



## TOWN OF ROWE MASSACHUSETTS

### 2004 ANNUAL REPORT



## Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Office of the Board of Selectmen	339-5520	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
Office of the Town Coordinator	339-5520	Police Chief Office	339-5546
Office of the Town Accountant	339-5520	Fire Station	339-4001
Assessors' Clerk	339-5520		
Board of Health	339-5520	Animal Inspector	339-4707
Inspector of Buildings	339-8393	Dog Officer	339-5345
Nurse Practitioner	339-9943	Environmental Officer	339-5588 or 339-8591
Tax Collector	339-5520		
Town Clerk	339-8587 or 339-5520	Inspector of Buildings	339-8393
Treasurer	339-5520	Plumbing Inspector	625-6376
		Wiring Inspector	802-423-5274

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Town Coordinator/ Town Accountant	Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Assessors' Clerk	Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
Town Clerk	Friday 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Tax Collector	Thursday 9:00 am to Noon
Treasurer	Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
Town Nurse Practitioner	Monday 8:00 am - Noon, Administrative Hours 1:00 - 3:00 pm, House Calls 3:00 - 5:00 pm
	Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
	Thursday 8:00 am - Noon, Administrative Hours 1:00 - 3:00 pm, House Calls 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Transfer Station	Wednesday 7-10 am, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, Sunday 12 noon-4 pm

<b>Board/Commission</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Location</b>
Board of Selectmen	Every other Tuesday 6:00 pm	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	Monthly (As posted)	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	Second Wednesday Each Month - 6:00 pm	Rowe Town Hall
School Committee	Second Tuesday Monthly	Rowe Elementary School
Library Trustees	Monthly (As posted)	Rowe Town Library
Council on Aging	Monthly (Last Wednesday - 12:00 Noon)	Rowe Town Hall
Finance Committee	Monthly (Second Tuesday – 6:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
Park Commission	Monthly (First Wednesday – 6:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	As posted	Rowe Town Hall

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. ♦

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Town Hall Front Door Springtime*

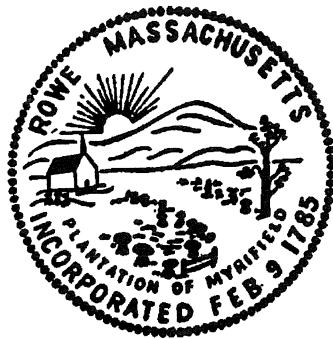


*Two Hundred and Eighteenth*

# *Annual Report*

*of the*

# *Town of Rowe Massachusetts*



*For the Year Ending*

# *December 31, 2004*

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# Town of Rowe

## County of Franklin Commonwealth of Massachusetts

*(First Settlement—Fort Pelham 1744 – Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiield)*  
Incorporated February 9, 1785

Population: 381  
Total Area: 24.07 Square Miles  
Land Area: 23.55 Square Miles  
Public Roads: 45.30 Miles  
Elevation: 1,370 Feet  
Longitude: W 072 53 55  
Latitude: N 42 41 42

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Board of Selectmen, Open Town Meeting

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Second Monday in May

ANNUAL ELECTION: First Saturday following Annual Town Meeting

### Fiscal Year 2005 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations\*:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$3.59 per thousand	\$ 33,951,195.00	\$ 121,844.79	5.102314%
Commercial	5.79 per thousand	162,332.00	939.90	0.039346%
Industrial	5.79 per thousand	311,676,844.00	1,804,608.93	75.544137%
Personal Property	5.79 per thousand	79,685,7300.00	461,380.38	19.314203%
Total		\$425,476,101.00	\$2,388,814.00	100.000000%

### Fiscal Year 2005 Revenue Sources

Tax Levy	\$2,388,814.00
Local Receipts	64,900.00
Cherry Sheet	154,924.00
Other Available Funds	347,863.00
Free Cash	218,111.00
Total	\$3,174,612.00

### Fiscal Year 2005 Appropriations and Charges

Appropriations	\$3,032,233.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	106,002.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	9,288.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	6,924.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	20,165.00
Total	\$3,174,612.00

\*Information is from the Assessors Tax Rate Recapitulation

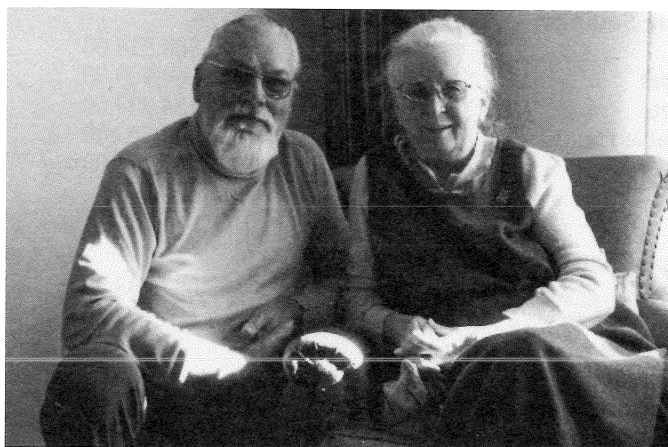




*Sarah Jane Gracy  
chatting with Rev. Mullett*



*Lifelong horsewoman Mary Sibley  
at the Rowe Riding Ring*



*A lovely couple—  
Don and Jane Lindabury*

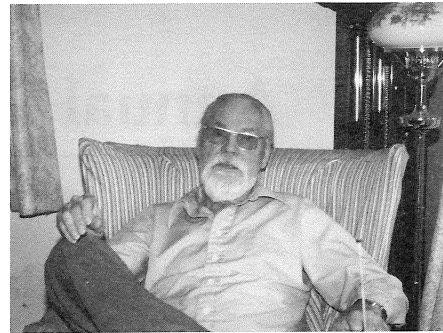


# *In Fond Remembrance*

Donald E. Lindabury

January 24, 1917 - February 28, 2004

Place of Death: Pittsfield MA



Mary E. Sibley

December 18, 1909 - April 24, 2004

Place of Death: Rowe MA

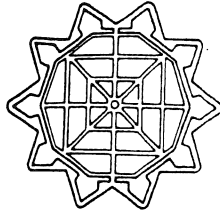


Sarah Jane Gracy

March 15, 1916 - November 13, 2004

Place of Death: Greenfield MA





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Municipal  
Association**

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## **MMA's Annual Town Report Contest**

### **Category I (population 12,500 or greater)**

1st Place	Wilmington
2nd Place	Brookline
3rd Place	Concord

### **Category II (population 5,000 to 12,499)**

1st Place	Topsfield
2nd Place	Nantucket
3rd Place	Townsend

### **Category III (population 4,999 and under)**

1st Place	Rowe
2nd Place	Edgartown
3rd Place	Oak Bluffs

### **Honorable Mention For Innovative Production**

East Longmeadow





# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

# Board of Selectmen

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Our year started out with a new face in the front office. **Ellen Babcock** was hired by the Board and is now serving as our Town Coordinator and Town Accountant. Ellen replaces **Melissa Quinn** who is now enjoying her retirement with her family. Our thanks to Melissa for her many years of dedicated service to the town.

Our 2003 Annual Town Report was a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner in this year's MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association) annual report contest. Thank you to **Ellen Babcock** for the splendid job she did compiling, editing and publishing the report, and to all town officers for the submission of annual reports for their respective committees, boards and functions.

The Avery Fountain project is moving forward with a lease agreement being reviewed by the Rowe Community Church and hopefully we will have a new fountain in place by the end of the summer.

A verbal agreement was made with Dole Brothers in February for the Town Hall front entrance project and Dole Brothers planned to have the project done in the Spring of 2004. This date has been moved forward several times and as of now no new date has been set. Without any further agreement by Dole Brothers on this project it has been decided to put it out for bid again and hopefully get this project finished.

The Board of Selectmen along with the Finance Board agreed to go forward with an Override proposal to be put on the May ballot. Both override questions—one for \$750,000 and one for \$1,000,000—were defeated by the voters at that time. As we move forward we find ourselves up against the levy limit without any special projects, and without major cuts by all Boards and Committees we must look at asking our residents for another Override, but not as large as what was asked for last year. With news in late 2004 of the sale of Bear Swamp for \$92 million there is uncertainty by all of us as to what this will mean for future tax revenue. While the sale was basically considered a “fire sale” at rock bottom price, we are waiting for a fair appraisal of the site by a firm who will be hired by our Assessors. While no one is certain where this will all iron out, all of our Departments are being very careful with their budgets for the coming fiscal year.

At our Annual Town Election in May 2004 **Sheila Furgerson** was elected to serve the three-year position on our Board and **David Scrivens** was elected to serve for the two-year term. During the Board's reorganization **Jack Williams** was elected Chairman. Mr. Williams resigned his position as Chairman in October, but will serve out his term as member until the May 2005 elections. Mr. Scrivens was elected Chairman at that time. Mr. **Edward Reilly** of the law firm of Kopelman and Paige PC was appointed to serve as our Town Counsel for the coming year. Mr. Reilly comes from Pittsfield and has also served as Mayor of Pittsfield.

The Selectmen and Town Coordinator are working with VirtualTownHall of Portland ME and VADAR Systems of Maynard MA in setting up a more user friendly website for the town. When it is up and running you will be able to download applications for certain permits, get meeting schedules from all departments and committees, read minutes of our meetings along with any other committees that want to post them. There are many more things we hope to include on the site and will let everyone know via the *Goal Post* when the site is up and running.

The new fire truck arrived in early summer and is now in service. It was voted that the old red truck be used as a parade truck but was later donated to the Town of Hawley when we found out it could be put back into service as an on-line truck in their West Hawley department after one of the trucks there broke down and was too costly to repair. This was a gift to the people of Hawley from the people of Rowe and was much appreciated.

We would like to thank **Yankee Atomic** for their donation of \$30,000. This money was given to us to help us in road maintenance because of all their heavy trucks using our roads to remove the demolition debris from their site. We used some of this money for suspension repairs and motor repairs on **Al Williams'** “Yankee Hill” truck giving us another 10 years of use on this truck. The rest of the money will be used for other road projects.

We had our first All Town Round Table discussion the first of this year and it was well received by all that took part. We look forward to having at least three of these each year giving residents the opportunity to have an ongoing dialog with our public officials.

We have asked the Community Center Committee to look into future uses of the **Gracy House** and ask for input from the townspeople as to what they might like to see there. Contact any member of the committee with your ideas. We plan to scrape and paint the house this summer which it badly needs.

Mr. **James “Jamie” Brown** of Readsboro VT was appointed as Town Wiring Inspector in September to replace Mr. **John Rossi** who retired after over thirty years of dedicated service to the Town. Thank you to John and welcome to your new position Jamie.

Thank you to **Bill Foster**, Inspector of Buildings, and **Jerry Jubinville**, Plumbing Inspector, for graciously serving the town again this past year.

We would like to thank our Town Hall staff, **Ellen** and **Sandy**, for a job well done. Thank you **Florence** for keeping the Town Hall clean and safe for everyone. We couldn't do our job without all of you.

Thanks to Fire Chief **Ed May**, his officers and members of his department for being there and ready for any emergencies that might come up.

To our Police Chief **Henry Dandeneau** and to his officers, **Gail May** and **Selmi Hyytinen**, our sincere thanks for a job well done.

To **Jim Lively** and his **Grasshopper Crew**, we thank you for your work in keeping the roadsides groomed during the summer.

Last but not least, to Road Superintendent **Jim Taylor** and his crew **Al Williams**, **Lance Larned** and **Rick Hamilton**... a special thank you for keeping our roads in such great shape. We have always said we have the finest highway department around and we appreciate all the work you do.

Thank you to many people we haven't mentioned who step up to the plate each year accepting appointments to the many positions it takes each year to keep our town running smoothly.

Lastly, thank you to all townspeople who make Rowe what it is. It is because of your donated time and talents that we keep Rowe a nice place to live. Hopefully, even if we have different political views at times, we can come together as one for the betterment of the Town and all the services we provide for everyone. It takes all of us to make Rowe a better place to live and we, The Selectmen, thank each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Scrivens, Chair  
Sheila Furgerson  
John H. Williams



# Annual Appointment of Town Officials and Employees

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(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2005)

## **TOWN COORDINATOR (1 YEAR)**

Ellen L. Babcock (6/1/04)

David Rich (6/15/04)

Michael Smith (6/15/04)

## **TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3 YEARS)**

Ellen L. Babcock (6/1/04)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH**

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen (6/1/04)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT**

Sandra P. Daviau (6/1/04)

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Gail May, EMT, EMS Coordinator (6/1/04)

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen, EMT (6/1/04)

~~Kevin Maroney, EMT (6/1/04) (Resigned)~~

## **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Ellen L. Babcock (8/10/04)

## **ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER**

Sheila Furgerson (6/1/04)

## **TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopleman & Paige (6/1/04)

## **TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN**

Florence M. Veber (6/1/04)

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT**

James W. Taylor (6/1/04)

## **INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

William G. Foster (6/1/04)

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

Albert R. Williams, Assistant Supt. (6/1/04)

Lance P. Larned (6/1/04)

Richard E. Hamilton (6/1/04)

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Gerald Jubinville (6/1/04)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

James W. Taylor (6/1/04)

## **WIRING INSPECTOR**

James K. Brown (9/7/04)

~~John Rossi (6/26/04) (Retired 8/31/04)~~

## **TREE WARDEN**

James W. Taylor (6/1/04)

## **CONSTABLE**

Roger L. Brown (6/1/04)

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Edwin L. May (6/1/04)

## **DOG OFFICER**

Albert R. Williams (6/1/04)

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

Daniel Miller, Deputy Chief (6/15/04)

Dennis May, Captain (6/15/04)

Paul McLatchy, Captain (6/15/04)

William Reardon, Lieutenant (6/15/04)

Rob Williams, Lieutenant (6/15/04)

James White, Lieutenant (6/15/04)

## **ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

L. Norma Brown (3/1/04)

## **WEST NILE VIRUS COORDINATOR**

L. Norma Brown (5/4/04)

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER/ CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Edwin L. May (6/1/04)

## **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

Ellen L. Babcock, Administrator (6/1/04)

James W. Taylor, Grasshopper Supt. (7/7/04)

James Lively, Chief Supv., Grasshoppers (6/1/04)

## **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - CHIEF**

Henry J. Dandeneau (6/1/04)

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

~~Lisa Danek Burke (Resigned 5/28/04)~~

Robert R. Rice (6/1/04)

Robert J. Clancy (6/1/04)

~~John W. Phillips (8/24/04) (Resigned)~~

Ellen L. Babcock (6/1/04)

John H. Williams (to serve temporarily)

## **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Charles Bellows (6/15/04)

Jared Bellows (6/15/04)

Malinda Dyer (6/15/04)

Holland Herzig (6/15/04)

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen (6/15/04)

Gail May (6/15/04)

## **MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK and LUMBER**

Ellsworth E. Palmer (6/1/04)

James H. Williams (6/1/04)

Thomas P. Danek, Jr. (6/1/04)

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

Albert R. Williams (6/1/04)

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Earl P. Carlow (6/1/04)  
Angela F. Foshay (6/1/04)

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Helen R. Shields (6/8/04)  
Susan C. Wood (6/8/04)  
Judith A. Pierce (6/8/04)  
Heidi Cousineau (6/8/04)

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS, Representative to**

David F. Scrivens (6/1/04)

**MMAC REPRESENTATIVE**

Sheila Furgerson (10/19/04)

**REPRESENTATIVE TO ROWE SCHOOL  
TEACHERS' NEGOTIATIONS**

Sheila Furgerson (10/19/04)

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Anne E. Besgen (6/1/04)  
Ellynn B. Packard (6/1/04)  
Susan P. Gleason (6/1/04)  
Jo-ann M. Brown (6/1/04)  
Susan C. Wood (8/10/04)

**AGENT FOR VETERANS**

David F. Scrivens (6/1/04)

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Ellen L. Babcock, Co-Chair (6/1/04)  
Jo-ann M. Brown, Co-Chair (6/1/04)  
Mary Jo Phelps (6/1/04)  
Richard A. Tower (6/1/04)  
John H. Williams (6/1/04)  
Marilyn Belval (6/22/04)

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE 2004**

Thomas P. Danek, Jr.  
Jennifer Morse  
Richard Alix  
Sheila Furgerson  
Sean Loomis

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Sandy P. Daviau (6/1/04)  
Ruth E. Loomis (6/1/04)  
Christine A. Tower (6/1/04)  
Jo-ann M. Brown (6/1/04)  
James M. McKee (6/1/04)

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3 YEAR TERMS)**

George Gaudry, Term Expires 2005  
Lillian H. Danek, Term Expires 2006

Floyd W. Smith, Term Expires 2006  
Roger L. Brown, Term Expires 2007 (6/8/04)  
Judith A. Pierce, Term Expires 2007 (6/8/04)

**ZBA ALTERNATES- TWO (3 YEAR TERMS)**

Ellen L. Babcock, Term Expires 2007 (6/8/04)  
Sandra P. Daviau, Term Expires 2007 (6/8/04)

**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Michael Posever (6/1/04)  
John H. Williams (6/1/04)  
Ellen L. Babcock (6/1/04)  
William Loomis (6/1/04)  
Angela Foshay (6/1/04)  
Margaret Rice (6/1/04)  
Myra B. Carlow (6/1/04)  
Ellynn B. Packard (6/1/04)  
David F. Scrivens (10/19/04)  
Sheila Furgerson (10/19/04)

**ROWE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Marjorie Morse (8/10/04) 1-Yr Term Exp 2005  
Susan P. Gleason (8/10/04) 2-Yr Term Exp 2006  
Ellynn B. Packard (8/10/04) 3-Yr Term Exp 2007

**CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Karen Soviecke (6/1/04)

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Floyd W. Smith (6/1/04)

**COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher (6/1/04)  
~~Marie Phillips (6/1/04) (Resigned)~~  
Ellen L. Babcock (6/1/04)  
Judy Pierce (6/1/04)  
James Lively (6/1/04)  
James McKee (6/1/04)  
David Scrivens, Chair (6/1/04)

**ROWE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

John Packard (6/1/04)  
Earl Carlow (6/1/04)  
Carlos Heiligmann (6/1/04)  
David Scrivens (6/1/04)  
David Roberson (6/1/04)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, Rep to  
(Vacant)**

**TOWN DIRECTORY COMMITTEE**

Myra B. Carlow (6/1/04)  
Ellen L. Babcock (9/21/04)  
John H. Williams (9/21/04)

**ANTIQUE FIRE TRUCK COMMITTEE**

C. Selmi Hyytinen (8/24/04)  
Brandon A. Sprague (8/24/04)  
Robert O. Williams (8/24/04)

**FENCE VIEWER**

Ellen L. Babcock (11/3/04)

**POUNDKEEPER**

Ellen L. Babcock (11/3/04)

**YANKEE LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

Ellen L. Babcock (11/3/04)  
Roger L. Brown (11/3/04)  
Robert J. Clancy (11/3/04)  
Henry J. Dandeneau (12/29/04)  
Sheila Furgerson (11/3/04)  
Leonard J. Laffond (11/3/04)  
William E. Loomis (11/3/04)  
Ellynn B. Packard (11/3/04)  
MaryJo A. Phelps (11/3/04)  
David F. Scrivens (11/3/04)  
John H. Williams (11/3/04)

**DEERFIELD RIVER WATERSHED OPEN SPACE  
PLAN COMMITTEE**

Sean Loomis (6/8/04)

**TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

David Dvore (6/1/04)  
Douglas Wilkins (6/1/04)  
Eric A. Pike (9/7/04)

## Appointments by Other Boards/Committees

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**HEALTH AGENT FOR TITLE 5 MATTERS**

Lisa Danek Burke (5/21/04—Board of Health)

**HEALTH AGENT**

Sharon L. White (5/27/04—Board of Health)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Ellen L. Babcock (5/21/04—Board of Health)

**TOWN OF ROWE ATTENDANCE OFFICER**

Gail May (6/8/04—Rowe School Committee)

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## Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies

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*Note: Terms expire at Town Election May 14, 2005*

**TEMPORARY TOWN CLERK**

Heidi Cousineau (11/16/04)  
*To fill vacancy created by resignation of Susan C. Wood*  
(Appointment by Selectmen)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Kristen C. Swenson (7/13/04)  
*To fill vacancy created by resignation of Wm E. Loomis*  
(Joint Appointment Selectmen/Finance Committee)

**PLANNING BOARD**

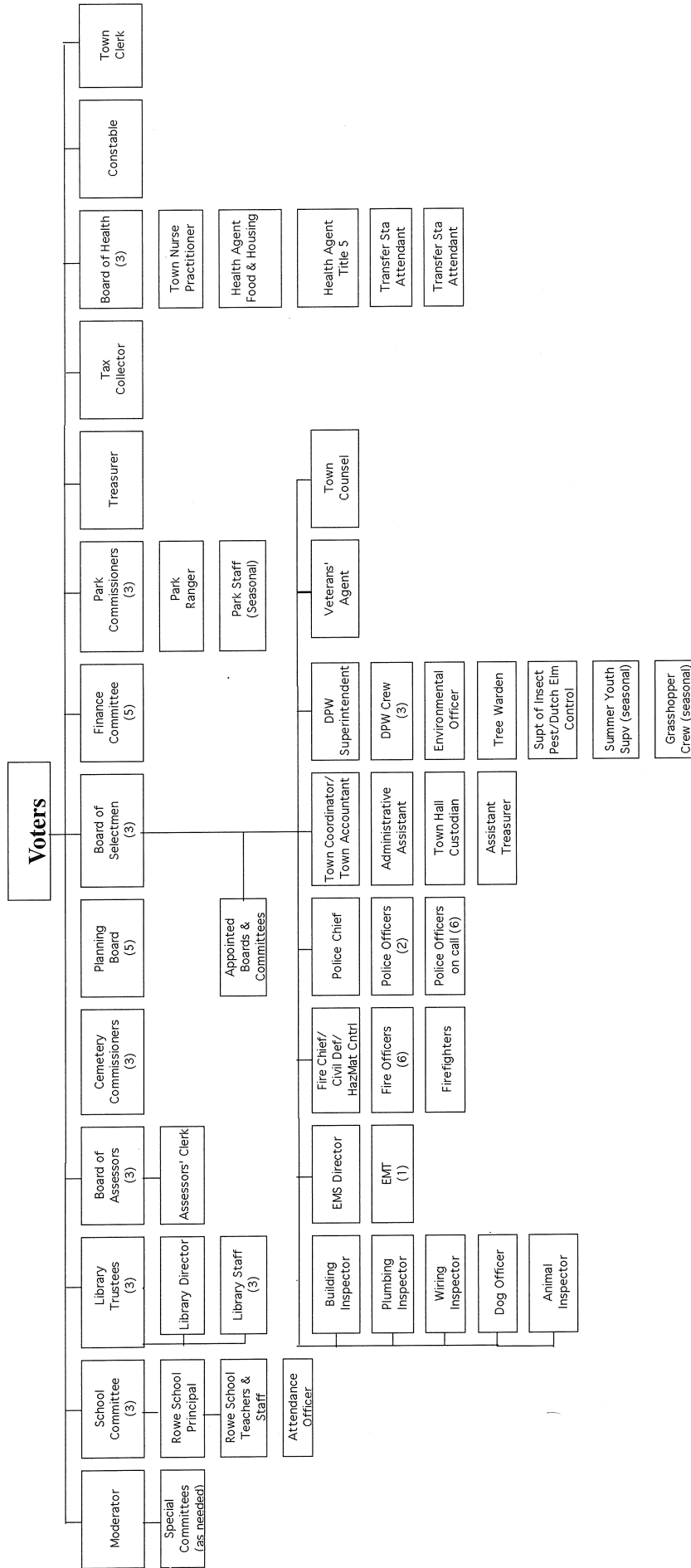
David A. Roberson (8/10/04)  
*To fill vacancy created by failure to elect*  
(Joint Appointment Selectmen/Planning Board)

**PARK COMMISSION**

Eric A. Pike (10/5/04)  
*To fill vacancy created by resignation of John H. Williams*  
(Joint Appointment Selectmen/Park Commission)



