10 0.44 4.10 5.39 8.20 10.70 24.00 1.70 24.00 1.70 24.00	5,600 18,700 25,400 20,500 13,700 32,100 3,600 10,800 23,500 4,100 1,400 18,200 8,000 24,500 17,200 23,600 4,900 27,300 29,200 12,200 1,500 26,300 24,100 4,100	0 2,800 2,200 400 0 1,600 0 400 12,900 0 4,200 0 9,800 3,000 6,100 0 0 6,100 0	37,100 19,000 76,600 118,500 0 181,000 0 20,800 79,300 0 48,800 35,900 119,900 0 70,800 16,400 0 83,700 126,400	42,700 40,500 104,200 139,400 13,700 214,700 3,600 32,000 4,100 1,400 168,700 8,000 83,100 56,100 4,900 98,900 45,600 12,200 1,500 110,000 156,600 4,100
603 604 1001 10018 1004 11076 12017 12085 13013.4 13024 1303 8016 8024 8031 805 9011	NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATIO / NEW ENGLAND FORESTRY FOUNDATIO / NEW ENGLAND POWER / C\O PROPERTY TAX	OFF	DELL RD DELL RD TUNNEL RD STEELE BROOK RD TUNNEL RD CROSS RD POTTER RD POTTER RD MONROE BRIDGE RD TUNNEL RD MONROE BRIDGE RD STEELE BROOK RD STEELE BROOK RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD	81.90 41.00 46.80 197.70 260.00 23.55 3.65 1.86 8.98 28.74 39.70 138.00 30.20 17.22 32.40 163.50	25,200 16,000 34,100 160,100 189,500 17,000 3,300 8,100 25,900 35,700 100,600 27,200 12,600 29,200 147,200	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	25,200 16,000 34,100 160,100 189,500 17,000 3,300 8,100 25,900 35,700 100,600 27,200 12,600 29,200 147,200

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9012 9013 9013A 904 10019 1008 905 11032 1060	Owner 1/Owner 2 NEW ENGLAND POWER / C\O PROPERTY TAX NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY / C\O PROPERTY NEWMAN MURRAYJR / NEWMAN JANICE H NOCK CLAYTON S	OFF	TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNELRD STEELE BROOK RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD LESHURE RD FORD HILL RD	85.10 69.30 48.31 84.90 82.30 210.60 16.90 40.20 2.10	62,000 50,500 35,200 61,900 74,100 153,500 15,200 12,600 20,200	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	62,000 50,600 35,200 61,900 74,100 153,500 15,200 12,600 31,800
5016 5017	OLIVER KATHLEEN G / OLIVER KATHLEEN G /	32	DAVIS MINE RD DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	20.50 32.80	11,400 35,900	0 300	0 69,700	11,400 105,900
11064 2016 1012 109 11040 4026 6021 7017 5024 7016 3040 4025 701 3044 3045 11 037 2011 4022 12055 8030 1049 7021 4040	PACKARD JOHN / PACKARD ELLYNN PAGE DOROTHY E / PAIGE CLIFFORD F III / ALMEIDA MARY PAIGE CLIFFORD F III / ALMEIDA MARY PALMER IRREVOCABLE R E TRUST / PALMER PATLIN STEVEN E / PATLIN LESLIE S PECK REALTY, LLP / PECK REALTY TRUST PECK REALTY, LLP / PECK REALTY TRUST PEPYNE EDWARD / PEPYNE EDWARD JR PEPYNE EDWARD / PEPYNE EDWARD JR PEPYNE EDWARD W / PEPYNE EDWARD W JR PETERSEN DAUREEN / PETERSEN DAUREEN / PHELPS DANIEL R JR / PHELPS MARY JO A PHILLIPS MICHAEL + REGINA / C/O PHILLIPS PIERCE EFFORD H / PIERCE JUDITH PIKE ERIC A / ROY MICHELLE C POEHLEIN DAVID G / MARK JENNIFER S POSEVER MICHAEL / DEMETZ ANN-MARIE POSPISIL ZDENKA A PYTKO THOMAS A	OFF OFF 252 145 62 37 14 61 332	STONE HILL RD POND RD NEWELL CROSS RD NEWELL CROSS RD PALMER RD ZOAR RD DAVIS MINE RD ZOAR RD	8.20 0.23 1.70 2.18 125.40 0.42 144.90 145.50 141.20 18.60 13.28 0.98 0.20 1.00 4.10 2.50 17.72 18.10 7.00 8.30 0.87 44.20 9.24	27,300 10,800 1,200 20,300 57,300 17,200 1,771 1,580 1,541 437 9,700 900 200 18,200 3,700 20,900 31,800 31,900 26,200 27,400 18,000 13,400 7,500	0 0 0 0 8,800 4,200 0 0 0 0 0 0 7,500 5,400 8,200 0 6,500 0	194,000 48,500 0 97,500 55,500 95,400 0 0 0 0 0 61,600 0 97,900 100,400 135,700 88,900 180,100 161,500 0	221,300 57,300 1,200 117,800 121,600 116,800 1,771 1,580 1,541 437 9,700 200 80,500 3,700 126,300 137,600 175,800 115,100 208,300 188,000 13,400 7,500
1041 11 096	QUINN RICHARD K / QUINN MELISSA S QUIST WALTER J / QUIST KELLE J	16 4	HAZELTON RD FORD HILL RD	4.00 3.02	23,500 21,800	5,400 4,400	105,800 122,200	134,700 148,400
11031 11049 601 1057 2060 8011 12058 5029 2047 11026 11027 11086 207 404 8023 7018 12031 11094 801 8010 8034 3033 3058 3062 3070 2058 3047 1054 3037 4024 9014	RANIERI DONALD G / REARDON WILLIAM N / REARDON MARY A REARDON WILLIAM N / REARDON MARY A REED ROBIN W / RICE DEAN T / RICE JENNIFER L RICE DONALD A / RICE MARTHA L / RICE BRADLEY J RICE MARTHA L / RICE MARGARET B RICH CLAYBURN C / RICH PRISCILLA RIGGAN DEBORAH M / RIGGAN JOHN R RIGGAN JOHN J / RIGGAN MARGALEE O RIGGAN JOHN R / C/O GEORGE RIGGAN RIGGAN JOHN R / RIGGAN MARGALEE 0 RIVER REALTY TRUST / BOULLIE JOHN T ROBERSON DAVID A / ROBERSON LAURA S ROCK DRILLERS SUPPLY CO RODE ROBERT / RODE DIANNE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP ROMAN JOHN C ROOSA, CAROL CDF TRUST / ROSSI JOHN F / ROSSI JOHN F / ROSSI JOHN F / ROWE COMMUNITY CHURCH ROWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROWE LAND TRUST / C/O FREDERICK WILLIAMS ROWE LAND TRUST / C/O FREDERICK WILLIAMS	131 54 72 278 OFF OFF	LESHURE RD CYRUS STAGE RD CYRUS STAGE RD HAZELTON RD FORD HILL RD BRITTINGHAM HILL RD FORD HILL RD DAVIS MINE RD POND RD LESHURE RD LESHURE RD LESHURE RD LESHURE RD TUNNEL RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD TUNNEL RD BRITTINGHAM HILL RD BRITTINGHAM HILL RD BRITTINGHAM HILL RD ZOAR RD	26.00 5.60 2.80 19.51 2.45 5.20 3.90 7.00 5.25 15.70 1.37 13.90 6.50 5.25 8.60 11.50 4.80 4.90 2.27 4.10 66.00 2.03 0.27 0.10 0.13 0.10 21.80 0.58 1.10 74.10 84.90 38.40 94.80	10,100 24,900 2,500 30,000 20,800 24,600 23,300 26,200 4,700 10,300 1,200 9,900 25,800 4,700 27,600 7,500 24,200 4,400 2,000 3,700 43,800 20,000 12,700 100 100 4,900 11,700 17,500 1,000 23,400 25,900 37,300 22,700	0 7,000 0 15,700 400 9,700 23,100 26,400 0 0 3,900 0 11,400 0 4,500 0 31,200 9,800 400 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 148,800 0 111,700 109,300 72,900 90,500 122,600 0 0 89,300 0 112,900 0 76,300 0 54,700 94,900 251,200 0 0 200,700 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	10,100 180,700 2,500 157,400 130,500 107,200 136,900 175,200 10,300 1,200 9,900 119,000 4,700 105,000 4,400 2,000 3,700 129,700 124,700 264,300 100 4,900 11,700 218,200 1,000 23,400 25,900 37,300 22,700

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3013	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	7	KINGS HIGHWAY	1.40	18,900	2,500	125,700	147,100
3024	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	22	KINGS HIGHWAY	17.50	31,700	600	88,800	119,100
305	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC		ZOAR RD	0.17	8,000	0	164,600	172,600
3052 3053	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	33	KINGS HIGHWAY	1.80	19,600	10,400	14,400	44,400
3054	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	OF.	KINGS HIGHWAY F KINGS HIGHWAY	1.40 0.08	18,900 100	47,800 5,200	106,500 0	173,200 5,300
3055	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	22	KINGS HIGHWAY	2.50	20,900	6,900	0	27,800
306	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	22	ZOAR RD	0.22	200	3,200	0	3,400
307	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	22	ZOAR RD	0.19	200	0	0	200
5020 5027	ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC ROWE UNITARIAN CAMP INC	38 22	KINGS HIGHWAY KINGS HIGHWAY	3.40 17.50	22,500	3,600	268,500	294,600
11067	RUDENAUER EDWIN P / RUDENAUER SANDRA	171	POTTER RD	1.03	31,700 18,300	21,200 0	366,100 23,300	419,000 41,600
6030	SAICH MARGARET K / SAICH-SENKO HELEN	76	DAVIS MINE RD	19.08	32,200	1,500	78,400	112,100
110103	SARTUCCI RICHARD / IMPRONTO THOMAS SCHMIDT ROBERT M/		LESHURE RD STONE HILL RD	6.00	5,400	0	0	5,400
3039	SCIBAK JOHN W / SCIBAK PATRICIA E	221	ZOAR RD	13.40 5.40	9,800 24,800	0	0 18,700	9,800 43,500
6037	SCOTT MOLLY /	221	DAVIS MINE RD	38.30	12,400	0	10,700	12,400
107	SCRIVENS DAVID F	35	NEWELL CROSS RD	2.20	20,300	2,600	72,000	94,900
6063	SHANTIGAR FOUNDATION INC		1 DAVENPORT RD	4.08	3,700	0	0	3,700
6064 1035	SHANTIGAR FOUNDATION INC SHERMAN DOHN /	10 I 77	⁷ 2 Davenport RD Hazelton RD	5.29 2.70	4,800	4,700	0	9,500
11022	SHIELDS HELEN R /	//	POTTER RD	31.60	21,200 13,900	1,000 0	42,800 0	65,000 13,900
12014	SHIELDS HELEN R /	146	POTTER RD	22.40	33,200	0	81,800	115,000
13017	SHUMWAY DAVID		TUNNEL RD	34.01	14,400	0	0	14,400
4015	SHUMWAY KATHERINE /	487	TUNNEL RD	29.20	35,000	300	69,900	105,200
4028 406	SIBLEY MARY E / ANDOGNINI ARLENE M SIBLEY MARY E / ANDOGNINI ARLENE M	163	BRITTINGHAM HILL RD HAZELTON RD	13.20 4.41	9,700 23,900	0 8,900	62.000	9,700
12012	SIGAL LEONARD / SIGAL ELKE	105	POTTER RD	37.00	12,800	0,900	62,900 0	95,700 12,800
12082	SITTINGER ROBERT G /		FORD HILL RD	0.06	100	ő	Ő	100
12089	SITTINGER ROBERT G /	54	FORD HILL RD	8.90	27,900	7,300	89,800	125,000
2055 1045	SITTINGER ROBERT G / SKYLINE LAND TRUST / ROBERT WILLIAMS	14	FORD HILL RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	25.90 8.40	12,600 27,500	0 9,800	0 15,400	12,600 52,700
2048	SKYLINE LAND TRUST / ROBERT WILLIAMS	7	MIDDLETOWN HILL + POND RD	2.38	20,700	7,400	139,200	167,300
2050	SKYLINE LAND TRUST / ROBERT WILLIAMS		POND RD	16.30	10,400	0	0	10,400
709	SLAUNWHITE NELL L/		TATRO RD	5.90	5,300	0	0	5,300
13014 4010	SMITH FLOYDW/SMITH PHYLLIST	4	MONROE HILL RD	37.30	37,000	16,800	83,700	137,500
3025	SMITH JEFFREY A / SMITH LEE A SMITH ROYAL EST / C/O IRENE SMITH	120	COUNTY RD KINGS HIGHWAY	1.19 1.10	18,600 1,000	600 0	23,100	42,300 1,000
8025	SNIVELY MARY E I	68	ZOAR RD	58.10	42,000	8,000	132,900	182,900
11068	SNYDER TIMOTHY C / SNYDER CATHERINE	49	CROSS RD	3.80	23,200	´ 0	128,400	151,600
4016	SOUSA JAMES E	99	BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	2.38	20,700		00 76,900	110,100
6033 1028	SOVIECKE MITCHELL P / SOVIECKE KAREN C SPIEGLER GERHARDE /SPIEGLER ETHEL	41	DAVENPORT RD HAZELTONRD	2.00 17.30	20,000 10,600	6,100	53,500	79,600
301	SPIEGLER GERHARD E / SPIEGLER ETHEL	OFF	ZOAR RD	41.00	12,800	0	0	10,600 12,800
1019	SPRATLAN LEWIS JR / SPRATLAN MELINDA K	38	MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	15.17	31,000	4,400	88,400	123,800
2014	SPRATLAN LEWIS JR / SPRATLAN MELINDA K		MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	8.60	7,700	0	0	7,700
1018	SPRATLAN LEWIS JR. / SPRATLAN MELINDA K.		MIDDLETOWN RD	4.10	3,700	0	0	3,700
1055 1043	STANKOWICZ DOROTHY STETSON WENDELL L / STETSON IANE M	10	HAZELTON RD HAZELTON RD	4.40 2.71	4,000 21,200	0 4,800	0 66,600	4,000 92,600
2049	STICKNEY WAYNE A / STICKNEY LINDA	43	MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	2.71	20,000	500	110,000	130,500
702	SWENSON DAVID H / SWENSON KRISTEN	171	ZOAR RD	46.00	39,100	11,400	136,900	187,400
2019 2065	TAYLOR JAMES W / TAYLOR SUSAN B TAYLOR JAMES W / TAYLOR SUSAN B	58	POND RD	0.17	8,000	0	101,500	109,500
608	THE INHABITANTS OF ROWE /		POND RD Cyrus Stage +	0.33	15,600	0	0	15,600
600	THE INTHABITANTS OF BOWE /		DAVIS MINE RD	33.40	14,300	0	0	14,300
609 407	THE INHABITANTS OF ROWE / THOUNG PETER A / THOUNG STEPHEN T	159	DAVIS MINE RD HAZELTON RD	10.00 1.47	9,000	4 200	0	9,000
409	THOUNG PETER A / THOUNG STEPHEN T	109	COUNTY RD	15.90	19,100 10,300	4,200 0	60,200 0	83,500 10,300
3036	TOWER RICHARD A / TOWER CHRISTINE A	234	ZOARRD	5.60	24,900	28,100	94,200	147,200
1016	TOWN OF ROWE		FORD + MIDDLETOWN HILL RI		200	0		·
1024	TOWN OF ROWE		HAZELTON RD	0.20	200 800	0	0 0	200 800
1026	TOWN OF ROWE		HAZELTON RD	0.71	17,700	0	0	17,700
10029	TOWN OF ROWE		DEERFIELD RIVER RD	0.40	400	0	0	400
1 070	TOWN OF ROWE / TRUSTEES OF		REAR CYRUS STAGE RD	0.57	500	0	0	500
12076 2010	TOWN OFROWE TOWN OF ROWE		FORD HILL RD POND RD	1.82 11.90	1,600	0	0	1,600
2010	TOWN OF ROWE	85	POND RD	11.90 18.40	9,400 32,000	83,800	0	9,400 115,800
2051	TOWN OF ROWE		POND RD	12.40	30,000	19,700	0	49,700
2052	TOWN OF ROWE		POND RD	19.40	11,100	0	0	11,100

