

TOWN OF ROWE MASSACHUSETTS · 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Board of Selectmen	339-5520	Emergency	9-1-1
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant	339-5520	Police Chief Office	339-5546
Assessors' Clerk	339-5520	Fire Station	339-4001
Board of Health	339-5520	Animal Inspector	339-4943
Inspector of Buildings	339-8393	Dog Officer	339-5533
Nurse Practitioner	339-9943	Environmental Officer	339-5588 or 339-8591
Tax Collector	339-5520	Inspector of Buildings	339-8393
Town Clerk	339-8587 or 339-5520	Plumbing Inspector	772-2026 x 125
Treasurer	339-8587 or 339-5520	Wiring Inspector	772-2026 x 126

Administrative Office	Mon -Thurs	8:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Assessors' Clerk	Wednesday	9:00 am to Noon
Police Chief	Tuesday	7:00 pm
Town Clerk	Tuesday	8:30 am to 11:30 am (or as otherwise posted)
Tax Collector	Thursday	9:00 am to Noon
Treasurer	Wednesday	9:00 am to Noon
Town Nurse	Monday	Open 8:00 am - Noon; and 1:00 - 3:00 pm; House Calls 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Practitioner	Tuesday	Admin Hours 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm; Open 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
	Wednesday	Open 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
	Thursday	Open 8:00 am - Noon; and 1:00 - 3:00 pm; House Calls 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Library	3 Days/Week:	Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 8 pm, Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Transfer Station	3 Days/Week:	Wednesday 7-10 am, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, Sunday 12 noon - 4 pm

Board/Commission	Frequency	Location
Board of Selectmen	Every other Tuesday (6:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
School Committee	Monthly - Second Tuesday (6:30 pm)	Rowe Elementary School
Library Trustees	Monthly - Usually First Wednesday (4:00 pm)	Rowe Town Library
Council on Aging	Monthly - Second Thursday (12:00 Noon)	Rowe Town Hall
Finance Committee	Monthly - Second Tuesday (6:30 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
Park Commission	Monthly - First Thursday (6:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	Monthly - First Thursday (7:00 pm)	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.

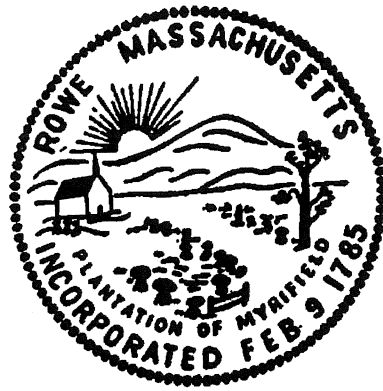
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Back cover photo: *Yankee Rowe site as it is today*
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Annual Report

Of the

Town of Rowe Massachusetts



For the Year Ending

December 31, 2006

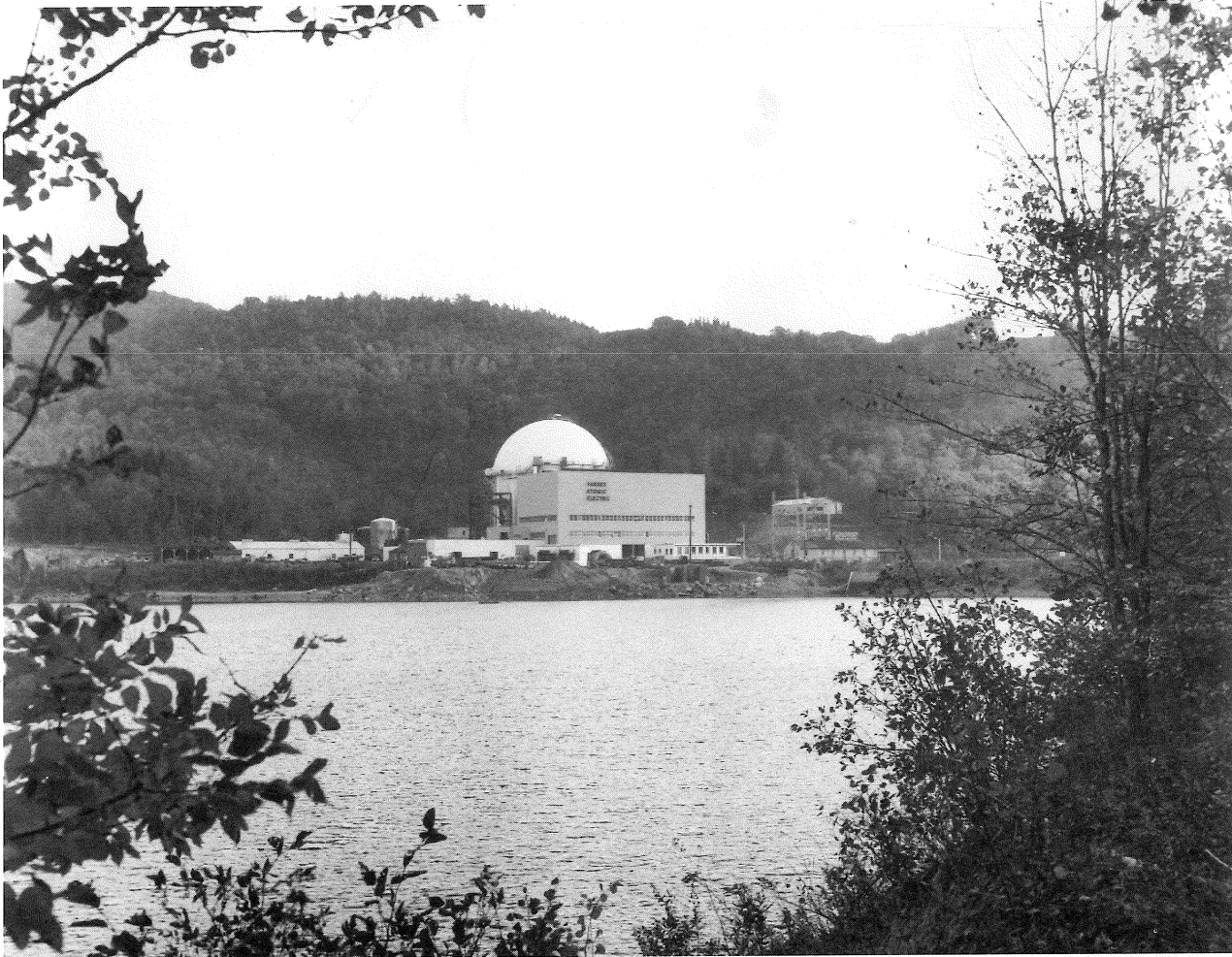
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This Annual Report is dedicated to

Yankee Atomic Electric Company



(Photo courtesy of Rowe Historical Society)

Yankee Atomic Electric Company and the Town of Rowe have had a wonderful relationship spanning 50 years. Yankee has always been a great neighbor and a vitally important asset to our town and townspeople. Thank you, Yankee, for all you've done for our community, and surrounding communities as well. Thank you also for the wonderful individuals and families you have brought to this rural area throughout your exemplary run as the nation's first commercial nuclear power plant.

Fondly, A Grateful Community
The Town of Rowe

In Fond Remembrance



George F. Veber
October 25, 1934 – April 24, 2006
Place of Death: Greenfield MA



Mary Elizabeth Snively
April 24, 1912 – July 19, 2006
Place of Death: Rowe MA



Sheila Furgerson
September 13, 1944 – October 28, 2006
Place of Death: Greenfield MA



Rebecca Polly Wayne
January 5, 1934 – October 30, 2006
Place of Death: Greenfield MA

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: 408
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 2007 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations*:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$4.11 per thousand	47,523,170.00	195,320.23	7.7515%
Commercial	8.84 per thousand	316,685.00	2,799.50	0.1110%
Industrial	8.84 per thousand	156,526,264.00	1,383,692.17	54.8443%
Personal Property	8.84 per thousand	106,435,080.00	940,886.11	37.2932%
Total		310,801,199.00	2,522,698.01	100.0000%

Fiscal Year 2007 Revenue Sources

Tax Levy	\$2,522,698.00
Local Receipts	82,125.00
Cherry Sheet	177,515.00
Other Available Funds	165,794.00
Free Cash	272,295.00
Total	3,220,427.00

Fiscal Year 2007 Appropriations and Charges

Appropriations	3,041,951.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	118,628.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	11,654.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	705.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	47,489.00
Total	3,220,427.00

**Information is from the Assessors Tax Rate Recapitulation*

Rowe At A Glance

Socioeconomic

County	Franklin
School Structure	Kindergarten thru 6th
Form of Government	Selectmen / Open Town Meeting
2005 Population	350
2006 Labor Force	183
2006 Unemployment Rate	3.3
1999 Per Capita Income	28,134
2000 Population Per Square Mile	14.9
2000 Housing Units Per Square Mile	8.9
2005 Road Miles	35.89
EQV Per Capita (2006 EQV/2005 Population)	874,956
Number of Registered Vehicles (January 2005)	484
Average Age of Vehicles (January 2005)	10.32
2006 Number of Registered Voters	291

Fiscal Year 2006 Cherry Sheet Aid

Education Aid	157,589
General Government	9,093
Total Receipts	166,682
Total Assessments	4,169
Net State Aid	162,513

Fiscal Year 2006 Tax Classification

<i>Tax Classification</i>	<i>Assessed Values</i>	<i>Tax Levy</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
Residential	42,502,710	174,261	4.10
Open Space	0	0	0.00
Commercial	293,083	2,553	8.71
Industrial	155,369,764	1,353,271	8.71
Personal Property	105,706,720	920,706	8.71
Total	303,872,277	2,450,790	

Fiscal Year 2007 Revenues by Source

<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i><u>Amount</u></i>	<i><u>Percent of Total</u></i>
Tax Levy	2,522,698	78.33
State Aid	177,515	5.51
Local Receipts	82,125	2.55
Other Available	438,089	13.60
Total	3,220,427	100.00

Fiscal Year 2007 Proposition 2½ Levy Capacity

New Growth	6,715
Override	0
Debt Exclusion	0
Levy Limit	2,523,128
Excess Capacity	430
Ceiling	7,770,030
Override Capacity	5,246,902

Other Available Funds

<u>7/1/2006</u> <u>Free Cash</u>	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Stabilization Fund</u>	<u>FY2007</u> <u>Overlay Reserve</u>
182,640	2,063,154	47,489

Average Single Family Tax Bill (tax bills issued Semi-Annually)

	<u>FY06</u>	<u>FY07</u>
Number of Single Family Parcels	202	204
Assessed Value of Single Family	172,068	189,871
Average Single Family Tax Bill	705	780

State Average Single Family Tax Bill vs. Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill – FY04 to Present

	<u>State Average</u>	<u>Rowe Average</u>
Fiscal Year 2004	3,412	469
Fiscal Year 2005	3,588	512
Fiscal Year 2006	3,799	705
Fiscal Year 2007	3,957	780

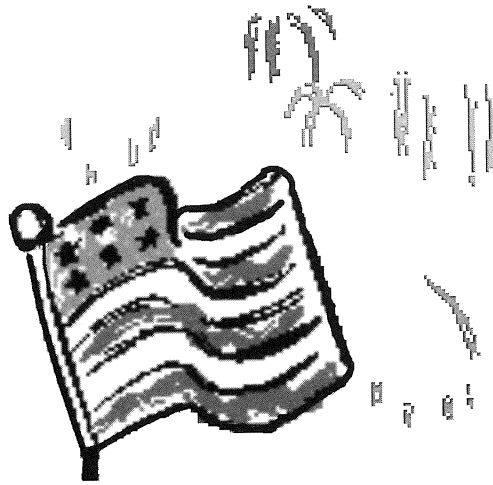
Fiscal Year 2006 Schedule A – Actual Revenues and Expenditures

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust Revenue</u>	<u>Total All Funds</u>
Revenues	2,597,155	330,009	0	0	65,732	2,992,896
Expenditures	2,628,437	326,958	0	0	4,639	2,960,034
Police	27,349	0	0	0	0	27,349
Fire	45,380	0	0	0	0	45,380
Education	1,083,654	186,510	0	0	0	1,270,164
Public Works	418,667	124,362	0	0	0	543,029
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health Ins	245,692	0	0	0	0	245,692
Pension	110,148	0	0	0	0	110,148
All Other	697,547	16,086	0	0	4,639	718,272

Does **not** reflect transfers to or from other funds. Data should not be used to calculate an ending fund balance.

Total Revenues and Expenditures Per Capita

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Trust Revenue</u>	<u>Total All Funds</u>
Revenues	7,420.4	942.9	0.0	0.0	187.8	8,551.1
Expenditures	7,509.8	934.2	0.0	0.0	13.3	8,457.2



GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectboard

2006 has been another year of significant change in the membership of the Board of Selectmen. David Scrivens resigned from his position in early January. In May Susan Wood was elected to the Board, thus making Rowe one of the few towns in the Commonwealth to have an all-woman Selectboard. In October the Town was deeply saddened by the death of Selectman Sheila Furgerson after a brief illness. In each case the Board of Selectmen chose to wait until the next regularly scheduled election to fill the vacant seat.

Information and Education

- In April the board discontinued scheduling Selectboard meetings to alternate between mornings and evenings and resumed the practice of having their meetings occur on alternate Tuesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- New bulletin boards were installed at the side entrance to the Town Hall as part of an effort to consolidate the various printed materials of interest and importance to Town residents. Thank you to the employees of the Department of Public Works for their labor and to the Post Office for the donation of the materials.
- In a continuing effort to provide town residents with information about important town issues, the Selectboard in April hosted a *Round Table Meeting* during which proposed FY2007 budgets and operational information was presented by several departments.
 - During this meeting considerable interest was expressed in having the Town explore the possibilities of bringing high-speed internet access to Rowe. Subsequent to this meeting the Selectboard created a Broadband Internet Committee, charged with the task of exploring the various possibilities for bringing high-speed access to the town.
 - At this meeting there was also discussion of the future use for the Gracy House and those in attendance expressed various views. A Gracy House Committee was created, charged with the task of reviewing the various possible options for future use of the building and the advantages and disadvantages of each one and then presenting their findings to the Town.
- In early May the Selectboard invited the Town Moderator to join them in hosting for all town residents a *Town Meeting Information Session and Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings* during which were discussed the basics of a Town Meeting and how representative Town Meeting decisions are made. Those who attended the session were provided with written materials to supplement the informal question and answer session.
- In December Attorney Lauren Goldberg from the Town Counsel law firm of Kopelman and Paige gave a presentation on *The Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law and Conflict of Interest Law*. This training was specifically scheduled for the benefit of the Town's employees and elected and appointed officials, but was open to other interested town residents as well. Ms. Goldberg provided written supplemental materials.

Selectboard's Goals for FY2007

Shortly after the Annual Town Meeting the newly constituted Selectboard adopted the following Goals for Fiscal Year 2007. Following each goal is a brief statement of the progress made by December 2006.

- *Complete By-law Review/Revision* - The Planning Board continues to work on finalizing the zoning by-laws. The By-Law Review Committee (created by a previous Board of Selectmen) requires one more meeting before turning their portion of the work over to the Selectboard for the citizen review and approval process.
- *Create Personnel Policies for Town Employees* - This project was put on hold until FY08.
- *Create Capital Asset List/Capital Improvement Plan* - The Capital Asset List was created by a contractor. Capital Improvement Plan is the product of efforts of members of the Selectboard, Finance Committee and all town departments and committees. It is expected to be completed in time for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting.
- *Stabilize Gracy House* - Steps have been taken to stabilize the house, but work remains to be done. This will be determined, in part, by the Town's desires regarding the disposition of the structure.
- *Disposition of Gracy House* - A committee was created with the charge to review various options for future use for the Gracy House, their advantages and disadvantages and to present their findings to the town.
- *Explore Town-wide High-Speed Internet Access* - Committee created with charge to review various options has made good progress and will probably have proposals to present to the town in the spring of 2007. In addition, this committee assisted the Library Trustees in connecting the library to the high speed T-1 line and created the internet kiosk at the town hall.
- *Create Pandemic Preparedness Plan* - There has been good communication among the various departments and committees responsible for emergency planning and the foundation is laid to continue the work towards preparedness readiness in the next year.
- *Work Towards Identifying a Source for Residential Electricity Aggregation* - The Energy Committee is spearheading the effort to identify a source for residential electricity aggregation. At a Special Town Meeting in October 2006, the Town voted to authorize the Selectboard to seek such a source on their behalf. Once a source is identified, residents will receive full information about the program and will be given an opportunity to join it or to not do so.

Other Projects

The on-going Town Hall front entrance project reached resolution during 2006. The leaks in the sidewalk heating system were repaired and it appears that the system is now working correctly.

The fire alarm system at the Town Hall was modified to enable the fire doors to close automatically when the fire alarm sounds. This modification allows the doors to remain open at all other times. During this installation the fire alarm system was updated to meet today's code requirements.

National Grid, the electric company now providing the Town's electricity, performed a significant tree-trimming project along Zoar Road, Pond Road, Old Cyrus Stage and Cyrus Stage Roads. This project was part of a multi-town activity in which National Grid removed trees and branches which they believed might endanger the high voltage lines along these roads through Rowe. Several hearings and meetings were held to assure that the opinions of town residents were incorporated into the cutting plan.

The Selectboard notified town residents that the wood left behind on town land from the National Grid project would be available to those who requested it. The highway department collected the cut wood from town land, sorted and stored it temporarily at the "storage yard" and then made it available to those who requested the wood.

The Selectboard authorized the Broadband Access Committee to create the internet kiosk on the second floor of the town hall which allows town residents to access the town's high-speed T-1 line by using one of the public computers. Once the kiosk was established, the Selectboard took responsibility for the on-going operation.

In order to facilitate the process allowing Town residents to qualify for a Federal program which lends money to homeowners to make improvements to their homes, the Selectboard coordinated a compilation of various town programs and activities into a Community Development Strategy which was submitted to the state Department of Housing and Community Development via the Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. This process, in which Selectmen Myra Carlow and Susan Wood were ably assisted by town resident Mary Paige, included gathering information from every committee, commission and department in town and distributing draft copies of the document to them for responses. Feedback was sought from residents at a number of open posted meetings and a formal hearing. Rowe is included in the application submitted to the federal government and we anticipate that at least four families will be able to receive up to \$35,000 in home improvement, no-interest loans.

Town Hall Staff

Long-time Custodian Florence Veber was on extended sick leave at the end of the year as she recovered from surgery on both of her wrists. During her absence Robin Booth filled the position on a temporary basis. In December Ms. Veber made the decision to retire and the Town accepted her resignation with regret. Ms. Veber took extremely good care of the Town Hall during the fifteen years of her tenure and it is due, in large part, to her care and attention that the building continues to be in excellent condition. We all thank you, Florence, for your years of service. Connie Sherman accepted the position as Custodian and we welcome her to the Town Hall.

In September Sue Williams unexpectedly resigned as Town Treasurer. We didn't even have time to say "good-bye" and "thank you Sue" for all your work in the past nine and one-half years! Heidi Cousineau expressed interest in the position and the Selectboard appointed her to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled election, to occur in May 2007. Sheila Furgerson resigned as Assistant Treasurer and Sharon Hudson was appointed to fill the position.

Despite these staffing changes, stability and continuity in administrative and accounting operations in Rowe were maintained as Ellen Babcock, Town Coordinator/Town Accountant, and Sandy Daviau, Administrative Assistant/Assistant Accountant, continued to perform these tasks. We extend a hearty "thank you" to each of you for this third year that the town has benefited from the hard work of this team.

In 2006 Postmaster Wendy Birch left Rowe to take a position as postmaster near her home in Vermont, and Rowe welcomed Terri Peters of Charlemont as the new Postmaster. In June the Postal Service hosted an impressive installation ceremony for Ms. Peters, to which town residents were invited. Under Ms. Peters' direction the Post Office area in the Town Hall has been reorganized and upgraded.

Public Safety

Rowe is indeed fortunate to have such skilled and conscientious Police, Fire and EMS personnel. Our continued thanks to them for the many hours they donate to the Town in being on-call, receiving training and responding to emergencies. Everyone deserves our appreciation and we give special thanks to Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Ed May, Police Chief Henry Dandeneau and EMS Coordinator Gail May.

Emergency Management Planning

In addition to continuing with the planning and training which has been on-going in Rowe for a number of years, new efforts were also begun. *The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*, the result of Ed May's coordination and efforts on the part of several individuals and departments, was completed and approved. The *National Incident Management System* program, a federal program associated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was endorsed by the Selectboard and the required training is on-going under the supervision of Ed May, Director of Emergency Management. Joining the Selectboard in meetings to be sure everyone understands the coordinated planning for various emergencies have been the Board of Health, Fire Department and Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Police Department and the Highway Department. As federal and state agencies increase their requirements, this coordinated effort will assure that all Rowe departments are up to speed.

Inspectional Services

Late in 2006 the Plumbing Inspector, Gerald Jubinville, resigned his position. After unsuccessfully searching to find an individual to fill the position, the Selectboard voted to

join the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program to have Plumbing & Gas Inspection services performed. In 2005 the Town joined the program for the performance of Electrical Inspections. In each case the cost to the Town is only slightly more than it had been when employing individuals.

Department of Public Works

With the resignation of Albert Williams from the road crew in March 2006 DPW Superintendent Jim Taylor approached the Selectboard with the suggestions that the road crew be kept temporarily to three men and to hire Jim Lively and Matt Crowningshield when extra help was needed. Jim's economic mindfulness allowed the transfer of Public Work monies to be used in other budgets that needed extra money. We thank him for his willingness to work with other departments. We also thank Jim for his continued work with the Grasshoppers (Rowe's Summer Youth Employment Program) as they keep up the park-like vistas along our scenic roads.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra B. Carlow, Chair
Susan C. Wood



*Recently retired Town Hall Custodian Florence Veber with
Selectboard Chair Myra Carlow (Dick Tower Photo)*

Annual Appointment of Town Officials/Employees

(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by
Board of Selectmen and expire June 2007.
Dates in parentheses are appointment dates.

TOWN COORDINATOR (3 years—expires 2008)
Ellen L. Babcock (5/31/05)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3 years—expires 2008)
Ellen L. Babcock (5/31/05)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT**
Sandra P. Daviau (6/13/06)

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
Ellen L. Babcock (6/13/06)

TOWN COUNSEL
Kopelman and Paige (6/13/06)

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERINTENDENT
ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER
TREE WARDEN
SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/ELM
DISEASE CONTROL**
James W. Taylor (6/13/06)

**FIRE CHIEF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COORDINATOR
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**
Edwin L. May (6/13/06)

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (6/27/06)
Daniel J. Miller, Deputy Chief
Dennis F. May, Captain
Paul McLatchy, Captain
William N. Reardon, Lieutenant
Robert O. Williams, Lieutenant
James A. White, Lieutenant

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - CHIEF
Henry J. Dandeneau (6/13/06)

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (6/13/06)
Charles Bellows
Jared Bellows
Melinda Dyer
Holland Herzig
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen
Gail May
David Rich

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (6/13/06)

Gail May, EMT, EMS Coordinator
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen, EMT

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sheila Furgerson (6/13/06) - Deceased
Sharon C. Hudson (11/14/06)

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN

Florence M. Veber (6/13/06)
(Retired Dec 31, 2006)
Connie M. Sherman (hired 1/5/07)

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

William G. Foster (6/13/06)

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTIONS

Gerald Jubinville (6/13/06) Resigned eff 10-31-06
FCCIP/Andrew French (11/14/06)

WIRING INSPECTIONS

FCCIP/James Slowinski (6/13/06)

CONSTABLE

Roger L. Brown (6/13/06)

DOG OFFICER

Russell Powers (7/25/06)

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Deborah L. Lively (7/25/06)

WEST NILE VIRUS COORDINATOR

[Vacant]

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (6/27/06)

James W. Taylor, Grasshopper Supt.
Abigail Lively, Chief Supv, Grasshoppers
Ellen L. Babcock, Administrator

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3-yr term stag)

Robert R. Rice (6/27/06) exp 6/2009
Robert J. Clancy (5/31/05) exp 6/2007
Ellen L. Babcock (5/31/05) exp 6/2007
Myra B. Carlow (5/31/05) exp 6/2008
Cynthia M. Laffond (11/15/05) exp 6/2008

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION 3-yr term, staggered

Carol F. Lively (3 yrs – expires 2008) (6/7/05)
Laura S. Roberson (3 yrs—expires 2008) (6/7/05)
Jonathon Lively (2 yrs – expires 2007) (6/7/05)
Deborah L. Lively (2 yrs – expires 2007) (6/7/05)
Debra Crowningshield (3 yrs—expires 2009) (7/27/06)

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK AND LUMBER

Ellsworth E. Palmer (6/13/06)
James H. Williams (6/13/06)
Thomas P. Danek, Jr. (6/13/06)

FENCE VIEWERS

Earl P. Carlow (6/27/06)
[Vacant]

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE - July 2007
[Vacant]**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE - July 2006**

Margaret M. Woodside (11-29-05)
Carol F. Lively (11-29-05)
Michael J. Laffond (1-10-06)
Jennifer A. Morse (1-10-06)
MaryJo A. Phelps (1-10-06)
Ellynn B. Packard (2-07-06)

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Representative to

Sheila Furgerson (6/13/06) Deceased
Myra B. Carlow (11/14/006)

FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD, Representative to
[Vacant]**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (6/27/06)**

Heidi Cousineau (R)
Judith A. Pierce (R)
Ellynn B. Packard (D)
Helen R. Shields (D)

ELECTION OFFICERS (6/27/06)

Lillian P. Danek	Warden
Sandra P. Daviau	Deputy Warden
Robin W. Reed	Clerk
Alan W. Bjork	Deputy Clerk

ELECTION WORKERS (6/27/06)

John R. H. Packard (D)
Earl Carlow (D)
Shirley Veber (R)
George Gaudry (R)

MMAC (Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee) REPRESENTATIVE

Myra B. Carlow (6/27/06)

CULTURAL COUNCIL Max 2 (3) yr terms

Terms must be staggered
Jo-ann M. Brown (6/1/04) (max 2010)
Ellynn B. Packard (6/1/04) finished Fall 2006
Daureen Petersen (5/31/05) (max 2011)
Annmarie Demetz (11/29/05) (max 2011)
Barbara J. Roche (6/27/06) (max 2012)
Elizabeth Vernes (6/27/06) (max 2012)
Jennifer Y. Wood (10-17-06) (max Oct 2012)

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (6/27/06)

Ellen L. Babcock
Marilyn H. Belval
Jo-ann M. Brown
MaryJo A. Phelps
Richard A. Tower
John H. Williams

COUNCIL ON AGING (6/27/06)