# Town of Rowe Organizational Chart

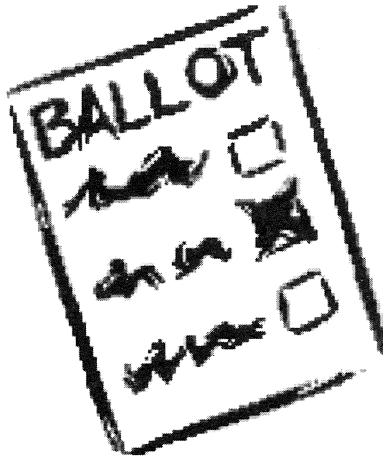


# Town of Rowe

## Boards, Committees & Other Positions

### Appointed by the Selectboard

Administration & Finance	Public Works	Culture & Recreation	Human Services	Public Safety	Schools
By-Law Review Committee	Beautification Committee	Antique Fire Truck Committee	Council on Aging	Building Code Board of Appeals	Carl Nilman Scholarship Fund
Community Center Study Committee	Conservation Commission	Cultural Council	FCCA Representative	Zoning Board of Appeals	
Registrars of Voters	Measurers of Wood, Bark & Lumber	Old Home Day Committee	FCHCC Representative	Fence Viewers	
The Rowe Energy Committee	YAEC Land Preservation Comm	Rowe Historical Commission	FCSWMD Representative	Field Driver	
Technology Advisory Committee			Nursing Committee	Pound Keeper	
Town Directory Committee					



# TOWN CLERK



## Report of the Town Clerk - Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

*Mass. General Law prohibits release of info for persons under 17 without parental permission.  
Birth dates of minors are not public record.*

#### **LIAM ROBERT CLANCY**

Lisa Lynn Miller  
Robert Joseph Clancy  
Place of Birth: Greenfield MA

#### **JOSEPH NORMAN WHITE**

Donna Jean Flag  
Glenn Matthew White  
Place of Birth: Greenfield MA

#### **GABRIELLA ROSE LARNED**

Danielle Marie Gallant  
Lance Patrick Larned  
Place of Birth: Greenfield MA

### MARRIAGES

#### **Christopher Selmi Hyytinen and Tabitha Jeanne Peters**

May 15, 2004  
Married in Rowe

#### **Johnathan Michael Tower and Renee Marie Wheeler**

August 7, 2004  
Married in Rowe

#### **Albert Roger Williams and Valerie Ann Lumbis**

August 28, 2004  
Married in Charlemont MA

### DEATHS

#### **Donald E. Lindabury**

January 24, 1917 - February 28, 2004  
Place of Death: Pittsfield MA

#### **Mary E. Sibley**

December 18, 1909 - April 24, 2004  
Place of Death: Rowe MA

#### **Sarah Jane Gracy**

March 15, 1916 - November 13, 2004  
Place of Death: Greenfield MA

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Cousineau  
Town Clerk

## Report of the Town Clerk – Licenses/Permits Sold

### DOG LICENSES

42	Males @ \$3.00	\$126.00
5	Females @ \$6.00	30.00
46	Spayed Females @ \$3.00	138.00

#### **TOTAL**

**\$294.00**

Less fees retained by Town Clerk

- 69.75

#### **Paid to Town Treasurer**

**\$ 224.25**

### SPORTING LICENSES

F1 - Resident Fishing @ \$22.50	(12)	\$ 270.00
F2 - Resident Minor Fishing @ \$6.50	(05)	32.50
F3 - Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$11.25	(02)	22.50
F4 - Resident Fishing 70 and over - Free	(05)	Free
F6 - Non-resident fishing @ \$32.50	(03)	97.50
F9 - Non-Resident fishing 15-17 @ \$6.50	(01)	6.50
H1 - Resident Hunting @ \$22.50	(13)	292.50
H5 - Non-Res Hunting Big Game @ \$94.50	(04)	378.00
H8 - Resident Minor Hunting @ \$6.50	(05)	32.50
S1 - Resident Sporting @ \$40.00	(12)	480.00
S2 - Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$20.00	(05)	100.00
S3 - Resident Sporting 70+ over - Free	(08)	Free

### STAMPS

M1 - Archery @ \$5.10	(08)	40.80
M2 - Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00	(02)	10.00
M3 - Primitive firearm Stamps @ \$5.10	(14)	71.40
W1 - Resident Wildlife Stamps @ \$5.00	(50)	250.00
W2 - Non-Resident Wild. Stamps @ \$5.00	(08)	40.00

#### **TOTAL FEES COLLECTED**

**\$ 2,124.20**

Less fees retained by Town Clerk

-33.00

#### **Paid to MassWildlife**

**\$ 2,091.20**

### RAFFLE PERMITS

Two (2) PTP Raffle permits @ \$10.00	\$	20.00
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#### **Paid To Town Treasurer**

**\$ 20.00**

# Annual Town Election Results - May 15, 2004

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MAY 15, 2004 - ROWE TOWN HALL  
207 residents, of 280 registered, voted

Election Officials:

Lillian Danek – Warden  
Robin Reed – Clerk  
William Brown – Teller

Barbara Stickney - Teller  
Christine Tower – Constable  
Susan C. Wood – Town Clerk

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**SELECTMAN (3 YEARS)**

Sheila Furgerson – 110  
Leonard J. Laffond - 90  
Blanks/Write-ins - 7

**SELECTMAN (2 YEARS)**

David F. Scrivens - 121  
Daniel R. Phelps - 79  
Blanks/Write-ins - 7

**BOARD OF HEALTH (1 YEAR)**

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher - 166  
Blanks/Write-ins – 41

**BOARD OF HEALTH (2 YEARS)**

Angela F. Foshay - 93  
John W. Phillips - 92  
Daureen W. Petersen - 14  
Blanks/Write-ins – 8

**BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)**

Richard E. Alix - 166  
Blanks/Write-ins – 41

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)**

Heidi Cousineau - 176  
Blanks/Write-ins – 31

**PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)**

Michael S. Laffond – 149  
Blanks/Write-ins – 45  
Russell W. Jolly – 13

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)**

Margaret M. Woodside – 140  
Jennifer A. Morse – 56  
Blanks/Write-ins – 11

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)**

Jean A. Atwood – 165  
Blanks/Write-ins – 35  
Melissa S. Quinn – 8  
Frederick N. Williams – 3

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 YEARS)**

Myra B. Carlow – 161  
Blanks/Write-ins – 38  
Melissa S. Quinn – 4

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 YEARS)**

Evelyn L. Dandeneau – 180  
Blanks/Write-ins – 27

**MODERATOR (3 YEARS)**

Robert J. Clancy – 163  
Blanks/Write-ins – 30  
John R. Riggan – 11  
Earl Carlow – 3

**CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)**

James H. Williams – 191  
Blanks/Write-ins – 16

**PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)**

Kristen C. Swenson – 3  
Blanks/Write-ins – 204

**PROPOSITION 2 1/2 OVERRIDE QUESTIONS:**

**QUESTION #1: \$1,000,000 OVERRIDE**

Yes	43
No	150
Blanks	14

**QUESTION #2: \$ 750,000 OVERRIDE**

Yes	73
No	125
Blanks	9

# Elected Town Officials

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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Frederick N. Williams	2005
Ellen L. Babcock	2006
Heidi Cousineau	2007

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	2005
Angela F. Foshay	2006
Richard E. Alix	2007

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John H. Williams	2005
David F. Scrivens	2006
Sheila Furgerson	2007

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

James W. Taylor	2005
Richard A. Tower	2006
James H. Williams	2007

## CONSTABLE

Christine A. Tower	2005
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kristen C. Swenson	2005
David W. Lenth	2005
Carlos Heiligmann	2006
Myra B. Carlow	2006
Jean A. Atwood	2007

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ellynn B. Packard (appointed)	2005
Daureen W. Petersen (resigned)	2005
Jo-ann M. Brown	2006
Evelyn L. Dandeneau	2007

## MODERATOR

Robert J. Clancy	2007
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## PARK COMMISSION

Eric A. Pike (appointed)	2005
John H. Williams (resigned)	2005
Mary Jo Phelps, Chair	2006
Michael S. Laffond	2007

## PLANNING BOARD

Angela F. Foshay	2005
David A. Roberson (appointed)	2005
Michael M. Posever	2006
Rebecca P. Bradley	2007
David F. Scrivens	2008

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Margaret B. Rice	2005
Lisa Danek Burke	2006
Margaret M. Woodside	2007

## TAX COLLECTOR

Sandra P. Daviau	2007
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## TOWN CLERK

Heidi Cousineau (appointed)	2005
Susan C. Wood (appointed; resigned)	2005

## TREASURER

Susan A. Williams	2005
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# Appointments by Selectmen Sworn in by Town Clerk

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BOARD OF HEALTH**

Ellen L. Babcock - May 25, 2004

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ ASSISTANT TO ACCOUNTANT**

Sandra P. Daviau - June 2, 2004

## **AGENT FOR VETERANS**

David F. Scrivens - July 23, 2004

## **ANTIQUE FIRE TRUCK COMMITTEE**

Brandon Sprague - August 30, 2004

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen - August 24, 2004

Robert O Williams - August 24, 2004

## **ATTENDANCE OFFICER - TOWN OF ROWE**

Gail May - July 11, 2004

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Jo-ann M. Brown - June 23, 2004

Ellen L. Babcock - June 23, 2004

John H. Williams - June 23, 2004

Richard A. Tower - June 23, 2004

Marilyn H. Belval - June 23, 2004

## **BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Ellynn B. Packard - June 23, 2004

John H. Williams - June 23, 2004

Ellen L. Babcock - June 23, 2004

Myra B. Carlow - June 23, 2004

Angela F. Foshay - June 23, 2004

Michael M. Posever - June 23, 2004

Margaret B. Rice - June 01, 2004

David F. Scrivens - October 19, 2004

Sheila Furgerson - October 19, 2004

## **CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Karen Soviecke - June 23, 2004

## **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Ellen L. Babcock - August 27, 2004

## **CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Edwin L. May - June 01, 2004

## **COMMUNITY CENTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Ellen L. Babcock - January 28, 2004

James M. McKee - February 13, 2004

Danette Reynolds- Gallagher - February 26, 2004

Judith A. Pierce - June 23, 2004

James W. Lively - June 23, 2004

Marie L. Phillips - June 23, 2004

David F. Scrivens, Chair - June 01, 2004

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Ellen L. Babcock - June 23, 2004

David F. Scrivens - June 23, 2004

John W. Phillips - August 30, 2004

Robert J. Clancy - June 23, 2004

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Jo-ann M. Brown - June 02, 2004

Sandra P. Daviau - June 02, 2004

Ruth E. Loomis - June 02, 2004

James M. McKee - June 02, 2004

Christine A. Tower - June 02, 2004

## **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Jo-ann M. Brown - June 23, 2004

Anne E. Besgen - June 23, 2004

Susan P. Gleason - June 23, 2004

Ellynn B. Packard - July 23, 2004

Susan C. Wood - August 27, 2004

## **DEERFIELD RIVER WATERSHED OPEN SPACE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Sean R. Loomis - June 08, 2004

## **DOG OFFICER**

Albert R. Williams - June 02, 2004

## **EMS COORDINATOR**

Gail May - July 23, 2004

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)**

Gail May - July 23, 2004

C. Selmi Hyytinen - July 23, 2004

## **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

James W. Taylor - June 02, 2004

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

David A. Roberson - June 23, 2004

David F. Scrivens - June 23, 2004

Carlos Heiligmann - June 23, 2004

John R. H. Packard - June 23, 2004

Earl Carlow - June 23, 2004

## **FENCE VIEWERS**

Angela F. Foshay - June 23, 2004

Earl Carlow - June 23, 2004

## **FIELD DRIVER**

Ellen L. Babcock - November 08, 2004

## **FIRE CHIEF - CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**

Edwin L. May - June 02, 2004



**FIRE DEPARTMENT - LIEUTENANT**

Rob O. Williams - June 23, 2004  
James A. White - June 23, 2004

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT  
AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Floyd W. Smith - June 23, 2004

**HEALTH AGENT**

Sharon L. White - May 28, 2004

**HEALTH AGENT - TITLE 5 MATTERS**

Lisa Danek Burke - May 21, 2004

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

James W. Taylor - June 02, 2004

**HIGHWAY DEPT TRUCK DRIVERS/  
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS**

Richard Hamilton - June 02, 2004  
Lance P. Larned - June 02, 2004  
Albert R. Williams - June 02, 2004

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Susan P. Gleason - June 23, 2004  
Ellynn B. Packard - August 27, 2004

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

William G. Foster - June 23, 2004

**MMAC REPRESENTATIVE**

Sheila Furgerson - October 19, 2004

**MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER**

Ellsworth E. Palmer - June 23, 2004  
James H. Williams - June 23, 2004

**NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH**

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen - June 01, 2004

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Jennifer A. Morse - June 23, 2004  
Sean R. Loomis - January 28, 2004  
Sheila Furgerson - June 23, 2004  
Richard E. Alix - June 23, 2004

**PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR**

Gerald Jubinville - June 23, 2004

**POUND KEEPER**

Ellen L. Babcock - November 08, 2004

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Ruth E. Loomis, RN, NP - May 25, 2004

**RECYCLING COORDINATOR/  
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT**

Richard A. Tower - May 21, 2004

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Judith A. Pierce - June 23, 2004  
Heidi Cousineau - June 23, 2004  
Helen R. Shields - June 23, 2004  
Susan C. Wood - June 23, 2004

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FRANKLIN  
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

David F. Scrivens - June 23, 2004

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - POLICE CHIEF**

Henry J. Dandeneau - June 02, 2004

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Henry J. Dandeneau - CHIEF - June 01, 2004  
Gail May - June 23, 2004  
Charles Bellows - June 23, 2004  
Jared Bellows - June 23, 2004  
Melinda Dyer - June 23, 2004  
Holland Herzig - June 15, 2004  
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen - June 15, 2004  
David Rich - June 15, 2004  
Michael Smith - June 15, 2004  
Michelle Pike - October 05, 2004

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
ADMINISTRATOR**

Ellen L. Babcock - June 23, 2004

**SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
SUPERINTENDENT**

James W. Lively - June 02, 2004

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

Albert R. Williams - June 02, 2004

**TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

David Dvore - March 24, 2004  
Douglas Wilkins - June 01, 2004  
Eric A. Pike - September 14, 2004

**TEMPORARY TOWN CLERK**

Susan C. Wood - July 01, 2004  
Heidi Cousineau - November 16, 2004

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Ellen L. Babcock - June 02, 2004

**TOWN COORDINATOR**

Ellen L. Babcock - June 02, 2004

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman & Paige, PC - June 01, 2004

**TOWN DIRECTORY COMMITTEE**

Myra B. Carlow - June 23, 2004  
Ellynn B. Packard - July 23, 2004  
John H. Williams - September 21, 2004  
Ellen L. Babcock - September 21, 2004

**TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN**

Florence M. Veber – June 02, 2004

**TREASURER, ASSISTANT**

Sheila Furgerson - June 23, 2004

**TREE WARDEN**

James W. Taylor - June 02, 2004

**WEST NILE VIRUS COORDINATOR**

L. Norma Brown - May 25, 2004

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

James K. Brown - September 07, 2004

**YANKEE LAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

David F. Scrivens - November 08, 2004  
Ellen L. Babcock - November 08, 2004  
Sheila Furgerson - November 08, 2004  
Roger L. Brown - November 03, 2004  
Robert J. Clancy - November 03, 2004  
Henry J. Dandeneau - November 03, 2004  
Leonard J. Laffond - November 03, 2004  
William E. Loomis - November 03, 2004  
Ellynn B. Packard - November 03, 2004  
MaryJo A. Phelps - November 03, 2004  
John H. Williams - November 03, 2004

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Judith A. Pierce - June 23, 2004  
Roger L. Brown - June 23, 2004

**ZBA ALTERNATES**

Ellen L. Babcock - June 08, 2004  
Sandra P. Daviau - June 08, 2004

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**RESIGNATIONS****SELECTMAN**

Ellen L. Babcock - January 07, 2004

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Robert R. Rice - March 01, 2004

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Lisa Danek Burke - May 28, 2004

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

William E. Loomis - June 14, 2004

**TOWN CLERK**

Susan C. Wood - July 01, 2004/December 31, 2004

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Sean R. Loomis - July 10, 2004

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

John F. Rossi - August 31, 2004

**PARK COMMISSION**

John H. Williams - September 02, 2004

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Daureen Petersen - December 09, 2004

# Annual Town Meeting Results - May 10, 2004

## Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. Quorum present.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert J Clancy.

Tellers Richard Tower, Rebecca Bradley, JoAnn Brown, and Sheila Furgerson were appointed and sworn in by the Moderator.

Moderator Robert J. Clancy read a memo from the Board of Selectmen explaining that, upon advice from Town Counsel, the warrant items will be read differently than were written in the warrant mailed to Town Residents.

There was a presentation by Assessor Rick Williams explaining the Proposition 2 1/2 Override and sources of funding for the Town of Rowe.

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

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

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

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of General Government, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2005 fiscal year.

An **amendment** to the motion was proposed: "Due to the possible sale of Bear Swamp and the uncertain impact this will have on Rowe's valuation and ability to raise taxes, I make a motion to amend Article 3 to "level fund" the General Government budget at the Fiscal Year 2004 level of \$348,975.00, with the understanding Selectmen may return to the town meeting for reconsideration of the 2005 General Government budget after September 1, 2004, when the current agreement for operation of the Bear Swamp facility ends."

Administration	As Amended
General Administration	\$29,000.00
Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,250.00
Municipal Audit	5,000.00
Municipal Center Custodian Wages	15,881.00
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	18,000.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repair	500.00
Municipal Center Fuel Oil	2,500.00
Elevator Maintenance Contract	4,950.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
IT Hardware/Software	6,000.00
Computer Network Support	16,000.00
Printing Town Reports	3,250.00
Legal Expenses	4,000.00
Subtotal Administration	132,331.00

**Bonding and Insurance** 38,000.00

### Franklin Regional Council of Governments

FRCOG Core Assessment and Statutory Assessment	41,559.00
Fees for Services	7,700.00
Subtotal FRCOG	49,259.00

### Board of Selectmen Office

Selectmen Stipends	3,451.00
Board of Health Stipends	3,451.00
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	47,250.00
Administrative Assistant	2,000.00
Subtotal Selectmen Office	56,152.00

### Assessors Office

Assessors Stipends	4,838.00
Assessors Clerk Compensation	7,085.00
Operations	3,000.00
IT Hardware/Software	2,000.00
Mapping	1,000.00
Reval/Property Update	1,000.00
Subtotal Assessors Office	18,923.00

### Treasurer Office

Treasurer Stipend	6,000.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Subtotal Treasurer Office	6,100.00

### Tax Collector Stipend

6,000.00

### Town Clerk Office

Town Clerk Stipend	6,000.00
Assistant Town Clerk Compensation	0.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Election/Teller Expense	1,500.00
Subtotal Town Clerk Office	7,850.00

### Miscellaneous

Beautification	2,000.00
Council on Aging	5,900.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous	7,900.00

### School Committee Stipends

4,160.00

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

<b>Veterans' Services</b>	
Veterans' Agent Stipend	500.00
Operations	400.00
Veterans' Benefits	300.00
Subtotal Veterans' Services	1,200.00

<b>Miscellaneous Officer Stipends</b>	
Moderator	400.00
Constable	500.00
Animal Inspector	500.00
Dog Officer	600.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Officer Stipends	2,000.00

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT      \$348,975.00**

*60 voted to accept the amendment; 34 voted no. The motion, as amended, passed.*

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made and seconded to **Raise** and **Appropriate** the sum of \$6,000.00 for the purpose of preparing a **Fixed Asset Inventory** of all town land, buildings, vehicles, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, tools, etc., subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

An **amendment** was proposed to appropriate from **FREE CASH** the sum without being subject to the Proposition 21/2 Override Vote, **\$6,000.00** for the purpose of preparing a Fixed Asset Inventory of all town land, buildings, vehicles, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, tools, etc.

*The proposal to amend was defeated. The original motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote. The Override vote was defeated. Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 5:** The motion was made and seconded to adopt Mass. General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A (to replace Clause 37), which will increase the total exemption allowed for blind persons from \$437.50 to \$500.00 per year, or 10% of the total tax bill, whichever amount is greater.

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

**ARTICLE 6:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Public Schools for the 2005 fiscal year:

Instructional Programs/Tuitions to Mohawk & Franklin County Tech	609,318.00
Instructional Staff Training	14,700.00
Special Education and Other Tuitions	85,822.00
Speech Pathology & Audiology	13,828.00
Psychological Services	13,487.00
Library Services	23,824.00

Health Services	56,414.00
School Committee	20,070.00
Principals Office	104,830.00
Food Services	20,699.00
Plant Operations	80,091.00
Shared Services	58,381.00
Pupil Transportation	15,595.00
Special Education Transportation	3,263.00

Sub-total Public Schools	1,120,322.00
School Choice Estimated Receipts	-90,000.00

**TOTAL      1,030,322.00**

#### **ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$60,000.00** for the purpose of funding **one (1) Technology Support position** (with benefits) **and a portion of one (1) additional Technology Support position** at the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

An **amendment** was proposed to: see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$60,000.00** for the purpose of funding **one (1) Technology Support position (with benefits) and a portion of one (1) additional Technology Support position** at the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School.

*The amendment passed 69 to 30.  
The motion as amended passed 57 TO 23.*

**ARTICLE 8:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$80,000.00** for the purpose of capital improvements at the Rowe Elementary School for a new drinking water well and classroom plumbing improvements, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 9:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for **drainage engineering** at the Rowe Elementary School, subject to a successful Proposition 21/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*At the request of the School Committee this article was removed to give the voters some leeway in voting on Article 7.*

**ARTICLE 10:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$15,000.00** for a new lawnmower for the Rowe Elementary School, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 11:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$20,120.00** for the purchase of the following **Chemistry, Biology, Algebra I and Algebra II textbooks and Chemistry supplies** for Mohawk Trail Regional High School:

(20) AP Chemistry books @ \$134.95	2,699.00
(5) Fisher Electronic balances @ \$366.00	1,830.00
(60) Biology books @ \$95.00	5,700.00
(85) Algebra I books @ \$54.97	4,672.45
(90) Algebra II books @ 57.97	5,217.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,118.75</b>
Rounding by Town Accountant	1.25
	<b>\$20,120.00</b>

#### BY CITIZEN PETITION

An amendment was made to **APPROPRIATE** from **STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$20,120.00** for the purchase of the following **Chemistry, Biology, Algebra I and Algebra II textbooks and Chemistry supplies** for Mohawk Trail Regional High School:

(20) AP Chemistry books @ \$134.95	2,699.00
(5) Fisher Electronic balances @ \$366.00	1,830.00
(60) Biology books @ \$95.00	5,700.00
(85) Algebra I books @ \$54.97	4,672.45
(90) Algebra II books @ 57.97	5,217.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,118.75</b>
Rounding by Town Accountant	1.25
	<b>\$20,120.00</b>

*The motion to amend was carried by voice vote—  
determined by the moderator to meet the  
2/3 requirement.*

*The motion as amended passed 69 yes to 16 no.*

<b>TOTAL SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$1,110,442.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 12:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **ACCEPT THE SUM** of **\$250.00** together with any accrued interest from the Rowe Elementary School Parent Teacher Partnership, and with this sum to establish a Brian Vega Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 13:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the Protection of Persons and Property for the 2005 fiscal year.