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2053 2056 2059 208 209 3012 3015 3016 3017 3018 3019 3020 3021 3022 3023 3068 308 501 5010 5011 5012 5011 5012 5018 5021 5025 5026 5028 503 503 503 504 505 506 507 506 507 508 509 6010 6042 7019 8022 8022 8023 8024 8024 8025 8026 8027 8027 8028 8028 8029 8029 8029 8029 8029 8029	TOWN OF ROWE TOWN	321 325 16 321 OFF OFF	PELHAM LAKE PELHAM DR FORD HILL RD POND RD POND RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD SIBLEY RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD PELHAMLAKE PELHAM LAKE PELHAM LAKE DAVIS MINE RD PELHAMLAKE KINGS HIGHWAY POND RD KINGS HIGHWAY POND RD DAVIS MINE RD DAVIS MINE RD DAVIS MINE RD POND RD PELHAM LAKE POND RD PELHAM LAKE POND RD PELHAM LAKE DAVIS MINE RD POND RD PELHAM LAKE DAVIS MINE RD TONNE RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD	73.00 0.40 0.19 12.60 5.30 0.23 0.31 0.64 0.50 0.25 0.06 0.23 2.10 7.00 9.50 1.20 1.90 0.18 20.60 17.80 22.40 131.30 72.40 219.00 45.00 32.10 12.60 2.00 10.40 163.00 73.20 27.50 19.90 17.20 18.20 213.90 49.80 16.90 93.40 182.00 2.10	23,200 17,200 200 61,100 4,800 200 500 500 11,800 20,200 26,200 28,500 18,600 1,700 8,500 11,400 8,600 9,400 32,700 18,400 44,800 13,500 14,000 7,700 1,800 8,200 43,400 20,900 43,400 20,900 10,300 9,000 8,500 15,900 8,700 14,500 31,600 27,800 44,500 31,600 27,800 47,700 1,500	Yard 0 0 0 21,400 0 0 0 11,200 0 5,500 10,300 113,800 12,900 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1,058,700 0 1,058,700 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 632,900 0 638,000 118,000 0 0 161,600 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	23,200 17,200 200 1,141,200 4,800 200 300 600 655,900 100 5,700 668,500 258,000 170,100 11,400 8,600 9,400 32,700 18,400 44,800 13,500 14,000 7,700 1,800 8,200 43,400 20,900 10,300 9,000 8,500 15,900 8,700 72,000 14,500 66,200 66,200 27,800 47,700 1,500
10011	TULLOCK RICHARD / TULLOCK ROBIN USGEN NEW ENGLAND INC / ATTN PROPERTY TAX	OFF OFF OFF OFF	TUNNEL RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL ROAD NEAR RR TUNNEL RD MONROE BRIDGE RD TUNNEL RD TUNNEL ROAD NEAR RR MONROE BRIDGE RD	4.84 18.50 30.83 20.20 23.53 10.80 16.92 0.94 2.40 246.90 1.58 6.00 3.66	4,400 16,700 27,700 16,400 41,100 9,700 15,200 18,100 2,200 222,200 1,400 5,400 22,900	0 0 0 1,490,000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1,977,100	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	4,400 16,700 27,700 16,400 1,531,100 9,700 15,200 18,100 2,200 2,200 1,400 5,400 2,000,000
3034 3035 7024 6034 6035 6046 707 708 1064 1020 1032 10025 7020 7035 8019 3028	VADEBONCOEUR JOSEPH A / VADEBONCOEUR JOSEPH A / VAN AKEN WENDY / VAN ITALLIE JEAN-CLAUDE VAN ITALLIE JEAN-CLAUDE VAN ITALLIE JEAN-CLAUDE VAN ITALLIE JEAN-CLAUDE / VAN ITALLIE JEAN-CLAUDE / VAN ITALLIE JEAN-CLAUDE / VEBER ELLSWORTH JR /VEBER SHIRLEY VEBER ELLSWORTH W JR / VEBER SHIRLEY VEBER ELLSWORTH W JR / VEBER SHIRLEY VEBER ELLSWORTH W JR / VEBER SHIRLEY M VEBER GEORGE F / VEBER FLORENCE VEBER GEORGE F / VEBER FLORENCE M VEBER GEORGE F / VEBER FLORENCE M VEBER TERRY H / VEBER CAROLE A	244 122 OFF 63 3 124 124 294	ZOAR RD ZOAR RD DAVENPORT RD DAVENPORT RD DAVENPORT RD DAVENPORT RD TATRO RD DAVENPORT RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD PINE HILL DR STEELE BROOK RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD ZOAR RD	13.15 23.60 2.50 109.70 20.60 17.40 42.60 158.63 1.00 26.70 0.72 8.20 20.00 10.00 35.20 0.26	9,700 31,200 20,900 31,400 11,400 31,700 13,100 900 12,800 17,700 7,400 11,300 7,200 36,500 12,200	0 29,100 0 71,200 0 0 28,800 0 10,200 0 0 12,800 15,100	0 52,800 48,500 0 0 301,000 0 75,400 0 0 64,300 66,700	9,700 113,100 69,400 102,600 11,4400 31,700 13,100 900 12,800 103,300 7,400 11,300 7,200 113,600 94,000

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3029	VEBER TERRY H / VEBER CAROLE A	292	ZOAR RD	0.25	11,800	3,000	77,000	91,800
1102 1103	VERNES IAN / VERNES ELIZABETH A	232	LESHURE RD	69.50	22,400	7 200	100.700	22,400
103	VOLLAND PHYLLIS /	232 127	LESHURE RD County RD	3.40 1.25	22,500 18,700	7,300 0	133,700 <i>6</i> 3,500	163,500 82,200
6026	WALTERMIRE ROBERT / WALTERMIRE KENNETH		DAVIS MINE RD	2.44	2,000	0	0	2,000
6027 6031	WALTERMIRE ROBERT / WALTERMIRE KENNETH WALTERMIRE ROBERT / WALTERMIRE KENNETH		DAVIS MINE RD DAVIS MINE RD	2.31 6.27	1,900 25,500	0 3,000	0	1,900 28,500
6039	WALTERMIRE ROBERT / WALTERMIRE KENNETH		DAVIS MINE RD	26.46	11,400	0,000	0	11,400
6040	WALTERMIRE ROBERT / WALTERMIRE KENNETH		DAVIS MINE RD	26.60	12,700	0	0	12,700
6059 6016	WALTERMIRE ROBERT / WALTERMIRE KENNETH WAYNE DAVID B /WAYNE REBECCA		DAVIS MINE RD	2.00	1,800	0	0	1,800
6054	WAYNE DAVID B/WAYNE REBECCA WAYNE DAVID B/WAYNE REBECCA B	45	DELL RD DELL RD	22.70 3.60	10,700 22,800	0 7,900	0 71,200	10,700 101,900
13018	WEBSTER GIDEON K / WEBSTER THOMAS K	506	TUNNEL RD	7.70	26,800	0,,00	103,800	130,600
5032	WEISS JAMES V / CROCKET-WEISS AMY L	202	DAVIS MINE RD	10.73	8,200	0	0	8,200
11069 6047	WELLER JAMES / WELLER LORI WESSMAN DANIEL / ROCHE BARBARA	202 37	LESHURE RD DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	5.50 4.20	24,900 23,700	<i>7,</i> 500 1,300	110,100 101,100	142,500 126,100
6038	WESSMAN DANIEL J / ROCHE BARBARA	37	DAVIS MINE RD	42.86	14,800	1,300	101,100	14,800
6061	WESSMAN DANIEL J / ROCHE BARBARA J		Davis mine RD	4.21	3,100	0	0	3,100
2037	WEST CHRISTINE M. / WEST ROBERT P.	19	PELHAM DR	1.47	19,100	0	5,200	24,300
2039 8027	WEST CHRISTINE M. / WEST ROBERT P. WESTON VIVIAN /	21	PELHAM DR Zoar Rd	0.10 52.50	4,700 18,600	100 0	44,700 0	49,500 18,600
8039	WESTON VIVIAN /		ZOAR RD	1.80	1,600	0	0	1,600
11072	WHITE GERRIT C / WHITE SUSAN M	65	POTTER RD	8.45	27,500	0	183,100	210,600
1104	WHITE GLENN M / WHITE DAWN M	245	LESHURE RD	1.80	19,600	1,100	73,900	94,600
7011 706	WILLIAMS ALBERT R. / WILLIAMS KARIN L. WILLIAMS ALBERT R. / WILLIAMS KARIN L		TATRO RD TATRO RD	19.90 73.00	11,200 45,400	0 4,300	0 87,800	11,200 137,500
11083	WILLIAMS JAMES T / JOHNSTON ROBIN L	75	STONE HILL RD	4.74	24,200	7,500	169,400	201,100
1017	WILLIAMS COLLEGE /B + G DEPT C/O TOM MAHER		CROSS RD	4.60	4,100	0	0	4,100
11018 1061	WILLIAMS COLLEGE / B + G DEPT C/O TOM MAHER	64	CROSS RD	1.96	19,900	600		.00 69,600
1063	WILLIAMS FREDERICK N / PIKE LAURIE J WILLIAMS FREDERICK N / PIKE LAURIE J		FORD HILL RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	10.78 5.65	9,200 25,000	0	0	9,200 25,000
2061	WILLIAMS FREDERICK N / PIKE LAURIE J	25	MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	3.19	22,100	0	269,800	291,900
12030	WILLIAMS JAMES /		POTTER RD	135.70	37,300	0	0	37,300
12052 12053	WILLIAMS JAMES / WILLIAMS JAMES /		MIDDLETOWN HILL RD POTTER RD	70.00 38.50	18,000 15,400	0 0	0	18,000 15,400
1014	WILLIAMS JAMES H /		FORD HILL RD	22.90	11,900	0	. 0	11,900
12034	WILLIAMS JAMES H /		MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	72.90	18,500	0	0	18,500
12050 12057	WILLIAMS JAMES H	OFF	MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	9.20	6,600	0	0	6,600
12057	WILLIAMS JAMES H / WILLIAMS JAMES H /	106	MIDDLETOWN HILL RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	15.55 141.37	10,200 61,000	0 71,300	0 120,800	10,200 253,100
12065	WILLIAMS JAMES H /	32	SHIPPEE RD	39.40	15,600	0	0	15,600
12068	WILLIAMS JAMES H	32	SHIPPEE RD	6.40	25,700	0	146,400	172,100
12081 2046	WILLIAMS JAMES H / WILLIAMS, TRUSTEE ROBERT / C/O MIDDLETOWN	146 17	FORD HILL RD MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	13.80 5.60	30,500	200 7,800	37,800 65,400	68,500 98,100
	WILSON RAYMOND / WILSON MARILYN	37	POTTER RD	4.90	24,900 24,300	1,300	171,700	197,300
1109	WOOD SUSAN C / JOLLY RUSSELL W		STONE RD	1.90	1,700	0	0	1,700
11092	WOOD SUSAN C / JOLLY RUSSELL W	19	STONE RD	1.70	19,500	0	62,700	82.200
11 061 12032	WOODWARD MARTIN V / W000WARD ELEANOR L WYLAND ALAN G / WYLAND FLORENCE	15	STONE HILL RD POTTER RD	11.84 4.80	29,700 4,300	10,300 0	72,200 0	112,200 4,300
12033	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY	OFF	POTTER RD	44.20	31,800	0	0	31,800
1204	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY	OFF	MONROE BRIDGE RD	79.76	193,500	6,469,924	0	6,663,424
1205 1301	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY	OFF	MONROE BRIDGE RD Monroe Bridge RD	1,614.02 70.33	1,090,200 <i>6</i> 3,300	0	0	1,090,200 63,300
13012	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY		MONROE BRIDGE RD	30.90	22,200	0	0	22,200
1307	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY		MONROE BRIDGE RD	267.00	192,200	0	0	192,200
1308	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY		MONROE BRIDGE RD	41.60	30,000	0	0	30,000
1309 13011	YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY YARNELL MICHAEL J / SILVA SILVA JR + WRIGHT		MONROE BRIDGE RD Monroe Bridge RD	82.30 6.50	66,700 25,800	0	0 35,200	66,700 61,000
6017	YOUNK ESTATE / CAROL SUMMERS EXEC		DELL RD	26.30	11,400	0	0	11,400
	ZELEK HOWARD J / SCHNEIDER HOWARD J		LESHURE RD	3.97	3,600	0	0	3,600
110121	ZIELONKA STANLEY /	48	OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	9.00	28,000	0	87,400	115,400

Grand Totals

of Parcels: Land Value: Yard Value: Building Value: Total Value: 545 12,965,409 309,359,244 25,343,900 347,668,553

End of Report

Beautification Committee

This year signaled the adoption of a new strategy for accomplishing the many goals we set for ourselves on the Beautification Committee. A brain-storming session in the month of February resulted in the implementation of a pro-active outreach to other departments in town in order to have a coordinated effort beautifying their individual areas. The Park Department was very enthusiastic about teaming up with us, and together were able to install a patriotic themed planting at the entrance to the park, in time for Old Home Day. Across the road, Rowe Elementary School extended the theme with an abundant planting of red, white and blue annuals amassed below the school sign. The Library and Town Hall window boxes were planted with the traditional red geraniums and vinca vine.

Every spring has us scratching our heads, trying to come up with a different combination for these focal points. We have come to the conclusion that the old adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" applies in the case of our beloved window boxes! The last new item of note was the idea of erecting welcoming signs at key entrance ways to town. Since this will have a very visual impact, input from towns people will be sought before determining the final look of the signs.

