



## 2008 Annual Town Report

*Rowe*  
MASSACHUSETTS



## Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Town Hall     | Phone: 413-339-5520   |
| PO Box 462    | Fax Number: 413-339-5316  |
| 321 Zoar Road | Email: <a href="mailto:admin@rowe-ma.gov">admin@rowe-ma.gov</a> |
| Rowe MA 01367 | Web Site: <a href="http://www.rowe-ma.gov">www.rowe-ma.gov</a>  |

|                                  |                      |                        |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Board of Selectmen               | 339-5520             | <b>Emergency</b>       | <b>9-1-1</b>         |
| 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       | 339-8429             |
| Nurse Practitioner               | 339-9943             | Dog Officer            | 339-5533             |
| Tax Collector                    | 339-5520             | Environmental Officer  | 339-5588 or 339-8591 |
| Town Clerk                       | 339-4249 or 339-5520 | Inspector of Buildings | 339-8393             |
| Treasurer                        | 339-8587 or 339-5520 | Plumbing Inspector     | 772-2026 x 125       |
|                                  |                      | Wiring Inspector       | 772-2026 x 126       |

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|                       |              |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| 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 12:00 Noon (or as otherwise posted)                         |
| Tax Collector         | Thursday     | 9:00 am to Noon  |
| Treasurer             | Wednesday    | 9:00 am to Noon  |
| Town Nurse            | Wednesday    | 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (home visits by appointment)                        |
|                       | Friday       | 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (home visits by appointment)                        |
| 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 and 4-7 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, Sunday 12 noon-4 pm |

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| Board/Commission        | Frequency                           | Location               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Board of Selectmen      | Alternate Tuesdays (8:00 am)        | Rowe Town Hall         |
| Assessors               | Fourth Wednesday (6:00 pm)          | Rowe Town Hall         |
| Board of Health         | Every other Tuesday (7:00 pm)       | Rowe Town Hall         |
| School Committee        | Monthly - Second Tuesday (6:30 pm)  | Rowe Elementary School |
| Library Trustees        | As posted                           | Rowe Town Library      |
| Council on Aging        | Monthly - First Thursday (10:00 am) | Rowe Town Hall         |
| Finance Committee       | As posted                           | Rowe Town Hall         |
| Conservation Commission | As posted                           | Rowe Town Hall         |
| Park Commission         | Every other Thursday (6:30 pm)      | Rowe Town Hall         |
| Planning Board          | Monthly - First Thursday (10:00 am) | 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. Please check official bulletin board as meeting dates/times may change. All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. ❖

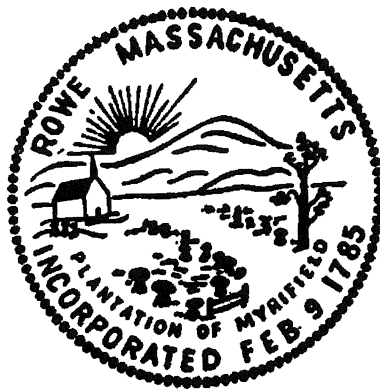


*Two Hundred and Twenty-Second*

# *Annual Report*

*Of the*

## *Town of Rowe Massachusetts*



*For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2008*

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# *In Fond Remembrance*

***Neil Dennis Halberg***

September 7, 1952 – October 9, 2008

Place of Death: Greenfield, MA



*Photo by Ellen Babcock*

*Neil's front yard on beautiful Pelham Lake*



# 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: 407  
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 2008 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

| CLASS             | TAX RATE            | VALUATION             | LEVY                | % OF TOTAL      |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Residential       | \$4.52 per thousand | \$ 48,143,917.00      | \$ 217,610.50       | 7.913%          |
| Commercial        | 9.64 per thousand   | 320,368.00            | 3,088.35            | 0.112%          |
| Industrial        | 9.64 per thousand   | 156,703,064.00        | 1,510,617.54        | 54.927%         |
| Personal Property | 9.64 per thousand   | 105,694,320.00        | 1,018,893.24        | 37.048%         |
| <b>Total</b>      |                     | <b>310,861,669.00</b> | <b>2,750,209.63</b> | <b>100.000%</b> |

### Fiscal Year 2008 Revenue Sources

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Tax Levy              | 2,750,209.63     |
| Local Receipts        | 83,060.00        |
| Cherry Sheet          | 176,085.00       |
| Other Available Funds | 1,335,806.00 *   |
| Free Cash             | <u>97,031.00</u> |
| Total                 | 4,442,191.63     |

### Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations and Charges

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Appropriations                        | 4,307,831.00 *   |
| Cherry Sheet Offsets                  | 95,951.00        |
| Cherry Sheet Charges                  | 13,471.00        |
| Snow & Ice Deficit                    | 0.00             |
| Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions | <u>24,938.63</u> |
| Total                                 | 4,442,191.63     |

\* Includes transfer of \$1,100,000 from Stabilization Fund to create Capital Stabilization Fund.



# Rowe – At a Glance

## Socioeconomic

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| County                                       | Franklin                      |
| School Structure                             | K-6; 7-12 Tuitioned           |
| Form of Government                           | Selectmen / Open Town Meeting |
| 2007 Population                              | 347                           |
| 2009 Labor Force                             | 179                           |
| 2009 Unemployment Rate                       | 5.6                           |
| 1999 Per Capita Income                       | 28,134                        |
| 2007 Population Per Square Mile              | 14.7                          |
| 2008 Housing Units Per Square Mile           | 8.9                           |
| 2008 Paved Road Miles                        | 36.24                         |
| EQV Per Capita (2008 EQV/2007 Population)    | 910,794                       |
| Number of Registered Vehicles (January 2008) | 502                           |
| Average Age of Vehicles (January 2008)       | 11.68                         |
| Number of Registered Voters (Dec 2008)       | 308                           |

## Fiscal Year 2009 Tax Classification

| Tax Classification | Assessed Values    | Tax Levy         | Tax Rate |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| Residential        | 49,074,971         | 223,782          | 4.56     |
| Open Space         | 0                  | 0                | 0.00     |
| Commercial         | 426,946            | 4,158            | 9.74     |
| Industrial         | 151,162,269        | 1,472,321        | 9.74     |
| Personal Property  | 115,474,770        | 1,124,724        | 9.74     |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>316,138,956</b> | <b>2,824,985</b> |          |

## Revenue by Sources

| Revenue Source  | FY08             |              | FY09             |              |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
|                 | Amount           | % of Total   | Amount           | % of Total   |
| Tax Levy        | 2,750,210        | 61.91        | 2,824,985        | 80.16        |
| State Aid       | 176,085          | 3.96         | 216,322          | 6.14         |
| Local Receipts  | 83,060           | 1.87         | 74,880           | 2.12         |
| Other Available | 1,432,837        | 32.26        | 407,839          | 11.57        |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>4,442,192</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3,524,026</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

## Proposition 2<sup>1/2</sup> Levy Capacity

|                   | FY08      | FY09      |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| New Growth        | 14,386    | 8,062     |
| Override          | 0         | 0         |
| Debt Exclusion    | 0         | 0         |
| Levy Limit        | 2,750,592 | 2,827,419 |
| Excess Capacity   | 382       | 2,434     |
| Ceiling           | 7,771,542 | 7,903,474 |
| Override Capacity | 5,170,950 | 5,229,805 |

## Bond Ratings

Moody's as of Dec 2008 and S&P as of Dec 2008

Not rated

## Other Available Funds

**7/1/2008**  
**Free Cash**  
220,567

**FY2008**  
**Stabilization Fund**  
2,299,194

**FY2009**  
**Overlay Reserve**  
17,680

## Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill (tax bills issued semi-annually)

|                                 | <i>FY05</i> | <i>FY06</i> | <i>FY07</i> | <i>FY08</i> | <i>FY09</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Single Family Parcels | 206         | 202         | 204         | 208         | 208         |
| Assessed Value of Single Family | 142,572     | 172,068     | 189,871     | 195,061     | 200,174     |
| Average Single Family Tax Bill  | <b>512</b>  | <b>705</b>  | <b>780</b>  | <b>882</b>  | <b>913</b>  |

## State Average Single Family Tax Bill

|                                      | <i>FY05</i> | <i>FY06</i> | <i>FY07</i> | <i>FY08</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Average Assessed Value Single Family | 352,820     | 385,502     | 406,673     | 403,705     |
| Average Single Family Tax Bill       | 3,588       | 3,801       | 3,962       | 4,110       |

## Certification

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Most Recent    | 2009 |
| Next Scheduled | 2012 |

## Cherry Sheet Aid

|                       | <i>FY08</i>    | <i>FY09</i>    |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Education Aid         | 164,552        | 201,971        |
| General Government    | 11,533         | 14,351         |
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>176,085</b> | <b>216,322</b> |
| Total Assessments     | -13,471        | -33,546        |
| <b>Net State Aid</b>  | <b>162,614</b> | <b>182,776</b> |

## Fiscal Year 2008 Schedule A – Actual Revenues and Expenditures

|                         | <i>General Fund</i> | <i>Special Revenue</i> | <i>Capital Projects</i> | <i>Enterprise Funds</i> | <i>Trust Revenue</i> | <i>Total All Funds</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>         | <b>3,075,333</b>    | <b>272,906</b>         | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>103,826</b>       | <b>3,452,065</b>       |
| <b>Expenditures</b>     | <b>2,729,073</b>    | <b>260,837</b>         | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>                | <b>10,418</b>        | <b>3,000,328</b>       |
| Police                  | 25,213              | 0                      | 0                       | 0                       | 0                    | 25,213                 |
| Fire                    | 54,401              | 0                      | 0                       | 0                       | 0                    | 54,401                 |
| Education               | 1,075,778           | 147,542                | 0                       | 0                       | 0                    | 1,223,320              |
| Public Works            | 596,476             | 97,411                 | 0                       | 0                       | 0                    | 693,887                |
| Gen'l Fund Debt Service | 0                   |                        |                         |                         |                      | 0                      |
| Health Ins              | 294,147             | 0                      | 0                       | 0                       | 0                    | 294,147                |
| Pension                 | 104,815             | 0                      | 0                       | 0                       | 0                    | 104,815                |
| All Other               | 578,243             | 15,884                 | 0                       | 0                       | 10,418               | 604,545                |

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

## 2008 Total Revenues and Expenditures Per Capita

|                     | <i>General Fund</i> | <i>Special Revenue</i> | <i>Capital Projects</i> | <i>Enterprise Funds</i> | <i>Trust Revenue</i> | <i>Total All Funds</i> |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>     | 8,862.00            | 786.50                 | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 299.20               | 9,948.30               |
| <b>Expenditures</b> | 7,864.30            | 751.70                 | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 30.00                | 8,646.50               |



# Elected Town Officials

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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Carrie Y. Silva              | 2009 |
| Heidi Cousineau              | 2010 |
| Frederick N. Williams, Chair | 2011 |

## BOARD OF HEALTH

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Angela F. Foshay           | 2009 |
| Daniel P. Poplawski, Chair | 2010 |
| Catherine T. Snyder        | 2011 |

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Susan C. Wood         | 2009 |
| James D. Brown, Chair | 2010 |
| William E. Loomis     | 2011 |

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Richard A. Tower         | 2009 |
| James H. Williams, Chair | 2010 |
| James W. Taylor          | 2011 |

## CONSTABLE

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Christine A. Tower | 2011 |
|--------------------|------|

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Cara Morano, Chair | 2009 |
| Cynthia M. Laffond | 2009 |
| David Dvore        | 2010 |
| Anne E. Besgen     | 2011 |
| [Vacant]           | 2011 |

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Jo-ann M. Brown          | 2009 |
| Melissa S. Quinn         | 2010 |
| Ellynn B. Packard, Chair | 2011 |

## MODERATOR

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Robert J. Clancy | 2010 |
|------------------|------|

## PARK COMMISSION

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Earl P. Carlow          | 2009 |
| Russell W. Jolly, Chair | 2010 |
| MaryJo A. Phelps        | 2011 |

## PLANNING BOARD

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| David A. Roberson, Chair | 2009 |
| Angela F. Foshay         | 2010 |
| Ellynn B. Packard        | 2011 |
| Jo-ann M. Brown          | 2012 |
| Robert Dykeman           | 2013 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Lisa A. Danek-Burke     | 2009 |
| Rebecca F. Richardson   | 2010 |
| Margaret B. Rice, Chair | 2011 |

## TAX COLLECTOR

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Sandra P. Daviau | 2010 |
|------------------|------|

## TOWN CLERK

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Carrie Y. Silva | 2011 |
|-----------------|------|

## TREASURER

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Heidi Cousineau | 2009 |
|-----------------|------|

# Appointed Town Officials/Employees

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(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2009)

**TOWN COORDINATOR** (3 yrs—*expires 2011*)  
Ellen L. Babcock (6/24/08)

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT** (3 yrs—*expires 2011*)  
Ellen L. Babcock (6/24/08)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/  
ASSISTANT TO ACCOUNTANT**  
Sandra P. Daviau (6-24-08)

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**  
Ellen L. Babcock (6-24-08)

**TOWN COUNSEL**  
Kopelman and Paige (6-24-08)

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
SUPERINTENDENT**  
James W. Taylor (6-24-08)

**ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**  
James W. Taylor (6-24-08)

**TREE WARDEN**  
James W. Taylor (6-24-08)

**SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT  
PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL**  
James W. Taylor (6-24-08)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**  
Edwin L. May (6-24-08)

**FIRE CHIEF**  
Edwin L. May (6-24-08)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS** (6-24-08)  
Daniel J. Miller, Deputy Chief  
Dennis F. May, Captain  
Paul McLatchy, Captain  
Jonathan Lively, Lieutenant  
William N. Reardon, Lieutenant  
James A. White, Lieutenant

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE COORDINATOR**  
Edwin L. May (6-24-08)

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**  
Edwin L. May (6-24-08)

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - CHIEF**  
Henry J. Dandeneau (6-24-08)

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS** (6-24-08)  
Charles Bellows  
Jared Bellows  
Melinda Herzig  
Holland Herzig  
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen  
Gail May  
David Rich  
Diane B. Wilder

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** (6-24-08)  
Gail May, EMT, EMS Coordinator  
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen, EMT

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**  
William G. Foster (6-24-08)

**INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING & GAS**  
FCCIP/Andrew French (6-24-08)

**INSPECTOR OF WIRING**  
FCCIP/James Slowinski (6-24-08)

**CONSTABLE**  
Roger L. Brown (6-24-08)

**DOG OFFICER**  
Russell Powers (6-24-08)

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**  
Laura S. Roberson (*nominated 3-19-08*)  
(*Appt'd by MA Agri Resources-Animal  
Health Div 05-01-08*)

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** (3-yr term stag)  
Myra B. Carlow (6-24-08) *exp 6/2011*  
Robert R. Rice (6/27/06) *exp 6/2009*  
Robert J. Clancy (7-10-07) *exp 6/2010*  
Prudence Berry (8-21-07) *exp 6/2010*  
Nancy A. Brown (8-21-07) *exp 6/2010*

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**  
*3-yr term, staggered*  
Carol F. Lively (3 yrs – *expires 2011*) (6/24/08)  
Laura S. Roberson (3 yrs—*expires 2011*) (6/24/08)  
Debra Crowningshield (3 yrs—*expires 2009*) (7/27/06)  
Jonathon Lively (3 yrs – *expires 2010*) (7-10-07)  
MaryJo A. Phelps (3 yrs – *expires 2010*) (10-16-07)

**MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER** (3)  
Ellsworth E. Palmer (6-24-08)  
James H. Williams (6-24-08)  
Thomas P. Danek, Jr. (6-24-08)

**FENCE VIEWERS (2)**

Earl P. Carlow (6-24-08)  
[Vacant]

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE (6-11-08)**

Anne E. Besgen  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Thomas L. Chiofalo  
Helene S. Glass  
David W. Lenth  
Mary E. Lenth  
Carol F. Lively  
William A. Loomis, Chair  
Mary E. Paige  
Michael J. Phillips  
Margaret B. Rice  
Robert R. Rice  
Christine A. Tower

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (8-5-08)**

Lisa L. Miller (D) (8-19-08)  
Judith A. Pierce (R)  
Helen R. Shields (D)  
Carrie Y. Silva (R)

**ELECTION TELLERS/WORKERS (8-5-08)**

Linda J. Bickford (D)  
Earl Carlow (D)  
~~Heidi Cousineau~~ (U) Resigned 10-21-08  
Laurie L. Laffond (U)  
Claudine M. Poplawski (U)  
Rebecca F. Richardson (D)  
Kristen C. Swenson (R)  
Carole A. Veber (R)  
Shirley Veber (R)

**CULTURAL COUNCIL Max 2 (3) yr terms**

*Terms must be staggered*

Jo-ann M. Brown (7-10-07) (max 2010)  
Barbara J. Roche (6/27/06) (max June 2012)  
Elizabeth Vernes (6/1/27/06) (max June 2012)  
Jennifer Y. Wood (10-17-06) (max Oct 2012)  
Kerri L. McLatchy (11-13-07) (max Nov 2013)  
Meghan K. McLatchy (11-13-07) (max Nov 2013)

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (6-11-08)**

Marilyn H. Belval  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Nancy A. Brown  
David W. Lenth  
MaryJo A. Phelps  
Richard A. Tower  
John H. Williams

**COUNCIL ON AGING (6-11-08)**

Marilyn Belval  
Jo-ann M. Brown, Secretary  
Sandy P. Daviau, Co-Chair & Treasurer  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
~~Elynn B. Packard~~ Resigned 12-3-08  
Christine A. Tower, Co-Chair  
Shirley Veber

**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 2010 (7-24-07)  
Judith A. Pierce, Term Expires 2010 (7-24-07)  
Marilyn Wilson, Term Expires 2011 (09-30-08)

**ZBA ALTERNATES – two (3 year terms)**

Myra B. Carlow, Term Expires 2010 (7-24-07)  
Leonard J. Laffond, Term Expires 2011 (09-30-08)

**AGENT FOR VETERANS**

James D. Brown (6-24-08)  
Susan C. Wood, Acting Veterans' Agent (9-16-08)

**BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (6-24-08)**

Myra B. Carlow  
Angela F. Foshay  
Ellynn B. Packard  
John H. Williams

**ROWE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

*3-yr term, staggered*

John H. Williams 3-Yr Term Exp 2010 (7-10-07)  
Sharon C. Hudson 3-Yr Term Exp 2011 (10-15-08)  
Judith A. Pierce 1-Yr Term Exp 2009 (10-15-08)

**ROWE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

John R. H. Packard (6-11-08)  
James D. Brown (6-24-08)  
Lisa A. Danek-Burke (6-24-08)  
William A. Loomis (8-5-08)

**FIELD DRIVERS (2)**

Sandra P. Daviau (6-24-08)  
[Vacant]

**POUNDKEEPER**

Sandra P. Daviau (6-24-08)

**YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC CO. CAB**

*(Citizen Advisory Board)*  
Leonard J. Laffond

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE (12-9-08)**

Leonard J. Laffond  
David W. Lenth  
William A. Loomis  
Cara Morano  
Walter J. Quist  
David A. Roberson  
Frederick N. Williams  
John H. Williams

**BROADBAND COMMITTEE (6-24-08)**

Evelyn L. Dandeneau  
David Dvore  
Russell Jolly  
Raymond Wilson  
Daniel Wessman



**ROWE-HEATH EDUCATION EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE**

David Dvore (6-24-08)  
Gerrit C. White (6-24-08)  
[Vacant]

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMM**

William A. Loomis – BOS (10-15-08)  
Cara Morano – FinCom (10-15-08)  
David Roberson – Planning Bd (10-15-08)  
Margaret B. Rice – Sch Supt or designee (10-15-08)  
Myra B. Carlow – at large (10-15-08)  
Frederick N. Williams – Assessor (10-28-08)  
Ellen L. Babcock (Twn Acctnt—ex-officio) (8-5-08)

**GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE (10-28-08)**

Marilyn H. Belval  
William C. Belval  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Robert Dykeman  
Sharon C. Hudson  
Cynthia M. Laffond  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Judith A. Pierce  
John H. Williams

## Regional Committees

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**CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Rebecca Bradley (6-24-08)

**CDBG 2007 HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative (6-24-08)

**CDBG 2008 HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative (10-28-08)

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

James D. Brown (6-24-08)

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD,  
Representative to**

David Roberson (6-24-08)

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Mary Ann Dykeman (6-24-08)

**MMAC (MOHAWK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE), Representative to**

[Vacant]

## Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies

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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Carrie Y. Silva (3-11-08)  
(Joint appointment—BOS and Assessors)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

James E. Sousa (3-11-08)  
(Joint appointment—BOS and FinCom)

*Note: These terms expired at the Annual  
Town Election May 17, 2008.*

## Resignations of Elected Officials

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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Ellen L. Babcock (2-16-08)

## Other Appointments

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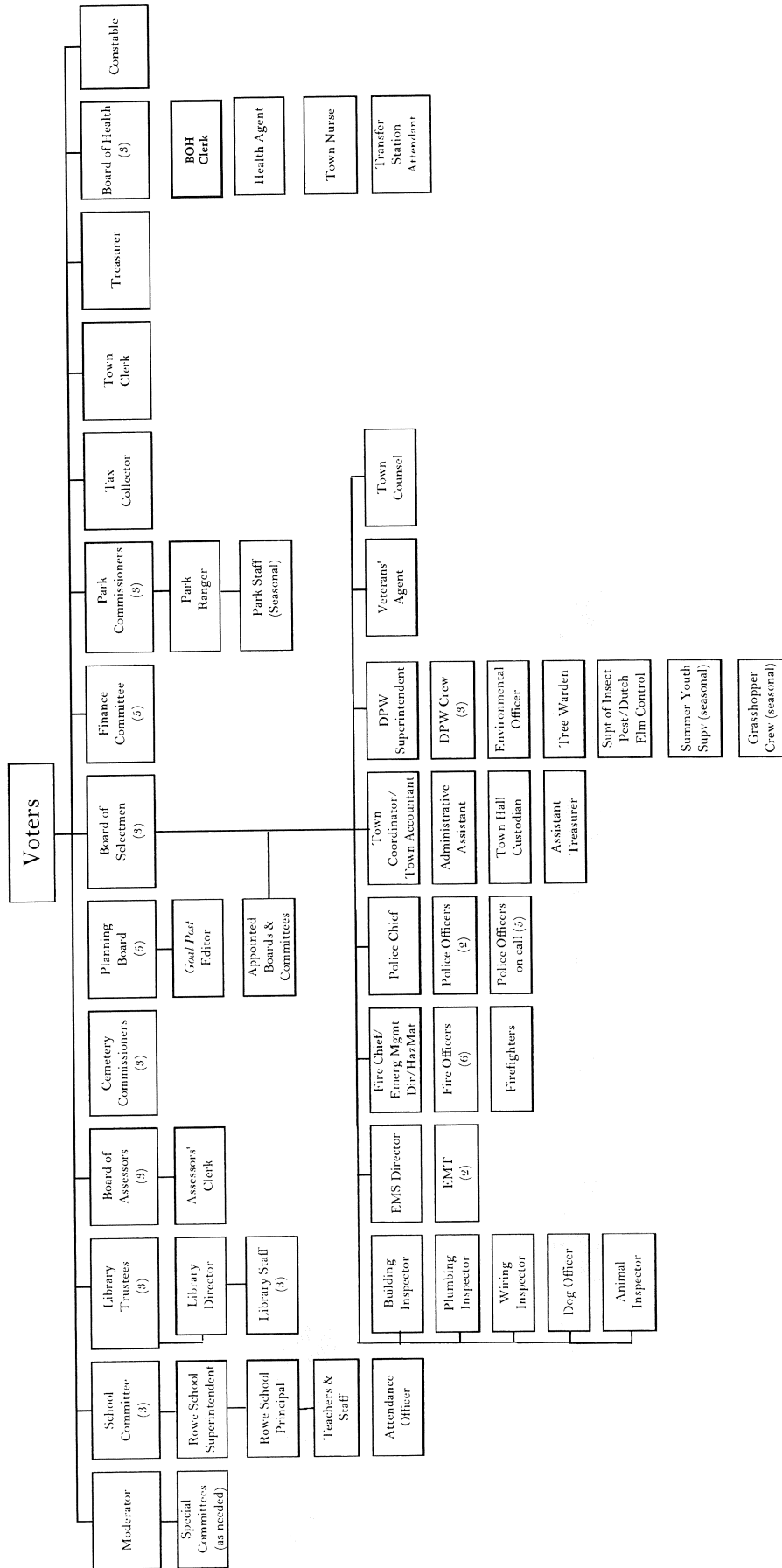
**ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER**

Susan B. Taylor (appt'd by Treasurer 6-20-08)  
(Approved by the Selectboard)

**ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Ellen L. Babcock (appt'd by the Registrar 6-18-08)

# Town of Rowe Organizational Chart



## Town of Rowe Appointed Boards, Committees & Other Positions

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





# PART I

## **Reports of Committees, Departments and Boards**

# Board of Selectmen

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William Loomis was welcomed to the Board of Selectmen in May 2008 by members James Brown and Susan Wood. Susan Wood declined the honor of being Chair of the Board and nominated James Brown, who was elected unanimously by the Board. Unfortunately, due to an ongoing family emergency Chair Brown was unable to attend meetings after July of 2008. Susan Wood agreed to act as Chair in Mr. Brown's absence.

We have continued to work on the projects and issues related to efforts providing for the future stability and needs of the Town, for the present and the future.

## **The Capital Improvement Plan/ Capital Stabilization Fund**

This plan and fund are the mechanisms by which the town continues to hold increases in the operating budgets to approximately 2½% per year and accumulate sufficient savings to ensure the continuing preservation of the assets that the town is so fortunate to own. We are in the ever-fluid process of developing and maintaining a list of all the capital items (items with a useful life of five years or more) in the town, the age of each item, the replacement cost, and how and when it should be replaced.

In the Spring of 2008 the Selectboard voted unanimously to add \$153,750 to the Capital Stabilization Fund for FY2009 (which represents the original \$150,000, plus 2.5%). Continuing the practice in the Spring of 2009, the board has added \$157,594 to the FY2010 budget for this fund. The Capital Stabilization Fund will be used for the substantial repair and replacement of the town's capital items for at least the next twenty years. These items are no longer added into the budget of Town departments each year, as the monies for replacement items are being taken from the Capital Stabilization Fund.

The Select Board, working in conjunction with the Finance Committee, requested that each department, committee, commission and board with responsibility for capital assets carefully review the Capital Improvement Plan and discuss with them any recommended changes. The Capital Improvement Plan continues to be revised, as necessary, to reflect adjustments and corrections in information and assumptions.

## **Telephone Service Provided by Verizon New England**

The Select Board members continued to receive complaints from town residents about the continued poor telephone service many of them receive; i.e., noise and static on the line, frequent dropped calls, lengthy interruptions in service, and delays in repairs. This was verified by a survey, the results of which were sent to our Town Counsel, who continued to represent us as plaintiffs against Verizon. Subsequently, we have joined the Department of Telecommunications and Cable's regional investigation into Verizon's basic telephone service quality in Berkshire,

Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties, consolidating Rowe's complaint with many others towns in Western MA.