Sandy P. Daviau
 Ruth E. Loomis
 Jo-ann M. Brown (10-3-06)
 James M. McKee
 Christine A. Tower

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3-year term)

Lillian H. Danek, Term Expires 2009 (7/25/06)
 Floyd W. Smith, Term Expires 2009 (7/25/06)
 Roger L. Brown, Term Expires 2007 (6/8/04)
 Judith A. Pierce, Term Expires 2007 (6/8/04)
 George L. Gaudry, Term Expires 2008 (5/31/05)

ZBA ALTERNATES – two (3 year terms)

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

AGENT FOR VETERANS

Leo J. Parent, Jr. (11/14/06)

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (6/13/06)

Michael M. Posever (9/5/06)
 John H. Williams
 Angela F. Foshay
 Myra B. Carlow
 Ellynn B. Packard

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REPRESENTATIVE**

Mary Ann Dykeman (7/25/06)

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Karen Soviecke (6/27/06)

ROWE HISTORICAL COMMISSION (8/8/06)

3-yr term, staggered
 Arlene Andognini 2-Yr Term Exp 2008
 Ellynn B. Packard 3-Yr Term Exp 2009
 John H. Williams 1-Yr Term Exp 2007

ROWE ENERGY COMMITTEE (6/27/06)

John R. H. Packard
 Earl Carlow
 Carlos Heiligmann
 Richard K. Quinn
 David A. Roberson

FIELD DRIVER (6/27/06)

Ellen L. Babcock
 Sandra P. Daviau

POUNDKEEPER (6/27/06)

Ellen L. Babcock
 Sandra P. Daviau

GRACY HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE (11-3-06)

Annemarie Demetz
 Sharon C. Hudson
 Ellynn B. Packard
 Judith A. Pierce
 Paul P. Dunnell (12-27-06)

BROADBAND INTERNET COMMITTEE (5/16/06)

Evelyn L. Dandeneau
 David Dvore
 Russell Jolly
 Cara Morano
 Daniel Wessman (5/30/06)

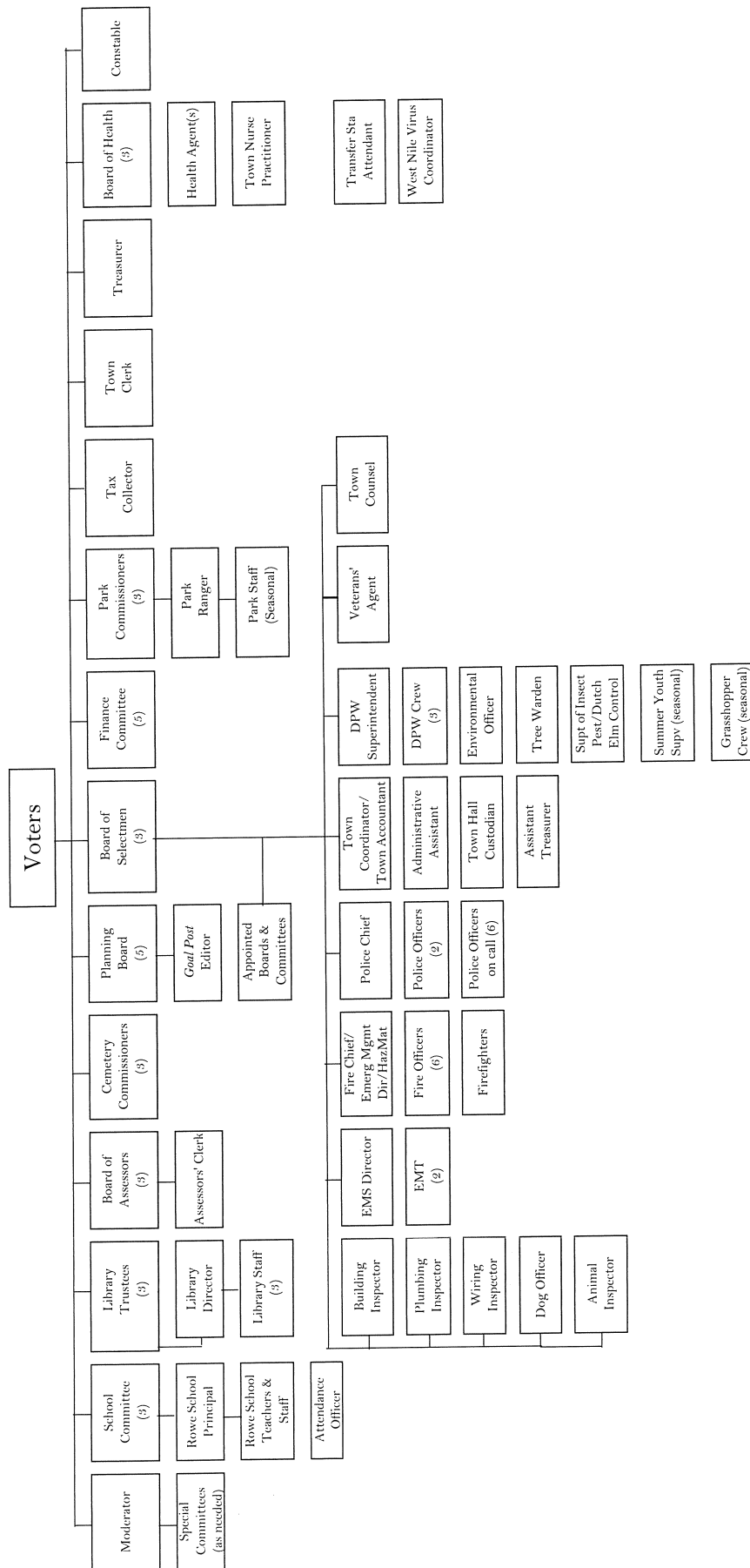
Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies

*Note: Appointee's term will expire at the
 Annual Town Election May 2007*

TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau (9/19/06)
 (Appointed by Board of Selectmen)
*[To fill vacancy created by resignation of
 Susan A. Williams, 9/18/06]*

Town of Rowe Organizational Chart

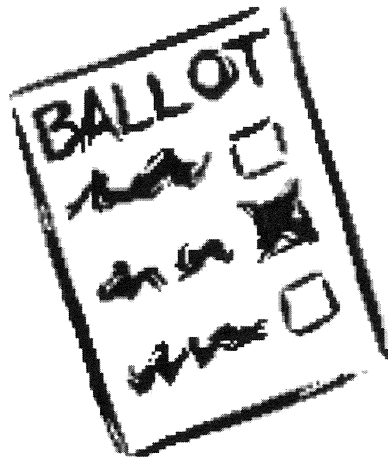


Town of Rowe

Boards, Committees & Other Positions

Appointed by the Selectboard

Administration & Finance	Public Works	Planning & Environment	Human Services	Public Safety	Schools
By-Law Review Committee	Beautification Committee	Conservation Commission	Agricultural Commission	Building Code Board of Appeals	Carl Nilman Scholarship Fund
Election Officers	Broadband Internet Committee	Energy Committee	Council on Aging	Zoning Board of Appeals	MMAC Representative
Election Workers	Gracy House Study Committee	Zoning Board of Appeals	FCCA Representative	Fence Viewers	Culture & Recreation
FRCOG Representative	Measurers of Wood, Bark & Lumber		FCHCC Representative	Field Drivers	Cultural Council
Registrars of Voters			FCSWMD Representative	Pound Keepers	Old Home Day Committee



TOWN CLERK

Report of the Town Clerk - Vital Statistics - 2006

BIRTHS

Mass. General Law prohibits the release of information for persons under age 17 without parental permission. The birth date of a minor is not public record.

NATALIE A. PARENT
SAMUEL H. PARENT
Margaret G. Parent
Jeffrey E. Parent

EMMA J. SHIPPEE
Julie J. Shippee
Kenneth R. Shippee

MARRIAGES

Thomas P. Danek
Helen E. Huff
July 1, 2006
Married in Charlemont

Lance P. Larned
Danielle M. Gallant
September 16, 2006
Married in Rowe

DEATHS

George F. Veber
October 25, 1934 - April 24, 2006
Place of Death: Greenfield, MA

Mary Elizabeth Snively
April 24, 1912 - July 19, 2006
Place of Death: Rowe, MA

Sheila M. Furgerson
September 13, 1944 - October 28, 2006
Place of Death: Greenfield, MA

Rebecca Polly Wayne
January 5, 1934 - October 30, 2006
Place of Death: Greenfield, MA

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk

LICENSES/PERMITS SOLD

DOG LICENSES

37 Males@ \$3.00	\$111.00
5 Females @ \$6.00	30.00
48 Spayed Females @ \$3.00	144.00
2 Kennel (10 dogs or less) @ \$25.00	50.00
TOTAL DOG LICENSES	\$ 335.00
Less fees retained by Town Clerk	- 68.25
Total Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 266.75

SPORTING LICENSES

F1 - Resident Fishing @ \$27.50	(17)	\$ 467.50
F2 - Resident Minor Fishing @ \$11.50	(2)	23.00
F3 - Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$16.25	(2)	32.50
F4 - Resident Fishing 70 and over - Free	(1)	Free
F6 - Non-resident fishing @ \$37.50	(2)	75.00
F7 - Non-resident fishing-3 day @ \$23.50	(0)	0.00
F8 - Resident fishing-3 day @ \$12.50	(0)	0.00
F9 - Non-Resident fishing 15-17 @ \$11.50	(0)	0.00
H1- Resident Hunting @ \$27.50	(2)	55.00
H2- Resident Hunting 65-69 @ \$16.25	(1)	16.25
H5- Non-Res Hunting Big Game@ \$99.50	(2)	199.00
H6- Non-Res Hunting Sm Game@ \$65.50	(0)	0.00
H8- Resident Minor Hunting @ \$11.50	(3)	34.50
S1 - Resident Sporting @ \$45.00	(23)	1,035.00
S2 -Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$25.00	(4)	100.00
S3 - Resident Sporting 70+ over - Free	(17)	Free
DS- Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50	(1)	2.50
TOTAL SPORTING LICENSES		\$2,040.25

SPORTING STAMPS

M1 - Archery @ \$5.10	(5)	25.50
M2 - Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00	(1)	5.00
M3 - Primitive Firearm Stamp @ \$5.10	(33)	168.30
TOTAL STAMPS		\$ 198.90

TOTAL SPORTING FEES COLLECTED	\$ 2,239.05
Less fees retained by Town Clerk	- 26.85
Total Paid to MassWildlife	\$ 2,212.20

RAFFLE PERMITS

One (1) Rowe Comm Church Raffle @ \$10.00	10.00
Total Paid To Town Treasurer	\$10.00

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

Three (3) @ \$1.00	3.00
Total Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 3.00

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Heidi Cousineau	2007
Frederick N. Williams, Chair	2008
Ellen L. Babcock	2009

BOARD OF HEALTH

Richard E. Alix, Chair	2007
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	2008
Angela F. Foshay	2009

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

<i>[Vacant]</i> ¹	2007
Myra B. Carlow, Chair	2008
Susan C. Wood	2009

CEMETERY COMMISSION

James H. Williams, Chair	2007
James W. Taylor	2008
Richard A. Tower, Sr.	2009

CONSTABLE

Christine A. Tower	2008
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jean A. Atwood	2007
William A. Loomis, Chair	2008
William J. Baker	2008
Cynthia M. Laffond	2009
Cara Morano	2009

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Evelyn L. Dandeneau, Chair	2007
Ellynn B. Packard	2008
Jo-ann M. Brown	2009

MODERATOR

Robert J. Clancy	2007
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PARK COMMISSION

Michael S. Laffond, Co-Chair	2007
Eric A. Pike, Co-Chair	2008
Earl P. Carlow	2009

PLANNING BOARD

Rebecca P. Bradley	2007
Jo-ann M. Brown	2008
David A. Roberson, Chair	2009
Angela F. Foshay	2010
Mitchell Soviecke	2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Margaret M. Woodside	2007
Margaret B. Rice, Chair	2008
Lisa A. Danek-Burke	2009

TAX COLLECTOR

Sandra P. Daviau	2007
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TOWN CLERK

Heidi Cousineau	2008
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TREASURER

Susan A. Williams <i>[resigned 9-18-06]</i>	2008
Heidi Cousineau <i>[appointed 9-19-06]</i>	2007

¹ Sheila Furgerson – deceased 10-28-06

Annual Town Election Results

May 13, 2006 - Rowe Town Hall
229 residents, of 289 registered, voted

Election Officials: Lillian Danek - Warden Robin Reed - Clerk
John Packard - Teller Shirley Veber - Teller
George Gaudry - Teller Christine Tower - Constable
Heidi Cousineau - Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - (1) 3-Year Seat

Ellen L. Babcock 130
Valerie A. Williams 90
Write-ins 3
Blanks 6

BOARD OF HEALTH - (1) 3-Year Seat

Angela F. Foshay 118
Margaret B. Rice 110
Write-ins 1
Blanks 0

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - (1) 3-Year Seat

Robert J. Clancy 93
Susan C. Wood 131
Write-ins 2
Blanks 3

CEMETERY COMMISSION - (1) 3-Year Seat

Richard A. Tower, Sr. 217
Blanks 12

FINANCE COMMITTEE - (2) 3-Year Seats

Cynthia M. Laffond 96
Cara Morano 181
David Cousineau 71
Write-ins 10
Blanks 100

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - (1) 3-Year Seat

Jo-ann Brown 209
Blanks 20

PARK COMMISSIONER - (1) 3-Year Seat

Mary Jo Phelps 99
Earl Carlow 129
Blanks 1

PLANNING BOARD - (1) 5-Year Seat

Mitchell Soviecke 18
David Cousineau 4
Dan Poplawski 4
Blanks 203

PLANNING BOARD - (1) 2-Year Seat

Jo-ann M. Brown 194
Blanks 35

SCHOOL COMMITTEE - (1) 3-Year Seat

Lisa Danek-Burke 184
Susan White 3
Blanks 42

A true copy, Attest:
Heidi Cousineau, Rowe Town Clerk
May 13, 2006

Officials Sworn to Duty by Town Clerk

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMAN

Susan C. Wood

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Ellen L. Babcock

BOARD OF HEALTH

Angela F. Foshay

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Richard A. Tower, Sr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cynthia M. Laffond
Cara Morano

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Jo-ann M. Brown

PARK COMMISSION

Earl Carlow

PLANNING BOARD

David A. Roberson

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lisa Danek-Burke

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Ellen L. Babcock - June 30, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

Sandra P. Daviau - July 7, 2006

AGENT FOR VETERANS

Walter J. Quist - October 23, 2006

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Debra Crowningshield - August 14, 2006

Carol F. Lively - January 17, 2006

Debra L. Lively - August 2, 2006

Jonathan Lively - January 17, 2006

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sheila Furgerson - August 4, 2006

Sharon Hudson - January 5, 2007

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen L. Babcock - June 30, 2006

Marilyn Belval - July 14, 2006

Jo-ann M. Brown - July 14, 2006

John H. Williams - July 21, 2006

Richard A. Tower - July 14, 2006

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Myra Carlow - August 10, 2006

Ellynn Packard - July 14, 2006

Michael Posever - September 15, 2006

John H. Williams - July 21, 2006

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Karen Soviecke - August 11, 2006

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen L. Babcock - June 30, 2006

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Edwin L. May - July 21, 2006

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Rice - July 19, 2006

CONSTABLE

Roger L. Brown - July 14, 2006

COUNCIL ON AGING

Jo-ann M. Brown - July 14, 2006 & October 21, 2006

Sandra P. Daviau - July 7, 2006

Ruth E. Loomis - July 7, 2006

James M. McKee - July 7, 2006

Christine A. Tower - June 30, 2006

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Anne Marie Demetz - October 13, 2006

Barbara J. Roche - July 7, 2006

Elizabeth A. Vernes - July 7, 2006

Jennifer Y. Wood - October 20, 2006

DOG OFFICER

Russell Powers - January 2, 2006

DPW SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor - June 30, 2006

ELECTION WORKERS

Alan W. Bjork - July 14, 2006

Earl Carlow - July 21, 2006

Sandra P. Daviau - July 7, 2006

George Gaudry - August 31, 2006

John R. H. Packard - July 18, 2006

Robin W. Reed - August 25, 2006

Shirley Veber - July 7, 2006

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May - July 21, 2006

EMS COORDINATOR

Gail May - June 30, 2006

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

Chris Hyytinen - July 13, 2006

Gail May - June 30, 2006

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Earl Carlow - July 21, 2006

Carlos Heiligmann - August 9, 2006

John Packard - July 18, 2006

Richard Quinn - June 30, 2006

David Roberson - July 9, 2006

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor - June 30, 2006

FENCE VIEWER

Earl Carlow - July 2, 2006

FIELD DRIVER

Ellen L. Babcock - June 30, 2006

Sandra P. Daviau - July 7, 2006

FIRE CHIEF

Edwin L. May - July 21, 2006

FIRE DEPARTMENT - OFFICERS

Dennis F. May, Captain - September 1, 2006

Paul McLatchy, Captain - August 31, 2006

William N. Reardon, Lieutenant - July 13, 2006

James A. White, Lieutenant - July 13, 2006

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REP TO

Richard A. Alix - September 8, 2006

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT
AUTHORITY, REPRESENTATIVE TO**
Mary Ann Dykeman - July 29, 2006

GRACY HOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE
Ellynn B. Packard - November 28, 2006
Sharon Hudson - January 5, 2007
Judith A. Pierce - November 16, 2006

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER
Edwin L. May - July 21, 2006

BROADBAND INTERNET COMMITTEE
Evie Dandeneau - May 26, 2006
David Dvore - May 26, 2006
Russell Jolly - June 25, 2006
Cara Morano - June 26, 2006
Barbara J. Roche - June 22, 2006
Daniel Wessman - June 29, 2006

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Arlene Andognini - September 1, 2006
Ellynn B. Packard - August 11, 2006
John H. Williams - September 1, 2006

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
William G. Foster - July 7, 2006

MMAC (Mohawk Municipal Advisory Committee)
Myra B. Carlow - August 10, 2006

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER
Ellsworth E. Palmer - July 6, 2006
Thomas P. Danek - June 20, 2006

NURSE PRACTITIONER
Ruth E. Loomis - August 30, 2006

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE
Ellynn B. Packard - March 7, 2006
Mary Jo Phelps - February 2, 2006
Margaret M. Woodside - June 30, 2006

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR
Gerald Jubinville - August 16, 2006

POLICE CHIEF
Henry J. Dandeneau - June 28, 2006

POUND KEEPER
Ellen L. Babcock - June 30, 2006

**RECYCLING COORDINATOR/
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT**
Richard A. Tower - July 14, 2006

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
Heidi Cousineau - June 30, 2006
Ellynn B. Packard - July 7, 2006
Judith A. Pierce - July 7, 2006
Helen R. Shields - September 25, 2006

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS
Henry J. Dandeneau - June 28, 2006
Holland Herzig - July 13, 2006
Melinda Herzig - July 13, 2006
Gail May - June 30, 2006
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen - July 13, 2006
David Rich - July 7, 2006

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT
James W. Taylor - Superintendent - June 30, 2006
Abigail Lively, Chief Supervisor - June 30, 2006
Ellen L. Babcock, Administrator - June 30, 2006

**SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST/
ELM DISEASE CONTROL**
James W. Taylor - June 30, 2006

TOWN HALL CUSTODIAN
Florence Veber - July 7, 2006

TREE WARDEN
James W. Taylor - June 30, 2006

TREASURER
Heidi Cousineau - September 20, 2006

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
George Gaudry - January 27, 2006

RESIGNATIONS

Agent for Veterans - David F. Scrivens - July 14, 2006
Agent for Veterans - Walter J. Quist - Nov 10, 2006
Board of Selectmen - David F. Scrivens - Jan 4, 2006
Council on Aging - Jo-ann M. Brown - Sept 29, 2006
Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Rep to -
David F. Scrivens - Jan 4, 2006
Historical Commission - Ellynn B. Packard- Feb 18, 2006
Historical Commission - Roger L. Brown - Mar 25, 2006
Plumbing Inspector - Gerald W. Jubinville- Oct 31, 2006
Town Treasurer - Susan A. Williams -Sept 18, 2006

Prospective Juror List 2006

<i>Name</i>	<i>Mail Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Ash, Brian S	6 Pine Hill Drive	Lineman
Baker, Roberta T	65 Stone Hill Road	Teacher
Barish, Jane L	P O Box 296	Self Employed
Bergeron-Larsen, Linda M	42 Leshure Road	Yankee Candle
Berry, Prudence	144 Leshure Road	Land-Designer
Besgen, Anne E	P O Box 315	Retired
Besgen, K P	198 Hazelton Road	Retired
Bjork, Alan W	288 Zoar Road	Museum Curator
Booth, Purnima J	194 Leshure Road	Mohawk Student
Booth, Robin	194 Leshure Road	Self-Employed Nurse
Boutwell, Rebecca S	7 Potter Road	Retail Management
Boutwell, Scott	7 Potter Road	Unemployed
Bradley, Michael F	51 Middletown Hill Road	Hearing Tester
Bradley, Patrick M	51 Middletown Hill Road	Franklin Tech
Bradley, Rebecca P	51 Middletown Hill Road	B&B Owner
Bradley, Timothy J	51 Middletown Hill Road	College
Brock, Heidi A	22 King's Highway	Guest Facility Manager
Brown, Amanda J	110 County Road	Rowe Student
Brown, Christopher M	110 County Road	Logger
Brown, James D	530 Tunnel Road	Retired Fire Lieutenant
Brown, Lillian N	16 Shumway Road	Retired
Buck, Elizabeth V	306 Zoar Road	WIC Administrator
Carlow, Myra B	P O Box 438	Retired
Cooper-Quevedo, Paige A	22 King's Highway	
Cowie, Janet L	487 Tunnel Road	Operations Manager
Crowningshield, Steven R	450 Tunnel Road	Carpenter
Dandeneau, Evelyn L	272 Zoar Road	Cafeteria Manager
Daviau, Edward A	17 Potter Road	Sign Painter
Dionne, Loretta I	P O Box 314	Nurse
Donovan, Sandra A	100 Zoar Road	Studio Manager
Dunnell, Paul P	137 Leshure Road	Self-Employed
Dvore, David	75 Potter Road	Computer Service
Essert, Mary B	112 Ford Hill Road	Aqua Therapist
Faivre, Audrey I	P O Box 324	Interior Designer
Fensky, Doris C	93 Brittingham Hill Road	
Fensky, Kenneth G	93 Brittingham Hill Road	
Flagg, Donna J	245 Leshure Road	Homemaker
Gallant, Danielle M	26 Newell Cross Road	Student
Gordon, Ronald P	49 Hazelton Road	Retired
Greene, Rebecca L	505 Tunnel Road	Student
Grogan, Barbara	P O Box 305	Musician
Halberg, Neil	Old State Street, Buckland	Autobody Shop
Hardison, Billy L	22 Tunnel Road	
Hardison, Leonda L	22 Tunnel Road	
Hoffman, John	312 Zoar Road	Retired
Hyytinen, Christopher S	65 Hazelton Road	
Hyytinen, Tabitha J	65 Hazelton Road	

<i>Name</i>	<i>Mail Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Jackman, Linda E	78 Hazelton Road	Administrative Assistant
Jackman, Seth T	78 Hazelton Road	Student
Jackson, Crystal A	88 Hazelton Road	Clark's Corvair
Jackson, Lisa M	88 Hazelton Road	Teacher
Katz, Deborah B	Box 3023, Charlemont 01339	Therapist
Katz, Esther D	80 Davenport Road	Mohawk/Student
Katz, Rebecca L	P O Box 3023	Student
Laffond, Cynthia M	205 Hazelton Road	Retired
Laffond, Laurie L	208 Hazelton Road	Bank Teller
Laffond, Michael S	208 Hazelton Road	Aircraft Mechanic
Landry, Phyllis J	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	Retired
Larned, Lance P	26 Newell Cross Road	Road Crew
Lesure, Lawrence M	75 Cross Road	Retired
Levitte, Cristine	P O Box 296	Self-Employed
Lively, James W	4 Stone Hill Road	Sawyer
Lively, Sandra J	148 Davenport Road	Researcher
Loomis, Ruth E	108 Hazelton Road	Nurse Practitioner
Loomis, Sean R	63 Middletown Hill Road	Park Ranger
Loomis, William A	108 Hazelton Road	Retired
Lumbis, Valerie A	58 Tatro Road	
May, Dennis F	22 Ford Hill Road	Engineer
May, Katherine E	68 Cross Road	Homemaker
May, Paul E	68 Cross Road	Student
McLatchy, Lesley K	17 Newell Cross Road	
McLatchy, Meghan K	17 Newell Cross Road	Student
McLatchy, Wendy K	17 Newell Cross Road	Student
Miller, Nicole P	162 Zoar Road	Sales
Morse, Alfred C	P O Box 408	Retired
Morse, Jennifer A	39 Stone Hill Road	News Carrier
Morse, Marjorie H	P O Box 408	Retail Manager
Packard, Ellynn B	47 Stone Hill Road	Retired
Packard, John R	47 Stone Hill Road	Retired Teacher
Paige, Clifford	23 Newell Cross Road	Self-Employed
Paige, Mary E	23 Newell Cross Road	CNA/Homemaker
Palmer, Edwin A	6 Palmer Road	Mechanic
Parent, Jeffrey E	32 Shippee Road	UPS Driver
Pierce, Judith A	37 Brittingham Hill Road	Homemaker
Pike, Eric A	14 Potter Road	National Sales Manager
Poplawski, Claudine M	37 Shippee Road	Unknown
Quinn, Richard K	P O Box 281	Retired
Quist, Walter J	4 Ford Hill Road	Biologist
Reardon, Mary A	146 Cyrus Stage Road	Housewife
Reardon, Tiffany J	146 Cyrus Stage Road	Student
Reardon, William N	146 Cyrus Stage Road	Vermont Yankee
Reynolds-Gallagher, Danette L	30 Potter Road	Mother
Rice, Bradley J	86 Ford Hill Road	Disability
Rice, Robert R	88 Davis Mine Road	Retired
Rode, Christina M	131 Zoar Road	Office Manager
Rodriquez Salas, Elizabeth V	20 Brown Road	