##### Police Department

Police Chief Stipend	8,000.00
Police Officers Compensation	12,500.00
Operations	6,600.00
<b>Subtotal Police Department</b>	<b>27,100.00</b>

##### Fire Department

Fire Chief Stipend	6,000.00
Officers Stipends	6,000.00

Firefighter Reimbursements	7,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
General Operations	23,050.00
Civil Defense Operations	1,000.00
Hazardous Material Control	1,000.00
<b>Subtotal Fire Department</b>	<b>44,150.00</b>

##### Emergency Medical Service

Coordinator Stipend	1,500.00
Operations and Maintenance	4,000.00
Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses	4,800.00
New Ambulance Fund (Charlemont)	2,000.00
<b>Subtotal Emergency Medical Service</b>	<b>12,300.00</b>

##### Street Lighting

4,500.00

##### Inspections

Building Inspector Fees (Estimated)	4,500.00
Electrical Inspector Stipend	1,050.00
Plumbing Inspector Stipend	1,050.00
<b>Subtotal Inspections</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>

##### Cemeteries Maintenance

5,500.00

##### Conservation Commission Operation

200.00

#### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 14:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$6,000.00** for cemetery fence repairs, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed unanimously, contingent upon an  
Override vote. The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

<b>TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS /PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$100,350.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 15:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2005 fiscal year.

##### Public Health & Sanitation

Board of Health Stipends	4,500.00
Board of Health Operations	10,000.00
Health Services Salary	45,498.00
Health Services Operation	6,739.00
Health Services Physician Stipend	1,000.00
Refuse Garden Operations	50,000.00
Attendant Compensation	12,275.00
Solid Waste District Administration	3,773.00
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00

<b>TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>	<b>134,285.00</b>
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#### ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE



**ARTICLE 16:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for various employee benefits as specified for the 2005 fiscal year.

**Employee Benefits**

Randolph, MA Retirement Assessment	800.00
Franklin County Retirement Assessment	88,992.00**
Group Medical, Medicaid, Health & Life Insurance	215,000.00**
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**

**TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$305,792.00**

\*\*Includes benefits for school employees

**ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 17:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the **Highway Department** for the 2005 fiscal year.

**General Operation/Highway Projects**

Heavy Equipment Operators Wages	154,912.00
Highway Superintendent Salary	66,175.00
Highway Operations & Maintenance	36,000.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	19,500.00
Annual Highway Projects	30,000.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	45,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	55,000.00

**TOTAL 406,587.00**

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**Article 18:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$13,500.00** for the purchase of one (1) new **1-Ton Pickup Truck and one (1) new 1/2-Ton Pickup Truck** for the Highway Department, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
*Note: \$60,000 of the cost of these trucks is to be financed from the Stabilization Fund (see Article 19).*

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 19:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$60,000.00** for the purchase of one (1) new **1-Ton Pickup Truck and one (1) new 1/2-ton Pickup Truck** for the Highway Department. *Note: \$43,500 of the cost of these trucks was to be financed from taxation (see Article 18)*

An amendment was made to **APPROPRIATE from STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$60,000.00** for the purchase of one (1) or more new Pickup Trucks for the Highway Department.

*The amendment passed unanimously.*

*The motion as amended passed unanimously.*

**ARTICLE 20:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to a newly-formed

**STABILIZATION CAPITAL FUND** the sum of **\$32,000.00** to be "tentatively earmarked" for **future purchase of Highway Equipment**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed unanimously, contingent upon an Override vote. The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 21:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$75,602.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under **Chapter 246B** of the Acts of 2002, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**TOTAL HIGHWAY ALL FUNDS \$542,189.00**

**ARTICLE 22:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2005 fiscal year.

**Rowe Library**

Library Director Compensation	18,470.00
Library Staff Wages	12,277.00
Operation and Maintenance	16,300.00

**TOTAL \$47,047.00**

**ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$2,500.00** for **repairs to the Library building**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 24:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for replacing outdated inventory at the Rowe Town Library, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**TOTAL LIBRARY \$47,047.00**

**ARTICLE 25:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2005 fiscal year.

<b>Park Commission</b>	
Park Wages	46,546.00
Head Ranger Wage	35,360.00
Operation and Maintenance	22,420.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,326.00</b>

#### ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 26:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,000.00** for improvements to the **Park Headquarters**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override Vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 27:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$7,000.00** for two (2) new pieces of **equipment for the Park Fitness/Health Program**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote at the election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed 36 yes, 31 no, contingent upon an Override vote. The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 28:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$2,000.00** for **continuing education for park staff**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 29:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for repairs to the **Park tennis courts**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 30:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the purchase of **one (1) RTV (utility vehicle) with tracks for the Park**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed 38 yes, to 28 no, contingent upon an Override vote. The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

<b>TOTAL PARK</b>	<b>\$104,326.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 31:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for an **Old Home Day Celebration**.

#### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 32:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for **Old Home Day Fireworks**.

#### ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, 47 YES to 41 NO

<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 33:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE to STABILIZATION** for any lawful purpose the sum of **\$200,000.00**, subject to a successful Proposition 2 1/2 Override vote at the Annual Town Election on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The motion passed, contingent upon an Override vote.  
The Override vote was defeated.  
Appropriation Defeated.*

**ARTICLE 34:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a **Reserve Fund** for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2005 fiscal year.

#### ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 35:** The motion was made and seconded to **authorize the Board of Selectmen** to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen 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, 2004, in exchange for Charlemont salting, sanding and plowing of 0.7 miles of Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

#### ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 36:** The motion was made and seconded to **petition the Massachusetts legislature**, under the Home Rule provisions of the General Laws, to adopt a special act to provide for the **Recall of Local Officials** in the Town of Rowe, as follows:

**Section 1.** A holder of an elected office in the Town of Rowe may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of the town as herein provided in this act.

**Section 2.** Twenty-five (25) registered voters of the Town of Rowe may file with the Town Clerk a recall affidavit, using either a blank recall affidavit as prepared by the Town Clerk or an affidavit substantially similar thereto, containing the name and position of the officer whose recall is sought and a statement of the grounds for the recall. Upon certification of the required signatures, the clerk shall forthwith deliver to the first named voter on the affidavit copies of the petition blanks addressed to the Board of Selectmen demanding the recall, copies of which printed forms the clerk shall keep available. The

blanks shall be issued by the clerk with the signature and official seal of the clerk attached thereto. They shall be dated, shall contain the names of the first 25 registered voters whose names appear on the recall affidavit, the name and position of the person whose recall is sought and the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit and shall demand the election of a successor to the office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the clerk within 21 days after the filing of the affidavit and shall have been signed by a least 20 percent of the registered voters of the town as of the date of the affidavit was filed with the clerk. To every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number, if any. The clerk shall, within 72 hours of receipt thereof, submit the petition to the Registrars of Voters in the town, and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of registered voters of the town.

**Section 3.** If the petition shall be found and certified by the town clerk to be sufficient, the clerk shall submit the same with his/her certificate to the Board of Selectmen without delay. The Board of Selectmen shall forthwith give written notice of the receipt of the certificate, either by hand or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the officer sought to be recalled. If the officer does not resign within 5 days after receipt of the notice, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith order an election to be held on a date fixed by them not less than 64 nor more than 90 days after the date the election is called; but if any other town election is scheduled to occur within 100 days after the date of the certificate, the board shall postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of the other election, and the question of recall shall appear on the ballot of the other election. If a vacancy occurs in the office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

**Section 4.** Any officer sought to be removed may be a candidate to succeed himself/herself and, unless the officer requests otherwise in writing, the Town Clerk shall place his name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election and the conduct of the same shall be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections unless otherwise provided in the act.

**Section 5.** The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of the office until the recall election. If not recalled, the incumbent shall continue in office for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in Section 7. If recalled, the incumbent shall be deemed removed. If the successor fails to qualify within 10 days after receiving notification of his/her election, the office shall be deemed vacant.

**Section 6.** Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer)

Against the recall of (name of officer)

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter, by making a cross mark (x), may vote for either of the propositions. Under the propositions shall appear the word "Candidates" and the directions to voters required by Section 42 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws and, beneath this, the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall is in the affirmative, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. If a majority of the votes cast upon the question of recall is in the negative, the ballots cast for candidates to fill the potential vacancy shall not be counted.

**Section 7.** No recall petition shall be filed against an officer within 6 months after the officer takes office, nor in the last 6 months of the term, nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not recalled thereby, until at least 6 months after the election at which the recall was submitted to the voters of the town has elapsed.

**Section 8.** No person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him/her shall be appointed to any town office within 1 year after the recall or resignation.

#### **ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE - 53 YES to 15 NO**

The meeting came to an end at 11:15 pm.

A true copy. Attest: Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

# Recapitulation of Annual Town Meeting Articles - FY 2004

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May 10, 2004

## APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	348,975.00
SCHOOLS	1,030,322.00
PROTECTION PERSONS/PROPERTY	100,350.00
HEALTH/SANITATION	134,285.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	305,792.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	406,587.00
LIBRARY	0.00
PARK DEPARTMENT	104,326.00
OLD HOME DAY	0.00
STABILIZATION FUND	0.00

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION</b>		2,430,637.00
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## APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH

HIGHWAY - CHAPTER 246B	75,602.00
LIBRARY	47,047.00
OLD HOME DAY	16,000.00
RESERVE FUND	20,000.00

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH</b>		158,649.00
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## APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (1) PICKUP TRUCK	60,000.00
SCHOOLS - MOHAWK TEXTBOOKS	20,120.00
SCHOOLS - MOHAWK TECH POSITIONS	60,000.00

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION</b>		140,120.00
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<b>TOTAL FY2005 BUDGET ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$2,729,406.00</b>
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# Special Town Meeting Results - May 10, 2004

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Town of Rowe  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
May 10, 2004

*The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on May 10, 2004 at 6:45 pm. Quorum present.*

*The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert J Clancy. Town Clerk Susan C. Wood.*

*Selectboard: Leonard J. Laffond and John H. Williams*

*Tellers: Richard Tower, Sheila Furgerson, Rebecca Bradley and JoAnn Brown*

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**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made and seconded to **RESCIND** the vote taken on Article 12 of the November 23, 2003, Special Town Meeting to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH to the STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$466,500.00**, or take any action in relation thereto.

**ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$101,564.00**, or take any action in relation thereto.

**ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

A true copy.

Attest: Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

## Recapitulation of Special Town Meeting Articles - FY2004

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May 10, 2004

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION**

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION	.00
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**APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH**

TO STABILIZATION	(466,500.00)	
TO STABILIZATION	101,564.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH		(364,936.00)

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION**

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION	.00
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TOTAL FY 2004 BUDGET ALL FUNDS	(\$364,936.00)
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# Special Town Meeting Results - September 13, 2004

## Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS September 13, 2004

*The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Rowe School on September 13, 2004 at 7:00 pm. Quorum present.*

*The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert J Clancy. Town Clerk Susan Wood.*

*Tellers: Dorothy F. Page. George Gaudry. Francis S. Benson and John W. Phillips. Selectboard: John H. Williams, Sheila Furgerson and David F. Scrivens. Town Counsel Edward M. Reilly*

**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will 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 2005 fiscal year.

### Administration

Municipal Center Custodian Wages	319.00
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	2,000.00
Elevator Maintenance Contract	250.00
Legal Expenses	2000.00
Subtotal Administration	4,569.00

**Bonding and Insurance** 4,000.00

### Franklin Regional Council of Governments

FRCOG Core and Statutory Assessments	(41,559.00)
FRCOG Core Assessment	23,024.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	16,283.00
Fees for Services	(700.00)
Subtotal FRCOG	(2,952.00)

### Board of Selectmen Office

Selectmen Stipends	1,949.00
Board of Health Stipends	(3,451.00)
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	1,630.00
Administrative Assistant Compensation	7,000.00
Subtotal Selectmen Office	7,128.00

### Assessors Office

Assessors Stipends	112.00
Assessors Clerk Compensation	315.00
Revaluation/Property Update	15,000.00
Subtotal Assessors Office	15,427.00

**Town Clerk Office – Election/Teller Expense** 1,500.00

**Miscellaneous – Council on Aging** 400.00

**Planning Board – Goal Post Publication** 1,200.00

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT** 30,472.00

*Motion Passed 60 YES to 25 NO by paper ballot*

**ARTICLE 2:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROVE the TAX AGREEMENT between the Town of Rowe and Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC)** for fiscal year 2005 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.

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the **Park Compensation** account to be used for increased hours of the Health & Fitness Director.

### ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$4,688.00** from the Barn Demolition account to the new **Rowe School New Water Well** account.

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 5:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$6,500.00** from the Highway Boundary Monuments account to the new **Rowe School New Water Well** account.

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 6:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$28,000.00** from the Town Hall Generator account to the new **Rowe School New Water Well** account.

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 7:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$812.00** from the County Dog Refund account to the new **Rowe School New Water Well** account.

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 8:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$1,350.11** from the County Dog Refund account to the **Rowe Library Improvements** account.

### ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 9:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$1,149.89** for the **Rowe Library Improvements** account.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 10:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RESCIND** the vote taken on Article 21 of the May 10, 2004, Annual Town Meeting to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$75,602.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 11:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$75,602.00** (FY04 Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid) for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under **Chapter 246B** of the Acts of 2002, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$90,791.00** (FY05 Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid) for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under **Chapter 291** of the Acts of 2004, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by the said acts.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 13:** The motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **AUTHORIZE the Board of Selectmen** on behalf of the Town of Rowe to **ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT** with the Rowe Community Church for a parcel of land as shown on a plan entitled "Lease Parcel Rowe (Franklin Co.), Mass., surveyed for Town of Rowe, Ainsworth Associates," dated May 5, 2004, said parcel being located off of Zoar Road in the Town of Rowe.

**ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Wood, Town Clerk

# Recapitulation of Special Town Meeting Articles - FY 2004

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

## ***APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION***

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	30,472.00
SCHOOLS	.00
PROTECTION PERSONS/PROPERTY	.00
HEALTH/SANITATION	.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	.00
LIBRARY	1,149.89
PARK DEPARTMENT	4,000.00
OLD HOME DAY	0.00
STABILIZATION FUND	0.00

<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION</i>		35,621.89
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## ***APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH***

HIGHWAY - CHAPTER 246B	(75,602.00)
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<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH</i>		(75,602.00)
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## ***APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS***

HIGHWAY - CHAPTER 246B (FY04)	75,602.00
HIGHWAY - CHAPTER 291 (FY05)	90,791.00
SCHOOL (NEW WELL)	4,688.00
SCHOOL (NEW WELL)	6,500.00
SCHOOL (NEW WELL)	28,000.00
SCHOOL (NEW WELL)	812.00
LIBRARY	1,350.11

<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS</i>		207,743.11
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## ***APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION***

<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION</i>		.00
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<b>TOTAL FY2005 BUDGET ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$167,763.00</b>
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# Voters List - May 10, 2004 - Special Town Meeting

Alix, Richard E	U	Crowningshield, Steve	U	Hudson, Gary H	D	McLatchy, Paul, Jr	U
Ash, Brian S	U			Hudson, Sharon C	D	Miceli, Steven M	U
Atwood, Donald J	D	Dandeneau, Evelyn L	D	Hyttinen, Christopher	U	Miller, Daniel J	U
Atwood, Jean Ann	D	Dandeneau, Henry G	U			Miller, Deborah	U
Avery, Charles L	D	Dandeneau, Henry J.	U	Jackman, Linda Eileen	L	Miller, Lisa Lynn	D
Avery, Marion A	U	Dandeneau, Marion E	U	Jackson, Crystal Ann	U	Morse, Alfred C, Jr	U
		Danek, Debora J	U	Jackson, Darlene A	U	Morse, Jennifer A	D
Babcock, Ellen L	U	Danek, Lillian H	D	Jackson, Lisa Marie	U	Morse, Marjorie H	U
Baker, Roberta T	U	Danek, Thomas P, Jr	U	Jackson, Oral L	U		
Baker, William J	U	Danek-Burke, Lisa Ann	U	Johnston, Robin Lee	U	Nelson, Kai P	U
Barish, Jane L	U	Daviau, Edward A	U	Jolly, Russell W	D	Novack, Gary L	D
Belval, Marilyn Hurd	U	Daviau, Sandra P	D	Jones, Elizabeth	U		
Belval, William C	U	Demetz, AnneMarie	D			Oliver, Kathleen G	R
Benson, Francis S	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	D	Kalaus, Dorothy M	U		
Benson, Luella M	U	Donelson, Brian A	R	Kalaus, Warren	U	Packard, Ellynn Baxter	D
Bergeron-Larsen, Linda	U	Donelson, Norma J	R	Katz, Deborah Booth	U	Packard, John R H	D
Berry, Prudence	D	Donovan, Eugene J	D	Katz, Frederick	D	Page, Dorothy F	U
Besgen, Anne E	R	Donovan, Oliver E	D	Kilgour, Christine	D	Paige, Mary Eve	U
Bjork, Alan W	R	Donovan, Sandra A	U			Palmer, Edwin A	U
Bjork, Florence M	R	Dunnell, Paul P	R	Laffond, Cynthia M	R	Palmer, Ellsworth E	U
Bjork, Timothy J	U	Dvore, David	U	Laffond, Laurie L	U	Peters, Tabitha	U
Booth, Purnima Jeanne	U	Dykeman, Mary Ann	U	Laffond, Leonard J	U	Peterson, Daureen W	U
Booth, Robin	D	Dykeman, Robert L	U	Laffond, Michael S	R	Phelps, Daniel R, Jr	U
Boutwell, Joyce A	U			Larned, Lance P	U	Phelps, MaryJo Anne	U
Boutwell, Raymond L	U	Essert, Mary B	U	Lehr, Dorothy E	D	Phillips, John W	U
Boyd, Irene M	U	Essert, Robert D	U	Lenth, David W	R	Phillips, Marie L	U
Boyd, William M	U			Lenth, Mary E	U	Pickett, Felicity MS	U
Bradley, Michael F	U	Faivre, Audrey I	U	Lesure, Lawrence M	U	Pierce, Judith A	R
Bradley, Rebecca P	U	Foberg, Benjamin A	U	Levitte, Cristine	U	Pike, Eric A	R
Brown, Christopher M	U	Foberg, Kirsten Ellen	U	Lively, Carol F	U	Pike, Laurie Jean	U
Brown, James D	U	Foshay, Angela F	U	Lively, Deborah L	U	Pike, Michelle C	U
Brown, JoAnn M	D	Foster, Bernice A	U	Lively, Dennis G	U	Pilotte, Laurie L	U
Brown, June W	R	Foster, William G	U	Lively, James W	U	Poehlein, David Gregory	U
Brown, Leonard J., Jr	R	Frederickson, Joan M	D	Lively, Jonathan A	U	Poplawski, Claudine M	U
Brown, Lillian Norma	R	Furgerson, Sheila M	U	Lively, Joseph Adam	U	Poplawski, Daniel Paul	U
Brown, Roger L	D			Lively, Sandra Julia	U	Posever, Michael M	D
Brown, William M	R	Gallagher, Robert L	U	Loomis, Leann Zavotka	U		
Bryant, Lisa A	D	Gallant, Danielle M	D	Loomis, Ruth E	U	Quinn, Melissa S	D
Buck, Philip Edward	U	Gates, Eugene H	R	Loomis, Sean R	U	Quinn, Richard K	D
Burke, Daniel J	U	Gates, Leah M	U	Loomis, William A	U	Quist, Kelle J	U
		Gaudry, George L	R	Lowell, Frederick K.	D	Quist, Walter J	U
Cables, Alfred R	U	Gleason, Susan P	U				
Carlow, Earl	D	Gordon, Ronald P	U	Magee, Maia	U	Reardon, Mary A	U
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D	Gordon, Rosemary R	U	Maroney, Kevin	J	Reardon, Tiffany J	U
Cascone, Nancy J	U	Gracy, SarahJane	R	Maroney, Maria	J	Reardon, William Neil	U
Chiofalo, Thomas L	U	Grogan, Barbara	R	May, Dennis F	U	Reed, Robin W	D
Clancy, Robert J	D	Guest, Susan Parker	L	May, Edwin L	R	Reynolds-Gallagher,	
Cooper-Quevedo,		Guest, Vincent Joseph	L	May, Gail	U	Danette	U
Paige Anne	D			May, Katherine E	R	Rice, Bradley J	U
Corarito, Arthur D	U	Halberg, Neil	U	May, Micah David	R	Rice, Dean T	R
Corarito, Maryann	U	Hardison, Billy L	D	May, Paul E	R	Rice, Donald A	R
Cousineau, David Allen	R	Hardison, Justin Lane	U	May, Seth A	U	Rice, Jennifer L	D
Cousineau, Heidi	R	Hardison, Leonda Iris	U	Mazanec, Douglas S	U	Rice, Margaret B	U
Crowningshield, Debra	U	Heiligmann, Carlos	D	Mazanec, Janice E	U	Rice, Robert R	U
Crowningshield,		Heiligmann, Katherine	D	McKee, James M	U	Richardson, Rebecca F	D
Howard C	U	Houghtaling, Deborah	D	McLatchy, Kerri L	U	Riggan, John R	D
Crowningshield,		Houghtaling, Thomas	U	McLatchy, Lesley K	U	Riggan, Margalee O	D
Jeanette	U	Houghtaling, Timothy L	U	McLatchy, Megan K	D	Roberson, David A	U

## Voters List (Cont.)

Roberson, Laura S	U	Veber, Carole A	D
Roche, Barbara J	D	Veber, Florence M	U
Rode, Christina M	U	Veber, George F	R
Rossi, John F	R	Veber, Shirley	R
Rossi, Martha	U	Veber, Terry	R
		Vernes, Elizabeth Anna	U
<b>S</b> crivens, Betty R	U	Vernes, Ian Arie	U
Scrivens, David F	R	Volland, Phyllis E	D
Shafer, Renate Lese	U		
Sherman, Connie A	U	<b>W</b> ayne, David B	D
Sherman, Dohn W	U	Wayne, Rebecca B	D
Shields, Helen R	D	Webster, Gideon K Mr	U
Sittinger, Robert G, Jr	R	Weller, James D	U
Smith, Floyd W	U	Wells, Leo R	D
Smith, Phyllis T	U	Wessman, Daniel J	U
Snivley, MaryElizabeth	R	White, Gerrit C	U
Snyder, Catherine T	U	White, Glenn M	U
Snyder, Timothy C	R	White, Susan M	D
Sousa, James E	D	Williams, Albert R	U
Soviecke, Anna	U	Williams, Frederick New	U
Soviecke, Karen	U	Williams, James H	R
Soviecke, Mitchell	U	Williams, James Thomas	R
Sprague, Brandon A	U	Williams, John H	R
Sprague, Katherine D	R	Williams, Nancy N	R
Sprague, Kevin D	U	Williams, Robert O	U
Stetson, Jane B	U	Williams, Susan A	U
Stetson, Wendell L	U	Wilson, Douglas Rev	D
Stickney, Barbara	R	Wilson, Marilyn	D
Swenson, Kristen C	R	Wilson, Raymond	D
		Wood, Jennifer Y	D
<b>T</b> aylor, James W	U	Wood, Susan Carol	D
Taylor, Sharon L	U	Woodside, Margaret M	D
Taylor, Susan Berry	U	Woodward, Eleanor L	U
Tower, Christine A	U	Woodward, Martin V	U
Tower, Richard A., Sr	R		
<b>V</b> adeboncoeur,			
Joseph A	U		
VanItallie, JeanClaude	U		

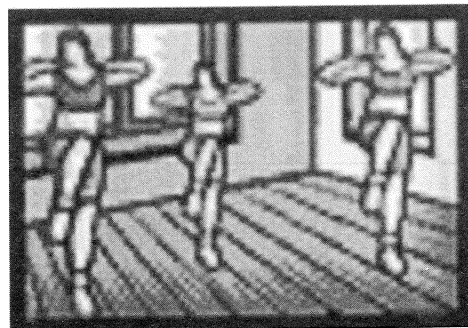
### Town of Rowe Voters List - 2004

Unenrolled	169
Democrat	62
Republican	44
Libertarian	3
Green Party	2
Total Voters	280

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# CULTURE & RECREATION





## Cultural Council

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The Rowe Cultural Council met in October and November of 2004 and awarded grants to the following:

- Arms Library
- Ashfield Community Theater
- Davis Bates' reading program
- Hilltown Folk Concerts
- Mary Lyon Education Foundation
- Mohawk Trail Concerts
- Pothole Pictures
- Rowe Council on Aging
- The Academy at Charlemont Summer Theater
- Anna Viadero: Local Color Anthology

The total awarded was \$2,000, the amount of the state grant to the Rowe Cultural Council. The funds are entirely provided by the state and no local money is included.