## **High-speed Internet Service/Broadband Access**

Broadband DSL came to Rowe in 2009!! It has made quite a difference to many households. What a dramatic change! Unfortunately, there are still many households unserved. The Broadband and Telecom Committee has been working on this challenge. (Please see their separate report.) We appreciate their efforts and hope they will soon have success. It is important that ALL households in Rowe be served.

## **Energy Building Improvements in Town Buildings**

The Energy Committee has had a very busy year. (Please see their separate report.) As a result of their tremendous effort, the town entered into an Energy Savings Performance Contract with Siemens Building Technologies of Canton, MA. The upgrade of heating, air handling and lighting systems and buttoning up of buildings began during the summer. Most work took place at the Rowe Elementary School. Other buildings involved were the Town Hall, Fire Station, Library and DPW Garage. The town has already begun to realize energy savings. Thank you to the Energy Committee—Jack Packard, Lisa Danek-Burke and Bill Loomis—for putting in many, many hours. Without you this program could not have happened.

## **Community Development Block Grant Funds**

The Selectboard thanks Ellen Babcock for preparing and submitting the documents necessary to continue the town's eligibility for CDBG funds used by eligible families to make improvements in their homes. We are happy to report that 13 Rowe households have been able to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

## **Gracy House**

The Gracy House has been undergoing a makeover by many, many dedicated volunteer townspeople and local contractors. Structural and carpentry improvements have been completed by Steve Crowningshield of Rowe, electrical wiring updates and installation of an alarm system was done by Jerry Ferguson of Heath, and the plumbing has been updated by Richie Codogni of Readsboro.

Work inside the building has been ongoing by the Gracy House Committee... Bill & Marilyn Belval, Bob & Maryann Dykeman and Cindy & Lenny Laffond. Dick Quinn has also pitched in. They've done a marvelous job. The yard was spruced up by volunteers Dave Lenth, Rosie Gordon, Lenny Laffond, Carol Lively, Christina Lively, Anne Besgen, Jodi Brown, our Road Crew and others. Many thanks to all of you. If there's anyone we failed to mention, please accept our apologies. We do appreciate what everyone has done.

The building should be ready for use in early Spring 2009.

## Public Safety

We are fortunate to count among our residents skilled and conscientious Police, Fire and EMS personnel. We extend our thanks to them for the many hours they give to the Town receiving training and responding, at all hours, to emergencies. Thank you for all you do to: Police Chief Henry Dandeneau, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director Ed May, EMS Coordinator Gail May, the firefighters, the first responders and members of the police force. A special thank you to Kathy May for all the delicious home baked treats she and Ed provide for the monthly Monday night Firefighter Training Meetings!

## Department of Public Works

We thank the 'Road Crew' for being so helpful to residents and guests, for maintaining our roads, and for all the 'little' tasks they perform to give us such an excellent quality of life in the country.

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm

A special thank you goes to the public safety personnel, the DPW crew, and to those townspeople that helped out following the December 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm. The emergency centers at the Rowe School and the Rowe Fire Station were manned by volunteers during the five day power outage following the event. These centers provided heat, shelter, showers and food to many townspeople. We extend a heart-felt thank you to all who volunteered to help out their neighbors in need.

## Thank you to our Staff

We gratefully thank Julie Shippee, Sandy Daviau and Ellen Babcock for attending to the details that make up the work and days of the Town Hall. To Ellen Babcock we owe an additional debt of gratitude for stepping up to the plate in assisting the Selectboard with her expertise and willingness to research, make calls, ask questions and find answers. And congratulations to Ellen for winning again at the MMA's Annual Town Report contest. Rowe's report for 2007 Rowe came in third.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Wood, Acting Chair  
William A. Loomis  
James D. Brown, in absentia

# Agricultural Commission

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In April of 2008 the Rowe Agricultural Commission finalized the language and approved the draft "Right-to Farm" bylaw. It will be included with the set of bylaw revisions to be voted on in an upcoming special town meeting. The Commission also had its first experience as mediator between two households concerning loose livestock and this was peacefully resolved.

In November the Commission discussed attending the first Massachusetts Agricultural Commission Conference held in Worcester. Unfortunately, none of the members were able to attend due to time conflicts. This conversation led to what projects we might like to pursue in the future such as clinics or mailings, and it was decided that we would ask the Town for a modest sum to fund such activities. In December voters approved a budget request for \$250 at the special town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Roberson, Chairman  
Deb Crowningshield  
Carol Lively  
Jonathon Lively  
MaryJo Phelps

# Animal Inspector

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|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Cattle: Dairy      | 12  |
| Cattle: Beef       | 27  |
| Cattle: Steer/Oxen | 2   |
| Goats              | 41  |
| Sheep              | 7   |
| Horses/Ponies      | 27  |
| Chickens           | 171 |
| Turkeys            | 2   |
| Waterfowl          | 10  |
| Rabbits            | 32  |

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Roberson  
Animal Inspector



# Beautification

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2008 gave us a hard and icy winter. "Yours truly" cut her hands freeing her croci from their icy glaze. Their little heads were straining for a glimpse of the pale lemon sun.

Indeed, this makes the advent of Spring all the more satisfying and glorious!! First the carpet of mixed croci spilling down the hill beside the Library. Then the side garden daffodils at the Town Hall and the Veterans' Memorial, and the Tunnel Road silver and gold display (compliments of Babcock, Lenth, Laffond, Besgen, et.al.).

Jodi Brown and Marilyn Belval waited for the red and yellow tulip array to fade, and then planted dusty miller, hearty marigolds and the deep purple petunia waves near the Town Hall. Scarlet geraniums were purchased and placed in the wishing well and the window boxes of the Library. They were left potted to be planted by the town veterans (Rowe Community Church) to complete a red, white and blue theme (geraniums, allysum and ageratum) in front of the Verterans' Memorial on Memorial Day.

We were fortunate to be joined this year by the vigorous, avid gardener David Lenth, making it possible to have a quorum at our meetings.

The committee met and voted for Sean Loomis' GreenCare Landscape service to again weed, mulch, prepare and fertilize. We had more workshops than meetings. A Spring walk through with arborist Alan White and Tree Warden Jim Taylor led to our decisions regarding which tree and where, which should lead to a spectacular Spring show.

It was member Nancy Brown who researched and found arborist White who gave an informative workshop regarding trees to our members. Alan also collaborated closely with Tree Warden/DPW Superintendent Jim Taylor who deserves "kudos" for his patience, time and actual labor with crew (Lance, Rick and Matt) planting and watering the new saplings.

Nancy deserved much credit for her expertise in Latin and knowledge regarding the vast varieties offered. The committee deeply regrets her absence due to illness. Husband and Selectman Jim Brown was also involved in this project, and Rosie Gordon was a volunteer (waterer and weeder). Thanks again Rosie.

David Lenth organized a work bee behind the Gracy House. He also did battle with some wasps there. Marilyn Belval, Lenny Laffond, Anne Besgen, Carol Lively, Christine Lively, Dave Lenth and Rosie de-minted a vast area in the humid heat of August.

I believe it was Carol who maintained the gorgeous impatiens' area greeting those who enter town. Jodi tried to keep up with watering the hanging baskets of the gazebo.

Dave cared for and staked the peonies this year. Cindy Laffond kicked off the "Knock Out" roses with her skilled pruning. The committee thanks the Selectboard (Jim, Sue & Bill) for having a new section of split rail fence installed next to the Veterans' Memorial. It will be planted with more "Knock Out" roses in Spring 2009. Thank you to the Town Crew also for the fence installation.

Pumpkins, scarecrows, window-box gourds, corn stalks a la Dick, and mums kept our Autumn days festive. Dave planted perennial sedum at Brittingham Hill island.

MaryJo festooned the town areas with garland and bows in December, and member Lenth presented us with two hand-carved deer that resided over the Town Green near the wishing well.

I apologize for any unintended "omissions" of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Brown

Members:  
Jodi Brown, Chair  
Marilyn Belval  
Nancy Brown  
David Lenth  
MaryJo Phelps  
Dick Tower  
Jack Williams

# Board of Health

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The Board of Health would like to thank **Danette Reynolds-Gallagher** for her tireless and exemplary service. She not only performed her duties as Board member and Chairperson but took on most of the pertinent administrative tasks, spending countless hours in the office and the field. Thank you, Danette. With Danette's departure, the board elected **Dan Poplawski** as Chairman. Danette's vacancy left a Board seat open during the spring election. The Board welcomed new member **Cathy Snyder**. Cathy has proved to be hard working and has made herself valuable to the Board. She comes to us with 34 years of nursing and health care experience. Her expertise in the field has afforded us the ability to make many decisions without uncertainty or indecision.

## Board of Health Clerk

From January 1 until June 30, 2008 **Ellen Babcock** served as the Board of Health Clerk. Ellen had done an excellent job as clerk and the Board is appreciative of her years of service. In July, The Board appointed **Linda Bickford** as their new clerk. Linda comes to us with many years of experience and has worked well in organizing the office and performing all tasks that are asked of her. Her positive attitude and energy is an asset to our Board and we thank her for accepting the position.

## Rowe Health Agent

**Lisa Danek-Burke** accepted reappointment as Health Agent for the town. She conducts inspections (food establishment, bed and breakfast, children's camps, and housing), performs soil evaluations, and reviews all septic system plans. She is a Registered Sanitarian, is *Serv-Safe* certified, is our Title 5 Inspector, and is a Certified Soil Evaluator. Her knowledge is often sought by the Board and we greatly appreciate her efforts.

## Title 5

The Board reviewed all building permit applications submitted for review by the Building Inspector, as required by state Title 5 regulations. Title 5 septic system and soils evaluations/percolation tests are a major portion of the Board's workload. -[Details are on the next page.]

## Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal

**Dick Tower** has once again been reappointed to Transfer Station Attendant. When Dick has been unable to work, **Jim Lively** and **Ted Palmer** have continued to share in the responsibilities of filling in for Dick. All of their hard work is greatly appreciated.

The Board thanks **Jan Ameen** and the staff at Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) for providing us with such good service. FCSWMD manages all

of our solid waste, recycling and hauling contracts; the regional hazardous waste collection days; and our sharps and bio-hazard waste collection. They also compile all necessary reports and statistics throughout the year as well as respond promptly to our questions and requests. [Please see their report in the *Regional* section.]

## Recycling

The Board is very pleased to see that our recycling rate for paper, glass and plastic was up 2.4% from last year (2008 - 24.7% vs. 2007 - 22.3%). Rowe is still ranked near the bottom of the nineteen FCSWMD towns, but we are very pleased with everyone's efforts. Thank you. Earnings from recycling are held in escrow by the FCSWMD and used to purchase copy paper for the town offices and offset our annual assessment from FCSWMD.

## Water Management

**Bill Enser** and Berkshire-Enviro Labs of Lee, MA continued 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.

## Town Nurse

**Sheila Litchfield** was reappointed as the town nurse. Sheila continues to serve the many town residents that seek medical attention. Sheila continues to maintain a positive relationship with our medical consultant, Dr. Richard Warner, writes articles for the *Goal Post*, and provides the board with monthly summary reports. The monthly reports are very useful to the Board in assessing how the residents are served and to justify the position and the hours that Sheila is working. We would like to thank Sheila for her hard work and dedication to the residents she serves.

## In Closing...

The Board of Health has faced both triumphs and challenges in this calendar year. Through everything, we continue to perform our duties as Board members by valuing team effort and making what we feel are the best decisions possible for the town and the residents of Rowe. Thank you all for your continued support and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Poplawski, Chair  
Angela F. Foshay  
Catherine T. Snyder

# Board of Health – Inspection, Permit and Test Data

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## TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS

|               |                          |  |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| Map 09 Lot 19 | Tunnel Rd. (Houghtaling) | Conditionally Passed                     |
| Map 12 Lot 55 | Potter Rd. (Pike)        | Passed                                   |
| Map 11 Lot 80 | Ford Hill Rd. (May)      | Failed (Distribution box to be replaced) |

## TITLE 5 SOIL EVALUATIONS/PERCOLATION TESTS

|               |                            |                    |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Map 11 Lot 61 | Stone Hill Rd. (Woodward)  | Passed             |
| Map 01 Lot 58 | Newell Cross Rd. (Feldman) | Passed             |
| Map 12 Lot 89 | Ford Hill Rd. (Travis)     | Passed             |
| Map 11 Lot 08 | Stone Rd. (Carey)          | Not passed         |
| Map 11 Lot 08 | Stone Rd. (Carey)          | Passed             |
| Map 03 Lot 03 | Hazelton Rd. (Bryant)      | Evaluation pending |

## SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION PERMITS ISSUED

|               |                           |        |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------|
| Map 09 Lot 19 | Tunnel Rd. (Houghtaling)  | Repair |
| Map 11 Lot 61 | Stone Hill Rd. (Woodward) | Repair |
| Map 11 Lot 80 | Ford Hill Rd. (May)       | Repair |

## SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION FINAL INSPECTIONS

|               |                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Map 09 Lot 19 | Tunnel Rd. (Houghtaling)      |
| Map 11 Lot 61 | Stone Hill Rd. (Woodward)     |
| Map 11 Lot 80 | Ford Hill Rd (May)            |
| Map 04 Lot 22 | Brittingham Hill Rd. (Pierce) |

## SEPTIC PUMPING RECORDS

|                |                              |           |                          |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Map 11 Lot 18  | Cross Rd. (Williams College) | 1000 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 13 Lot 26  | Hazelton Rd. (Besgen)        | 1000 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 08 Lot 07  | Petrie Rd. (Lively)          | 1000 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 11 Lot 18  | Cross Rd. (Williams College) | 2500 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 11 Lot 87  | Potter Rd. (Donelson)        | 1500 gal. | Condition not determined |
| Map 11 Lot 80  | Ford Hill Rd. (May)          | 1000 gal. | Okay                     |
| Map 07 Lot 26  | Davenport Rd. (Katz)         | 1000 gal. | Okay                     |
| Map 03 Lot 28  | Zoar Rd. (Veber)             | 1000 gal. | Okay                     |
| Map 11 Lot 61  | Stone Hill Rd. (Woodward)    | 1000 gal. | Okay                     |
| Map 11 Lot 19  | Cross Rd. (May)              | 1000 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 11 Lot 116 | Old Cyrus Stage Rd. (Lowell) | 1500 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 04 Lot 11  | County Rd. (Brown)           | 1250 gal. | Good                     |
| Map 11 Lot 18  | Cross Rd. (Williams College) | 2500 gal. | Good                     |

## PERMITS ISSUED

### *Food Establishments:*

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Rowe Camp & Conference Center (2) | - Farm House Kitchen; Rec Hall Kitchen |
| Maple House Bed & Breakfast       | - Bed & Breakfast/Catering             |
| Rowe Elementary School            | - Kitchen                              |

### *Food Service, Temporary:*

Rowe Community Church  
Rowe Camp & Conference Center  
Rowe Elementary School (Relay for Life)  
Rowe Council on Aging  
Readsboro Lions Club  
Halifax Community Club  
Council on Aging

#### *Recreational Camps for Children:*

Rowe Camp & Conference Center (3)  
Sr. High Camp  
Young People's Transition Camp  
Jr. High Camp  
Septic Hauler/Pumper:  
Bostley Sanitary Service  
Greg's Wastewater Removal  
Houghton Sanitary Service  
A-1 Enterprises

#### *Septic Installer:*

Danek Excavating  
James H. Williams

## Board of Health - Town Nurse

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I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide Town Nursing Services to the residents of Rowe during 2008. During this period, Dr. Warner has continued as consulting physician for this office.

Since May 2008 an average of 62 residents have been seen monthly, excluding the month of October when 126 persons visited the office, half of these for influenza vaccination. Throughout the year a variety of nursing services and support to residents has been provided, enhancing the ability of residents to remain healthy and independent.

Sincerely,  
Sheila M. Litchfield RN, BSN,  
COHN-S, COHC

## Broadband and Telecom Committee

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The big news this year, of course, is that Verizon brought DSL broadband to approximately 60% of the residents. The Broadband and Telecom Committee (BTC) monitored this development and challenged Verizon's claim of bringing service to 88% of the Town. We identified the covered and not covered areas and determined that mainly there are two clusters without DSL service...a small group of houses in the Davis Mine area and a larger region along and around Zoar Road southwest of the Town Hall. We have been working on an RFP to use the \$35,000 allocated by the Town to bring Broadband to the Davis Mine area. We have also considered strategies for approaching the much larger project of addressing the Zoar Road problem. We have had contact with a

Verizon VP who is willing to discuss possibilities with us, though Verizon currently has no plans to expand DSL beyond the current deployment.

The BTC provided technical support to the Selectmen in negotiating with Verizon regarding Rowe's quality of service complaint with the DTC. We offered suggestions to use the complaint as leverage to get Verizon to expand the DSL coverage. We had no success with that, but we did get the attention of a Verizon VP willing to discuss it further.

Ray Wilson resigned after a short tenure. He brought some interesting perspectives to the committee and we thank him for his service. He was replaced by Greg Poehlein who has brought enthusiasm, especially for the Zoar Road unserved area that affects him. The atmosphere of the BTC continues to be spirited, congenial, and innovative. The folks on the BTC are a joy to work with.

David Dvore, Chair  
Evie Dandeneau, Secretary  
Dan Wessman  
Russ Jolly  
Greg Poehlein

## Building Inspector

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During the year 2008, 51 building permits were issued (up from 31 the previous year):

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| New Building/additions | 8  |
| New Siding             | 2  |
| New Windows            | 10 |
| Demolitions            | 1  |
| New roofs              | 11 |
| Wood Stoves            | 2  |
| Repairs                | 4  |
| Interior Renovations   | 7  |
| Handicapped Ramps      | 4  |
| Swimming Pools         | 1  |
| Solar Panels           | 1  |
| Total                  | 51 |

In addition, 45 Certificates of Inspection were issued (up from 31 the previous year).

Respectfully submitted,

William Foster, Inspector of Buildings  
413-339-8393



## Cemetery Commission

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This year the driveway into the East Cemetery received a much needed repaving. Felton Paving out of Millers Falls MA were contracted to do this project.

Levin Hardison continues to work on rebuilding the stone walls in the North Cemetery. The commission really appreciates Levin's quality of work on this project.

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

Cemetery lots are available in the East and West cemeteries. Please contact Chairman Jim Williams at 339-4731 for additional information concerning purchasing a lot(s).

Anyone with question or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Council on Aging

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The year 2008 was a busy but enjoyable one for all the members of the Rowe Council on Aging.

The COA continued to sponsor the winter shoveling program. Seth Jackman began the 2008 program in January and Presley Veber offered to do the snow shoveling for our seniors in December 2008 to present. Thank you Seth and Presley for a job well done. The COA sponsored the senior portion of the weekly school lunch program that is open to the townspeople. The once a week bus ride for our seniors is provided by Franklin Regional Transit Authority and paid in part by the COA Grant. We are fortunate to have this service for our seniors and encourage the use of the bus. The COA reimbursed a few seniors for minor repairs based on a sliding scale. Reimbursement was also made for mileage for seniors that had extended trips for medical procedures. The COA was happy to extend to our seniors in need, the use of medical equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc) through our loaner program.

This year our co-chairs collaborated with the selectmen, Jim Brown, in regard to the Gracy House as a site where seniors could meet; as social interaction remains a top priority when one dwells in the distant hills. A Gracy House Committee was formed in November with the selectmen appointing Marilyn Belval as Chairman.

Chris Tower was pro-active in bringing emergency signs to all seniors and non-seniors who signed up for them. A special thank you was extended to Fire Chief Ed May for installing the signs. Another round of requests was made for more emergency signs with the result of additional signs being ordered and is awaiting installation, which will take place when the ground thaws in the spring of 2009.

Senator John Kerry sent a thank you to the committee for our support letter (thanks to Jodi) regarding Preserving Patient Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital Act of 2007.

An inventory of all medical equipment (available for loan) was conducted by Jodi Brown, Shirley Veber and Nurse Sheila Litchfield. This equipment is available for our non-seniors as well. Our inventory continues to grow due to the donations of our friends and neighbors. Many thanks for their useful donations.

In 2008 the COA increased its membership to 7 members. All of whom have been CORI checked. The new members include Mary Ann Dykeman and Shirley Veber. Mary Ann is our representative for the FRTA bus and continues to do an excellent job. She has informed the COA that the bus has changed ownership which resulted in some changes to the way the bus is being run.

2008 was a year full of festive and frequent events. There were two events held in February, each accompanied by inclement weather. The first event was coffee and donuts held at the Rowe Town Hall. A Valentine party was held at the Mohawk Park Restaurant and was well attended.

In March a Pizza Party was held at the Gracy House. Attendance was up due to Shirley Veber's transportation service with her trusty Tracker. At this event we got to try out our new tables and chairs. A Safety Presentation was given by Triad Officer Mo Grossberger who presented some very interesting information.

In April the committee put on a scrumptious brunch at the Rowe Elementary School featuring Finnish Pancakes, Canadian bacon with some additional help from Anne Besgen and Judy Pierce.

May 1<sup>st</sup> was a return to the Mohawk Park Restaurant where a delicious meal was served and entertainment sponsored by the Cultural Council. Ruth Harcovicz a songstress who entertained us and who even got two of our Irishmen to waltz with her.

After recessing for the summer, we returned rejuvenated in September and sponsored two trips for our seniors, one to the Bennington Vermont Car Show and the other to the Bennington Quilt Show. A delicious brown bag lunch was provided by the Readsboro General Store to those that went to either show.

We returned in November for donuts, coffee and cider. We were able to use the Gracy House for this affair. A presentation was made by Angela Taylor, RN on How To Beat The Winter Blues.

Finally in December we held our Christmas Party at the Mohawk Park Restaurant. Some of our members had "hot glue" fun at Chris's house, as they made the favors for the place settings. Chris Tower's decorations are always innovative and terrific.

We bid adieu to member Ellynn Packard who has retired from her duties as COA member. We will miss her input and ideas.

At present, Marilyn Belval, Chairman of the Gracy House Committee is keeping the COA up to date on the progress of the work being done at the Gracy House to bring the building up to code. The COA is looking forward to the day when we can spend more time at the Gracy House.

It has been a pleasure to serve our senior community. The COA committee welcomes all residents to attend our monthly meetings. Remember the lucky number is "60". Come and join us as we look forward to another fun filled and interesting year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Brown, Secretary

Members:  
Sandy Daviau, Co-Chair  
Chris Tower, Co-Chair  
Marilyn Belval  
Jodi Brown  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Shirley Veber



*Photo by Sandy Daviau*  
*A recent Council on Aging dinner for seniors*  
*at Mohawk Park in Charlemont, MA*



*Photo by Sandy Daviau*  
*Many seniors attend the weekly luncheons at Rowe School sponsored by the Rowe Council on Aging*

# Cultural Council

## Grants Management INCOME

|                               | <i>Total to<br/>Be Granted</i> | <i>Now</i>      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Interest Revenue              | \$ 0                           | \$ 0            |
| Locally Raised Revenue        |                                |                 |
| Municipal                     | 0                              | 0               |
| Foundation                    | 0                              | 0               |
| Individual                    | 0                              | 0               |
| Other                         | 0                              | 0               |
| Total                         | 0                              | 0               |
| Encumbered MCC Money          | 315                            |                 |
| Unencumbered MCC Money        | 500                            | 500             |
| <b>Total in Local Account</b> | <b>815</b>                     | <b>500</b>      |
| Allocation                    |                                | 4,300           |
| <b>Total Income</b>           |                                | <b>\$ 4,800</b> |

## EXPENSES

|                                     |      |                 |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------|
| Total Administrative Funds          |      |                 |
| (not to exceed 5% of FY allocation) |      | \$ 0            |
| LCC Projects approved               | (15) | 4,800           |
| PASS Projects approved              | ( 0) | 0               |
| LCC-Originated Projects approved    | ( 0) | 0               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>               |      | <b>\$ 4,800</b> |

## REQUESTS

|                             | <i>Applications<br/>Received</i> | <i>Total Amt<br/>Requested</i> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| LCC Applications            | (28)                             | \$ 12,080                      |
| PASS Applications           | ( 0)                             | 0                              |
| LCC-Originated Applications |                                  |                                |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>(28)</b>                      | <b>\$ 12,080</b>               |

## DECISIONS

|              |             |                  |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|
| Approved:    | (15)        | \$ 4,800         |
| Denied       | (13)        | 7,280            |
| Undecided    | ( 0)        | 0                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>(28)</b> | <b>\$ 12,080</b> |

## 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         |
| Ashfield Community Thtre                      | LCC         | Play Production                              | Theater           | 100            |
| Ashfield Community Thtre                      | LCC         | Summer Arts Program                          | Visual Arts       | 00             |
| Deerfield River Watershed                     | LCC         | Deerfield Riverfest: 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual | Science           | 200            |
| Heath Agricultural Society                    | LCC         | Heath Fair Music                             | Music             | 100            |
| Jackson, Gary                                 | LCC         | Contempaissance - Flute & Guitar             | Music             | 500            |
| Mankita, Jay                                  | LCC         | Eat Like a Rainbow                           | Music             | 400            |
| Mohawk Trail Concerts                         | LCC         | 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Festival      | Music             | 250            |
| Morin, Guy                                    | LCC         | French & Indian War Provincial Soldier       | History           | 250            |
| Pothole Pictures                              | LCC         | Pothole Pictures Film Series                 | Theatre           | 150            |
| RavenWood Freedom Farm<br>and Learning Center | LCC         | Through the Lens                             | Photography       | 200            |
| Root, John                                    | LCC         | Exploring Outer Space                        | Science           | 400            |
| Rowe Elementary School                        | LCC         | Jennifer Lee – Native America Studies        | History           | 200            |
| Rowe Elementary School                        | LCC         | Veronica Robles – Mexican Studies            | Multidisciplinary | 1,000          |
| Thomas, Bob                                   | LCC         | Generations: Grandma, Vaudeville & Me        | Storytelling      | 450            |
| <b>TOTAL AWARDED</b>                          |             |  |                   | <b>\$4,800</b> |

RCC Members  
 Jennifer Y. Wood, Chair  
 Jo-ann M. Brown  
 Kerri L. McLatchy  
 Meghan K. McLatchy  
 Barbara J. Roche  
 Elizabeth Vernes

## Dog Officer

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This year brings a new kennel to be located at the end of Sibley Road. I have yet to project costs, being subject to size, style, etc. Type of heat is also still to be decided.

The year's dog-related instances were as follows:

- Dog complaint on Hazelton Road. On investigation, dog officer is bitten by dog who is then sentenced to home confinement for 10 days. Four days into his confinement dog gets loose and strays. State officials order dog to be taken and kenneled in Greenfield for his 10 day quarantine.
- Lost dog found at Bear Swamp Power Plant on the

eastern shore near the tunnel exit. Dog housed at our house until owner located in Monroe.