This report wouldn't be complete without thanking the people who help us out with all the "dirty work." Our thanks to Deb Danek and Helen Huff for being available to trim, mulch and rake the foundation plantings surrounding the Town Hall. One of our members, Jodi Brown gives her time so generously; watering the gazebos ivy geraniums on a daily basis, picking out seasonal accent materials for display, and a host of other duties. Thank you so much Jodi! Also a word of thanks to the Highway Department for taking care of the roadway flag display, hanging bunting, and decorating the town common with a holiday light display.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jo Phelps Ellen Babcock Dick Tower Jodi Brown

Board of Health

Another busy year has passed for the Board of Health. I will begin my report by extending my thanks to all those who helped me along the way throughout the year; installers, pumpers, engineers and inspectors.

Special thanks go out to other Board members, our Health Agent Sharon White and Melissa Quinn.

During the year we conducted nine percolation tests with two of them being for new construction. All of these tests passed the regulations set forth in the Title 5 laws of Massachusetts.

Eight inspections involving the Rowe School, Rowe Camp and Conference Center and the Maple House Bed and Breakfast were conducted throughout the year with satisfactory results.

The Board also conducted five Title 5 inspections with four passing and one failing.

Twenty-five septic system pumping logs were received and filed.

Septic system pumper/hauler licenses were issued to the following:

Greg's Wastewater of South Deerfield Bostley Sanitary Service of Colrain Houghton Sanitary of Guilford, VT A-1 Sanitary of Bernardston

Water testing for which the Town is responsible such as the school, town hall, fire station, town garage, library and the park at Pelham Lake are still being conducted by Berkshire Enviro-Labs of Lee, MA. All results have been within permissible limits.

There was on well reported to have been drilled by Cushing Well Co. on Davis Mine Road, Map 6, Lot 30.

There were five temporary food serving licenses issued for the Old Home Day festivities.

An Animal Inspector was appointed with Robert Rice graciously accepting the position.

The time frame for percolation tests has been changed from March though May to April 1 through October 31.

Before concluding this report lets not forget the great job that Richard Tower does for us at the Transfer Station.

Title 5 Inspections

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May 16 Davenport Road	Failed
June 18 Middletown Hill Rd	Passed
Aug 7 Shippee Rd	Passed
Sept 24 Brittingham Hill Rd	Passed

Percolation Tests

Tunnel Rd Map 13 Lot 19	Passed
Cyrus Stage Rd	Passed
Stone Hill Rd Map 11 Lot 83	Passed
Davenport Rd Map 7 Lot 24	Passed
Old Cyrus Stage Rd Map 11, Lot 118	Passed
Brittingham Hill Rd Map 4, Lot 17	Passed
County Rd Map 4 Lot 23	Passed
County Rd Map 4 Lot 17	Passed

Respectfully submitted, James D. Brown, Chairman

Health Agent

During the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002, with members of the Board of Health the following inspections were conducted:

8 witnessed and logged percolation tests

2 Title 5 inspections

Food inspections included:

- 1 Bed & Breakfast
- 1 Elementary School
- 1 Rec Hall Kitchen Rowe Camp
- 1 Farm House Kitchen Rowe Camp
- 4 Recreational Camp inspections

Attended one BOH meeting

BOH consultations re: regulations

Calls from residents

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

Cemetery Commission

The East Cemetery stone wall repair work is continuing. The Commission would like to thank Levin Hardison for the superior workmanship on this project. More native field stone is still needed. Anyone that knows of stone piles please contact any Commissioner. Repair work to old and damaged head stones has continued.

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

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

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted, James Williams Richard Tower James Williams

Building Inspector

During the year 2002, a total of 42 building permits were issued as follows:

Remodeling	13
New Buildings/additions	11
Replacement windows	2
Demolition	1
New roofs	13
Building moved	1
Signs	1

In addition, 80 certificates of inspection were issued; these represent public buildings.

Respectfully submitted, William Foster, Inspector of Buildings

Conservation Commission

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

During 2002, no public hearings were held. However, in the last month and a half of 2002, the commission did receive 2 Notice of Intents, 1 request for a certificate of compliance and 3 cutting plans.

The public hearings were scheduled for the beginning of 2003.

Respectfully Submitted, Geoffrey Bagley Chairman Robert Clancy Robert Rice Jack Williams

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging for Rowe was very active in 2002 with an increase of members from three to a five member committee. Ruth Loomis and Sandra Daviau acted as cochairpersons and Christine Tower, James McKee and Jodi Brown acted as committee members. The Committee meets every third Wednesday of the month in the assessor's room of the town hall.

During the year the committee applied for the Council on Aging Formula Grant from the State and was approved. The Council received the grant money for 2001 late in April of 2002, leaving only 2 1/2 months to expend the money. Most of the money was utilized. This grant helped us to initiate a chore service, respite for caregivers, a program for minor home repairs and refuse removal for our home bound seniors. 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 targeted the highest priority services for our seniors. It also showed a genuine interest from some of our youth and neighbors in helping others.

The 2002 COA Formula Grant money was received in August of 2002 and we continued the above programs and added a snow shoveling service for seniors with health or mobility restrictions. Council members were active this year as advocates for our seniors in obtaining fuel assistance and homemaker services. Through these services we have helped to keep some of our seniors living independently which may not have been possible for them otherwise. The Council continues to support the weekly lunches at the school for our seniors and the weekly bus trips to Greenfield for errands and shopping through the money provided by the Town.

During the 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 April Shower Luncheon along with our senior



"November Comedy Luncheon"

neighbors from Charlemont, with storyteller Davis Bates as our guest. We had a Flag Day barbeque in June at the

Rowe Park. In August we took a boat ride up the Connecticut River at Barton's Cove with a fascinating narration on the history and natural resources of the river. The trip included a brown bag luncheon that was put together by our own Margaret Woodside followed by a visit to the Fish Hatchery in Turners Falls. The September trip was to Adams Farm where we all enjoyed a hayride, presentation on farm history and operations, feeding baby animals, and a picnic in the pavilion. Our Kay Shumway hasn't forgotten



Tower Photo "Sarah Jane Gracy"

how to milk a goat! In November we enjoyed a comedy luncheon, again joined by our senior friends from

Charlemont with guests John and Ann Murphy presenting "Chicken Soup for the Soul." Our last event was a trip to "Bright Nights" in Springfield. This event was also opened to our non seniors in town for a reasonable fee and all ages enjoyed the holiday festivities. One of our seniors commented that we made her dream come true. She had always wanted to see the lights. She and others like her would not have been able to make the trip on their own.



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Council members all agree that we have truly enjoyed providing these services to our seniors. It has been a rewarding experience for us all as we continue to learn to provide worthwhile senior programs. We hope to continue to serve this community in the future.

Respectfully submitted: Ruth Loomis, Co-Chairman Sandy Daviau, Co-Chairman Christine Tower James McKee Jodie Brown

Cultural Council

The Rowe Cultural Council funded the following events all or in part for 2001.

APPROVED FY2002 LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANTS

Total Funds Allotted for Administration:				
Pothole Pictures	A 16 week film series		50	
David Bates,				
Storyteller	Council on Aging		325	
Bob E. Thomas	Stories & Dances for Children		395	
Carol Lively	Crafts for All Ages		550	
Mohawk Trail				
Concerts	16 world class concerts		300	
The Academy at				
Charlemont	Summer Theater Workshop		500	
Nick Waynelovich	Patriotic Music 1+ hours		400	
Heath Elementary				
School	String Instrument Instruction		100	
Mary Lyon	Literature based Arts			
Education Fund	& Crafts program		350	
Ashfield Commu-				
nity Theater	Summer Arts Camp		115	
Arms Library	Theater in the Falls		70	
2 nd Sunday				
Coffeehouse	2 nd Sunday Concerts		100	
Total Approved				
by the Rowe	21		ф0000	
Cultural Counc	211		\$3320	

The Rowe Cultural Arts Council attempts to provide support to Rowe and West County programs in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. Through these events it is hoped that the cultural life for the residents of the Town of Rowe, and whenever possible of our neighbors, is improved. Our school, the Council of Aging, and Old Home Day, are a few of the in-town recipients of these programs.

Events for 2003 have already been selected and the Council hopes that each of the events will enrich the lives and be enjoyed by as many people as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Besgin Bob Clancy Betty Lenth Ellynn Packard Marilyn Wilson

Dog Officer

Number of stray dogs found in Rowe	1
Number of lost dogs	1
Number of complaints	1
Number of stray cats	0

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

Again, townspeople are reminded to purchase their 2003 dog licenses from the Town Clerk. The 2002 licenses expired on March 31, 2003.

Thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Albert Williams Dog Officer

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Last year our first responders and EMTs responded to 29 emergencies. This year we had 27 calls, 3 of which 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 necessary to help stabilize a patient before and during transport to the hospital by ambulance. 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 Rowe Fire Department. Most of our members are crossed-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 our EMS personnel for their support throughout the year. We have two newly trained first responders that have joined our department and one of our more experienced first responders currently in training to become an EMT. I appreciate all you do and the time you take out of your personal lives for training and responding to calls.

Respectfully submitted, Gail May EMS Coordinator

Finance Committee

Year 2002 saw long time members of the Finance Committee, Dot Page and Jean Atwood, being joined by former Selectman/Finance Committee member Dave Lenth, former Selectman/Assessor Lenny Laffond and former Finance Committee member Bill Loomis. Dot and Jean's expertise and experience made the introduction of the three new members a quick transition.

The committee met each month with the primary focus being: 1) the status of the ongoing FY2003 budget and 2) preparation for the FY2004 budget which begins on July 1, 2003. The committee worked closely with all departments, especially the Selectmen and Assessors relative to town financial matters.

This report covers the last half of fiscal FY2002 (1/1/02-6/30/02) and the first half of fiscal year FY2003 (7/1/02-12/31/02). Some important figures for the two subject fiscal years are: (figures are rounded to the nearest \$1000)

Town Total Valuation Residential Valuation Utility/Commercial Val.	FY2002 \$414,816,000 25,678,000 389,138,000	FY2003 \$421,575,000 30,273,000 391,302,000
Total Appropriation (all sources) From Taxation From Free Cash From Stabilization From State Receipts/	2,775,000 2,197,000 252,000 185,000	3,160,000 2,266,000 173,000 599,000
transfers Stabilization Fund Certified Free Cash	141,000 2,711,000 573,000	122,000 2,070,000 524,000
Proposition 2 1/2 Figures Levy Ceiling Levy Limit Levy (see taxation above) Excess Levy	10,370,000 2,198,000 2,197,000 1,000	10,539,000 2,270,000 2,266,000 4000

The town's Levy is the amount raised (or "levied") by taxation each year. Each town has a Levy Limit, which is the maximum figure that can be appropriated from taxation in any given year. The levy limit automatically increases by 2.5 % each year (per Proposition 2 1/2) to a maximum tax rate of \$25/thousand, which equates to our Levy Ceiling (2.5% of Total Valuation). The 2.5% per year increase can only be overridden by town meeting vote.

Excess Levy is simply the difference between the Levy and the Levy Limit. To get the most bang for the town's buck, the Assessors try to keep the excess levy to a minimum by placing whatever excess levy they can in the Assessor's Overlay Account. The unused funds in this account become part of Free Cash at the end of the fiscal year.

Based on the FY2002 and FY2003 figures above...to oper-

ate the town in FY2002 we needed \$2,775,000. State receipts of \$141,000 lowered this value to \$2,634,000. To keep within Proposition 2 1/2 limits we could only raise \$2,197,000 by taxation. The remaining \$437,000 had to come from our reserve/saving account funds, (Free Cash and Stabilization).

You can see that in FY2003 we needed more money (\$3,160,000) to operate the town. To keep under the FY2003 Levy limit (\$2,270,000) we had to withdraw \$772,000 from Free Cash and Stabilization.

A review of the Free Cash and Stabilization funds indicate that both decreased in value in calendar year 2002. This was not because of large capital project funding but because of an increasing operating budget and Proposition 2 1/2 restrictions.

State law allows 10% of the previous years Tax Levy to be raised by taxation for Stabilization in a given year. This works out to be about \$220,000 for both FY 2002 and FY2003. However, in FY2002 and FY2003 we managed to raise only \$50,000 and \$75,000 respectively for our long-term savings accounts. State law allows our Stabilization fund to have a balance of \$41,000,000. Even if we were half way there at \$20,000,000 most of our annual operating expenses could be funded from the interest of this fund. This would protect the financial health of the community if the utility tax base was lost. The loss of the utility tax base is not far fetched as we can see what has happened to Yankee's valuation in the last 10 years (1992, \$55,000,000—2003, \$10,000,000).

In FY2002 the CIP (commercial/industrial/personal property) classes provided 96% and the Residential class provided 4% of the \$2,197,00 Tax Levy. The large CIP class (consisting primarily of the utilities) is a huge plus for us living in Rowe. We should take advantage of this positive situation as long as it exists.

If the town's people were to vote to override our Levy Limit, we could substantially increase our savings account and the CIP tax base would pay 96 cents of every dollar raised. Our present tax rate of \$3.49 residential/ 5.52 CIP have been pretty constant for the last 3 or 4 years. In FY1999 our tax rate was \$5.36/11.82. That year the CIP valuation increased drastically and our tax rate dropped accordingly to the present values. Let's do a quick calculation... assumed we had a tax rate of \$4.42/8.67 (which is half way between the FY 1999 values and our present FY2003 values). The amount we could raise from taxation would be \$3,526,000. This would allow us to fund our entire FY2003 operating budget (\$3,160,000) from taxation and give us \$367,000 for our savings accounts. The CIP would still fund approximately 96% of this figure (\$3,385,000) and the residential contribution is \$141,000—— or 4%.

Hopefully the above illustrates the importance and need to continue our effort to increase the amount of money being appropriated to our Stabilization fund. Increasing and maintaining the Stabilization fund has been an annual goal of the Selectmen, Assessors and the Finance committee for many years. In the last two years Proposition 2 1/2 limits have made this goal difficult to achieve. For FY2004 the Finance Committee will recommend to the residents of Rowe financial strategies to increase the Stabilization fund.

The Finance Committee meets the second Tuesday of each

month at 6:00 PM. Stop by and voice your opinion and concerns. Thank you

Respectfully submitted, Dot Page Jean Atwood Dave Lenth Lenny Laffond Bill Loomis

Fire Department/Emergency Management

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to forty-nine (49) calls:

- 26 Medical Emergencies
- 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents 2 Electrical Line Fires
- 8 Mutual Aid Calls
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 3 Brush Fires
- 1 Lost Hiker
- 1 Automobile Fire
- Fire Alarm Actuation
- 1 Ice Storm with Electrical Lines Down
 - Fire Drill at Yankee Nuclear Power

Station

As a result of the Department's chimney cleaning program, twenty-four (24) homes' chimneys were inspected and cleaned this year. I would like to thank James White and Brandon Sprague for their efforts during the past chimney cleaning period. 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 was initiated in 2001. This year no water sources were worked on for lack of an available contractor. This coming year work will be done to provide a hydrant on Davis Mine Road, supplied from the cistern on Daniel Wessman's property. The water in the cistern will be pumped out, the cistern will then be cleaned, and a pipe run through the woods from the cistern to a new hydrant on Davis Mine Road.