<i>Name</i>	<i>Mail Address</i>	<i>Occupation</i>
Shafer, Renate L	75 Cross Road	Retired
Sherman, W Dohn	77 Hazelton Road	Heath Road Foreman
Shippee, Julie J	21 Newell Cross Road	Housekeeping
Shippee, Kenneth R	21 Newell Cross Road	Charlemont Highway Dept.
Small, Brenda J	145 Leshure Road	Mail Carrier
Smith, Floyd W	4 Monroe Hill Road	Retired
Snyder, Catherine T	49 Cross Road	Registered Nurse
Soviecke, Mitchell	41 Davenport Road	Self-Employed
Soviecke, Nicholas J	41 Davenport Road	Teacher
Sprague, Brittani	242 Ford Hill Road	Student
Van Aken, Eva K	122 Davenport Road	Waitress/Student
VanItallie, JeanClaude	63 Davenport Road	Writer
Veber, Florence M	P O Box 118	Town Hall Custodian
Veber, Shirley	P O Box 435	Retired
Veber, Todd	292 Zoar Road	Unemployed
Wayne, David B	P O Box 271	Retired
Webster, Gideon K	506 Tunnel Road	Department Manager
Wessman, Daniel J	P O Box 342, Charlemont	Dark Room Technician
White, Glenn M	245 Leshure Road	Burner Technician
White, Marguerite S	65 Potter Road	
Williams, Albert R	58 Tatro Road	Heavy Equipment Operator
Williams, James H	106 Middletown Hill Road	Logger/Excavator
Williams, James T	75 Stone Hill Road	Construction
Williams, Leah L	75 Stone hill Road	Student
Williams, Susan A	7 Middletown Hill Road	Town Treasurer
Wilson, Marilyn	37 Potter Road	Office Manager
Wilson, Rev. Douglas	144 Leshure Road	Minister

Rowe Voters List – December 31, 2006

Alix, Richard E	U	Cousineau, Heidi	U	Halberg, Neil	U	May, Gail	U
Andognini, Arlene	Q	Cowie, Bruce W	D	Hardison, Billy L	D	May, Katherine E	R
Ash, Brian S	U	Cowie, Janet L B	D	Hardison, Justin Lane	U	May, Paul E	R
Ash, Laurie L	U	Crowningshield,		Hardison, Leonda Iris	U	May, Seth A	U
Atwood, Donald J	D	Debra Ann	U	Heiligmann, Carlos	D	McCue, Kristina A	R
Atwood, Jean Ann	D	Crowningshield,		Heiligmann, Katherine S	D	McKee, James M	U
Avery, Charles L	D	Howard C	U	Houghtaling, Deborah W	D	McLatchy, Kerri L	U
Avery, Linda Eileen	L	Crowningshield,		Houghtaling, Thomas	U	McLatchy, Lesley K	U
Avery, Marion A	U	Jeanette	U	Houghtaling, Timothy L	U	McLatchy,	
		Crowningshield,		Hudson, Gary H	D	Megan Kristine	D
Babcock, Ellen L	U	Matthew R	U	Hudson, Sharon C	D	McLatchy, Paul, Jr	U
Baker, Roberta T	U	Crowningshield,		Hyytinen,		McLatchy, Wendy K	D
Baker, William J	U	Steven Robert	U	Christopher Selmi	U	Miceli, Steven M	U
Barish, Jane L	U			Hyytinen, Tabitha J	U	Miller, Daniel J	U
Belval, Marilyn Hurd	U	Dandeneau, Evelyn L	D			Miller, Deborah	U
Belval, William C	U	Dandeneau, Henry G	U	Jackson, Crystal Ann	U	Miller, Kirk L	U
Benson, Francis S	U	Dandeneau, Henry J.	U	Jackson, Darlene A	U	Miller, Lisa Lynn	D
Benson, Luella M	U	Dandeneau, Marion E	U	Jackson, Lisa Marie	U	Miller, Nicole P	U
Bergeron-Larsen, Linda	U	Danek, Helen Elizabeth	U	Jackson, Oral L	U	Morano, Cara	U
Berry, Prudence	D	Danek, Lillian H	D	Johnston, Robin Lee	U	Morano, Chris	U
Besgen, Anne E	U	Danek, Thomas P, Jr	U	Jolly, Russell W	D	Morse, Alfred C, Jr	U
Bjork, Alan W	R	Danek-Burke, Lisa Ann	U			Morse, Jennifer A	D
Bjork, Florence M	R	Daviau, Edward A	U	Kalaus, Dorothy M	U	Morse, Marjorie H	U
Bjork, Timothy J	U	Daviau, Sandra P	D	Kalaus, Warren	U		
Booth, Robin	D	Demetz, AnneMarie	D	Katz, Deborah Booth	U	Oliver, Kathleen G	R
Boutwell, Joyce A H	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	D	Katz, Rebecca Leah	D		
Boutwell, Raymond L	U	Donelson, Brian A	R			Packard, Ellynn Baxter	D
Boyd, Irene M	U	Donelson, Norma J	R	Laffond, Cynthia M	U	Packard, John R H	D
Boyd, William M	U	Donovan, Eugene J	D	Laffond, Laurie L	U	Page, Dorothy F	U
Bradley, Michael F	U	Donovan, Sandra A	U	Laffond, Leonard J	U	Paige, Clifford III	U
Bradley, Patrick M	U	Dunnell, Dale W	U	Laffond, Michael S	R	Paige, Mary Eve	U
Bradley, Rebecca P	U	Dunnell, Paul P	R	Lager, Joan Selby	U	Palmer, Edwin A	U
Bradley, Timothy James	U	Dvore, David	U	Landry, Phyllis J	U	Palmer, Ellsworth E	U
Brown, Christopher M	U	Dykeman, Mary Ann	U	Larned, Danielle M	U	Parent, Jeffery E	U
Brown, James D	U	Dykeman, Robert L	U	Larned, Lance P	U	Parent, Margaret G	U
Brown, Jo-ann M	D			Lenth, David W	R	Petersen, Daureen W	U
Brown, June W	R	Essert, Mary B	U	Lenth, Mary E	U	Phelps, Daniel R, Jr	U
Brown, Leonard J, Jr	R	Essert, Robert	U	Lesure, Lawrence M	U	Phelps, MaryJo Anne	U
Brown, Lillian Norma	R			Levitte, Cristine	U	Pickett, Felicity	D
Brown, Roger L	D	Faivre, Audrey I	U	Lively, Abigail R	U	Pierce, Judith A	R
Brown, William M	R	Fensky, Doris C	U	Lively, Andrew J	U	Pike, Eric A	R
Bryant, Lisa A	D	Fensky, Kenneth G	U	Lively, Carol F	U	Pike, Laurie Jean	U
Buck, Elizabeth Victoria	U	Flagg, Donna J	U	Lively, Deborah L	U	Pike, Michelle C	U
Buck, Philip Edward	U	Foberg, Benjamin A	U	Lively, Dennis G	U	Poehlein, David Gregory	U
Burke, Daniel J	U	Foberg, Kirsten Ellen	U	Lively, James W	U	Poplawski,	
		Foshay, Angela F	U	Lively, Jonathan A	U	Claudine Micheala	U
Camara, Kathleen M	U	Foster, Bernice A	U	Lively, Joseph Adam	U	Poplawski, Daniel Paul	U
Carlow, Earl	D	Foster, William G	U	Lively, Sandra Julia	U	Posever, Michael M	D
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D			Loomis, Leann Zavotka	U		
Cascone, Nancy J	U	Gallagher, Robert L	U	Loomis, Ruth E	U	Quinn, Melissa S	D
Chiofalo, Thomas L	U	Gary, Virginia P	D	Loomis, Sean R	U	Quinn, Richard K	D
Cirinna, Geoffrey T	D	Gates, Leah M	U	Loomis, William A	U	Quist, Kelle J	U
Clancy, Robert J	D	Gaudry, George L	R	Lowell, Frederick K.	D	Quist, Walter J	U
Cooper-Quevedo,		Gleason, Susan P	U				
Paige Anne	D	Gordon, Ronald P	U	Mann, Sarah Ilyza	D	Reardon, Crystal J	U
Corarito, Arthur D	U	Gordon, Rosemary R	U	Markert, Karen	D	Reardon, Mary A	U
Corarito, Maryann	U	Grogan, Barbara	R	Markert, Robert T	U	Reardon, Tiffany J	U
Cousineau, David A	U			May, Dennis F	U	Reardon, William Neil	U
				May, Edwin L	R	Reed, Robin W	D

Reynolds-Gallagher, Danette L	U	Taylor, James W	U
Rice, Bradley J	U	Taylor, Sharon L	U
Rice, Dean T	R	Taylor, Susan Berry	U
Rice, Donald A	R	Thompson, Audrey Ann	D
Rice, Jennifer L	D	Tower, Christine A	U
Rice, Margaret B	U	Tower, Richard A., Sr	R
Rice, Robert R	U		
Richardson, Rebecca F	D	Vadeboncoeur, Joseph A	U
Roberson, David A	U	VanItallie, JeanClaude	U
Roberson, Laura S	U	Veber, Carole A	R
Roche, Barbara J	D	Veber, Florence M	U
Rode, Christina M	U	Veber, Shirley	R
Rossi, John F	R	Veber, Terry	R
Rossi, Martha	U	Vernes, Elizabeth Anna	U
		Vernes, Ian Arie	U
		Volland, Phyllis E	D
Scrivens, Betty R	U		
Scrivens, David F	U	Wayne, David B	D
Shafer, Renate Ilse	U	Webster, Gideon K Mr	U
Sherman, Connie Anne	U	Weller, James D	U
Sherman, Dohn Wayne	U	Wessman, Daniel J	U
Shields, Helen R	D	White, Gerrit C	U
Shippee, Julie J	R	White, Glenn M	U
Shippee, Kenneth R	R	White, Marguerite S	D
Silva, Edward J	U	White, Susan M	D
Smith, Floyd W	U	Williams, Albert R	U
Smith, Phyllis T	U	Williams,	
Snyder, Catherine T	U	Frederick Newton	U
Snyder, Timothy C	R	Williams, James H	R
Sousa, James E	D	Williams, James Thomas	R
Soviecke, Anna	U	Williams, John H	R
Soviecke, Karen	U	Williams, Leah L	U
Soviecke, Mitchell	U	Williams, Nancy N	R
Soviecke, Nicholas J	D	Williams, Robert O	U
Sprague, Brandon A	U	Williams, Susan A	U
Sprague, Brittani ME	U	Williams, Valerie Ann	U
Sprague, Katherine D	R	Wilson, Douglas Rev	D
Sprague, Kevin D	U	Wilson, Marilyn	D
Stetson, Jane B	U	Wilson, Raymond	D
Stetson, Wendell L	U	Wood,	
Stickney, Barbara	R	Jennifer Younglove	D
Swenson, Kristen C	R	Wood, Susan Carol	D
		Woodside, Margaret M	D
		Woodward, Eleanor L	U
		Woodward, Martin V	U

Voters List – 12-31-06

U – Unenrolled	191
D - Democrat	61
R - Republican	37
L - Libertarian	1
G - Green Party	0
Q - Independent	1
Total Voters	291

Special Town Meeting - Official Results - FY06

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Rowe March 20, 2006

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Quorum present. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Clancy.

Tellers: Roger Brown, Earl Carlow, Sandra Daviau and Mary Jo Phelps were appointed and sworn in by the Moderator. Warrant was posted on February 28, 2006.

ARTICLE 1: The motion was made and seconded to replace the wording of Article III, Section 5 of the Rowe Bylaws with the following wording: "The Board of Health shall consist of five (5) members to be elected on each of two consecutive years and one (1) on the third year by ballot at each annual town election. And further to instruct that, in accordance with MGL Section 2 of Chapter 41, this increase be acted upon by adding one new member for three years and one new member for two years at the next town election, occurring 60 days or more after this bylaw becomes effective."

The motion was made and seconded to move Article 1 to the Bylaw Subcommittee for further review.

**MOTION TO MOVE DEFEATED BY ORAL VOTE
MAIN MOTION DEFEATED BY ORAL VOTE**

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** the sum of **\$2,246.12** from the **Park Americorps Project** account, used for materials and supplies related to an Americorps Project, to the **Trail Maintenance** account to be used for wages, related to trail maintenance.

**MOTION ACCEPTED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
YES - 36 NO - 20**

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to change the name of the **Electrical Inspector Stipend** account to the **Electrical Inspection Program** account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: No business was transacted under this article.
Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

A true copy. Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk
March 21, 2006

RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2006

(Recapitulation is for information only)

<i>Appropriations from Taxation</i>		
None	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Taxation</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Free Cash</i>		
None	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		
Park Americorps Project	(2,246.12)	
Park Trail Maintenance	2,246.12	
<i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		0.00
<i>Appropriations from Stabilization</i>		
None	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization</i>		0.00
TOTAL FY2006 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		\$0.00

Annual Town Meeting – Official Results – FY07

Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS May 8, 2006

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

Quorum was present.

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Clancy.

Tellers: Sandy Daviau, David Cousineau, Chris Morano and Raymond Wilson were reappointed and sworn in by the Moderator.

Warrant was posted April 11, 2006.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to honor Town Residents who had passed on since last year's Annual Town Meeting.

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

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

Pursuant to Article II Section 16 of the Rowe Town Bylaws, a motion was made and seconded to temporarily suspend Article II, Section 14 of the Rowe Town Bylaws.

MOTION DEFEATED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE NO- 48 YES- 47

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 2007 fiscal year.

Administration

General Administration	\$29,000.00
Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,500.00
Municipal Audit	5,000.00
Municipal Center Custodian Wages	17,103.00
Municipal Center Operation/Maintenance	18,360.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repair	1,000.00
Municipal Center Fuel Oil	2,500.00
Elevator Maintenance Contract	5,900.00
Dam Maintenance, Inspections & Repairs	100.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
IT Hardware/Software	7,200.00
Printing Town Reports	3,250.00
Legal Expense	8,000.00
Subtotal Administration	124,913.00

Bonding and Insurance 45,000.00

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Fees for Services 100.00

Board of Selectmen Office

Selectmen Stipend 5,562.00

Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	51,605.00
Admin Asst/Asst Acctg Officer Compensation	9,502.00
Subtotal Selectmen Office	66,669.00

Assessors Office

Assessors Stipends	5,100.00
Assessors Clerk Compensation	7,931.00
Operations	3,000.00
IT Hardware/Software	2,500.00
Mapping	1,000.00
Revaluation/Property Update	1,000.00
Subtotal Assessors Office	20,531.00

Treasurer Office

Treasurer Stipend	6,180.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Subtotal Treasurer Office	6,280.00

Tax Collector Stipend

6,180.00

Town Clerk Office

Town Clerk Stipend	6,180.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Election/Teller Expense	4,000.00
Subtotal Town Clerk Office	10,530.00

Miscellaneous

Beautification	2,000.00
Council on Aging	5,500.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous	7,500.00

School Committee Stipends

4,284.00

Planning Board

Operation	500.00
Goal Post Publication	18,700.00
Subtotal Planning Board	19,200.00

Veterans' Services

Veterans' Agent Stipend	515.00
Operations	400.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
Subtotal Veterans' Services	1,015.00

Miscellaneous Officer Stipends

Moderator	412.00
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Constable	515.00
Animal Inspector	515.00
Dog Officer	618.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Officer Stipends	2,060.00
Sub-Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT	314,262.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government** for the 2007 fiscal year.

Administration	
Computer Network Support	16,000.00
Franklin Regional Council of Governments	
FRCOG Core Assessment	23,324.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	9,362.00
Sub-Total FRCOG	32,686.00
Sub-Total GENERAL GOVERNMENT	48,686.00

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$7,000.00** for the purpose of preparing a **Fixed Asset Inventory** of all town land, buildings, vehicles, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, tools, etc.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the purpose of **maintaining and repairing** the Gracy House.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT 379,948.00

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2007 fiscal year.

Instructional Programs/Tuition to Mohawk & FC Tech	624,623.00
Instructional Staff Training	11,950.00
Special Education and Other Tuitions	66,703.00
Speech Pathology & Audiology	14,670.00
Psychological Services	14,309.00
Library Services	27,291.00
Health Services	59,546.00
School Committee	20,925.00
Principals Office	116,351.00
Food Services	26,133.00
Plant Operations	91,714.00
Shared Services	71,369.00
Pupil Transportation	16,598.00
Special Education Transportation	3,653.00
New Transportation Equipment	0.00

Sub-total Public Schools	1,165,835.00
School Choice Estimated Receipts	90,000.00

Sub-Total SCHOOLS 1,075,835.00

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$60,000.00** for the purpose of funding one (1) **Technology Support position (with benefits)** at the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School for the 2007 fiscal year.

The motion passed for a secret ballot vote on Article 8.

MOTION PASSED BY BALLOT VOTE
YES - 87 NO - 37

ARTICLE 9: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the purpose of **funding work on the athletic fields at the Rowe Elementary School.**

- **Amendment #1:** A motion was made and seconded to **AMEND** Article 9 to read: to **APPROPRIATE FROM FREE CASH** the sum of **\$30,000.00** for the purpose of **funding work on the athletic fields at the Rowe Elementary School.**
- **Amendment #2:** A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 9 to next year's Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLE 9 [Amendment #2]
DEFEATED BY ORAL VOTE

THE AMENDED MAIN ARTICLE, PASSED
BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
YES - 69 NO - 44

TOTAL SCHOOLS 1,165,835.00

A motion was made and seconded to **MOVE** Article 20 and Article 21 to Town Meeting floor for discussion and vote.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO MOVE ARTICLE 20 and ARTICLE 21

ARTICLE 20: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2007 fiscal year.

Park Commission	
Park Wages	45,064.00
Head Ranger Wage [Salary]	37,331.00
Operation and Maintenance	23,000.00

Subtotal Park Commission 105,395.00
ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 21: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2000.00** towards the **repairs to the Browning Bench Tool Factory building.**

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL PARK 107,395.00

ARTICLE 10: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Protection of Persons and Property** for the 2007 fiscal year.

Police Department

Police Chief Stipend	8,755.00
Police Officers Compensation Operations	14,161.00
	6,650.00
Subtotal Police Department	29,566.00

Fire Department

Fire Chief Stipend	6,180.00
Officers Stipends	6,180.00
Firefighter Reimbursements	7,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
General Operations	23,050.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Hazardous Materials Control	1,000.00
Subtotal Fire Department	44,510.00

Emergency Medical Service

Coordinator Stipend	1,800.00
Operations and Maintenance	3,500.00
Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses	3,800.00
New Ambulance Fund (Charlemont)	2,000.00
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	11,100.00

Street Lighting 5,000.00

Inspections

Building Inspector Fees/Reimb (Estimated)	4,500.00
FCCIP Electrical Inspection Program	3,600.00
Plumbing Inspector Stipend	1,050.00
Subtotal Inspections	9,150.00

Cemeteries Maintenance 7,000.00

Conservation Commission Operation 200.00

Subtotal PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY 106,526.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 11: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for **Cemetery Fence and Headstone Repairs**.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS/PROPERTY 110,526.00

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2007 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Public Health & Sanitation

Board of Health Stipends	4,635.00
Board of Health Operations	10,000.00
Board of Health FRCOG Fees	4,334.00
Health Services Salary	48,034.00
Health Services Operation	7,144.00
Health Services Physician Stipend	1,000.00
Refuse Garden Operations	45,900.00
Attendant Compensation	12,978.00
Solid Waste District Administration	4,500.00
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	700.00

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION 139,225.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 13: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E^{1/2}, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00** for the 2007 fiscal year to accept receipts from the Medicare Roster Billing Program for the purpose of **purchasing vaccine services**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2008.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 14: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for various **Employee Benefits** as specified for the 2007 fiscal year.

Employee Benefits

Randolph MA Retirement Assessment	800.00
Franklin County Retirement Assessment	103,644.00**
Group Health Insurance	283,000.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax	31,500.00**
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**

TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 419,944.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

** Includes benefits for school employees

ARTICLE 15: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following non-reimbursable sums for the operation of the **Highway Department** for the 2007 fiscal year.

General Operations/Highway Projects

Heavy Equipment Operator Wages	152,000.00
Highway Superintendent Salary	68,160.00
Highway Operations & Maintenance	36,000.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	23,500.00
Annual Highway Projects	30,000.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	8,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	63,000.00
Subtotal Highway Department	380,660.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 16: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,000.00** towards the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the DPW Department.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 17: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$90,098.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under **Chapter 90**, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT ALL FUNDS 474,758.00

ARTICLE 18: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2007 fiscal year.

Rowe Library

Library Director Compensation	19,796.00
Library Staff Wages	12,853.00
Operation and Maintenance	19,366.00
Sub-Total Rowe Library	52,015.00

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 19: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,500.00** towards the **installation of high-speed internet access for the Rowe Town Library**.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL LIBRARY 54,515.00

ARTICLE 22: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for an **Old Home Day Celebration**.

A motion was made and seconded to **AMEND** Article 22 to read to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for an **Old Home Day Celebration**.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT

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

PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
YES – 52 NO – 22

TOTAL OLD HOME DAY 10,000.00

ARTICLE 24: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** to the **STABILIZATION FUND**, for any lawful purpose, the sum of **\$60,000.00**

PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
YES – 41 NO – 29

ARTICLE 25: 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 2007 fiscal year.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 26: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to **salt, sand and plow approximately 1.7 miles of Zoar Road**, lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE Article 26.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE TO TABLE ARTICLE 26

ARTICLE 27: No other business was transacted under this article.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

A true copy, Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk
May 9, 2006

RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2007

May 8, 2006

(Recapitulation is for information only)

APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION

General Government	14,262.00
Schools	1,075,835.00
Protection of Persons/Property	106,526.00
Health/Sanitation	139,225.00
Employee Benefits	419,944.00
Highway Department	380,660.00
Library	52,015.00
Park Department	105,395.00
Old Home Day	10,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION

\$2,603,862.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH

General Government	48,686.00
Fixed Asset Inventory	7,000.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repairs	10,000.00
Technology Support Position	60,000.00
Rowe School Athletic Fields	30,000.00
Cemetery Fence/Headstone Repairs	4,000.00
Highway Pick-Up Truck	4,000.00
Library High Speed Internet Access	2,500.00
Bench Tool Factory Repairs	2,000.00
Stabilization Fund	60,000.00
Reserve Fund	20,000.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH

248,186.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

Chapter 90	90,098.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS

90,098.00

APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION

NONE	0.00
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION

0.00

TOTAL FY2007 BUDGET ALL FUNDS

\$2,942,146.00

REVOLVING FUND AUTHORIZATIONS

Board of Health – Vaccine Services	3,500.00
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TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZED

3,500.00

Special Town Meeting - Official Results - FY06/FY07

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Rowe May 8, 2006

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday May 8, 2006 at 6:45 PM.

Quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Clancy.

Tellers: Sandy Daviau, David Cousineau, Chris Morano and Raymond Wilson were appointed and sworn in by the Moderator.
Warrant was posted April 21, 2006.

ARTICLE 1: The motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of **\$1,633.85** from the **Recycling Shed** account to the **Refuse Garden Operation** account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$4,000.00** for the 2006 fiscal year to accept departmental receipts generated by Old Home Day activities and programs for the purpose of **defraying expenses of Old Home Day**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2007.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$4,000.00** for the 2007 fiscal year to accept departmental receipts generated by Old Home Day activities and programs for the purpose of **defraying expenses of Old Home Day**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2008.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: No other business was transacted under this article.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52PM.

A true copy, Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk
May 9, 2006

RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2006

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Taxation		0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Free Cash	0.00	

Appropriations from Available Funds

Recycling Shed	(1,633.85)	
Refuse Garden Operations	1,633.85	
Total Appropriations from Available Funds		0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Stabilization		0.00

TOTAL FY2006 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		\$0.00
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Revolving Fund Authorizations

Old Home Day Activities	4,000.00	
Total Revolving Funds Authorized		4,000.00

RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2007

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Taxation		0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Free Cash		0.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Available Funds		0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization

None	0.00	
Total Appropriations from Stabilization		0.00

TOTAL FY2007 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		\$0.00
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Revolving Fund Authorizations

Old Home Day Activities	4,000.00	
Total Revolving Funds Authorized		4,000.00

Special Town Meeting - Official Results - FY07

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Rowe October 5, 2006

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Thursday October 5, 2006.

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy, Town Clerk: Heidi Cousineau, Selectboard: Myra B Carlow, and Susan C Wood.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, a quorum being present.

The following Tellers were sworn in by the Moderator: Sandy Daviau, Dorothy Page, Ellynn Packard and Roger Brown.

Warrant was posted September 20th, 2006.

ARTICLE 1: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from STABILIZATION** the sum of \$7,000 for the **Dam Maintenance and Repairs** account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from STABILIZATION** the sum of \$10,000 for the **Legal Expenses** account.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$10,000** from the **Highway Wages** account to the **Unemployment Insurance** account.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$41,416.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under **Chapter 90**, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health** to enter into an inter municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health, public works, and general government administration services which the Board of Health, Department of Public Works, and other administrative bodies in town are authorized to perform, in accordance with an **Inter Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement** to be entered between the Town and various governmental units.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **grant the Board of Selectmen authority** to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, **for power supply and other related services**, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities; and if such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative for service they desire.

ORAL UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 7: There was a unanimous **recognition to Susan A. Williams** for her many years serving as Treasurer to the Town of Rowe.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

A true copy, Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk
October 5, 2006

RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2007

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None 0.00

Total Appropriations from Taxation 0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

None 0.00

Total Appropriations from Free Cash 0.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

Highway Wages (10,000.00)

Unemployment Insurance 10,000.00

Chapter 90 41,416.00

Total Appropriations from Available Funds 41,416.00

Appropriations from Stabilization

Dam Maintenance & Repairs 7,000.00

Legal Expenses 10,000.00

Total Appropriations from Stabilization 17,000.00

TOTAL FY2007 BUDGET ALL FUNDS \$58,416.00

Special Town Meeting – Official Results – FY07

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Town of Rowe December 19, 2006

*The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Tuesday December 19, 2006.
Moderator: Robert J. Clancy, Town Clerk: Heidi Cousineau, Selectboard: Myra B. Carlow and Susan C. Wood.
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm, a quorum being present.
The following tellers were sworn in by the Moderator: Earl Carlow, Mitch Soviecke, Ellynn Packard and Kerri McLatchy.
Warrant was posted December 5, 2006*

ARTICLE 1: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** to **STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$7,000.00** to replenish the amount previously transferred from Stabilization to the Dam Maintenance/Repairs account

ARTICLE PASSED BY A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
YES - 19 NO - 8

ARTICLE 2: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** to **STABILIZATION** the sum of **\$10,000.00** to replenish the amount previously transferred from Stabilization to the Legal Expenses account.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 3: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** to the Emergency Generator account the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the completion of the emergency generator project at the Rowe School.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 4: The motion was made and seconded to change the name of **Plumbing Inspector Stipend** account to the **Plumbing & Gas Inspection Program** account, and to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$250.00** to the **Plumbing & Gas Inspection Program** account.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE:

ARTICLE 5: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from the **Highway Wages** account to the **Municipal Center Custodian Wage** account the sum of **\$2,400.00**.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 6: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** to the **Park Insurance Reimbursement for Property Damage** account the sum of **\$1,859.07**.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 7: The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** from the **Fixed Asset Inventory** account to the **Computer Equipment & Software** account the sum of **\$1,000.00**.