For those wishing to apply for grants for fiscal year 2006, the deadline for applications is October 15, 2005. Preference is given to groups and events serving larger numbers of people, and in the closest proximity to Rowe. Preference is also given to events benefiting children. Rowe events are given first preference when they meet other requirements and Rowe citizens are encouraged to study the Mass Cultural Council website and apply for grants. Townspeople are also needed to serve on the committee. For further information please contact the Chairperson, or any other Cultural Council member.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellynn B. Packard, Chairperson  
Anne Besgen  
Jo-ann Brown  
Susan P. Gleason  
Susan C. Wood

## Rowe Historical Commission

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The Commission met in January with Chris Skelly, a representative from the State Historical Commission. Our first project will be to do a photographic survey of all historic buildings in Rowe. That will be the basis for a complete informational survey of the sites and buildings which the commission may choose to do itself, or it may apply for a grant from a non-profit organization. No town funds are expected to be requested.

Rowe is one of only a handful of towns in Massachusetts in which a historical commission has not been established, until now. Voters at the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting voted to establish a historical commission and members were then appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellynn B. Packard, Co-Chair  
Susan P. Gleason, Co-Chair  
Marjorie H. Morse, Co-Chair

# Library Trustees

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The Rowe Town Library is pleased to offer a diverse selection of books, large print books, books on tape, periodicals, videos and a small collection of DVDs. There are also two on-line computers that are available for use by the public. Susan Gleason, Library Director, and Library Aides, Alan Bjork, Phyllis Smith, and Danette Reynolds-Gallagher are glad to assist as needed. Deborah Lively keeps our library neat as a pin and accessible in times of snow.

A memorial clock and plaque were placed on the mantle in honor of Martha Rice. It was paid for by donations from friends and patrons of the library. We are sure that Marty would be pleased as she had always wanted to have one there. In June, we celebrated Alan Bjork's 25<sup>th</sup> year at the Library with a gathering of townspeople.

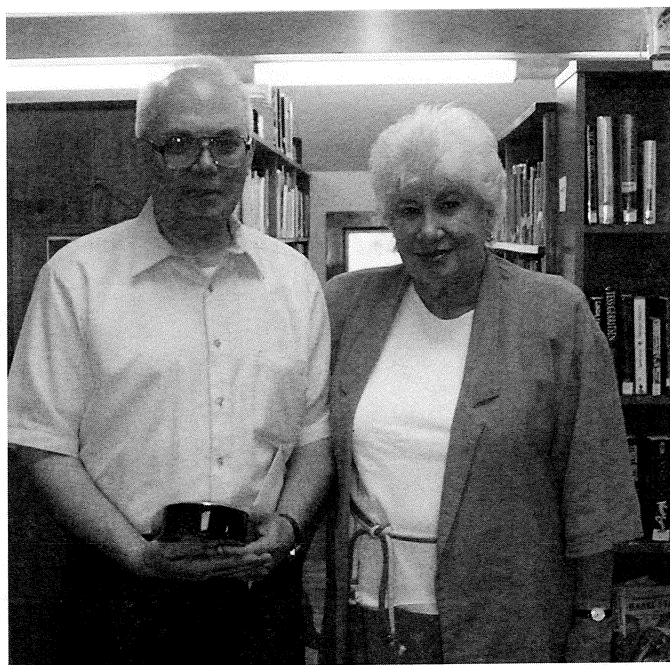
The summer reading program was a success. Its finalé was a program on making musical instruments which was held at Pelham Lake.

Ellynn Packard volunteered and was appointed to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Daureen Petersen. Daureen has done a great deal to improve the Library during her tenure. She oversaw the new parking lot, had air conditioning installed, and led the charge in redecorating and replacement of worn-out furniture. She will be missed.

Library hours:	Tuesdays	10 am – 5 pm
	Wednesdays	10 am – 8 pm
	Saturdays	10 am – 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn L. Dandeneau, Chair  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Ellynn B. Packard



*Alan Bjork, Library Aide, receives a gift of appreciation from Daureen Petersen, Chair, Library Trustees, on his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Rowe Town Library*

## Old Home Day Committee

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The weather cooperated and we had a beautiful sunny day for Old Home Day on Saturday, July 10, 2004. The day started with the annual Fishing Derby held at Jack and Nan Williams' pond at Highland Farm. Twenty-eight kids showed up with poles in hand to try to catch one of the hundred trout stocked. Jim Daneker went above and beyond and supplied a fishing net to each fisher, the stocked trout and the prizes for the winners.

The parade theme was The Olympics and the parade went off without a hitch with many local fire departments showing their prize trucks. The festivities at the school included food vendors, the church auction, various craft vendors, a softball game and a "closest to the pin" contest. Golf carts provided taxi service between the school and the park, and Dohn and Benjamin Sherman hosted their now famous couch tractor rides.

The park was the perfect location to hold activities all day long, including the bounce castle, kids games and a puppet show. The Pioneer Valley Brass Band had the lovely back-

drop of the lake to play against and entertained everyone before the chicken BBQ. The Readsboro Lions Club outdid themselves as always and served four hundred dinners to residents, taxpayers and guests. Bob Clancy and friends made a daring sky dive to the beach. The kids love to see their school principal jump from the sky.

Small Change entertained through dinner and then the Dance Party took over and rocked the beach until the closing ceremonies. All had a great day.

Respectfully submitted,

The 2004 Old Home Day Committee  
Tom Danek, Chair  
Jenn Morse  
Brandon Sprague  
Sheila Furgerson  
Dick Alix  
Sean Loomis



*Dohn, Ben and Floyd Sherman find another great use for their John Deere*



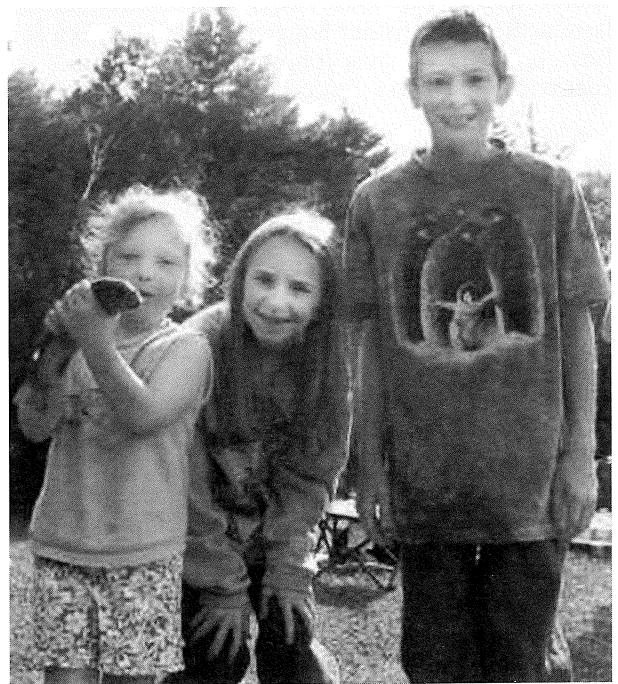
## Old Home Day Photos

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*Howard Crowingshield and the Rowe Community Church float;*

*Christina Lively and Jenny and Ben Smith with a fine trout at the Fishing Derby;*

*Brownie Troop 187 proudly marches in the Parade.*



## Park Commission

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The Rowe Park Department is made up of a seasonal staff of ten individuals, with two year round employees. The Park Commission participates in the town wide Summer Youth Employment Program providing summer positions to seven students—both high school and college aged. These positions are re-advertised every spring in the town sponsored news magazine The Goal Post. Applicants are interviewed by the Park Ranger and past work experience reviewed. Many members of our summer staff are veterans of previous years. This speaks volumes about the positive work experience they have had and hope to continue to have through this outdoor leadership program. Other members of the summer staff include retirees and parents who are dedicated to making townspeople and their guests appreciate and experience this unique park. The 2004 summer staff included: Recreation Director Jenn Morse; Life Guards Maya Donelson and Jasmine Regan, Assistant Rangers Tim Bradley, Ben Foberg, Patrick Bradley, Travis Johnston, Al Morse and Arbra Edelstein; and Fitness Center Attendant Roger Brown.

Sean Loomis continues to direct all operations as Head Ranger. Newly adopted by the Park Commission this year was the implementation of annual evaluations of all full-time employees. Annual and long range goals are established by the Park Commissioners and revisited to determine if our objectives are being met. Sean has consistently exceeded our expectations and is recognized by the commissioners as an outstanding asset to the town in his role as Park Ranger.

With deep regret the commission accepted the resignation of Marie Phillips, our fitness center instructor. Marie was hired to develop the usage of a fledgling fitness center located in the town hall. Her dedication, personal attentiveness, and professionalism won the respect of all who called on her expertise. As a result the Park's Fitness Center usage doubled in 2004—an average of 184 visits per month. Marie worked both on an individual basis and with groups of residents who took part in her fitness classes. Sessions were conducted at the fitness center as well as outdoors at the Park. We, the Park Commissioners, wish Marie the best in the future. Thank you Marie.

The Park sponsored YMCA swimming lessons, hosted Old Home Day events, senior citizen cookouts, winter fun day, the summer recreation program for Rowe Elementary School students, and kayak instruction with Zoar Outdoor.

A park bench was installed in memory of long time resident Kay Shumway. Funds for this bench came from donations to the Council on Aging in Kay's memory. The bench sits on a new small raised terrace overlooking the lake in front of the pavilion.

With the generous help of the Americorp Program the Park was able to complete the Davis Mine Loop Trail which included a complex bridge project. This trail, designed and constructed to accommodate the park's snow grooming equipment, has been added to the ski loop trail maintained each winter. Grooming for snow shoeing, skiing and hiking is conducted as needed—generally after every 4"-6" of snow. The 1792 Trail, Sabrina Rice-Williams Trail, Pelham Lake perimeter loop, the Soule field loop, and the new Davis Mine loop currently make up the winter trail network.

The Park Riding Ring was the site of an Autumn gymkhana consisting of games on horseback. Participants from surrounding towns arrived with trucks and trailers which were accommodated in the meadow adjoining the ring. Hailed as a fun day, there were encouraging cheers for rider's skills throughout the entertaining day. A special thanks to Carol Lively for organizing the event and the Rowe Riders Horse Club for the ribbons and prizes.

The Park Commission also accepted the resignation of Jack Williams as Park Commissioner. With an increasing work load as Selectman, Jack's decision to step down was a difficult one. It should be noted that Mr. Williams was instrumental in the formation of Pelham Lake Park back in 1955. That's fifty years of support and public service to the town. We should all be so dedicated. Thank you again Jack, from all of us on the commission. In October the Selectboard and Park Commission jointly elected Eric Pike, a newcomer to town, to fill the commission vacancy.

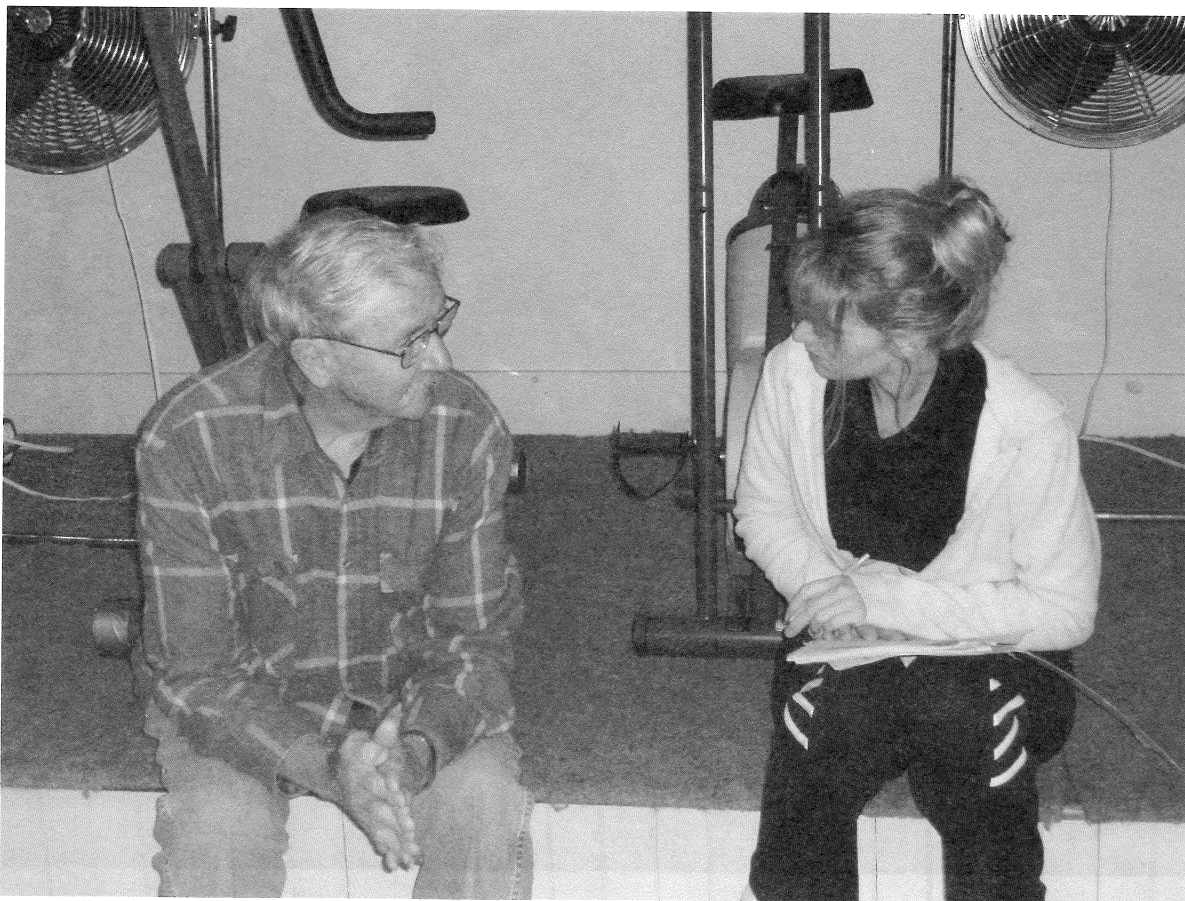
Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Jo A. Phelps, Chairman  
Michael S. Laffond  
Eric A. Pike





*Happy summer days at the Pelham Lake Park Summer Recreational Program*





*Health & Fitness Director Marie Phillips discusses an individualized workout plan with Wendell Stetson*

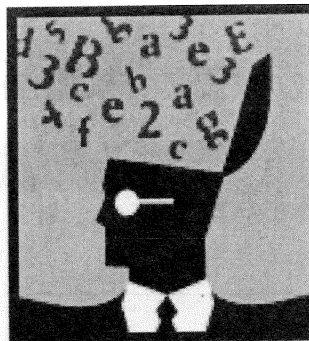


*Jodie Brown and MaryAnn Dykeman measuring their progress*





# EDUCATION



# Congratulations Graduates Class of 2004

## Mohawk Trail Regional High School

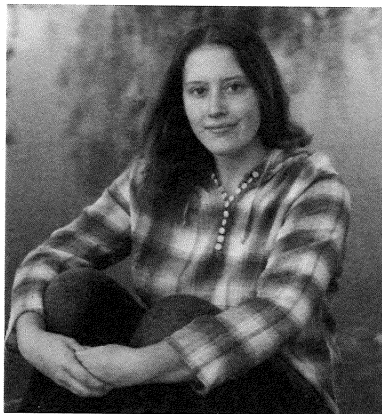
Benjamin A. Foberg



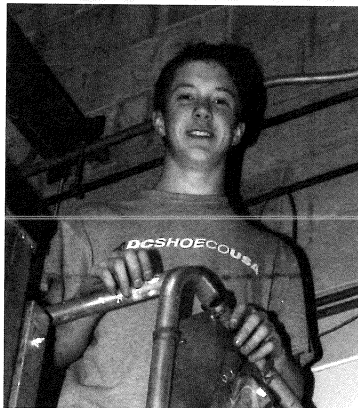
Meghan K. McLatchy



Brittani Sprague



## Franklin County Technical School



Jeremy J. Hoffman

# School Committee

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The School Committee is very proud of the good report received from the visiting accreditation committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Our teachers and staff and Bob Clancy, our principal, worked extremely hard to get ready for the visit and it paid off in an enthusiastic “yes” to the re-accreditation of the Rowe Elementary School.

It was very important to the visitors that the larger community responded to them. They loved staying at Maple House and appreciated the baskets prepared for them by Carol Lively. Most of all, they were mightily impressed by the loyalty expressed by the parents of our students—both Rowe and school choice parents. It was reassuring to the School Committee that the quality of education at the Rowe School is appreciated by parents too.

The visit by NEASC prepared us for the very different approach of the TIER II visitors from the State Department of Education, but we are confident that our school will continue to receive good reports.

We continue to miss our friend Martha Rice. In the spring, there will be a ceremony to dedicate a bench in her memory. We have also lost to retirement Christine Kovalchik and Cindy Laffond. Both are missed but we’re lucky to have Laurie Laffond at the front desk replacing Cindy and Patricia Tierney in the Primary Classroom for Christine.

Once again, the School Committee thanks the town for continued support for the Elementary School. We also thank the town for its help for the Mohawk Regional High School. Many special things would not happen for our kids without town support for the budget.

Sincerely,  
  
Rowe School Committee  
Margaret B. Rice, Chair  
Margaret M. Woodside  
Lisa Danek Burke

# School Enrollments

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Rowe Elementary School	
34	Rowe residents
25	School of Choice-In (includes 6 Pre-School)
	( 4) Heath
	(11) Charlemont
	( 6) Colrain
	( 2) Shelburne Falls
	( 2) Buckland
59	TOTAL [Started year at 61...2 moved]

Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School	
17	[Started year at 20...3 moved]

Franklin County Technical High School	
4	

Hampshire Education Collaborative (High School)	
1	
School Choice - Out	
0	
The Academy at Charlemont	
1	
Home Schooled Students	
4	Elementary Level

# Rowe Elementary School – Superintendent’s Report

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It is with great pleasure that I submit my seventh report as Superintendent. I have been blessed to work with a very organized and highly professional school committee and consider myself most fortunate to work with Maggie Rice, Chairperson, Margaret Woodside and Lisa Danek Burke. They serve the best interest of children and town by providing focused leadership and guidance. They spend numerous hours in School Committee meetings and other school related activities. Their collective and individual commitment to public education is obvious by the decisions they have made this past year.

I also wish to recognize the teachers and support staff for enabling students to reach their full potential as they inspire the desire in students to learn and facilitate their own learning. In addition, the staff and students are able to achieve their goals because of the tremendous support and cooperation of parents, community officials and the townspeople. As I mentioned in last year’s Town Report, Rowe is the best public “private” school in Massachusetts. You have every reason to be proud.

During the past two years the principal, staff and school committee have been involved in the self-study process in preparation of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Accreditation visit. The staff has put in a Herculean effort, working on in-service days, after school, weekends, and during the summer months. The final report that was submitted to NEASC by the staff and principal was impressive, and I have no doubt that the school will receive accreditation after the comprehensive audit is conducted. However, putting the anticipated findings of the audit aside, I believe it speaks volumes about the commitment to excellence of the school committee, principal and staff. Becoming an accredited elementary school involves many hours of hard work. With limited staff to complete this work, individuals have to assume more responsibility in getting the job done. Without hesitation, everyone “stepped up to the plate” and contributed in a meaningful way. As a result of this process, even before the team arrives, the Rowe staff and School Committee have a much better understanding of the strengths of the school and areas that will require more attention in the coming years. I applaud the professionals of the staff for their willingness to become a distinguished school system in the Commonwealth. Once they receive the accreditation certificate, I will proudly display it in the 3-District Office.

The residents of Rowe continued to show a strong commitment to public education by providing financial support not only at Rowe Elementary School, but also Franklin County Technical School and the Mohawk Trail Regional School. At your last Town Meeting people voted to appropriate \$20,000 to Mohawk for the purchase of science and math textbooks. The students were thrilled to have these new books because they contained website addresses for them to learn more about the content being studied in an interactive manner. The teachers involved cannot thank you

enough. Every textbook is stamped... “With recognition and appreciation to the Town of Rowe.”

Additionally, the town funded a technology position at Mohawk. This directly benefited Rowe students as well as Mohawk students. Furthermore, Rowe residents helped to fund a part-time Spanish teacher position. This allowed Rowe students to continue receiving Spanish instruction in seventh grade. Without this funding it would not have been possible to offer this very important program. You truly value education and have lead by example! The state should follow your lead and support public education more fully.

Because it is important to continue to provide a comprehensive Spanish program at Mohawk and fulfill the technology goal of integrating technology into the curriculum, we will be asking for the town to once again help support these two positions. We remain hopeful that you will continue to see the value of these critical positions for students as we prepare them for graduation and beyond.

Rowe Elementary is the only school I am aware of that has computer technology fully integrated into the teaching and learning equation. Students routinely use computer technology to conduct research, prepare reports, communicate, solve problems and do presentations. I am amazed at the technical sophistication that these students demonstrate when they arrive at Mohawk. They certainly raise the bar of expectation for all students while helping others to use technology in more meaningful ways to learn. Naturally, these achievements are a result of the staff at Rowe setting high expectations for students as they also lead by example.

The Rowe Elementary School continues to promote a conducive learning environment for both students and staff. While students pursue their academic goals, many teachers attend workshops and enroll in courses to learn more about improving their instructional practices and expanding their subject content knowledge. The students move on to Mohawk with a solid foundation for learning. This would not be possible without your support and the support of your Principal, Bob Clancy. I very much appreciate all his efforts on behalf of the students. He is an advocate for doing what is in the best interest of children and I wish to publicly thank him for contributing to a very successful school year.

In summary, Rowe Elementary is truly a community resource. I am proud to serve as your Superintendent and encourage you all to visit the school and become involved whenever possible. It is a privilege to work with your School Committee representatives, the dedicated staff, and the townspeople. I look forward to the many new achievements that the staff, students and School Committee will accomplish in the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan D. Genovese, Ed. D.

# Rowe Elementary School – Principal's Report

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Once again I find myself quite pleased to submit my principal's report on behalf of the Rowe Elementary School for the Annual Town Report. Calendar year 2004 was a great year for our school family. The big event in 2004 was our visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) in October that we had been planning for the past two years. The visiting team was comprised of three education professionals who spent four days in our school assessing the quality of the educational programs. The basis for this assessment was our two-year self-study that was written in terms of our stated Mission and Expectations along with NEAS&C's sixty-seven standards for accreditation of public elementary schools. This professional appraisal of the school included in its conclusion section the following: "The Visiting Committee left Rowe Elementary School visibly impressed with the determination of the staff, parents, and community to provide an exemplary education to its children within the context of an environment brimming with natural resources and activities. The visiting team recognized the quality of the alliances formed among staff, parents, and community leaders. Your common purpose in promoting respect for a quality education, appreciating diversity, and guiding students in experiencing a broad range of activities offered in the natural world surrounding the school will continue to benefit the supportive citizens of Rowe." Seeing these words in print truly validated what the School Committee, parents, staff, students, and members of our community have known, and that is we do have a great school.

Other highlights for 2004 include our second group of students with high proficiency in Spanish sent on to Mohawk with a teacher covered by the Rowe District Budget for grades seven and eight. Additionally our Local Education Council (LEC) began working with the Middle/High School

principal in other curriculum areas such as mathematics to ensure our students continue to be challenged when reaching the middle school.

Our own curriculum continues to be challenging, rewarding, and fun with rich, in-depth thematic units, hands-on Science, instrumental and vocal music, art, and physical education, as well as full-day and extended field trips.

Our Massachusetts Comprehensive Testing (MCAS) scores remain high. Our students score well above the State averages with the Rowe Elementary School having a "Composite Performance Index" of 94.2 out of 100 points in English Language Arts and 81.0 in Mathematics. Some strategies in test taking as well as general instruction in the format of standardized tests are presented to students but we remain committed not to teach to the test.