On November 18th there were numerous trees and branches blow down by the strong winds. As a result power was affected on Zoar Road, Hazelton Road, Tunnel Road, Cross Road, Middletown Hill Road, Ford Hill Road and Brown Road. Both the Police and Fire Departments were used to control traffic all night and the next day to aid the power company personnel in their repair and clearing activities. The Highway Department was busy keeping up

with maintaining the roads for travel because of the freezing temperatures and clearing the downed trees and debris and material removed from the power lines. The utility, Police, Fire and Highway Department personnel are to be commended for their excellent efforts during this long, difficult period.

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/or Emergency Medical Services of emergency situations. When you make a 9-1-1 call, the dispatcher has the telephone number and address of the originating phone location displayed on his/her computer screen. It is important to inform the dispatcher if you are reporting a situation that is at another location. When assistance is needed, make the 9-1-1 notification 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.

The specifications for the purchase of a new pumper/tanker have been prepared and sent to potential bidders. The new fire apparatus will replace 30-M-1 which has been in service for thirty-one (31) years. Because of its age it is no longer possible to get repair parts. The specifications for purchase and installation of an emergency diesel generator at the Rowe Elementary School will soon be completed and sent out for bid. This generator would supply power to the school in the event the normal electrical power supply is lost. The generator would prevent damage to the building and its equipment in the event normal power is 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.

Rick Williams retired as Deputy Chief this year. Rick has been an active member of the Fire Department for many years and will be greatly missed; he remains very involved in many other town responsibilities. I thank him for his dependable and conscientious work ethic and recommendations to improve the Department through his service to

the community. James White was appointed as a Lieutenant this year. Jim is a qualified interior structural fire brigade leader at Yankee Nuclear Power Station. He is also currently enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program.





Rick Williams

Iames White

The Department applied for and was awarded a \$15,000 Firefighter Public Safety Equipment Grant Program from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus. I have also applied for a \$900 All-Hazards Comprehensive Emergency Management Planning Grant to update and enhance Rowe's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, including Terrorism Annexes and Hazardous Materials Response Plan. This local community grant program is administered by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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 handson fire fighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help. Our program of regular monthly training/meetings is held the first Monday of the 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

Rowe Goal Post — Editor

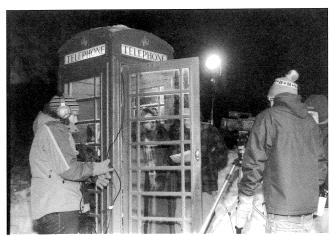
During the past year, the Goal Post changed in a couple of significant ways. First of all, the editor finally learned to scan the pictures in to the desktop software, saving some money and making the editor feel like a real computer nerd!

Phyllis Smith decided to give up her job as Business Administrator because of her desire to spend more of the year in a warmer climate. It is hard to replace the dedication and efficiency that made Phyllis so important to the smooth operation of the Goal Post. Chris and the mailing crew had a very hard time without her at first, but the new Business Administrator is catching on, at last!

The color picture on the cover of the October 2001 issue was such a success that it was decided to try to capture the colors of each season. There was no color cover in 2002 but there is one in February 2003 and there will be a summer one in July of 2003. The winter of 2001-02 didn't produce much in the way of picturesque winter scenes. It is our plan to continue to capture the essence of the seasonal beauty of Rowe.

There are always many people involved in the production of each issue of the Goal Post. I must thank the folks who take the time to write an article or send a picture, the wonderful production crew who get the newsletter to the post office every month, Dick Tower who continues to document our town with his camera and the people who continue to read and comment. Thank you all, very much.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Woodside Editor and Business Administrator Rowe Goal Post



Tower Photo

"Keene State College Students filming their video"

Library Trustees

The buildings main carrying beam in the cellar was replaced. The Library's interior walls were painted a warm, bright shade of eggshell. New bookcases were purchased to display new books in the Adult Room. A new Gateway computer was purchased and the Inter-Library Winnabago card computer was updated.

Air conditioning was installed in both Adult and Children's areas to keep the building cool and comfortable and to keep mold out of the books.

A replacement aide was hired (Sue Gleason) so that there would be an aide present all year.

The large pines in the yard were removed to prepare for the disabled parking lot project. This will allow parking near ramp and will allow patrons to drive out of the lot headfirst instead of backing out.

During the summer, the Library hosted the Hilltown Library Family Sleepover. There were about 200 people at Pelham Lake Park for the program. Everyone had a very good time. Our Librarian was responsible for a very successful event.

The Circulation policy has been changed to do away with fines. If books are not returned at the end of six months a bill will be sent to patron for unreturned materials replacement cost. Reminders will be sent monthly.

The summer program for children included a totem pole display, costumes and participation in the Old Home Day parade with costumes and makeup.

The Christmas program for children featured "The Night Before Christmas". There were cookies to decorate and makeyour-own reindeer craft.

The reading program for preschoolers with Heidi Cousineau is going well.

Jodi Brown was appointed a Trustee to finish Sue Williams's term. Thank you, Sue.

Our Librarian Martha Rice continues her innovative and creative children's reading programs. They are always interesting and fun for the children and at the same time they are learning how to research, write reports and share them with others. Her enthusiasm is catching.

I wish to say how much I have enjoyed being a trustee. Everyone I work with is helpful and supportive.

Respectfully submitted, Daureen Petersen, Chairman

Nurse Practitioner

It has been a pleasure to serve this community as a nurse practitioner for the fourth year at Health Services. There has been a steady increase in usage of the services over the years. This year there were 1181 patient care visits made, 104 of which were house calls to our homebound elders or recently hospitalized residents. The response for the influenza clinics has been increasing yearly with 114 residents vaccinated this year. In compliance with a request from the Massachusetts Public Health Department, Rowe joined other Massachusetts communities in a roster billing program of Medicare for the administration of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. The goal of this program is to generate funds to assist our state immunization programs so that they can continue to provide necessary vaccines, at no charge to state residents. Our clinic made special application for the second year to the state for Hepatitis B vaccine for several of our residents who serve us on the police, fire and rescue squads. I truly believe that preventative medicine is worth its weight in gold.

Health Services continues to see residents of Rowe for acute care as well as monitoring and maintenance of chronic health problems. However, the more important function of this ambulatory clinic is the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices for the people of the community. Health Services has worked diligently with the Park Department and the Council on Aging to support the growth of our fitness room in the Town Hall. Our offerings of health literature, videos and pamphlets has continued to expand with subjects ranging from healthful foods and exercise to parenting skills and child safety. I have been able to advocate for many of the residents within the health care system to assist them in getting the optimal care that they deserve. Another venue for preventative medicine and health education has been monthly articles in the Goal Post on health topics and information about existing health programs in our area. Health Services continues its free loan program for medical assistive devices and furnishings available through the generous donations of our residents.

I will be forever grateful to Dr. Robert Miller for helping to get Health Services off the ground and for his assistance in the first 3 1/2 years of its service to our community. In July Dr. Richard Warner became the collaborating physician for the practice and I have enjoyed working with him, caring for several complex patients this year. His experience in family medicine and conscientious approach to his patients will be a great asset to our community. I thank the residents who continually offer their strength, energy and resources to help care for their neighbors making this a very special town to live in.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Loomis, NP

Old Home Day Committee

The Old Home Day Committee of 2001 had made some significant changes that were kept for 2002. Having most of the events on the green at the town hall made a lot of sense and made it easier to watch the parade and hear the entertainment in the afternoon.

There were three official members of the Old Home Day Committee for 2003 but it would have been impossible to pull it off without the help of many volunteers. The Jurentkuffs did the tickets for the barbecue and picked up the drinks and made the coffee and gave advice and held our hands and made us feel great about the day. Ruth Loomis got folks to supervise the Bounce Castle and Dohn Sherman

made us all happy with the 3-Couch Ride, Bob Clancy jumped in at just the right moment, and just too many more folks helped out to mention. Thanks to everyone.

It was a spectacularly lovely day. The music was great. The food was good. The fireworks were beautiful as any ever seen in these parts. It is always a wonderful day.

Respectfully submitted, Jenn Morse Tom Danek Margaret Woodside



"The 3-Couch ride"

Tower Photo

Park Commissioners

The year 2002 started off on a sad note. Park Ranger **Tom Willard** had been in a serious car accident, and was hospitalized for several days. Tom's recovery time would be lengthy. We were fortunate to have **Al Morse** fill in parttime taking care of winter maintenance and park use.

Several changes to park personnel and management then took place. On March 18th the Park Commissioners accepted Tom's resignation for personal reasons. As our first full-time Ranger Tom had worked hard and accomplished much. We thank him for his efforts and wish him well in his future endeavors. On April 3rd the Park Commissioners voted to hire **Jim Lively** of Stone Hill Road as interim Park Ranger. He began work on April 8th. Jim did a great job keeping the Park operating and the planning for summer activities moving along while the Commissioners were busy with Park Ranger selection process. The search for a new Park Ranger then began in earnest.

Another sad note...on April 24th Chairman **Bill Loomis** resigned for personal reasons. The Commission accepted his resignation with deep regret. As chairman, Bill had led the Park Commission through several years of exciting and innovative changes. We thank him for his dedication to the Park.

On April 27th a five-member Advisory Committee made up of Rowe citizens was appointed by the Commissioners to assist them in narrowing down the 45 applicants for the Ranger position to 6 finalists, to hold interviews with these finalists, and narrow the field down to 3 finalists. The Park Commissioners offered the position to their top finalist, Rowe native **Sean Loomis** of Middletown Hill Road on June 12th. Sean brings with him many years of experience working for the town, a Turf Management degree from UMASS Amherst, and many years of managerial experience in groundskeeping and turf management.

During this process it was learned from Town Counsel Donna MacNicol that CORI (Criminal Offense Record Inquiries) checks are required by law for all adult (18 and over) employees having contact with children. This is now standard practice for Park personnel, and required CORI checks have been obtained and are on file.

At a joint meeting with the Selectmen in June, **Ellen Babcock** was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Commission. She brings with her many years of town government experience as Selectman and Assessor, and a great love of the outdoors and interest in the Park. The board reorganized at their next meeting as follows: Karl Jurentkuff, Chairman; Jack Williams, Vice-Chairman; and Ellen Babcock

as Secretary. At this same meeting Sean Loomis was welcomed as the new Park Ranger.

In July, Ranger Loomis initiated a new "Free Coffee Time" at the Park Headquarters Building for anyone wishing to spend a few quiet moments at the Park, or sit and chat with other residents and friends.

Swimming lessons were well attended again this year. Lessons were Monday-Friday, July 8-19. Fridays were set aside for rain day makeup. Certified swim instructors were hired through the Greenfield YMCA.

During the summer park workers cleared and maintained walking trails, built several picnic tables and assisted residents and their guests as needed. Several "Senior Picnics" were sponsored by the Park as well as many trips around Pelham Lake aboard the SS Percy Brown. We now have four "Qualified Captains" to take passengers aboard the Percy Brown.

On several weekends "Free Hot Dog Days" were provided to anyone wishing to partake of this treat. Thanks to **Mark Zuchero** and **Gail Dieter** of Monroe Bridge and Dover, VT for loaning us their great hot dog cart.

In September Ranger Loomis and several volunteers began cutting a new trail called the 1792 Trail from Sabrina Rice Trail around the east side of Todd Mountain to the Davenport Trail, thus completing a full loop. This is a major asset to the trail system. Many thanks to **Rob Riggan**, **Rick Williams** and **Bill Loomis** who pitched in on this effort

The Selectmen and Park Commissioners met at the former Soule property to assess its possible use for Park activities. The home needed many repairs and updates to make it safe for public gatherings. The garage would also need renovation for use. The Barn could be made usable with extensive remodeling. No further action has been taken in this regard.

In October our Fitness Room Attendant Helen Huff re-

signed for personal reasons. Thank you for your dedicated help Helen. **Roger Brown** of Newell Cross Road was hired to this vacancy, and has steadfastly been holding down the fort, keeping the Fitness Center open every weekday evening.

In addition to Roger, in November Marie Bagley of Newell Cross Road was hired as our certified Health & Fitness Trainer to provide personal and group fitness and health programs for all townspeople. This has been very well received. She provides interviews and instructions three evenings per week...Mondays 1-3pm, Wednesdays 3-5 pm, and Thursdays 5-7pm. Do a good thing for yourself and contact Marie to get your personalized FREE exercise program set up. Increased days and hours will be needed in 2003 due to the popularity of this program.

Carol Lively has provided several Craft classes throughout the year at the Browning Bench Tool Building and at Headquarters Building. Carol also organized a Gymkhana on October 5th at the Rowe Riding Ring on Cyrus Stage Road. The event was well attended with many children learning good horsemanship from experienced riders.

Jen Morse of Stone Hill Road joined the summer staff as Activities Director. Jen did a tremendous job with 15 or so little ones. She's a natural with the kids and very clever with arts & crafts. We hear she is already putting together a great program for summer 2003.

An "Outing Club" has been initiated by Ranger Loomis and seems to be catching on. They have had a couple of planned successful outings and more are in the works. Many thanks to **Laurie Pike** & **Rick Williams** for their continued interest and help in this effort.

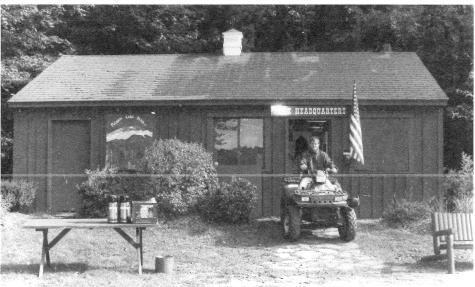
Many thanks to Park volunteers **Peter "Mr. Fix-It" Besgen, Lance Larned** for his help and guidance with the trail groomer and snowmobile, **Cookie Avery** for his help, and all the others who have lent a helping hand this past year. Our thanks to the Selectmen for their help, cooperation and guidance, and to the Highway Department for the

numerous things they do to keep the Park looking and running smoothly. Our thanks to Principal **Bob Clancy** for this cooperation and to **Brandon Sprague** for his help. Last but not least, thanks to Park Ranger Loomis and his park staffers **Tim Bradley, Ben Foberg, Jeremy Hoffman, Patrick Bradley, Al Morse, Maya Donelson, and Courtney Powell** for a great year at Pelham Lake Park.