ORAL AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 8: The motion was made and seconded to take a **sense of the meeting concerning the potential placement of a tower or towers on town-owned land** in Rowe to bring town-wide broadband internet to Rowe.

THE SENSE OF THE MEETING WAS A POSITIVE VOTE (NOT UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 9: No other business was transacted under this Article.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

A true copy,
Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk December 20, 2006

RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2007

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None 0.00

Total Appropriations from Taxation 0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

To Stabilization 17,000.00

Emergency Generator 5,000.00

Plumbing & Gas Inspection Program 250.00

Park Insurance Reimb for Property Damage 1,859.07

Total Appropriations from Free Cash \$ 24,109.07

Appropriations from Available Funds

Municipal Ctr Custodian Wages (from Hwy Wages) 2,400.00

Highway Wages (2,400.00)

Computer Equipment & Software (from Fixed Asset Inventory) 1,000.00

Fixed Asset Inventory (1,000.00)

Total Appropriations from Available Funds 0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization

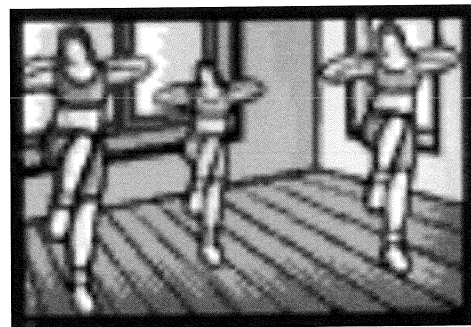
None 0.00

Total Appropriations from Stabilization 0.00

TOTAL FY2007 BUDGET ALL FUNDS \$ 24,109.07



CULTURE & RECREATION



Cultural Council

The following summary information was sent electronically to the MCC (Massachusetts Cultural Council) in January 4, 2007:

Grants Management

INCOME

	<i>Total to Be Granted</i>	<i>Now</i>
Interest Revenue	\$ 75	0
Locally Raised Revenue		
Municipal	0	0
Foundation	0	0
Individual	0	0
Other	0	75
Total	0	75
Encumbered MCC Money	0	
Unencumbered MCC Money	0	0
Total in Local Account	\$ 75	75
Allocation		\$ 4,000
Total Income		\$ 4,075

EXPENSES

Total Administrative Funds (not to exceed 5% of FY allocation)		0
LCC Projects approved	14	4,075
PASS Projects approved	0	0
LCC-Originated Projects approved	0	0
Total Expenses		\$ 4,075

REQUESTS

	<i>Applications Received</i>	<i>Total Amt Requested</i>
LCC Applications	22	\$ 8,170
PASS Applications	0	0
LCC-Originated Applications	0	0
Total	22	\$ 8,170

DECISIONS

Approved:	14
Denied	8
Undecided	0
Total	22

Grants Awarded

<i>Name</i>	<i>Kind</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Academy at Charlemont	LCC	Summer Theater Workshop	Theater	500
Arms Library	LCC	Free Theater in Franklin County	Theater	75
Ashfield Comm. Theatre	LCC	Summer Arts Program	Theater	100
Bates, Davis	LCC	Rhythms of the World	Multidisciplinary	350
Deerfield River Watershed	LCC	Deerfield River Fest	Music	200
Hilltown Folk Concert	LCC	Hilltown Folk concert series	Music	400
Jackson, Gary	LCC	Contempaissance - Flute & Guitar	Music	500
Mohawk Trail Concerts	LCC	2007 Summer Festival	Music	250
Morin, Guy	LCC	Colonial Soldier 1720-1760	History	250
Pothole Pictures	LCC	Pothole Pictures Film Series	Media Arts	50
Root, John	LCC	Feeling the Beat, Feeling the Spirit	Multidisciplinary	350
Rowe Council on Aging	LCC	T-Bone	Multidisciplinary	500
Rowe Elementary School	LCC	Cultural Studies Performance	Music	50
Spfld Symphony Orchestra	LCC	SSO String Quartet Goes to School	Music	100
TOTAL AWARDED				\$4,075

RCC Members in attendance
 Jennifer Wood
 Ellynn Packard
 Annemarie Demetz
 Jo-ann Brown
 Barbara Roche

Library

The Rowe Town Library is up and running with broadband. At a special open meeting on October 6 the Trustees met to discuss bids and unanimously accepted Blue Sky Wireless as this service provided the widest base surrounding the library extending as far as the former Soule property. We thank the voters for the \$2,500 voted at the last annual town meeting for the project.

We continue to work on maintaining the building with the assistance of Director Susan Gleason, Deb Lively and Jennifer Wood from maintenance, Ed May of the Fire Department and William Foster, building inspector. We have made real progress in dealing with moisture problems and have defeated "the mouse invasion."

Daisies planted by Susan Gleason bloomed lavishly among perennials planted in the raised bed by Beautification Committee members Marilyn Belval and Jodi Brown.

In addition we had many volunteers assist with such tasks as selection of materials from the Bookmobile, sweeping down the steps, donating books and videos, and even some specialty help with minor electrical and plumbing issues.

We are open 24 hours per week, far above the state requirement of 10 hours for communities of our size. 2,664 people visited the library this year. We continue to receive support with the loan of videos, audio books, and regular and large print fiction from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System bookmobile delivery and fill requests with Interlibrary Loan. The Rowe Town Library continues the custom of providing a family library number to those who want one. Anyone who wants an individual library

account instead may get one by simply asking. While we have only 215 library accounts, because of the family option we figure we have 355 library borrowers, including seasonal visitors. The book club continues to meet at the library every month and the library continues the summer reading program for the children.

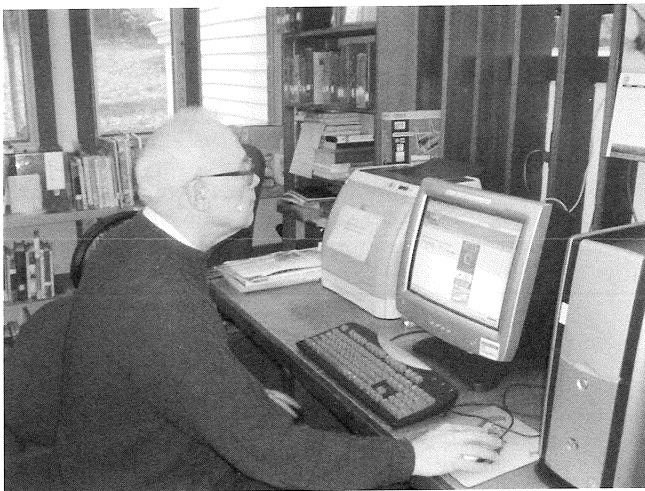
Time was spent in 2006 in bookwork for the successful application for the FY2006 State Aid to Public Libraries Grant. Director Susan Gleason completed two courses in the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Basic Library Skills Program.

Staff consists of Library Director for 20 hours per week for 11 months; two assistant positions (one shared between two people on a seasonal basis) and one custodian for a total of 20 hours per week year round. Job descriptions have been updated this year. The library trustees feel fortunate to have such dedicated and affable folk as Alan Bjork, Phyllis Smith and Danette Reynolds-Gallagher to keep our "cradle of civilization rocking."

Library hours are:

Tuesday	10 am to 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am to 8 pm
Saturday	10 am to 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Dandeneau, Chair
Jo-ann Brown
Ellynn Packard
Board of Library Trustees
Susan P. Gleason, Library Director



Library Assistant Alan Bjork cruising the net using the Library's new high-speed connection. —(Dick Tower Photo)



Library Director Susan Gleason (Tower Photo)

Old Home Day – July 8, 2006

It was a perfect July day—sunny and not too hot, with some clouds to keep us from getting toasted.

The Bench Tool Factory had been cleaned and the evidence of the spring break-in had been hidden. Carol Lively was in charge of decorating and placing all the lovely works of art that were brought in by townspeople. The Agricultural commission had a display of photos of local farms and the products produced in our community.

The parade took off from the Bench Tool factory at 11 a.m. the theme was “Favorite Stories.” Our Grand Marshalls, Ellsworth Palmer and Edgerton Miles riding with Barbara Van Dyke, Rowe School nurse, led the parade. The Rowe Camp Marching Band followed. The Lively and Phelps family, with young friends from town, worked long and hard on the Wizard of Oz float. They won First Prize. The Rowe Camp contingent won Second Prize for their Purple Bishop float. Third prize went to the Sherman family and Heidi Phelps got a prize for her Book of Favorite Stories costume. Rachel Richardson received a prize for her decorated bike.

The parade finished off with fire engines from several towns. The Charlemont crew won First prize, the Ashfield crew were second and the Heath crew were third.

The Fishing Derby took place behind the Firehouse at the brook. Jim Daneker again donated the fish and all the prizes. Twenty-two kids and their families took part. Mike Laffond was in charge.

There was food at the school, including the famous strawberry shortcake, which was served during the Rowe Community Church Auction. Elizabeth Buck and her son, Mark, did a great job running children’s games at the school and Jim Lively got a pick-up softball game together. The weather was perfect for Bob Clancy and friends to parachute onto the beach at 5, just in time to have chicken barbeque by the Readsboro Lions Club. Gary Jackson and a flutist played music during the dinner, courtesy of the Rowe Cultural Council. The evening ended with music from local band *Small Change* and a dark blue sky for the fireworks.

It was a very satisfactory day for all.

The Old Home Day Committee
Margaret Woodside, Chair
Laurie and Mike Laffond
Mary Jo and Dan Phelps
Carol Lively
Jenn Morse



L to R: Dorothy Page, Margaret Woodside (Old Home Day Committee Chair), and Lori Shulda (Dick Tower Photo)

Rowe Historical Commission

The Rowe Historical Commission, with its new members Jack Williams, Arlene Andognini and Ellynn Packard, held an organizational meeting in the fall. Because of illness, a meeting planned for January 2007 was not held. Another meeting will be held in March 2007 with the purpose of planning the first steps in doing a survey of all historic buildings in Rowe. The March meeting will include Chris Skelly of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The Commission is unrelated to the Rowe Historical Society and has a different mission. Eventually some state funds for restoration of historic buildings may be available after the survey is completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellynn Packard
Jack Williams
Arlene Andognini

Park Commission

Another busy year at the park has come and gone. 2006 was very active. There were days when it seemed like the whole town was on the beach. Park Ranger Sean Loomis continues to manage over 1300 acres of wilderness and the fitness center located on the second floor of the Town Hall.

Regular maintenance of the beach area and park trails, along with programs and additional new projects this past year included:

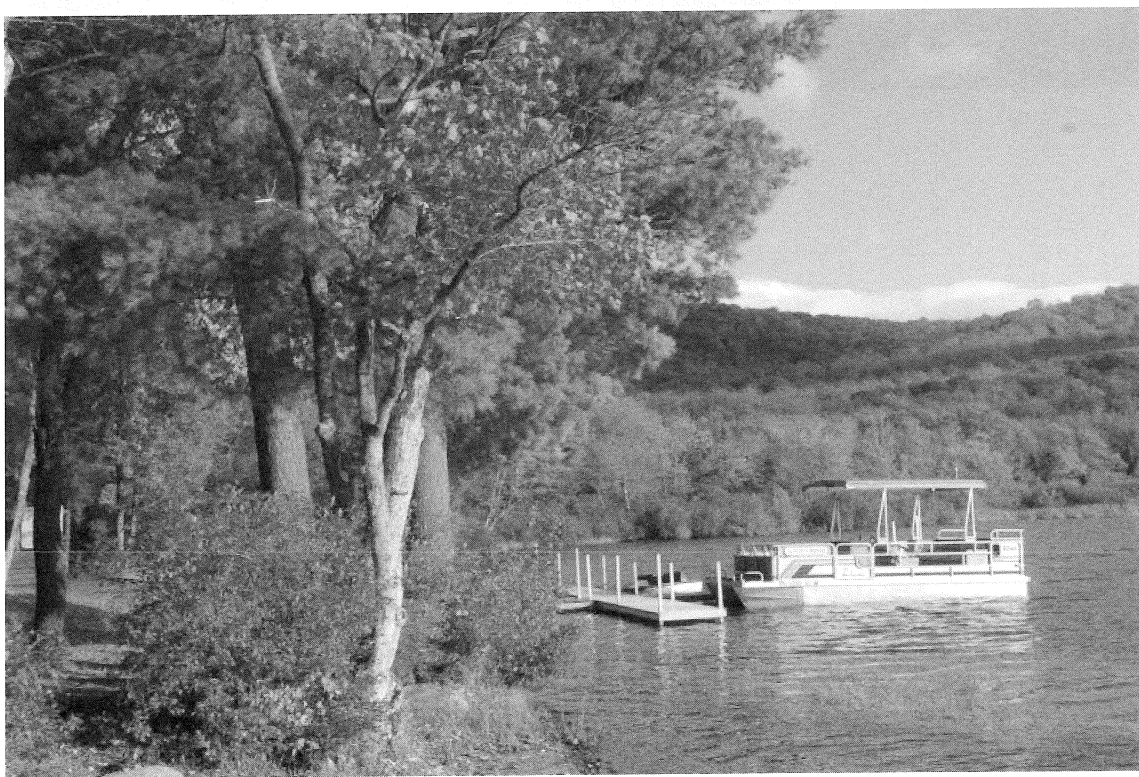
- Easter Egg Hunt...co-sponsored by the PTP and the Park
- Sports and Recreational Program...20 to 40 kids a day attended last year.
- Swimming Lessons...36 kids participated.
- Senior Picnics...five this past summer
- Park Entrance...new flower bed, structure and sign.
- Halloween Haunted Hayride (moved from the beach to the Rowe School gym due to weather)
- Kayak Lessons

- Four new bridges
- Fishing trips on the lake aboard the S.S. Percy Brown.
- Continued placement of boundary signs.

Again special thanks to all park employees and volunteers which include: Sean Loomis, David Shepherd, Erin Day, Alice Wozniak, Mary Paige, Dana Williams, Tiffany Veber, Becca Hobbs, Amber Coburn, Pat Bradley, Jackie Drakulich, Ken Bradley, Nancy Phelps, Jasmine Regan, and Martha Compton.

The Park Commissioners would like to give special thanks to Mary Jo Phelps for all her years of service as Park Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,
Rowe Park Commissioners
Michael Laffond
Eric Pike
Earl Carlow



A tranquil Autumn day at Pelham Lake

(Dick Tower Photo)

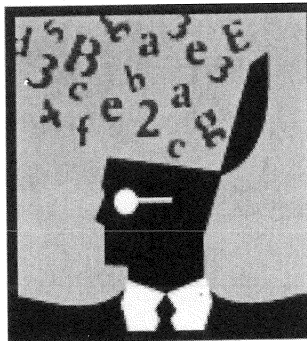


*The Fly Fishing Club at Pelham Lake
L to R: Chris Morano, Mitch Soviecke, and Dick Quinn*

(Dick Tower Photo)



EDUCATION



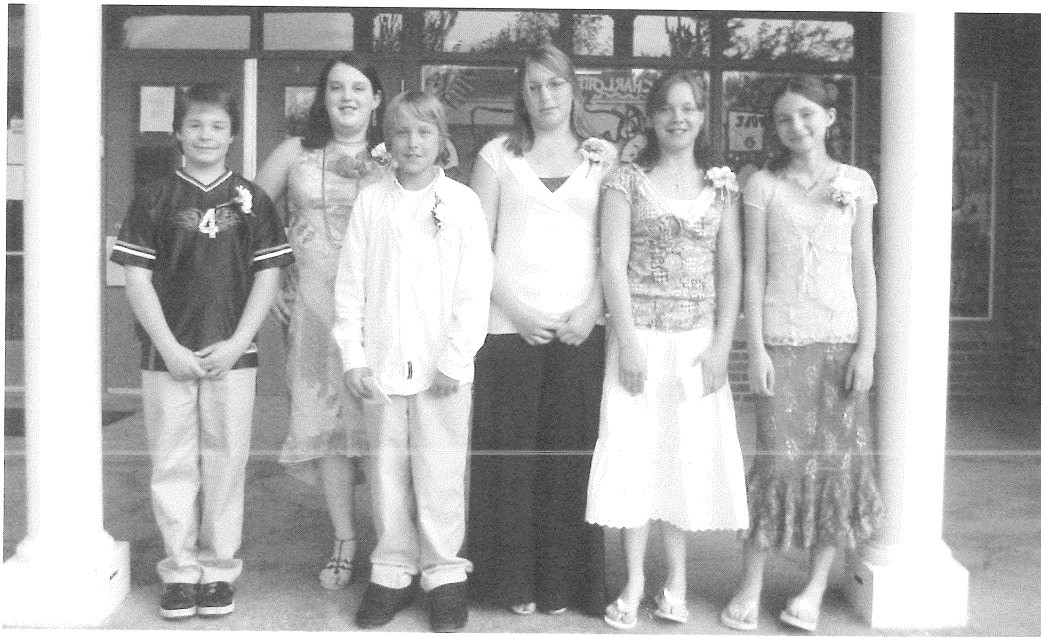
Congratulations Graduates Class of 2006

Mohawk Trail Regional High School



Wendy McLatchy

Rowe Elementary School



The 6th Grade graduation class, June 20, 2006. L to R: William Beebe, Samantha Miller, Bradley Shulda, Joslyne Walsh, Brooke Shulda and Dominique Beausoleil.

Rowe School Committee

The Rowe School Committee has been very involved in minding the Rowe School's financial business this year. We started our FY08 budget process in September and attention to the budget has been a major preoccupation. Balancing the need to continue to provide a quality education to our students and the financial constraints that the town feels as the budget pushes the 2½% boundary has been a challenge. We are proud to say that we have done some creative things keeping the portions of the budget that we can control within reason. (We don't have much to say about the amount of tuition we pay for Mohawk students or those at Franklin County Tech.)

Work continues on the Outdoor Education project. Principal Bob Clancy has continued to search for grants to make the Outdoor Classroom a reality. The planting on the hill will be done with a grant for rural schools from the US Department of Education. A sign delineating a wildlife/wildflower habitat area has been designed to keep residents informed of the plants in bloom and of the birds making their nests. Approval for installation of the sign will be sought from the Zoning Board of Appeals as it is larger than permitted by town by-law.

The new town emergency generator, under the sole responsibility of the Fire Department, was installed on the school grounds in 2006. The School Committee is happy to see the project come to fruition and come together so beautifully. Congratulations and thanks are due to Ed May for his work in making this happen. The generator will become fully operational in early 2007.

Once again, the members of the Rowe School Committee want to express our sincere thanks to townspeople for their continued support of our great little school.

Rowe School Committee

Margaret B. Rice, Chairman
Margaret M Woodside, Vice Chairman
Lisa Danek-Burke, Secretary



*Rowe students in the Winter Enrichment Ski Program
at Berkshire East Ski Area*

School Enrollments

Rowe Elementary School

37	Rowe residents
24	School of Choice-In
	(2) Buckland
	(8) Charlemont
	(6) Colrain
	(1) Erving
	(4) Heath
	(3) Monroe
61	TOTAL

Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School

16

Franklin County Technical High School

4

The Academy at Charlemont

1

Home Schooled Students

3 Elementary Level

School of Choice - Out

2

Rowe Elementary School Principal

It is with great pleasure that I submit the 2006 Principal's Report for the Rowe Annual Town Report. The 2006 calendar year enriched the daily lives of students and staff as our never-ending learning adventure continued.

The highlights for 2006 included Rowe students earning the highest scores in all grade levels for the three district writing prompt administered in March. MCAS scores for tests administered for grades three through six continue to come in above state averages.

Grants continue to be applied for, and Rowe received grant funding from the US Department of Education that paid for twenty more laptop computers for student use and "Smart Boards" in all classrooms. Smart Boards are a large touch screen connected to a computer and a projector that is an interactive method for instruction. These boards are in use almost every school day. Other grants will be paying for the planning, and some of the materials for an outdoor classroom that we hope to build in the summer of 2007.

Our curriculum continues to be improved as the professional staff works with a planning tool called "Understanding by Design." Teachers create instructional plans with the end in mind and by beginning with the question what do teachers want students to keep with them forever in what are known as "enduring understandings."

Thanks to the School Committee and the Local Education Council we have added a goal to our School Improvement Plan to work more in partnership with Pelham Lake Park in order to promote year round activities with children. Initial meetings with the Park Ranger and the Park Commissioners have been very positive and we look forward to making additional connections with the Park.

Music regularly filled the school by way of our vocal and instrumental programs and our school band. Students had additional exposure to classical music by way of visiting musicians from the University of Massachusetts as well as field trips to Greenfield for the Pioneer Valley Symphony, and to the Heath School for a Springfield Symphony Orchestra string quartet. Rowe School also had a great Latin American musical group come for a visit, Viva Quetzal, paid for in part by the Rowe Cultural Arts Council, providing a great venue of sound on the same evening as the annual spaghetti supper.

Fifth and six grade students spent five days at Nature's Classroom in Kingston, Massachusetts. The trip centered on fresh and salt-water ecology and investigations. There were two boats trips, one on a Science vessel out of Woods Hole on Cape Cod, and the other a whale watch out of Plymouth.

The after school program continues to grow as offerings went beyond the traditional sports programs such as baseball, basketball, and soccer, and now include Tae Kwon Do. Additionally, the arts offerings now include fiber arts.

Our students once again chose to continue with the National *Turn Off the TV* Week. In doing so students earned, by choice, a sleepover at the school. This event was originally meant to be done at the Park but was moved to the school due to rain. Students continued to choose non-screen methods of entertainment such as crafts, games, and reading aloud. Activities went on until about 10:00 PM followed by lights out.

We took on two school-wide Cultural Studies Units in 2006. The first was Australia in early spring and the second was Africa in the fall. Our students, by way of study, visitors, and performances, continued to dance, sing, and make music in order to get a better understanding of other world cultures. The Community Lunches during these units had a large selection of food that continues to be a very tasty tradition.

Participation by students in charitable fundraising and events is something we should all be very proud of. Students collected either money or goods for "Good Neighbors," "Adopt-A-Family," "Sudanese Relief," "Hurricane Katrina Relief," "UNICEF," "Warm the Children," and the "Heifer Project International," to name just a few. Students also participated in their eighth year of the Deerfield River Cleanup by picking up trash at the Zoar picnic area. These demonstrations of good will and service to the community are a part of the school's Mission Statement, but it needs to be noted that the students themselves on a good many occasions are trying to find ways to help others.

I would also like to mention the Student Conservation Association/AmeriCorps program that Rowe School has been very fortunate to be a part of each year. We host two volunteers that are essentially part of a domestic Peace Corps with a mission of environmental awareness. Another one of the great benefits is that these young people are outstanding role models for our students. If you ever have the opportunity thank a Congressman for the continued support of this great program, please do so on our behalf.

We had a shuffle in staff and a few new hires in 2006. First, Lorraine Cetto retired after twenty years of working with our students. We thanked Lorraine for her service at the end of the year with a party (that she organized!). Claudine Poplawski, our Special Education liaison, already a big part of the school family, moved into the classroom taking Lorraine's place. Filling Claudine's job our hire was Rowe Elementary School alumni Kerri McLatchy. Kerri had just completed her Masters Degree at Leslie College along with an internship in Cambridge MA. Our second new hire also came from a Cambridge school. Susan Kranz became our new Spanish teacher and librarian as Carolina Gomez-Kramer left for the Boston area with her family. The last staff change was with our custodian. Brandon Sprague left Rowe School in December after five years and has returned to Mohawk for a second shift position. Replacing Brandon was another Rowe School alumni Brian Crowningshield. Brian lives across the Rowe town line in Whitingham, Vermont.

Thanks to a positive vote at the 2006 annual Town Meeting the repair of the soccer field was done. The work included installing a new drainage culvert to fix poor drainage as well as regrading and changing the layout of the field so we will now be able to host home soccer games with a regulation size field.

Two great additions to the school lobby were the donations of the aquarium that was once in the Town Hall. Students gather around it daily to check up on their favorite residents and we would like to thank the Selectboard for

the donation. The second was a framed series of animal stamps from well known, and favorite children's books, from our new Postmaster Terri Peters. Our new Postmistress presented the gift to the school at her inauguration in April.

Once again, the staff and I thank the Town of Rowe for its generous support of its elementary school and the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School where our students move along on their educational journey.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Clancy, Principal



Nuru Pili Abena teaching Rowe students to play African drums.

Mohawk Trail Regional School – Principal's Report

It is an honor to submit my first annual report as Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional School. As this year is just past 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 705. This number includes 64 school choice students from neighboring communities who have chosen Mohawk and 14 students who are tuitioned into our collaboratively run Walnut Hill program for students with special needs. It is of the greatest importance in such critical financial circumstances that we continue to capitalize on the strengths of our school to compete with private, public, and charter schools for such valuable sources of revenue.

This year also marks the submission of our five-year follow up report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We are pleased to be sharing a variety of improvements we have made in our school that were specifically driven by our most recent accreditation review. Mohawk is a fully accredited member until our next review in 2012.

The all school musical, *"Thoroughly Modern Millie"*, is presently in production, with performances scheduled for the first two weekends of March. This is a special year for the Mohawk Music Program as they celebrate the 30 Year

Anniversary of the All School Musical with a performance on February 10th. More than 240 students will participate in the music program this year.

Sports programs continue to flourish. More than 280 students participated in fall athletics and winter teams are represented by 182 participants. The grant-funded Ace of Clubs after school program is providing enriching extended learning activities for another 106 students.

Seventeen students are involved in science fair projects that we hope will bring them all to statewide competition. Over the last two years, the initiative taken by many conscientious students and dedicated staff members has raised thousands of dollars to support victims of Hurricane Katrina and the attempted genocide in the African nation Sudan. This commitment of our students to those across the nation and around the world who are less fortunate is a source of great pride in the quality of our students and a powerful testimony to the example set by the parents, teachers, and citizens of the Mohawk communities.

On behalf of our students, I would like to express our profound gratitude for the commitment of our towns for their support for continued excellence in our educational programs.

Brian E. Beck
Principal

Report of the Superintendent

Mohawk Trail Regional School District - Hawlemont Regional School District - Rowe Elementary School

2006 marked my second year of service to the Mohawk Trail Regional School System (MTRSS). It continues to be my great honor and privilege to serve as your superintendent of schools. During the summer, my family relocated to the area and now my son is officially an MTRSS student. My daughter will follow in the fall with the entering kindergarten class. Another welcome addition to the Mohawk team is Joanne Blier, the District's new Business Manager. Although change and challenge abounds within the MTRSS, Mohawk remains a wonderful place to live and learn!