- Two dogs found sitting on the front steps of a Stone Hill Road resident. Dogs housed at our house until the owner from Whitingham VT retrieved them the next day.
- Lost dog found on Tunnel Road by Rowe resident. Wonderful dog spent 3 days on our sofa until his owner came for him!

Respectfully,

Russell Powers  
Dog Officer

## Department of Public Works

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The Rowe Highway Department helped in the planting of 26 new trees in town (see tree warden report). Most of the trees were planted around the Town Center. These trees will in years to come certainly add to the beauty of our Town.

Equipment maintenance was a major priority during the year. Truck #5 Mack (1984) and the 1999 Ford 550 had brake work done. Truck #3 Mack (1986) had the front fenders replaced and repainted. Many other repairs and preventive maintenances are preformed in our facility. Routine maintenance during the year included:

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

Special projects undertaken during 2008 were:

- Paving took place on Pond and Leshure Rds
- Transfer Station: Prepared site for installation of a cement retaining wall and pad.
- Repaired paved ditch on Brittingham Hill Road, and other locations in town.

The **December 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm** was a major event in central and western Massachusetts. Rowe was not spared. The Selectboard declared a State of Emergency that lasted from Dec 12<sup>th</sup> through Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. All Rowe homes were without power for five days...some many days more. As this was a

federally declared disaster, the town will be receiving FEMA funds for the woody debris cleanup work that will take place in the spring/summer 2009.

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



*Photo by Jim Taylor*

*Debris left behind by the December 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm*

## DPW - Summer Youth Employment

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The “**Grasshopper**” program, under the direction of SYE Superintendent **Sam Howe** of Shelburne Falls again did a great job trimming and cleaning our roadsides this past summer. Our crew should be very proud of the excellent job they did. This is very hard work under hot and humid conditions. Please know that you are appreciated very much.

Thanks go to the Supervisors **Andrew Lively** and **Abigail Phelps** and crew members **Presley Veber** and **Samantha Veber**.

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 seven short (usually very hot) weeks! At the same time the crew also pays particular attention to saving certain ferns, flowers and shrubs. They are very conscientious. Great job everyone!

And special thanks again go to **Ted Palmer** for performing his annual Poison Ivy eradication. The Grasshoppers appreciate you taking care of this for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Babcock, Town Coordinator  
Jim Taylor, DPW Superintendent

## DPW - Tree Warden

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During the past year Judy Newman and David Holt proposed the removal of a few roadside trees to reopen the old meadow in front of their house. The Public Hearing was held in August in coordination with the Planning Board and permission was granted.

With the Grant funds received from the National Grid Partnership grant, the Town was able to purchase and plant 26 trees. With the help of the Beautification committee a wide variety of trees were selected. (malus (crabapple), maple, river birch, weeping crap, dog wood, elm, horse chestnut, sycamore, willow, and magnolia.) The plantings took place in early June. Allen Snow from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) helped advise myself and the Highway Dept. on proper planting and watering techniques.

Anyone with questions or concerns about roadside trees please contact me at 413-339-5588.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Taylor  
Tree Warden

## Emergency Medical Services [EMS]

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Another year has passed. December brought with it many weather challenges to our area with lots of snow and an ice storm to be remembered. Through the efforts of many we were able to provide food, water, showers and shelter at the school and at the fire station to those in need during the power outage. I would like to thank everyone for their help, cooperation and kindness shown to their neighbors and friends during a very stressful time.

Once again our EMS personnel have done an outstanding job responding to all EMS calls this year. 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 11 first responders. This year our EMTs and first responders responded to 8 medical emergencies and 1 motor vehicle accident. 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 only 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. Our ambulance service is in great need for more EMTs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail May  
EMS Coordinator

## Energy Committee

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In February, 2008, the Town of Rowe signed a letter of intent with Siemens Building Technologies (the winning company of the four that responded to our Request for Qualifications) to proceed with an investment-grade energy audit of the School, Town Hall, Library, Town Garage and Fire Station to determine if a Guaranteed Savings Energy Performance Contract would be able to pay for itself out of energy savings produced over a 20-year period by energy conservation measures. On the basis of that audit (still in progress), on June 30, 2008, in a Special Town Meeting, on the recommendation of the Energy Committee and Selectmen, the town agreed to authorize the Selectmen to enter into such a performance contract with Siemens and to use a 20-year Tax-Exempt Municipal Lease of not over \$950,000 to fund the project. Loan principal and interest were to be paid out of annual energy savings.

During the spring and summer the Energy Committee and Siemens negotiated all the details of the contract. The task: to fit the cost of all the recommended energy conservation measures into the total savings they would be guaranteed to create; this process required that we drop some desired projects (school window replacement, the boiler replacement at the garage, and a solar project among them). Delays in obtaining final cost and savings figures from Siemens, and other challenges led to the need to install the new boiler in the Elementary School after classes had begun, creating additional project costs for a temporary hot water system and increased air-quality monitoring during the removal of asbestos from the boiler room. The replacement boiler was operating by the middle of October. Shortly thereafter, final elements of the contract were agreed to and signed by all parties.

Final arrangements for the Tax-Exempt Lease were under way when the sudden "credit crunch" hit the markets in the fall of 2008. The 20-year loan interest rate, which the Town had counted on being about 4%, jumped to nearly 7%, causing the 20-year cost of interest to balloon to \$760,000. Always having intended to explore early payoff to avoid interest burdens, the Energy Committee now studied alternate ways to fund the project from the outset. In the end, the Committee proposed, with the endorsement of

the Selectmen and Finance Committee, to use \$315,000 from Capital Stabilization as a down payment, thereby allowing the Town to reduce the amount to be borrowed (\$715,000) to \$408,000, the term of the loan to 11 years, and the rate of interest to 5.78%. In a Special Town meeting on December 18, 2008, the voters unanimously approved this solution, saving the Town of Rowe approximately \$616,000 in interest, now to total \$144,000. This loan was planned to be signed in early 2009.

During that December Special Town Meeting, responding to Rowe's request that the company share some of the increased project costs at the School for which we felt the company was partly responsible, Roland Butzke, of Siemens Building Technologies, announced that the company would discount the project cost by \$9,725. This gesture by Siemens was given a public expression of appreciation by those present at the meeting.

All conservation measures will be completed by the end of the summer of 2009. Thereafter, the Town of Rowe will experience more comfortable and efficient public spaces, a yearly decrease in oil consumption of 41%, in electrical consumption of 9%, and the reduction, over the next 20 years, of over 4½ million pounds (over 2,300 tons) of carbon dioxide pollution.

The entire cost for this project will be regained by Rowe over approximately 15 years by the reduced costs of energy that result from the insulation, lighting, heating, ventilation, and energy management control improvements in our major Town buildings.

The Committee gratefully recognizes former members who served during 2008, Earl Carlow, Carlos Heiligmann, David Roberson, Jim Brown, and Myra Carlow for their invaluable contributions this year.

The Rowe Energy Committee

Jack Packard, Chair  
Lisa Danek-Burke  
Bill Loomis



# Fire Department

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to fifty-six (56) calls (up from 42 the previous year):

|    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 10 | Medical Emergencies             |
| 1  | Home Generator Would Not Start  |
| 1  | Vehicle Fire                    |
| 2  | Brush Fires                     |
| 2  | Mutual Aid Calls                |
| 9  | Fire Detection Alarms           |
| 2  | Carbon Monoxide Detector Alarms |
| 4  | Power Lines Down                |
| 2  | Vehicle Accidents               |
| 20 | Flooded Basements               |
| 3  | Fill Swimming Pool              |

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 cleaning 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 450 MHz radio system has been operational since December of 2006 and proven to be a substantial improvement over the old low band system. The Franklin Regional Council of Governments maintains the radio license and equipment. Each of the 26 towns' police, fire and EMS are assessed an annual fee to support the operation and maintenance of the county equipment. 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.

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. Daniel Miller and I have also completed ICS 400.

The Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) has completed a Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan. This plan was approved by all towns in Franklin County, and was then submitted and subsequently approved by the State.

The Franklin County REPC was formed to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning and to address Federal SARA Title III, which states that all communities must 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.

During the open burning season for 2008 there were a total of 104 permits issued. Article 310 CMR 7.07 contains the Massachusetts regulation defining allowable open burning: 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; 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 was completed this year. The generator, through an automatic throw-over switch, provides electricity to the school automatically on a 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. The generator is currently programmed to automatically start and provide power to the school every Friday morning for 30 minutes.

At approximately 10:15 PM on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the area was experiencing a significant ice storm that ultimately caused trees to fall and break the power lines on Zoar Road, interrupting the supply of electricity to the majority of the Town. At 10:30 PM, Rowe's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated in the fire station. Ice buildup continued throughout the night and into the next day, destroying large numbers of trees, snapping power lines and blocking roads and driveways. At 7:15 AM on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Selectboard declared a State of Emergency and notified the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

The Town's emergency generator supplied power to the school, which was opened as a shelter for the duration of the outage. The Highway Department had most roads opened sufficiently to allow vehicular passage in and out of town Friday. By Friday evening, utility line crews had repaired and re-powered the supply trunk line up Zoar Road, Pond Road, and Cyrus Stage Road to Heath. Leshure Road and part of Hazelton Road were also re-powered during this repair activity period. Tree removal crews (supplied by the utility company) began removing trees from the power lines Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. On the evening of this day, the shelter at the school closed for the night, as it was no longer needed as a sleeping site. On Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, line crews began repairing and re-powering streets off the trunk line. By Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, every home in Rowe had power restored. The State of Emergency was lifted at 5:00 PM December 16<sup>th</sup> and the EOC shutdown operation at 6:00 PM.

Solidarity and stalwartness were much in evidence during this difficult time, as the town's citizens did whatever was necessary to help one another until power could be restored to all. Bob Clancy and Dan and Deb Miller set up shelter operations at the school. Rick Williams and Laurie Pike assisted Bob and Dan at the shelter. Jim White manned the EOC during its entire period of operation. Deb Miller and Gail May made the initial phone calls to town residents to determine if they required assistance from the EOC. Henry Dandeneau and Gail May of the Police Department monitored town residents to ensure they were not in jeopardy. Jim Taylor and the Road Crew did an excellent job maintaining the roads before, during and after the storm. Selectman Bill Loomis and Clayton Miller assisted the Police and Fire Departments with many needed tasks. Ellen Babcock kept the Selectmen informed with the most current information obtainable and contacted town residents via the telephone notification system. I would like to thank all who helped for their efforts.

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 lives and property from the 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 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

## Gracy House Committee

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New electric wall plugs, overhead lights installed. New fire alarms and exit signs completed. Work bee was held in August. Volunteers spent the day cleaning the grounds. They pulled brush, branches and ivy off the chimney. The nice old apple tree in the back yard was trimmed and pruned, and the beds around the yard spruced up. Our helpful Town Crew took the away debris.

In November the Gracy House Committee was formed. Meetings were held November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Local contractor Steve Crowningshield widened four doorways on the first floor for handicapped accessibility. He installed 12 new posts in the basement that replaced loley columns. He installed new carrying beams, floor joists, and

replaced the cellar stairs. He built a handicapped ramp and new steps at the back (kitchen) door. Steve also re-pointed the stone walls in the cellar to keep cold air and mice out, and fixed the drafty cellar windows.

Meetings were held to plan improvements to the interior. A plan of action was put in place for 2009.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Belval, Chairman  
Robert Dykeman, Vice Chairman  
Cindy Laffond, Secretary  
William Belval  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Lenny Laffond

## Historical Commission

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The Historical Commission was reactivated in 2008 with the selectmen's appointments of two new members, Judy Pierce and Sharon Hudson. These new members are very enthusiastic about the goals and projects of the Town of Rowe to identify and protect its heritage and to preserve its historic character.

This commission fully supports the Rowe Historical SOCIETY in all its efforts, its museum and Ft. Pelham site, which are among the greatest assets of this community. The 50-year old Historical Society itself is one of the finest community organizations anywhere in this area. The Town Historical Commission, as an official town department, serves a different purpose, but has access to grants and services which will enhance the overall good of the town. (Certain designations and grants might even help the Society in maintaining their properties and projects.)

In cooperation with the Massachusetts Historical Commission and other State departments, recently there is enthusiastic interest in many area communities to preserve the vital historical character of each town and city for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

The Town of Rowe has begun the preservation and restoration of the town-owned Gracy House next to the Town Hall, to be used as a Community Center / Senior Center, with the superb efforts of some super-dedicated volunteers. In addition, with the support of the Selectmen, town funding has permitted some basic structural work utilizing town funds. This work includes a handicapped entrance ramp, etc., aiming to make it fully accessible as soon as possible. This Commission is seeking grant funds to apply to other major improvements for this project over the next few years.

Beginning in April 2009, with the help of MHC intern Jamie Duncan, a project to photograph all the buildings for an inventory of our dwellings for historical record purposes will commence.

In addition, the Rowe Historical Commission will offer a "cooperative purchasing program" at a reasonable cost, to any homeowner who desires to place a standardized sign on their home to display the "ca. year" it was built. (In keeping with the standard historical procedures, some "proof" of the date will be required, and local historians will be available to help.)

The commission is anxious to involve as many community members as possible in the many worthwhile projects to promote the goals of defining and preserving Rowe's Historic and Cultural sites, as well as our Heritage Landscapes. The Commission will be meeting monthly beginning in April 2009, and welcomes suggestions and volunteer support from every resident, including seasonal residents. 2009 will be a very interesting year in Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

ROWE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Jack Williams, Chair  
Sharon Hudson  
Judy Pierce

## Library

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2008 was a busy year with the Library more than meeting state certification requirements by being open 24 hours per week to provide adult and children's services. We continue to weed unused items and to purchase newer, more current materials. We own about 13,000 items for loan or use here. We provide books, magazines, DVDs, videos, audiocassettes and CDs. We have begun the process of inventorying our holdings as we prepare to update our antiquated circulation system, hopefully in the next fiscal year.

We now provide wireless internet service by HughesNet satellite. Library dish acquired with state funding and with three library computers available for patron use.

The Book Club meets at the library and, in the fall, Leith Cohen gave a talk on books of perennial interest. In addition, children and adults volunteered to select materials from the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System's Bookmobile and to decorate the library for Christmas.

The Beautification Committee continues to make the grounds shine from the excitement of the crocus in spring to the autumn decorations on our front steps. We continued our Winter Art Gallery featuring works of local artists.

The Trustees meet at least monthly at the library, and citizens are always welcome to attend. Meetings are posted at the Town Hall and at the Library. Library hours are:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Library Trustees  
Ellynn B. Packard, Chair  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Melissa S. Quinn

Library Director  
Susan P. Gleason

## Old Home Day Committee

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Another great Old Home Day was held on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, and the weather cooperated, which always helps everyone enjoy themselves.

The day started off with the Fishing Derby, which was held at the Loomis pond on Hazelton Road. Trout for the event were donated by Jim Daneker, who has sponsored this event for many, many years. Thank you, Jim. The kids all enjoyed themselves.

The Rowe Post Office held a special "Old Home Day" cancellation stamp contest for the Rowe School students, which was won by Caitlyn Wilkins of Heath. The Old Home Day Committee had a tough job picking the winning entry. There were so many wonderful drawings to choose from. Thanks to Terri Peters for coming up with this great idea.

The annual parade, themed "**Anything Goes**", was well attended and was led off by Rachel Richardson singing the National Anthem. Thank you, Rachel. You did an outstanding job. After the parade the Shelburne Falls Military Band gave a nice concert on the school grounds. This was followed by a performance by the energetic Colrain Cloggers.

The Western MA Eyemobile was on hand to perform free vision and hearing testing and blood pressure screening, compliments of the Charlemont Lions Club. This was a very helpful service for townspeople. Thank you Lions, and thank you to Bob Dykeman for arranging this.

The "Flower Power" exhibit of work by Rowe artists/crafters at the Browning Bench Tool Factory was hosted by local artist Helene Glass. Thank you all who exhibited your artwork and handiwork.

Hay rides around the various venues were provided by Dohn Sherman. Mary Paige spearheaded the kids' games at the Park and did a great job. In addition, face painting was offered, the Bouncy Castle was set up at the park, and there was a climbing wall at the Rowe School.

The Rowe Community Church held their annual auction and raffle, which were both quite successful. They also had their hamburger/hot dog booth and Strawberry Shortcake booth for all to enjoy.

The Rowe Historical Society's wonderful museum was open from 2 pm to 4 pm, and a *Civil War Soldier* historical re-enactment was held on a grassy area across from the museum.

Entertainment was provided by magician Jay McMahon and local band *Small Change*. While diners enjoyed the tasty barbeque chicken prepared by the Readsboro Lions Club dinner music was provided by *Contemppaissance*. And this was all followed by the popular Fireworks display over the lake.

Sunday activities began with the Rowe Community Church service at the lake. From 11 am to 4 pm there was a self-tour of Rowe gardens and farms. The Bouncy Castle saw more action, and the Rowe Historical Society's museum was again open to the public from 2 pm to 5 pm.

We had a great committee and lots of other volunteers that made the weekend a great success. Thank you to all who helped out.

Bill Loomis, Chair  
Committee members:  
Anne E. Besgen  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Thomas L. Chiofalo  
Helene S. Glass  
David W. Lenth  
Mary E. Lenth  
Carol F. Lively  
William A. Loomis  
Mary E. Paige  
Michael J. Phillips  
Margaret B. Rice  
Robert R. Rice  
Christine A. Tower



*Caitlyn Wilkin's winning entry in the Old Home Day special cancellation stamp contest.*

## Park Commission

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Pelham Lake Park was busy as usual this year with activities and maintenance.

Special thanks to the employees:

### **Park Rangers**

Brittani Sprague, Ken Bradley, Max Chattin,  
Nancy Phelps, Josh Taylor, and Sarah Burke

### **Lifeguards**

Pat Bradley and Jacob Smead

### **Rec Program staff**

Carol Lively, Mary Paige, Carol Schotte,  
Dana Williams, Becca Hobbs and Sarah Burke

### **Sports Program Director/Tennis Instructor**

Charles Gabriel

### **YMCA**

Swim Staff/Instructors

### **Fitness Instructor**

Jodi Fontaine

### **Fitness Center Monitors**

Roger Brown

The park underwent a few major maintenance projects this year. All the projects brought excitement and new life to the park. We constructed a new bridge on the Beach Trail and rerouted the tennis Court Trail just north of the original trail in order to place the new bridge in the best location. The summer kids helped paint all new blazes on the trails in the park identifying them by the following colors:

White blazes indicate trails that are relatively flat  
Red blazes indicate there will be some elevation gain  
Blue blaze indicates it is a spur trail

The Northwest View trail that once led hikers on a short spur off of the Adams Mountain Trail to beautiful scenery of the Town Center, Pelham Lake and north Rowe was re-opened. At the View we did selective cutting of smaller growth and of upper branches to maximize view with the least amount of damage.

The Park sponsored a tree identification workshop led by Walker Korby. Following the workshop, the Meadow Trail was turned into an interpretive trail by placing placards on trees to identify them.

Thanks to Bruce Cowie, a town resident, who designed the new metal trail maps located on all trail heads and major intersections in the park.

Several construction projects occurred over the year: a new roof was installed on the wood shed. Steve Crowningshield completed much needed major renovations at the Browning Bench Tool Factory.

The tennis courts were resurfaced by Advantage Tennis from St. Johnsbury Vermont.

Carol Lively and her crew led a creative energetic summer program with a Native American theme that included: Native American Garden located at the riding ring, Bluebird house construction, homemade hula hoops, drums and many games. A highlight of the program was the *Birds of Prey* presentation by local bird rehabilitator Tom Riccardi. Parents, grandparents and kids all reported they had a wonderful time.

The two-week sports program led by Rowe School gym teacher Mr. "G," (Charles Garbiel) included cooperative games, soccer, scooters in the gym (when it rained), and Mr.



*Photo by Bob Clancy*

*A bald eagle at the Pelham Lake Park Causeway Pond*

"G" also gave 2-week tennis lessons. Once again the YMCA taught swimming lessons. In addition, Zoar Outdoor provided an opportunity for kayak lessons on the lake.

The park put on five senior picnics at the park with an average attendance of 30 people. It is always a great opportunity for folks to get together and socialize.

The fitness center was busy both at the lake and at town hall. Jodi Fontaine and Mary Essert taught water aerobics at the lake. I'm sure there were days the water was a bit cold for everyone. Jodi also provided weekly Pilates, strength, and yoga classes at the Town Fitness Center.

Other wonderful events that happened at the park this year included the Gymkhana sponsored by the Rowe Riders, where many local riders and non-riders turned out to watch and get a chance to ride a horse. The Tail Gate Trick-or-Treat and Haunted House co-sponsored by the Rowe PTP was a great success. And the Indian Head Snowmobile Club hosted a snowmobile fun day at the park.

One of the biggest stories in Western Massachusetts was the December ice storm. The park suffered extensive damage to the trail system. Clean-up was underway the Friday

after the storm just trying to gain access into the park. The following week the main focus of clearing was done on the snowmobile and cross country ski trails. The clean up was slowed by more and more snow. The damage done to the canopy on the upper portions of the park was devastating. Clean-up will continue into the summer and we hope that most of the trees recover.

We learned this year that the bathrooms will need to be replaced due to health concerns. We are looking into a composting system that is earth friendly. The Park Commission is hoping to get started within the next year. You will be kept informed through the monthly article in the *Goal Post*.

Once again the park had a busy and successful year. The Park Commissioners welcome any feedback and suggestions for park usage.

Thanks, as always, to the staff and volunteers for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Jolly, Chair



# Planning Board

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In 2008 the Planning Board continued its review of the Town's bylaws, worked to improve and streamline publication of the *Goal Post*, held two tree hearings, and conducted general business of a more or less routine nature.

In May, new member Robert Dykeman of Tunnel Road was elected to a five-year position on the Board, and Ellynn Packard of Stone Hill Road was elected to fill the remaining three years of the previously-vacant seat to which she had been appointed in 2007. This marked a welcome return to a fully-constituted five-member board.

The Board signed off on a lot division of land of Anne Carey with frontage on Stone Road and Stone Hill Road as "Approval Not Required". Because the surveyor subsequently twice reported changes in his survey, this lot division was brought before the Board and approved on three separate occasions.

It came to the Board's attention that extensive tree trimming and removal was being conducted throughout town by National Grid in the absence of the required public hearing and Planning Board approval. Work was halted until a hearing could be held and approval given in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 87 and M.G.L. Chapter 40. As has occurred in the past, the utility challenged the Planning Board's jurisdiction and argued that the laws did not apply, however the Planning Board relied on several documents from state agencies and other municipalities which supported our position. (In January of 2009, Town counsel sent a helpful memorandum to all its municipal clients which supported the Planning Board's interpretation of the law.) Ultimately the Planning Board approved the tree trimming after the public hearing, reaching an agreement with Tree Warden Jim Taylor that he would keep a close watch on the cutting operation to ensure that agreed-upon standards were not violated. Among these is that the utility will not "top" trees (a procedure whereby the main stem of a tree is lopped off to stunt its growth, which results in a weakened and unsightly tree).

Another tree hearing was held in September concerning a request to cut trees on Shippee Road. The Tree Warden and a Planning Board member met with the landowners and pointed out several large and picturesque oak trees on this road; the landowners agreed that the cutting plan would be limited to smaller, weak and/or diseased trees. These were subsequently marked and advertised, and with no objections raised at the public hearing, the Planning Board approved the tree cutting. No cutting has taken place along this road as of the date this report was written.

In August the Planning Board received a request from the Board of Selectman that a representative be selected to serve on a new "Capital Improvements Planning Committee". While some Board members questioned whether such a committee was necessary in Rowe, it was agreed that the Planning Board should be represented on the committee if it were to be formed. David Roberson agreed to represent the Planning Board on this committee.

Publication of the *Goal Post* has required more attention from the Planning Board than had generally been the case in previous years. Production and layout is ably handled by Lynne Rudié of Montague, whom the Board hired in 2007, with final editorial approval and proofreading undertaken by Planning Board members. Subscription lists were reviewed and measures implemented to reduce the cost of publication without compromising the quality of the *Goal Post*. All boards, committees and residents are invited to submit articles for consideration.

Revision of zoning bylaws and subdivision regulations is ongoing, and drafts have been submitted to legal counsel for review. Because of the significance of these documents for the Town and the need to word them carefully to ensure both compliance with state law and protection for the citizens of Rowe, this process has been much longer and more complicated than any of us had anticipated. However, it is expected that public hearings will be held and the final documents presented to voters at a Special Town Meeting later this year.