We had one professional staff change in 2004. Christine Kovalchick retired in October after six years of great service as a primary classroom teacher. Patricia Tierney who lives next door in Heath replaced Christine.

Our professional staff met for annual grade level meetings and participated in content specific committees with other teachers from the schools within the Mohawk and Hawlemont School Districts. Writing benchmarks were established for kindergarten through grade six and a three-district administration of a writing sample was established in March and will be administered annually. Rowe School K-6 student writing was found to be quite good, yet teachers were able to identify areas to improve upon and immediately went about instituting changes in instruction in areas such as voice and imagery.



*Rowe Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates  
L to R: Haley Lawless, Joshua Taylor, Dana Williams, Gabrielle Walsh,  
Raymond Fantuccio and Presley Veber*



Teachers continue to attend workshops and participate in coursework outside of the district for professional development. Staff meetings and in-service days until October were spent in preparation for the NEAS&C visit. During the same period teachers were also participating in committees that dealt with improving the delivery of instruction in mathematics, science, language arts, technology, and more. As we make changes we are in the process of collecting and interpreting data with the goal of improved student learning.

The school-wide Cultural Studies Unit in 2004 was Italy, and students read, wrote, and listened to presentations on Italian history, art, and culture. Rachel Driver, one of the Student Conservation Association volunteers (ex-AmeriCorps) spoke to students about her travels in Italy, as I did with a slide presentation. The Italy unit mini-courses included fine arts, architecture, dance and cuisine. An Italian Community Lunch was held and the unit concluded with an evening performance of song and dance open to everyone.

In May our fifth and sixth grade students spent five days at Natures Classroom in Kingston, Massachusetts. During the extended field trip students participated in salt and fresh water studies. This was the first visit to Natures Classroom in many years and we found the trip to be very successful for students as it included more cooperative activities with another elementary school from Otis, Massachusetts. In 2005 the extended field trip for fifth and sixth grade students will be to Washington D.C.

The after school program was greatly expanded in 2004. After school offerings now include baseball, basketball, and soccer for seasonal sports. A technology club meets twice a week using Photoshop with students publishing a periodic school newspaper. The Girl Scouts and Brownies meet in the school regularly. We have piano and violin lessons. An outdoor club meets to hike, snowshoe, or nature walk. Tutoring is also available after school as an option to help meet individual student needs. The building is now typically used after school most every school day.

While we had no capital construction during 2004, the planning for a new well for the school went ahead thanks to the Board of Selectmen transferring funds to allow for it. This work should be done during the summer of 2005. Near future plans include the relocation of athletic fields in the area above the slope behind the school due to poor drainage. Longer-range plans include a library/media center.

The entire staff and I would like to thank the Town of Rowe for its continued support of its elementary school and the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School where our students continue their learning adventure.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Clancy, Principal



*A bench in memory of School Librarian Martha Rice has been placed at her favorite spot to read with children just outside the Library at Rowe School*

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District – Superintendent's Report

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It is with great pleasure that I submit my seventh report as Superintendent. It is truly amazing how much has been accomplished this year despite the tremendous reduction in state aid. These accomplishments are attributed to the incredible efforts of School Committee members, principals, teachers, and the entire support staff. In addition, Administrative Council members, Local Education Councils (LECs) and Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs), along with the various subcommittees appointed by the School Committee Chair, Peggy Hart, worked diligently to provide meaningful learning opportunities that focused on raising the achievement of all students. I would be remiss if, at this point, I did not thank Phil Dzialo, Principal of the Mohawk High/Middle School for their tireless work on behalf of their students. Finally, the taxpayers in the nine towns that the Mohawk District serves must be recognized for their generous financial support. It is the combined effort of everyone that has made this such a gratifying year.

We live in an era of high expectations and high accountability. The staff and School Committee embrace the challenges of complying with all of the federal mandates contained in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. Some of the challenges are; keeping pace with the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) benchmarks established for all subgroups so every student will be proficient in math and language arts by the year 2014, exceeding the graduation requirements for students passing MCAS, maintaining highly qualified professional staff, and providing the professional development opportunities required by both state and federal regulations. Staying ahead of these challenges requires a comprehensive, coordinated, strategic plan.

To this end, the School Committee developed district goals with benchmarks for determining progress. Principals, working with staff and LEC members, developed School Improvement Plans that included both district and school initiatives aimed at improving student achievement. Teachers continued to develop lessons that link instruction with the curriculum frameworks and assessment results. The District's Professional Development Plan provided learning opportunities for staff to ensure the successful implementation of the district and school plans. District and school budgets were developed within the limitations of revenue to support student achievement, and the Individual Professional Growth Plan of all educators in the district reflect, in part, the goals of the district and school. However, there is much more work to be done to bring about systemic change. Through the coordinated efforts of Gerhard Stebich of Plainfield, the School Committee is working on a Long Range Plan to guide the district in the years ahead. A final report will be released in the next school year.

The school district continued to experience a slight decline in the elementary student population while the high school continued to experience an increase in its population as the remaining larger elementary grades continue to work

their way through the school system. Staff reductions have occurred accordingly in the various schools to reflect this decline in population. However, this trend has presented a new challenge for the School Committee because the elementary schools are no longer at capacity. The School Committee chair appointed a task force, (Building Use Study Committee; BUSC), to examine options for potential school building use in the future. Items likely to be discussed are school consolidation proposals, leasing options, and potential partnerships with businesses and/or organizations to use isolated areas of school facilities and/or Central Office space for revenue generating purposes. More detail will be provided in next year's Town Report.

I am pleased to announce that all schools made AYP in the aggregate and remain on target to meet AYP benchmarks. However, students in the "low income" subgroup and the special education subgroups did not make the benchmark targets. There are some anomalies in NCLB that will require attention; otherwise, it is unlikely that these subgroups will achieve AYP if this is not addressed. For example, only 1% of a graduating class is allowed to take the MCAS alternative test. Because the sizes of graduating classes are relatively small when compared with large urban systems, this resulted in only a few students being allowed to take this alternative test. However, Mohawk has a fairly high special education student population, as determined by specific eligibility requirements. Eleven students qualified to take the alternative test and this exceeded the 1%. Therefore, the district was targeted in not making AYP for this subgroup. I will continue to work with state and federal officials to resolve similar problems that NCLB causes for small rural school districts.

Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe School Districts received notification about a Tier II audit in the next school year. This audit is conducted out of the governor's office and involves the Education Management Audit Council (EMAC) and the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (EQOA). An extensive review of our documents will be part of this audit. It will focus on assessment and evaluation, curriculum and instruction, student academic support services, leadership and governance, and business and financial management. Preparing for this audit will require an enormous amount of time and effort. However, the preparation will help guide the Mohawk district through its' long-range planning process. Their final report will be made public.

The significant loss in Chapter 70 state aid resulted in increased class sizes. However, thanks to the generous additional support of local taxpayers, the district was able to generally support reasonable class sizes and maintain important programs such as music, art, physical education, and library services. Unfortunately, even with this support, many of the related arts courses were eliminated at the high school and it became necessary to return to "study" periods. Both

of these situations are unacceptable to the School Committee and administration, and we will continue to work with our legislators to secure additional state funding. One only needs to look at the wonderful facilities that you have provided and the financial support that you have given over the years to understand your strong commitment to public education. I remain optimistic that the state will fulfill its financial obligation to educate its youth.

There were many awards, commendations and citations of excellence given to both staff and students this year as in previous years. I attempted to mention some examples in last year's report, but in doing so, I excluded far too many people. Because I was asked to keep this year's report fairly brief, I will only mention two examples of excellence. First, Stuart Duncan-Smith was the recipient of the Superintendent's Award and was selected for his many contributions and achievements. His academic achievements, athletic abilities, and community service made him an excellent choice for this award. Stuart is to be congratulated in striving for excellence, and achieving it. Second, it is noteworthy to bring to your attention that 25% of the graduating class qualified for free tuition at Massachusetts' colleges and universities because of their exceptional performance on the MCAS test. The teaching staff, parents, and residents in all nine towns have every reason to be proud of this significant accomplishment.

During the last couple of years the district began to experience the retirement of veteran staff in increased numbers. We expect this trend to accelerate in the next few years. The challenge will be replacing these veteran professionals with highly qualified and competent staff so that students continue to make notable achievement. Retirements this year included 5 individuals at Mohawk: Mike Ellis, former Math Teacher and Vice Principal, Elaine Carmody, Secretary, Susan Silvester, Library Media Specialists, Betty Stewart,

Instructional Assistant, and Bruce Mooney, Business and Social Studies Teacher. Eva Otten, Music Teacher, retired from Buckland- Shelburne Elementary School and Beverly Williams retired from her librarian position at Sanderson Academy. We wish them much happiness in the years ahead.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all School Committee members for giving unselfishly of their time. I would also like to thank their respective families for sharing and supporting their efforts. Members were: Debra Horton, Molly Robinson and Tom Ulrich of Ashfield; Peggy Hart, Jon Wyman and Joseph Botelho of Buckland; Vicky Lynde, Chet Mitchell and Suzanne Obert of Colrain; Michael Churchill and Richard Ohmann of Hawley; Bob Gruen and Michael Chrisman of Heath; Robert Malone, Julia Aron and Marguerite Willis of Charlemont; Gerhard Stebich and Dudley Williams of Plainfield; Lori Mazanec and Lynn Benander of Shelburne, and Maggie Rice, a non-voting member from Rowe. I have personally benefited from their insight and knowledge of their respective community and historical understanding of the district.

Also, Rowe residents are to be commended for funding a Spanish and technology position at Mohawk and for providing funds to purchase science textbooks. In total, Rowe provided an additional \$95,000 to support instruction at Mohawk, in addition to their tuition payment. We are fortunate to have them included in the Regional Agreement and it is a privilege for me to serve as your Superintendent in all nine towns. Together, you make this district a success. For more information about the district please visit the website: [www.mtrsd.k12.ma.us](http://www.mtrsd.k12.ma.us)

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan D. Genovese, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools for Rowe



# Mohawk Trail Regional School – Principal's Report

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It is an honor to again submit my annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. As this year approaches its midpoint, there are many accomplishments to report that are a source of pride to our community.

Our student population has declined by several students and presently stands at 804. This number includes 65 school choice students from neighboring communities who have chosen Mohawk and another 24 students who are tuitioned into our collaboratively run Walnut Hill program for students with special needs. Both programs provide us with important sources of revenue.

This year also marked the submission of our two-year follow up report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Mohawk is a fully accredited member until our next review in 2012. The school also participated in the EQA Tier Two audit that examines compliance with many aspects of the Education Reform Law and reinforces the use of data to drive instructional accountability. Although time-consuming, the process was very beneficial to the school system and will result in continued improvement in areas of student performance.

The middle school musical, "Cinderella" was a resounding success this fall and the all school musical, "Seussical" is presently in production for a Spring presentation. It promises to delight many community audiences.

Students have begun to receive college acceptances and a very high percentage will be attending schools of their first choice. Sixteen students are involved in science fair projects that we hope will bring them all to statewide competition.

Sports programs continue to flourish. Many programs have brought repeated honors to the school and our expectation is that both basketball programs and the skiing teams will have highly productive seasons this winter.

We are profoundly grateful for community support of all our endeavors.

Philip A Dzialo  
Principal

# Department of Special Education

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The December 1, 2004 Child Count figures indicate that there are 309 students receiving special education services in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, which is 19% of the total school population. There are 22 students receiving special education services in the Hawlemont Regional School District, which is 22% of the total school population. There are 7 students receiving special education services in the Rowe Elementary School, which is 15% of the total school population. The State average in 2004 was 15.7%. The official number from DOE is not out yet for 2005. Although the general population in the three districts is on the decline, that is not true of the special education numbers. It is also true that like most other districts, the severity of the student needs is on the rise.

The new IDEA Federal regulations are in the process of finalization, but the Massachusetts Department of Education and legislature have not completed the Massachusetts proposals for the revision of the Massachusetts Special Education Regulations.

In March we will go through our Mid-Cycle Review of the Special Education Program. The DOE will focus primarily on those issues they were concerned about the last visit in 2000.

The Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont, and Rowe Districts provide special education services to pre-school students ages 3-5 within the Districts' integrated preschools. Screening and evaluation is offered to students who are referred by pediatricians, parents, and the REACH program. Children who qualify for special education services are serviced. The Early Childhood Coordinator provides the screening, coordinates programs for eligible children, and serves as a liaison to other service agencies. She also coordinates the transition into kindergarten, and monitors their program until they enter first grade.

System-wide services are provided throughout the three districts. These services include specialized instruction, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, assistive technology, counseling, and psychological

evaluations. We also have integration specialists who assist with planning for children at high risk for out of district placement.

Most of the special education students in all of our schools receive their basic education in the general classroom, only going to the resource room for specific instruction. Some children do receive all of their basic instruction in the resource room. Each of our schools has at least one resource room. The Mohawk Trail Regional Middle School & High School have separate programs in which the students spend most of their day. We have a Language-Based Program in both the middle school and the high school. We have an Alternative Learning Program for students with behavioral issues who are partially integrated in the mainstream. We have two severe needs with a Vocational Integration Program attached to the high school program. The vocational program is in its fourth year, and provides job coaching in local places of employment. Additionally, we have three classrooms, which are entirely separate serving the needs of behaviorally impaired students. One is located in the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School for elementary aged students, and two at Mohawk Trail Middle and High School, for those age groups. These programs are called Walnut Hill at Mohawk. We have contracted clinical services integrated into these programs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Morgan  
Director of Pupil Personnel  
Services

## Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall be graduates of 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 Subcommittee read 119 applications. 54 were from seniors and 65 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$30,000 was to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that the seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources, while graduates have far fewer resources. 24 scholarships totaling \$9,000 were awarded to seniors (44% of applicants). 35 scholarships totaling \$21,000 were given to graduates (54% of applicants). The awards committee was Pauline Mills (Buckland), Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Alicia Tripp (Heath) and Michelle Hillman (Colrain).

From 1991 - 2003: \$162,875 has been awarded to Mohawk Seniors and \$361,175 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates for total scholarship amounts of \$524,050.

Other members of the committee are: Richard Bole, Sarah Rich, Julia Aron, Robert Gruen, Ken Chaffee, Karen Soviecke, Carolyn Taylor, David Engle, Marguerite Willis, and Sheila Graves.

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 committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information as to requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle F. Hillman, Secretary

# Franklin County Technical School

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On behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District Committee and its administration, faculty, staff and students, we submit the annual report for 2004. Total enrollment as of October 1, 2004 was 531 students with town calculations as follows: Bernardston-22; Buckland-16; Colrain-25; Conway-11; Deerfield-14; Erving-12; Gill-8; Greenfield-124; Heath-13; Leyden-6; Montague-70; New Salem-14; Northfield-21; Orange-81; Shelburne-15; Sunderland-6; Warwick-12; Wendell-12; Whately-9; Non-District-40 and 1 out of state.

On June 5, the Franklin County Technical School awarded diplomas to all of its 97 seniors. This marked the second year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma, and our students were 100% successful in doing so. After graduation, 40% of the students planned to continue their education, 6% entered the military and 40% entered the work force. Those in positions directly related to their field of study had been among the 20 students taking advantage of the school's work coop program prior to graduation.

During the 2004 school year the students from various vocational programs performed an estimated \$58,000 worth of service projects benefiting the various cities and towns of Franklin County. Additionally, the Franklin County Technical School requires that all students must be involved in character building community service activities. To that end students were involved in: the annual "Warm the Children" coat drive, the placement of flags on veterans' graves in Colrain, the annual "Walk for Life" and providing automotive service for low income members of the community. Outstanding students displaying the characteristics of honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility and good citizenship were honored each month as "Character Counts" recipients.

Spring MCAS results continue to be positive. Franklin County Technical School scores in the English Language Arts exam exceeded the state average by 4%. Resulting scores in both the English and the math components of the exam earned the school an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determination for the fourth year in a row. Moreover, the De-

partment of Education designated the Franklin County Technical School as a Commonwealth Compass School for the 2004 - 2005 school year due to its overall improvement and achievement in MCAS scores.

As FY04 ended and FY05 began, Franklin County Technical School received a \$478,000 increase in Chapter 70 aid. The School Committee then voted to decrease town assessments by 3.3% for FY05 and thus returned \$240,000 to member towns. These funds were also used to restore some of the programs cut in FY04 and to restore sports and student activities.

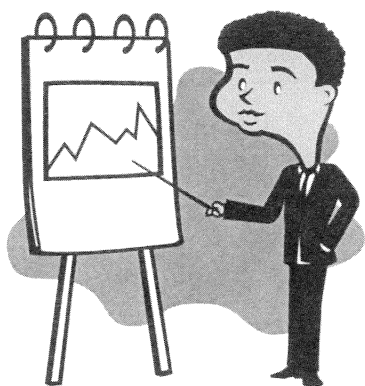
In November of 2004 the school was visited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges for our 10 year formal review and evaluation. The school will get its official results in the spring of 2005. Our self-evaluation did point out the need for major building renovations and repairs and it will be interesting to see how the NEAS&C report rates the school facilities. The School Committee has finished a feasibility study for a "Building Renovation and Expansion Project" and the Building Committee will be working with our member towns to address these recommendations over the next five years. In the meantime, there will be future requests to meet capital project needs on an annual basis as budgets and funding requests permit.

Franklin County Technical School continues to meet its mission of providing challenging academic and vocational programs despite the need for long term facility renovations and equipment upgrading. We remain a vital part of Franklin County's economic development by providing a trained and responsible work force. We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz  
School Committee Chairman

Dr. Steven M. Johnson  
Superintendent



# FINANCIAL REPORTS



# Board of Assessors

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Membership of the Board remained the same for this year as **Heidi Cousineau** was elected to a second term in May 2004. **Rick Williams** was re-elected Chairman when the board reorganized following the town election. **Ellen Babcock**, who was hired as Town Coordinator/Town Accountant in January 2004 to replace Melissa Quinn, continues as the third member of 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.

The Assessors Office continues to use the assessing software Assess Pro and the consulting services of **Patriot Properties** from Lynn MA.

The following routine items were handled at monthly meetings, as needed: **building permits** received from the building inspector were reviewed and field reviews were conducted as necessary to make any adjustments to property cards...**deeds** recording property transfers received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed and compared to tax maps for verification of data and adjustments were made to property cards...**tax map changes** were documented and forwarded to the mapping service for update...and **property and excise tax commitments and abatements** were reviewed and approved as required.

**Cartographics Associates** of Littleton NH continued to work on production of our new Geographic Information System (GIS) **tax map system**. This process produces digital maps combined with aerial photography. This new ArcView software, to be linked to our existing Assessors software to provide a fully integrated information system, is expected to be in place by mid-2005.

An annual agreement was again signed between the Town and **Yankee Atomic** for their FY05 valuation (\$10,629,856). As required by law, this agreement was approved at an FY05 Special Town Meeting in the fall.

The FY05 total town valuation was **\$425,476,101** with tax rates of **\$3.59** for Residential and **\$5.79** for CIP (Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property). This compares to a FY04 valuation of \$422,051,703 with tax rates of \$3.59 (R) and \$5.67 (CIP). As such, the Town of Rowe continues to enjoy the **3<sup>rd</sup> lowest tax rate** and has the **lowest average annual single family tax bill** in the state (\$512).

Several areas of concern regarding the Town financial status are worth highlighting. The so-called **Proposition 2 1/2 Levy Limit** restricts the amount a town can raise from taxation in any given year, and this limit is only allowed to increase by 2 1/2% each subsequent year. Since FY00, the Town has been bumping up against its Prop 2 1/2 Levy Limit. To offset the shortfall from taxation each year the Town has been utilizing other available funds from Stabilization and Free Cash to pay for normal operating budgets as well as special projects. A proposed **Prop 2 1/2 Override** was voted down at the FY05 annual town election. In the absence of budget cuts or an Override, the Prop 2 1/2 Levy Limit will continue to impact the Town next year.

The other area of concern involved the **Bear Swamp Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Facility**. As a result of the bankruptcy of the operator (USGEN), this facility had been on the market for more than a year. This situation had no effect upon the FY05 valuation (and tax rate) but it could have a significant effect upon FY06. A sale was announced in December 2004 for the entire Bear Swamp facility including Fife Brook for a price of \$92 Million. This sale price is in contrast to the sale/lease back price of just under \$480 Million when the facility was previously sold in 1998 after Deregulation of the Electric Utility Industry. Since Bear Swamp alone represents about 87% of the total Town valuation, any change in its value will have a significant impact on the Town financial status.

As 2004 came to a close the Assessors were in the process of researching appraisal consultants to assist with the state-mandated **Triennial Revaluation** for FY06. The appraisal of Bear Swamp will obviously be a critical part of this process.

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

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

## Board of Assessors – Property Transfers

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**O'TOOLE, REGINA M.** of Rimrock AZ, in consideration of \$220,000, grant to **POPLAWSKI, DANIEL P. and CLAUDINE M.** of Westfield MA, property located at 37 Shippee Road.

**VEBER, GEORGE F. and FLORENCE M.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1,500.00, grant to **ROBERTS, LEONARD H. and JOAN** of Ashfield MA, property located on Zoar Road.

**GARY, RICHARD E. and DOROTHY B.** of Heath MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **GARY, VIRGINIA POLLARD** of Heath MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road.

**VEBER, SHIRLEY M.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **VEBER, TERRY N. and CAROLE** of Rowe, property located on Middletown Hill Road.

**RINGWOOD, PHILLIP** of Charlemont MA, executor of the estate of **SHUMWAY, KATHERINE** of Rowe, in consideration of \$165,000.00, grant to **COWIE, GORDON E. and DIANE C.** of Shrewsbury MA, property located at 487 Tunnel Road.

**ALIX, RICHARD E.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to, Trustee of the **RICHARD E. ALIX IRREVOCABLE REAL ESTATE TRUST** of Rowe, property located at 59 Middletown Hill Road.

**TRUESDELL, RICHARD H. and RUTH ANN** of Bushnell FL, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **MARKERT, ROBERT & KAREN T.** of Heath MA, property located on Tunnel Road.

**SWENSON, DAVID H.** of New Hampshire, **SWENSON, KRISTEN C.** of Rowe and **TRACEY, SARAH** of Mapleville RI, in consideration of less than \$100.00, grant to **SWENSON, DAVID H., KRISTEN C. and TRACEY, SARAH**, Trustees of the **PELHAM BROOK REALTY TRUST**, property located at 171 Zoar Road.

**SPIEGLER, ETHEL M.** of West Chester PA, in consideration of \$10.00, grant to **SPIEGLER, GERHARD E. and ETHEL M.** of West Chester PA, as Trustees of the **SPIEGLER FAMILY TRUST**, property located off Zoar Road.

**LOWELL, DANIEL F.** of Niantic CT, for consideration of \$25,000.00, grant to **HAYDEN, JACK** of Shelburne MA, property located at County Road.

**DYKEMAN, ROBERT** of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **DYKEMAN, ROBERT and MARY ANN**, property located at 476 Tunnel Road.

**ANDOGNINI, M. ARLENE** of Zephyrhills FL, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANDOGNINI, M. ARLENE** of Zephyrhills FL & **NADEAU, DAVID F.** of Northfield MA, property located on Zoar Road and Brittingham Hill Road.

**BEAUMIER, LUCIEN A.** of West Hartford CT, for no monetary consideration, grant to **BEAUMIER, LUCIEN A. and FISHER, BARBARA** of West Hartford CT, property located at 17 Leshure Road.

**WHITE, DAWN M.** of Charlemont MA, for no monetary consideration, grant to **WHITE, GLENN M.** of Rowe, property located at 245 Leshure Road.

**CONWAY, GREGORY J. and DONNA M.** of W. Springfield MA, in consideration of \$38,000.00, grant to **JOHNSON, KEVIN and DOROTHEA M.** of Tewksbury MA, property located on Ford Hill Road.