Everyone...keep your eyes and ears open for notices of another fun filled year at YOUR park.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Jurentkuff, Chairman Jack Williams Ellen Babcock



Tower Photo

"Park Ranger Sean Loomis"

Planning Board

This year the Planning Board worked with the Selectmen to appoint a special By-Law Review Committee to review and recommend revisions to the Town By-Laws. This Committee was appointed in the fall, and has been meeting regularly to review the current By-Laws. The By-Law review committee was composed of representatives from all of the Town's elected boards and appointed by the Selectmen. The members are:

Mike Posever, Chairman Jack Williams, Vice Chair Ellen Babcock, Secretary Geoffrey Bagley James Brown Ann Foshay Lenny Laffond Maggie Rice Planning Board
Selectman
Assessors
Selectman
Selectman
Planning Board
Finance Committee
School Committee

The committee are methodically reviewing the current By-Laws in order to:

- Incorporate any By-laws adopted by Town Meeting and not incorporated to-date
- Update sections made obsolete by changes to the Massachusetts General Laws
- Update sections in light of local governmental changes
- Incorporate best practices and recommendations from local experts
- Review suggestions from town residents
- Review for internal consistency

The Review Committee has consulted with Town Counsel, and several representatives of FRCOG to understand the changes to that impact the current By-Laws. All recommendations from the committee will be returned to appropriate Boards for review and further action.

The Planning Board has also been working with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, FRCOG and the Highland Communities Initiative to begin the process of developing an Open Space Plan for Rowe. This is a first step to prepare Rowe for the future and for compliance with State mandates for a Master plan.

The Planning Board continues to be consulted by town property owners and prospective property owners on zoning questions related to land transfers and other matters. In FY '03 there were no plans submitted which required Planning Board approval and none that required a Special Permit under Rowe's By-laws.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Posever, Chairman Rebecca P. Bradley Angela Foshay Dennis Lively Mary-Jo Phelps

Plumbing Inspector

I have made 3 plumbing and 9 gas inspections. I have attended all necessary continuing educations training seminars and classes for 2002.

Respectfully submitted, Gerald "Jerry" Jubinville

Police Department

Accidents	_
1 car 2 car	5 1
Medical assistance	7
Domestic disturbances	4
Breaking & Entering	2
911 hang ups	7
Animal complaints	7
Bear	3
Wires in the Roadway	5
Trespassing	5
Mutual Aid	3
Rescues	1
Summons Served	3
Permits issued	24
Reported incidents	50
Unfounded incidents	14

The number of reported crimes was about the same as in the year 2001. The seriousness of the crimes decreased this year. I would like to thank the police officers of Rowe for accomplishing this with such professionalism.

Respectfully submitted, Henry J. Dandeneau Chief of Police

Summer Youth Employment

The young people of our town who joined the Summer Youth Program have come though again. Us older folk could probably take a lesson or two from these hard-working dedicated young boys and girls who work long hot days throughout the summer to make our town a special place to reside in.

As the Selectman in charge of the "Grasshopper Crew," I again give special thanks to the crew under the direction of Jim Lively for a job well done.

Again, special thanks to:
Jim Lively, Chief Supervisor
Joe Lively, Assist. Supervisor
Seth May
Seth Johnson
Leah Williams
Kaitlyn Williams
Jackie Drakulich
Travis Johnston
Maggie White
Patrick Bradley
Capri Bryant
John Paige

Respectfully submitted, James D. Brown, Administrator

Wiring Inspector

It is required by Massachusetts General Law that anyone performing electrical work must obtain a permit. The work performed shall comply with the 2002 Massachusetts electrical code.

There were 24 permits issued in 2002 with 16 completed inspections and 8 active.

Contact for inspection is:

John F. Rossi, Wiring Inspector 339-5541 54 Brittingham Hill Road Rowe, MA 01367

> Respectfully submitted, John F. Rossi, Wiring Inspector

Veterans' Agent

All veterans' graves were flagged for Memorial Day and new flag holders were installed where needed.

It is with sadness that we mark another passing of one of Rowe's veterans. Efford "Bud" Pierce passed away this past year and will be sorely missed by all. The veterans of Rowe extend their deepest sympathy to his wife Judy and his children.

With deeper federal budget cuts each and every year we seem to be losing more and more of our federal benefits. As I have urged veterans before, I would urge each and every one of you to join a veteran's organization such as the VFW and American Legion as through members we can be heard.

I would also like to thank Jim Taylor and his Highway Department for their help in getting the new flags up on the town flag pole and the liberty pole. Their assistance is always appreciated. Also a special thanks to Melissa Quinn for always being there and willing to help in any way she can.

As I write this we are about to go to war with Iraq. If this should happen I would like all of us to get behind our men and women in uniform. No matter what our political beliefs are, they have been called to serve our country and put their lives on the line and they deserve no less than our support and prayers. One last thing I would like to suggest and that is if you see a man or woman in uniform walk up to him or her and just say "Thank You" for serving. I am sure it will make their day and also give you a good feeling. Try it!

Respectfully submitted, David F. Scrivens Veterans' Agent

Financial Reports

Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2002

July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Year/Tax	Outstanding	Commitments 7/1/01	Abate- ments	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Adjust- ments	Outstanding 6/30/02
98MVE	-11.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-11.25
99MVE	-303.75	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-303.75
00MVE	-67.50	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67.50
01RE	-687.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	687.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
01PP	-30.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
01MVE	-870.42	-4836.93	454.68	0.00	5544.64	-448.43	0.00	-156.46
02RE	0.00	-1626382.42	1162.16	0.00	1624574.08	-10.80	29.58	-627.40*
02PP	0.00	-571083.20	0.00	0.00	571027.59	0.00	0.00	-55.61
02MVE	0.00	-31232.72	1159.17	0.00	29736.97	-581.55	0.00	-918.13
TOTAL	-1970.72	-2233535.27	2776.01	0.00	2231601.08	-1040.78	29.58	-2140.10

RE FY02 ADJUSTMENT IS SUBSEQUENT TAX TITLE

LIEN FEES: 600.00
DEMANDS: 130.00
INTEREST ON OVERDUE TAX PAYMENTS: 301.21
INTEREST ON SAVINGS: 18.41

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

TRUST FUNDS - FY2002

Name of Fund	Balance 7/1/01	Transfer in	Interest	Transfer out	Balance 6/30/02
M. Wells Memorial Library	7,248.97		171.38		7,420.35
Cemetery	16,258.50	300.00	387.61		16,946.11
Rowe Library Gift	353.11		8.35		361.46
Charles Wells Library	2,877.86		68.05		2,945.91
Preserved Smith Library	2,480.73		58.66		2,539.39
Gould Library	13,969.22		330.27		14,299.49
Foster Donation	2,578.04		60.96		2,639.00
White Memorial Library	4,544.70		107.42		4,652.12
L. Tower/Jones Library	4,544.70		107.42		4,652.12
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	3,385.33		79.99	-25.00	3,440.32
TOTALS	\$58,241.16	\$300.00	\$1,380.11	-\$25.00	\$59,896.27

STABILIZATION FUND FY 2002

Beginning Balance 7/1/2001 Transfers to General Fund Transfers from General Fund	\$2,505,985.73 -350,000.00*
Interest earned 7/1/01 to 6/30/02	494,000.00 61,278.37

^{*}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, 2001

\$2,711,264.10

AGENCY ACCOUNT FY2002

Balance as of June 30, 2002	\$3,320.56
Beginning Balance 7/1/2001 Deposits Withdrawals Interest	\$4,586.19 5,257.44 -6,606.66 83.59

Respectfully submitted, Susan A. Williams, Treasurer

Town Accountant

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.

More and more reporting is done via electronic media, and thanks to voter support of funding, we have been able to constantly update equipment and programs as new technology becomes available. Rowe continues to provide faster and more accurate information to both state and federal agencies as well as taxpayers and employees. Networking town hall computers allows each office to share programs and access data quickly and efficiently. Offices have their own email accounts either through web mail or dial-up, and the satellite internet connection affords everyone high speed internet access for both downloads and uploads. All data on the entire system is backed up daily in one simple pro-

cess. The very latest anti-virus protection for every computer is similarly provided on a regular basis with a couple of keystrokes.

For voters, this translates to more efficiency and accuracy for town accounting, treasurer's transactions, assessors' records and tax billing, to name only a few applications. This is not to say that mistakes won't occur; both human errors and computer glitches do happen. We make every effort to keep them to a minimum.

Once again, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Treasurer Susan Williams and Tax Collector/Assessors' Clerk Sandra Daviau. It is truly a blessing when one's co-workers are both proficient at their jobs and positive in their attitudes.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa S. Quinn, Town Accountant

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, Section 61, "The town accountant shall make an annual report, to be published as a town document, giving a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the town for the past financial year..."

General Fund - Revenue

Taxes		
Personal Property Taxes		571,028.00*
Real Estate Taxes		1,624,593.00*
Motor Vehicle Excise		34,163.00
Penalties/Interest		301.00
In Lieu of Taxes		2,145.00
In Lieu of Taxes		
	Total	2,232,229.00
Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues		
Other Departmental Revenues		4,684.00
	Total	4,684.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees		
Licenses and Permits		153.00
	Total	153.00
Federal Revenue Unrestricted – Through		
the State		3,545.00
	Total	3,545.00
Revenue from State Cherry Sheet, etc.		131,685.00
Cherry Blicet, etc.		
	Total	131,685.00

Revenues from Other Governments		105.00
Court Fines		125.00
	Total	125.00
Total Fines and Forfeitures	Total	48.00
	TOLAI	40.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		
Interest from Investments		19,628.00
	Total	19,628.00
General Fund – Revenue	Total	2,392,097.00
Interfund Transfers		
Transfers from Trust Funds		185,000.00
Other Adjustments		663.00
	Total	185,663.00
Total General Fund Revenues andOther		
Financing Uses and Transfers	Total	2,577,760.00

General Fund – Expenditures

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Salary and Wages		871,323.00
Expenditures		933,578.00
Construction		69,441.00
Capital Outlay		250,209.00
Debt Service		0.00
Unclassified		216,749.00
General Fund – Expenditures	Total	2,341,300.00

Other Financing Uses Transfers to Other Fund		146,000.00
Total Other Financing Uses	Total	146,000.00
General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Total	2,487,300.00

Special Revenue Fund - Revenues

Charges for Services Federal Revenue State Revenue Miscellaneous Revenue Special Revenue Fund – Revenue	Total	2,592.00 730.00 123,791.00 7,403.00 134,516.00
Transfers From Other Funds		2,995.00
	Total	2,995.00
Total Special Revenue – Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Total	137,511.00

Special Revenue Funds - Expenditures

Salary and Wages Expenditures Construction Capital Outlay Debt Service		151,100.00 47,282.00 2,250.00 0.00 0.00
Special Revenue Funds – Expenditure	es	200,632.00
Other Financing Uses Transfers to Other Funds Other Adjustments		958.00 161,809.00
Total Other Financing Uses	Total	162,767.00
Total Special Revenue — Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Total	363,399.00

Trust Fund - Revenue

Charges for Services	100.00
Federal Revenue	0.00
State Revenue	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,341.00
Earnings on Investments	62,633.00

Total Trust Fund – Revenue	68,074.00

Other Financing Sources Transfers from Other Funds		144,200.00
Total Other Financing Sources	Total	144,200.00
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	Total	212,274.00

Trust Fund - Expenditures

Salary and Wages Expenditures Construction Capital Outlay Debt Service		0.00 6,607.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
Total Trust Fund – Expenditures		6,607.00
Other Financing Uses Transfers to Other Funds		185,237.00
Total Other Financing Uses	Total	185,237.00
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Total	191,844.00

Agency Fund Balance

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

Agency Fund Balance July 1, 2001	161,966.00
Additions	14,178.00
Deductions	-175,933.00
Balance June 20, 2002	211 00

^{*}Personal Property Taxes and Real Estate Taxes are reported net of 60 day accruals