The Planning Board holds monthly meetings at the Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Roberson, Chairman  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Robert Dykeman  
Angela F. Foshay  
Ellynn B. Packard

## Police Department

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|-------------------------|----|
| Accidents (1 car)       | 4  |
| Medical Assistance      | 3  |
| Breaking & Entering     | 1  |
| Vandalism               | 3  |
| 9-1-1 Hang Ups          | 5  |
| Larceny                 | 3  |
| Animal Complaints       | 5  |
| Domestics               | 2  |
| Requests for Assistance | 5  |
| Permits Issued          | 26 |
| Reported Incidents      | 58 |
| Unfounded Incidents     | 16 |

The number of complaints increased quite a lot from previous years. The number of reported crimes decreased again in 2008. The seriousness of the crimes decreased significantly this year. Most crimes were cleared through investigation and charges were filed. I would like to thank the police officers of Rowe for accomplishing this with such professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry J. Dandeneau  
Chief of Police

# Report of the Town Clerk – Vital Statistics - 2008

## BIRTHS

*Mass. General Law prohibits release of info for persons under 17 without parental permission*

### Kameron R. Crowningshield

Jenna M. Plante  
Matthew R. Crowningshield

## DEATHS

### Neil Dennis Halberg

September 7, 1952 – October 9, 2008  
Died in Greenfield, MA

## MARRIAGES

### Naomi Nakajima

### Nicholas Joseph Soviecke

April 18, 2008  
Married in Rowe

## BUSINESS CERTIFICATES ISSUED

1. Glenn M. White (*renewed*)  
Issued 12-4-2008 – Expires 12-4-2012  
dba White Heating  
245 Leshure Road, Rowe MA
2. Barbara J. Roche (*new*)  
Issued 8-5-2008 – Expires 8-5-2012  
dba Fiftyshift.com  
37 Davenport Branch Rd, Rowe MA

Fees Collected - Two (2) @ \$1.00 \$2.00

**Total Paid to Town Treasurer \$2.00**

## CLOSED BUSINESSES

1. Kelle J. Quist  
Closed Effective 10/01/08  
dba Ginger Pear Gourmet  
4 Ford Hill Road, Rowe MA

Fee Collected - One (1) @ \$0.50 \$0.50

**Total Paid to Town Treasurer \$0.50**

## RAFFLE PERMITS

One (1) Rowe Community Church @ \$ 10.00

**Total Paid to Town Treasurer \$ 10.00**

## LICENSES AND PERMITS SOLD

### DOG LICENSES

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| 28 - Males @ \$3.00                     | \$84.00 |
| 17 - Neutered Males @ \$3.00            | 51.00   |
| 7 - Females @ \$6.00                    | 42.00   |
| 51 - Spayed Females @ \$3.00            | 153.00  |
| 1 - Kennel (4 dogs or less) @ \$10.00   | 10.00   |
| 2 - Kennels (10 dogs or less) @ \$25.00 | 50.00   |
| 2 - Late Charges @ \$25.00              | 50.00   |

### TOTAL DOG LICENSES

**& Late Charges 440.00**  
Less fees retained by Town Clerk -79.50

**Total Paid to Town Treasurer \$360.50**

### SPORTING LICENSES

|   |      |          |
|---|------|----------|
| F1 - Resident Fishing @ \$27.50                   | (17) | \$467.50 |
| F2 - Resident Minor Fishing 15-17 @ \$11.50       | ( 0) | 0.00     |
| F3 - Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$16.25             | ( 2) | 32.50    |
| F4 - Resident Fishing 70 or over = Free           | ( 3) | Free     |
| F6 - Non-resident Fishing @ \$37.50               | ( 4) | 150.00   |
| F7 - Non-resident Fishing-3 day @ \$23.50         | ( 5) | 117.50   |
| F8 - Resident Fishing-3 day @ \$12.50             | ( 2) | 25.00    |
| F9 - Non-resident Fishing 15-17 @ \$11.50         | ( 0) | 0.00     |
| H1 - Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$27.50           | ( 6) | 165.00   |
| H2 - Resident Hunting 65-69 @ \$16.25             | ( 0) | 0.00     |
| H5 - Non-resident Hunting<br>Big Game @ \$99.50   | ( 5) | 497.50   |
| H6 - Non-resident Hunting<br>Small Game @ \$65.50 | ( 0) | 0.00     |
| H8 - Resident Minor Hunting<br>15-17 @ \$11.50    | ( 0) | 0.00     |
| S1 - Resident Sporting @ \$45.00                  | (23) | 1,035.00 |
| S2 - Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$25.00            | ( 3) | 75.00    |
| S3 - Resident Sporting 70 or over = Free          | (11) | Free     |
| DF - Duplicate Fishing @ \$2.50                   | ( 0) | 0.00     |
| DH - Duplicate Hunting @ \$2.50                   | ( 1) | 2.50     |
| DS - Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50                  | ( 0) | 0.00     |

**TOTAL SPORTING LICENSES \$2,567.50**

### SPORTING STAMPS

|  |      |       |
|--|------|-------|
| M1 - Archery @ \$5.10                  | (13) | 66.30 |
| M2 - Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00          | ( 4) | 20.00 |
| M3 - Primitive Firearms Stamp @ \$5.10 | (17) | 86.70 |

**TOTAL STAMPS \$173.00**

**TOTAL SPORTING FEES COLLECTED \$2,740.50**  
Less fees retained by Town Clerk -37.50

**TOTAL PAID TO MASS WILDLIFE \$2,703.00**

# Appointees Sworn to Duty

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## **AGENT FOR VETERANS, ACTING**

Susan C. Wood – 10-28-08

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

Sandra P. Daviau – 7-1-08

## **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Carol Lively – 7-1-08  
Laura Roberson – 7-1-08

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Jo-ann M. Brown – 6-17-08  
MaryJo A. Phelps – 6-18-08  
David W. Lenth – 6-18-08  
John H. Williams – 7-2-08  
Marilyn Belval – 7-8-08  
Richard A. Tower – 7-16-08

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Carrie Y. Silva – 3-12-08

## **BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK**

Linda Bickford – 6-27-08

## **BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

David Dvore – 6-27-08  
Evelyn L. Dandeneau – 7-8-08  
Raymond Wilson – 7-31-08  
Russell Jolly – 8-31-08

## **BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Myra B. Carlow – 6-30-08  
John H. Williams – 7-2-08  
Angela F. Foshay – 7-10-08  
Ellynn B. Packard – 7-16-08

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING (CIP) COMMITTEE**

Accountant - Ellen L. Babcock. – 10-17-08  
Assessors - Frederick N. Williams – 11-18-08  
At Large - Myra B. Carlow – 10-21-08  
Finance Committee - Cara Morano – 11-4-08  
Planning Board - David A. Roberson – 10-21-08  
School Committee - Margaret B. Rice - 11-4-08  
Selectboard - William A. Loomis – 10-28-08

## **CDBG 2007 HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative – 7-2-08

## **CDBG 2008 HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative – 12-2-08

## **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Ellen L. Babcock – 7-1-08

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR**

Edwin L. May – 7-1-08

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Myra B. Carlow - 6-30-08

## **CONSTABLE**

Roger L. Brown – 7-1-08

## **COUNCIL ON AGING**

MaryAnn Dykeman – 6-12-08  
Christine A. Tower – 6-16-08  
Shirley Veber – 6-16-08  
Jo-ann M. Brown – 6-17-08  
Sandra P. Daviau – 6-17-08  
Ellynn B. Packard – 6-28-08

## **DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

Daniel J. Miller – 7-25-08

## **DOG OFFICER**

Russell Powers – 11-25-08

## **DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

James W. Taylor – 7-2-08

## **ELECTION TELLERS / WORKERS**

Heidi Cousineau – 8-11-08  
Rebecca F. Richardson – 8-12-08  
Shirley Veber – 8-12-08  
Carole A. Veber – 8-12-08  
Kristen C. Swenson – 8-12-08  
Claudine M. Poplawski – 8-12-08  
Linda J. Bickford – 8-19-08  
Laurie L. Laffond – 9-2-08  
Earl Carlow – 9-3-08

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TECHNICIANS**

Gail May – 6-30-08  
C. Selmi Hyytinen – 7-12-08

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Edwin L. May – 7-1-08

## **EMS COORDINATOR**

Gail May – 6-30-08

## **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Myra Carlow – 6-30-08  
Lisa Danek-Burke – 8-5-08  
John R. H. Packard – 6-28-08

## **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

James W. Taylor – 7-2-08

## **FENCE VIEWER**

Earl Carlow – 6-30-08

**FIELD DRIVER**

Sandra P. Daviau – 7-1-08

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

James E. Sousa – 3-14-08

**FIRE CHIEF**

Edwin L. May – 7-1-08

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAINS**

Paul McLatchy – 7-2-08

Dennis May – 7-22-08

**FIRE LIEUTENANTS**

Jonathan Lively – 7-2-08

William Reardon – 9-2-08

James White – 12-5-08

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS (FRCOG) PLANNING BOARD**

David Roberson, Rowe Representative – 7-9-08

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT  
AUTHORITY (FRTA)**

MaryAnn Dykeman, Rowe Rep. – 7-2-08

**GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Robert Dykeman – November 18, 2008

Leonard J. Laffond – November 18, 2008

Cynthia M. Laffond – November 18, 2008

Marilyn H. Belval – November 20, 2008

William C. Belval – November 20, 2008

MaryAnn Dykeman – November 20, 2008

John H. Williams – December 16, 2008

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL  
OFFICER**

Edwin L. May – 7-1-08

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Sharon C. Hudson – 19-17-08

Judith A. Pierce – 10-22-08

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

William Foster – 6-30-08

**ALTERNATE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

James Hawkins – July 14, 2008

**MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER**

Thomas P. Danek, Jr. – 6-30-08

James H. Williams – 7-9-08

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

William A. Loomis – 6-16-08

Christine A. Tower – 6-16-08

Jo-ann M. Brown – 6-17-08

Anne E. Besgen – 6-17-08

Mary E. "Betty" Lenth – 6-18-08

Michael J. Phillips – 6-18-08

David W. Lenth – 6-18-08

Carol F. Lively – 6-23-08

Helene S. Glass – 6-25-08

Robert R. Rice – 6-30-08

Margaret B. Rice – 6-30-08

Mary E. Paige – 6-30-08

**POUND KEEPER**

Sandra P. Daviau – 7-1-08

**PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR**

Andrew French – 7-7-08

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Carrie Y. Silva – 8-19-08

Judith A. Pierce – 8-26-08

Lisa L. Miller – 9-12-08

Helen R. Shields – 9-16-08

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, ASSISTANT**

Ellen L. Babcock – 6-18-08

**ROWE/HEATH EDUCATION EXPLORATORY  
COMMITTEE**

David Dvore – 6-27-08

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER / CHIEF**

Henry J. Dandeneau – 7-8-08

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Gail May – 6-30-08

Diane B. Wilder – 7-2-08

C. Selmi Hyytinen – 7-12-08

David Rich – 7-12-08

Charles Bellows – 7-12-08

Jared Bellows – 7-12-08

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

James W. Taylor – 7-2-08

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Ellen L. Babcock – 7-1-08

**TOWN COORDINATOR**

Ellen L. Babcock – 7-1-08

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Janet H. Pumphrey, Kopelman and Paige, P.C. – N/A

**TOWN NURSE**

Sheila Litchfield – 3-31-08

**TREE WARDEN**

James W. Taylor – 7-2-08

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

James Slowinski – 7-8-08

**YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY –  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)**

Leonard J. Laffond, Rowe Rep. – 7-2-08

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE**

John H. Williams – 12-16-08  
Leonard J. Laffond – 12-16-08  
Frederick N. Williams – 12-16-08  
William A. Loomis – 12-16-08  
David W. Lenth – 12-16-08  
Walter J. Quist – 12-16-08

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Marilyn Wilson – 10-9-08

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS –  
ALTERNATE MEMBER**

Leonard J. Laffond – 11-18-08

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## Resignations by Appointees

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Cynthia M. Laffond – 11-18-08

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

James M. McKee – 4-28-08  
Ellynn B. Packard – 12-3-08

**ELECTION TELLER / WORKER**

Heidi Cousineau – 10-21-08

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Myra Bennett Carlow – 9-2-08

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE FY08**

Jo-ann M. Brown – 7-10-08

## Elected Officials Sworn to Duty

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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Carrie Y. Silva – 5-20-08  
Frederick N. Williams – 5-28-08

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Catherine T. Snyder – 5-21-08

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

William A. Loomis – 5-19-08

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

James W. Taylor – 5-19-08

**CONSTABLE**

Christine A. Tower – 6-16-08

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Anne E. Besgen – 5-12-08

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Ellynn B. Packard – 6-16-08

**PARK COMMISSIONER**

Mary Jo A. Phelps – 5-19-08

**PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Dykeman – 5-21-08  
Jo-ann M. Brown – 5-21-08  
Ellynn B. Packard – 6-16-08

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Margaret B. Rice – 5-23-08

**TOWN CLERK**

Carrie Y. Silva – 5-19-08

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## Resignation by Elected Official

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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Ellen L. Babcock – 2-16-08

# Rowe Voters List – December 31, 2008

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



|                       |   |                        |   |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Quinn, Melissa S      | D | Taylor, James W        | U |
| Quinn, Richard K      | D | Taylor, Sharon L       | U |
| Quist, Kelle J        | U | Taylor, Susan Berry    | U |
| Quist, Walter J       | U | Thurber, Jacob A       | U |
|                       |   | Tower, Christine A     | R |
| Reardon, Crystal J    | U | Tower, Richard A., Sr  | R |
| Reardon, Mary A       | U |                        |   |
| Reardon, Tiffany J    | U | Vadeboncoeur,          |   |
| Reardon, William Neil | U | Joseph A               | U |
| Reed, Robin W         | D | VanDyke, Barbara L     | D |
| Reynolds-Gallagher,   |   | VanItallie, JeanClaude | U |
| Danette L             | U | Veber, Carole A        | R |
| Rice, Bradley J       | U | Veber, Florence M      | U |
| Rice, Dean T          | R | Veber, Shirley         | R |
| Rice, Donald A        | R | Veber, Terry           | R |
| Rice, Jennifer L      | R | Veber, Tiffany R       | R |
| Rice, Margaret B      | U | Vernes, Elizabeth Anna | D |
| Rice, Robert R        | U | Vernes, Ian Arie       | U |
| Richardson, Rebecca F | D | Volland, Phyllis E     | D |
| Roberson, David A     | U |                        |   |
| Roberson, Laura S     | U | Wayne, David B         | D |
| Roche, Barbara J      | D | Webster, Gideon K      | U |
| Rode, Christina M     | R | Wessman, Daniel J      | U |
| Rooney, Francis C     | R | Wessman, Samantha E    | U |
| Ross, Daniel Caleb    | D | White, Gerrit C        | U |
| Rossi, John F         | R | White, Glenn M         | U |
| Rossi, Martha         | U | White, Marguerite S    | D |
|                       |   | White, Susan M         | D |
| Scrivens, Betty R     | U | Williams, Albert R     | U |
| Scrivens, David F     | U | Williams,              |   |
| Sena, Josephine A     | U | Frederick Newton       | U |
| Shaw, Crystal L       | D | Williams, James H      | R |
| Sherman, Connie Anne  | U | Williams, James Thomas | R |
| Sherman, Dohn Wayne   | U | Williams, John H       | R |
| Shields, Helen R      | D | Williams, Nancy N      | R |
| Shippee, Julie J      | R | Williams, Robert O     | U |
| Shippee, Kenneth R    | R | Williams, Susan A      | U |
| Silva, Carrie Y       | R | Williams, Valerie Ann  | U |
| Silva, Edward J       | U | Wilson, Douglas Rev    | D |
| Silva, Robert A       | U | Wilson, Marilyn        | D |
| Silva, Sandra J       | U | Wilson, Raymond        | D |
| Smith, Floyd W        | U |                        |   |
| Smith, Phyllis T      | U | Wood,                  |   |
| Snyder, Catherine T   | U | Jennifer Younglove     | D |
| Snyder, Timothy C     | R | Wood, Susan Carol      | D |
| Sousa, James E        | D | Woodward, Eleanor L    | U |
| Soviecke, Anna        | U | Woodward, Martin V     | U |
| Soviecke, Karen       | U |                        |   |
| Soviecke, Mitchell    | U | Zielonka, Stanley R    | U |
| Soviecke, Nicholas J  | D |                        |   |
| Sprague, Brittani ME  | U |                        |   |
| Sprague, Katherine D  | R |                        |   |
| Sprague, Kevin D      | U |                        |   |
| Stetson, Jane B       | U |                        |   |
| Stetson, Wendell L    | U |                        |   |
| Stickney, Barbara     | R |                        |   |
| Strules, Jennifer E   | U |                        |   |
| Sutherland, Jennie R  | D |                        |   |
| Sutherland, Wendy S   | D |                        |   |
| Swenson, Kristen C    | R |                        |   |

**Town of Rowe  
Voters List  
12/31/08**

**Enrolled in a Party:**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| U - Unenrolled | 197 |
| D - Democrat   | 68  |
| R - Republican | 40  |

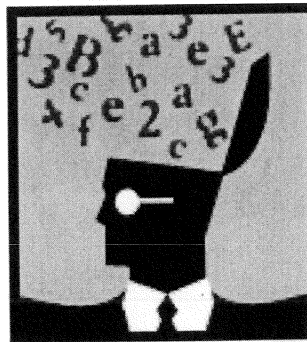
**Enrolled under a Designation:**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| G - Green       | 0   |
| L - Libertarian | 1   |
| Q - Independent | 1   |
| S - Socialist   | 1   |
| Total Voters    | 308 |



# PART II

## Education



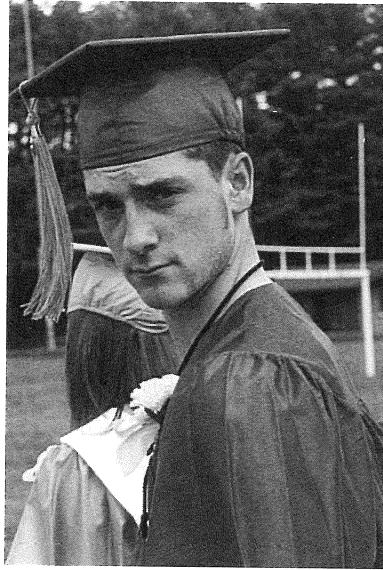
# Congratulations Graduates - 2008

## Mohawk Trail Regional High School

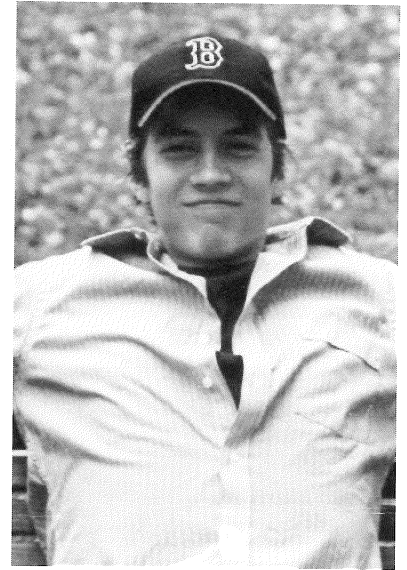


*Tiffany R. Veber*

## Franklin Regional Technical High School

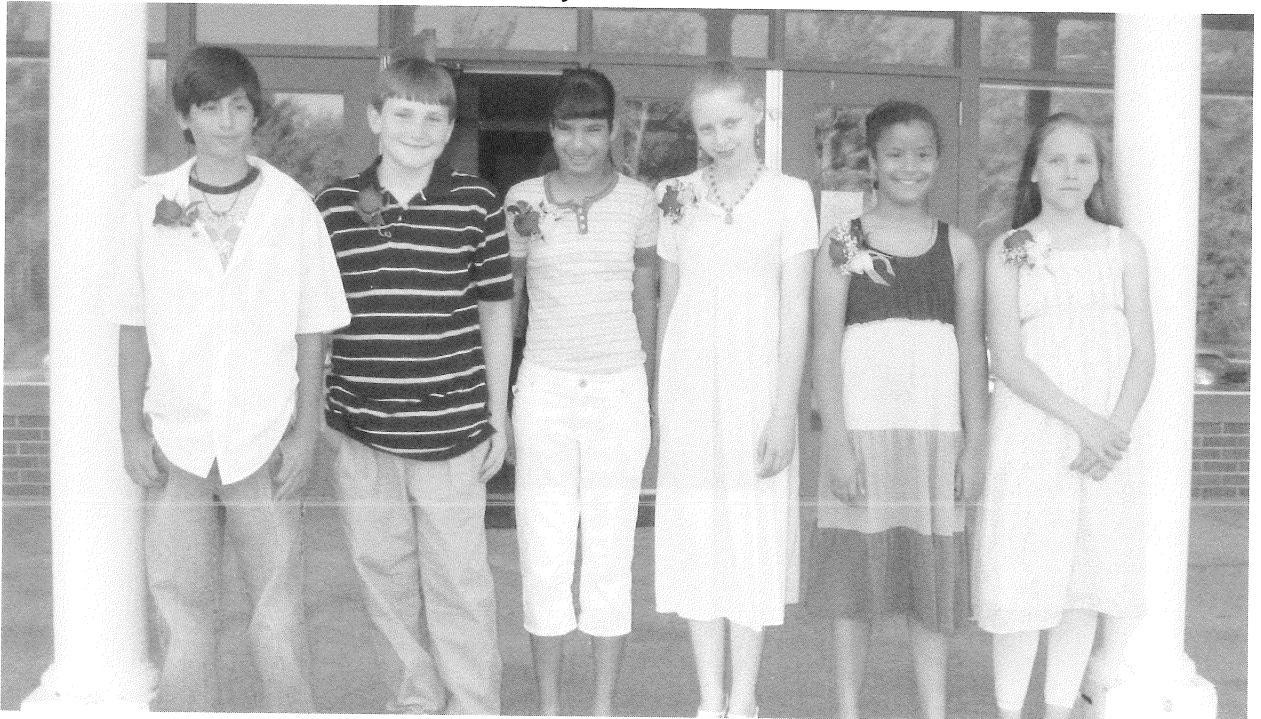


*Kenneth Bradley*



*Maxwell P. Chattin*

## Rowe Elementary School – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class



*L to R: Mark Buck, Kyle Shippee, Puja Kranz-Howe, Heidi Phelps, Jennieke Kranz-Howe and Kendra Crockwell*

## School Committee

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The Rowe School Committee again is very proud of all that the students, teachers, parents and community members have contributed to make our school a school of excellence.

This year work on finances started in early September to get input from everyone as to the needs of the school. There was good communication on all fronts to improve format.

The outdoor classroom continued to be worked on with a couple of minor construction changes. This has become a real asset for the building and will be ready for classroom use in Spring 2009, and also for use by the community at large. This classroom was completely paid for out of grant monies and donations as part of "The Habitat" project.

The Habitat continues to be a focus, and more will be added during the next year to enhance the use of the environment around the school property.

The Rowe School family has again been very pleased with the enhancement of activities between the school and Rowe

park. We are in a unique situation in Rowe for our students to have such a teaching opportunity right in our back yard.

The Rowe School Committee would like to thank the Energy Committee along with our own Lisa Danek-Burke for all of the hard work studying the energy needs of the elementary school. We as a committee are looking forward to both monetary and energy consumption savings for years to come.

The Rowe School Committee again would like to express our thanks to all Rowe townspeople for the support of our elementary and high school students. Please feel free to attend any of our meetings that are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at Rowe Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Rice, Chairperson  
Lisa Danek-Burke, Vice Chairperson  
Rebecca Richardson, Secretary



*Photo By Bob Clancy*

*Rowe School Winter Enrichment Program At Berkshire East*

# School Enrollments

## Rowe Elementary School

40 Rowe residents  
 24 School of Choice-In  
     ( 3) Buckland  
    (10) Charlemont  
     ( 2) Colrain  
     ( 2) Conway  
     ( 7) Heath  
 64 TOTAL

**Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School**  
 17

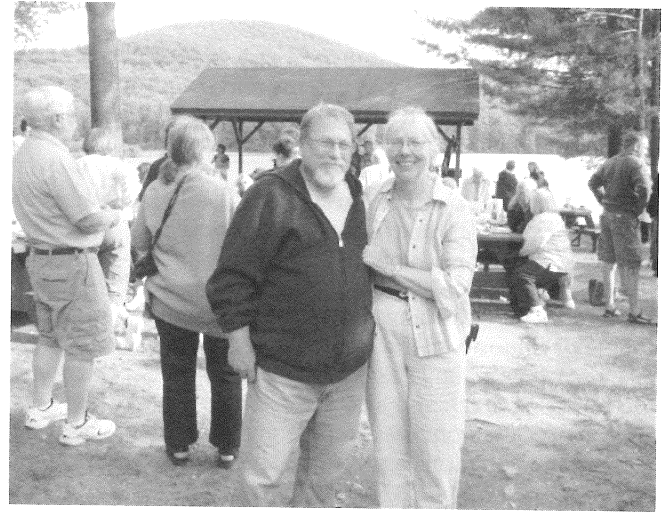
**Franklin County Technical High School**  
 3

**The Academy at Charlemont**  
 1

**Four Rivers Charter School**  
 1

**Home Schooled Students**  
 8 Elementary Level  
 1 Middle/High School Level

**School of Choice - Out**  
 0



*Photo by Bob Clancy*  
 Johanna Weinstein's Retirement Party  
 Pelham Lake Park - June 2008



*The new Outdoor Classroom at Rowe Elementary School*

*Photo by Bob Clancy*



# Rowe Elementary School - Principal's Report

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It is my pleasure to submit the 2008 calendar year principal's report for Rowe Elementary School. The Rowe School Family continues to accomplish much in and out of the classroom. Student achievement is up as are the efforts of working towards making a difference in the local and global community.

Our students are more than the measure of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System even though they continue to score in the "Very High" category for student accountability. The Spring 2008 MCAS test results for grades three through six once again showed an increase in student test scores even as the bar the Department of Education sets out gets progressively higher every year. In 2008 our students were given a targeted aggregate score to reach in English Language Arts of 85.4 out of 100 and our students reached 92 and in Mathematics the target was 76.4 and the students hit 90. Congratulations to our students, and our teachers, for the achievement.

Our accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges remains in good standing and thanks to the supportive and academically challenging curriculum in place and the good work by all, student performance continues to rise. We began a review of our mathematics program and added thirty minutes to daily instruction. Language arts will be the next area of curriculum review. Spanish continues to be taught to students from preschool through grade six and they are immersed as English is rarely spoken during this class time. As the parent of two students at Rowe School I appreciate greatly the opportunity afforded our students by having a world language taught at the elementary level. Research continues to show the importance of learning a second language at an early age will increase the success of children in their personal and professional lives.

Enrichment continues to be as important as the general curriculum. Students participate in vocal and instrumental music weekly and are provided opportunities to write and act in plays. Primary classroom students continue to perform environmentally based tales, which they write, about the importance of being good stewards of the earth. Grade three and four students performed a Mexican Cinderella folk tale that they wrote and the whole school cultural arts unit on Mexico included an outstanding evening performance of dance and song with artist-in-residence Veronica Robles paid for in part by a grant from the Rowe Cultural Arts Council. The third and fourth grade students visited Greenfield to experience the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra and our fifth and sixth grade students spent five days in Yarmouthport out on Cape Cod at Nature's Classroom for the biannual trip. This trip held a focus on science with students probing ponds, saltwater marshes, sampling water from deep in the ocean, and challenging themselves with cooperative games and adventures while away from home for the first time for most.

Site improvements continue as the wild flower beds by the entrance to the school take hold, and construction of an outdoor classroom made progress.

Volunteerism continues as our students worked for local, national, and international relief efforts. Locally students collected food for the "Good Neighbors" pantry, money for "Adopt-A-Family," "Warm the Children," and "UNICEF," to name a few. The annual tradition of students cleaning up a section of the Deerfield River continued with their participation in the tenth year of the Deerfield River Cleanup at the Zoar picnic area. This sampling of the many connections made by the Rowe School Family demonstrates not only good will and service to the community but good moves towards effective citizenship.

Due to the ice storm in early December, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Berry Craft Fair was cancelled. It was quite unfortunate as the event is looked forward to by all and the profits from the event help with the rising costs of field trips and enrichment programs such as the winter enrichment program at Berkshire East and the fifth and sixth grade five day field trip.

The SCA/AmeriCorps program that Rowe School has been very fortunate to be a part of each year continued as we hosted two new volunteers. This is well-spent federal money. The volunteers are great role models and bring with them an excitement about the environment that our students grab onto and relish for the three months the volunteers are with us.

June of 2008 marked the end of a very long and distinguished career for one of our teachers as Johanna Weinstein, also our head teacher, retired after twenty years with Rowe School. Johanna's presence and hand in the instruction of our students will be missed. June also saw the end of having a separate teacher for science after twelve years and our teachers look forward to its return to the classroom and the professional development that will assist in the transition.

The learning adventure continues thanks in part to the continued support of our Rowe School families and the citizens of Rowe. I thank the Town of Rowe for its continued support of its students at the Rowe Elementary School, the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School, and the Franklin County Technical High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Clancy, Principal

# MTRSD - Report of the Superintendent

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

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Mohawk celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2008 in an increasingly promising environment. With student enrollment stable and finances dramatically improved, the school system was able to focus sharply on the classroom and student achievement. Indeed, 2008 was a year of getting back to the basics.

### District Educational Planning

With the goal of promoting student achievement, the school system continued to focus a great deal of energy toward educational planning in 2008. Administration continued the process of aligning district educational goals with district improvement plans and school improvement plans. All three districts adopted long-term educational goals and made substantial progress toward creating 3-year District Improvement Plans. The Districts are on-course to completing the alignment of their educational planning instruments in the 2009-2010 school year.