**VEBER, GEORGE F. and FLORENCE M.** of Rowe, for no consideration, grant to **CARCIO, FRANK A.** of Charlemont MA, property located at 124 Zoar Road.

**CARCIO, FRANK A.** of Charlemont MA, for no consideration, grant to **VEBER, GEORGE F. and FLORENCE M.** of Rowe, property located at 124 Zoar Road.

**DANEK, LILLIAN** of Rowe, in consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **DANEK, LILLIAN H., TRUSTEE OF THE EVERGREEN HEIGHTS TRUST**, property located at 23 Cross Road.

**BRAUTIGAM, LAURIE A.** of Sandy Hook CT, in consideration of \$12,500.00, grant to **QUIST, WALTER J. and KELLE J.** of Rowe, property located on Leshure Road.

**VERNES, IAN A.F. and ELIZABETH A.** of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant 50% undivided interest to **VERNES, IAN A. and ELIZABETH A.**, trustees or successor trustees of the **VERNES, IAN A. LIVING TRUST** and 50% undivided interest to **VERNES, ELIZABETH A. and IAN A.**, trustees or successor trustees to the **VERNES, ELIZABETH A. LIVING TRUST**.

**VERNES, IAN ARIE F.** of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant 50% undivided interest to **VERNES, IAN A. and ELIZABETH A.**, trustees or successor trustees of the **VERNES, IAN A LIVING TRUST** and 50% undivided interest to **VERNES, ELIZABETH A. and IAN A.**, trustees or successor trustees to the **VERNES, ELIZABETH A. LIVING TRUST**.

**DEVALLE, MARGARET L., LINDABURY, JEROME T., RICHARD A. & KRISCUNAS, MARY J.** in consideration of \$155,000, grant to **SOLIS, NICOLAS and de SOLIS MARIA GUADALUPE AGUINACO**, property located at 82 Cross Road.

**MORENCY, DANIEL N.** of Lowell MA, in full consideration of \$56,500.00, grant to **MORANO, CHRISTOPHER P. and CARA L.**, property located on Old Cyrus Stage Road.

**GFROERER, WESLEY P.** of Charlottesville VA, in consideration of \$340,000, grant to **PHELPS JR., DANIEL R. & MARY JO A.**, property located at 36 Petrie Road.



**PEPYNE, EDWARD W.** of Coventry VT, and **PEPYNE JR., EDWARD W.** of Deerfield MA, in consideration of \$119,000.00, grant to **KOVALCHUK, MICHAEL** of Rowley MA, property located on Zoar Road.

**DYKEMAN, ROBERT** and **MARY ANN** of Rowe, in consideration of \$130,000.00, grant to **ADAMS, PAUL E. and JEANETTE H.** of Belleview FL property located at 476 Tunnel Road.

**SITTINGER, ROBERT G.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **SITTINGER, ROBERT G. and NANCY E.** of Rowe, property located on Ford Hill Road.

**SITTINGER, ROBERT G.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **SITTINGER, ROBERT G. and NANCY E.**, property located at 54 Ford Hill Road.

## Finance Committee

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During 2004 the Finance Committee continued its efforts to develop a budget process which included working closely with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors in the development of the town's annual budget. The committee also continued to recommend the development of a capital asset inventory and long-range capital planning for all departments of the town. Taking these two steps would provide the town with immediate and long-term guidance in the funding and maintenance of stabilization funds as a source for capital improvements and replacements.

The disposition of the Bear Swamp Hydroelectric Plant and any resulting change in the taxes the utility pays to the town has been an item of keen interest to townspeople in 2004. At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the mention of the probability of the imminent sale of the plant resulted in a vote to approve temporary "level funding" of the General Government line item. The plant remained unsold, and at a

Special Town Meeting in September members voted to approve the increased budget for General Government. In December the plant sold for significantly less than the current value, and the closing date has not yet been determined.

In June 2004 Chairman Bill Loomis resigned from the Finance Committee. Myra Carlow was elected Chair, and Kris Swenson was appointed to fill the vacant position. Carlos Heiligmann agreed to serve as committee secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. Atwood  
Myra B. Carlow, Chairman  
Carlos Heiligmann  
David W. Lenth  
Kristen C. Swenson

# Tax Collector Report - Fiscal Year 2004

July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7/1/03	Commit- ments	Abat ments	Tax Title	Pay- ments	Refunds	Adjust ments	Outstanding 6/30/04
99MVE	-28.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-28.75
00MVE	-67.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67.50
01MVE	-72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.50
02MVE	-589.69	-18.33	0.00	0.00	443.02	0.00	0.00	-165.00
03MVE	-1,169.07	-6,935.46	936.75	0.00	7,286.92	-451.02	0.00	-331.88
04MVE	0.00	-39,024.93	1,698.43	0.00	36,701.79	-1,698.43	0.00	-2,323.14
02PP	-13.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
03PP	-573.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	494.80	0.00	0.00	-78.34
04PP	0.00	-452,758.31	15.20	0.00	452,743.38	-15.20	0.00	-14.93
02RE	-149.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
03RE	-2,336.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,588.43	0.00	30.01	-718.25
04RE	0.00	1,876,562.01	1,706.53	0.00	1,872,031.76	-311.97	0.00	-3,135.69
Total	-5,000.58	-2,375,299.04	4,356.91	0.00	2,371,453.34	-2,476.62	30.01	-6,935.98

## MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS:

LIEN FEES 1,000.00

DEMAND/WARRANT/MISC FEES: 320.00

DEPUTY COLLECTOR FEES: 69.00

INTEREST ON OVERDUE TAX PAYMENTS: 523.20

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

# Treasurer's Report

## Trust Funds FY2004

Name of Fund	Balance 7/1/03	Transfer In	Interest	Transfer Out	Balance 6/30/2004
M. Wells Memorial Library	7,557.70		96.62		7,654.32
Cemetery	16,841.25	1,500.00	227.40		18,568.65
Rowe Library Gift	368.15		4.69		372.84
Charles Wells Library	3,000.46		38.37		3,038.83
Preserved Smith Library	2,586.40		33.07		2,619.47
Gould Library	14,564.24		186.21		14,750.45
Foster Donation	2,687.86		34.36		2,722.22
White Memorial Library	4,738.25		60.58		4,798.83
L. Tower/Jones Library	4,738.25		60.58		4,798.83
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	3,478.99	25.00	44.49		3,548.48
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$60,561.55</b>	<b>\$1,525.00</b>	<b>\$786.37</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$62,872.92</b>

## Stabilization Fund FY2004

Beginning Balance 7/1/2003	\$2,129,221.07
Transfers to General Fund	- 364,936.00*
Transfers from General Fund	591,500.00
Interest earned 7/1/03 to 6/30/04	22,553.71
Pending Transfer May 2003 FY04	
Annual Town Meeting Appropriations	-275,000.00
<b>Pending Balance as of June 30, 2004</b>	<b>2,103,338.78</b>

\*A portion of this amount (200,000) was borrowed to offset costs in anticipation of tax revenues and was paid back when tax monies were received.

## School Agency Account FY2004

Beginning Balance 7/1/2003	\$4,403.43
Deposits	4,095.69
Withdrawals	-7,769.45
Interest	24.12
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$ 753.79</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan A. Williams, Treasurer

# Town Accountant

All requisite reports were 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 Teachers' Retirement Reports, Department of Employment and Training reports, Division of Unemployment Assistance Reports, and Chapter 90 Reports to mention only a few.

My predecessor Melissa Quinn was very helpful in my first year on the job. I rather easily slid into the administrative duties of the combined Town Coordinator/Town Accountant position, but the accounting side of the business-municipal accounting-has its complexities. Melissa

did a great job during the turnover process. Thank you Melissa for still taking my occasional "accounting 911" call. I want to express my appreciation to Tax Collector/Administrative Assistant/Assessors' Clerk Sandra Daviau, Treasurer Susan Williams, and our auditor, Scott Sawyer, and his assistant Amy Palmieri for their help, support, knowledge and patience throughout the year. A special thank you goes to Joe Boudreau, our Department of Revenue, Bureau of Accounts, Advisor. Every year at tax recap time we try to talk Joe and family into leaving Worthington to move to Rowe. Maybe we'll wear him down some day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock  
Town Accountant

## Town Accountant - Revenue & Expenditures

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	452,743.00*
Real Estate Taxes	1,871,471.00*
Motor Vehicle Excise	42,283.00
Penalties/Interest	523.00
In Lieu of Taxes	.00
Total	2,367,020.00

#### Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues

Other Departmental Revenues	105.00
Total	105.00

#### Licenses, Permits and Fees

Licenses and Permits	353.00
Total	353.00

#### Revenues from State

Cherry Sheet, etc.	137,976.00
Total	137,976.00

#### Revenues from Other Govts - Court Fines

408.00

#### Miscellaneous Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenues	16,526.00
Interest from Investments	9,681.00
Total	26,207.00

**General Fund - Revenue** 2,532,069.00

#### Interfund Transfers

Transfers from Trust Funds .00

**Total General Fund Revenues and  
Other Financing Uses and Transfers** 2,532,069.00

### General Fund - Expenditures

Salary and Wages	501,869.00
Expenditures	1,642,597.00
Construction	.00
Capital Outlay	538,574.00
Debt Service	0.00
Unclassified	369,882.00

**General Fund - Expenditures - Total** 3,052,922.00

#### Other Financing Uses

Transfers to Other Fund 226,564.00

**Total Other Financing Uses** 226,564.00

**General Fund Expenditures and  
Other Financing Uses** 3,279,486.00

### Special Revenue Fund - Revenues

Charges for Services	.00
Federal Revenue	0.00
State Revenue	124,954.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	47,795.00
<b>Special Revenue Fund - Revenue</b>	<b>172,749.00</b>
<b>Transfers From Other Funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Special Revenue Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>172,749.00</b>

### Special Revenue Fund-Expenditures

Salary and Wages	107,649.00
Expenditures	0.00
Construction	0.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Debt Service	0.00
<b>Special Revenue Funds - Expenditures</b>	<b>107,649.00</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	
Transfers to Other Funds	0.00
Other Adjustments	0.00
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Special Revenue - Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>107,649.00</b>

### Trust Fund - Revenue

Charges for Services	0.00
Federal Revenue	0.00
State Revenue	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,029.00
Earnings on Investments	23,370.00
<b>Total Trust Fund - Revenue</b>	<b>29,399.00</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>	
Transfers from Other Funds	226,564.00
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>226,564.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>255,963.00</b>

### Trust Fund - Expenditures

Salary and Wages	0.00
Expenditures	7,679.00
Construction	0.00
Capital Outlay	0.00
Debt Service	0.00
<b>Total Trust Fund - Expenditures</b>	<b>7,679.00</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	
Transfers to Other Funds	.00
Other Financing Uses	530.00
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>530.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>8,209.00</b>
<b>Agency Fund Balance</b>	
Agency Fund Balance July 1, 2003	716.00
Additions	20,982.00
Deductions	-24,007.00
<b>Agency Fund Balance June 20, 2004</b>	<b>-2,309.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock  
Town Accountant

\* Personal Property Taxes and Real Estate Taxes are reported net of 60 day accruals

# Town Accountant - Appropriation Balances

## Appropriation Balances - June 30, 2004

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Select - Legal Expenses	7,350.50	-7,350.50	0.00	0
Select - Selectmen's Stipends	3,451.00	-3,451.00	0.00	0
Select - General Administration	28,333.66	-28,333.66	0.00	0
Select - Misc Officers' Stipends	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00	0
Select - Town Officer Expenses	1,250.00	-1,246.76	3.24	0
Select - Print Town Reports	3,250.00	-3,250.00	0.00	0
Select - Municipal Audit	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	0
Select - Summer Youth Employment	25,500.00	-25,461.90	38.10	0
Select - SYE Encumbered	1,236.00	-549.00	687.00	55
Council on Aging	5,900.00	-5,762.12	137.88	2
Select - Town Coord/Acctnt Salary	47,250.00	-46,687.57	562.43	1
Select - Administrative Assistant Wage	4,000.00	-3,996.20	3.80	0
Admin Asst Wages Encumbered	59.04	643.74	702.78	N/A
Select - FRCOG Core Assessment	41,559.00	-41,506.50	52.50	0
Select - IT Equipment/Software	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Select - IT Support	16,000.00	-16,000.00	0.00	0
Select - FRCOG Fees	7,700.00	-4,893.12	2,806.88	36
Select - Highway Boundary Monuments	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	100
Assessor Stipend	4,838.00	-4,838.00	0.00	0
Assessor Clerical Wage	7,385.00	-7,317.18	67.82	0
Assessor Clerk Encumbered Wage	249.28	53.88	303.16	N/A
Assessor Operation	3,000.00	-1,741.23	1,258.77	41
Assessor Software/Computer	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00	0
Assessor Mapping Services	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
Assessor GIS Mapping Project	29,716.00	-10,500.00	19,216.00	64
Assessor Revaluation/Property Update	1,000.00	-500.00	500.00	50
Treasurer Stipend	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Assistant Treasurer Pay	100.00	0.00	100.00	100
Tax Collector Stipend	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Town Clerk Stipend	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Election/Teller Expenses	2,455.00	-2,453.00	2.00	0
Registrar/Census Comp	350.00	-350.00	0.00	0
Conservation Comm Operations	200.00	-45.00	155.00	77
Planning Board Operation	600.00	-404.37	195.63	32
Planning Bd Goal Post Operations	19,248.71	-19,248.71	0.00	0
Plan Bd Goal Post Operations Encumbered	0.00	575.00	575.00	N/A
Planning Bd By-Law Print	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	100
By-Law Review Expenses	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	100
Gracy House Repair Encumb	428.79	-310.15	118.64	27
Town Directory	1,500.00	-580.44	919.56	61
Town Hall Air Conditioning	1,000.00	-398.00	602.00	60
Soule Property Study	10,000.00	-250.00	9,750.00	97
Barn Demolition	4,688.00	0.00	4,688.00	100
Town Hall Entrance Modifications	24,580.00	0.00	24,580.00	100
Town Hall Generator	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00	100
Soule Land Purchase Expense	495.24	-52.39	442.85	89
State Charges Air Pollution	580.00	-580.00	0.00	0
State Charges Regional Transportation	3,800.00	-3,791.00	9.00	0
State Charges School Choice	8,731.00	-4,880.00	3,851.00	44
Chapter 246	75,684.00	-75,684.00	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Wages	148,953.00	-144,192.66	4,760.34	3
Highway Dept - Encumbered Wages	4,719.96	1,940.22	6,660.18	N/A
Highway Dept - Operations & Maintenance	37,867.50	-37,827.18	40.32	0
Highway Dept - Fuel for Town Vehicles	17,000.00	-17,000.00	0.00	0

Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Highway Dept - Road Maintenance/Reclamation	45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Annual Projects	30,000.00	-29,994.22	5.78	0
Highway Dept - Superintendent's Salary	63,630.00	-63,630.00	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Broom & Radio	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Truck/Equipment Purchase	443.09	-443.09	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Skatepark	1,013.90	0.00	1,013.90	100
Highway Dept - Wash Station	35,540.00	0.00	35,540.00	100
Highway Dept - Air Compressor	3,000.00	-2,966.56	33.44	1
Highway Dept - Backhoe	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Injection Control	2,000.00	-1,025.00	975.00	48
Highway Dept - Winter Roads	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0
Highway Dept - Winter Rd Overdraft	32,376.18	-6,923.89	25,452.29	78
Street Lighting	4,500.00	-3,910.49	589.51	13
Cemetery Maintenance	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00	0
Cemetery Fence Repair	4,927.98	-2,905.00	2,022.98	41
Custodian Wage Encumbered	550.00	223.85	773.85	N/A
Municipal Center Custodian Wage	15,881.00	-15,557.85	323.15	2
Municipal Center Operations & Maintenance	23,000.00	-23,000.00	0.00	0
Elevator Maintenance	4,950.00	-4,926.24	23.76	0
Municipal Center Fuel Oil	2,466.34	-1,305.92	1,160.42	47
Gracy House Repairs/Modifications	500.00	-332.78	167.22	33
Beautification Committee	2,000.00	-1,961.18	38.82	1
Dam Maintenance & Repairs	511.80	0.00	511.80	100
Police Chief Stipend	7,805.00	-7,805.00	0.00	0
Police Officer Wages	8,599.10	-7,839.51	759.59	8
Police Officer Wages Encumbered	43.86	800.94	844.80	N/A
Police Dept Operation	6,600.00	-4,185.45	2,414.55	36
Fire Chief Stipend	5,778.00	-5,778.00	0.00	0
Fire Officers' Stipends	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.00	0
Firefighters' Reimbursements	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.00	0
Fire Dept Operation	23,050.00	-23,050.00	0.00	0
Fire Dept Air Compressor	4,126.33	0.00	4,126.33	100
Fire Dept Fire Pond Maintenance	9,260.78	0.00	9,260.78	100
Fire Dept Truck Purchase	277,016.00	-277,016.00	0.00	0
Fire Dept Emergency Generator (School placement)	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	100
Building Inspector Fees & Reimbursements	4,696.56	-4,693.26	3.30	0
Plumbing Inspector Stipend	1,037.00	-1,037.00	0.00	0
Electrical Inspector Stipend	1,037.00	-1,037.00	0.00	0
Civil Defense Operation	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0
Forest Fire Control	696.53	-696.53	0.00	0
New Ambulance Purchase	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00	0
EMS Coordinator Stipend	1,387.00	-1,387.00	0.00	0
EMS Operation	3,500.00	-1,340.09	2,159.91	61
EMS Emergency Personnel	4,200.00	-3,400.00	800.00	19
Fire Dept Haz Mat Control	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0
Board of Health Stipend	3,451.00	-2,111.19	1,339.81	38
BOH Stipend Encumbered	0.00	143.79	143.79	N/A
Hazardous Waste Collection	500.00	0.00	500.00	100
Refuse Garden Operation	49,632.00	-40,030.96	9,601.04	19
Refuse Garden Operations Encumbered	0.00	72.20	72.20	N/A
Transfer Station Attendant Wage	11,839.00	-11,839.00	0.00	0
Solid Waste District Administration Assessment	4,793.00	-4,793.00	0.00	0
Transfer Station Attendant Wage Encumbered	432.00	34.64	466.64	N/A
Recycling Shed	1,633.85	0.00	1,633.85	100
Board of Health Operation	11,985.39	-11,985.36	0.03	0
Health Services Salary	43,331.00	-43,331.00	0.00	0
Health Services Operation	6,207.00	-5,640.12	566.88	9
Health Services Physician's Stipend	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0
School Committee Stipend	4,160.00	-4,160.00	0.00	0

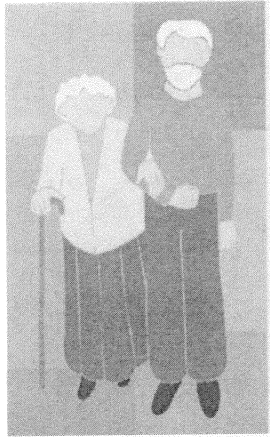
Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
Rowe School/Education	969,664.00	-968,253.45	1,410.55	0
Rowe School/Education Encumbered	83,449.58	1,750.74	85,200.32	N/A
Rowe School Mohawk Tech Asst	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0
Rowe School Capital Improvements	222,000.00	-217,279.38	4,720.62	2
Rowe School Handicapped Ramp	3,675.00	-3,675.00	0.00	0
Library Director's Wages	15,800.00	-15,686.44	113.56	0
Library Staff Wages	12,907.00	-12,022.40	884.60	6
Library Operation	15,300.00	-15,235.39	64.61	0
Library Wages Encumbered	693.00	-27.40	665.60	96
Library Director Wages Encumb	0.00	1,184.00	1,184.00	N/A
Library Improvements	3,450.00	-3,449.10	0.90	0
Library Parking Lot	5,000.00	-2,720.00	2,280.00	45
Library Computer	954.00	0.00	954.00	100
Old Home Day	8,000.00	-7,972.98	27.02	0
Old Home Day Fireworks	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.00	0
Park Compensation	38,600.00	-38,121.42	478.58	
Park Wages Encumbered	2,926.40	669.50	3,595.90	N/A
Park Operation	22,420.00	-22,402.94	17.06	0
Park Ranger Salary	34,000.00	-34,000.00	0.00	0
Park Health/Fitness Program	10,000.00	-9,560.00	440.00	4
Park Health/Fitness Program Encumbered	0.00	730.00	730.00	N/A
Park Tennis Court Repairs	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	100
Park Swim Area Maintenance	109.55	-55.32	54.23	49
Park Headquarters Improvement	7,223.80	-6,039.37	1,184.43	16
Park Browning Bench Repairs	9,786.00	-9,418.65	367.35	3
Park Americorps Project	3,000.00	-253.88	2,746.12	91
Bonding & Insurance	38,000.00	-38,000.00	0.00	0
Franklin County Retirement	73,764.00	-73,764.00	0.00	0
Retirement-Randolph MA	800.00	-737.30	62.70	7
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
Group Medical & Medicare Insurance	200,733.91	-201,293.18	(559.27)	0
Veterans' Agent Stipend	500.00	-500.00	0.00	0
Veterans' Agent Operations	400.00	-374.50	25.50	6
Veterans' Benefits	300.00	0.00	300.00	100
Bank Charges & Loan Interest	500.00	-433.56	66.44	13
Stabilization Appropriation	176,564.00	-176,564.00	0.00	0 **
Stabilization - Future Highway Equipment	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0

\* Legal Overdraft for winter roads (snow and ice) account. Overdraft raised on FY05 Recap Sheet.

\*\* Transferred to Stabilization

N/A Encumbered Accounts





# HUMAN SERVICES



# Animal Inspector

The following is a tally of all livestock in town in the year 2004. All animals were fit and well cared for.

	Adult	Young
Cattle: Dairy	-	-
Cattle: Beef	4	5
Cattle: Steer/Oxen	-	1
Goats	31	7
Sheep	3	-
Horses	14	-
Ponies	20	-
Chickens	41	-
Waterfowl	14	-
Rabbits	4	-
Guinea Pigs	4	-
Swine (feeders)	4	-
Ferrets	1	-
Parrots	1	-

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Norma Brown  
Animal Inspector

## Board of Health

Selectboard members **Ellen Babcock**, **Leonard Laffond** and **Jack Williams** functioned as the Board of Health until the May 2004 election. At that time the Selectboard and the Board of Health were separated and the following people were elected to fill the three new positions created: **Danette Reynolds-Gallagher** (1 year), **Angela Foshay** (2 years) and **Richard Alix** (3 years). Richard Alix was voted as chairman when the new board convened following the town election.

### Food & Housing Inspections

The Board voted to reappoint FRCOG Health Agent **Sharon White** to conduct inspections of housing, camps for children and servers of food. Sharon has been doing these inspections in Rowe for many years and has done an excellent job insuring codes and regulations are being followed.

### Title 5 Matters

**Lisa Danek Burke**, **LDB Engineering**, was reappointed as the Town's Health Agent for Title 5. Lisa's expertise in soil evaluations and civil engineering has been invaluable (and her patience unlimited in dealing with an inexperienced board).

The Board reviewed all building department applications as required by state Title 5 regulations. Inspections, soils evaluations/percolation tests, etc., pertaining to Title 5 make up a major part of the board's workload (see details on the following page).

### Water Management

Bill Enzer and **Berkshire-Enviro Labs** of Lee MA continues to serve as our Certified Water Operator for our

four (4) PWSs (Public Water Supplies)...the Town Hall well, the Rowe Elementary School well, the Avery Fountain, and the well at Pelham Lake Park. In addition, Berkshire-Enviro Labs tests the swimming area at Pelham Lake Park during the late spring and summer seasons.

### Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal



Archie and his valet Dick Tower

What would the Refuse Gardens be without our junkyard dog **Archie**? So that the townspeople could continue to enjoy his company, the Board reappointed Archie's valet, **Dick Tower**, as Transfer Station attendant. In all fairness, Dick does an outstanding job and has made the facility a place to drop, shop and talk. In addition to the recycling that goes on at **Dick's Swap Shed**, our recycling rate for paper, glass and plastic was

26.1% . . . up from 23.7% in 2003. Our 2004 recycling efforts provided the following:

- Reduced greenhouse gases equivalent to pulling 34 cars off the road
- Conserved enough energy to power 9 houses for a year
- Saved 396 trees from being cut

Thank you all for taking the time to recycle. Not only are you helping the environment, but also helping to keep our disposal costs down.