Great things continued to happen within the District's classrooms in 2006. For example, at the start of the school year, the Boston Globe published the 2006 SAT scores for Massachusetts' high schools. Mohawk did remarkably well, which I believe speaks to the outstanding quality of education throughout our school system, including Hawlemont Regional Elementary and Rowe Elementary. In Critical Reading, Mohawk ranked 44 out of 336 (Top 13%). In Writing, Mohawk ranked 78 out of 336 (Top 23%). In Math, Mohawk ranked 53 out of 336 (Top 16%). These numbers compete with any school system in the state and reflect student performance that is nothing short of remarkable. Mohawk students and staff, including Hawlemont and Rowe, deserve all the credit in the world!

During June, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) FY07 school budget passed by the narrowest of margins, which included overrides of Proposition 2½ in the towns of Buckland and Shelburne. Buckland's override passed by a mere four votes. With the FY08 school budget facing even steeper odds, the MTRSD School Committee authorized an Interim Planning effort to explore internal options - what can Mohawk do to help itself pending aid from the State? At the end of 2006, following a four-month concerted effort, the MTRSD Interim Planning Committee recommended the creation of a regional elementary school at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary by closing the three other MTRSD elementary schools in a staggered fashion over three years. This recommendation would be presented to School Committee in early 2007. Of course, implementation of this plan would require substantial changes to the district regional agreement and unanimous support by the eight MTRSD member towns.

In early October, the MTRSD was awarded \$400K in "pot-hole" monies from the state's FY07 Foundation Reserve "Pot-Hole" Program. This substantial discretionary award represented nearly 10% of the total \$4.5 million appropriated by the legislature for the entire state and its more than 300 school districts, an indication that the Commonwealth recognizes the MTRSD's acute fiscal crisis. I thank Senator Stan Rosenberg for giving me the opportunity to propose revised program eligibility language designed to benefit Mohawk. The added monies enabled the district to reduce two large grade 1 class sizes, put resources toward meeting state MCAS adequate yearly progress requirements, restore critical related arts programming, invest in its technological infrastructure, and cope with an extraordinary 20% increases in health care costs.

Turning my attention toward increasing state aid to the MTRSS, the District hosted a Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools (MARS) meeting to investigate interest in organizing a subcommittee for the purpose of addressing the many fiscal challenges posed by declining student enrollment. Approximately 30 other school districts are facing significant student enrollment decline across the Commonwealth. The meeting was well attended including several legislators, superintendents, DOE, DOR, school committee and community members. I volunteered to take on the chairmanship of the newly formed subcommittee, which was approved by those in attendance. As the year ended, the next step for this committee was to meet during early 2007 to craft an FY08 funding proposal to help districts cope with the financial challenges associated with declining student enrollment.

2006 was a highly successful year for the MTRSS. With a ten-year history of declining student enrollment, the school committee and the towns struggled mightily to sustain the district's traditional model of excellent education. MTRSS staff performed extremely well and student learning flourished.

Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools

Mohawk Trail Regional School System – Dept. of Special Education

The December 1, 2006 Child Count figures indicate that there are 298 students receiving special education services in the Mohawk School District, which is 23% of the total population. There are 33 students receiving special education services in the Hawlemont Regional School District, which is 30% of the total school population. There are 11 students receiving special education services in Rowe, which is 21% of the total school population.

In December we were visited by the Department of Education for a Coordinated Program Review. This year's review addressed only the Special Education Departments, Methods of Administration, and Drug Free Schools. Title I will come at a later date. As of the writing of this report, we are still waiting for the results of the review.

The Mohawk Trail, Hawlemont, and Rowe Districts provide special education services to pre-school students ages 3-5 within the District. The Early Childhood Coordinator is responsible for all special education programming for children with disabilities in preschool and kindergarten. This includes transitioning children with disabilities from Early Intervention programs to the school district for services by their third birthday and conducting child-find activities under the Massachusetts special education guidelines. Developmental screenings are conducted for all kindergartners and children attending public preschools in the district with additional screenings in the specific areas of concern as needed. Parents of three, four, and five year olds, not in public programs may arrange for screenings through the Early Childhood Coordinator's office by calling 413-625-6194. Referrals for evaluations to determine special education eligibility are made when indicated by the screening results, or the concern of parents, physicians or agencies. Currently, 17 kindergartners and 15 preschoolers are receiving services under the Individualized Education Programs during this school year, with several referrals in process.

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 three districts 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 some separate programs, in which the students spend at least a third 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 fifth 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. 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. This includes both 504 students and those in need of Student Success Plans. An additional area of service that has been added to the roster of services is services to children who are homeless. This comes under the McKenny-Vento Act, which assures that children who or whose parents are homeless receive the services they need. This act assures they will not be excluded from school, will be enrolled in the free lunch program, and referrals for other social services.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Morgan
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mohawk Trail Regional School System - Library/Media Services

2006 Circulation Figures

School	Staff	PC	NPC	ILL
Buckland Shelburne Elementary	Toni Wilcox	6,954	490	19
Colrain Central School	Genie Lynch	6,249	49	8
Hawlemont Regional School	Mary Boehmer	7,217	150	
Heath Elementary School	Wanda Musacchio	2,539		
Mohawk Trail Regional 7-12	Gina Wells	2,525	326	49
Rowe Elementary	Sue Kranz	1,519		
Sanderson Academy	Kerrie McNay	5,195	57	

PC = Print Circulation (Books and Magazines)

NPC = Non-Print Circulation (Videos, VHS and DVD)

ILL = Inter Library Loan (Books and Videos)

Special Programs in Each School:

Buckland Shelburne - The *Children's Literature Festival* was held for a week in August for children from age 5-12. This festival is sponsored by the Mary Lyon Foundation, Local Cultural Councils and the Massachusetts State Cultural Council. Two Scholastic Book Fairs were held, one in May and one in October, to raise money for more library materials. 600 old books were weeded out and a dehumidifier was purchased to help control a moisture problem in the library.

Colrain - An all-school reading program was carried out. It was called *Fishing for Good Books*. All students were recognized for the books they read in large displays all around the school. Students also received two new books each to bring home for summer reading. These books were paid for by the Scholastic Book Fair profits.

Hawlemont - The *Sleep Time Story Hour* reading night was held at Hawlemont on February 28th. 60 students and parents attended this evening event.

Both students and parents were part of an experience where groups of adults read to groups of children on blankets on the school gym floor. In October 35 students listened to local author Junie B. Jones read from her latest book. In November the Hawlemont Library along with Tyler Memorial Library and the Overhill Cherokee New England Bear Clan sponsored a workshop on traditional Indian teachings, ancient artifacts, and the making of dream catchers. In December the Holiday Book Give-A-Way program collected enough books to give each Hawlemont student two books. The Hawlemont and Tyler Memorial Libraries made a film based on Charlemont's Abolitionist and Underground Railroad history. Hawlemont librarian Mary Boehmer was given a Paralibrarian Recognition award from the Massachusetts Library Association.

Heath - In the spring author Betty G. Birney spoke to Heath students about her books- *The World According to Humphrey* and *Friendship According to Humphrey*. Prior to the visit, these books were read aloud to all Heath students in the library. In December a book fair sponsored by the Friends of the Heath School Library was held with the help of Greenfield's World Eye Book Store. Throughout the year, the Friends of the Heath School Library organization raised \$2,526 for new books.

Mohawk Trail Regional - The *We're Reading* program, an all community read, was done in April in conjunction with the Arms Library, Buckland Library and Shelburne Library. Many Mohawk students read the books *Rocket Boys* and *Mercury 13 The True Story of Thirteen Women and the Dream of Space Flight* for this project. A Wall of Fame was created in the library to highlight the achievements of outstanding Mohawk Trail Regional students. A local history project was done with social studies classes where students created PowerPoint presentations on local landmarks.

Rowe - A major reorganization of the library has been undertaken involving the weeding of many books. This reorganization effort has made it more possible for K-2 students to easily access books. Rowe students have written book reviews that are on display in the library.

Sanderson - A Scholastic Book Fair was held in May. A National Poetry Month program was created in January where poems were read to students in K-2 and read to all students at assemblies. This program ran until June. In November a National Novel Writing Month program was done involving 13 students who began to create their own novels.

Terry McConnell
Director of Library/Media Services

The Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc. - *Supporting Excellence in Local Education*

The Mary Lyon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) community-based, non-profit organization that supports all aspects of excellence in local education in our nine West County towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe and Shelburne. Named in honor of Buckland-born educator Mary Lyon, who founded Mount Holyoke College, the organization continues to provide innovative programs and services that greatly enhance the quality of local education.

In addition to our annual student spelling bee each spring, we sponsored a unique community spelling bee this past November. There were thirty teams representing public and private schools, youth groups, senior citizens, religious and civic organizations, businesses and local government. While Master of Ceremonies Jill Connolly, Spell Master Marguerite Willis and musician Sue Kranz captured the attention of the packed MTRS auditorium, the incredible three person teams, many dressed in outlandish costume, were the highlight of the evening. A special guest appearance by Mary Lyon preceded the awarding of trophies to first place winners Rob Risser-Sperry, Vicki Rockstroh and Suzanne Warsaw of the Kolrein Spellers. The event was a major success and raised \$7,000 for school mini-grants to be awarded on a competitive basis for innovative, replicable educational projects.

The MLF sponsors annual psychology and special education conferences for several hundred educators in collaboration with the W MA School Psychologists' Assoc. and the W MA Assoc. of Special Education Administrators. Additionally, the MLF provides scholarships for students, professional development opportunities for teachers, West County Classroom courses such as aerobics, ballet and Chinese language for the community and a myriad of

programs, such as the Colrain Vision of Excellence, that foster high academic standards. The foundation supports the promotion of healthy lifestyles, and to that end a Student Assistance Fund provides basic necessities to ensure that all children can come to school ready and able to learn. Warm winter clothes, medical support and eyeglasses are frequently provided by support from the Shelburne Falls Kiwanis and school district employee payroll deductions.

Members of the Board of Directors for 2006 were Marion Taylor, Shelburne; Winston Healy, Charlemont; Curtis Rich, Buckland; Dan Field, Buckland; Pat Kerrins, Shelburne; Jim Pilgrim, Plainfield; Stephanie Purington, Colrain; Sharon Hudson, Rowe; Tom Ulrich, Ashfield; Nina Coler, Ashfield; Lynn Dole, Ashfield; Hugh Knox, Shelburne; Dudley Williams, Plainfield; Heather Viens, Colrain and Mohawk Trail Regional School student representatives Keifer Gammell, Charlemont and Holly Beziel, Shelburne. Officers are Marion Taylor, past president, Curtis Rich, current president, Pat Kerrins, treasurer and Sharon Hudson, secretary. Our Business Manager is Gina Sieber. The organization's office is located at 6 Water Street in Shelburne Falls. The Board of Directors joins me in thanking the many generous individuals and businesses in our community for making 2006 a highly successful year.

Dr. Susan B. Samoriski
Executive Director

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the school district and 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 103 applications. 45 were from seniors and 58 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$35,700 was to be awarded using 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources, while graduates have far fewer resources. 28 scholarships totaling \$11,000 were awarded to seniors (62% of applicants). 41 scholarships totaling \$24,700 were given to graduates (71% of applicants). The awards committee was Sheila Graves, Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Alicia Tripp (Heath), and Michelle Hillman (Colrain).

From 1991 – 2006 a total of \$179,775 has been awarded to Mohawk Seniors. \$396,075 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates for total scholarship amount of \$575,850.

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

It was with great regret and much appreciation for her years of service, that we bid farewell to Carolyn Taylor. She is a charter member of this committee, serving with dedication and will be missed.

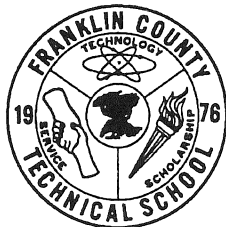
In September this year, we engaged the services of a financial advisor, Judy Hoyt. We thought it prudent to get professional advice to oversee the Fund which has grown to \$921,371.99 as of September 12, 2006.

The Mohawk Community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of 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 regarding requirements and deadlines.

Michelle F. Hillman
Secretary

Franklin County Technical School



We submit this annual report for 2006 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2006 was 526 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	26	Montague	71
Buckland	17	New Salem	9
Colrain	24	Northfield	26
Conway	10	Orange	66
Deerfield	15	Shelburne	8
Erving	15	Sunderland	12
Gill	8	Warwick	10
Greenfield	131	Wendell	9
Heath	9	Whately	7
Leyden	5	Non-District	48
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Franklin County Technical School awarded 108 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2006. This marked the fourth year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma. Once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 42% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 44% joined the area work force, 11% had unknown plans and 4% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2006.

All schools in the Commonwealth are required by the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) to meet or exceed specific student performance standards in English/language arts and mathematics. The Franklin County Technical School is proud to note that it met these adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2005/2006 school year while at the same time making substantial progress toward meeting a similar set of state mandated standards for our vocational programs.

During the 2006 school year, the students from various vocational programs performed an estimated \$56,000 worth of service projects benefiting the city and various towns of Franklin County and we plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer the ideal learning laboratory for our students. Students from many shop areas also routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that would otherwise be contracted to outside agencies.

We submitted our "Two Year Progress Report" to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the early Fall and have just heard, as this report was being written, that the review was satisfactory in all areas. This once again attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns.

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School, as well as a program that is offered after our normal school hours that enables our seniors to experience the college environment first hand while obtaining college credits.

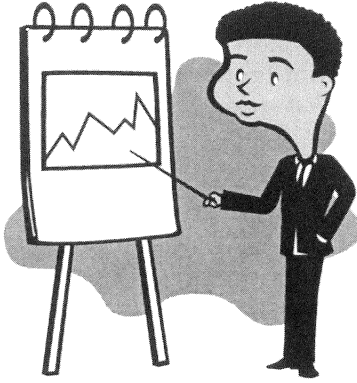
We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the Economic Development for Franklin County.

We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard K. Lane,
Superintendent



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board of Assessors

Membership of the Board remained the same for this year as **Ellen Babcock** was re-elected at the annual town elections in May 2006. Ellen joined fellow Board member **Heidi Cousineau** in nominating and electing **Rick Williams** to serve again as Chairman.

As always, the Board would again like to thank **Sandy Daviau**, Assessors' Clerk, for her handling of 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 **Patriot Properties** assessing software *AssessPro*. **Mayflower Valuation** from Plymouth, MA now provides consulting services.

At the routine monthly meetings, the following items were addressed, as needed: **building permits** received from the building inspector were reviewed and field inspections 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 bill commitments and abatements** were reviewed and approved as required.

State-mandated interim year valuation adjustments for FY07, based on real estate sales review, resulted in an approximate 44% increase in land values. This was due primarily to the continuing strong real estate market over the past few years. Total town valuation increased by about 2.3% to **\$310,810,199** for FY'07. The FY'07 tax rates of **\$4.11** for Residential and **\$8.84** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in early January of 2007. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$4.10** for Residential and **\$8.71** for CIP.

According to Mass Department of Revenue records for FY'07, Rowe has the **5th lowest tax rate** but continues to have the **lowest average single family tax bill** in the state (\$780).

Work continued on the new Geographic Information System (GIS) **tax map system** developed by **Cartographics Associates** from Littleton, NH. The new tax map system, consisting of digital maps combined with aerial photography will be linked to our existing Assessors software to provide a fully integrated information system. Unfortunately our goal of having the new GIS tax map system in place during 2006 was not realized. We're targeted for implementation in 2007.

The so-called **Proposition 2 1/2 Levy Limit** continues to restrict the amount of money that Rowe can raise from taxation in any given year. By law this limit only increases by 2 1/2 % (or about \$65,000) in each subsequent year. The Town has been bumping up against its Prop 2 1/2 Levy Limit for a number of years. Consequently, despite our enviably low tax rate and tax bills, the Town has had to make cuts, defer projects, or utilize other "available funds" from Free Cash and the Stabilization Fund to balance the regular operating budget and to pay for special projects. The Town has also been unable to continue its past practice of annually putting money into "savings" (i.e.; Stabilization Fund). In the absence of a **Prop 2 1/2 Override**, this Levy Limit will continue to unnecessarily constrain the Town's ability to raise money in future years.

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

Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill - State Ranking - 19 Year History

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value	Number of Parcels	Average Value	Tax Rate	SingleFamily Tax Bill	State Hi-Lo Rank	Number of MA Towns Included
1989	\$ 18,892,237	201	\$ 93,991	\$ 4.56	\$ 429	297	297
1990	\$ 19,477,857	213	\$ 91,445	\$ 4.53	\$ 414	323	323
1991	\$ 22,817,970	215	\$ 106,130	\$ 4.52	\$ 480	265	265
1992	\$ 22,842,280	203	\$ 112,524	\$ 4.86	\$ 547	338	339
1993	\$ 23,152,453	204	\$ 113,492	\$ 5.98	\$ 679	336	339
1994	\$ 21,566,700	203	\$ 106,240	\$ 5.25	\$ 558	339	340
1995	\$ 21,580,400	200	\$ 107,902	\$ 5.61	\$ 605	340	340
1996	\$ 22,144,400	203	\$ 109,086	\$ 4.89	\$ 533	340	340
1997	\$ 21,543,200	201	\$ 107,180	\$ 5.34	\$ 572	340	340
1998	\$ 21,941,500	204	\$ 107,556	\$ 5.35	\$ 575	340	340
1999	\$ 22,065,700	204	\$ 108,165	\$ 5.36	\$ 580	340	340
2000	\$ 21,195,600	202	\$ 104,929	\$ 3.22	\$ 338	339	340
2001	\$ 21,735,900	204	\$ 106,549	\$ 3.36	\$ 358	339	340
2002	\$ 22,164,900	205	\$ 108,121	\$ 3.44	\$ 372	340	340
2003	\$ 26,309,900	203	\$ 129,605	\$ 3.49	\$ 452	340	340
2004	\$ 26,365,100	202	\$ 130,520	\$ 3.59	\$ 469	340	340
2005	\$ 29,369,900	206	\$ 142,572	\$ 3.59	\$ 512	340	340
2006	\$ 34,757,700	202	\$ 172,068	\$ 4.10	\$ 705	307	307
2007	\$ 38,733,700	204	\$ 189,871	\$ 4.11	\$ 780	307	307



*The ISFSI storage site (left of center) at the now decommissioned Yankee Nuclear Power Station property. TransCanada's Sherman (Hydro) Station and Sherman Dam can be seen at the top center of the photo.
(Photo Courtesy of Yankee Atomic Electric Co.)*

Board of Assessors – Property Transfers

PHELPS, DANIEL R. JR. & MARY JO A. both of Rowe, for consideration of \$198,000, grant to **KEPPLER, DAVID J. & STRULES JENNIFER E.** as joint tenants of Charlemont, property located at 145 Leshure Road.

OLIVER, KATHLEEN G. of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **OLIVER, KATHLEEN G.** of Rowe & **THANE, PHYLLIS G.** of Heath, as joint tenants, property located at 32 Davenport Branch Road.

GATES, LEAH of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **GATES, LEAH** of Rowe and **GATES, DAVID E.** of New York, as joint tenants, property located at 40 Shippee Road.

BROWN, EDWARD R. of Ohio, for consideration of \$10.00, grant to **BROWN, SARA REED**, Trustee, property located at 21 Kings Highway.

JOLLY, RUSSELL W. of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **BERRY, PRUDENCE** and **WILSON, DOUGLAS** of Rowe, as tenants by entirety, property located on Stone Hill Road.

KATZ, DEBORAH M. of Leverett, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **RIGGAN, JOHN R.** of Shelburne Falls, MA, property on Leshure Road.

YORK, LOUISE G. for no monetary consideration, grant to **YORK, LAURENE L.** of Shelburne, MA, property located on Dell Road.

BUKER, PHILIP G. of Greenfield, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **BUKER, CAROL A.** of Shelburne Falls, MA and **GRAY RUTH E.** of Deerfield, MA as tenants in common, property located on Dell Road.

GIRARD, DAVID G. of West Simsbury, CT, in consideration of \$333,000, grant to **HILLWATER REALTY TRUST**, of Amherst, MA, property located at 23 Pelham Drive.

BURT, ERNEST R. and ELIZABTH A. of Zephyrhills FL for consideration of \$37,500 grant to **BENOIT, PETER E.** and **BERNHARDT, JEAN M.** of Salisbury, MA, property located on Ford Hill Rd.

LEHR, GARY, Administrator of the estate of the late **LEHR, FERDINAND J.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$5,000, grant to **BUCK PHILIP**, property located on Zoar Road.

ROCK DRILLERS SUPPLY CO., INC., of Quincy, MA, for consideration of \$5,500, grant to **PATEL, HETAL** of South Windsor, CT, property located off Zoar Road.

CARSE, JAMES P. Trustee of the **CARSE REAL ESTATE TRUST** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **CARSE, JAMES P.** of Rowe, property located at 283 Zoar Road.

KRUMM, TERRY, Trustee of the **TERRY KRUMM REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT** of Rowe, for consideration of \$382,000, grant to **POULIN, AARON M.** and **KRUMM, JUSTINE S.** of Rowe, property located at 294 Davis Mine Road.

HERSHEY, JOEL A. of Springfield, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **HERSHEY, GLORIA M.** of Springfield, MA, property located on Davis Mine Road.

WILLIAMS, ALBERT R. of Rowe, in consideration of \$220,000, grant to **LOOMIS, RUTH** of Rowe, property located on Tatro Road.

LENTH, DAVID W. of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **LENTH, JACQUELYN** as Trustee, property located at 544 Tunnel Road.

Finance Committee

In May of 2006 Cindy Laffond and Cara Morano joined Jean Atwood, Bill Baker and Bill Loomis on the Finance Committee. Cindy with her extensive knowledge of school finances and Cara's financial background in the private sector added vital expertise to our finance committee. Cara was elected as committee secretary and Bill Loomis agreed to serve as chair.

The committee met each month with the primary focus being: 1) the status of the ongoing budgets and 2) preparation for the FY2007 budget which began on July 1, 2007 and the start of the FY2008 budget process. The Selectmen and Finance Committee worked closely during the budget processes.

This 2006 annual report covers the last half of fiscal FY2006 (1-1-06 to 6-30-06) and the first half of fiscal year FY2007 (7-1-06 to 12-31-06). Some important figures for FY06 & FY07 (rounded to nearest \$1000):

	FY2006	FY2007
Total Town Valuation	\$303,872,000	\$310,801,000
Residential Valuation	42,503,000	47,523,000
CIP Valuation	261,369,000	263,276,000
Residential Tax Rate/\$1000	\$4.10	\$4.11
Town Mtg Appropriations	2,762,000	3,038,000
From Taxation	2,535,000	2,604,000
From Free Cash	127,000	272,000
From Other Available Funds	100,000	162,000
From Stabilization	0	17,000
Proposition 2 1/2 Figures		
Levy Limit	2,455,000	2,523,000
Levy	2,451,000	2,523,000

Based on the above you can see our tax Levy essentially equals our Levy Limit. Therefore we can only increase taxes approximately 2 1/2% each year. Our budget, like most other Commonwealth towns, typically increases by more than 2 1/2% annually mainly because of line items we have little control of. For the last several years, because we have not had the opportunity to approve a Proposition 2 1/2 Override, department budgets have approached level funding, services have been cut, needed special projects deferred, and—most importantly—we've missed the opportunity to put money into our savings, as was policy for many years.

Free Cash, which was once used exclusively for the Reserve Fund and Special Projects, is now being used to help balance the budget. Free Cash has been reduced from approximately \$525,000 in FY2003 to \$185,000 in FY2007.

Stabilization—our town savings account—has also diminished in these last five years...even though it earns approximately 5% annually. In this same period of time we have withdrawn over \$1,000,000 from Stabilization, and appropriated to it from taxation approximately \$160,000.

The Finance Committee strongly feels that the present Selectmen's budget philosophy of keeping our taxes as low as possible, depleting our Free Cash and not putting sufficient money into our Stabilization Fund must change. We have one of the lowest tax rates and have the lowest average residential tax bill in the state. The top priority of the Finance Committee for 2006 was to increase our Stabilization Fund. For the FY2008 budget the Finance Committee has again requested that the Selectmen place a Proposition 2 1/2 Override Question on the ballot to increase our Stabilization Fund. By law in FY2008, we could appropriate by taxation up to \$252,000 for our Stabilization Account. Because of our large utility tax base, we residents would only be responsible for approximately 8% of the \$252,000. This would result in a little over a 40 cent increase in our Residential Tax Rate. This equates to an \$84 increase on the annual tax bill for a \$200,000 assessed home. Within four years we could have over \$1,000,000 of additional savings at still an envious tax rate. There will never be a better time for us to increase our Stabilization Fund.

Why is this the top priority of this Finance Committee? In FY2006 we saw the nonresidential tax base reduced by 30% as a result of the revaluation of Bear Swamp. This, in conjunction with the revaluation of our residential properties due to real estate market conditions, saw our tax bills increase by 25 to 60%. Do you remember how you felt when you saw that tax bill? Someday Bear Swamp will terminate operation, just like Yankee Atomic. The tax bill increases you saw in FY2006 would be nothing compared to what residential taxes will increase to while services are being cut. A sizable saving account would help the residents of Rowe alleviate this financial disaster. They could continue to enjoy the amenities of our town as we enjoy them today at a reasonable tax rate. Increasing our savings for future generations will continue to be a top priority of this Finance Committee.

Lastly, but most importantly, the members of the Finance committee would like to extend our sincere prayers and thoughts to our fellow member Jean Atwood. She is dearly missed at all of our meetings. Our team is not what it used to be.

The Finance Committee meets once a month at 6:30 PM. Stop by and voice your opinion and concerns. Thank you

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Atwood
Bill Baker
Cindy Laffond
Bill Loomis, Chair
Cara Morano, Secretary

Town Accountant

All requisite reports were filed with the State and Federal authorities, including Schedule A, Free Cash Balance Sheet, cash reconciliations, employer state and federal tax reports, Franklin Regional Retirement monthly reports, Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Reports, Department of Employment and Training reports, Division of Unemployment Assistance Reports, and Chapter 90 Reports. Required reports for the Tax Recap sheet were prepared and submitted for tax rate certification.

Payroll and Treasury Warrants were prepared on a biweekly basis, and general ledger maintained. Department heads were supplied with budget vs. actual information on a monthly basis, and more often as needed.

Special thanks go to Treasurers Sue Williams and Heidi Cousineau and Tax Collector Sandy Daviau for their diligence and attention to accuracy and detail.