### Educational Accountability

The 3-Districts performed reasonably well on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in 2008, which is used to hold districts and schools accountable for adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward the objective of the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Law that all students be proficient in Reading and Mathematics by 2014. As we approach 2014, and the AYP threshold is raised higher and higher toward 100%, meeting AYP is becoming predictably more and more difficult. This increasing difficulty is evident across the Commonwealth. In 2008, 50% of all public schools and 23% of all public school districts have been identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring under the federal AYP accountability system. Within this context, I believe that the school system performed reasonably well in 2008.

### District Level - Mohawk

The 2008 MTRSD MCAS results indicate that the district is on target. For the third consecutive year, the MTRSD met AYP requirements in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics both in the aggregate and subgroups.

### School Level - Mohawk

At the individual school level, Sanderson Academy and Heath Elementary met all AYP targets in both ELA and Math. Because Sanderson met its targets for the second consecutive year, it exited its 2005-2006 NCLB accountability status of Improvement Year 1. Buckland-Shelburne Elementary (BSE) and Colrain Central School met all Math targets but did not meet ELA targets in either the aggregate or in subgroups. Because BSE missed the ELA targets for the second consecutive year, it has entered the NCLB accountability status of Improvement Year 1.

The High School met both the Math and ELA AYP targets in the aggregate; however, it did not meet either target in subgroups for the second consecutive year. As a result, within subgroups, the High School has entered the NCLB accountability status of Improvement Year 1. As required, the High School and BSE have modified their school improvement plans to help the schools improve their performance in 2009. The schools will need to meet the required AYP targets for two consecutive years in order to exit NCLB accountability.

### School Level - Hawlemont

Unfortunately, Hawlemont did not meet any AYP targets in 2008. Because it did not meet the ELA AYP target in the aggregate for the second consecutive year, Hawlemont has entered the NCLB accountability status of Improvement Year 1. In addition to modifying its school improvement plan, Hawlemont has moved aggressively to modify its calendar to increase classroom time for the students prior to the 2009 MCAS. Three February vacation days have been converted to school days, and three half days have been converted to full school days.

### School Level - Rowe

Rowe Elementary School's 2008 AYP results were very positive. As in 2007, the students substantially exceeded state performance targets in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

### More Affordable Healthcare

Having taken advantage of new legislation, both Mohawk and Hawlemont joined the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) during the fall of 2007. This transition from their membership in the Franklin County Regional Schools Health Group enabled the districts to avoid substantial increases in health care costs in their 2008-2009 school budget proposals. Mohawk avoided approximately \$500,000 in expenses, and Hawlemont avoided approximately \$50,000 in expenses. These efficiencies enabled the districts to propose affordable budgets to the towns and resulted in a remarkably uneventful budget season.

### Supplemental Financial State Aid

As a result of a collaborative effort with local legislators, particularly Senator Rosenberg, both Mohawk and Hawlemont were awarded substantial supplemental state aid in 2008 in the form of foundation reserve "pot hole" monies. Mohawk received \$448,000, and Hawlemont received \$44,000. This supplemental assistance also contributed substantially to the relatively smooth school budget process in 2008.



## Bright Students – Bright Future

2008 was a terrific year for the students of the Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe School Districts. The classroom and student learning re-took their rightful place as the center of attention rather than chronic fiscal crisis. Student enrollment stabilized for the first time in a decade, and school

finances dramatically improved as a result of strong fiscal management. Within the classrooms, student learning flourished. Indeed, by all indications, the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional School System can look forward to another 40 years of educational excellence.

Michael A. Buoniconti  
Superintendent of Schools

# Mohawk Trail Regional High School - Report of the Principal

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I am very pleased to present the Annual Report of the Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our enrollment is 599 students in grades 7-12, with 48 students coming to Mohawk through school choice. The outstanding and dedicated staff continues to provide a foundation of support for the remarkable accomplishments of our students.

The academic accomplishments of our students and the efforts of our staff continue to be exceptional. Mohawk students continue to get accepted to the nation's top colleges and universities. This past year, five Mohawk students received the prestigious honor of being recognized by the *College Board* as Advanced Placement Scholars. English teachers Scott Whitney and Neale Gay have begun an international exchange program where 23 Mohawk students will visit the Netherlands. This past fall, the same number of Dutch students have already stayed with families in our 9 towns and spent a week at MTRHS. Our teachers also continue to be innovative and are piloting courses in Outdoor Adventure, Media Studies and Horticulture along with internships in Landscaping and Sports Management.

Participation in extra-curricular activities continues to flourish. Last spring 219 students participated in after school sports, with another 260 students this past fall and 170 students in the current winter season. The Mohawk Field Hockey Team brought great pride to our community when they were crowned Western Mass Division 2 Champions and ended up second in the entire state to only Hopkinton. This year the Mohawk Music Program will see the retirement of its Director Nick Waynelovich. The excellence Mr. Waynelovich has brought to the program over the last several decades will conclude with a district-wide performance

of *Beauty and the Beast* this coming spring. Once again, the Mohawk Music Association and the Mohawk Athletic Association serve as the fundraising backbone of the extra-curricular opportunities that our students enjoy throughout their years at Mohawk. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to all those from our communities who so selflessly serve with these groups to enhance their learning beyond the classroom.

Mohawk has discontinued our relationship with School Based Services, who had provided special education services in the form of the Walnut Hill Program. The district has developed its own program, now called Mohawk Supported Classrooms, under the leadership of Director Joey Kotright-Clark. Taking control of the program has not only saved the district a considerable amount of money but has also given the school control over the curriculum and increased the educational quality of the program. At the conclusion of this school year, Mohawk will provide the New England Association of Schools and Colleges with a special report outlining the self-study that the school community must conduct in preparation for its decennial accreditation evaluation visit in 2012.

Our commitment will remain to continue to improve an excellent school. It is through the support of the towns, the School Committee, and the members of our fundraising organizations that Mohawk's outstanding teaching staff is able to continue to improve on the excellent education we provide for our students.

Brian E. Beck  
Principal

## MTRSD - Library/Media Services

| School                        | Library Manager       | Materials Circulated |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Buckland Shelburne Elementary | Toni Wilcox           | 8,639                |
| Colrain Central Elementary    | Genie Shearer         | 6,250                |
| Hawlemont Elementary          | Mary Boehmer          | 7,624                |
| Heath Elementary              | Wanda Musacchio       | 3,052                |
| Mohawk Trail Regional 7-12    | Gina Wells            | 3,026                |
| Rowe Elementary               | Sue Kranz             | 1,865                |
| Sanderson Academy             | Eileen McCusker Rauch | 4,768                |

**Buckland Shelburne Elementary:** A highly successful book fair was held in October. There was an extra day of the Book Fair on a Saturday during the PTO's Fall Festival. Second graders learned how to do book reports. These students were introduced to a variety of short book report forms where they entered the author, title and a summary or opinion of the story. Third and fourth graders learned about title pages and call numbers. Fifth and sixth graders learned skills necessary for research projects and were involved in free choice reading.

**Colrain Central Elementary:** Highly successful book fairs were conducted in the spring and the fall. Each student was able to receive a book. There were extensive reading activities at the Colrain Elementary Summer Day Camp in July. Also active book "read alouds" were done all year long in K-6. In this program students predicted, listened and recapped a picture book. During the "Read Across America" celebration, students from Mohawk Trail Regional High School were guest readers to Colrain student audiences.

**Hawlemont Elementary:** Many activities were done in collaboration with Tyler Memorial Public Librarian, Bambi Miller: (1) "Remembrance of Our Past," abolitionist activities in Charlemont during the 1800's presented at the Shelburne Historical Society, (2) "Hands and Hearts to Cloth," the role of quilts during the period of the Underground Railroad, presented at the quilting store, A Notion to Quilt, (3) "Family Square Dance" at the Charlemont Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, (4) walking tours for Hawlemont students of Charlemont's Tyler Memorial Library and (5) class visits to the East Charlemont School House where period re-enactors gave lessons on local history in colonial times. Folk singer Sarah Pirtle shared songs of freedom with kindergarten, first and fourth graders. Every student received a free book during the Book Give Away program. Mary Boehmer was recognized for receiving a Paralibrarian Recognition Award from the Massachusetts Library Association.

**Heath Elementary:** Black History Month was celebrated with stories featuring escapes from slavery and African-American musicians. In the "Read Across America" program Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated in a theatrical presentation of a birthday book. The annual Friends of the Heath School Library Book Fair was held in collaboration with The World Eye Book Shop. Funds were raised to buy more books for the library. Library Manager Wanda Musacchio received a Paralibrarian Recognition Award from the Massachusetts Library Association.

**Mohawk Trail Regional School 7-12:** Students in the Fantasy Book Club read *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman. Kris Holloway, author of the book, *Monique and the Mango Rains Two Years with a Midwife in Mali*, spoke in the Mohawk Library. Students in Lynn Dole's Global Explorations class created a videotape about Holloway's visit that was aired on Falls Cable. During Reading Celebration Day, students created posters and teachers gave short book talks about books they enjoyed. Students were introduced to the library's new audio books made possible from a \$5,000 grant from the Federal Institute of Library Services administered through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

**Rowe Elementary:** The students made bookplates to put in their favorite books. To celebrate Library Month, the older students picked their favorite books and acted them out while the younger students guessed which books they were. Also, the town postmistress kicked off a reading incentive by providing the students with an ice cream party at Pelham Lake Park to celebrate all the books the students read. Claudine Poplawski's third and fourth grade classes researched Cinderella stories in many different cultures and wrote and acted out a play about an Aztec Cinderella story.

**Sanderson Academy Elementary:** Students in the After School Book Club read the book *The Thief Lord* by Cornelia Funke. There was an all-school read-a-thon to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. All the students were involved in age-appropriate information literacy activities. Library Manager Eileen Rauch received Highly Qualified *No Child Left Behind* Certification.

Submitted by  
Terry McConnell

# MTRSD - Special Education and Pupil Services

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The Mohawk Trail Regional School System has continued to provide a wide range of services to qualifying students from pre-school to graduation or aging out of the system at twenty-two years. Special education programs provide specialized and individualized instruction and classroom support for qualifying students in all grades. Related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, assistive technology, and counseling are provided in each of the three districts.

Retraining of administrators and special education staff in eligibility criteria has been a major focus in the past year with the goal of streamlining the child study process and ensuring students on the special education rolls qualify for those services. This work has resulted in a decrease in the special education enrollment by 44 students, or three percent. The districts work to provide appropriate instruction to all students with special needs in the least restrictive environment, preferably their home school. The number of outside placements dropped from 2007, with some out-of-district students graduating, and others moving from the district, or returning to the district's own programs.

A significant programmatic change occurred in 2008 with the departure of the School Based Services contracted services. While the district initially benefited financially from the arrangement with SBS in the form of out of district tuition income, the financial benefit dissipated as programmatic conflicts increased. The district itself now provides small group instruction in a supported classroom environment for resident students with social and emotional needs. This program allows movement in and out of mainstream classes at both the elementary and secondary level. While the district supports more inclusion practices, resource rooms found in each building provide a setting for meeting the needs of individual students, as well. Specialized programs within the district include the Language-Based Classrooms in the middle and high school, the Mohawk Supported Classrooms, the Vocational Integration Program and Life Skills Program.

The district has currently completed all responses required by the Bureau of Secondary and Elementary Education in its Coordinated Program Review with the exception of teacher training for working with students with limited English language skills. This is a very small population in our schools but a compliance standard for our district to meet. As economic changes in the state challenge us to meet all students' needs in our schools with fewer financial resources, the district is looking ahead to training our own staff in the areas of assistive technology, autism spectrum disorders and other areas of identified need. In response to the inconsistent performance of the special education subgroup on the 2008 MCAS, the district is working to improve instruction and conduct interim assessment for these, and other under-performing students. All schools continue to assure compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, gender, or disability in our educational process.

Patricia Bell  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## **MTRSD - The Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc.**

### ***Innovative Support of Local Education***

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This year we were pleased to introduce a new funding source for the future purchase of middle school library books at Mohawk Trail Regional School. The Gertrude Streeter Fund established by her family will ultimately provide an endowment with the capacity to strengthen and enhance the school library's collection of books for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Gertrude Streeter was a beloved Colrain Central School teacher whose dedication to inspiring children to read was legendary.

Other school-designated initiatives include the Susan B. Todd Fund for environmental education at the Heath Elementary School, the Field Memorial Fund for professional development at Sanderson Academy and the Colrain Vision of Excellence for gifted and talented projects for all children at the Colrain Central School. The Agriculture Project for the greenhouse and community garden at Mohawk continues to be pro-actively funded through the generosity of the Greenfield Cooperative Bank.

The Mary Lyon Foundation once again raised significant funds for mini-grants for all our local schools through the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Spelling Bee held in November; thirty teams representing public and private schools, youth groups, senior citizens, religious and civic organizations and businesses were led by Master of Ceremonies Jill Connolly and Spell Master Art Schwenger. We also continue to provide warm clothes, eyeglasses and prescriptions for children in need through our ongoing Student Assistance Fund. Graduating seniors benefit from the Dr. Davin, Temple Family, From the Heart, Bushey and Turner scholarships. We continue to provide in-kind support for our Sister Village partnership between Shelburne Falls and Mutianyu, China.

Our annual MTRS Outstanding Graduate award was presented at the Spring Lyonnaise to Arleen O'Donnell, formerly of Ashfield, for her dedication to the environment and its impact on our local communities. Another major event in 2008 was the 2nd distribution of new backpacks and books to elementary school children in all our schools. The flagship event was held at the BSE School with WHAI radio station providing music and entertainment.

Members of the Board of Directors for 2008 were Marion Taylor (President), Winston Healy, Pat Kerrins, Jim Pilgrim, Stephanie Purington, Sharon Hudson (Secretary), Nina Coler, Hugh Knox (Vice President), George Dole, Jr., Heather Viens, Tom and Karen Harmon, Dan Field, and MTRS student representatives Lauren Avery and Brittany Bissell. Business Manager is Gina Sieber. The Board of Directors joins me in thanking the many generous individuals and businesses in our community for making 2008 a highly successful year. The Mary Lyon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) community-based, non-profit organization that provides innovative support for education in our nine West County towns. Named in honor of Buckland-born educator Mary Lyon, who founded Mount Holyoke College, the organization continues to provide programs and services that greatly enhance the quality of local education.

Dr. Susan B. Samoriski  
Founding Executive Director

## MTRSD - Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall 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 104 applications. 40 were from seniors and 64 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$37,775.00 is 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. 31 scholarships totaling \$11,800 were awarded to seniors (77% of applicants). 40 scholarships totaling \$27,975.00 were given to graduates (63% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrevecchio (Charlemont), Jim Pilgrim (Plainfield), and Michelle Hillman (Colrain).

From 1991-2008 a total of \$655,725.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$203,475.00 and \$452,250.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The Finance Committee is composed of Richard Bole, David Engle and Nancy Dole. Judy Hoyt is continuing her role as our financial advisor.

Other members of the committee are: Sarah Rich, Julia Aron, Ken Chaffee, and Rebecca Bradley.

This year we welcomed new members Robin Hartnett (past school committee), Jim Pilgrim (Plainfield), Eric Sumner (at-large) and Andrew Baker (current school committee).

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 (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle F. Hillman  
Secretary

## Franklin County Technical School District

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We submit this annual report for 2008 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2008 was 517 students with town breakouts as follows:

|             |     |                            |    |
|-------------|-----|----------------------------|----|
| Bernardston | 16  | Montague                   | 68 |
| Buckland    | 16  | New Salem                  | 5  |
| Colrain     | 22  | Northfield                 | 28 |
| Conway      | 10  | Orange                     | 59 |
| Deerfield   | 22  | Shelburne                  | 16 |
| Erving      | 10  | Sunderland                 | 22 |
| Gill        | 8   | Warwick                    | 9  |
| Greenfield  | 141 | Wendell                    | 7  |
| Heath       | 6   | Whately                    | 8  |
| Leyden      | 5   | Non-District (3 from Rowe) | 39 |

Franklin County Technical School awarded 135 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2008. This marked the seventh 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, 35% joined the area work force, 1% planned to join the military,

11% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school, and 11% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2008.

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, mathematics and beginning with the Class of 2010, science also. The Franklin County Technical School is proud to note that it met these adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

During 2008, the students from various vocational programs performed a variety of service projects benefiting the city of Greenfield and many of our member towns. We plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services as they offer both the ideal learning laboratory for our students as well as an opportunity to contribute back to the communities that have supported us so well over the years. A small sample of recent projects include a sign for the Bernardston Public Library, a scoring table for the Greenfield High School Booster's Club, a timber frame boat-house for the town of Orange, installation of classroom projectors in Whately, Sunderland and Deerfield elementary schools and the restoration and painting of numerous municipal vehicles for the town of Montague. Students from

many shop areas also routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that would otherwise be contracted to outside agencies.

We are in the final stages of a performance contract with the Energy Service Company (ESCO), Siemens Building Technologies, Inc. This project included the installation of energy efficient lighting and sensors, the conversion to high efficiency natural gas-fired boilers and roof top units for heating and ventilation, the sealing of the building envelope, and the installation of energy saving controllers for our computer network and the walk-in coolers/freezers along with a state-of-the-art energy management system to ensure our ability to maximize our savings throughout the life of these new systems. We are pleased to share that this five million dollar project has been completed without any capital request to our member towns. The cost of the project will be covered from the money saved in our utilities budget, ensuring a net zero impact on our overall operating budget. We have since fielded inquiries from many local municipalities and hosted visits from two school districts who are also keenly interested in performance contracting as the only viable means of addressing the issue of aging mechanical systems in the current economic climate.

Our application for a \$35,000 competitive grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative was successful. The grant funds will allow us to acquire both solar thermal and photovoltaic training equipment as well as additional resources to enable further development of curriculum to be used to establish a Solar Energy Training Program. These funds will also be used to supplement the renewable energy

component of a required junior year science course. We believe that renewable energy systems are here to stay and we intend to be the premier site in Franklin County for the training of technicians needed to install and maintain these systems.

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School. We offer an after-school program in conjunction with GCC that enables our seniors to experience the college environment first hand while obtaining three college credits. We also offer an EMT basic course for six college credits during the school day to our seniors in our Health Technology program. Six of our classroom instructors are upgrading their skills by taking the new renewable coursework offered at GCC. These new skill sets will translate to additional opportunities for their students to earn college level credits while attending Franklin County Tech.

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      Mr. Richard K. Lane  
 School Committee Chairman    Superintendent

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## Franklin County Technical School District Committee

**Bernardston**  
 Jeffrey B. Beckwith

**Buckland**  
 Laura J. Earl

**Colrain**  
*Vacancy*

**Conway**  
 Jack R. Dixon

**Deerfield**  
 Edward W. Pepyne, Jr.

**Erving**  
 Robert F. Bitzer

**Gill**  
 Clifford C. Hatch

**Greenfield**  
 Larry D. Geiser  
 Jeffrey D. Hampton  
 Mark M. Maloney  
 John A. Zon, Jr.

**Heath**  
 Arthur A. Schwenger

**Leyden**  
 Gerald N. Levine

**Montague**  
 Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson  
 Dennis L. Grader

**New Salem**  
 Jeff D. Adams

**Northfield**  
 Gail V. Zukowski

**Orange**  
 Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary  
*Vacancy*

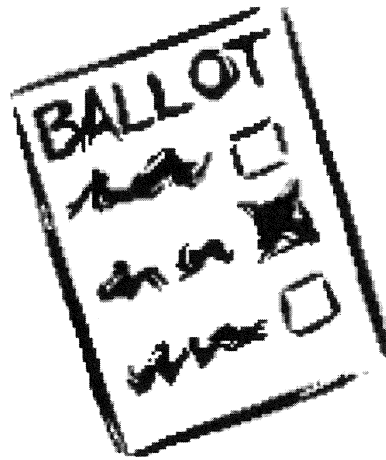
**Shelburne**  
 Eugene R. Butler

**Sunderland**  
*Vacancy*

**Warwick**  
 A. George Day, Jr., Vice-Chairperson

**Wendell**  
 Richard E. Drohen

**Whately**  
 Donald C. Sluter



# PART III

## Elections and Town Meetings



# Recall Election Results - January 5, 2008

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**Town of Rowe, Massachusetts**  
**RECALL ELECTION RESULTS**  
**JANUARY 5, 2008 - ROWE TOWN HALL**  
208 residents, of 289 registered, voted

|                     |                            |                             |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Election Officials: | Deputy Warden: Earl Carlow | Town Clerk: Heidi Cousineau |
|                     | Clerk: Robin Reed, Clerk   | Tellers: Shirley Veber      |
|                     | Constable: Christine Tower | Carole Veber                |
|                     |                            | Kristen Swenson             |

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**BOARD OF HEALTH (UNEXPIRED TERM TO MAY 2009)**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| FOR THE RECALL OF Angela F. Foshay     | 91  |
| AGAINST THE RECALL OF Angela F. Foshay | 114 |
| BLANKS                                 | 3   |

**CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF HEALTH (FOR UNEXPIRED TERM – MAY 2009)**

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Angela F. Foshay           | 98 |
| Lisa L. Miller             | 96 |
| Blanks                     | 13 |
| Write/In- Judith A. Pierce | 1  |

**BOARD OF HEALTH (UNEXPIRED TERM TO MAY 2008)**

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| FOR THE RECALL OF Danette Reynolds-Gallagher     | 84  |
| AGAINST THE RECALL OF Danette Reynolds-Gallagher | 120 |
| BLANKS   | 4   |

**CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF HEALTH (FOR UNEXPIRED TERM – MAY 2008)**

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Danette Reynolds-Gallagher  | 106 |
| Carol F. Lively             | 88  |
| Blanks                      | 12  |
| Write-In - Judith A. Pierce | 1   |
| Write-In - Lisa L. Miller   | 1   |

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A true copy,  
Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk  
January 5, 2008

# Presidential Primary Election Results - February 5, 2008

## Town of Rowe, Massachusetts PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

February 5, 2008

134 voted, of 296 registered voters

Town Clerk: Heidi Cousineau  
Clerk: Robin Reed  
Warden: Earl Carlow  
Constable: Christine Tower  
Tellers: Shirley Veber, Kristen Swenson, Carole Veber, Linda Bickford

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

#### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| John R. Edwards      | 7  |
| Hillary Clinton      | 36 |
| Joseph R. Biden, Jr  | 0  |
| Christopher J. Dodd  | 0  |
| Mike Gravel          | 0  |
| Barak Obama          | 45 |
| Dennis J. Kucinich   | 0  |
| Bill Richardson      | 0  |
| No Preference- Blank | 0  |

#### STATE COMMITTEE MAN

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Peter G. Arlos              | 41 |
| (candidate for re-election) |    |
| Matt L. Barron              | 18 |
| Blank                       | 29 |

#### STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Margaret Johnson Ware       | 60 |
| (candidate for re-election) |    |
| Blank                       | 28 |

#### TOWN COMMITTEE

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Blank | 88 |
|-------|----|

### REPUBLICAN PARTY

#### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| John McCain          | 24 |
| Fred Thompson        | 0  |
| Tom Tancredo         | 0  |
| Duncan Hunter        | 0  |
| Mike Huckabee        | 7  |
| Mitt Romney          | 13 |
| Ron Paul             | 1  |
| Rudy Giuliani        | 1  |
| No Preference- Blank | 0  |

#### STATE COMMITTEE MAN

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Blank | 46 |
|-------|----|

#### STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Blank | 46 |
|-------|----|

#### TOWN COMMITTEE

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| Blank | 46 |
|-------|----|

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Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk  
February 5, 2008

# Annual Town Election - May 17, 2008

## Town of Rowe, Massachusetts ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS MAY 17, 2008 - ROWE TOWN HALL

198 residents, of 296 registered, voted

Election Officials: Earl Carlow - Warden      Robin Reed - Clerk  
Shirley Veber- Teller      Carole Veber – Teller  
Roger Brown- Constable      Heidi Cousineau - Town Clerk

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Frederick N. Williams (incumbent) 179  
Blanks 19

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1 YEAR)

Carrie Y. Silva 122  
Daniel J. Burke 68  
Blanks 8

### BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

Catherine T. Snyder 168  
Blanks 30

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Myra B. Carlow (incumbent) 94  
William A. Loomis 101  
Blanks 3

### CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

James W. Taylor 187  
Blanks 11

### CONSTABLE (3 YEARS)

Christine A. Tower (incumbent) 176  
Blanks 22

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Anne E. Besgen 152  
Blanks 46

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

William A Loomis 31  
Robert Dykeman 6  
Blanks 161

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Ellynn B. Packard (incumbent) 167  
Blanks 31

### PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

Mary Jo Phelps 106  
Walter J. Quist 90  
Blanks 2

### PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

Robert Dykeman 55  
Jennifer Wood 43  
Blanks 100

### PLANNING BOARD (4 YEARS)

Jo-ann M. Brown 158  
Blanks 40

### PLANNING BOARD (3 YEARS)

Ellynn B. Packard 161  
Blanks 37

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Margaret B. Rice (incumbent) 154  
Blanks 44

### TOWN CLERK (3 YEARS)

Linda J. Bickford 73  
Carrie Y. Silva 118  
Blanks 7

A true copy,  
Attest: Heidi Cousineau  
May 17, 2008

# State Primary Election Results - September 16, 2008

## Town of Rowe, Massachusetts MASSACHUSETTS STATE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS September 16, 2008

55 voted, of 295 registered voters

Town Clerk: Carrie Silva  
Clerk: Carole Veber  
Warden: Earl Carlow  
Constable: Christine Tower

Tellers: Shirley Veber  
Heidi Cousineau  
Linda Bickford

### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

John F. Kerry 31  
Edward J. O'Reilly 14  
Blanks 0

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John W. Olver 30  
Robert A. Feuer 12  
Blanks 3

#### COUNCILLOR

Thomas T. Merrigan 38  
Blanks 7

#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Benjamin Brackett Downing 35  
Blanks 10

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Daniel E. Bosley 33  
Blanks 12

#### REGISTER OF PROBATE

John F. Merrigan 39  
Blanks 6

### REPUBLICAN PARTY

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Jeffrey K. Beatty 9  
Blanks 1

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Nathan A. Bech 10  
Blanks 0

#### COUNCILLOR

Michael Franco 9  
Blanks 1

#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 10

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 10

#### REGISTER OF PROBATE

Blanks 10

### GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks 0

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blanks 0

#### COUNCILLOR

Blanks 0

#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 0

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 0

#### REGISTER OF PROBATE

Blanks 0

### WORKING FAMILIES PARTY

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks 0

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Blanks 0

#### COUNCILLOR

Blanks 0

#### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 0

#### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks 0

#### REGISTER OF PROBATE

Blanks

A True Copy,  
Attest: Carrie Silva, Town Clerk  
September 16, 2008

# Official Election Results - November 4, 2008

## Town of Rowe, Massachusetts MASSACHUSETTS FEDERAL and STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

November 4, 2008

264 voted, of 301 registered voters

Town Clerk: Carrie Silva  
Clerk: Linda Bickford  
Warden: Earl Carlow  
Constable: Christine Tower  
Tellers: Shirley Veber, Kris Swenson, Carole Veber

### ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| BALDWIN and CASTLE    | 0   |
| BARR and ROOT         | 5   |
| McCAIN and PALIN      | 104 |
| McKINNEY and CLEMENTE | 0   |
| NADER and GONZALEZ    | 5   |
| OBAMA and BIDEN       | 140 |
| All Other             | 1   |
| Blanks                | 9   |

### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| JOHN F. KERRY       | 162 |
| JEFFREY K. BEATTY   | 84  |
| ROBERT J. UNDERWOOD | 10  |
| All Other           | 2   |
| Blanks              | 6   |

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| JOHN W. OLVER  | 162 |
| NATHAN A. BECH | 93  |
| All Other      | 0   |
| Blanks         | 9   |

### COUNCILLOR

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| THOMAS T. MERRIGAN | 177 |
| MICHAEL FRANCO     | 73  |
| All Other          | 0   |
| Blanks             | 14  |

### SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| BENJAMIN BRACKETT DOWNING | 195 |
| All Other                 | 1   |
| Blanks                    | 68  |

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| DANIEL E. BOSLEY | 207 |
| All Other        | 0   |
| Blanks           | 57  |

### REGISTER OF PROBATE

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| JOHN F. MERRIGAN | 214 |
| All Other        | 0   |
| Blanks           | 50  |

### COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Write/In – ANN BANASH      | 6   |
| Write/In – DAN MILLER      | 1   |
| Write/In – THOMAS MERRIGAN | 1   |
| Write/In – STEPHAN RACZ    | 1   |
| All Other                  | 0   |
| Blanks                     | 255 |

### QUESTION ONE:

#### LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

*Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?*

#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, by estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2009,

and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state income tax laws.