Respectfully submitted, Melissa S. Quinn, Town Accountant

Appropriation Balances – June 30, 2002

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Selectmen – Legal Expenses	4,567.25	-4,567.25	0.00	0
Selectmen – Selectmen Stipend	6,420.00	-6,420.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – General Administration	29,000.00	-28,379.63	620.37	2
Selectmen – Misc. Officers Expenses	1,800.00	-1250.00	550.00	30
Selectmen – Misc. Officers Stipend	1,900.00	-1,812.60	87.40	4
Selectmen – Printing Town Reports	3,250.00	3,097.65	152.35	4
Selectmen – Municipal Audit	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Summer Youth Employment	23,000.00	-23,000.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – SYE Encumbered	1,697.78	1,721.11	3,418.86	NA
Selectmen – Floating Senior Center	500.00	-500.00	0.00	0
Council on Aging	4,600.00	-4,599.01	.99	0
Selectmen – Acct/Admin Salary	39,122.00	-39,122.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Asst Acct Clerk	2,000.00	-1,672.68	327.32	16
Selectmen – Asst Acct Clerk Encumb	0.00	171.72	171.72	NA
Selectmen – FRCOG Core Assessment	19,346.00	-19,346.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – FRCOG Fees	5,520.00	-4,246.25	1,003.75	19
Selectmen – Computer/Software Support	12,500.00	-12,500.00	0.00	0
Selectmen – Computer Equip/Software	3,100.00	-3,100.00	0.00	0
Assessor Stipend	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00	0
Assessor Clerk Wage	7,851.00	-7,708.32	142.68	1
Assessor Clerk Wage Encumbered	300.00	-77.40	222.60	NA
Assessor Operation	3,000.00	-2,963.00	36.82	1
Assessor Software/Licensing	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.00	0
Assessor Mapping Services	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
Assessor Reval/Prop Update	30,000.00	-1,984.00	28,016.00	93
Treasurer Stipend	4,280.00	-4,280.00	0.00	0
Assist Treasurer Wage	100.00	-56.25	43.75	43
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	1,500.00	-645.40	854.60	56
Registrar/Census Compensation	350.00	-350.00	0.00	0
Conservation Commission	200.00 600.00	0.00	200.00	100
Planning Board Operation		-60.00	540.00 113.56	90
Planning Board Goal Post Operation	19,000.00	-18,886.44 ° 500.00	0.00	<1
Repair Town Hall Roof	8,500.00 1,755.06	-8,500.00 -996.02	759.04	0 43
Office Equipment Computer Upgrade	1,755.06 6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	100
Planning Board By-Law Reprint Planning Board Broadband Study	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
Barn Demolition	4,688.00	0.00	4,688.00	100
Town Hall Furnace Repairs	3,000.00	-2,990.44	9.56	<1
Soule Land Expense	1,126.55	-2,990.44 -61.57	1,064.98	94
Reserve Fund FY 2002	20,000.00	-8,892.42	11,107.58	56
Chapter 53B & Chapter 150 (Chapter 90)	76,777.00	-76,777.00	000	0
Hwy – Wages	137,728.00	-127,677.13	10,050.87	7
Hwy – Wages Encumbered	3,732.96	274.42	4,007.38	NÁ
Hwy – Operation & Maintenance	34,000.00	-34,000.00	0.00	0
Hwy – Fuel for Town Vehicles	17,000.00	-12,027.20	4,972.80	29
Hwy – Road Maintenance & Reclamation	45,000.00	-44,603.25	396.75	<1
Hwy – Annual Maintenance	29,500.00	-29,497.42	2.58	<1
Hwy – Superintendent Salary	50,605.00	-50,605.00	0.00	0
Hwy – New Grader	185,000.00	-185,000.00	0.00	Ő
Hwy – Skatepark	18,500.00	-17,486.10	1,013.90	5
Town Line Bridge Engineering	1,304.69	0.00	1,304.69	100
Hwy – Injection Control	36,337.69	-36,337.69	0.00	0
Hwy – New Pickup Trucks	702.86	-30,337.09 -705.86	0.00	0
Hwy – New Fickup Fricks Hwy – Garage Roof Repairs	4,800.00	-4,078.64	721.36	15
Hwy – Galage Roof Repairs Hwy – Salt Shed Improvement	6,000.00	-5,653.86	346.14	5
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Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Hwy – Oil Containment System	5,700.00	-5,662.00	38.00	<1
Hwy – Winter Roads	40,000.00	-52,389.21	-12,389.21	*
Street Lighting	4,500.00	-3,654.38	845.62	18
Cemetery Maintenance	5,000.00	-4,685.00	315.00	6
Cemetery Fence Repair	4,577.98	0.00	4,577.98	100
Town Hall Custodian Wages	12,816.00	-12,816.00	0.00	0
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	18,000.00	-17,996.90	3.10	<1
Elevator Maintenance	4,700.00	-4,624.80	75.20	<1
Town Hall Fuel Oil	2,500.00	-1,040.95	1,459.05	58
Gracy House Repairs/Modifications	1,950.00	-571.45	1,378.55	70
Beautification	2,500.00	-2,022.18	477.82	19
Dam Maintenance/Repairs	6,211.80	0.00	6,211.80	100
Police Chief Stipend	7,260.00	-7,260.00	0.00	0
Police Officer Wages	7,469.00	-929.46	6,539.54	87
Police Officer Wages Encumbered	40.17	-40.17	0.00	NA
Police Department Operation	6,500.00	-3,482.46	3,017.54	46
Police New Cruiser	4,955.00	-1,355.90	3,599.10	72
Fire Chief Stipend	5,375.00	-5,375.00	0.00	0
Fire Officer Stipend	6,000.00	-5,750.00	250.00	4
Firefighter Reimbursement	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Fire Department Operation	23,050.00	-23,050.00	0.00	0
Fire Department Air Compressor	4,126.33	0.00	4,126.33	100
Fire Department Fire Pond Maintenance	13,139.89	-3,879.11	9,260.78	70
Building Inspector Fees/Reimbursements	5,200.00	-4,730.74	469.26	9
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	-2,036.77	963.23	32
EMS Emergency Personnel	3,400.00	-2,900.00	500.00	14
Hazardous Waste Collection Day	450.00	-88.20	361.80	80
Refuse Garden Operation	45,580.45	-45,580.45	0.00	0
Dump Attendant Wage	10,918.00	-10,918.00	0.00	0
Solid Waste District Administration	5,169.00	-5,169.00	0.00	0
Dump Attendant Wage Encumbered	533.92	-75.42	458.50	NA
Recycling Shed	4,218.14	-1,284.29	2,933.85	69
Transfer Station Road Improvement	4,455.35	0.00	4,455.35	100
Board of Health Operation	5,000.00	-4,717.60	282.40	5
Health Services Salary	34,345.00	-34,345.00	0.00	0
Health Service Operation	5,847.00	-5,308.83	538.17	9
Health Service Op Encumbered	0.00	20.00	20.00	NA
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	835,648.00	-814,145.93	21,502.07	2
Rowe Teachers Salary Encumbered	0.00	62,274.49	62,274.49	NA
Mohawk Technical Ássistant	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0
Rowe School Capital Improvement	16,654.04	-14,618.69	16,035.35	52
Librarians Salary	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.00	0
Library Wages	10,362.00	-9,578.98	783.02	7
Library Operation	14,500.00	-11,378.77	3,121.23	21
Library Wages Encumbered	322.56	79.74	402.30	NA NA
Library Repairs	3,500.00	-3,190.00	310.00	8
Old Home Day	8,000.00	-7,948.18	51.82	<1
Old Home Day Fireworks	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.00	0
	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	•

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Park Wages	28,420.00	-22,022.78	6,397.22	22
Park Wages Encumbered	2,241.45	410.15	2,651.60	NA
Park Operation	19,650.00	-19,538.92	111.08	<1
Park Head Ranger Salary	28,398.00	-21,744.58	6,653.42	23
Park Ranger Encumbered	0.00	1,248.00	1,248.00	NA
Park Mill Pond Water Management	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100
Park Swim Area Management	1,910.28	-1,376.94	533.34	27
Park Headquarters Improvement	369.59	-170.79	198.80	53
Park New Equipment	576.86	-570.87	5.99	1
Park Boat Dock	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.00	0
Park Americorps Project	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00	0
Park Pelham Dam Project	7,500.00	-640.00	6,860.00	91
Park Generator	1,700.00	-1,016.50	683.50	40
Park Exercise Equipment	2,400.00	-1,749.99	650.01	27
Land Purchase – Peat Bog	36,000.00	-36,000.00	0.00	0
Land Purchase Expenses	630.00	0.00	630.00	100
Millennium	2,715.90	1,583.28	4,299.18	>100
Bonding & Insurance	35,000.00	-29,934.00	5,066.00	14
County Retirement	56,525.00	-56,525.00	0.00	0
Non-Contributory Retirement (Randolph)	800.00	-717.83	82.17	101
Unemployment (Self-Insurance)	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
Group Insurance/FICA/Medicare	150,000.00	-129,218.73	20,781.27	13
Veterans' Agent Stipend	450.00	-450.00	0.00	0
Veterans' Administration Operation	400.00	-369.15	30.85	7
Veterans' Benefits	300.00	0.00	300.00	100
Bank Charges	500.00	-354.00	146.00	29
Stabilization Appropriation	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0**
Stabilization Highway Equipment	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0**
Stabilization Fire Equipment	29,000.00	-29,000.00	0.00	0**
Stabilization School Generator	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00	0**

^{*} Legal overdraft for winter roads (snow & ice) account, raised on FY 2003taxes.

** Transferred to Stabilization Account
NA Encumbered Accounts

School Reports

Rowe School Committee

The School Committee has been engaged in assessing the needs of the school building with principal, Bob Clancy. It is our opinion that our building and the grounds could use some work! We are now the only school in the Nine Towns that has not seen major improvements and new additions in the last few years. Thanks to ongoing attention to maintenance and repairs, the building is in pretty good shape. Repairs on the heating and ventilation systems as well as ceiling and lighting replacement for the classrooms are scheduled for the summer pending a successful Town Meeting vote. Future work that should be accomplished includes the digging a new well and addressing the on-going problem of drainage in the athletic fields. Someday, we would like to have a small addition for a library/media center as we look to the future. We have an ongoing 5-year plan to implement all these improvements in order to meet the needs of our forty-four year old building.

The PTP has been doing a great job helping to create community activities that are especially attractive to young fami-

lies. The School Committee is especially thankful for these efforts, as the school should be a center of the community.

The new accounting software has been installed and is being put to good use. Cindy Laffond is to be commended for taking on these new responsibilities. The warrants make a lot more sense to the School Committee and the administrative team at the Town Hall.

As a committee, we are very proud of the education that we offer our children. We look forward to a renewal of our certification by the NEASC, which is just an affirmation of what we already know: THE ROWE SCHOOL ROCKS!

Respectfully submitted, The Rowe School Committee Margaret Rice, Chairman Margaret Woodside Lisa Danek Burke

Rowe School Committee - Report on Bus Transportation

The Rowe School Committee was directed to provide a report outlining the issues and expenses pursuant to the town providing its own bus transportation. Mr. Doug Mollison, Director of Facilities and Transportation and Superintendent Alan Genovese were asked to provide the School Committee with information in preparation of this report. The School Committee has completed its work and respectfully submits the following report for your review.

In researching this request the areas of attention appeared to divide into three categories: contractual issues, integrity issues and financial issues. The first part of this report will address a problematic issue with key contractual language in the existing contract as it relates to Rowe providing its own transportation. The second part focuses on the position of the Rowe School Committee in future collaborative initiatives within the three districts. The third portion outlines related financial expenses.

The language of a contract is carefully crafted. Both the school district's attorney and the bus contractor's attorney review it from a critical legal perspective. One extremely important section defines the district. Therefore, the following language is a significant barrier to opting out of the contract.

Contractual Issues

The Three District Bus Contract with First Student states that MTRSD, HRSD, and ROWE School Committees comprise what is referred to as the "Districts." Therefore, if one district decided to opt out of the contract, the entire contract would become null and void. In exploring this further, there is another implication regarding First Student's interpretation of this provision. If First Student was agreeable to amend this definition of the "District," other contractors who bid on this bus contract could then challenge the contract as being null and void if one of the three districts were to opt out. This would leave all three school districts and First Student open to legal challenges by other contractors. This includes contractors that chose not to bid on the bus contract as well.

Integrity of the School Committee

The credibility of the School Committee would be in question in any future endeavor. The three school committees, working through a Joint Transportation Subcommittee, crafted a 5-year contract to meet the transportation needs of students in the Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe School Districts. After many thoughtful discussions, and a consensus that was reached during a 14-month process, this may

bring the ability of these three school districts to work collaboratively on a common interest into question.

Financial

According to the agreements made between the three school districts (MTRSD, HRSD, ROWE) the Town of Rowe is responsible for 1.37% of the total transportation costs for all three districts, for this next year in the amount of \$13,886, with an increase of up to 3% for the three years beyond.

If it were legal for the town of Rowe to provide its own transportation concurrently with the existing contract the following is a list of the estimated costs:

- (2) 65-71 passenger buses; 1-regular route bus & 1- spare bus @ \$58,000 each = \$116,000
- (1) 9 passenger suburban 4X4 (should there be a spare?) @ \$30,000 = \$30,000
- (2) Drivers @ \$12.50/hour plus other town benefits estimated @ \$14,500 = \$29,000

Also, there would have to be a spare driver. The cost to have one on hand and available at a moments notice is difficult to estimate.

If Rowe were a member of the MIAA insurance group the cost of insurance would be \$500 per bus or \$1,500. If they

use a commercial company the cost is approximately \$1,300 per bus or \$3,600.

The maintenance (fuel, oil, tires, and miscellaneous parts) will cost approximately \$2,800 per bus per year. This does not include any major repairs.

\$116,000.00	Full size buses
30,000.00	Suburban
29,000.00	Labor
3,600.00	Insurance
8,400.00	Maintenance
13,886.00	District

Total First year costs

\$200,886.00

Having talked with the Superintendent, Director of Facilities and Transportation, reviewing this and other information pursuant to this initiative, it is the strong recommendation of the School Committee for the Town of Rowe to continue to honor the existing contract with First Student.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Rice, Chairperson Margaret Woodside Lisa Danek-Burke

Rowe Elementary School Principal's Report

I am pleased to present the Rowe Elementary School Report for 2002. Our school continues to present a challenging curriculum for our students in order to encourage life long learning. Several of the Curriculum Frameworks of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Curriculum have had major revisions by the Department of Education. These ongoing changes present an interesting challenge for the professional staff. To meet these changes, teachers attend grade level meetings as well as participate in content specific committees with other teachers from the schools within the Mohawk District, and attend workshops and take courses outside of the district. Discussions and work by teachers in the areas of mathematics, science, language arts, technology, and other areas of student learning, have provided good information as well as a few ideas for the development of our school curriculum. Our goal of providing rich thematic units with hands on learning remains unchanged as this philosophy has proved itself with the good MCAS test results from our students.

Students over the course of the school year participate in a school wide Cultural Studies Unit, for 2002 it was Germany. The unit included a well-attended evening of song and dance for the community. Performance events such as this occur periodically during the school year to promote speaking abilities in front of others. Additionally, students improve their writing and editing skills, developed production knowledge, and make their own props for the shows. Primary class students produce their own play in the latter half of the school year that is completely written by them,

generally with nature as a theme, and anyone that has missed these productions is missing out.

Our extended field trip to Washington DC which occurs every other year was changed to a trip to Boston and Plymouth due to unfortunate circumstances in our Nations Capital. The new trip included a full day in Boston with a visit to our State Capital Building where students watched and listened to speeches by acting governor Jane Swift and US Senator Ted Kennedy. We hiked the Freedom Trail, took a ferry in Boston Harbor, and visited the U.S.S. Constitution. In Plymouth we stayed at a camp with an emphasis on Native American studies. We visited Plimouth Plantation, the Mayflower II, Plymouth Wax Museum, and participated in workshops with Native American speakers while staying at Camp Clark. We hope to visit Washington DC in May of 2003.

We had one construction project move ahead as a new handicap ramp was built with a roof to help keep snow and ice from collecting on it. It is hoped that additional work in the building with classroom ceilings and lights as well HVAC work proceed during the summer of 2003 as part of our ongoing plan for improvements to a forty-four year old school. Future pieces of our five-year plan include a new well away from the parking lot to prevent possible contamination (this is a recommendation of the DEP), an engineering survey and recommendations for improvement to poor drainage on the property, possible relocation of athletic fields, and a library/ media center.

The next report I submit will include the results of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges visitation team scheduled for September.

The entire staff and I would like to thank the Town of Rowe for its continued support of the Rowe Elementary School.

> Respectfully submitted, Bob Clancy, Principal

Rowe Elementary School District Superintendent

It is with great pleasure that I submit my fifth report as Superintendent. I would like to thank your School Committee representatives, Maggie Rice, chairperson, Margaret Woodside and Lisa Danek-Burke for their leadership and thoughtful participation in discussion and the decision making process. They are to be recognized for their support and commitment to the children of Rowe. I also wish to thank the school staff, parents, community officials and the townspeople for their continued support and cooperation. The Rowe Elementary is a "community" school is all aspects of the word.

Your generous financial support has assisted the School Committee and staff in their efforts to provide a high quality education for all students. The Rowe Elementary School is well managed and maintained. The School Committee has implemented a 3 to 5 year maintenance program to ensure the building remains in excellent condition. Principal Bob Clancy is to be commended for his efforts in exploring upgrade options and presenting them to the Superintendent and the School Committee for consideration. The committee has established priorities in making improvements to the school facility and continues to present these initiatives to the Board of Selectmen and finance committee. One or two of these initiatives are included on the annual Town Meeting warrant each year. Your support will continue to protect this capital investment.

Computer technology is fully integrated into teaching and learning practices at Rowe Elementary School. Students depend on computer technology to conduct research, prepare reports, communicate, solve problems and deliver presentations. Rowe students are fortunate to have a principal and staff who recognize the value of technology in facilitating teaching and learning. The educational staff continues to explore innovative methods of delivering instruction. Many teachers attend workshops and enroll in courses to learn more about improving their instructional practices and expanding their subject content knowledge.

The skills the students have acquired at Rowe 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 edu-

cational sites. Thanks to your generous support, students continue to benefit from the middle school technology lab at Mohawk. There is a plaque in the lab, which pays tribute to the citizens of Rowe for making it possible. The taxpayers of Rowe also funded a Network Manager to work with middle school students and keep the equipment working properly. The entire Mohawk educational community is most grateful for this funding. It has enhanced the quality of education for all students including those from Rowe.