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 *	920,648
Real Estate Taxes *	1,526,659
Motor Vehicle Excise	45,747
Penalties/Interest	1,059
In Lieu of Taxes	0
Total	2,494,123

Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues

Other Departmental Revenues	8622
Total	8622

Licenses, Permits and Fees

Licenses and Permits	325
Total	325

Revenues from State

Cherry Sheet, etc.	74,551
Total	74,551

Revenues from Other Govts - Court Fines

0

Miscellaneous Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenues	0
Interest from Investments	19,534
Total	19,534

General Fund – Revenue

2,597,155

Inter-fund Transfers

Special Revenue Funds	0
Transfers from Trust Funds	0
Total	0

Total General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Uses and Transfers

2,597,155

General Fund – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	555,799
Expenditures	1,616,821
Construction	0
Capital Outlay	29,880
Debt Service	0
Unclassified	425,937

General Fund – Expenditures - Total

2,628,437

Other Financing Uses

Transfers to Other Fund	0
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Total Other Financing Uses

0

General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2,628,437

Special Revenue Fund – Revenues

Charges for Services	0
Federal Revenue	24,820
State Revenue	299,691
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,498

Special Revenue Fund – Revenue

330,009

Transfers from Other Funds	0
Total Special Revenue – Revenues and Other Financing Sources	330,009

Special Revenue Fund–Expenditures

Salary and Wages	12,000
Expenditures	314,958
Construction	0
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0

Special Revenue Funds – Expenditures	326,958
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Other Financing Uses

Transfers to Other Funds	0
Other Financing Uses	0

Total Other Financing Uses	0
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Total Special Revenue — Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

326,958

Excess (Deficiency)

3,051

Fund Balance Beginning of Year	194,030
Adjustments	0

Fund Balance End of Year	197,081
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Trust Fund – Revenue

Charges for Services	0
Federal Revenue	0
State Revenue	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,010
Earnings on Investments	60,722

Total Trust Fund – Revenue	65,732
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Other Financing Sources

Transfers from Other Funds	0
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Total Other Financing Sources	0
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Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources	65,732
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Trust Fund – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	0
Expenditures	25
Construction	4,614
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0

Total Trust Fund – Expenditures	4,639
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Other Financing Uses

Transfers to Other Funds	0
Other Financing Uses	0

Total Other Financing Uses	0
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Total Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	4,639
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Excess (Deficiency)

61,093

Fund Balance Beginning of Year	2,071,008
Adjustments	0

Fund Balance End of Year	2,132,101
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Agency Fund Balance

Agency Fund Balance July 1, 2005	-1,204
Additions	14,999
Deductions	-14,293
Agency Fund Balance June 30, 2006	-498

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen L. Babcock
Town Accountant

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

Accountant's Report - Appropriation Balances June 30, 2006

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	%Remaining
(1) General Government					
01-5-101-110	Select-Legal Expenses	12,859.12	(12,859.12)	-	0
01-5-101-120	SEL-Settlements & Judgments	2,400.00	(2,400.00)	-	0
01-5-101-220	Select-Selectmen Stipend	5,400.00	(4,776.91)	623.09	11
01-5-101-290	SEL-Gen Admin	29,000.00	(27,198.09)	1,801.91	6
01-5-101-291	SEL-Microfilm Town Records	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	100
01-5-101-292	SEL-Misc Office Stpnd	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-293	SEL-Town Officer Exp	1,250.00	(1,228.96)	21.04	1
01-5-101-294	SEL-Print Town Reports	3,250.00	(3,250.00)	-	0
01-5-101-295	SEL-Municipal Audit	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-296	SEL-Summer Youth Emp	25,500.00	(22,855.44)	2,644.56	10
01-5-101-297	SEL-SYE Encumb	2,132.50	(2,132.50)	-	0
01-5-101-298	SEL-Council on Aging	5,500.00	(5,497.75)	2.25	0
01-5-101-350	SEL-Accnt/Admin Salary	50,102.00	(50,102.00)	-	0
01-5-101-351	SEL-Asst Acct/Clerk Wages	10,025.00	(10,022.29)	2.71	0
01-5-101-360	SEL-FRCOG Core Asses	25,590.00	(25,589.57)	0.43	0
01-5-101-361	SEL-FRCOG Statutory Asses	9,058.00	(9,057.63)	0.37	0
01-5-101-365	SEL-Comp Equip/Softwr	7,200.00	(6,686.38)	513.62	7
01-5-101-367	SEL-Computer Support	16,000.00	(16,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-370	SEL-FRCOG Fees	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-410	Assessor Stipend	4,950.00	(4,950.00)	-	0
01-5-101-411	Assessor Clerical Wage	7,700.00	(7,458.88)	241.12	3
01-5-101-413	Assessor Operations	3,000.00	(988.10)	2,011.90	67
01-5-101-414	Assessor Software/Computer	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	-	0
01-5-101-416	Assessor Mapping Services	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	100
01-5-101-418	Assessor GIS Mapping Project	10,368.00	(4,214.23)	6,153.77	59
01-5-101-420	Assessor Reval/Prop Updat	74,948.70	(30,650.00)	44,298.70	59
01-5-101-450	Treasurer Stipend	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-451	Assist. Treasurer Wages	100.00	(54.00)	46.00	46
01-5-101-460	Tax Collector Stipend	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-610	Town Clerk Stipend	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	-	0
01-5-101-620	Election/Teller Expenses	2,000.00	(1,028.00)	972.00	48
01-5-101-630	Registrar/Census Comp	350.00	(350.00)	-	0
01-5-101-710	Conservation Comm Ops	200.00	(45.00)	155.00	77
01-5-101-750	Planning Board Operations	500.00	(60.00)	440.00	88
01-5-101-752	Planning Bd Goal Post Ops	18,700.00	(18,690.33)	9.67	0
01-5-901-908	Planning Bd By-Law Print	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	100
01-5-901-916	Gracy House/Soule Barn Maint.	8,631.57	(5,595.90)	3,035.67	35
01-5-901-924	Town Hall Entrance Modif	24,580.00	(12,100.00)	12,480.00	50
01-5-907-001	State Charges Air Poll	492.00	(492.00)	-	0
01-5-907-002	State Charges Reg Transp	3,677.00	(3,677.00)	-	0
01-5-907-003	State Charges-RMV Non-renewal	140.00	(140.00)	-	0
01-5-907-003	State Charges Sch Choice	7,300.00	(7,300.00)	-	0
	Subtotal	416,403.89	(329,950.08)	86,453.81	
(2) Public Works and Facilities					
01-5-204-220	Hwy-Wages	152,000.00	(134,463.36)	17,536.64	11
01-5-204-222	Hwy-Operations & Maint	36,000.00	(36,000.00)	-	0
01-5-204-224	Hwy-Fuel/Town Vehicles	23,500.00	(22,825.17)	674.83	2
01-5-204-228	Hwy-Rd Maint/Reclaim	8,000.00	(7,980.00)	20.00	0
01-5-204-230	Hwy-Annual Projects	30,000.00	(29,999.00)	1.00	0
01-5-204-232	Hwy-Supt Salary	66,175.00	(66,175.00)	-	0
01-5-204-240	Hwy-Wash Station	11,100.95	(806.63)	10,294.32	92
01-5-204-250	Hwy-Winter Roads	60,000.00	(60,000.00)	-	0
01-5-204-251	Hwy-Winter Rd Overdraft		(704.58)	(704.58)	0 ⁽¹⁾
01-5-204-252	Street Lighting	4,500.00	(4,382.14)	117.86	2

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-504-910	Cemetery Maintenance	7,000.00	(6,675.00)	325.00	4
01-5-504-915	Cemetery Fence Repair	4,000.00	(2,270.00)	1,730.00	43
01-5-901-901	Mncpl Cntr Custodian Wage	16,605.00	(16,095.33)	509.67	3
01-5-901-902	Mncpl Cntr Ops & Maint	21,000.00	(20,996.82)	3.18	0
01-5-901-903	Elevator Maintenance	5,500.00	(5,491.94)	8.06	0
01-5-901-904	Mncpl Center Fuel Oil	3,350.00	(3,156.31)	193.69	5
01-5-901-905	Gracy House Repair/Modif	100.00	(100.00)	-	0.
01-5-901-906	Beautification	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-	0
01-5-901-912	Dam Maint & Repairs	-	-	-	0
	Subtotal	450,830.95	(420,121.28)	30,709.67	

(3) Public Safety

01-5-602-100	Police Chief Stipend	8,500.00	(8,500.00)	-	0
01-5-602-103	Police Officer Wages	13,686.00	(13,496.48)	189.52	1
01-5-602-104	Police Off Encumb Wage	630.82	(630.82)	-	0
01-5-602-105	Police Dept Operation	6,600.00	(5,311.25)	1,288.75	19
01-5-602-200	Fire Chief Stipend	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	-	0
01-5-602-201	Fire Officer Stipend	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	-	0
01-5-602-202	Fire Fighter Reimbursements	7,000.00	(6,700.00)	300.00	4
01-5-602-203	Fire Dept Operation	23,050.00	(23,050.00)	-	0
01-5-602-209	Fire Dept Air Compressor	4,126.33	-	4,126.33	100
01-5-602-214	Fire Dept Fire Pond Maint	9,260.78	(1,630.00)	7,630.78	82
01-5-602-218	Fire Dept Emergency Generator	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	100
01-5-602-400	Bldg Insp Fees & Reimbursements	5,345.10	(5,345.10)	-	0
01-5-602-430	Plumbing Inspector Stipend	1,050.00	(1,050.00)	-	0
01-5-602-450	FCCIP Electrical Insp Program	2,040.34	(2,040.31)	0.03	0
01-5-602-901	Civil Defense Operation	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	0
01-5-602-940	Forest Fire Control	100.00	(100.00)	-	0
01-5-702-302	New Ambulance Purchase	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	-	0
01-5-702-320	EMS Coordinator Stipend	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	-	0
01-5-702-321	EMS Operation	3,500.00	(2,802.63)	697.37	19
01-5-702-323	EMS Emergency Personnel	3,600.00	(3,400.00)	200.00	5
01-5-704-310	Fire Dept Haz Mat Control	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	0
	Subtotal	155,989.37	(91,556.59)	64,432.78	

(4) Health and Sanitation

01-5-101-222	Board of Health Stipend	4,500.00	(4,500.00)	-	0
01-5-704-312	Hazardous Waste Collection	500.00	(500.00)	-	0
01-5-704-330	Refuse Garden Operation	45,833.85	(42,082.15)	3,751.70	8
01-5-704-335	Dump Attendant Wage	12,610.08	(12,610.08)	-	0
01-5-704-336	Solid Waste District Admin	5,100.00	(5,100.00)	-	0
01-5-705-100	Board of Health Operation	10,800.00	(10,769.61)	30.39	0
01-5-705-220	Health Services Salary	46,635.00	(46,635.00)	-	0
01-5-705-222	Health Services Operation	6,577.00	(6,564.90)	12.10	0
01-5-705-223	Health Services Physician Stipend	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-	0
	Subtotal		133,555.93	(129,761.74)	3,794.19

(5) Education

01-5-300-001	Schl Committee Stipend	4,160.00	(4,159.92)	0.08	0
01-5-300-002	Rowe Elementary School	1,029,178.00	(1,022,130.06)	7,047.94	0
01-5-300-003	Rowe Schl Encumbered	15,829.49	(15,829.49)	-	0
01-5-300-004	Rowe Schl Mohawk Tech Asst	60,000.00	(60,000.00)	-	0
01-5-300-009	Rowe Schl Capital Improv	2,020.62	(831.89)	1,188.73	58
01-5-300-011	Rowe Schl New Water Well	25,100.00	(25,100.00)	-	0
	Subtotal		1,136,288.11	(1,128,051.36)	8,236.75

(6) Culture and Recreation

01-5-306-100	Librarians Wages	18,932.00	(18,700.64)	231.36	1
01-5-306-101	Library Staff Wages	12,300.00	(11,825.11)	474.89	3

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-306-102	Library Operation	19,500.00	(19,484.71)	15.29	0
01-5-306-106	Library Improvements	4,780.00	(4,780.00)	-	0
01-5-306-108	Library Computer	1,075.48	-	1,075.48	100
01-5-906-300	Old Home Day	4,000.00	(3,980.00)	20.00	0
01-5-906-305	Old Home Day Fireworks	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	-	0
01-5-906-500	Park Compensation	47,488.00	(41,414.50)	6,073.50	12
01-5-906-502	Park Operation	21,260.00	(21,203.28)	56.72	0
01-5-906-503	Park Ranger Wage	36,244.00	(36,244.00)	-	0
01-5-906-505	Park Insurance Reimb Prop Damage	3,697.98	(1,838.91)	1,859.07	50
01-5-906-507	Park Tennis Court Repairs	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	100
01-5-906-514	Park Headquarters Improvement	575.09	-	575.09	100
01-5-906-515	Park Trail Maintenance	2,246.12	-	2,246.12	100
01-5-906-516	Park Browning Bench Repairs	367.35	-	367.35	100
	Subtotal	180,466.02	(164,471.15)	15,994.87	
(7) Pensions and Insurance					
01-5-901-900	Bonding & Insurance	45,000.00	(41,051.33)	3,948.67	8
01-5-909-110	County Retirement	109,400.00	(109,400.00)	-	0
01-5-909-111	Retirement-Randolph	800.00	(748.14)	51.86	6
01-5-909-130	Unemployment Insurance	3,391.97	(3,391.97)	-	0
01-5-909-140	Grp Medical-Medicare Insurance	270,000.00	(245,691.88)	24,308.12	9
01-5-909-145	FICA/Medicare Tax	30,000.00	(25,654.25)	4,345.75	14
	Subtotal	458,591.97	(425,937.57)	32,654.40	
(8) Veterans					
01-5-405-430	Veterans Adm Stipend	500.00	(500.00)	-	0
01-5-405-431	Veterans Adm Operation	400.00	(331.50)	68.50	17
01-5-405-432	Veterans Benefits	100.00	-	100.00	100
	Subtotal	1,000.00	(831.50)	168.50	
(9) Debt Service					
01-5-807-520	Bank Chrgs & Loan Interest	500.00	(499.73)	0.27	0
	Subtotal	500.00	(430.00)	70.00	
(9.1) Transfers and Other					
01-5-909-200	Stabilization Appropriation	-	-	-	0
01-5-957-805	Reserve Fund FY 2005	1,603.39	-	1,603.39	100
	Subtotal	1,603.39	-	1,603.39	100
Grand Total		2,935,229.63	(2,691,111.27)	244,118.36	

⁽¹⁾Legal overdraft for winter roads (snow and ice) account. Overdraft raised on FY07 Recap Sheet.

Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2006

July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7/1/05	Commit- ments	Abat ments	Tax Title	Pay- ments	Refunds	Adjust ments	*Outstanding 6/30/2006
00 MVE	-67.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67.50
01 MVE	-72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.50
02 MVE	-42.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-42.50
04 MVE	-418.34	-67.50	0.00	0.00	116.67	0.00	0.00	-369.17
05 MVE	-2,200.62	-8,716.00	800.72	0.00	9,517.13	-624.47	0.00	-1,223.24
06 MVE	0.00	-41,485.15	543.44	0.00	38,078.82	-222.97	0.00	-3,085.86
05 PP	-38.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.94	0.00	0.00	-26.29
06 PP	0.00	-920,705.50	0.00	0.00	920,641.73	-5.56	0.00	-69.33
03 RE	-518.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	612.41	-93.44	0.00	0.00
04 RE	-738.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	533.84	0.00	0.00	-204.70
05 RE	-4,130.91	0.00	0.00	34.11	2,754.94	-5.01	.24+11.91	-1,334.72
06 RE	0.00	-1,530,084.54	1,796.12	63.14	1,524,334.67	-1,362.56	511.94	-4,741.23
TOTALS	-8,228.11	-2,501,058.69	3,140.28	97.252	496,602.15	-2,314.01	524.09	-11,237.04

Miscellaneous Collections

\$ 300.00 Lien Fees
 355.00 Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees
 24.00 Deputy Collector Fees
 1,133.86 Interest on Overdue Tax Payments
 25.00 NSF Fees Collected
 100.00 Bank Interest
\$1,937.86

* Adjustments:

\$ 0.24 Reclassified from Interest to 2005 RE taxes
 11.91 NSF check returned
 511.94 NSF check returned
\$524.09

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Trust Funds FY2006

Name of Fund	Balance 7/1/2005	Transfer In	Interest	Transfer Out	Balance 6/30/2006
M. Wells Memorial Library	7,733.27		232.01		7,965.28
Cemetery	19,161.18	700.00	589.24	-738.02	19,712.40
Rowe Library Gift	376.67		11.29		387.96
Charles Wells Library	3,070.20		92.11		3,162.31
Preserved Smith Library	2,646.50		79.40		2,725.90
Gould Library	14,902.70		447.11		15,349.81
Foster Donation	2,750.29		82.50		2,832.79
White Memorial Library	4,848.36		145.47		4,993.83
L. Tower/Jones Library	4,848.36		145.47		4,993.83
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	3,534.77		105.99	-25.00	3,615.76
TOTALS	\$63,872.30	\$700.00	\$1,930.59	-\$763.02	\$65,739.87

Stabilization Fund FY2006

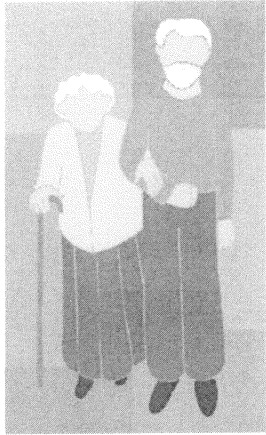
Beginning Balance 7/1/2005	\$2,005,061.45
Transfers to General Fund	1,200,000.00*
Transfers from General Fund	1,200,000.00
Interest earned 7/1/05 to 6/30/06	58,092.03
Balance as of June 30, 2006	\$2,063,153.48

*This amount (\$1,200,000.00) represents internal borrowing used to offset costs in anticipation of tax revenues, and was returned to the fund when tax monies were received.

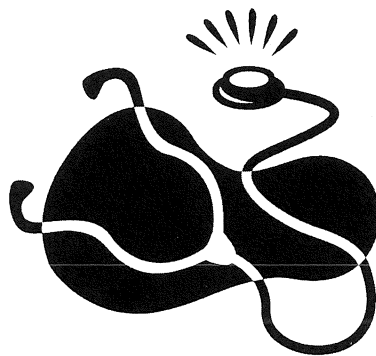
School Agency Account FY2006

Beginning Balance 7/1/2005	\$2,811.78
Deposits	4,991.76
Withdrawals	-1,154.46
Interest	18.95
Balance as of June 30, 2006	\$6,668.03

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Cousineau, Treasurer



HUMAN SERVICES



Board of Health

At the annual election in May 2006, **Angela Foshay** was elected to a three-year term. (Her previous term had been for two years.) **Dick Alix** was, once again, elected chairman when the Board convened following the town election.

Food and Housing Inspections

FRCOG Health Agent **Sharon White** conducted inspections of food establishments, housing and childrens' camps through October 2006, when she left FRCOG to begin a new job as a health agent in the eastern part of Massachusetts. Sharon acted as a health agent for Rowe for nine years and we appreciate the service she provided. Good luck in your new job Sharon!

Rowe resident **Lisa Danek-Burke** became a Registered Sanitarian in January 2006 and we were delighted when she agreed to act as the health agent for food and housing inspections. Lisa already does an outstanding job as our Title 5 Health Agent and we have no doubts that she will do the same with the additional responsibilities. Having Lisa as our health agent will save the town money as we will not be paying the 1½ hours of travel time for an agent from Greenfield.

Title 5 Matters

For the third year **Lisa Danek-Burke** was reappointed as the Town's Health Agent for Title 5. Her expertise in civil engineering and Title 5 matters is invaluable to us. She also served on the Conservation Commission in Rowe and her familiarity with those regulations has been beneficial to the Board of Health. As a certified Soils Evaluator, Lisa acts as Rowe's soils evaluator at percolation tests. She also reviews all septic system plans and continues to patiently educate Board members on Title 5 regulations.

The Board reviewed all building department applications as required by state Title 5 regulations. Septic system inspections, soils evaluations/percolation tests, etc, pertaining to Title 5 are a major portion of the Board's workload, the details of which are on the following page.

Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal

The Board held a series of negotiations with **Archie**, the junkyard dog, over conditions at the Transfer Station. Specifically, there were complaints about the quality of the dog biscuits, the lack of a dog bed, limited access to the contents of the compactor and the ongoing conflict with the Transfer Station Attendant over stuffed toys in the Swap Shed. The Board agreed to try to rectify these problems and, in turn, Archie gave his permission for us to reappoint **Dick Tower** as Transfer Station Attendant.

Truthfully, we would be at a loss without Dick. He keeps the place neat and clean and does many things around the Transfer Station that he doesn't have to do.

Several improvements were made at the Transfer Station in 2006:

- A new electronic entrance gate was installed which will make it easier for the Attendant and service providers to access the Transfer Station.
- Due to problems with bears foraging in the compactor, a locking overhead garage door was installed on the compactor shed.
- The single divided recycling bin was replaced by two bins. It is anticipated that the Town will save \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year from this change due to the need for fewer box hauls per year.

The Board would like to thank **Jan Ameen** and the staff at the FCSWMD. They manage all of our solid waste, recycling and hauling contracts; the regional hazardous waste collection days; and our sharps and bio-hazard 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.]

Recycling

Our recycling rate for paper, glass and plastic for 2006 was 23%. This year's recycling efforts resulted in the following:

- conservation of enough energy to power 10 average houses for one year
- reduction of greenhouse gases equivalent to pulling 15 cars off the road in 2006

Earnings from recycling are held in escrow by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) and used to purchase copy paper for the town offices and offset our annual assessment from FCSWMD.

Thank you to all townspeople for continuing to recycle. Your efforts help the environment and keep our disposal costs down.

Water Management

Bill Enzer and Berkshire-Enviro Labs of Lee, MA continues to serve as our Certified Water Operator for our four (4) Public Water Supplies – the Town Hall well, the Rowe Elementary School well, the Avery Fountain and the well at Pelham Lake Park. Berkshire-Enviro Labs conducts monthly testing on these four water supplies as well as weekly testing at the swimming area at Pelham Lake Park during the swimming season.

Board of Health Clerk

Ellen Babcock accepted reappointment as the Board of Health Clerk. Ellen served on the Board of Health for many years (actually, is there any board or committee she hasn't served on?) and provides us with information we need or directs us to a resource.

Health Services

Ruth Loomis was reappointed as the Town Nurse Practitioner. Ruth spent another year keeping influenza at bay with flu clinics and seeing to the medical needs of town residents. [Please see the Health Services report in the Human Services section of this town report.]

In Closing...

The Board of Health continues to operate under two guiding principles:

1. that all persons be treated fairly and equally when enforcing State and local regulations, and

2. that the Board assist in finding satisfactory resolutions to the disparate problems that arise

For all of their help and guidance we thank Lisa, Ellen, Dick and Ruth, and the townspeople for their understanding and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher
Angela F. Foshay

Board of Health – Licensing, Tests and Inspections

LICENSES ISSUED

Septic Hauler/Pumper

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

Food Establishment

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

Temporary Food Establishment

Rowe Community Church
Halifax Community Club
Readsboro Lion's Club

Childrens' Camps

Rowe Camp & Conference Center:

Septic System Installer

Barkus Excavating, Readsboro, VT
Danek Excavating, Rowe, MA
Harris & Gray Excav., Ashfield, MA
James H. Williams, Rowe, MA

License to Cater

Margaret Woodside
Riverside Healing Arts Center

Junior High Camp
Transitions/Young Peoples' Camp
Senior High Camp

TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS

Map 11 Lot 37	Leshure Road (Phelps)	Passed
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	Failed
Map 1 Lot 49	Zoar Road (Posever)	Failed
Map 2 Lot 40	Pelham Drive (Girard)	Passed

SOIL EVALUATIONS/PERCOLATION TESTS

Map 4 Lot 3	Hazelton Road (Loomis)	New Construction - Passed
Map 11 Lot 30	Stone Hill Road (May)	New Construction – Passed
Map 4 Lot 32	Ford Hill Road (Burt)	New Construction – Passed
Map 7 Lot 11	Tatro Road (Williams)	New Construction – Passed
Map 3 Lot 24	Kings Highway (RC&CC)	Repair – Passed
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	Repair – Passed
Map 1 Lot 49	Zoar Road (Posever)	Repair – Passed
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	Repair – Passed
Map 11 Lot 68	Cross Road (Snyder)	Repair – Passed
Map 12 Lot 89	Ford Hill Road (Sittinger)	Repair – Passed

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION PERMITS ISSUED

Map 12 Lot 89	Ford Hill Road (Sittinger)	Repair
Map 4 Lot 15	Tunnel Road (Cowie)	Repair
Map 12 Lot 55	Potter Road (Pike)	Repair
Map 11 Lot 107	Leshure Road (Beaumier)	New Construction
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	Repair
Map 12 Lot 4	Yankee Road (YAEC)	New Construction
Map 3 Lot 24	Kings Highway (RC&CC)	Repair

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION FINAL INSPECTIONS

Map 1 Lot 60	Ford Hill Road (Magnago)	04/19/06
Map 4 Lot 33	Ford Hill Road (Johnson)	05/04/06
Map 12 Lot 89	Ford Hill Road (Sittinger)	09/01/06
Map 11 Lot 107	Leshure Road (Beaumier)	10/10/06
Map 3 Lot 24	Kings Highway (RC&CC)	11/02/06
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	11/06/06
Map 12 Lot 4	Yankee Road (YAEC)	11/20/06

PUMPING RECORDS

Map 11 Lot 4	Leshure Road (White)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11 Lot 66	Leshure Road (Little)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 45	Pelham Lake (Park Dept)	500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 3 Lot 24	Kings Highway (RC&CC)	2500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 5 Lot 17	Davenport Branch Rd (Oliver)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11 Lot 62	Stone Hill Road (Morse)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 17	Pond Road (Atwood)	1500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 3 Lot 29	Zoar Road (Veber)	1000 gal	Good
Map 2 Lot 60	Ford Hill Road (Rice)	1000 gal	Good
Map 2 Lot 3	Middletown Hill Road (Loomis)	1000 gal	Good
Map 11 Lot 37	Leshure Road (Phelps)	1500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 8 Lot 2	Tunnel Road (Burke)	1500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	1376 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 45	Pelham Lake (Park Dept)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 11 Lot 96	Ford Hill Road (Quist)	1000 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	1386 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	589.5 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 8	Pond Road (Rowe School)	6500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 6 Lot 33	Davenport Road (Soviecke)	1000 gal	Good
Map 4 Lot 11	County Road (Brown)	1250 gal	Good
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	1500 gal	Condition not noted
Map 2 Lot 12	Middletown Hill Road (Bradley)	1500 gal	Condition not noted

WELL LOGS RECEIVED

Map 11 Lot 56	Cyrus Stage Road (Beaumier) 200 f	Lynde Well Drilling
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Council on Aging

The Council on Aging of Rowe felt privileged to provide another year of camaraderie and service to the unique senior members of our wee hamlet.