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| YES    | 50  |
| NO     | 207 |
| BLANKS | 7   |

## QUESTION TWO:

### LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

*Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?*

#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor

vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

**A YES VOTE** would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| YES    | 158 |
| NO     | 100 |
| BLANKS | 6   |

## QUESTION THREE:

### LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

*Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?*

#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| YES    | 169 |
| NO     | 85  |
| BLANKS | 10  |

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A true copy,  
Attest: Carrie Silva, Town Clerk  
November 14, 2008

# Special Town Meeting - March 31, 2008

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## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2008

March 31, 2008

Town of Rowe

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on March 31, 2008.

Present: Moderator Robert Clancy, Town Clerk Heidi Cousineau, Selectboard Myra Carlow, James Brown and Susan Wood. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, a quorum being present.

The following tellers were sworn in by the Moderator: Robin Reed, Marilyn Wilson, Jo-ann Brown and Russell Jolly.

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**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$7,850.00**, for an **energy audit of five (5) town buildings (town hall, town garage, fire station, library, and school)**.

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$2,000.00** from the **Park New Fitness Equipment** account to the **Park Tennis Court Resurface** account.

**SHOW OF HANDS**

**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$900.07** from the **Park Insurance Reimbursement for Property Damage** account to the **Park Browning Bench Structural Repairs** account.

**SHOW OF HANDS**

**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$4,669.41** from the **Highway Insurance Property Damage Reimbursement** account to the **Highway Fuel for Town Vehicles** account.

**SHOW OF HANDS**

**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$6,190.88** from the **Highway Wages** account to the **Highway Operations and Maintenance** account.

**SHOW OF HANDS**

**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$4,000.00** for the **Legal Expenses** account.

A motion was made and seconded to **AMEND Article 6 to read: To see if the town will vote to APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Legal Expenses account.**

**SHOW OF HANDS**

**VOTE ON AMENDMENT**

**YES - 17 - NO - 16**

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED  
PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

A true copy,

Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk

March 31, 2008



# RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2008

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March 31, 2008  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

|  |                 |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Appropriations from Taxation</i>        | 0.00            |                 |
| <i>Appropriations from Free Cash</i>       |                 |                 |
| Energy Audit for Five (5) Town Buildings   | 7,850.00        |                 |
| Legal Expenses Account                     | <u>2,000.00</u> |                 |
| <i>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</i> |                 | 9,850.00        |
| <i>Appropriations from Available Funds</i> | 0.00            |                 |
| <i>Appropriations from Stabilization</i>   | 0.00            |                 |
| <br><i>TOTAL FY2008 BUDGET ALL FUNDS</i>   |                 | <br>\$ 9,850.00 |

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# Annual Town Meeting - May 12, 2008

## Annual Town Meeting Official Results – FY09

May 12, 2008

Town of Rowe

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday May 12, 2008.

Moderator Robert Clancy called meeting to order at 7:26 PM, a quorum being present.

Present: Moderator Robert Clancy, Town Clerk Heidi Cousineau, Selectboard Myra Carlow, Susan Wood and James Brown, and Town Counsel Janet H. Pumphrey.

Tellers Sandra Daviau, Rebecca Richardson, Robin Reed and Roger Brown were sworn in by the Moderator.

Warrant was posted April 25, 2008.

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:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports of the Town officers and committees as submitted.

### SHOW OF HANDS

#### UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

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

### SHOW OF HANDS

#### UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3:** A 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 2009 fiscal year.

#### Administration

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Legal Expenses                                  | \$ 10,000.00 |
| General Administration                          | 30,320.00    |
| Town Officer Expenses                           | 1,568.00     |
| Print Town Reports                              | 3,398.00     |
| Municipal Audit                                 | 12,000.00    |
| Town Coordinator/<br>Town Accountant Salary     | 54,534.00    |
| Administrative Asst/<br>Acctg Asst Compensation | 10,025.00    |
| FRCOG Regional Services Assessment              | 13,866.00    |
| FRCOG Statutory Assessment                      | 6,455.00     |
| IT Hardware/Software                            | 11,000.00    |
| FRCOG – Fees for Services                       | 100.00       |
| Bank Charges/Loan Interest                      | 500.00       |
| Bonding and Insurance                           | 45,000.00    |
| Town-wide Notification System                   | 1,000.00     |
| Subtotal Administration                         | 199,766.00   |

#### Assessors Office

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Assessors Clerk Compensation | 12,500.00 |
| Assessors Operations         | 6,900.00  |
| Subtotal Assessors Office    | 19,400.00 |

#### Planning Board

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Planning Board Operations     | 500.00    |
| Goal Post Publication         | 16,700.00 |
| Planning Board Legal Expenses | 4,000.00  |
| Subtotal Planning Board       | 21,200.00 |

#### Other

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Conservation Commission Operations | 200.00   |
| Council on Aging                   | 5,500.00 |
| Subtotal Other                     | 5,700.00 |

#### Stipends

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Selectmen Stipends              | 5,562.00  |
| Assessors Stipends              | 5,100.00  |
| Board of Health Stipends        | 4,635.00  |
| School Committee Stipends       | 4,284.00  |
| Tax Collector Stipend           | 6,531.00  |
| Town Clerk Stipend              | 6,531.00  |
| Treasurer                       | 7,161.00  |
| Miscellaneous Officers Stipends |           |
| Moderator                       | 412.00    |
| Constable                       | 515.00    |
| Animal Inspector                | 515.00    |
| Dog Officer                     | 618.00    |
| Subtotal Stipends               | 41,864.00 |

#### Other Compensation/Expenses

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Assistant Treasurer Compensation        | 100.00   |
| Election/Teller Expenses                | 4,000.00 |
| Registrars & Census Takers Compensation | 350.00   |
| Subtotal Other Compensation/Expenses    | 4,450.00 |

#### Veterans' Services

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Veterans' Agent Stipend     | 500.00   |
| Operations                  | 400.00   |
| Veterans' Benefits          | 100.00   |
| Subtotal Veterans' Services | 1,000.00 |

#### TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION

293,380.00

A motion was made and seconded to **AMEND Article 3 to REDUCE line item Administration—Legal Expenses from \$12,000.00 to \$10,000.00.** (Overall Total Government from Taxation remains the same.)

**MOTION TO AMEND  
PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS VOTE  
YES - 37 NO - 23**

**ARTICLE 3- MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED,  
PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government** for the 2009 fiscal year.

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Computer Network Support                           | 16,000.00        |
| Assessors Triennial Revaluation                    | 17,100.00        |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT<br/>FROM FREE CASH</b> | <b>33,100.00</b> |

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b> | <b>326,480.00</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2009 fiscal year:

**Highway Department**

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| DPW Heavy Equipment Operators' Wages | 162,069.00        |
| DPW Superintendent's Salary          | 72,028.00         |
| DPW Operations & Maintenance         | 37,640.00         |
| Fuel for Town Vehicles               | 30,000.00         |
| Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation | 45,000.00         |
| Annual DPW Projects                  | 35,000.00         |
| Snow & Ice Removal                   | 65,867.00         |
| <b>Sub-Total Highway Department</b>  | <b>447,604.00</b> |

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Cemeteries Maintenance</b> | <b>12,000.00</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|

**Other Public Works & Facilities**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Summer Youth Employment Program                      | 25,500.00        |
| Municipal Center Custodian Wages                     | 12,276.00        |
| Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance              | 22,550.00        |
| Elevator Maintenance Contract                        | 3,996.00         |
| Municipal Center Fuel Oil                            | 7,600.00         |
| Gracy House Maintenance                              | 3,300.00         |
| Beautification Committee                             | 3,000.00         |
| Dam Maintenance, Inspections & Repairs               | 2,000.00         |
| <b>Sub-Total Other Public Works &amp; Facilities</b> | <b>80,222.00</b> |

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>SUB-TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS &amp;<br/>FACILITIES FROM TAXATION</b> | <b>539,826.00</b> |
|--|-------------------|

**SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$111,796.00**, 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.

**SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for the 2009 fiscal year:

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Street Lighting</b>         | 5,125.00         |
| Avery Fountain Rebuild         | 1,500.00         |
| <b>Subtotal from Free Cash</b> | <b>6,125.00*</b> |
|                                | 6,625.00         |

\* Typographical error. Moderator has made following ruling:

After the close of the FY09 Annual Town Meeting, a typographical error was found in the "Subtotal from Free Cash" line in Article 7. My finding is that the article passed with Street Lighting at 5,125 and Avery Fountain Rebuild at 1,500 as verbally moved, seconded, discussed and passed. There were no questions regarding the individual lines' amounts, the subtotal was correctly listed in the Recapitulation at the end of the warrant and on the budget worksheet, and as such was a known amount for appropriation from Free Cash. Article 7 passes with a total value of \$6,625.00.

Robert J. Clancy, Moderator 5/22/08

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|--|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS &amp;<br/>FACILITIES ALL FUNDS</b> | <b>657,747.00</b> |
|--|-------------------|

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2009 fiscal year:

**Police Department**

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Police Chief Stipend              | 9,252.00         |
| Police Officers Compensation      | 14,826.00        |
| Operations                        | 6,950.00         |
| <b>Subtotal Police Department</b> | <b>31,028.00</b> |

**Fire Department**

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fire Chief Stipend                 | 6,531.00         |
| Fire Officers Stipends             | 6,300.00         |
| Firefighter Reimbursements         | 7,150.00         |
| Fire Department General Operations | 24,300.00        |
| Emergency Management               | 1,000.00         |
| Forest Fire Control                | 100.00           |
| Hazardous Material Control         | 1,000.00         |
| <b>Subtotal Fire Department</b>    | <b>46,381.00</b> |

**Emergency Medical Services**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| EMS Coordinator Stipend                   | 1,902.00        |
| EMS Operations and Maintenance            | 2,500.00        |
| Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses     | 3,800.00        |
| <b>Subtotal Emergency Medical Service</b> | <b>8,202.00</b> |

**Inspections**

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Building Inspector Fees (Estimated) | 5,000.00 |
| FCCIP Plumbing/Gas Inspec Program   | 1,376.00 |
| FCCIP Electrical Inspection Program | 2,712.00 |
| Subtotal Inspections                | 9,088.00 |

**SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
FROM TAXATION 94,699.00**

**SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$5000.00** for **Fire Pond Maintenance** for the 2009 fiscal year.

**SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$11,500.00** for **future equipment**.

**SHOW OF HANDS  
AFFIRMATIVE 2/3 VOTE (UNANIMOUS)**

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
ALL FUNDS 111,199.00**

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2009 fiscal year:

**Public Health & Sanitation**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day   | 500.00     |
| Refuse Garden Operations                   | 50,500.00  |
| Transfer Station Attendant Compensation    | 13,855.00  |
| FCSWMD Administration Assessment (partial) | 1,856.00   |
| Board of Health Operations                 | 16,900.00  |
| Board of Health Clerk Wages                | 3,120.00   |
| Town Nurse Wages                           | 33,135.00  |
| Health Services Operation                  | 6,200.00   |
| Physician's Stipend                        | 1,000.00   |
| Subtotal Public Health and Sanitation      | 127,066.00 |

A motion was made and seconded to **AMEND Article 11 to REDUCE line item-Town Nurse Wages from \$36,255.00 to \$33,135.00 and add new line item- Board of Health Clerk Wages for \$3,120.00.** (Overall Sub-total for Public Health and Sanitation remains the same.)

**MOTION TO AMEND,  
PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
MAIN MOTION PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00** for the 2009 fiscal year to accept receipts from

the Medicare Roster Billing Program for the purpose of **providing vaccine services**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2010.

**SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
SANITATION FROM TAXATION 127,066.00**

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2009 fiscal year:

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Rowe School Local Budget</b>      | 467,940.00 |
| Instructional Programs               | 6,219.00   |
| Instructional Staff Training         | 8,620.00   |
| Special Education and Other Tuitions | 54,410.00  |
| Speech Pathology & Audiology         | 15,587.00  |
| Psychological Services               | 13,584.00  |
| Library Services                     | 40,231.00  |
| Health Services                      | 62,882.00  |
| School Committee                     | 4,825.00   |
| Principals Office                    | 97,541.00  |
| Food Services                        | 29,801.00  |
| Plant Operations                     | 126,980.00 |
| Subtotal Rowe School Local           | 928,620.00 |

**Shared Services Budget**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Gen Admin                | 32,242.00 |
| Instructional Services   | 12,545.00 |
| Technology               | 9,883.00  |
| Facilities               | 1,064.00  |
| Insurance, Benefits      | 22,359.00 |
| Pupil Transportation     | 16,429.00 |
| Sp. Ed Transportation    | 5,411.00  |
| Subtotal Shared Services | 99,933.00 |

**TOTAL K-6 Budget 1,028,553.00**

**High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)**

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| - Mohawk Tuition                  | 20,919.00 |
| - Tech Tuition                    | 43,500.00 |
| - Spanish Teacher @ Middle School | 15,000.00 |
| - Mohawk Late Bus                 | 16,145.00 |

**TOTAL High School Budget 201,877.00**

**SUBTOTAL Public Schools 1,230,430.00**  
Less School Choice Estimated Receipts (105,800.00)

**TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FROM TAXATION 1,124,630.00**

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2009 fiscal year:

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Library Director Compensation | 20,919.00 |
| Library Staff Wages           | 13,468.00 |

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Library Operations and Maintenance | 21,700.00        |
| <b>TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY</b>     | <b>56,087.00</b> |

**SHOW OF HANDS**  
**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$4000.00** for **Old Home Day celebrations**.

**SHOW OF HANDS**  
**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E<sup>1/2</sup>, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$4,000.00** for the 2009 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 2010.

**SHOW OF HANDS**  
**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$250.00**, or any other sum, and to authorize the Rowe Historical Commission to pursue an **"Historic Landscapes Identification Program"** in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Massachusetts Historical Commission and /or others; such program might include the Town Common, the Cemeteries, the Town Park, Fort Pelham, Pulpit Rock, etc., and might help the town to secure State or other grants in the future. In addition, to authorize the Rowe Historical Commission to initiate a local program to offer **Standardized House Markers**, based upon a one-time group purchase, at a discounted price to homeowners, who wish to cooperatively identify and display the date their home was built, etc.

**SHOW OF HANDS**  
**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 18:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2009 fiscal year:

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Park Wages                | 39,807.00         |
| Head Ranger Wage          | 39,450.00         |
| Operation and Maintenance | 22,900.00         |
| <b>TOTAL PARK</b>         | <b>102,157.00</b> |

**SHOW OF HANDS**  
**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 19:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for the 2009 fiscal year:

|                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Library Facility Improvements Studies | 2,500.00        |
| Old Home Day Fireworks                | 5,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL FROM FREE CASH</b>           | <b>7,500.00</b> |

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION ALL FUNDS</b> | <b>169,994.00</b> |
|---|-------------------|

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2009 fiscal year:

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Franklin County Retirement Assessment | 95,716.00*   |
| Unemployment Insurance                | 1,000.00     |
| Group Health Insurance                | 325,500.00** |
| FICA/Medicare Tax                     | 35,886.00**  |

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL PENSIONS AND INSURANCE</b> | <b>458,102.00</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|

\* Excludes pension costs regarding teachers

\*\* Includes costs for all employees

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$35,000.00** to **provide high-speed internet service to some unserved areas of town**.

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 22:** A 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 2009 fiscal year.

**SHOW OF HANDS**  
**UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from the MUNICIPAL CAPITALIZATION FUND**, the following sums for capital repairs and improvements:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Gen Admin – New Town Hall Copier        | 12,500.00 |
| BOH – Concrete Work at Transfer Station | 5,000.00  |
| CEM – Pave East Cemetery Driveway       | 9,000.00  |
| DPW – Soule Barn Roof                   | 5,800.00  |
| DPW – Soule Foundation Wall             | 4,500.00  |
| Park – Browning Bench Tool              |           |
| Factory Structural Repair               | 20,000.00 |

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND</b> | <b>66,800.00</b> |
|---|------------------|

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE 2/3 VOTE**

**ARTICLE 24:** A motion was made and seconded to take a **sense of the meeting** regarding the possible establishment of a **Special Stabilization Fund** that would be used only in the case of severe loss of non-residential valuation, such as the closing of a major utility. Such a fund

would be funded during the years that residents are only paying a small fraction of our tax levy and would be used to keep residential tax rates reasonable in the years following major loss of non-residential tax revenue.

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE \***

**\*(Sense of the meeting is to continue further study and plan for a Special Stabilization Fund)**

**ARTICLE 25:** A 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 .5 miles of Zoar Road**, lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 2008.

**SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 26:** Any other business...

- Leonard Laffond commended Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock for the outstanding work on the 2007 Annual Town Report. The audience responded with applause.
- Rosemarie Gordon requested that the budget graphic available at this Annual Town Meeting be done regularly and perhaps be a part of the Annual Town Report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

A true copy,  
Attest: Heidi Cousineau, Town Clerk  
May 12, 2008

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## RECAPITULATION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2009

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*May 12, 2008*  
*(Recapitulation is for information only)*

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***Appropriations from Taxation***

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| General Government          | 293,380.00   |
| Public Works and Facilities | 539,826.00   |
| Public Safety               | 94,699.00    |
| Public Health/Sanitation    | 127,066.00   |
| Schools                     | 1,124,630.00 |
| Library                     | 56,087.00    |
| Old Home Day                | 4,000.00     |
| Historical Commission       | 250.00       |
| Park Department             | 102,157.00   |
| Pensions and Insurance      | 458,102.00   |

***Total Appropriations from Taxation***

***\$ 2,800,197.00***

***Appropriations from Available Funds***

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Chapter 90 | 111,796.00 |
|------------|------------|

***Total Appropriations from Available Funds***

***111,796.00***

***Appropriations from Free Cash***

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| IT Consultant                           | 16,000.00 |
| Assessors Triennial Revaluation         | 17,100.00 |
| Street Lighting                         | 5,125.00  |
| Avery Fountain Rebuild                  | 1,500.00  |
| Fire Pond Maintenance                   | 5,000.00  |
| Library Facilities Improvements Studies | 2,500.00  |
| Old Home Day Fireworks                  | 5,000.00  |
| Stabilization – Future Equipment        | 11,500.00 |
| High Speed Internet Service             | 35,000.00 |
| Reserve Fund                            | 20,000.00 |

***Total Appropriations from Free Cash*** **118,725.00**

***Appropriations from Stabilization Fund***

|      |      |
|------|------|
| None | 0.00 |
|------|------|

***Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund*** **0.00**

***Appropriations from Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund***

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Town Hall Copier                  | 12,500.00 |
| Refuse Garden Concrete Pads       | 15,000.00 |
| Pave East Cemetery                | 9,000.00  |
| Soule Barn                        | 10,300.00 |
| Browning Bench Structural Repairs | 20,000.00 |

***Total Appropriations from Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund*** **66,800.00**

TOTAL FY2009 BUDGET ALL FUNDS

\$3,097,518.00

Less c. 90 Funds

-111,796.00

**TOTAL FY2009**

**\$2,985,722.00**

***Revolving Fund Authorizations***

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Board of Health – Vaccine Services | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Old Home Day                       | 4,000.00    |

***Total Revolving Funds Authorized*** **\$ 7,500.00**



# Special Town Meeting - June 30, 2008

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY09

June 30, 2008

Town of Rowe

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on June 30, 2008.

Present: Moderator Robert Clancy, Town Clerk Carrie Y. Silva, Selectboard James Brown, William Loomis, Susan C. Wood.

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

The tellers were sworn in by the Moderator: Heidi Cousineau, Rebecca Richardson, Cynthia Laffond and James W. Taylor.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into the following agreements** upon such terms and conditions that Board of Selectmen deems appropriate:

- a Performance Contracting Agreement with Siemens Building Technologies, Inc., for the procurement of energy management services intended to reduce operation and maintenance costs incurred by the Town of Rowe;
- a Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of equipment and all other services necessary to accomplish the energy management services project, and through this lease purchase agreement that the Town borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$950,000 to fund these projects and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and
- an Escrow Agreement concerning the release of project funds to Siemens and other providers due under the Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement;

and that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above purposes relating to the Performance Contracting Agreement, the Tax Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement, and the Escrow Agreement;

and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take all other action necessary or appropriate to carry out the above purposes including seeking and obtaining any state and federal grants, aid, or loans which may be available for the above projects;

and that all sums necessary or appropriate to fund the above projects be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

### ***PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS 2/3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE***

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to **authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Letter of Intent with Siemens Building Technologies for the purchase of heating and ventilation equipment, materials and supplies for the Rowe Elementary School**, under which the **funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from savings derived from energy conservation mea-**

**asures related to a twenty (20) year Energy Savings Performance Contract** between the Town and Siemens Building Technologies. The equipment, materials and supplies anticipated to be purchased and the anticipated cost, as of the date of this Warrant, are as follows:

#### **Rowe Elementary School**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Boilers                | \$ 43,984.44 |
| Pumps                  | 5,758.67     |
| Stack                  | 6,816.98     |
| Subtotal               | 56,560.09    |
| Air Heat Exchange Unit | 39,418.50    |
| Induction Units        | 24,750.00    |
| Condensing Unit        | 7,200.00     |
| Subtotal               | 71,368.50    |
| TOTAL:                 | \$127,928.59 |

### ***PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE***

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to **authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Letter of Intent with Siemens Building Technologies and APPROPRIATE a sum of money from the CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** for the purchase of heating and ventilation equipment, materials and supplies for the Rowe Elementary School. This article is proposed in the unlikely event that the energy savings performance contract is ultimately not approved by the Board of Selectmen. The equipment, materials and supplies anticipated to be purchased and the anticipated cost, as of the date of this Warrant, are as follows:

#### **Rowe Elementary School**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Boilers                | \$ 43,984.44 |
| Pumps                  | 5,758.67     |
| Stack                  | 6,816.98     |
| Subtotal               | 56,560.09    |
| Air Heat Exchange Unit | 39,418.50    |
| Induction Units        | 24,750.00    |
| Condensing Unit        | 7,200.00     |
| Subtotal               | 71,368.50    |
| TOTAL:                 | \$127,928.59 |

### ***PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS 2/3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE***

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to **change the name of the Library Facilities Improvements Studies** account to the **Library Facilities Improvements & Studies** account for the fiscal year 2009.

***PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE***

**ARTICLE 5:** No business was transacted under this article.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

A true copy,  
Attest: Carrie Y. Silva, Town Clerk  
June 30, 2008

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## RECAPITULATION OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2009

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*June 30, 2008*  
*(Recapitulation is for information only)*

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*APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION*

|      |             |  |
|------|-------------|--|
| None | <u>0.00</u> |  |
|------|-------------|--|

|   |  |      |
|---|--|------|
| <i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION</i> |  | 0.00 |
|---|--|------|

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH*

|      |             |  |
|------|-------------|--|
| None | <u>0.00</u> |  |
|------|-------------|--|

|  |  |      |
|--|--|------|
| <i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH</i> |  | 0.00 |
|--|--|------|

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS*

|      |             |  |
|------|-------------|--|
| None | <u>0.00</u> |  |
|------|-------------|--|

|  |  |      |
|--|--|------|
| <i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS</i> |  | 0.00 |
|--|--|------|

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND*

|      |             |  |
|------|-------------|--|
| None | <u>0.00</u> |  |
|------|-------------|--|

|   |  |      |
|---|--|------|
| <i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND</i> |  | 0.00 |
|---|--|------|

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND*

|                        |                     |  |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Rowe Elementary School | <u>\$127,928.59</u> |  |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|

|   |  |              |
|---|--|--------------|
| <i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND</i> |  | \$127,928.59 |
|---|--|--------------|

***TOTAL FY2009 BUDGET ALL FUNDS***

|  |  |                            |
|--|--|----------------------------|
|  |  | <b><i>\$127,928.59</i></b> |
|--|--|----------------------------|

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

of  
**ROWE**  
City/Town/District

FISCAL 2008

**I. TAX RATE SUMMARY**

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)                           | \$ 4,442,191.63 |
| Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe) | 1,691,982.00    |
| Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)   | \$ 2,750,209.63 |
| Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies                           |                 |

| CLASS           | (b)<br>Levy<br>percentage<br>(from LA-5) | (c)<br>IC above times<br>each percent<br>in col (b) | (d)<br>Valuation<br>by class<br>(from LA-5) | (e)<br>Tax Rates<br>(c) / (d) x 1000 | (f)<br>Levy by class<br>(d) x (e) / 1000 |
|-----------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Residential     | 7.9062%                                  | 217,437.07  | 48,143,917                                  | 4.52                                 | 217,610.50                               |
| Exempt          |  |   |   |                                      |  |
| Open Space      | 0.0000%                                  | 0.00  | 0   |                                      |  |
| Commercial      | 0.1124%                                  | 3,091.24  | 320,368                                     | 9.64                                 | 3,088.35                                 |
| Exempt          |  |   |   |                                      |  |
| Industrial      | 54.9311%                                 | 1,510,720.40  | 156,703,064                                 | 9.64                                 | 1,510,617.54                             |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b> | 62.9497%                                 |   | 205,167,349                                 |                                      | 1,731,316.39                             |
| Personal        | 37.0503%                                 | 1,018,960.92  | 105,694,320                                 | 9.64                                 | 1,018,893.24                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | 100.0000%                                |   | 310,861,669                                 |                                      | 2,750,209.63                             |

Board of Assessors of **ROWE**

Nov 7, 2007

413-339-5520

City or Town

Date

Tel. No.