The Board would also like to thank **Jan Ameen** and staff at the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD). They manage all of our solid waste, recycling and hauling contracts, the regional hazardous waste collections days and now handle our sharps and biohazard waste collection. FCSWMD also compiles all necessary reports and statistics throughout the year. [Please see their separate report in the Regional section of this town report.]

As a totally new board with no experience, we have had much to learn. Our thanks go to our Administrative Assistant **Ellen Babcock**, Health Agents **Lisa Danek Burke** and **Sharon White**, Nurse Practitioner **Ruth Loomis** and Transfer Station Attendant **Dick Tower** for the help and insights you have given us. And to the townspeople . . . we hope we have served you well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard E. Alix, Chair  
Angela F. Foshay  
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher

# icensing, Tests and Inspections

## LICENSES ISSUED:

### Septic Pumper/Hauler

A-1 Enterprises, Bernardston MA  
Bostley Sanitary Services, Colrain MA  
Greg's Wastewater, Greenfield MA

### Septic System Installer

Danek Excavating, Rowe MA  
James H. Williams, Rowe MA  
Mitchell Excavating, Shelburne MA

### Food Establishment

Rowe Camp & Conference Center (Farmhouse kitchen)  
Rowe Camp & Conference Center (Rec Hall kitchen)  
Rowe Elementary School Cafeteria

### Food Establishment/ B&B

Maple House Bed & Breakfast

### License to Cater

Margaret Woodside

### Chair Massage License

Linda Russell d/b/a TIME OUT!

### Temporary Food Establishment

Halifax Community Club  
Readsboro Lions Club  
Rowe Community Church  
Rowe School PTP  
Rowe Student Travel Club  
Sally's Cotton Candy

### Recreational Camp for Children

Rowe Camp & Conference Center:  
- Junior High Camp  
- Transitions/Young People's Camp  
- Senior High Camp

## TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS

Map 8-Lot 12	Petrie Rd. (Gfroerer)	Passed
Map 4-Lot 6	Hazelton Rd. (Sibley)	Failed
Map 11-Lot 59	Cross Rd. (Lindabury)	Passed ( <i>Conditionally</i> )

## SOIL EVALUATIONS/PERCOLATION TESTS

Map 3-Lot 23	Sibley Rd. (former Soule property)	New construction – passed
Map 3-Lot 40	Zoar Rd. (Pepyne)	New construction – passed
Map 8-Lot 3	Petrie Rd. (Gfroerer)	New construction – failed
Map 8-Lot 4	Petrie Rd. (Gfroerer)	New construction – failed
Map 8-Lot 35	Petrie Rd. (Gfroerer)	New construction – failed
Map 8-Lot 20	Tunnel Rd. (Gfroerer)	New construction – passed
Map 4-Lot 33	Ford Hill Rd. (Conway)	New construction – passed
Map 3-Lot 11	Zoar Rd. (Lehr)	Repair – passed
Map 11-Lot 89	Potter Rd. (Donelson)	Repair – passed
Map 4-Lot 6	Hazelton Rd. (Sibley)	Repair – passed

## SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION PERMITS ISSUED

Map 11-Lot 18	Cross Rd. (Williams College)	Repair
Map 3-Lot 11	Zoar Rd. (Lehr)	Repair
Map 4-Lot 33	Ford Hill Rd. (Johnson)	New construction

## SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION FINAL INSPECTIONS/COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Map 4-Lot 17	Brittingham Hill Road (Fensky)	08/11/04
Map 13-Lot 40	Tunnel Road (Dykeman)	10/11/04
Map 6-Lot 15	Dell Road (Corarito)	10/26/04
Map 3-Lot 11	Zoar Road (Lehr)	11/19/04

## OTHER TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS

Map 8-Lot 32	Tunnel Road (Markert)	Determine if setback for new septic system was in order
Map 11-Lot 115	Cyrus Stage Rd. (Morency)	Confirm illegal outhouse was removed and site filled in

## SEPTIC SYSTEM PUMPING RECORDS

Map 1-Lot 23	County Rd. (Bernhardt)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 12-Lot 54	Potter Rd. (Reynolds-Gallagher)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11-Lot 120	Old Cyrus Stage Rd. (Fitzgerald)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 1-Lot 8	Newell Cross Rd. (Brown)	500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11-Lot 24	Cross Rd. (L. Danek)	500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 13-Lot 19	Tunnel Rd. (Dykeman)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 1-Lot 38	Hazelton Rd. (Gordon)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 3-Lot 10	Zoar Rd. (Hoffman)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11-Lot 37	Leshure Rd. (Phelps)	1500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 8-Lot 11	Brittingham Hill Rd. (Rice)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 4-Lot 4	Tunnel Rd. (Roberson)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 6-Lot 1	Leshure (Pond) Rd. (Town)	2100 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11-Lot 3	Leshure Rd. (Vernes)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11-Lot 93	Potter Rd. (Wilson)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 13-Lot 27	Hazelton Rd. (L. Laffond)	1000 gal	Good condition
Map 13-Lot 13	Hazelton Rd. (M. Laffond)	1000 gal	Good condition
Map 3-Lot 22	Sibley Rd. (Town Highway Dept)	1500 gal	Good condition
Map 2-Lot 8	Pond Rd. (Rowe School)	6500 gal	Good condition
Map 2-Lot 3	Middletown Hill Rd. (Loomis)	750 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2-Lot 45	Pond Rd. (Pelham Lake Park)	750 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11-Lot 89	Potter Rd. (Donelson)	1500 gal	Good condition
Map 11-Lot 19	Cross Rd. (May)	1000 gal	Good condition
Map 2-Lot 60	Ford Hill Rd. (D. Rice)	1000 gal	Good condition
Map 4-Lot 11	County Rd. (Brown)	1250 gal	Good condition
Map 5-Lot 29	Davis Mine Rd. (Rice)	1000 gal	Good condition

## WELL LOGS RECEIVED

Map 7-Lot 2	Zoar Rd. (Swenson)	445 ft/ 6 gpm	Lynde Well Drillers, Guilford VT
Map 3-Lot 60	Zoar Rd. (Carse)	245 ft/8 gpm	Lynde Well Drillers, Guilford VT
Map 4-Lot 33	Ford Hill Rd (Johnson)	545 ft/ 4 gpm	Lynde Well Drillers, Guilford VT

## Council on Aging

Any member of the Council on Aging would quickly say that they have one of the best jobs in Rowe! Our seniors are some of the nicest people in the state and helping them couldn't be a more rewarding way to spend some time. They give more back to us in appreciation than we could ever give them in labor. The Council on Aging continues to provide services for our seniors such as snow shoveling and trash removal for those in need, respite care, minor home repairs and chore services. Once a week we subsidize a bus service that enables the seniors to do banking and errands and pick up groceries or prescriptions. The best part of the morning though, is being out with their friends and stopping for coffee and treats along the way. On Tuesdays, the seniors can visit with our young folk while sharing a free lunch at the school. It's nice to see all ages enjoying each other.

We again applied for a state Formula Grant and were approved. This money is used for much of the programming

listed above. These programs assist our seniors to maintain independent living much longer in Rowe. Our town also generously supports us with a budget that we use as our "play" money. What could be more fun! It may sound a bit frivolous or extravagant; however the funding actually is put to a worthy purpose. Imagine living miles away from shopping, restaurants and cultural events. Even neighbors are often not in sight or walking distance for some seniors. That can be an isolated and lonely existence that can lead to a host of problems for our elderly. So.....this is where the Council on Aging gets to have some fun and make a difference in people's lives at the same time. We schedule luncheons, trips and events to chase away the "Hilltown Blues". We even corral the Charlemont seniors into joining us for some of the festivities.

This year our hearty elders waded through the snow drifts to sit by the palm trees and sip Hawaiian punch with little

umbrellas. They turned out in their best Hawaiian prints and all were adorned with leis by the end of the luau. Some of our bravest seniors even put on grass skirts for a pseudo hula. In the spring the hearty ventured to Fort # 4 for a walk through history. This fort closely resembles our own Pelham Fort that protected Rowe many generations ago. The group took along a picnic lunch prepared by Margaret Woodside our town chef. She makes her own scrumptious breads and seasons all her food with love. In the fall our group was a guest at the Greenfield Senior Center for lunch. Then we traveled on to the Shea Theater in Turners Falls to enjoy a delightful musical about the old west orphan trains.

The local talent was very impressive and the story was heartwarming. Our holiday treat was lunch at the Country Buffet and a trip to see the Festival of Trees at the Berkshire Museum. Being a Council member is hardly what we'd call "work". It's more like joining good friends at a feast for the soul.

Respectfully submitted:  
Sandy Daviau, Co-chair  
Ruth Loomis, Co-chair  
Chris Tower  
James McKee  
Jodi Brown

## Health Services

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Health Services celebrated its sixth year in the Town of Rowe. Usage by residents continues to increase. It is very rewarding to be able to care for and assist so many of our residents. Our elected officials and the voters deserve a huge thank you for supporting such a wonderful service in our rural community. It has saved long and costly trips for many to meet their medical needs. Health Services sees patients for acute care as well as monitoring and maintenance of chronic health problems. Patients are encouraged to make healthy life-style choices. In addition to direct care, support is given through education, advocacy, resource materials and referrals.

For the second year in a row there was a substantial increase in patient visits, from 1455 in 2003 to 1705 in 2004. This is a 17% increase in use of the Health Services this year. Since the inception of Health Services there has been an 82% increase in patient visits. It gives me some excuse for my messy desk although my mother probably wouldn't agree. Housecalls continue to be available 2 days a week for homebound residents, new mothers and those newly discharged from the hospital. I dearly miss no longer seeing those that have passed on. It's so hard to let go of the ones we love.

Health Services was fortunate to have the continued support of Dr. Richard Warner as our collaborating physician. His expertise in family medicine contributes vital knowledge for all age groups in Rowe. The newly appointed Board of Health has been an asset in the formulation and clarification of policies for the department.

For the third year, Rowe participated in the roster billing program for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines. Residents graciously complied with the extra paperwork. It has generated \$500 in funds to continue the purchase of vaccine for

our community. This is a very worthwhile program and I thank you all for helping out. This year's influenza clinics were disrupted by the vaccine shortages, along with state and national restrictions. The outcome however was good. The careful distribution of vaccine insured vaccination for our most vulnerable people first. We were fortunate to be able to share vaccine with neighboring communities who were unable to vaccinate their highest risk residents during the early stages of the shortage. In the end there was enough vaccine to vaccinate all who requested it prior to any cases of influenza in our area. Many thanks for everyone's understanding and cooperation, especially to Margalee Riggan and Bill Loomis for volunteering to be couriers for the vaccine. It was heartwarming to see the healthy of all ages readily volunteer their dose of vaccine for those in greater need.

I am very pleased to see the continued usage of the fitness center. We were all saddened by the loss of our personal trainer, Marie Phillips. Her enthusiasm, encouragement and guidance will be missed. We wish her well in her relocation. Everyone in town can benefit from exercise and the fitness center is another wonderful health offering for this privileged, small town. If you haven't already familiarized yourself with what is available to you upstairs in the Town Hall, please do so. There is a wealth of help and information to be had at no charge to residents. Health Services continues its loaner program for medical assistive devices and furnishings made available through the generosity of our neighbors. Through all of life's ups and downs, our community spirit and concern for each other continues to make Rowe a wonderful place to call home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Loomis, NP

## Veterans' Agent

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All veteran's graves were flagged for the Memorial Day Weekend. New flag holders were installed where needed.

Veterans of Rowe mourn the passing of another of our veterans. Donald Lindabury of Cross Road passed away the first part of the year and he will be missed by everyone who knew him. Rowe veterans extend their sympathy to his family and friends.

It appears that more of our benefits are being rolled back again, especially our medical benefits. I would urge all veterans to take an active part in writing or calling their

representatives in Congress to express your anger at these cut backs.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our active military personnel now serving in the War on Terror. We also mourn the loss of all our brave men and women in uniform who have lost their lives in this war.

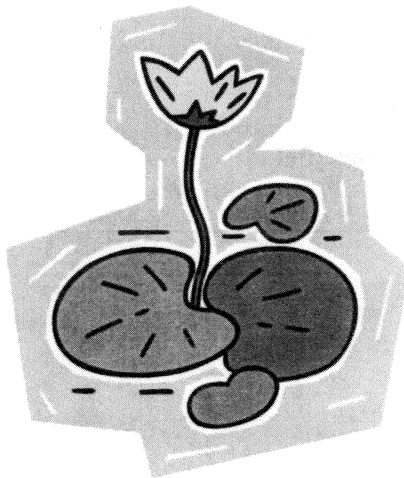
Respectfully submitted,  
David F. Scrivens  
Veterans' Agent



*Rowe Elementary School Children honor our Veterans  
at the East Cemetery on Memorial Day*



# PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT





# Conservation Commission

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The Rowe Conservation Commission consists of five members appointed by the Board of Selectman. There are currently four members on the Commission. **John Phillips** served for a short time this past year. Thank you John for your help.

The Conservation Commission meets on an as needed basis...and 2004 was an unusually busy year. The bulk of the Commission's business involved **Yankee Atomic Electric Company's decommissioning project**. At least six meetings were held with Yankee personnel and consultants. We would like to thank Yankee team members **Ken Dow, Michael Thompson, and Gregg Demers** for making a project of this scope coherent and understandable via the many presentations they gave the Commission.

A public hearing was held in August 2004 regarding a **WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent** filed by **Yankee Atomic Electric Company** for site closure activities in or near regulated resource areas, including sediment remediation, shoreline structure decommissioning, landfill removal, and dam embankment extension (DEP File No. 274-25). A **WPA Form 5 - Order of Conditions** was issued by the Commission. Yankee has maintained communication via weekly (emailed) compliance monitoring reports to Chairman Babcock who was named Compliance Monitor for the Commission. Site visits were made as needed.

The Conservation Commission issued a **Certificate of Compliance** (DEP File No. 274-24) to **New England Power Company** for Replacement of structure on transmission line near Cross Road. This related to a Notice of Intent filed by NEPCO in 2003.

The Commission received a **WPA Form 2 –Determination of Applicability** from **USGen New England** concerning planned activities to construct a FERC-required filter drain on the left embankment (Rowe side) of Sherman Dam. This filter drain will intercept hillside seepage and direct water away from the toe of the dam. A negative determination was made by the Commission since the work described is subject to protection under the MA Wetlands Protection Act because it involved the maintenance of an existing, lawfully located structure of a facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric services. Thank you to **Bill Lattrell of Valley Environmental** for his help in this process.

The Commission reviewed several **Forest Cutting Plans** received throughout the year. Cutting plans are required to be submitted to Conservation Commissions for review and comment only. The plans fall under the approval of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation. The following plans were received in 2004:

1. Al Hubbard, License No. 173  
Location: Tunnel Road  
Owner: Leonard Roberts  
DEM File No. 253-405-3  
Total: 48mbf and 20 cords  
Amendment of 2003 plan for additional volume.  
Total: 48mbf and 20 cords  
Status: Approved
2. John F. Rossi, License No. 2005-1061  
Location: Brittingham Hill Road  
Owner: John F. Rossi  
DCR File No. 253-1397-5  
Total: 56mbf and 4 cords  
Status: Approved
3. Bannish Lumber, Inc., Lic. No. 2005-003  
Location: Todd Mountain Rd  
(Charlemont & Rowe)  
Owner: Bannish Land Preserves, Inc.  
DCR File No. 053-1432-5  
Total: 284mbf and 230 cords  
Status: Disapproved

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock, Chairman  
Robert J. Clancy  
Robert R. Rice  
John H. Williams

# Planning Board

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The Planning Board began the year with several unfinished projects. The Open Space and Recreation Plan, prepared in cooperation with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), has been completed and contains much useful information for long range planning for our town. Many thanks are due to The Trustees of Reservations and the Highland Communities Initiative for their generous grant and to Bill Labich and the FRCOG for developing the plan. The GIS maps created for the plan will be useful in other contexts — including, we hope, the new version of the by-laws. A new set of zoning by-laws has been drafted by working with the FRCOG, (special thanks to Peggy Sloan for her help with this). These are being reviewed by the By-Law Review Committee and the Planning Board and a series of Public Information Sessions and Public Hearings will be held. Work on the non-zoning by-laws continues. Two members of the Planning Board (Mike and Ann) are currently serving on the By-Law Review Committee. Our current plan is to include the final zoning revisions along with the other recommended changes in a warrant article at a future Town Meeting.

The Planning Board processed three requests for Special Permits this year. The last Special Permit issued by the Planning Board was fourteen years ago, and there were no specific guidelines for the process. After extensive research and verification of the law, a set of documents was created: an explanation of the process and steps to be taken; an application form; a form to notify all parties of the decision; and a form to register the special permit with the state authorities. Permits were then processed and approved for Camalot's Retreat and Laurelwood Lodge for short-term dwelling rentals, and for Shantigar Foundation to change the use of an existing building.

The Planning Board continued to publish the *Goal Post* as a vehicle for communicating information of general interest to Rowe residents, property owners and friends. Town Boards, committees, institutions and residents are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Please contact Goal Post Editor Margaret Woodside with information you would like to include.

Dennis Lively completed his term on the Board and did not run for re-election. The Board thanks Dennis for his service. No candidates ran for election to the board this year and David Roberson was appointed and sworn-in to fill the open position on the Board.

The Planning Board welcomes your input. We also welcome your feedback on the *Goal Post* either directly, via the editor, or at one of our monthly meetings. The Planning Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. When the meeting date is a holiday or conflicts with another major meeting (Town Meeting, for example) the Board meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. All meetings are posted on the Town Hall Notice Board. All Rowe residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rowe Planning Board  
Michael M. Posever, Chairman  
Rebecca P. Bradley, Vice-Chairman  
Angela F. Foshay, Secretary  
David A. Roberson  
David F. Scrivens

## Rowe Goal Post Editor

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There are many people to thank for their contributions to the *Goal Post*. I must thank the mailing crew and Chris Tower who take care of getting each issue to the address where it belongs. I want to thank the staff at the school who keeps us supplied with great pictures and stories of events. The *Goal Post* would not be the same without the fine pictures taken by Dick Tower. Of course, we miss the photos from Norma Donelson, but we can hope for more when she is safely settled in Florida. Adams Specialty and Printing Co. does a wonderful job. It would not be the same newsletter without the skill that we can expect from them.

In the interests of budget cutting, we will return to a policy of black and white covers only. The color covers are expensive and were much enjoyed but the content of the *Goal Post* will not suffer and it makes sense to cut back in this area.

Thanks to everyone for their support.

Margaret Woodside, Editor

## Rowe Energy Committee

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The Rowe Energy Committee was created in November 2003 originally to explore wind power possibilities for the Town.

During 2004 we have sought ways in which our Town can develop an improved awareness of the environmental and economic impacts of energy use. At our first meeting, attended by over two dozen residents, as well as through informal discussions and other feedback, it became clear that the Town of Rowe has little interest in wind power. We explored the idea of low-impact hydroelectric generation on Mill Pond dam and the ravine below it, but found no significant cost/benefit for the town. After the Town Meeting authorized funds to study the possibility of building a community center, we looked into programs and resources for environmentally friendly and energy conserving methods for constructing such a building. We have also initiated an energy audit for the lighting in the Town Hall, Town Garages, Library, and Rowe Elementary School, and will

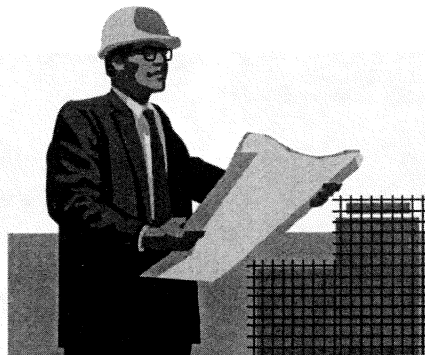
submit the results to the Selectmen by April 2005. Given the predicted rise in the electricity generation portion of electric bills in March of 2005, the committee has been studying possible avenues for the Town of Rowe, and for Rowe residents and organizations to find the best deal possible to buy electric power.

*Residents are welcome to attend our meetings, and any input about energy matters would be a great benefit to our work. A file of the minutes of our meetings is available in the Town Hall.*

Earl Carlow, Co-chair  
John R. H. Packard, Co-chair/Secy  
Carlos Heiligmann  
David A. Roberson  
David F. Scrivens



# PUBLIC SAFETY



## Dog Officer

Number of stray dogs found in Rowe	2
Number of lost dogs	2
Number of complaints	32
Number of stray cats	0
Number of lost cats	0
Number of goat complaints	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 2005 dog licenses from the Town Clerk. The 2004 licenses expired on March 31, 2005.

Thanks to the townspeople for their cooperation throughout the year. If you have any questions or need assistance, you can contact me at **339-5345**.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert Williams, Dog Officer

## Police Department

Accidents - 1 car	5
Medical assistance	6
Breaking & Entering	2
Vandalism	1
911 hang ups	4
Larceny	3
Disturbance of the Peace	3
Animal complaints	5
Bear	1
Mutual Aid	3
Permits issued	26
Reported incident	40
Unfounded incidents	9

**Officer Hyytinen** has completed all of his required training and has been a welcome addition to the force. Most of you have probably met him already but if not, please introduce yourself so that he becomes more familiar with our great community.

The number of reported crimes remained about the same in the year 2004 as the previous year. 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



*The newest addition to the Rowe Volunteer Fire Department, a 2004 KME/ Mack (aka "30-E-1"), makes its official debut in the Old Home Day Parade*

# Fire Department

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During the last report period the Fire Department responded to forty-one (41) calls:

- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
- 27 Medical Emergencies
- 2 Structure Fires
- 7 Mutual Aid Calls
- 2 Fire Detection alarms
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 1 Suspected Harmful Atmospheric Condition

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

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

The Fire Department has applied for a \$15,000.00 Firefighting Equipment Grant Program from the State to purchase approved firefighter safety equipment. If awarded the Department will purchase a thermal imaging camera, a four gas monitor and additional PASS devices. The Town applied for and was awarded a \$12,820.00 Local Preparedness Grant to procure 450 MHz radio equipment. Tri-State's Interoperable Communications Committee is working to finalize implementation issues related to the infrastructure proposal. After finalization of the infrastructure work the Franklin Regional Council of Governments will coordinate the group purchase of radios by all 26 towns in the county.

The Department received the town's new 1500 GPM, 2000 gallon, pumper/tanker and placed it in service this year. The new apparatus was built by KME Fire Apparatus on a Mack MR688S, tandem axle chassis. The apparatus replaced our 1972, 750 GPM, 1000 gallon, International. The Select Board voted to donate the old apparatus to the Hawley Fire Department.

The Select Board provided the Soule house on Sibley road for Fire Department structural fire fighting training/practice. The Department utilized the building for hands-on training for two days. Upon completion of the interior fire suppression training the building was used to practice exterior attacks and exposure control.

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 neighbor's lives and property from the potentially devastating effects of fire. Not all of the activities required to prepare for and combat a fire involve hands-on fire fighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help. Our program of regular monthly training/meetings is conducted the first Monday of the month. These sessions are approximately one to two hours in length – a small investment of your time when weighed against the potential benefit that may be derived from your membership. The officers of the Department would like to thank all members who participate in our activities regularly, and ask other members of the town to become involved.

The emergency generator to be installed at the Rowe Elementary School is planned for installation and testing the summer of 2005 during the school vacation period. The project will include the construction of a building to provide security of the generator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edwin L. May  
Fire Chief  
Civil Defense Director  
Hazardous Materials Control  
Officer

## Emergency Medical Services

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I would like to thank our EMS personnel and their families for their support throughout the year. Your dedication is admirable. I appreciate all you do and the time you take out of your personal lives for training and responding to calls. In order to meet the requirements of a first responder one must complete an 80 hour course and pass a written and practical exam. Recertification is required every three years. EMT certification requires completion of a 110 hour course and successfully passing a state exam which also includes a written and practical exam. Recertification is required every two years and consists of a 24 hour refresher course and an additional 28 hours of continuing education classes.