Teachers continue to present instructional content that is aligned with the state's curriculum frameworks. The MCAS exams are given at different grade levels to measure student 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. High school students must now pass the MCAS test and satisfy local requirements in order to graduate. Rowe students are doing well on MCAS thanks to their hard work together the support of teachers and parents. It is my expectation that additional forms of assessment will be used to evaluate the progress of students and the effectiveness of both curriculum and instruction. Students will be developing educational portfolios that will contain examples of their skills and achievements. Presently, writing samples are being included in these portfolios.

Through the coordinated efforts of Dot Lyman, Special Project Liaison, staff members of the Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe school districts continue to write grants for supplemental funding in the areas of special education, preschool, health, professional development, technology, afterschool 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. Students benefit in many ways from these additional dollars and the School Committee and I very much appreciate the time and effort put forth to acquire these funds. As the state experiences budget shortfalls it will be extremely difficult to secure such funding in the future.

The School Committee continues to review its policies and make changes accordingly. Also, the School Committee is presently negotiating with the Rowe Teachers' Association. Presently negotiations are being handled by a mediator as the school committee and the association focus on a settlement. It is hoped that a contract will be forthcoming soon.

The Three-District Transportation Subcommittee that has representatives from the Rowe, Hawlemont and Mohawk School Committees has addressed parents' transportation requests, complaints and recommended policy changes. This year both Margaret Woodside and Maggie Rice participated in the subcommittee's work. The major focus this past year was developing specifications for a new bus contract and putting it out to bid. After exploring several alternative proposals, including having the three districts provide their own

transportation, the subcommittee, on behalf of all three district school committees, entertained bids and recommended the contract be awarded to First Student. Providing transportation with limited dollars is becoming more of an issue as expenses continue to escalate. The reorganization of routes and other changes to the specifications produced a contract that was less than the previous year. This cost savings could not have come at a better time. This subcommittee did an excellent job and is to be highly commended.

The Transportation Subcommittee also reviewed the Transportation Policy and decided to recommend that cluster stops be created, where feasible, and that the walking distance of one mile to the nearest bus stop be enforced. The service provided by Liebenow Transportation under Norm Beckwith's management during the last half of the year was commendable. The drivers of Liebenow and First Student 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. 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. Bus transportation is a partnership between school officials and parents. It is our responsibility to determine the location of bus stops and it is the parents' responsibility to safely bring their children to these bus stops. In some cases parents allow their children to walk to these designated stops. In other cases parents walk with their children or drive them to the stop. Still others make arrangements with neighbors to share this responsibility. Working together will result in appropriate transportation at an affordable price. I want to thank all our parents for their understanding and cooperation in this matter. Money saved on transportation becomes available dollars for educating students.

The Rowe School Committee, working in collaboration with the Principal, has begun the process of renewing its accreditation with New England Schools and Colleges. Rowe Elementary School is one of the few schools in the area to be accredited. This is quite an honor. The committee plans to maintain this distinction and hopes to be fully accredited in the coming year.

Cynthia Laffond, School Secretary, is to be recognized for ensuring that the school to operates smoothly. Again, Bob Clancy is to be commended for keeping the students' best interests first and foremost when making decisions. Also, a special thanks to Melissa Quinn for her work in processing and reconciling school reports.

In closing, I want to invite you to visit the school and become involved in the education of Rowe students. As noted in last year's report, "It takes a village to raise a child," and you can make a difference. Working together, we will prepare the children of Rowe to meet the challenges that await them in a responsible manner. These same children will become the leaders of tomorrow and the caretakers of our democratic society. Let's be sure to give them all the tools necessary to do a good job so we can some day enjoy our turn to retire and relax knowing the world is in good hands.

It is indeed a privilege for me to work with the School Committee, the staff and townspeople in my capacity as Superintendent and I look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Alan D. Genovese, Ed. D. Superintendent

Mohawk Trail Regional School District Superintendent of Schools

It is with great pleasure that I submit my fifth report as Superintendent. Overseeing the operation of a school district as complex as this district requires the participation of many stakeholders in order to be successful. Therefore, I begin this report by recognizing and extending my sincere appreciation to all school committee members, teachers, support staff, parents, community officials, and the townspeople for their support and cooperation. I also recognize our administrative educational team and central office staff for their assistance in facilitating district initiatives.

Residents have every reason to be proud of the results that their tax dollars bring to the district as both students and staff celebrate the achievement of attaining higher standards. Radio stations and local newspapers continue to document the many successes achieved. Students continue to receive recognition in areas of academic excellence, the performing arts, athletics, and community service. Mohawk Trail Regional students continue to be recipients of the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award, which celebrates and recognizes the mastery of skills and knowledge as demonstrated through their accomplishments in mathematics, science, the arts and humanities. Although we are working to have all our students proficient as defined by the state, a number of students have already obtained proficiency or advanced proficiency ratings on the MCAS exam. This past year 109 students graduated from Mohawk. Sixtyseven percent of these students went on to attend college. The mean score for all participating students on the SAT exam was as follows: Verbal 518 (it was 510 last year), Math 532 (up from 516 last year), Writing last year was 549 and this year it rose to 566, while Math Level IC dropped from 570 to 536. Curriculum accommodations and instructional practices continue to focus on elevating student learning and achievement.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Angela Deyo received the Superintendent's Award for academic achievement, athleticism and community service. Her grade point average, community service, participation in sports and extra-curricular activities all contributed to the decision to present this award to her. Her performance in high level math and science courses such as trigonometry, elementary statistics, geometry, chemistry, biology, and so on make her an excellent choice for this prestigious award. Angela 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. For example, seven students from Mohawk qualified at the Massachusetts Music Educators Association auditions and therefore will be able to participate in the Western District Music Festival at the Fine Arts Center at UMAS. They are Greg Bardwell, Jayson Eaton, Matt Hall, Matt

McCormick, Erin Neil, Frans-Matthis Pleie, and Shelley Roberts. The middle school and high school groups continue to entertain and delight all audiences with professionally done musical performances. The Mohawk Select Chorus once again performed, recorded and produced a music CD at St. John Cathedral Of The Divine in New York City and the Select Chorus continues to rank at the top in whatever competition they enter. This year, the middle school groups will be traveling to New York and New Jersey for competition and to see a Broadway show, The Lion King. The high school groups traveled to Nashville for competition, toured the Grand Old Opry and attended an awards ceremony on the General Jackson cruise ship. Much appreciation is extended to Nick and Scott for their commitment to all aspects of the music program.

The athletic programs continue to experience an increase in participation. As a comprehensive high school, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports. Our Track, Varsity Baseball, Girl's Tennis, Boy's Volleyball and Girl's Soccer teams all qualified for post-season tournament play. We are, of course, very proud of the Cross Country team who are the current Western Massachusetts Champs.

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 who do not participate. 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 for more information.

Teachers are also being recognized for their achievement. Ms. Allyson Patch, a 5th grade teacher at Sanderson Academy was recently selected to participate in the national training for the INTEL-Teach to the Future Professional Development Program. There were only 25 teachers selected to receive this training. Shelley Schieffelin, a Spanish teacher and Christine Wheeler, a science teacher, were selected to receive specialized technology training to serve as integration specialists for other district teachers. Kathy Stier, Head of our Science Department, chaired the NEASC Steering Committee which was responsible for coordinating and

planning all of the activity required for the accreditation team visit. Phillip Dzialo and the entire Mohawk staff deserve many thanks and praise for the many hours they worked throughout the accreditation process. Peter Otten is teaching a distant learning course in partnership with Gateway Regional and many other teachers continue to be recognized in their respective content areas.

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. The accreditation report recognized the achievements that Mohawk has made in integrating computer technology into the curriculum. This report also recommended that school officials develop a plan to continue to improve the technology infrastructure so that progress will be ongoing. We continue to be indebted to the residents of Rowe for fully supporting a district wide Network Administrator position. Without this money our students and staff would not have a technician available to keep equipment up and running. Thank you, Rowe!

Some teachers have created web pages linked to educational sites for their students to explore and use in 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. 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 of our schools.

Teachers have developed and implemented curricula that embody 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 at risk of failure. Tutorial help is available to students who wish to elevate their achievement. The seniors graduating in 2003 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 reno-

vation and addition projects at Mohawk Trail Regional High School, Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School and Colrain Central School as well as building a new Sanderson Academy. These new facilities provide exceptional learning environments for students. Recognition and a special thank you goes to all those that supported and participated in the Mary Lyon Education Fund building capital campaigns. All projects reached their fundraising targets except the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School capital campaign. This project was in direct competition with the high school and outdoor track. Efforts continue to be made to raise additional funds. These additional dollars have made it possible to purchase greatly needed equipment and other items. School administrators are now focusing their efforts to prepare these building projects for the state auditors. It is anticipated that towns will receive an increase in SBAB (School Building Assistance Bureau) reimbursements once the projects are audited.

Peggy Hart of Buckland has successfully navigated the committee through some challenging situations in her role as Chair of the School Committee. Her leadership, along with the cooperation of all School Committee members, has helped the school district continue to move closer to its goals. Thanks to the efforts of the Policy Subcommittee, chaired by Peggy Hart, the district has established a number of new policies to help govern the business of the district. For example, the Acceptable Use Internet Policy was revised, the common chapters of the student handbooks were reorganized and aligned to provide consistency within the district's schools and the Transportation Policy has been reviewed and revised accordingly. This subcommittee 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 regarding the size of the committee. The School Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the towns support an amendment reducing the size of the committee to 16, with two from each town and continuing to record votes using the weighted vote system. In addition, a Regional Agreement Task Force has been working on updating the Regional Agreement and plans to offer some amendments at the May 2003 Town Meetings.

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. Also, they revised the Education Subcommittee's Statement of Purpose, reviewed and recommended changes to the School Improvement Plans, made recommendations regarding professional development and developed a position statement on the MCAS exam. Finally, the Education Subcommittee is committed to introducing a World Language program in our elementary schools as soon as financially feasible.

Dudley Williams of Plainfield chaired the Personnel Subcommittee. This subcommittee worked on school employee related issues and made recommendations to the full School Committee. For the first time in recent memory the Mohawk Teachers Association and the School Committee reached an agreement before the expiration of the contract. School employees were offered health insurance with a 50/ 50 split for retirees in exchange for several concessions in the existing terms of the contract. Both parties believed the settlement to be fair and appropriate. Because of financial restraints, it was necessary to temporarily eliminate the Middle School Vice Principal position. The Personnel Subcommittee endorsed a plan that created two Team Leaders each for the seventh and eighth grades to handle some of the important leadership initiatives being pursued at the middle school. This model has shown some immediate success. The subcommittee also recommended an early retirement incentive and several employees took advantage of the program.

Chet Mitchell chaired the Joint Three-District Transportation Subcommittee that has representatives from the Rowe, Hawlemont and Mohawk committees. This subcommittee addressed parents' transportation requests, complaints and recommended policy changes. The major focus this past year was developing specifications for a new bus contract and putting it out to bid. After exploring several alternative proposals the subcommittee, on behalf of all three district school committees, entertained bids and recommended the contract be awarded to First Student. The subcommittee also reviewed the Transportation Policy and decided to recommend that cluster stops be created where feasible and that the walking distance of one mile to the nearest bus stop be enforced. The service provided by Liebenow Transportation under Norm Beckwith's management during the last half of the year was commendable. The drivers of Liebenow and First Student 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. 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.

Gerhard Stebich 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. In addition to developing a budget, the Budget Subcommittee reviews and signs the warrants for all the expenditures of the district. 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 governor and legislators in the two branches will be allocating. The Budget Subcommittee, together with David Fraser, the Business Manager, and the Superintendent, meet with principals and other departments to determine educational needs and related expenses. In March, the subcommittee brings forward a budget recommendation after which the full School Committee adopts a budget so the towns may act on this budget in May. Because of revenue shortfalls, it was necessary for the School Committee to reduce the FY03 budget by approximately 1/2 million dollars in June. This provided for a level dollar operating budget, or the same amount of money in FY03 as FY02. This trend cannot continue without programs and services being significantly reduced. During this budget process, the guidance, effort and support of the Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC) was extremely helpful and appreciated. In performing this budget review, Budget Subcommittee 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. Some initiatives have been successful in reducing the cost of education.

For example, school administrators continue to explore and implement initiatives that realize a savings in the operating costs of our schools. 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.

Another example is making staff adjustments as student population changes at different grade levels in our elementary schools. When this occurs teachers have been transferred to other schools. This past year, one teacher was transferred from Buckland-Shelburne Elementary to Heath Elementary and two teachers were transferred from Sanderson Academy to Colrain while another teacher transferred to Heath. If declining enrollment continues, it is hoped that many of these reductions will happen through attrition rather than laying off teachers, although layoffs will be inevitable. A long-range plan is being developed to guide the district through the declining enrollment period.

Using Instructional Assistants (IA) in a cost effective manner has helped to deliver services while saving money. IA(s) are primarily used to provide direct services to students. Their schedules are reviewed constantly in order to align them with the schedules of the students they serve. This practice maximizes the efficient use of their time. 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. We are proud of the service that these support staff provide to our students.

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. We have been very successful in meeting the needs of stu-

dents in our schools. As a result, there are no students presently placed in residential placements.

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. Because this model has been successful, a similar initiative will be explored at the high school.

The middle school also operates two programs to meet the specific needs of certain students. One special education program requires a significant amount of specialized instruction. There are six 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 eight students enrolled. The average out of district cost for a similar program is \$27,000/year. Estimated savings from this program is \$111,000/year. The district also operates an Alternative Learning Program at the high school. This program averages about twelve 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. 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.

Using a wireless computer system, rather than equipping additional computer labs, 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 a newspaper

on-line from a Spanish or French speaking country anywhere in the world. This enriches the learning experience for students and expands their thinking. We hope to replicate a similar initiative in the science department next year.

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. President Bush has promised additional federal dollars through the No Child Left Behind Act. Although the district has experienced a slight increase in these dollars, funding is certainly insufficient to carry out the mandates required by this omnibus legislation.

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 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 PK-12 health education curriculum development, healthful school environment programs and community health promotion initiatives. These initiatives are supported by eight related grants. With a shortfall of revenues predicted at the state level some of this grant funding will be compromised. If this occurs, there will be a loss of vital programs and services in the district because areas towns will not be able to offset these loses in revenues. School officials will be following the state budget very carefully and make adjustments accordingly.

The district has been aggressively pursuing Medicaid reimbursement. In FY98 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 FY99 reimbursement increased to \$69,869, in FY00 it increased to \$78,806, in FY01 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.