*Fred Williams*

*Eileen L. Babcock*

*Hadi Corns*

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Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Accounts

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Amounts to be raised

|   |    |                     |
|---|----|---------------------|
| IIa. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4) | \$ | <u>4,307,831.00</u> |
| IIb. Other amounts to be raised                             |    |                     |
| 1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes                 |    |                     |
| 2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4         |    |                     |
| 3. Final court judgments                                    |    |                     |
| 4. Total overlay deficits of prior years                    |    |                     |
| 5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)       |    | <u>95,951.00</u>    |
| 6. Revenue deficits   |    |                     |
| 7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E                |    |                     |
| 8. Authorized deferral of teachers' pay                     |    |                     |
| 9. Snow and Ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D                     |    | <u>0.00</u>         |
| 10. Other (specify on separate letter)                      |    |                     |
| TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)                        |    | <u>95,951.00</u>    |
| IIc. State and county cherry sheet charge (C.S. 1-EC)       |    | <u>13,471.00</u>    |
| IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)      |    | <u>24,938.63</u>    |
| IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId)      | \$ | <u>4,442,191.63</u> |

## III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

|   |    |                     |
|---|----|---------------------|
| IIIa. Estimated receipts - State  |    |                     |
| 1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)                                  | \$ | <u>176,085.00</u>   |
| 2. Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments                                   |    |                     |
| TOTAL IIIa  |    | <u>176,085.00</u>   |
| IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local  |    |                     |
| 1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)                           |    | <u>83,060.00</u>    |
| 2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1)   |    | <u>0.00</u>         |
| 3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2)  |    | <u>0.00</u>         |
| 4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4)                                    |    | <u>0.00</u>         |
| TOTAL IIIb  |    | <u>83,060.00</u>    |
| IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes                            |    |                     |
| 1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))   |    | <u>27,000.00</u>    |
| 2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d) )  |    | <u>1,335,806.00</u> |
| TOTAL IIIc  |    | <u>1,362,806.00</u> |
| IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate          |    |                     |
| 1. a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2007                             |    | <u>70,031.00</u>    |
| b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2007                                  |    |                     |
| 2. Municipal light source   |    |                     |
| 3. Teachers' pay deferral   |    |                     |
| 4. Other source : _____   |    |                     |
| TOTAL IIId  |    | <u>70,031.00</u>    |
| IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources<br>(Total IIIa through IIId) | \$ | <u>1,691,982.00</u> |

## IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

|   |    |                     |
|---|----|---------------------|
| a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)                           | \$ | <u>4,442,191.63</u> |
| b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe) | \$ | <u>1,691,982.00</u> |
| c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)            | \$ | <u>2,750,209.63</u> |
| d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)           | \$ | <u>4,442,191.63</u> |

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \*

|  | (a)<br>Actual<br>Receipts<br>Fiscal 2007 | (b)<br>Estimated<br>Receipts<br>Fiscal 2008 |
|--|--|---|
| → 1. Motor vehicle excise                        | \$ 44,284.13                             | \$ 44,000.00                                |
| → 2. Other excise                                |  |   |
| → 3. Penalties and interest on taxes and excises | 1,228.07                                 | 1,000.00                                    |
| → 4. Payments in lieu of taxes                   |  |   |
| 5. Charges for Services - water                  |  |   |
| 6. Charges for Services - sewer                  |  |   |
| 7. Charges for Services - hospital               |  |   |
| 8. Charges for Services - trash disposal         |  |   |
| 9. Other charges for services                    |  |   |
| 10. Fees   |  |   |
| 11. Rentals                                      | 4,495.69                                 | 5,000.00                                    |
| 12. Departmental revenue - Schools               |  |   |
| 13. Departmental revenue - Libraries             |  |   |
| 14. Departmental revenue - Cemeteries            |  |   |
| 15. Departmental revenue - Recreation            | 590.00                                   | 500.00                                      |
| 16. Other departmental revenue                   | 1,535.35                                 | 1,500.00                                    |
| 17. Licenses and permits                         | 468.50                                   | 400.00                                      |
| 18. Special assessments                          |  |   |
| → 19. Fines and forfeits                         |  |   |
| → 20. Investment income                          | 22,149.79                                | 18,000.00                                   |
| → 21. Miscellaneous recurring (please specify)   | 14,865.55                                | 11,380.00                                   |
| 22. Miscellaneous non-recurring (please specify) | 3,627.17                                 | 1,280.00                                    |
| 23. TOTALS                                       | \$ 93,244.25                             | \$ 83,060.00                                |

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the fiscal 2008 tax rate recapitulation form by the City/Town/District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

11-7-2007      Sellen F. Babcock      413-334-5520  
 Date                      Accountant/Auditor                      Tel. No.

- \* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City/Town/District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or revolving funds on Schedule A-3. Written documentation must be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.
- Written documentation must be submitted to support increases/decreases of FY2007 estimated receipts to FY2008 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the municipal revenue growth factor.

## CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

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\* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 2007 or fiscal 2008.

\*\*\* Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source. Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

\*\*\* Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2.

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City/Town/District Council.

ROWE  
City/Town

11/05/2007  
Date

Shidi Consueco  
Clerk

413-339-5520

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION


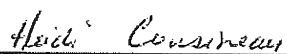
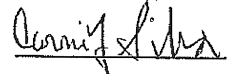
of  
**ROWE**  
City/Town/District

FISCAL 2009

**I. TAX RATE SUMMARY**

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Ia. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)                           | \$ 3,524,026.26 |
| Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe) | 699,041.18      |
| Ic. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)   | \$ 2,824,985.08 |
| Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies                           |                 |

| CLASS           | (b)<br>Levy<br>percentage<br>(from LA-5) | (c)<br>IC above times<br>each percent<br>in col (b) | (d)<br>Valuation<br>by class<br>(from LA-5) | (e)<br>Tax Rates<br>(c) / (d) x 1000 | (f)<br>Levy by class<br>(d) x (e) / 1000 |
|-----------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Residential     | 7.9203%                                  | 223,747.29  | 49,074,971                                  | 4.56                                 | 223,781.87                               |
| Exempt          |  |   |   |                                      |  |
| Open Space      | 0.0000%                                  | 0.00  | 0   |                                      |  |
| Commercial      | 0.1472%                                  | 4,158.38  | 426,946                                     | 9.74                                 | 4,158.45                                 |
| Exempt          |  |   |   |                                      |  |
| Industrial      | 52.1185%                                 | 1,472,339.85  | 151,162,269                                 | 9.74                                 | 1,472,320.50                             |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b> | 60.1860%                                 |   | 200,664,186                                 |                                      | 1,700,260.82                             |
| Personal        | 39.8140%                                 | 1,124,739.56  | 115,474,770                                 | 9.74                                 | 1,124,724.26                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | 100.0000%                                |   | 316,138,956                                 |                                      | 2,824,985.08                             |

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Board of Assessors of <b>ROWE</b>   | December 16, 2008  | 413-339-5520  |
| City or Town  | Date   | Tel. No.  |
|  |  |  |

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Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Accounts
Date



## II. Amounts to be raised

|   |            |                 |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| Ila. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4) |            | \$ 3,208,036.18 |
| Ilb. Other amounts to be raised                             |            |                 |
| 1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes                 |            |                 |
| 2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4         |            |                 |
| 3. Final court judgments                                    |            |                 |
| 4. Total overlay deficits of prior years                    |            |                 |
| 5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)       | 111,014.00 |                 |
| 6. Revenue deficits   |            |                 |
| 7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E                |            |                 |
| 8. Authorized deferral of teachers' pay                     |            |                 |
| 9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D                     | 0.00       |                 |
| 10. Other (specify on separate letter)                      | 153,750.00 |                 |
| TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)                        |            | 264,764.00      |
| Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charge (C.S. 1-EC)       |            | 33,546.00       |
| Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)      |            | 17,680.08       |
| Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)      |            | \$ 3,524,026.26 |

## III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

|   |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| IIla. Estimated receipts - State  |               |               |
| 1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)                                  | \$ 216,322.00 |               |
| 2. Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments                                   |               |               |
| TOTAL IIla  |               | 216,322.00    |
| IIlb. Estimated receipts - Local  |               |               |
| 1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)                           | 74,880.00     |               |
| 2. Offset receipts (See Schedule A-1)   | 0.00          |               |
| 3. Enterprise funds (See Schedule A-2)  | 0.00          |               |
| 4. Community preservation funds (See Schedule A-4)                                    | 0.00          |               |
| TOTAL IIlb  |               | 74,880.00     |
| IIlc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes                            |               |               |
| 1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))   | 156,782.82    |               |
| 2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d) )  | 251,056.36    |               |
| TOTAL IIlc  |               | 407,839.18    |
| IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate          |               |               |
| 1. a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2008                             |               |               |
| b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2008                                  |               |               |
| 2. Municipal light source   |               |               |
| 3. Teachers' pay deferral   |               |               |
| 4. Other source : _____   |               |               |
| TOTAL IIId  |               | 0.00          |
| IIle. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources<br>(Total IIla through IIId) |               | \$ 699,041.18 |

## IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources

|   |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)                           |                 | \$ 3,524,026.26 |
| b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIle) | \$ 699,041.18   |                 |
| c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)            | \$ 2,824,985.08 |                 |
| d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)           |                 | \$ 3,524,026.26 |

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \*

|  | (a)<br>Actual<br>Receipts<br>Fiscal 2008 | (b)<br>Estimated<br>Receipts<br>Fiscal 2009 |
|--|--|---|
| → 1. Motor vehicle excise                        | \$ 39,585.88                             | \$ 38,240.00                                |
| → 2. Other excise                                |  |   |
| → 3. Penalties and interest on taxes and excises | 1,113.12                                 | 1,000.00                                    |
| → 4. Payments in lieu of taxes                   |  |   |
| 5. Charges for Services - water                  |  |   |
| 6. Charges for Services - sewer                  |  |   |
| 7. Charges for Services - hospital               |  |   |
| 8. Charges for Services - trash disposal         |  |   |
| 9. Other charges for services                    |  |   |
| 10. Fees   |  |   |
| 11. Rentals                                      | 5,741.71                                 | 5,300.00                                    |
| 12. Departmental revenue - Schools               |  |   |
| 13. Departmental revenue - Libraries             |  |   |
| 14. Departmental revenue - Cemeteries            |  |   |
| 15. Departmental revenue - Recreation            | 370.00                                   | 360.00                                      |
| 16. Other departmental revenue                   | 495.24                                   | 500.00                                      |
| 17. Licenses and permits                         | 1,499.50                                 | 1,400.00                                    |
| 18. Special assessments                          |  |   |
| → 19. Fines and forfeits                         | 155.00                                   |   |
| → 20. Investment income                          | 14,401.92                                | 12,000.00                                   |
| → 21. Miscellaneous recurring (please specify)   | 15,636.01                                | 15,480.00                                   |
| 22. Miscellaneous non-recurring (please specify) | 2,839.76                                 | 600.00                                      |
| 23. TOTALS                                       | \$ 81,838.14                             | \$ 74,880.00                                |

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the fiscal 2009 tax rate recapitulation form by the City/Town/District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Dec 16, 2008      Ellen J. Babcock      413-339-5520  
Date      Accountant/Auditor      Tel. No.

- \* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City/Town/District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or revolving funds on Schedule A-3. Written documentation must be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.
- Written documentation must be submitted to support increases/decreases of FY2008 estimated receipts to FY2009 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the municipal revenue growth factor.

## CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

| APPROPRIATIONS                          |      |   |   |                                  |  |  | AUTHORIZATIONS                           |  |
|---|------|---|---|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates | FY*  | (a)<br>Total Appropriations Of Each Meeting | (b)<br>**<br>From Raise and Appropriate | (c)<br>From Free Cash<br>See B-1 | (d)<br>From Other Available Funds<br>See B-2 | (e)<br>From Offset Receipts, See A-1 or Enterprise Funds, See A-2<br>Community Preservation<br>See A-4 | (f)<br>***<br>Revolving Funds<br>See A-3 | (g)<br>Borrowing Authorization (Other) |
| 03/31/08                                | 2008 | 23,610.36                                   | 0.00                                    | 9,850.00                         | 13,760.36                                    |  | 0.00                                     |  |
| 05/12/08                                | 2008 | 86,907.82                                   | 0.00                                    | 28,207.82                        | 58,700.00                                    |  | 0.00                                     |  |
| 05/12/08                                | 2009 | 3,097,518.00                                | 2,800,197.00                            | 118,725.00                       | 178,596.00                                   |  | 7,500.00                                 |  |
| 06/30/08                                | 2009 | 0.00  | 0.00                                    | 0.00                             | 0.00   |  | 0.00                                     |  |
|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
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|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
|   |      | 0.00  |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |
| Totals                                  |      | 3,208,036.18                                | 2,800,197.00                            | 156,782.82                       | 251,056.36                                   | 0.00   |  |  |
|   |      | Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)               |   |                                  |  |  |  |  |

\* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 2008 or fiscal 2009.

\*\*\*Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source. Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

\*\*\*\* Include only revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2.

I hereby certify that the appropriations correctly reflect the votes taken by City/Town/District Council.

ROWE  
City/Town

Date December 11, 2008

Carmel Silva  
Clerk

413-339-5520  
Tel. No.

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**  
**BUREAU OF LOCAL ASSESSMENT**  
**FINAL 2008 EQUALIZATION STUDY**  
**January 31, 2009**

**ROWE**

| <b>Class</b>                   | <b>Assessed Value</b> | <b>Assessment Ratio</b> | <b>Estimated Full Value</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Residential                    | \$48,143,917          | 0.93                    | \$51,767,700                |
| Open Space                     | 0                     |                         | 0                           |
| Commercial                     | 320,368               | 0.94                    | 341,500                     |
| Industrial                     | 156,703,064           | 1.00                    | 156,826,200                 |
| Personal Property              | 105,694,320           | 1.00                    | 105,694,300                 |
| Total Real/Personal Property   | \$310,861,669         | 0.99                    | \$314,629,700               |
| Estimated Growth               |                       | 0.45%                   | 1,415,800                   |
| Proposed Equalized Valuation   |                       |                         | \$316,045,500               |
| Chapter 121A                   |                       |                         | 0                           |
| 2008 Final Equalized Valuation |                       |                         | \$316,045,500               |

# Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors reluctantly accepted the resignation of **Ellen Babcock** effective February 16, 2008. Ellen had faithfully served on the Board continuously since January 1994 including numerous stints as Chair. Her resignation was prompted by a conflict with Mass General Law (MGL) Chapter 41 Section 23A which restricts an Executive Secretary/Town Administrator from holding elective office. The issue, initially identified by the Board of Selectmen, was ultimately confirmed by the Department of Revenue as being applicable to the Town Coordinator, a position which Ellen had held since January 2004. Her experience and expertise will be sorely missed on the Board.

**Carrie Silva** was appointed on March 11, 2008, to fill Ellen's position until the annual elections in mid-May 2008. At the annual elections, Carrie was elected to fill the remaining one year balance of Ellen's term and **Rick Williams** was re-elected to a three year term. Carrie 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. 2008 was a very busy year for Sandy due to extra work load associated with the new tax mapping system, the full measure and list campaign, and the FY09 triennial revaluation. 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 *Assess Pro*. Duane Adams of **Mayflower Valuations** continues to provide residential appraisal 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 and **survey plans** 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 company for update...and **property and excise tax bill commitments and abatements** were reviewed and approved, as required.

## Several major projects were completed this year:

**Mayflower Valuations** personnel completed the state-mandated **Full Measure and List** review of all real property in town in July 2008. This campaign, initiated in the fall of 2007, involved a best effort to conduct exterior measurements and interior inspections of all dwellings and buildings in town. Such inspections are required to be performed at least once every 9 years to ensure that property card information is accurate and up-to-date.

A new state-of-the-art Geographic Information System (GIS) **tax map system**, produced by **Cartographics Associates Inc.**, of Littleton NH, utilizing *ArcGIS* and *Query*

*Manager* software, was implemented in October 2008. Based on an extensive review and recompilation of all current deeds and survey plans, this new tax map system consists of digitized maps combined with aerial photography which is linked to the existing Assessors property record card software to provide a fully integrated property information system. Other changes associated with the new mapping system included a new map/lot numbering convention and the splitting out of previously combined parcels onto separate property cards. Individual parcel acreage (used for tax assessment purposes) was also recalculated as a result of this more accurate mapping system.

In support of the **FY09 Triennial Revaluation**, the services of several professional appraisal consultants were utilized this year. George Lagasse of **Mainstream Associates** was contracted jointly by the Towns of Rowe, Monroe, and Florida to conduct appraisals of the hydroelectric generating facilities owned by TransCanada and Brookfield Power. Glenn Walker of **G.E. Sansoucy, PE** was contracted to conduct an appraisal of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) owned by Yankee Atomic Electric Company.

The **FY09 total town valuation** increased by 1.7% to **\$316,138,957**. The **FY09 tax rates** of **\$4.56** for Residential and **\$9.74** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in mid-December 2008. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$4.52** for Residential and **\$9.64** for CIP.

For FY09, according to Mass Department of Revenue records, Rowe has the **6<sup>th</sup> lowest residential tax rate** and the **2<sup>nd</sup> lowest average single family tax bill** (\$913) in the state.

Reminder...the so-called **Proposition 2½ 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 2½% (currently about \$67,000) per year. Despite our enviable low tax rate and low tax bills, the Town has been bumping up against its Prop 2½ Levy Limit for a number of years and has had to pit department against department 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. A significant action was taken at the FY08 Annual Town Meeting in May 2007 where a **\$150,000 Proposition 2½ Override** was approved for the creation of a **Capital Stabilization Fund**. This decision authorized a continuing annual increase in the Levy Limit for the express purpose of setting aside money into "savings" for municipal capital improvement projects. This has helped take some of the pressure off the regular operating budgets versus special projects competition for funds. This action reestablished and formalized something the town historically used to do on an informal basis before being artificially constrained by the Prop 2½ Levy Limit.

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. (Rick) Williams, Chairman  
Heidi Cousineau & Carrie Y. Silva

# Board of Assessors – Property Transfers

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**GRODD, STUART** and **VELMA** of CT, for consideration of \$55,000.00, grant to **GRODD, ARTHUR and KAUFFMANN, ILENE** of MA, Trustees of the Pond Road Realty Trust, property located at 56 Pond Road.

**BROWN, WILLIAM M., Trustee of the BROWN, WILLIAM M. Revocable Trust** of Rowe, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **BROWN, WILLIAM M.** of Rowe, property located at 60 Shippee Road.

**BROWN, WILLIAM M.** of Rowe, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **MORSE, MARJORIE H.**, of Rowe, property located at 60 Shippee Road.

**SITTINGER, ROBERT G.** and **NANCY E.** of Rowe, for consideration paid of \$45,000.00, grant to **TRAVIS, WILLIAM R.** and **FAITH R.**, of Leyden, MA, property located on Ford Hill Road (Map 201 Lot 15).

**PIKE, ERIC** and **MICHELLE** of Rowe, to **NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE**, for \$381,300.00 paid, grant to **MAY, DENNIS F.** and **GAIL** of Rowe, property located at 14 Potter Road.

**CAREY, ANNE S.** of Farmington, CT, in consideration of \$40,000.00, grant to **HAMILTON, RICHARD** and **DENOUDEN, NICOLE** of Tenant's Harbor, ME, property located on Stone Hill Road (Map 402 Lot 47).

**WALTERMINE, KENNETH FLAGG** and **ROBERT GEORGE**, of Fort Collins, CO, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **WALTERMIRE, ROBERT G.** of Fort Collins, CO and **ETHAN** of Bellvue, CO, property located on Davis Mine Road (Map 408 Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 28).

**MAY, DENNIS F.** and **GAIL**, of Rowe, for consideration paid of \$205,000.00, grant to **VAN DYKE, BARBARA L.** of Shelburne Falls, MA, property located at 22 Ford Hill Road.

**NEWMAN, MURRAY L. JR. & JANICE H.** of Heath, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **NEWMAN, MURRAY L., JR.** of Heath, **NEWMAN MARTIN S.** of Buckland, MA, **NEWMAN, NANCY ELISE** of Baltimore, MD, property located off Leshure Road (Map 402 Lot 72).

**ESSERT, ROBERT D. SR & MARY B.** of Rowe, for consideration paid of \$260,000.00, grant to **WOOTTON, JAMES M. & ELLEN E.** of Bethesda, MD, property located at 112 Ford Hill Road.

**SITTINGER, ROBERT G. & NANCY E.** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$18,000.00, grant to **SILVA, EDWARD J. & SANDRA J.** of Rowe, property located on Ford Hill Road (Map 201 Lot 15.1).

**WESTON, VIVIAN** of Bristol, VT, in consideration of \$30,000.00, grant to **CROWNINGSHIELD, STEVEN R. & DEBRA A. & MATTHEW R.** of Rowe, property located on Zoar Road (Map 410 Lot 29).

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## CONSENSUAL ORDER OF TAKING

**MUNROE, CARL A.** of Somerset, MA to **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS (DIVISION of FISH and GAME)** of Boston, MA, Award of \$154,000.00, property located on Tatro Road (Map 409 Lot 7, 11, 12).

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## DECLARATION OF RESTRICTION AGAINST RESIDENTIAL USE

By **YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC CO.** of Rowe, property located off Yankee Road (Map 401 Lots 9 & 11).

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## EASEMENTS

By **ADAMS, PAUL E. & JEANETTE H.** of Belleview, FL to **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** of Boston, MA, property located on 476 Tunnel Road.

By **WILLIAMS, ROBERT O.**, Trustee of the **SKYLINE LAND TRUST** of Rowe to **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.** of Boston, MA, property located on Hazelton Road (Map 204 Lot 2).

# Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill - State Ranking - 21-Year History

| Fiscal Year | Assessed Value | Number of Parcels | Average Value | Tax Rate | Single Family Tax Bill | State Hi-Lo Rank | Number of MA Towns Included |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2009        | \$ 41,636,100  | 208               | \$ 200,174    | \$ 4.56  | \$ 913                 | 318              | 319                         |
| 2008        | \$ 40,572,700  | 208               | \$ 195,061    | \$ 4.52  | \$ 882                 | 309              | 310                         |
| 2007        | \$ 38,733,700  | 204               | \$ 189,871    | \$ 4.11  | \$ 780                 | 307              | 307                         |
| 2006        | \$ 34,757,700  | 202               | \$ 172,068    | \$ 4.10  | \$ 705                 | 307              | 307                         |
| 2005        | \$ 29,369,900  | 206               | \$ 142,572    | \$ 3.59  | \$ 512                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 2004        | \$ 26,365,100  | 202               | \$ 130,520    | \$ 3.59  | \$ 469                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 2003        | \$ 26,309,900  | 203               | \$ 129,605    | \$ 3.49  | \$ 452                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 2002        | \$ 22,164,900  | 205               | \$ 108,121    | \$ 3.44  | \$ 372                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 2001        | \$ 21,735,900  | 204               | \$ 106,549    | \$ 3.36  | \$ 358                 | 339              | 340                         |
| 2000        | \$ 21,195,600  | 202               | \$ 104,929    | \$ 3.22  | \$ 338                 | 339              | 340                         |
| 1999        | \$ 22,065,700  | 204               | \$ 108,165    | \$ 5.36  | \$ 580                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 1998        | \$ 21,941,500  | 204               | \$ 107,556    | \$ 5.35  | \$ 575                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 1997        | \$ 21,543,200  | 201               | \$ 107,180    | \$ 5.34  | \$ 572                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 1996        | \$ 22,144,400  | 203               | \$ 109,086    | \$ 4.89  | \$ 533                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 1995        | \$ 21,580,400  | 200               | \$ 107,902    | \$ 5.61  | \$ 605                 | 340              | 340                         |
| 1994        | \$ 21,566,700  | 203               | \$ 106,240    | \$ 5.25  | \$ 558                 | 339              | 340                         |
| 1993        | \$ 23,152,453  | 204               | \$ 113,492    | \$ 5.98  | \$ 679                 | 336              | 339                         |
| 1992        | \$ 22,842,280  | 203               | \$ 112,524    | \$ 4.86  | \$ 547                 | 338              | 339                         |
| 1991        | \$ 22,817,970  | 215               | \$ 106,130    | \$ 4.52  | \$ 480                 | 265              | 265                         |
| 1990        | \$ 19,477,857  | 213               | \$ 91,445     | \$ 4.53  | \$ 414                 | 323              | 323                         |
| 1989        | \$ 18,892,237  | 201               | \$ 93,991     | \$ 4.56  | \$ 429                 | 297              | 297                         |

## Finance Committee

The year 2008 will be remembered for its financial upheaval. Many municipalities in the Commonwealth have been severely affected. Fortunately for Rowe, our economic base, Bear Swamp Hydroelectric power plant, remains stable and our dependence on State aid is minimal. However, with many of our residents in their retirement and the economic prospects for others, the Finance Committee was acutely aware of the impact its recommendations would make on our taxpayers.

The committee met each month with the primary focus being: 1) the status of the ongoing budgets, and 2) preparation for the FY2009 budget for the year beginning July 1, 2008. With the newly established Capital Stabilization Fund (CSF), we carefully evaluated the requests from the departments to ensure the requests for operating budgets and capital improvements were separate. Overall, the departments did a good job submitting their budgets and we expect following years to become more and more streamlined.

During the summer, our Committee welcomed Anne Besgen. However, a vacancy of one seat remains and is still open today.

During the initial stages of the FY10 budget process, which we began in late 2008, the Finance Committee, recognizing the severity of the financial climate, has committed to a

goal of keeping the Town budget at a 2.5% increase while maintaining the standard COLA rate set by the Social Security Administration.

We still are committed to increasing the Stabilization Fund and hope that, as the economy improves, our ability to execute that recommendation will be met with acceptance from the Selectmen. We believe the Town needs to build up more stabilization money, in the event that a disastrous situation shifts the tax burden from the Power Plant to residents. We have a rough idea for setting up a special stabilization fund with strict limits on use, but we have not had time to pursue it and thought that due to current circumstances, now is not the time to raise taxes for something like this.