To assist them with independent living, the COA once again offered trash removal, snow shoveling and weekly bus service for accessing prescriptions, errands, banking and groceries with a stop for brunch or lunch along the way. Respite services for caretakers continued as did the weekly Tuesday lunches at the Rowe Elementary School. These services remain subsidized through state grant funds. With the support and budget from the town, the COA provided (on a sliding fee scale) minor home repairs and aid to those seniors who qualified.

Our events started on February 24th with a Mexican Fiesta, complete with needleless cacti, piñata, and numerous sombreros. A special thank you to Valerie Williams for generously providing us with an authentic colorful poncho, fancy sombreros and dishware. Our entertainer Tim Van Egmond was festive with stories and music in a "Hats off to Seniors" salute to a needed wintry break.

Our next venture was a bus-ride to historic Shaker Village which included a fascinating tour into the past and the very unique way of life, that made a community self-sustaining. Our robust seniors, each armed with an umbrella, enjoyed this excursion, even with the incessant rain. We had all been fortified prior to touring the village with an "all you can eat" meal at the Country Buffet in Pittsfield.

A June picnic brought an excellent turn-out at beautiful Pelham Lake, where the seniors had a delicious repast of barbecued chicken, summer salads and a "Chris Tower" dessert. After lunch the group enjoyed a historical interpre-

tative program by "The British Soldier", Guy Morin. He gave the perspective of soldiers fighting for the Crown during the wars of the Revolution, 1812 and Civil War soldiers.

A low sign-up cancelled our autumn trip to Mt. Greylock and the Apple Barn in Pownal VT. We conflicted with a town-wide tag sale.

In December seniors took a holiday trip to Yankee Candle and enjoyed an exceptional lunch, which consisted of soup, a fancy sandwich and a decadent dessert (banana tiramisu to name one) at Chandler's Restaurant. After lunch the seniors shopped at their own leisure through the magical wonderlands of the candle shops (Nutcracker Room, Black Forest, Country Store, etc.).

Thanks once more to those who assisted with our special needs. Jen Rice and her sons for shoveling, Brandon Sprague for the trash pickup, those drivers who car pooled to our special events and to those who helped set-up before and clean up after the events.

It has been a pleasure to have a full and interesting year with this vigorous, vital and "ageless" group. The seniors of Rowe and the COA eagerly anticipate another fun filled year. Remember to join us when you turn six-0!

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Daviau, Co-Chair
Ruth Loomis, Co-chair
Chris Tower, Member
James McKee, Member
Jodi Brown, Member



*Happy Rowe seniors enjoying a luncheon/outing at
Chandler's Tavern in Deerfield MA (Judy Pierce Photo)*

Health Services

This was the eighth year that Health Services has been serving the community. I had a rocky beginning to the year with a back injury that regretfully limited my office hours during the first quarter. I appreciate the town's understanding, cooperation, and assistance through this difficult time and my recovery. I can certainly empathize with all the residents that suffer with back problems or chronic pain of any kind. The old adage that *"if you have your health you have everything"*, certainly is true.

Influenza vaccine was readily available this year although the state was slow to distribute their supply. Most of our high risk patients were vaccinated by privately purchased vaccine in the first week of October. Most other residents requesting vaccine were vaccinated by the second week of November during the scheduled clinics. A total of 139 vaccinations were done. As people present for flu vaccine I encourage vaccination for pneumonia. To date 122 adults have now received this life saving vaccine and most of the children have obtained the vaccine along with their childhood immunizations. We now have one of the highest percent of population in the state vaccinated against pneumonia. This vaccine has been highly recommended by the Massachusetts Public Health Department as an additional preparation for a possible pandemic and is also an excellent way to reduce the incidence of illness in the community. Thanks again to the residents for making the effort to adhere to clinic scheduling which enables me to make sure the people at highest risk are vaccinated first. I was also pleased with the senior compliance to scheduled clinics assisting me once again to participate in the Roster Billing Program. This year approximately \$1500 will be added to our revolving account for vaccine and related supplies.

Health Services has been actively planning ahead to protect the town in the case of an influenza pandemic or biohazard threat. Special face masks have been purchased for distribution to all residents if needed. We have the ability to safeguard a few nurses against the threat of a highly contagious virus in the event that we need to set up a quarantine area to care for the acutely ill. Several members of the community have attended preparedness offerings and

many of the town offices have met to strategically prepare for an emergency. Our school, with generator power, will be an excellent source of refuge in multiple kinds of health, weather, or terrorist emergencies. Health Services continues to see residents of Rowe for acute care as well as monitoring and maintenance of chronic health problems. After a brief suspension of services to sort out insurance issues, the additional services of suturing, minor surgery, prescription medications, fluoroscein eye exams, and the purchasing of prescription medications for the flu clinics and our formulary were resumed. Most of these expanded services separate Rowe Health Services from other town nursing offices. I am proud to be able to offer our residents these services which are unusual for a town offering and so helpful to residents in our geographically isolated setting. Another of the important functions of this ambulatory clinic is the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices for the people of the community. Health Services collaborates with our fitness trainer to support the increasing use of our fitness room in the Town Hall. Our offerings of health literature, videos and pamphlets has continued to expand with subjects ranging from healthful foods and exercise to parenting skills and child safety. I have been able to advocate for many of the residents within the health care system to assist them in getting the optimal care that they deserve.

I am grateful to Dr. Richard Warner for continuing to serve our community as the collaborating physician for the practice. I have enjoyed working with him and getting his guidance and assistance on complex patients. His experience in family medicine and conscientious approach to the patients is a great asset to our community. I would like to thank the residents for their continued support of this office at a time when some of their neighbors struggle with health insurance coverage. I also thank the residents who continually offer their strength, energy and resources to help care for their neighbors, making this a very special town to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Loomis, NP

Veterans' Services

Dear Veteran and Citizens:

This past year was another good year for Veteran-Related Legislation. Here is a list of some of those bills.

The Edward G. Connolly Massachusetts Military Enhance Relief Individual Tax Plan. This plan expanded property tax and motor vehicle excise exemptions available to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Veterans Property Tax Exemptions Effective beginning in FY07

- 22(a) Veterans with a minimum of 10% service connected disability: \$ 400
- 22(b) Veterans awarded Purple Heart: \$ 400
- 22(d) Spouses and surviving spouses of Clause 22(a)-(c) Veterans: \$ 400
- 22(e) Gold Star parents: \$ 400
- 22(f) Surviving spouses of World War I service members: \$ 400
- 22A Veterans who lost one hand, foot or eye or awarded certain service medal: \$ 750
- 22B Veterans who lost two hands, feet or eyes: \$ 1250
- 22C Veterans with 100% disability and specially adapted housing: \$ 1500

- 22D Surviving spouses of certain members or guardsmen who died from injury or disease due to being in combat zone, or who are missing in action and presumed dead due to combat: Full for first five years of exemption; Full up to \$2500 thereafter.
- 22E Veterans with 100% disability and who are unable to work: \$1000
- Paraplegic Veterans FULL Exemption.

Please contact your local **Board of Assessors** for more information and for the Application for **Tax Exemption for Veterans**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is still offering the Two Thousand Dollars Annuity (\$2,000.00) for 100% service-connected disabled veterans; parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection, or combat; and to a spouse whose husband or wife died as a result of injury sustained or disease contracted during active service in time of war, insurrection, or combat.

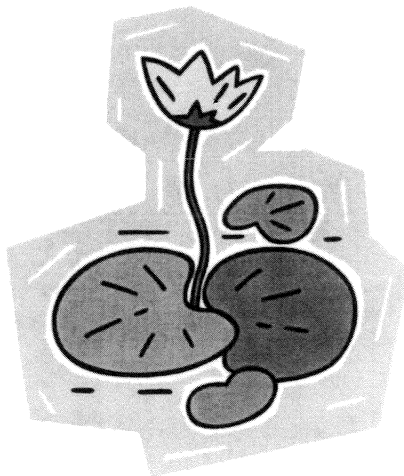
Sincerely,
Leo J. Parent, Jr.
Director



*L to R: Rev. Irving Mullette, Tyler Hardy, who is now serving in Iraq
(Tyler is Carole Veber's son), and Keith Gammel (driver) in the
Old Home Day Parade (Dick Tower Photo)*



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT



Agricultural Commission

The Rowe Agricultural Commission began the year researching the possibility of having a large animal veterinarian administer a town-wide animal health clinic for vaccinations and other routine care. Unfortunately, the veterinarian that agreed to come ended up relocated to northern Vermont, and no alternate has yet been found.

The Committee prepared a display for Rowe Old Home Day highlighting Rowe's agricultural heritage through photos and showcasing some of our town's farm products. Special thanks to Carol Lively, Debbie Crowningshield, and all those who brought items for the exhibit. The display was a great success and demonstrated that many of our town's historic agricultural pursuits are alive and well.

In the latter portion of the year the Committee focused on the USDA's proposed *National Animal Identification System* (NAIS) and its potential impacts on small farming and animal ownership. If fully implemented, NAIS would require individuals who owned or kept even one chicken, sheep, cow, goat, horse, or other livestock to register their homes with the USDA, tag each animal on their premises, and report every birth, death, or movement of an animal to the USDA within 48 hours.

After considerable research and discussion about NAIS, the Committee invited Jack Kittredge of the Northeast Organic Farming Association to speak about its ramifications in a presentation held on January 26th, 2007 at the Rowe Elementary School. About 20 people attended from Rowe and surrounding towns, as well as two reporters from local papers.

Throughout the year the Committee discussed proposing a "right to farm" by-law, modeled on those adopted by neighboring communities. In 2007 the Committee hopes to finish refining the language of the proposed by-law and submit it for consideration by voters.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Roberson, Chairman
Debbie Crowningshield
Carol Lively
Deb Lively
Jonathan Lively



The Agricultural Commission had a great display on Old Home Day showing Rowe's agriculture.

(Dick Tower Photo)

Building Inspector

During the year 2006, 56 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	0
Demolitions	10
Repairs	1
Signs	1
Swimming Pools	1
Wood Stoves	1

In addition, 60 Certificates of Inspection were issued.

Respectfully submitted,

William Foster, Inspector of
Buildings
413-339-8393

Conservation Commission

The Rowe Conservation Commission met five times in 2006. At the first meeting of the year on April 11th the commission went on a site visit to a logging operation off Zoar Road, accompanied by our Mass DEP circuit rider, Mark Stinson. Mr. Stinson offered valuable suggestions to the commission concerning the development of a more comprehensive mitigation plan, as the logging site involved a riverfront area. The riverfront area on both sides of the stream is town-owned land. The commission returned to the town hall with the circuit rider, who then gave the commission a 1½ hour overview of the Wetlands Protection Act. It was a very helpful session.

Weekly compliance monitoring continued concerning the decommissioning of the **Yankee Atomic Nuclear Power Station**. Ellen Babcock, the designated Compliance Monitor, made site visits as needed. Ellen thanks Yankee team members **Joe Lynch, Ken Dow and Michael Thompson** for continuing to provide timely, thorough and informative reports concerning site closure activities.

In May of 2006 Yankee Atomic filed a **Request for Determination** for the demolition of the Visitors' Center (aka the Furlon House). Since the demolition work involved the conversion of an impervious surface to a vegetative surface, it was considered an exempt activity. The commission made a negative determination.

A second **Request for Determination** was filed by Yankee Atomic in August 2006, concerning the removal of five (5) painted blocks within a riverfront area. There was a unanimous vote for a negative determination as the requester was replacing the painted blocks with natural soils and grasses.

A third **Request for Determination** was filed in by Yankee Atomic, also in August 2006, concerning the construction of a new Administration Building and a new soil absorption system. The commission issued a negative determination since, although the work described was within the Buffer Zone, it would not alter an area subject to protection under the Act. Siltation control was mandated for the activity.

A fourth **Request for Determination**, filed this time by **Bear Swamp Power Company**, was addressed by the Commission, also in August. The company needed to replace a section of steel piping associated with their river gauging equipment located downstream from the Fife Brook Hydro generating plant on the Deerfield River. Although the area described in the request is subject to protection under the MA Wetlands Protection Act, the work described meets the criteria for exemption as it involves repair work of an existing and lawfully located structure used in public service and used to provide electric services. Appropriate siltation measures were in place for the activity.

At the request of the Board of Health, the commission provided written clarification to the Board of Health concerning the potential siting of a Soil Absorption System in an area subject to the Rivers Protection Act.

No **Forest Cutting Plans** were received in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen L. Babcock, Chair
Myra B. Carlow
Robert J. Clancy
Cynthia M. Laffond
Robert R. Rice



Moose sightings have become frequent in Rowe. A young bull moose wades in the causeway pond on Pond Road.

Rowe Energy Committee

The Rowe Energy Committee was created three years ago, to help improve awareness of the environmental and economic impacts of municipal and residential energy use. Last year we completed an energy conservation program that replaced with higher efficiency types some existing lamps, ballasts, and fixtures in the Town Hall, Garage, Library, and Elementary School. Massachusetts Electric (now called National Grid) paid 80% of the cost for this updating. The town portion of the cost was covered by the first year's energy savings on the bills for those four facilities.

Also this year, the committee proposed that, for its municipal buildings, the Town of Rowe participate in a program "aggregated" with about 17 other local communities to purchase electricity from the Hampshire Council of Governments. The Selectmen signed a contract for this program, and as of the electric bill for June of 2006, HCOG began daily spot trading for the best electrical generation cost for Rowe's town buildings. At the end of a calendar year, half of savings HCOG is able to make compared to the National Grid rate for that same period will be paid to Rowe. Should HCOG, instead, end up having paid more for our power than the National Grid would have charged, HCOG will charge Rowe only the National Grid cost. In July of 2007 we will find out how much this program may have saved the Town.

On October 5, 2006, the Rowe Town Meeting voted to approve Article 6, which permitted the Selectmen of Rowe to enter into a contract for an electric generation deal for residents. HCOG intends to aggregate at least 20 towns in the region for residential electricity purchase, after it gains state approval to be a residential supplier. That process may take another year or so. In the meantime, the Energy Committee intends to keep Rowe residents thoroughly informed of the pending steps toward the HCOG or any other contract for aggregated electricity purchase that is seriously being considered for approval by the Town Selectmen.

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

Earl Carlow
Carlos Heiligmann
Jack Packard, Chair
David Roberson
Richard Quinn

Rowe Goal Post

An annual report is a good thing because it forces one to look back over the year past, reviewing past success and things that were less than a success.

Perhaps the most significant change this year has been the final editing and proofreading done by Ellynn Packard, with B.J. Roche filling in when needed. It has made the written material easier to read and a lot more attractive.

Dick Tower continues to supply photos with his new digital camera. Norma Donelson, back where she belongs, continues to provide lovely nature photos as well as occasional about town pictures. Paige Cooper, office manager at Rowe Camp gets to sneak in some of her pictures, too. Alan Bjork is always ready to help with archival pictures when needed. With some judicious pruning, the *Goal Post* budget stretched to a color cover for the December issue.

The *Goal Post* is the vehicle for town news. It would be great if everyone would think of it as the cracker barrel in the general store. Reports from proud parents who would love to have a place to brag are especially interesting, but items of all sorts are welcome. One person wishing to sell some property only advertised in the *Goal Post*, with good results.

Thanks to the Planning Board and the town for continued support.

Margaret Woodside
Editor

Planning Board

The Planning Board continued its review of Rowe's zoning bylaws throughout 2006. This project, which is nearing completion, has been a focus of the Board's work for some time and reflects considerable research and deliberation. The proposed revisions are intended to bring the Town's bylaws into conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, clarify procedures for special permits, and close gaps in our current zoning bylaws. When this work is completed a public hearing will be held, subsequent to which the proposed revisions will be presented to voters at Town Meeting, together with those prepared by the Bylaw Review Committee. A two-thirds vote will be required for any new or revised bylaws to be adopted.

The Board has also begun a review of the Town's subdivision regulations; it is anticipated that this work will be completed and a public hearing held on the proposed revisions later in 2007.

Early in the year the Planning Board addressed an extensive tree cutting plan proposed by the local electric transmission operator along roadways in Rowe. After receiving comments from residents a scaled-back cutting plan was approved by the Tree Warden.

Two plans for lot division were considered. Both were found to be in conformance with existing requirements. The lot divisions are:

- 37 Brittingham Hill Road (Judith Pierce) – Map 4, Lot 22 (18.1 acres). New Map 4, Lot 55 was created.
- Ford Hill Road (Robert Sittinger) – Map 2, Lot 55 (25.9 acres). New Map 2, Lot 67 was created.

An inquiry was fielded regarding new signage at the school. With the existing signage already exceeding the allowable square footage limit, the Board determined that it would be unable to issue a special permit and that the request required a variance from the Board of Appeals.

Two residents brought forward plans to rent properties they own in town on a short-term rental basis. In January of 2007 the Board held public hearings and subsequently issued special permits to Kristen Swenson for 171 Zoar Road (Map 7, Lot 2) and James Williams for 106 Middletown Road (Map 12, Lot 30). The Board received an invitation to submit material for a "community development strategy"

document, to be submitted to an agency of the Commonwealth in order to qualify the Town for inclusion in a state-administered federal grant program. The Planning Board was concerned about possible implications of language contained in the document, as well as what appeared to be the appropriation of a function of the Planning Board by the Board of Selectmen. After receiving a commitment from the Selectmen that the document would incorporate language explicitly stating that it was not a planning document, the Planning Board withdrew its objection.

In order to uphold the Planning Board's responsibilities and maintain its authority, the Board continues to investigate how to address situations where the special permitting process has or may have been bypassed.

The increasing complexity of issues has underscored the Planning Board's need for competent and impartial legal counsel. A modest budget increase has therefore been proposed to enable the board to retain an attorney for this purpose.

Former Chairman Michael M. Posever declined to run for re-election this year. The Planning Board extends its sincere thanks to Mike for his many years of valuable service. New members elected in May were Jo-ann M. Brown and Mitchell Soviecke.

The Planning Board publishes the *Goal Post* as a vehicle for communicating information of general interest to Rowe residents, property owners and friends. The Board again extends our thanks to editor Margaret Woodside for her continued stewardship of the *Goal Post*, and invites all Boards, committees and residents to submit articles for consideration.

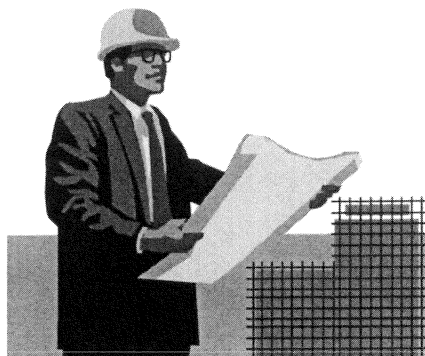
The Planning Board holds regularly-scheduled meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Notices of meetings are posted on the message board on the side of Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Roberson, Chairman
Rebecca P. Bradley
Jo-ann M. Brown
Angela F. Foshay
Mitchell Soviecke



PUBLIC SAFETY



Animal Inspector

	Adult	Young
Cattle: Dairy	-	10
Cattle: Beef	15	10
Cattle: Steer/Oxen	-	-
Goats	30	9
Sheep	6	-
Swine (breeders)	-	-
Swine (feeders)	-	-
Horses	21	3
Ponies	1	-
Stables accessible to public	-	-
Llamas	-	-
Chickens	109	-
Turkeys	3	-
Ratites	-	-
Waterfowl	22	-
Gamebirds	-	-
Rabbits	28	-
Guinea Pigs	-	-
Peacocks	-	-

Respectfully submitted,
 Deb Lively
 Animal Inspector

Dog Officer

1. Responded to call of a strange dog in yard on Dell Road by looking for it. Dog was gone. Turned out to be a jogger's dog.
2. Lost dog from Monroe Depot Road. Multiple drive-by searches on Ford Hill Road and surrounding area where dog was last seen. Dog returned home by self following morning.
3. Complaint of dog in yard dragging cable on Hazelton Road. Visited owner of dog who had replaced cable with chain. No formal complaint submitted.
4. Responded to call of three dogs loose at Yankee Rowe Power Plant. Called Monroe town offices, town clerk knew of the dogs' owners. Unable to contact. Went to Rowe Yankee to retrieve dogs, but they had already left the premises.
5. Lost dog reported from Heath. Found the next day in Charlemont.

Sincerely,

Russell Powers
 Dog Officer

Emergency Medical Services [EMS]

Another year has passed and once again our EMS personnel have done an outstanding job responding to all EMS calls. I am proud to be part of such a caring group of individuals. Their families play an important role in the work we do because of the support they give our team 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.

We currently have 2 certified EMTs and 12 first responders. Last year our EMTs and first responders responded to 39 medical emergencies. This is an increase from last year's total of 35 emergency calls. Our EMTs and first responders continue to respond in a timely manner to any situation and deliver the highest quality of care.

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 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

Fire Department/Emergency Management/HazMat Control

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to fifty-four (54) calls:

33	Medical Emergencies
8	Patient Transfers
1	Fire Call
2	Brush Fires
3	Mutual Aid Calls
2	Fire Detection Alarms
3	Power Lines Down
1	Suspected Harmful Atmospheric Condition
1	Assist Victim in River

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

In the event of an emergency—fire, police, or medical—**call 9-1-1 immediately.** Do not waste precious time trying to contact a friend, neighbor or member of the Department directly. Enhanced 9-1-1 has been a highly effective and beneficial service to the town; any call to 9-1-1 automatically provides the dispatcher with the telephone number and the name and address listed for that number. If you have special needs or concerns, please contact me directly and I will provide the necessary information to the Dispatch Center.

The new 450 MHz radio system went into operation in December 2006. After finalization of the infrastructure work the Franklin Regional Council of Governments coordinated the group purchase of radios by all 26 towns in the county. The new radio system allows fire, police, medical and other emergency personnel throughout the four counties in Western Massachusetts to communicate with one another as the situation requires.

On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), which directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. HSPD-5 required federal departments and agencies to make the adoption of NIMS by State and local organizations a condition for federal preparedness assistance (grants, contracts and other activities) by fiscal year 2005.

The Town complied by adopting the Incident Command System (ICS) and NIMS. The ICS was developed in the 1970s and was adopted by most fire departments. The ICS is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept which allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS has considerable internal flexibility. It can grow or shrink to meet different needs. This flexibility makes it a very cost-effective and efficient management approach for both small and large situations.



Old Home Day - July 8, 2006

(Dick Tower Photo)

Members of the Highway, Police and Fire Departments, elected officials and Town administration staff received NIMS 700, ICS 100 and ICS 200 level training to comply with both HSPD-5 and Governor Mitt Romney Executive Order No. 469. Currently Daniel Miller, James White and I have completed ICS 300. Completion of additional ICS training is to be completed this year.

The Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee has completed a Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan. The plan was approved by all towns in Franklin County. The plan was then submitted and subsequently approved by the State. The plan was tested by conducting four Franklin County regional table top exercises. They were developed and conducted in each of the four geographical regions of the county. The four host communities were Sunderland, Charlemont, Irving and Northfield. The Town has also conducted its own table top exercise with the Select Board, Board of Health, Highway Department, Police Department and Fire Department participating.

The Franklin County LEPC was formed to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning, and address the Federal SARA Title III requirement that all communities have active Local Emergency Planning Committees, procedures to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. With the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) all 26 Franklin County towns opted into a regional effort beginning in the year 2000.

Early on the Committee elected an "all hazards" approach to emergency planning which not only addresses our responsibility for aiding towns in planning for "HazMat" emergencies but also other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, interdisciplinary response.

We are pleased to report that during 2006 the new *Regional* Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) has become a fully certified REPC. In order to achieve this status the Committee needed to compile a Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan, conduct regular meetings, provide training and exercises, and complete other certification criteria as required by the State Emergency Response Commission. We are the largest of the 17 REPCs in the Commonwealth.

During 2006 your REPC worked on the following activities:

- Obtained grant funding for and conducted four (4) hazardous materials table-top exercises in Sunderland, Charlemont, Irving, and Northfield.
- Conducted training classes for responders on the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System in Gill, Irving, Hawley, Leverett, Orange, and Shelburne.

- Completed the first Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan and an Action Guide. These were accepted by the 26 member Towns and the Commonwealth's State Emergency Response Commission.
- Conducted four quarterly board meetings of the full LEPC.
- Aided in the development of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs in the county.
- Worked with the FRCOG staff in providing training on statewide *Pictometry* imaging software and the regional emergency resource database.
- Worked in cooperation with the FRCOG and FCSWMD on developing a disaster Debris Management plan and obtaining additional grant funding for this effort.
- Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Materials data from 57 sites in Franklin County.
- Sent representation to meetings of the Franklin County emergency radio oversight committee.
- Contributed to the Western Region Homeland Security Council plan development and implementation.

310 CMR 7.07 contains the Massachusetts regulation defining allowable open burning. The regulation allows the disposal of brush, cane, driftwood and forestry debris, excluding grass, hay and leaves, during the period from January 15 to (and including) May 1 at 4:00 PM, provided a valid permit from the local fire department or fire warden has been obtained. The burning is allowed on the land proximate to the place of generation, at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling, between the hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, except during periods of adverse meteorological conditions. This regulation does not apply to open burning for the purpose of combating or backfiring an existing fire by persons affiliated with an official fire fighting agency; open burning conducted primarily for cooking purposes; or open burning related to the operation of devices such as blowtorches and welding torches, for which no alternative source of heat can be used, provided that such devices do not cause a condition of air pollution.

Burning for agricultural purposes are controlled by a separate section of this regulation and define agriculture as those practices involved with the cultivation of soil for the purpose of crop production and/or the raising of livestock, when such crops are produced primarily for commercial food, and such livestock are raised primarily for commercial foodstuff or for work purposes. Agricultural operations as defined as those operations which raise commercial foodstuffs and/or livestock on an area larger than one acre.

The emergency generator project at the Rowe Elementary School has moved forward this year. The pad was poured in November 2006. Steve Crowningshield con-

structed the building to house the generator. The generator has been installed in the building and the school's supply power now goes through the throw-over switch. Currently the generator can be manually started and used to supply all the school's electricity in the event of loss of power. Soon the generator and throw-over switch will be converted to provide the electricity to the school automatically on loss of power. Upon restoration of normal power the throw-over switch will transfer to the normal power supply and the diesel generator will shut down. I would like to thank the Town Highway Department, Brandon Sprague, Dan Miller, James White, Paul May, Kathy May and Kristina McCue for all their assistance during this project.