We all have the responsibility of providing students with equal access to a quality education. With Congress passing the No Child Left Behind Act the new expectation is not only providing equal access to all students (special education students, students living in poverty, bilingual, medically impaired or physically challenged, the average student, the gifted and talented students and so on) but also to have all students become proficient in English Language Arts and Math by the year 2014 as measured by the MCAS exam. This means that schools and districts must make adequate yearly progress in order to steadily move toward their target. However, with the state financial crisis unfolding, revenues will be limited. Therefore, the funding may not be adequate to support this proficiency goal, especially if class sizes are substantially increased. However, it is important to remember that with every challenge comes an opportunity to reflect, restructure, and approach the objective from a different perspective. This will be necessary, but your help and support is essential. 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 supporting the allocation of financial resources to sustain these exciting learning opportunities in our schools. These are wonderful communities and the Mohawk Trail Regional School District is a 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. Superintendent of Schools

Mohawk Trail Regional School Principal

It is my pleasure to present my twenty-second annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. This year was marked by our accreditation visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. A team of fifteen educators from several New England states visited the school for four days in September. They produced a comprehensive report, which outlined the strengths of the school as well as provided a blueprint for future improvement.

The report highlighted the school's mission statement and student expectations, its commitment to integrating technology, Mohawk's diversity of programs and its celebration of student achievement. They found strength in the curriculum, methods of assessing students and professional development programs. Future needs focus on K-12 curriculum coordination and more comprehensive evaluation of curricular programs.

This year we again received Project MEET funding which allowed two staff to act as trainers and consultants to other teachers in integrating technology into the curriculum on a K-12 basis. Additionally, we have continued to re-design the Mohawk website (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 and course expectations posted on our website by February 2003.

This school year opened with a level enrollment compared to the past two years. We received 35 students under the School Choice plan from our neighboring towns. This will mean that the school will sustain a growth of 110 students in the past seven years and we will have a total population

of over 840 students. We anticipate this enrollment will begin to decline in September 2003 slightly and more so over the next four years.

The faculty continues work to insure that all students are successful on the MCAS. At this writing only a few students still need to pass the MCAS for June 2003 graduation. We are providing MCAS remediation to students who need assistance through several grants we have written.

Our athletic programs continue to prosper. We are looking forward to successful winter and spring sports season. The middle school musical, "Annie" was a great success and sold out the auditorium repeatedly. Over 1,500 people viewed the musical. The all-school musical "The King and I" is now in production for performance in the spring. This will be the twenty-sixth annual performance. Music students have performed at the State House this year and recorded a CD at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York.

Budget cuts this year forced the elimination of the Middle School Vice Principal, seven teachers, three aides and a custodian. We are preparing for another difficult budget year in FY 2004.

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

Philip A. Dzialo, Principal.

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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

This year the Awards committee read 114 applications. 51 were from seniors and 63 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$45,000 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. 31 scholarships totaling \$13,400 were awarded to seniors (61% of applicants). 52 scholarships totaling \$31,500 were given to graduates (83% of applicants). The Awards committee was: Michelle Hillman (Colrain), Pauline Mills (Buckland). Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Marion Scott (Buckland), and Alicia Tripp (Heath).

From 1991 – 2002: \$135,675 has been awarded to Mohawk seniors. \$298,375 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates for total scholarship amounts of \$434,050.

Other members of the committee are: Ken Chaffee, Bob Gruen, Sally Rich, 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 Secretary

School Library/Media Center Report

This has been an exciting year for all our school library/ media centers, characterized by collection development, technological advances, and professional development opportunities. Our seven school libraries have experienced a year of growth, especially in the realm of program development. Exemplary, innovative programs include curriculum integration of local history, expanded hours with special evening programs, outstanding partnerships with public libraries, a newly formed community-based Friends of the Heath School Library, a workshop for teachers to examine the library/media collection, book distribution for summer reading pleasure and a recently revised Suggested Summer Reading list for all grade levels which will be distributed at the conclusion of this academic year. Monthly K-12 library staff meetings have provided an opportunity for increased communication and sharing of material.

Marjorie Porrovecchio retired last year from the position of Audio-Visual Aide at Mohawk after 29 years of service and is greatly missed. Current district personnel are:

Toni Wilcox	Buckland-Shelburne Regional School
Colleen King	Rowe Elementary School
Beverly Williams	Sanderson Academy
Eugenie Lynch	Colrain Central School
Wanda Musacchio	Heath Elementary School
Mary Boehmer	Hawlemont Regional Elementary School
Carrie Ferretti,	
Judy Willis	Mohawk Trail Regional School
and Susan Silvester	Ü

Library personnel have been involved in inservice training opportunities provided by the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System, Children's Literature Festival sponsored by the Mary Lyon Foundation, Read Across America program, district technology meetings and several area conferences.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS Calendar Year January Through December 2002

	Print	Non-Print	ILL	Total
Mohawk	3,573	495	252	4,320
BSE	8,303	614	10	8,927
Colrain	8,446	80	17	8,543
Hawlemont	3,850	56	1	3,907
Heath	3,976	207	45	4,228
Rowe	2,466	27	60	2,553
Sanderson	8,820	67	80	8,967
Totals	39,434	1,546	465	41,445

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

Department of Special Education

The December 1, 2002 Child Count in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District indicates an increase in special education students over last year. The 2002 Child Count indicates the Mohawk Trail District is servicing three hundred and eleven students, and represents 20% of the total student population. We have an increase of thirty-three special education students on our Child Count. Fourteen of these students are new to the district.

The Hawlemont Regional School District is servicing twenty-two students on Individualized Education Plans, which represents 22% of the total school population. There are three fewer students than in last year's count; however the student population as a whole has decreased by twenty-six students, resulting in a higher percentage.

The Rowe School District is servicing eleven students on Individualized Education Plans, which represents 28% of the total school population. This is actually a decrease in special education numbers (three less), but an increased percentage due to the loss of 16 students in the total population.

Most of the special education team members are now familiar with the new Special Education Regulations. Sometimes we still struggle through difficult meetings when children do not qualify. The identified areas of disability recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Education are: autism, developmental delay (up to age 9), intellectual impairment, sensory/hearing, sensory/vision, sensory/blinddeaf, neurological, emotional impairment, communication, physical, specific learning disability, and health impairment. Eight of these require an accompanying medical diagnosis.

The Mohawk Trail Regional Middle School High School now has an active Child Study Team, with a very capable coordinator. We still need to do some more streamlining of the system, but are very pleased that the Team is functioning. This was a goal from our Coordinated Program Review.

The Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont, and Rowe Districts provide special education services to pre-school students ages 3-5 within the District's integrated preschools. For children in these programs, and in kindergarten, 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 qualified children who attend our preschools, as well as private ones. She also acts as a liaison with parents, and outside agencies referring children for our services. The Early Childhood Coor-

dinator provides screening and testing for disabilities of referred children ages three through five, monitors children found eligible in programs, and acts as a resource person to the parents. She also coordinates the transition into kindergarten.

Throughout all three districts, we provide occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, nursing care, assistive technology, counseling, and psychological evaluations. We receive Medicaid reimbursement for some of these services. We also have an integration specialist, who assists with planning for children at high risk for out of district placement.

Most special education programs in the three districts are provided within integrated settings. Students generally go to the resource, or small group rooms for occasional instruction. We do have one separate program for elementary children in the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School, which is operated in partnership with the Center for Crises Intervention.

At the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle School High School we have the following separate programs: a Language Based Learning Program, a Severe Needs Middle School Program, a Severe Needs High School Program, a Vocational Integration Program, and an Alternative Learning Program.

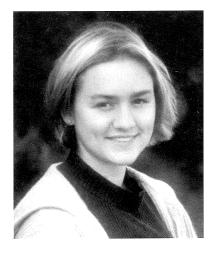
In each building there is a designated liaison that convenes Special Education Team Meetings, prepares Individualized Education Plans, and consults with the parents.

All of our special education staff members work together with teams of general education staff members to provide preventative support to students who are having difficulty in the classroom. This process is referred to as a Child Study Team. Although the Team at the High School Middle School is new, we have had this process in the elementary schools for several years. These groups are also helping facilitate the use of the new "Curriculum Accommodation Plan" which we are also implementing this year. These resource books help teachers plan for students with varied learning needs in their classrooms.

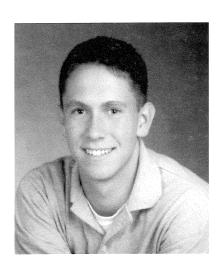
Respectfully submitted, Ann Morgan Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Congratulations Graduates Class of 2002

Mohawk Trail Regional High School



Abbie Lively



Tim Bradley

Franklin County Technical School

On behalf of the School Committee, administration, faculty and staff of the Franklin County Technical School, we submit the following annual report for 2002. Total enrollment as of October 1, 2001 was 507 students, calculated by town as: Bernardston-23; Buckland-14; Colrain-17; Conway-10; Deerfield-20; Erving-10; Gill-9; Greenfield-126; Heath-11; Leyden-11; Montague-78; New Salem-8; Northfield-17; Orange-79; Shelburne-13; Sunderland-5; Warwick-9; Wendell-10; Whately-10 and Non-District-27.

The Class of 2002, with 103 students was the largest graduating class in over a decade. Prior to graduation, 24 seniors were employed countywide in our work co-op program. Upon graduation, 70% of the students entered the work force and a small percentage went into the military or remained uncommitted. As in years past, 20% of the class planned to further its education. Again FCTS boasted two "University Scholars," one from Montague and the other from New Salem, each of whom received a full four-year scholarship to the University of Massachusetts.

FCTS believes in giving back to the communities that support us. Students are enriched by those experiences and towns/agencies receive services they may not have been able to afford. During 2002, numerous towns benefited from projects undertaken by students in all of our vocational programs. In addition to the house in Wendell built by Carpentry, Electrical and Plumbing students in cooperation with Rural Development, Inc., the following is a partial listing of other endeavors: Auto Body did work for the towns of Deerfield, Orange, Shelburne; Automotive Technology became involved in FCAC's "Shifting Gears" program; Culinary Arts catered the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, hosted area nursing homes in its dining room, collected food for the Survival Center; Carpentry, framed the Vets Field batting cage in Greenfield, worked at Thomas Memorial, Lake Wyola Community Center, Boy Scout tower in Chesterfield; Computer Technology collected \$1000 for Camp Care; Cosmetology provided services to area nursing homes and to the Pioneer Valley Regional School; Landscaping worked at schools in Greenfield/Montague, as well as the Vets Mall in Greenfield.

Throughout the year, students successfully competed vocationally and athletically. At the Skills USA State Leadership Conference and at the District Conference, seven students received recognition for their vocational accomplishments. The Girls Basketball Team made the Western Mass. Tournament and boasted its first member scoring over 1000 career points. Both the Baseball and the Softball teams also made the Western Mass. Tournaments. All three teams posted athletes chosen as All Western Mass. first or second team players. Three FCTS wrestlers finished 3rd, 4th and 6th respectively in Western Mass.

Spring 2002 MCAS results were impressive, particularly in English/Language Arts. FCTS scored higher than the state average; tied for second highest among the state's 26 vocational schools and was third highest among all area sending high schools. In both English and Math, the Boston Globe ranked FCTS as 6th out of the 26 vocational schools.

In August 2002, the school year began with the addition of a vocational program and eight replacement staff members. HVAC (Heating/Ventilating/Air Conditioning) was added to meet growing employment demands, boosting the number of vocational areas to 14. As a veteran staff approached retirement, replacement faculty was required to provide continued quality services to students.

Early December 2002 saw the school's Building Committee vote to adopt the feasibility study for the planned renovations. However, the committee also recognized the troubling fiscal picture ahead and decided to postpone seeking approval votes for the project for one year during which time it would meet with parents, employers and town committees for advice and support.

Our appreciation for your continued support as we promise to remain true to our mission of providing the best vocational/technical education possible for our students.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Regional Reports

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) is pleased to summarize its services and accomplishments in 2002. The FRCOG offers a variety of municipal services and regional planning to its 26 member towns. Small samplings of our important accomplishments in 2002 are:

The FRCOG represented Franklin County on several regional and state committees including: MassHighway Design Issues Working Group, Connecticut River Crossing Committee, Pioneer Valley Plan for Progress, and the Rural Health Advisory Committee. FRCOG's involvement in these committees assures that Franklin County town interests will be considered in decision-making that affects the region.

We advocate for the priorities of our region on the state and federal levels. One successful example of advocacy over the past year is successfully having Franklin County designated as a unique sub-region in the state's new economic development plan, which should result in policies and programs that recognize the differences of a rural region. In 2003 we expect to work closely with Congressman John Olver as he explores the causes of and potential solutions for the high rate of poverty in his district, especially in Franklin County.

Our Community Health initiatives included training workshops for Boards of Health, animal control officials, and town employees; tobacco education and treatment services; and prevention programming for teens. Fee for service programming provided technical assistance and health inspection services; engineering services; cooperative purchasing and contracting services; grant writing assistance, and also technical assistance to towns undertaking open space and recreation, and master planning processes.

The FRCOG took a lead role in planning and coordination of initiatives supporting economic development in the Franklin County Region. Projects included the Franklin Re-

gional Economic Development (FRED) project in which the FRCOG worked with other regional partners to implement economic development projects; the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which allows towns to become eligible for federal Economic Development Agency funding; and two Brownfield projects which provide funds to assess whether a site is contaminated with hazardous materials and low interest loans for the cleanup of hazardous sites. Each of these efforts supported local commercial and industrial development ventures, and over the years has brought millions of dollars of funding to the region.

On behalf of the 26 towns in Franklin County, the FRCOG sought and received certification from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee. In 2002 the FRCOG wrote and received two grants that will continue the effort to create a regional All Hazards Emergency Response Plan – funding from FEMA to create a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the region that will initially focus on the nine towns along the Connecticut River, and funding from the EPA to purchase high-quality aerial photos of parts of the region and integrate the imagery into a emergency planning database

For the third year, the FRCOG partnered with the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to assist towns with the certification process required by Executive Order 418.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. That commitment is strengthened during these very difficult fiscal times when it is more critical than ever to work together as a region to save costs, have a louder voice and share burdens. For additional detail about FRCOG programs and initiatives, please contact us for a complete Annual Report at 413-774-3167 ext. 100.

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one 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 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, antifreeze, 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. Contact the office for details about hours for each site.

In 2002, District towns recycled approximately 2900 tons of paper and 1300 tons of mixed containers. This is almost 10% more recyclables than in 2001! By diverting a total of 4200 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved approximately \$273,000 in disposal costs.

Not only did towns <u>save</u> money by recycling, most District towns <u>made</u> money. Most towns 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 2002 towns collectively received almost \$40,000. This is an 11% increase from 2001. 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 420 residents participated delivering 12 tons of hazardous waste! The participation in 2002 increased by 72% from 2001! We hope to keep our new collection site in Charlemont in 2003 in order to better serve residents from West County. On-line registration will be available in 2003.

In 2002, the District developed a comprehensive website for residents. The site covers general information about waste reduction, recycling, composting, mercury-containing products, and hazardous waste. It also includes specific information about your town's recycling and rubbish program.

Please visit it at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Also in 2002, the District removed 92 pounds of mercury from eight schools; provided mercury-free product replacements in those eight schools; collected 50 tons of bulky and metal wastes in our regional collection; collected 450 tires from residents and towns; and helped recycle over 75% of construction and demolition debris from the Erving Elementary School building project.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 413-772-2438; e-mail us at: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org;

or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

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