Last year our EMTs and first responders responded to 25 medical emergencies and 3 motor vehicle accidents. Our EMTs and first responders continue to respond in a timely manner to any situation and deliver the highest quality of care. We currently have 2 certified EMTs and 11 first responders.

If you have an emergency it is extremely important to dial 911 immediately. Calling a knowledgeable friend or an

EMT/first responder will delay the initiation of EMS. For our new residents in town and those that may not have ever utilized the 911 system, I would like to explain the sequence of events once a 911 call has been made. When 911 has been dialed a dispatcher from Shelburne Control will answer your call. He or she will ask the nature of your emergency and at that time determine the level of care needed for your emergency. The dispatcher will then notify Charlemont Ambulance and Rowe EMTs and first responders. If your emergency requires Advanced Life Support a paramedic unit will be dispatched from Greenfield at the same time. Considering the rural area in which we live, this response system has worked well in the past. If 911 is activated and you then decide you do not want or need the ambulance, or if you have dialed 911 by mistake, please stay on the line and explain the situation. Otherwise, you can expect a visit from the police department who will be dispatched to verify that an emergency situation does not exist.

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 play a critical role in the outcome of your emergency and thus are an important part of the chain of survival. Rowe EMS works closely with the Rowe fire department. Most of our members are crossed-trained as medical, fire and/or police personnel. We respond to both fire and police scenes to aid and support those departments. If there is anyone who is EMT certified or would be interested in becoming an EMT or is currently a first responder and would like to join our Department please notify me at 339-5761.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail May  
EMS Coordinator

## Building Inspector

During the year 2004, 59 building permits were issued as follows:

New Building/additions	14
New decks	2
New roofs	12
New siding	2
Remodeling	10
Replacement decks	2
Replacement windows	4
Demolitions	10
Repairs	1
Signs	1
Wood stoves	1

In addition, 81 Certificates of Inspection were issued.

Respectfully submitted,  
William Foster  
Inspector of Buildings  
413-339-8393

## Plumbing Inspector

Report for the Town of Rowe for 2004:

I have made **9 Plumbing** and **7 Gas Inspections** this year. I have attended all necessary continuing education training seminars for 2004.

Email address: j.jubinville@comcast.net can be used for permits and to request inspections if anyone would like to.

Gerald "Jerry" Jubinville  
Rowe Plumbing Inspector  
413-625-6376

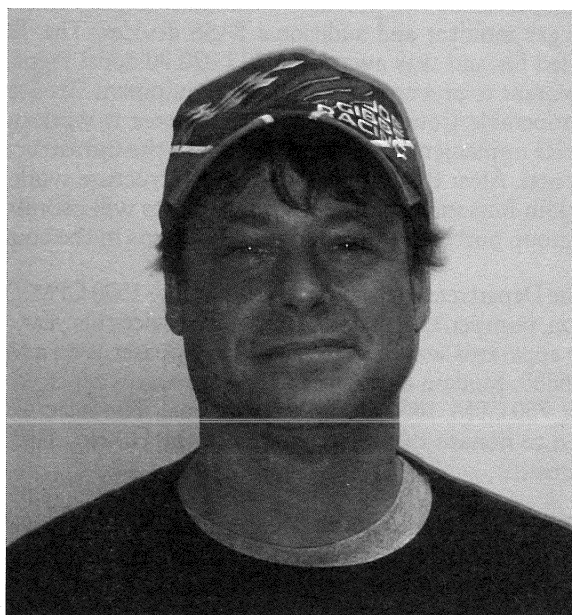
## Wiring Inspector

It is required by Massachusetts general law that anyone performing electrical work must obtain a permit. The work performed must comply with the 2005 Massachusetts Electrical code.

There were 20 new permits issued in 2004 in addition to 14 permits active from the previous year. 21 permits were completed with 13 permits still active. A total of 48 visits were made to the sites in 2004.

Contact information for inspections:

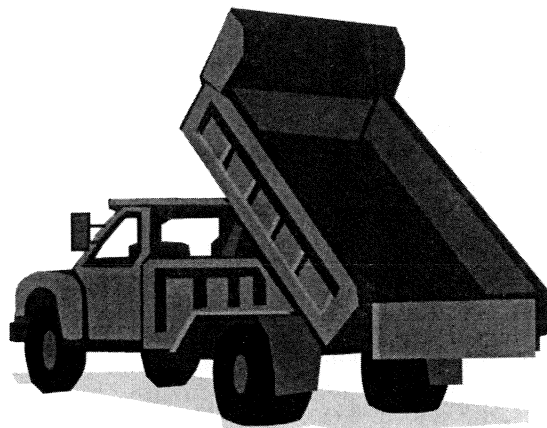
James K. Brown  
P.O. Box 48  
Readsboro VT 05350  
802-423-5274



Rowe's New Wiring Inspector  
James "Jamie" Brown



# PUBLIC WORKS





# Beautification Committee

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Chief Architect and Floral Expert Mary Jo Phelps resigned as our Chairman, but fortunately remained on the committee. Jodie Brown and Ellen Babcock accepted co-chairmanship of the committee. Thank you Mary Jo for heading up this committee for so many years.

Adjacent to the side entrance to the Town Hall Spring brought forth the glory of golden and crimson tulips planted the previous Fall by Mary Jo Phelps. This bed was replanted, again by Mary Jo, with a splendiferous summer display of blue *ageratum* and *lemon drop marigolds* and later with *mums* and *asters* of multiple hues for Autumn.

The committee walked the grounds of the Village Green brainstorming with all contributing...Richard Tower suggested a planting in the wishing well, Marilyn Belval (newly appointed member) thought a hanging basket in the wishing well by the Margaret Barnard Memorial across the street might add a splash of color.

Discussion extended with Ellen Babcock suggesting an off-shoot project...the formation of a Garden Club to meet the first of each month (in clement weather) to exchange ideas and visit gardens and spots of beauty in the lovely Berkshires and beyond (Berkshire Botanical Garden, area flower shows, etc.). A notice was placed in the *Goal Post*, and the Garden Club idea was met with enthusiasm by eight to ten townspeople. Several lovely summer evening get-togethers were held at the Gazebo.

A special thank you goes to Betty Lenth who took on a personal crusade to eradicate the Japanese beetles devouring the pink climbing roses on the split rail fence at the Common. Her daily campaign—along with the help of husband Dave and Sandy Daviau—paid off with a resurgence of heady blooms. Betty also back-grounded the red *geraniums* by the Veterans' Memorial with Dusty Miller and white *petunias*.

Once again window boxes at the Town Hall, Library and even our Refuse Garden hosted the vivid red of *geraniums*, while the Gazebo cascaded with deep pink hanging *geraniums*. Jodi enjoyed caring for these free of charge all summer long, not only for the exercise, but simply because as the poet sayeth... "a thing of beauty is a joy forever." Unfortunately, some time in late summer all of the Gazebo *geraniums* disappeared. What a shame after all of Jodi's faithful caring. They looked so splendid.

The center of the wishing well on the Town Common was filled with a whiskey barrel mixed with *Lavender Verbena*, *Fuchsia*, *Petunia Wave* and white *Alyssum*. Whiskey barrels fronting the Fire Station displayed giant red *geraniums* sided with deep purple and white *Petunia Waves*.

Across the way a hot pink *Petunia Wave* hung in the wishing well east of the Library after permission was obtained from Rowe Camp and Conference Center's Felicity Pickett. Thank you to Marilyn Belval for helping to nurture this.

Last year's plantings of *Blue Spruce*, hardy *Rugosa roses* and yellow *azaleas* at the Mill Pond waterfall fence and hardy *holly*, *azaleas* and *rhododendron* at the Library are holding their own.

Take time to spot the hardy scarlet *roses* spreading by the stone walls of Rowe's Town Pound on Hazelton Road.

Over the past several years the large evergreen on the Town Common has been deteriorating and had reached the point that nearly all of the branches on the north side of the tree were dead. The town crew removed the tree in August giving way to ideas for utilizing this new space.

Autumnal décor found its way to the Town Hall, the Common, the Library and the Park. A planting of *Autumn Sedum* was put under the Browning Bench Tool sign on Pond Road.

The old water trough on Joe King Hill greeted all with a full bouquet of red *Impatiens*, lasting well into the autumn.

Another round of *daffodil* bulbs...was purchased for town roadsides. 500 *Early Sensation* bulbs were planted in November by several volunteers. Thank you to all who participated. Be on the look out for these happy little blooms this Spring. We plan to continue this program each year. If you'd like to participate this Fall, contact a committee member.

We thank reliable Jim Lively, both for mulching and weeding areas and for protecting the roses near the Town Pound.

Remember an old Native American saying... "we walk in beauty."

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Brown  
Ellen Babcock  
Marilyn Belval  
Mary Jo Phelps  
Richard Tower  
Jack Williams

# Highway Department

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In reviewing last year's town report it became apparent that I had overlooked approximately one half of this department's work...snow removal and winter road management. Much of our annual work is geared toward the winter season.

Equipment maintenance is a major priority before and during the winter season. Truck #5 (Al's truck) had a complete engine rebuild, new springs front and rear, and front end bushing work. The work was possible as a result of a generous \$30,000 gift to the town from Yankee Atomic Electric Company. These repairs will extend the service of this truck by at least ten years. Truck #4 also had new front and rear springs installed.

Routine maintenance during the year included:

- Cleaning and repair of shoulders and catch basins
- Street sweeping
- Line painting
- Waterway repaving
- Roadside mowing
- Brush clearing
- Tree maintenance
- Upkeep of the Town Common and traffic islands

This was our first full year with the new backhoe. Much new drainage work on our roads was accomplished with her.

A new Ford F-550 Truck was delivered in October and was equipped for the 2005 winter season. The existing Ford one-ton truck is being kept in service.

Special projects undertaken during 2004:

- Paving of Petrie, Tunnel and Cross Roads and part of Cyrus Stage Road
- Backhoe and crew assisted Pelham Lake Park with the new water lines and electric lines installation
- Continuation of the new Truck Wash Station
- Prep and painting of front of the Town Garage

I would like to thank Ellen Babcock and Sandy Daviau for all of their help throughout the year. Thanks also to the Selectmen for their support as well.

I would also like to thank the Highway Department employees Al Williams, Lance Larned and Rick Hamilton for their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,  
James W. Taylor  
Superintendent



*Highway Superintendent Jim Taylor and the new 2005 Ford F550*

## Cemetery Commission

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The stone wall work on the east and south sides of the East Cemetery is complete. The Commission would like to thank Levin Hardison for a great job matching his work to the existing historic wall. Stone wall work will continue on other walls in the North and East Cemeteries.

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Terry and Carole Veber and family and Al Morse for their hard work maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Cemetery lots are available in the East and West Cemeteries. All lots have been sold in the North Cemetery. The Commission is considering expanding this cemetery. Please contact Chairman Jim Williams at 339-4731 for additional information concerning purchasing a lot(s).

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,  
James H. Williams, Chairman  
James W. Taylor  
Richard A. Tower, Sr.

## Summer Youth Employment

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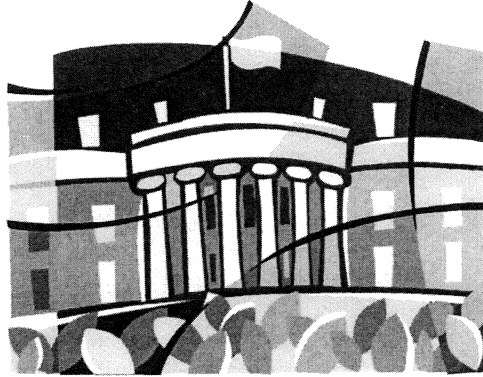
The "Grasshopper" program, under the able direction of SYE Superintendent Jim Lively of Stone Hill Road, did another great job trimming and cleaning our roadsides this past summer. Each and every teen in this program should be very proud. This is very hard work under hot and humid conditions. Please know that you are all appreciated very much.

Thanks go to Jim Lively for taking the time to work with these young people, helping them to develop good work habits. You're a great example to these teens, Jim. Thanks also go to the Supervisors Joe Lively, Abby Lively, Seth May and Brittani Sprague and the Grasshoppers themselves...

Amanda Brown	John Paige
Purnima Booth	Abigail Phelps
Travis Johnston	Samantha Wessman
Andrew Lively	Maggie White

There are 43.5 miles of roads in Rowe. When you double that for each side of the road that needs trimming...that adds up to 90.6 miles that needs mowing, trimming and cleaning in 7 short (usually very hot) weeks! At the same time the crew also pays particular attention to saving certain ferns and flowers. Great job everyone!

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock, Administrator

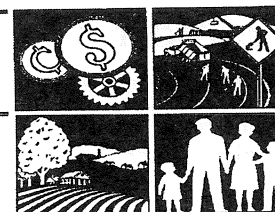


# REGIONAL REPORTS



# FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director • Linda Dunlavy



As your voluntary governmental membership organization, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) is pleased to offer this submission to your town's 2004 Annual Report.

As an obligation assumed at the formation of the FRCOG, all municipalities in Franklin County must pay a **Statutory Assessment** to cover the unfunded liability of the Franklin County Retirement System and the health insurance cost of Franklin County retirees, until October 31, 2004 when the state assumed this cost. Member municipalities voluntarily pay a **Regional Service Assessment** to finance the many services and programs provided. The FRCOG's total assessment to towns remains lower than the involuntary assessment of the last year of county government in 1996. Moreover, the FRCOG's ability to access state and federal funding allowed the FY 2004 assessment of \$334,301 to generate revenues of \$2,845,909.

The FRCOG offers many core services to member towns as well as optional fee-for-service programs. **Planning Services** include economic development, land use, natural resources and transportation planning as well as computerized mapping services. **Community Services** include engineering, cooperative bidding and purchasing, regional health and building inspection services, teen advocacy, and core services that allow us to work on special projects and advocacy for member municipal governments. The following are brief highlights of some of the FRCOG's accomplishments of 2004:

- The Cooperative Bidding and Purchasing Program provided services to twenty-four member and three non-member communities as well as one fire district and one regional school district for fuel, highway materials, dog tags and licenses and technical assistance.
- On July 1, 2004, the FRCOG brought the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program under its authority. This program provides enforcement services to member communities for building, electrical, plumbing and gas codes, zoning, and architectural handicap accessibility. A record 1,042 building permits were issued in all participating towns, up 120 from 2003. For more details, please see the separate report submitted by the FCCIP
- The FRCOG served local Boards of Health in a number of ways: as Host Agency for the regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition; through the Regional Health Inspection Services Program; and through the Capacity-Building Workshop series that provided continuing education for Board of Health members from eighteen member communities and two non-member communities.

- The Engineering Program assisted the twenty-six Franklin County communities with technical support for many road projects including research, discontinuances, county road actions and design work as well as other technical assistance. In addition, the engineering program presented a work zone safety practices workshop to twenty-six highway department employees from eight towns, and prepared legislation for a statewide solution to existing county roads issues.
- The Planning Department staff provided a wide range of services reaching all Franklin County communities for bikeways, pedestrian assessments, Route 2 safety improvements, and Mohawk Trail and Connecticut River Scenic Byways. They also administered contracts for Executive Order 418 Community Development Plan preparation for participating communities and facilitated the annual update of the Franklin Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which maintains the region's eligibility for federal Economic Development Administration funding for economic development projects.
- In 2000, at the request of all twenty-six Franklin County municipalities, the FRCOG formed the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Since then the FRCOG has become involved in many areas of emergency preparedness including the Federal Bio-terrorism Initiative, First Responder Training, Haz-Mat Response Exercises, Franklin County Community Emergency Response Team training, and fiduciary responsibility for the Western Regional Homeland Security Council.
- The FRCOG staffs the Community Coalition for Teens (CCT), which provided many teen services including the Franklin County Teen Health Survey, the Social Norms Marketing program, a science-based substance abuse school curriculum, the SMART Recovery program for youth with substance abuse issues, the Safe Homes network, and various Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs. Staff also facilitated the 13<sup>th</sup> annual youth conference attended by 370 youth and adults from the four counties of Western Massachusetts.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about the specific FRCOG programs, projects, and services utilized by your community please contact us for our 2004 Annual Report at 413-774-3167, ext. 100.

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director  
Franklin Regional Council of  
Governments

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, 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.

In addition to the above services, the District continues to oversee the operation of three permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes such as 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 and Conway. Contact the office for operating hours for each site.

In 2004, District towns recycled approximately 2,700 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,900 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$250,000 in disposal costs. Additionally, when markets are good, towns receive a share of the revenue from the sale of recyclables on the commodity market. Overall, recycling still makes good economic sense for District towns.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in October. On-line registration continues to be popular. Almost 400 residents participated at the four regional sites.

The next hazardous waste collection will be held on September 24, 2005. The fourth annual “Clean Sweep” bulky waste collection was also held in October. Again, there were approximately 400 participants. We collected 65 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks! This collection will again be held in 2005.

The District now provides free sharps disposal boxes to residents in order to keep this waste out of the trash and recycling. We also distribute free containers for holding used motor oil. We continue to sell backyard compost bins and recycling bins.

Some new programs for 2005 include collecting and disposing of unused prescription medication, encouraging pallet reuse and recycling, and hosting a workshop on maintaining healthy lawns without using pesticides.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at [franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://franklincountywastedistrict.org); or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - Executive Director  
Diana Schindler, Colrain - Vice-Chair  
Chris Boutwell, Montague - Chair  
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - Treasurer



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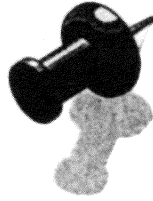
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# NOTES



## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## TOWN OF ROWE

## LIST OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO BE VOTED FOR IN THE TOWN OF ROWE

MAY 14, 2005

## OFFICIAL BALLOT

Penalty for willfully defacing, tearing down, removing or destroying a list  
of Candidates or Specimen Ballot is five to one hundred dollars fine.

To Vote for a Candidate Mark a Cross ☒ in the Square at the Right of the Name.

## SELECTMAN (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Daniel R. Phelps ☐Myra Bennett Carlow ☐☐

## ASSESSOR (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Frederick N. Williams (Incumbent) ☐☐

## BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher (Incumbent) ☐☐

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Ellynn B. Packard ☐☐

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Margaret B. Rice (Incumbent) ☐☐

## PLANNING BOARD (4 Years) Vote for ONE

David A. Roberson ☐☐

## PLANNING BOARD (5 Years) Vote for ONE

Angela F. Foshay (Incumbent) ☐Jennifer A. Morse ☐☐

## PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Eric A. Pike ☐☐

## CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 Years) Vote for ONE

James W. Taylor (Incumbent) ☐☐

## CONSTABLE (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Christine A. Tower (Incumbent) ☐☐

## FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years) Vote for TWO

William A. Loomis ☐William J. Baker ☐☐

## TOWN CLERK (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Heidi Cousineau ☐☐

## TREASURER (3 Years) Vote for ONE

Susan A. Williams (Incumbent) ☐☐

## PROPOSITION 2 1/2 OVERRIDE QUESTIONS:

**Question 1:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$7,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of preparing a **Fixed Asset Inventory** of all town land, buildings, vehicles, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, tools, etc., for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Question 2:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$4,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of **Microfilming Town Records** for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Question 3:** Shall the town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$25,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of **Upgrading the Town Hall Phone System and Upgrading the Internet Connection for the Municipal Center** (Town Hall, Fire Station, Library and Town Garage) for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Question 4:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$15,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of **Gracy House Painting and Repair** for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Question 5:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$60,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding **one (1) Technology Support Position** (with benefits) and a **portion of one (1) additional Technology Support Position** at the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/ High School for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

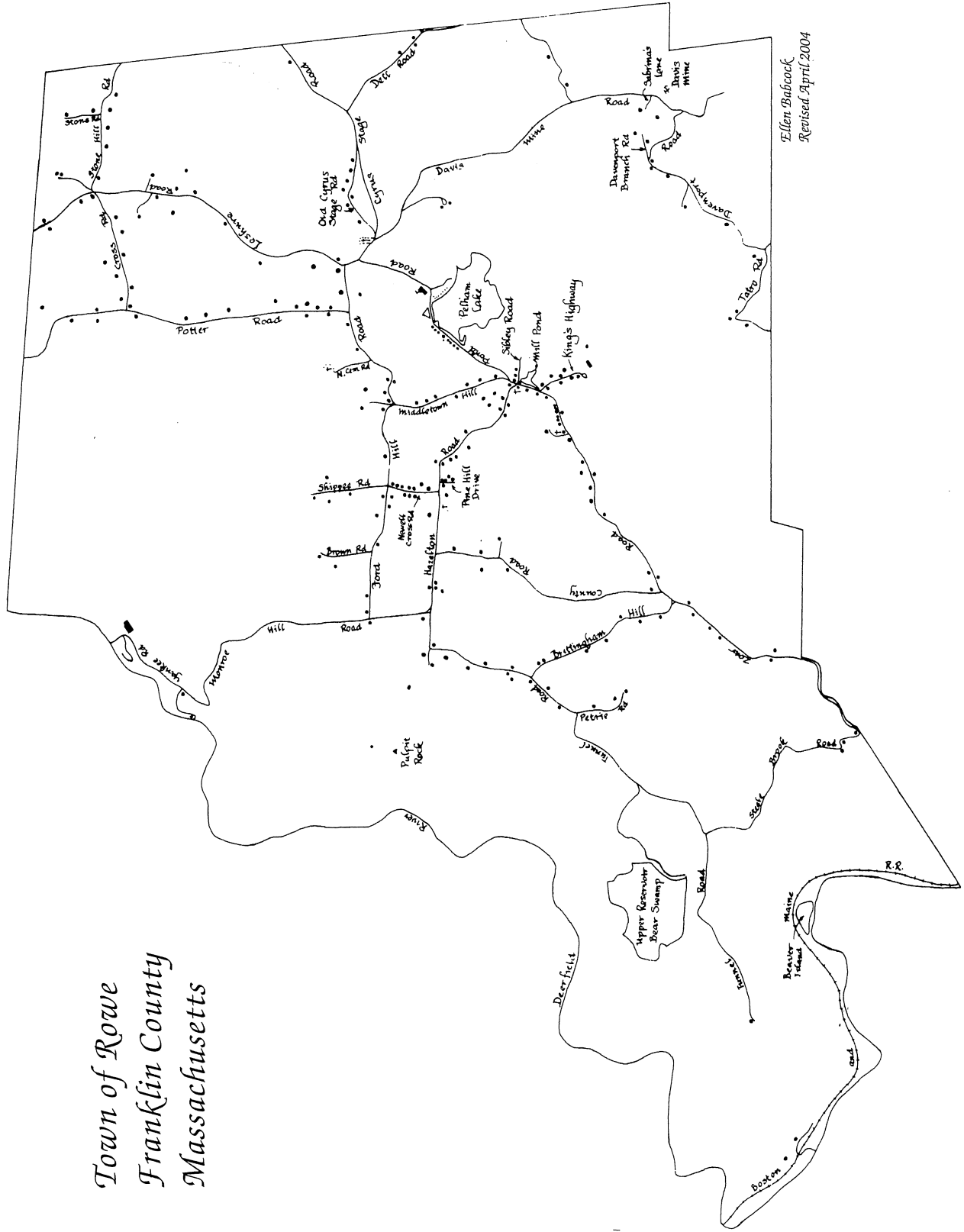
**Question 6:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$4,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of **Cemetery Headstone and Fence Repairs** for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Question 7:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$5,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of **Expansion of the North Cemetery** for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐

**Question 8:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional **\$150,000.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the **Stabilization Fund** for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five? Yes ☐ No ☐



# Town of Rowe Franklin County Massachusetts



Ellen Babcock  
Revised April 2004