The Fire Department is made up completely of volunteers from town. The effectiveness of this organization is determined by the number of individuals it can train and maintain in a state of readiness, and by the condition of its equipment. We welcome anyone who is interested in protecting his/her own and his neighbors' lives and property from the potentially devastating effects of fire. Not all of the activities required to prepare for and combat a fire involve hands-on fire fighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help. Our program of regular monthly training/meetings is 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin L. May, Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director
Community Emergency Response
Coordinator
Hazardous Materials Control Officer

Police Department

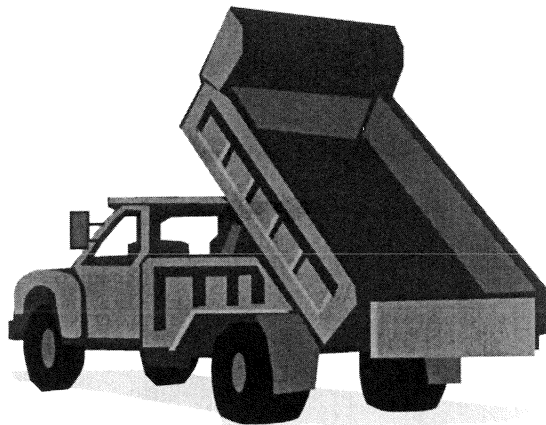
Accidents (1 car)	2
Medical Assistance	8
Breaking & Entering	2
Assault & Battery	1
Vandalism	2
9-1-1 Hang-ups	7
Larceny	0
Trespassing	2
Summons Served	3
Animal Complaints	4
Mutual Aid	8
Permits Issued	18
Reported Incidents	48
Unfounded Incidents	13

The number of complaints decreased appreciably from last year, and was similar to previous years. The number of reported crimes decreased slightly compared to the year 2005. The seriousness of the crimes remained about the same 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



PUBLIC WORKS



Beautification

Early Spring brought a carpet of multi-colored croci to the hillside fronting our town library. Thank you MaryJo and daughters—Abby, Nancy and Heidi. This was followed by a bountiful array of eye-popping tulips by the Town Hall entrance and golden and silver daffodils near Town Hall's ramp, the War Memorial and along Hazelton Road; thanks to the botanists there: the Besgens, the Lenth, the Laffonds, Miss Ellen, et.al. We appreciate all the private little gardens that afford us a floral view.

The committee has been informal this year, communicating via phone, or dropping in on our busy co-chair, Ellen Babcock, for purchasing permits and ideas.

Before Memorial Day, Marilyn Belval and Ellen planted a patriotic red, white and blue display of geraniums, ageratum and double petunias in front of the War Memorial and decked the Town Common wishing well with dusty miller and scarlet geraniums. Ellen purchased dusty miller, licorice stick and red geraniums to grace the window boxes of the Town Hall, Library and Dick Tower's cottage at our Refuse Garden. Dick definitely possesses a "green thumb"!! If you noticed, his window boxes were "splendiferous!"

Summer touches were seven hanging baskets of grape geraniums in the gazebo and a basket of hot pink petunias at the wishing well near the Stone Church. The annual bed by the side entrance to the Town Hall was planted by Stewart's Nursery with oriental marigolds, purple petunias and asters, and was a vivid spot of color once more. Kudos to Jodi for her faithful care and nurture of our thirsty little friends. And many thanks to Ron & Rosie. When Roger needs to head to Maine for his seafood fix, Jodi has Ron & Rosie at the ready to take over watering duties.

Before Old Home Day Jodi placed colorful hostas; pink, white and red begonias; and delicate bold blue lobelia in the planters fronting the Fire Station. Someone kept these flourishing well into the Autumn season again this year. Many thanks.

The candy cane dianthus and a few primroses did bloom in Sarah Jane's front garden, plus Jodi planted bright orange marigolds in her front planter.

Jodi did get over zealous when she thought she was weeding the Library's perennial raised bed done by her and Marilyn Belval. Among the perennials planted by Jodi and Marilyn were lupine, bee balm, mountain bluebell, lilies, primroses and lambs ears, to name a few. Jodi eventually realized that what looked like pretty radish leaves were actually daisies planted by our very own Library Director Sue Gleason.

Carol Lively generously had some colorful plants adorning the Park Entrance, and our steadfast Margaret Woodside did a magnificent job at the watering trough down at her end of town, with red and white impatiens as a "Welcome to Rowe" bouquet.

Dick Tower, once again, donated some cornstalks to help with the autumnal decorations at the common, gazebo, library and town hall. There were colorful mums and pumpkins too. We suspect MaryJo did the spectacular pumpkin and mum display at the Park. We know she did her usual wintry holiday magic with wreaths and roping of pine and laurel on the town buildings. She is the ultimate botanist!

All townfolk are again invited to offer their ideas and to attend meetings or call us.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Brown, Co-Chair
Ellen Babcock, Co-Chair
Marilyn Belval
Dick Tower
Jack Williams

Broadband Internet Committee

What is Broadband? Broadband Internet is many times faster than modem connections and does not tie up a phone line. It is always connected so one does not have to wait to dial up to connect. Approximately half of the US has Internet connections and the percentage of those that are broadband has grown to about 70%. The US has fallen behind in overall broadband penetration and ranks 17th behind countries like Japan, South Korea and many European countries. Increasingly, websites are designed assuming that viewers have broadband so they are extremely slow to load with a modem connection. Many features of the Internet, such as VOIP (telephony), video, or even sending digital photos via email are just not feasible with a modem connection. Broadband access increases the desirability of communities, makes home businesses working from home possible, and attracts businesses and jobs.

The Rowe Broadband Committee was the idea of Selectman Myra Carlow and was formed by the Board of Selectmen in late spring of 2006 with a mandate to explore options to make broadband* (high speed) internet service available to residents. The committee began by researching available technologies, establishing dialog with regional and other town efforts, and creating a survey to establish the level of interest by the Townspeople. The survey revealed a high level of interest by the townspeople. Over 30% of households returned a survey and nearly all of them were anxious to get broadband, even if tax money needed to be spent. Discussions with broadband internet providers revealed that none could justify the initial development costs for the small number of potential subscribers here in Rowe, however they indicated that they could expect to be profitable if the Town were to pay for the initial cost of developing the necessary infrastructure. We embarked on possible short term and long term solutions.

Short Term...A small budget was available to link the Library to the existing T-1 broadband service in the Town Hall which had previously been installed by a Federal grant through FRCOG. The committee was able to plan and implement the link to the Library. We were also able to create an internet kiosk in the Town Hall and ancillary WiFi access outside of the Town Hall with some volunteer labor and donations. The WiFi system is also able to reach the Fire Station and Highway Department should they choose to link up.

Long Term...The Committee crafted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to attract bidders who might develop a town-wide broadband network (Phase 1) and deliver broadband and possibly other services such as internet telephone or TV on it (Phase 2). The RFP was designed to be flexible and not specify particular technologies or methods. It was also stated that we would consider more expensive solutions if they provided more services, especially telephony or higher bandwidth. Nine companies had registered as interested bidders. However, the complexity of planning such a network meant that only 3 proposals came in, two of which said they couldn't determine the cost without an engineering study. The third was very expensive, presumably because they had to bid on a worst-case scenario in the absence of the necessary detailed study. So the Committee decided to commission a detailed study in order to come up with a good plan and accurate estimate of the cost. Such a study will cost approximately \$20,000. The Town will vote at a Special Meeting on February 10, 2007 to see if it will allocate the money for this. If so, then there may be a plan and estimate for a Town-wide broadband network available in time for the Annual Town Meeting in May.

A Note About the Committee...The Rowe Broadband Committee has functioned very well as a group. All of the members are enthusiastic and each has contributed in their own way to the effort. Our meetings have been harmonious, congenial, spirited and effective. As a result, we have accomplished a lot in a short time. It has been a pleasure to serve on a committee with such a fine group of people.

David Dvore, Chairman
Russ Jolly
Cara Morano, Secretary
Dan Wessman
Evelyn Dandeneau

Cemetery Commission

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

Levin Hardison completed work on the East cemetery stone walls; work will continue at the North cemetery. We are so lucky to have Levin working on this project. Repair work on damaged monuments will continue.

Cemetery lots are available in the East and West cemeteries. All lots have been sold in the North 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, Chair
James W. Taylor
Richard A. Tower, Sr.

Gracy House Study Committee

The Gracy House Study Committee has just begun the process we have been directed to do, which is "defining various options possible for the eventual use of the property." This includes, but is not limited to, identifying advantages and disadvantages of each option, identifying and assigning rough estimates to obstacles and barriers, and presenting our findings and recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Annemarie Demetz
Paul Dunnell
Sharon Hudson
Ellynn Packard
Judy Pierce

Highway Department

National Grid completed a reliability project this year, which involved removing and trimming many trees in town. (411 removals, 92 prune) After the trees were removed the DPW delivered to citizens who had requested wood.

Equipment maintenance is a major priority during the year. Truck #7 and #3 had brake work done. The 1999 Ford received new shock absorbers front and rear. Many other repairs and preventive maintenances are preformed in our facility.

Routine maintenance during the year included:

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

The crew made changes and repaired drainage on Davis Mine Road, Tunnel Road, and Monroe Hill Road. Rip-rap (stone) was placed in various areas in town to control heavy run-off.

Special projects undertaken during 2006 were:

- Paving Monroe Hill Road and all the waterways.
- Helped Fire Department with installation of new generator at school
- Brought new truck Wash Station to near completion
- Worked with the Board of Health to add and move containers at the Transfer Station

Thank you to Ellen Babcock, Sandy Daviau and the Highway Department crew and Selectmen for all of your help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Taylor
DPW Superintendent

Summer Youth Employment

The “**Grasshopper**” program, under the direction of SYE Superintendent **Abby Lively** of Stone Hill Road, did an out-standing 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 Abby 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. Thanks also go to the Supervisors **Sam Howe**, and **Brittani Sprague** and Grasshoppers...

Andrew Lively
Josh Taylor
Bryan White

Presley Veber
Samantha Wessman
Jay Williams

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!

And a special thank you goes to **Ted Palmer** who always helps out at the end of the summer by performing the Poison Ivy Patrol. Everyone...and especially the Grasshoppers... appreciate your efforts, Ted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Babcock
James W. Taylor



The Summer 2006 Grasshopper Crew:

L to R: Front Rowe: Samantha Wessman, Chief Supervisor Abby Lively, Presley Veber and Jay Williams.
Back Rowe: Supervisor Brittani Sprague, Josh Taylor, Andrew Lively, Bryan White, and Supervisor Sam Howe

(Dick Tower Photo)

Tree Warden

During the past year a Public Hearing was held on February 6, 2006, to discuss the National Grid ACT (Augmented Clearing for Trees) Program. His program involved the removal or pruning of hazard and distressed trees along the three-phase electric lines running through town.

At the hearing an appeal to the Board of Selectmen was filed asking them to review the proposed work. Five residents attended the hearing. Concern was raised at the meeting that several residents remained unaware of the proposed work and the hearing. The Selectmen voted to send a notice

to every resident in town to advise them of the appeal, and to provide one last opportunity to comment on the project. At the review meeting on February 21, 2006, the Selectmen addressed the concerns of citizens and voted to support the program.

National Grid is funding a grant program to replace some of the trees that were removed. This grant will be applied for during this next year.

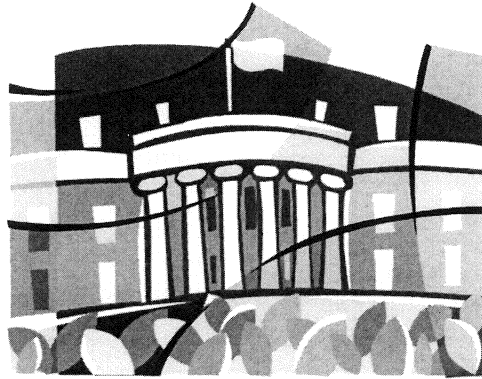
Respectfully submitted,

James W. Taylor
Tree Warden



The Moose
April 27, 2006

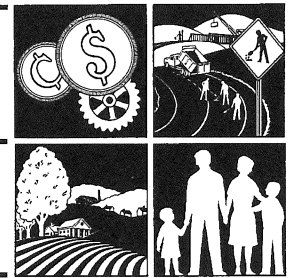
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The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2006. As the regional planning agency and governmental membership organization serving the twenty-six towns of Franklin County, we provide a broad array of planning, advocacy, and community services, as well as assessment-based programs serving municipal needs. The FRCOG and the region accomplished an enormous amount in 2006. Here is a look back through numbers.

After **12 years of planning and advocacy** on the part of the FRCOG and the Route 2 Task Force, the **\$8 million Erving Papermill Realignment** project on Route 2 opened, improving the safety and efficiency of all highway users.

After **15 years of advocacy, planning, design** and cobbling together financial resources, another **3 miles of off-road facilities of the Franklin County Bikeway** will open in Montague in the spring of 2007, complimenting the path in Greenfield that opened last year.

Through the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Program, the FRCOG provided **8 towns** with zoning revisions and other planning technical assistance.

The Community Coalition for Teens has been working with schools, youth agencies and groups to reduce teen alcohol and tobacco use and abuse. A 3-year comparison of use as reported by teens in the annual Teen Health Survey shows a **27% reduction in alcohol use** and a **41% reduction in marijuana use**.

The FRCOG has helped Boards of Health to create **9 Emergency Dispensing Sites** throughout the county that will be used in times of emergency and for non-emergency flu and related clinics. Over **400 people** were served during EDS clinics this year.

The Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committees is **one of only 3** emergency planning committees in the state to have successfully submitted a regional hazardous materials response plan and receive full certification, fulfilling a federal obligation for **all 26** Franklin County towns.

Over the last 2 years, the FRCOG has managed and overseen the expenditure of more than **\$7 million of Homeland Security federal funding** on behalf of all of western Massachusetts.

With the help of the FRCOG and many others, a new **\$2.7 million emergency communication system** has been constructed in Franklin County. The system allows all local police, fire and EMS to communicate on multiple channels using a new 450 MHz frequency.

We have helped more than **18** Franklin County communities create Continuity of Operations Plans, which identify essential municipal services and an operations plan in times of emergency or pandemic.

The FRCOG Brownfields Program conducted environmental site assessment work on **7 properties in 6 Franklin County towns**, providing over **\$50,000 of professional engineering services**.

The Greater Franklin County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Program was awarded a federal Economic Development District Partnership Grant for FY2007 totaling **\$52,000 to support regional initiatives and local technical assistance**.

The Municipal Accounting Program now serves **5 Franklin County towns and 1 Hampshire County town**. The program has transferred all participating towns to the FRCOG's new accounting software program via a licensing agreement and **24-7** remote access.

The Cooperative Purchasing Program completed **189 bids** for highway materials totaling over **\$6.4 million** in products and services for **18 Franklin County communities and 1 Hampshire County community**.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program provided building, plumbing, and electrical inspection services to **17 towns**. The FCCIP issued a total of **1008 building permits, 591 wiring permits and 552 plumbing permits totaling \$304,883 in permit fees** for participating towns.

The Engineering Program worked on **45 projects in 16** towns last year.

In fiscal year 2007 the FRCOG total budget is estimated at **\$9,203,581**, of which **\$5,915,430** was spent on capital projects (primarily in Homeland Security funding), leaving a net operating budget of **\$3,288,151** that is being used to provide services to the region and all Franklin County towns.

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 FRCOG programs, projects, and services please contact us for our full 2006 Annual Report at 413-744-3167 ext. 100 or visit us at www.frcog.org.

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin County Cooperative Electrical Program

Dear Member Town:

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 2006 and reflects Wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns. For more information on activity in your town, please contact the office. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year for the last 5 years shows the following:

FY2002	607	43,418.00
FY2003	597	44,961.00
FY2004	629	51,460.00
FY2005	570	54,589.00
FY2006	591	62,267.00

We had another busy year for inspections. I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that all electrical work is to be done by a Massachusetts Licensed Electrician. A permit is required for most work. You have a right to ask to see an electrician's license. Work done on any building may not be covered by your insurance if it is not inspected by this office. If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 AM - 9 AM at 772-2026, ext 126 or by email at electric@frcog.org. You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at: www.fccip.org.

Sincerely,

James Slowinski
Electrical Inspector

[Note: There were 22 permits issued for Rowe in FY06. Had fees been collected, it would equate to \$1895.]

Franklin County Cooperative Plumbing/Gas Program

Dear Member Town:

The enclosed report is for Fiscal Year 2006 and reflects Plumbing/Gas permits and fee activity for all member towns. For more information on activity in your town, please contact the office. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year for the last 5 years shows the following:

FY2002	631	36,357.00
FY2003	589	43,580.00
FY2004	574	44,436.00
FY2005	627	54,968.00
FY2006	552	53,033.00

I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that plumbing permits are required for installation and repairs with the following exception, "A permit is not required for plumbing involving the repair of leaks in a faucet, valve or other working part of a plumbing fixture, or the clearance of a stoppage". Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. I would also like to welcome Rowe into our program. I look forward to serving you and welcome any questions you might have. You can contact me during office hours on Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. at 772-2026, ext. 125 or email me at plumbing@frcog.org. You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.fccip.org.

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,

Andrew French
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

[Note: Rowe joined this program effective December 1, 2006. No permits were issued in FY06 for the Town of Rowe.]

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste - recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

The Solid Waste District continued to provide services to residents, businesses, schools, and municipal offices. We implemented an educational campaign to help residents understand what plastics can and cannot be recycled. Plastics are the leading contamination problem at the recycling facility. We also conducted another collection for unwanted medications. There is growing evidence that medications are polluting drinking water and groundwater and should not be flushed down the toilet. It's best not to throw them in the trash either. The District collects unwanted medications at no cost. We also produced educational information on ways to get rid of junk autos. This information is posted on our website or you can get a hard copy flier by calling the office (contact information is below).

The District regularly makes instructional presentations to county schools. Worm composting and paper making are two popular presentations. We work with school staff to ensure recycling programs are active and effective. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste.

Through a grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection, we purchased weather-resistant recycling containers for annual fairs and special events. We found that

attendees did an excellent job of sorting their waste into the proper container. Look for these new recycling bins at your town's special event in 2007.

In 2006, District towns recycled approximately 2,500 tons of paper and 1,100 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,600 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$240,000 in disposal costs.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in September. On-line registration is increasingly popular. Almost 400 residents participated at the three regional sites. More than 1,000 gallons of motor oil was collected! The next hazardous waste collection will be held on September 8, 2007. The annual "Clean Sweep" bulky waste collection was held in October. There were almost 300 participants at three regional sites. We collected 40 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks!

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - Executive Director
Nathaniel L'Etoile, Northfield - Vice-Chair
Bob Dean, Buckland - Chair
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - Treasurer

Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC)

The Franklin County LEPC was formed to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning, and address the Federal SARA Title III requirement that all communities have active Local Emergency Planning Committees, procedures to deal with hazardous materials emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. With the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) all 26 Franklin County towns opted into a regional effort beginning in the year 2000.

Early on the Committee elected an "all hazards" approach to emergency planning which not only addresses our responsibility for aiding towns in planning for "haz mat" emergencies but also other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

We are pleased to report that during 2006 the new *Regional* Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) has become a fully certified REPC. In order to achieve this status the Committee needed to compile a Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan, conduct regular meetings, provide training and exercises, and complete other certification criteria as required by the State Emergency Response Commission. We are the largest of the 17 REPCs in the Commonwealth.

Your REPC membership currently* consists of the following individuals who represent fourteen disciplines:

Fire Service:	Walter Tibbits (Franklin County Fire Chiefs)
Law Enforcement:	Gary Sibilgia (Franklin County Police Chiefs)
Emergency Medical Services:	Dave Hansen (Franklin County EMS)
Board of Health:	Dave Chichester/ Gina McNeeley (Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition)
Hospitals:	Fred Callahan (Franklin Medical Center)
Transportation:	Tina Cote (Franklin Regional Transit Authority)
Media:	George Claxton (The Recorder)
Emergency Management:	John Bartus (Town of Orange)
Public Works:	<i>Open</i>
Community Groups:	Dawn Josefski (Franklin County CERT Team)
Environmental:	John Bourcier (MA Department of Environmental Protection)
Elected Officials:	Mark Gilmore (Town of Deerfield)
Industry:	Jim Field (University of Massachusetts)
Schools:	<i>New Position</i>

In addition each of the member communities has designated an Emergency Response Coordinator who is the contact between the REPC and their town:

Ashfield:	Doug Field
Bernardston:	Peter Shedd
Buckland:	Milton Rock III
Charlemont:	Charles Bellows
Colrain:	Larry Dumas
Conway:	Jeff McFarland
Deerfield:	Mark Gilmore
Erving:	Mitchell LeClaire
Gill:	Jason Edson
Greenfield:	Michael Winn
Hawley:	Greg Cox
Heath:	Tim Lively
Leverett:	Jim Field
Leyden:	Gilda Galvis
Monroe:	David Nash
Montague:	Bob Escott
New Salem:	Thomas Reidy
Northfield:	Gary Sibilgia
Orange:	Dennis Annear
Rowe:	Edwin May
Shelburne:	Angus Dun III
Shutesbury:	Walter Tibbits
Sunderland:	Robert Ahearn
Warwick:	Donald Matthews
Wendell:	Everett Ricketts
Whately:	Lynn Sibley

Special representatives include: Bill Allen representing the Franklin County Planning Board and Raymond Godin the Chair of the Western Region Homeland Security Council.

During 2006 your REPC worked on the following activities:

- Obtained grant funding for and conducted four (4) hazardous materials table-top exercises in Sunderland, Charlemont, Erving, and Northfield.
- Conducted training classes for responders on the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System in Gill, Erving, Hawley, Leverett, Orange, and Shelburne.
- Completed the first Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan and an Action Guide that were accepted by the 26 member Towns and the Commonwealth's State Emergency Response Commission.
- Conducted four quarterly board meetings of the full LEPC.
- Aided in the development of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs in the county.
- Worked with the FRCOG staff in providing training on statewide Pictometry imaging software and the regional emergency resource database.

- Worked in cooperation with the FRCOG and FCSWMD on developing a disaster Debris Management plan and obtaining additional grant funding for this effort.
- Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Materials data from 57 sites in Franklin County.
- Sent representation to meetings of the Franklin County emergency radio oversight committee.
- Contributed to the Western Region Homeland Security Council plan development and implementation.

Thank you to all who contributed to this effort, including the support of Ben Wood, Michael Pattavina, Lisa White and everyone at the FRCOG.

John Taylor (Shelburne), Chair
 Mark Gilmore (Deerfield), Vice Chair
 Lynn Sibley (Whately), Secretary
 Patricia Auchard (Greenfield), Treasurer
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* Membership shown is as of 12/31/2006

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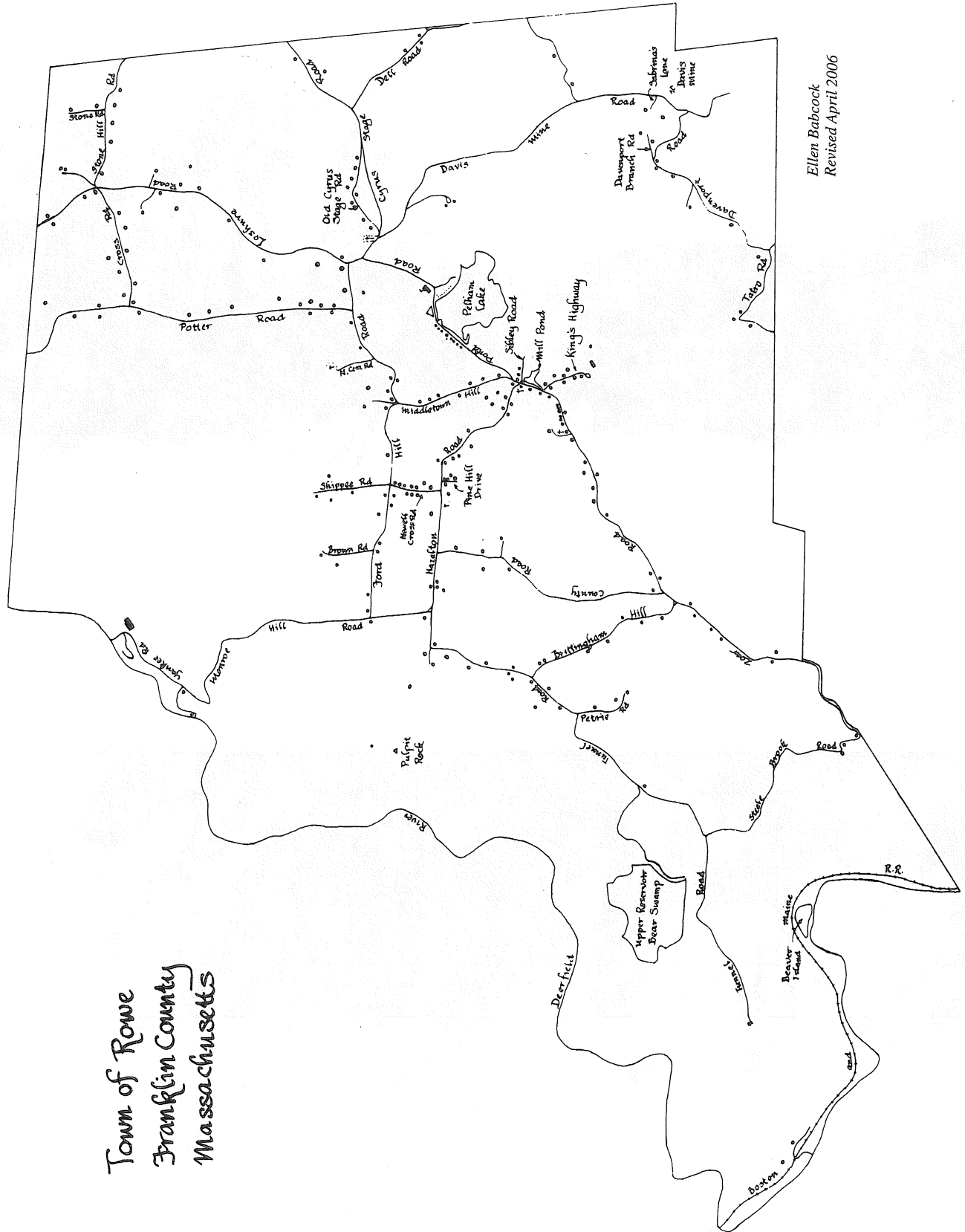
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