The Town would probably save money by switching to the State GIC health insurance for employees. We need to investigate to make sure the benefits are comparable to our current ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Morano, Chair  
Ann Besgen  
David Dvore  
Cindy Laffond

# Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2008

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

| Year/Tax      | Outstanding<br>7/1/07 | Commit-<br>ments     | Abate-<br>ments | Tax<br>Title | Pay-<br>ments       | Refunds        | Adjust<br>ments* | Outstanding<br>6/30/08 |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 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        | -220.42               | 0.00                 | 0.00            | 0.00         | 0.00                | 0.00           | 0.00#            | -220.42                |
| 05 MVE        | -556.25               | -5.00                | 0.00            | 0.00         | 5.00                | 0.00           | 0.00             | -556.25                |
| 06 MVE        | -1,626.38             | -45.00               | 23.13           | 0.00         | 81.88               | -23.13         | 0.00             | -1,589.50              |
| 07 MVE        | -3242.10              | -3,470.86            | 487.19          | 0.00         | 5,395.35            | -487.19        | 0.00             | -1,317.61              |
| 08 MVE        | 0.00                  | -39,932.32           | 179.58          | 0.00         | 34,764.71           | -150.74        | 0.00             | -5,138.77              |
| 05 PP         | -26.29                | 0.00                 | 0.00            | 0.00         | 26.29               | 0.00           | 0.00             | 0.00                   |
| 06 PP         | -29.18                | 0.00                 | 0.00            | 0.00         | 29.18               | 0.00           | 0.00             | 0.00                   |
| 07 PP         | -32.35                | 0.00                 | 0.00            | 0.00         | 32.35               | 0.00           | 0.00             | 0.00                   |
| 08 PP         | 0.00                  | -1,018,893.25        | 0.00            | 0.00         | 1,018,889.11        | 0.00           | 0.00             | -4.14                  |
| 05 RE         | -846.16               | 0.00                 | 0.00            | 0.00         | 846.16              | 0.00           | 0.00             | 0.00                   |
| 06 RE         | -653.67               | 0.00                 | -43.64          | 0.00         | 683.60              | 0.00           | 0.00             | -13.71                 |
| 07 RE         | -3112.55              | 0.00                 | -34.03          | 0.00         | 3115.01             | 0.00           | 0.00             | -31.57                 |
| 08 RE         | 0.00                  | -1731316.38          | 2989.39         | 63.73        | 1723246.09          | 0.00           | 0.00             | -5,017.17              |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>-10,527.85</b>     | <b>-2,793,662.81</b> | <b>3,601.62</b> | <b>63.73</b> | <b>2,787,114.73</b> | <b>-661.06</b> | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>-14,071.64</b>      |

## Miscellaneous Collections

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| \$350.00          | Lien Fees                        |
| 340.00            | Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees         |
| 12.00             | Deputy Collector Fees            |
| 0.00              | Mark for Non Renewal             |
| 1,113.13          | Interest on Overdue Tax Payments |
| 0.00              | NSF Fees Collected               |
| 80.00             | Bank Interest                    |
| <b>\$1,895.13</b> |                                  |

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector



# 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 Education 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 the general ledger and budget ledger maintained. Department heads were supplied with budget vs. actual information on a monthly basis, and more often as needed.

I want to thank Sandy Daviau for her valued assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock  
Town Accountant

## Town Accountant – Revenue & Expenditures (c. 41, § 61)

### General Fund – Revenue

#### Taxes

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Personal Property Taxes * | 1,018,865        |
| Real Estate Taxes *       | 1,729,176        |
| Motor Vehicle Excise      | 39,586           |
| Penalties/Interest        | 1,113            |
| In Lieu of Taxes          | 0                |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>2,788,772</b> |

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

#### Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Park & Recreation Revenues  | 370          |
| Other Departmental Revenues | 730          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>1,100</b> |

#### Licenses, Permits and Fees

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Licenses and Permits | 1,050        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>1,050</b> |

#### Federal Revenue

0

#### Revenues from State

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Cherry Sheet, etc. | 105,409        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>105,409</b> |

#### Revenues from Other Govts - Court Fines

155

#### Miscellaneous Revenues

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Miscellaneous Revenues    | 19,045        |
| Interest from Investments | 14,402        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>33,447</b> |

#### General Fund – Total Revenues

2,929,933

### Inter-fund Transfers

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Special Revenue Funds      | 0              |
| Transfers from Trust Funds | 145,400        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>145,400</b> |

#### Total General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Uses and Transfers

3,075,333

### General Fund – Expenditures

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Salary and Wages | 526,995   |
| Expenditures     | 1,716,809 |
| Construction     | 0         |
| Capital Outlay   | 57,050    |
| Debt Service     | 0         |
| Unclassified     | 485,269   |

#### General Fund – Expenditures - Total

2,786,123

### Other Financing Uses

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Transfers to Other Fund | 152,000 |
|-------------------------|---------|

#### Total Other Financing Uses

152,000

#### General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

2,938,123

### Special Revenue Funds

#### Revenues

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Taxes and Excises     | 0       |
| Charges for Services  | 0       |
| Federal Revenue       | 0       |
| State Revenue         | 151,553 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 121,353 |

#### Total Revenues

272,906

### Other Financing Sources

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Bond Proceeds              | 0 |
| Transfers from Other Funds | 0 |

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| Other Financing Sources                                 | 0              |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>                    | 0              |
| <b>Total Revenues &amp;<br/>Other Financing Sources</b> | <b>272,906</b> |

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>       |                |
| Salary and Wages          | 0              |
| Expenditures              | 260,837        |
| Construction              | 0              |
| Capital Outlay            | 0              |
| Debt Service              | 0              |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>260,837</b> |

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| <b>Other Financing Uses</b>                              |                |
| Transfers to Other Funds                                 | 0              |
| Other Financing Uses                                     | 0              |
| <b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>                        | 0              |
| <b>Total Expenditures &amp;<br/>Other Financing Uses</b> | <b>260,837</b> |

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>      | <b>12,069</b>  |
| Fund Balance Beginning of Year  | 129,535        |
| Adjustments                     | 0              |
| <b>Fund Balance End of Year</b> | <b>141,604</b> |

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|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Capital Project Funds</b> |   |
| Revenues                     | 0 |
| Expenditures                 | 0 |

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Enterprise Funds</b> |   |
| Revenues                | 0 |
| Expenditures            | 0 |

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Trust Funds</b>      |                |
| <b>Revenues</b>         |                |
| Charges for Services    | 0              |
| Federal Revenue         | 0              |
| State Revenue           | 0              |
| Miscellaneous Revenue   | 10,487         |
| Earnings on Investments | 93,339         |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>   | <b>103,826</b> |

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| <b>Other Financing Sources</b>                         |                |
| Transfers from Other Funds                             | 152,000        |
| Other Financing Sources                                | 0              |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>                   | <b>152,000</b> |
| <b>Total Revenue &amp;<br/>Other Financing Sources</b> | <b>255,826</b> |

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| <b>Expenditures</b> |        |
| Salary and Wages    | 0      |
| Expenditures        | 10,418 |
| Construction        | 0      |
| Capital Outlay      | 0      |
| Debt Service        | 0      |

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>10,418</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------|

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| <b>Other Financing Uses</b> |         |
| Transfers to Other Funds    | 145,400 |
| Other Financing Uses        | 0       |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Other Financing Uses</b> | <b>145,400</b> |
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| <b>Total Expenditures &amp;<br/>Other Financing Uses</b> | <b>155,818</b> |
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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>      | <b>100,008</b>   |
| Fund Balance Beginning of Year  | 2,270,696        |
| Adjustments                     | 0                |
| <b>Fund Balance End of Year</b> | <b>2,370,704</b> |

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Agency Fund Balance</b>        |         |
| Agency Fund Balance July 1, 2007  | -2,679  |
| Additions                         | 35,216  |
| Deductions                        | -34,579 |
| Agency Fund Balance June 30, 2008 | -2,042  |

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| <b>Personnel Expenditures<br/>as of Dec 1, 2008</b> |           |
| Total Salaries and Wages                            | 1,060,853 |
| Total Number of Employees                           | 107       |

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|---|------------------|
| <b>Schedule of Cash/Investments<br/>June 30, 2008</b> |                  |
| General Fund  | 615,866          |
| Special Revenue                                       | 162,891          |
| Debt Service Fund                                     | 0                |
| Capital Project Funds                                 | 0                |
| Enterprise Funds                                      | 0                |
| Trust Funds   | 2,370,704        |
| Agency Funds  | -2,042           |
|   | <b>3,147,419</b> |

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen L. Babcock  
Town Accountant

# Accountant's Report - Appropriation Balances June 30, 2008

| Account No.                   | Account Name                              | Budget     | Actual       | Variance  | % Remaining |
|-------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>(1) General Government</b> |   |            |              |           |             |
| 01-5-101-110                  | Sel - Legal Expenses                      | 12,513.22  | (12,402.62)  | 110.60    | 0           |
| 01-5-101-120                  | Settlements & Judgments                   | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-220                  | Sel - Selectmen Stipend                   | 5,562.00   | (5,337.89)   | 224.11    | 21          |
| 01-5-101-290                  | Sel - Gen Administration                  | 29,580.00  | (22,517.42)  | 7,062.58  | 23          |
| 01-5-101-291                  | Sel - Microfilm Twn Records               | 4,000.00   | 0.00         | 4,000.00  | 100         |
| 01-5-101-292                  | Sel - Misc Officers' Stipends             | 2,060.00   | (2,060.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-293                  | Sel - Town Officers' Expenses             | 1,530.00   | (1,530.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-294                  | Sel - Print Town Reports                  | 3,315.00   | (3,315.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-295                  | Sel - Municipal Audit                     | 5,000.00   | (5,000.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-296                  | Sel - Summer Youth Employment             | 25,500.00  | (25,155.47)  | 344.53    | 1           |
| 01-5-101-297                  | Sel - SYE Encumb                          | 2,282.50   | (2,282.50)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-298                  | Council on Aging                          | 5,500.00   | (5,497.23)   | 2.77      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-350                  | Sel - Accnt/Admin Sal                     | 53,308.00  | (53,308.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-351                  | Sel - Asst Acct/Clerk                     | 9,800.00   | (8,948.23)   | 851.77    | 8           |
| 01-5-101-352                  | Sel - AsstAcct Clrk Pay Encum             | 128.61     | (128.61)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-360                  | Sel - FRCOG Core Assessment               | 23,889.00  | (23,323.75)  | 565.25    | 2           |
| 01-5-101-361                  | Sel - FRCOG Statutory Assessment          | 10,480.00  | (10,480.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-365                  | Sel - Computer Equip/Software             | 15,600.00  | (15,600.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-367                  | Sel - Computer Support                    | 16,000.00  | (16,000.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-368                  | Sel - Broadband Analysis/Planning         | 18,500.00  | (18,500.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-370                  | Sel - FRCOG Fees                          | 100.00     | 0.00         | 100.00    | 100         |
| 01-5-101-410                  | Assessor Stipends                         | 5,100.00   | (4,987.89)   | 112.11    | 2           |
| 01-5-101-411                  | Assessor Clerical Wage                    | 10,000.00  | (8,694.24)   | 1,305.76  | 13          |
| 01-5-101-412                  | Assessor Clrk Encumb Pay                  | 238.30     | (238.30)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-413                  | Assessor Operations                       | 6,150.00   | (6,105.95)   | 44.05     | 0           |
| 01-5-101-418                  | Assessor GIS Mapping Project              | 5,738.78   | (174.73)     | 5,564.05  | 96          |
| 01-5-101-420                  | Assessor Revaluation/<br>Property Updates | 28,648.70  | (2,255.62)   | 26,393.08 | 92          |
| 01-5-101-421                  | Assessor Full Measure & List              | 11,475.00  | (9,350.00)   | 2,125.00  | 18          |
| 01-5-101-450                  | Treasurer Stipend                         | 7,000.00   | (7,000.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-451                  | Assist. Treasurer Pay                     | 100.00     | 0.00         | 100.00    | 100         |
| 01-5-101-460                  | Tax Collector Stipend                     | 6,384.00   | (6,384.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-610                  | Town Clerk Stipend                        | 6,384.00   | (6,384.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-620                  | Election/Teller Expenses                  | 2,818.86   | (2,818.86)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-630                  | Registrar/Census Compensation             | 350.00     | (350.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-101-710                  | Conservation Comm Operations              | 200.00     | (54.00)      | 146.00    | 73          |
| 01-5-101-750                  | Planning Board Operations                 | 500.00     | (392.51)     | 107.49    | 21          |
| 01-3-101-751                  | Planning Board Legal Expenses             | 2,000.00   | (300.00)     | 1,700.00  | 85          |
| 01-5-101-752                  | Planning Board Goal Post Operations       | 18,700.00  | (15,640.32)  | 3,059.68  | 6           |
| 01-5-101-800                  | Dog Officer Expenses                      | 350.00     | 0.00         | 350.00    | 100         |
| 01-5-901-907                  | Energy Audit                              | 7,850.00   | 0.00         | 7,850.00  | 100         |
| 01-5-901-908                  | By-Law Printing                           | 6,000.00   | 0.00         | 6,000.00  | 100         |
| 01-5-901-917                  | Soule Senior Center Feasibility Study     | 15,000.00  | 0.00         | 15,000.00 | 100         |
| 01-5-901-918                  | Energy Program Consultant                 | 8,000.00   | (4,625.00)   | 3,375.00  | 42          |
| <b>Total</b>                  |   | 393,635.97 | (307,142.14) | 86,493.83 |             |
| <b>(2) Public Works</b>       |   |            |              |           |             |
| 01-5-204-220                  | Hwy - Wages                               | 140,770.12 | (138,086.92) | 2,683.20  | 1           |
| 01-5-204-221                  | Hwy - Encumbered Wage                     | 1,560.00   | (1,560.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-204-222                  | Hwy - Operations & Maintenance            | 42,910.88  | (42,726.04)  | 184.84    | 0           |
| 01-5-204-224                  | Hwy - Fuel for Town Vehicles              | 32,669.41  | (31,468.66)  | 1,200.75  | 3           |
| 01-5-204-228                  | Hwy - Road Maint/Reclamation              | 45,000.00  | (45,000.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-204-230                  | Hwy - Annual Projects                     | 30,600.00  | (30,463.79)  | 136.21    | 0           |
| 01-5-204-232                  | Hwy - Superintendent's Salary             | 70,409.00  | (70,409.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-204-237                  | Insurance Reimb for Property Damage       | 4,669.41   | (4,669.41)   | 0.00      | 0           |

| Account No.                      | Account Name                             | Budget     | Actual       | Variance  | % Remaining |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 01-5-204-240                     | Hwy - Wash Station/<br>Yard Improvements | 9,787.07   | (2,993.21)   | 6,793.86  | 69          |
| 01-5-204-242                     | Hwy - New Garage Roof CSF                | 10,000.00  | 0.00         | 10,000.00 | 100         |
| 01-5-204-244                     | Hwy - New Tractor CSF                    | 60,000.00  | (53,809.12)  | 6,190.88  | 10          |
| 01-5-204-250                     | Hwy - Winter Roads                       | 79,467.82  | (79,467.82)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-204-251                     | Hwy - Winter Rd Overdraft                | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-204-252                     | Street Lighting                          | 5,000.00   | (4,687.27)   | 312.73    | 6           |
| 01-5-504-910                     | Cemetery Maintenance                     | 11,000.00  | (11,000.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-504-915                     | Cemetery Fence Repair                    | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-900-100                     | Custodian Wage Encumbered                | 307.13     | (307.13)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-901-901                     | Mncpl Cntr Custodian Wage                | 12,000.00  | (5,932.27)   | 6,067.73  | 50          |
| 01-5-901-902                     | Mncpl Cntr Operations/<br>Maintenance    | 22,000.00  | (21,885.24)  | 114.76    | 0           |
| 01-5-901-903                     | Elevator Maintenance                     | 5,900.00   | (5,474.20)   | 425.80    | 7           |
| 01-5-901-904                     | Mncpl Center Fuel Oil                    | 6,173.15   | (6,169.07)   | 4.08      | 0           |
| 01-5-901-905                     | Gracy House Repair/Maintenance           | 2,000.00   | (1,860.23)   | 139.77    | 6           |
| 01-5-901-906                     | Beautification Committee                 | 2,000.00   | (1,857.61)   | 142.39    | 7           |
| 01-5-901-912                     | Dam Maintenance/Repairs                  | 3,000.00   | 0.00         | 3,000.00  | 100         |
| 01-5-901-913                     | Dam Engrg - Mill Pond CSF                | 9,000.00   | (5,150.00)   | 3,850.00  | 42          |
| 01-5-901-914                     | Dam Engrg - Pelham Lake CSF              | 12,000.00  | (8,350.00)   | 3,650.00  | 30          |
| 01-5-901-916                     | Gracy House/Soule<br>Barn Improvements   | 51,401.17  | (8,343.68)   | 43,057.49 | 83          |
| <b>Total</b>                     |  | 669,625.16 | (581,670.67) | 87,954.49 |             |
| <b>(3) Public Safety</b>         |  |            |              |           |             |
| 01-5-602-100                     | Police Chief Stipend                     | 9,044.00   | (9,044.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-103                     | Police Officer Wages                     | 14,493.00  | (11,697.53)  | 2,795.47  | 19          |
| 01-5-602-104                     | Police Off Encumb Wage                   | 1,315.08   | (1,315.08)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-105                     | Police Dept Operations                   | 6,800.00   | (4,044.97)   | 2,755.03  | 40          |
| 01-5-602-200                     | Fire Chief Stipend                       | 6,384.00   | (6,384.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-201                     | Fire Officers' Stipends                  | 6,180.00   | (6,180.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-202                     | Fire Fighters Reimbursements             | 7,000.00   | (6,960.00)   | 40.00     | 0           |
| 01-5-602-203                     | Fire Dept Operations                     | 23,500.00  | (23,500.00)  | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-204                     | Fire Extinguisher Testing                | 4,000.00   | (3,864.51)   | 135.49    | 3           |
| 01-5-602-209                     | Fire Dept Air Compressor                 | 4,126.33   | 0.00         | 4,126.33  | 100         |
| 01-5-602-214                     | Fire Dept Fire Pond Maintenance          | 7,621.98   | (6,512.86)   | 1,109.12  | 14          |
| 01-5-602-400                     | Bldg Inspetor Fees/Reimbursements        | 5,000.00   | (4,407.90)   | 592.10    | 11          |
| 01-5-602-430                     | Plumbing/Gas Inspection Programs         | 1,288.00   | (1,288.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-450                     | Electrical Inspection Program            | 1,018.00   | (1,018.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-901                     | Emergency Management                     | 1,000.00   | (1,000.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-910                     | Emergency Notification System            | 1,000.00   | (900.00)     | 100.00    | 10          |
| 01-5-602-940                     | Forest Fire Control                      | 100.00     | (100.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-702-320                     | EMS Coordinator Stipend                  | 1,859.00   | (1,859.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-702-321                     | EMS Operations                           | 3,500.00   | (827.18)     | 2,672.82  | 76          |
| 01-5-702-323                     | EMS Emergency Personnel                  | 3,800.00   | (3,200.00)   | 600.00    | 15          |
| 01-5-704-310                     | Fire Dept Haz Mat Control                | 1,000.00   | (1,000.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                     |  | 110,029.39 | (95,103.03)  | 14,926.36 |             |
| <b>(4) Health and Sanitation</b> |  |            |              |           |             |
| 01-5-602-942                     | Dutch Elm Disease                        | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-602-943                     | Insect Pest Control                      | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-704-312                     | Hazardous Waste Collection               | 700.00     | (180.00)     | 520.00    | 74          |
| 01-5-704-330                     | Refuse Garden Operations                 | 43,887.56  | (34,240.98)  | 9,646.58  | 21          |
| 01-5-704-335                     | Transfer Station Attendants Wages        | 13,555.44  | (13,539.36)  | 16.08     | 0           |
| 01-5-704-336                     | FCSWMD Assessment (50%)                  | 1,760.00   | (1,759.50)   | 0.50      | 0           |
| 01-5-704-337                     | Attendant Wages Encumb                   | 249.12     | (249.12)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-704-338                     | Recycling Shed Improvements              | 1,600.00   | (1,410.34)   | 189.66    | 11          |
| 01-5-705-090                     | BOH Stipends                             | 4,635.00   | (4,635.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-705-100                     | BOH Operations                           | 16,500.00  | (11,587.42)  | 4,912.58  | 29          |
| 01-5-705-120                     | BOH FRCOG Health Servic                  | 0.00       | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |

| Account No.                       | Account Name                            | Budget       | Actual         | Variance  | % Remaining |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 01-5-705-220                      | Health Services Salary                  | 41,919.00    | (12,285.00)    | 29,634.00 | 70          |
| 01-5-705-222                      | Health Services Operation               | 13,741.00    | (13,741.00)    | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-705-223                      | Health Services Physician's Stipend     | 1,000.00     | (1,000.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 139,547.12   | (94,627.72)    | 44,919.40 |             |
| <b>(5) Education</b>              |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-300-001                      | School Committee Stipends               | 4,284.00     | (4,284.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-300-002                      | School                                  | 1,097,156.00 | (1,097,156.00) | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-300-003                      | School Encumbered                       | 68,848.00    | (68,848.00)    | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-300-009                      | Rowe Schl Capital Improvements          | 1,188.73     | 0.00           | 1,188.73  | 100         |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 1,171,476.73 | (1,170,288.00) | 1,188.73  |             |
| <b>(6) Culture and Recreation</b> |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-306-100                      | Library Director Wages                  | 20,449.00    | (20,064.60)    | 384.40    | 1           |
| 01-5-306-101                      | Library Staff Wages                     | 13,275.00    | (12,154.39)    | 1,120.61  | 8           |
| 01-5-306-102                      | Library Operations                      | 20,122.00    | (20,088.54)    | 33.46     | 0           |
| 01-5-306-103                      | Library Wages Encumbered                | 226.20       | (226.20)       | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-306-104                      | Librarian's Wages Encumbered            | 412.80       | (412.80)       | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-306-105                      | Library Operations Encumbered           | 1,932.20     | (1,932.20)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-300                      | Old Home Day                            | 4,000.00     | (4,000.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-305                      | Old Home Day Fireworks                  | 5,000.00     | (5,000.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-500                      | Park Wages                              | 38,207.00    | (36,927.50)    | 1,279.50  | 3           |
| 01-5-906-501                      | Park Wages Encumbered                   | 3,070.00     | (3,070.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-502                      | Park Operations                         | 22,500.00    | (22,144.31)    | 355.69    | 1           |
| 01-5-906-503                      | Park Ranger Salary                      | 38,563.00    | (38,563.00)    | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-504                      | Park Operations Encumbered              | 797.50       | (797.50)       | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-505                      | Park Insurance Reimb<br>for Prop Damage | 959.00       | (959.00)       | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-906-507                      | Park Tennis Court Repairs CSF           | 12,400.00    | (3,241.25)     | 9,158.75  | 73          |
| 01-5-906-516                      | Park Browning Bench Repairs             | 3,267.42     | 0.00           | 3,267.42  | 100         |
| 01-5-906-517                      | Park Browning Bench Repairs CS          | 5,000.00     | 0.00           | 5,000.00  | 100         |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 190,181.12   | (169,581.29)   | 20,599.83 |             |
| <b>(7) Pensions and Insurance</b> |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-901-900                      | Bonding & Insurance                     | 45,000.00    | (34,599.56)    | 10,400.44 | 23          |
| 01-5-909-110                      | County Retirement                       | 104,388.00   | (104,388.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-909-111                      | Retirement-Randolph                     | 800.00       | (427.33)       | 372.67    | 46          |
| 01-5-909-130                      | Unemployment Insurance                  | 1,000.00     | (45.11)        | 954.89    | 95          |
| 01-5-909-140                      | Group Medical/Medex                     | 300,000.00   | (294,147.28)   | 5,852.72  | 1           |
| 01-5-909-145                      | FICA/Medicare                           | 33,075.00    | (26,425.20)    | 6,649.80  | 20          |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 484,263.00   | (460,032.48)   | 24,230.52 |             |
| <b>(8) Veterans</b>               |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-405-430                      | Veterans Agent Stipend                  | 500.00       | (500.00)       | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-405-431                      | Veterans Admin Operations               | 400.00       | (56.26)        | 343.74    | 85          |
| 01-5-405-432                      | Veterans Benefits                       | 100.00       | 0.00           | 100.00    | 100         |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 1,000.00     | (556.26)       | 443.74    |             |
| <b>(9) Debt Service</b>           |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-807-520                      | Bank Chrgs & Loan Interest              | 500.00       | (518.75)       | -18.75    | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 500.00       | (518.75)       | -18.75    |             |
| <b>(10.3) Transfer and Other</b>  |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-909-200                      | Stabilization Appropriation (to)        | 152,000.00   | (152,000.00)   | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-957-800                      | Reserve Fund FY2008                     | 7,919.77     | 0.00           | 7,919.77  | 100         |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 159,919.77   | (152,000.00)   | 7,919.77  |             |
| <b>(10.4) State Charges</b>       |   |              |                |           |             |
| 01-5-907-001                      | State Charges Air Pollution             | 326.00       | (326.00)       | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-5-907-002                      | State Charges Regional Transit          | 3,085.00     | (3,085.00)     | 0.00      | 0           |

| Account No.        | Account Name                  | Budget              | Actual                | Variance          | % Remaining |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 01-5-907-003       | State Charges RMV Non-Renewal | 60.00               | (40.00)               | 20.00             | 33          |
| 01-5-907-004       | State Charges School Choice   | 10,000.00           | 0.00                  | 10,000.00         | 100         |
| 01-5-907-005       | State Charges Charter School  | 0.00                | (21,786.00)           | -21,786.00        | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>       |                               | 13,471.00           | (25,237.00)           | -11,766.00        |             |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> |                               | <b>3,333,649.26</b> | <b>(3,056,757.34)</b> | <b>276,891.92</b> | <b>0.1</b>  |

Ellen L. Babcock  
Town Accountant

## Accountant's Report - Receipts FY2008

| Account No.                      | Account Name                 | Budget       | Actual       | Variance  | % Remaining |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| <b>(10.0) Property Taxes</b>     |                              |              |              |           |             |
| 01-4-110-000                     | Personal Property Taxes      | 1,018,893.24 | 1,018,897.38 | 4.14      | 0           |
| 01-4-120-000                     | Real Estate Taxes            | 1,706,377.76 | 1,729,175.52 | 22,797.76 | 0           |
| 01-4-615-000                     | Abatements - Other           | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                     |                              | 2,725,271.00 | 2,748,072.90 | 22,801.90 |             |
| <b>(10.1) State Aid</b>          |                              |              |              |           |             |
| 01-4-611-000                     | Abatements-Vets,Blind,SS     | 1,963.00     | 1,875.00     | (88.00)   |             |
| 01-4-661-000                     | Lottery Aid                  | 4,903.00     | 4,903.00     | 0.00      |             |
| 01-4-662-000                     | Add'l Lottery Aid            | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      |             |
| 01-4-663-000                     | Highway Aid                  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      |             |
| 01-4-670-000                     | Chapter 90 Reimbursement     | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      |             |
| 01-4-680-000                     | Other State Revenue          | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      |             |
| <b>Total</b>                     |                              | 6,866.00     | 6,778.00     | (88.00)   | 0           |
| <b>(10.2) Estimated Receipts</b> |                              |              |              |           |             |
| 01-4-150-000                     | Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue | 44,000.00    | 39,585.88    | -4,414.12 | 10          |
| 01-4-170-000                     | Penalty & Int. on Taxes      | 1,000.00     | 1,081.10     | 81.10     | 0           |
| 01-4-172-000                     | Penalty & Int. MVE           | 0.00         | 32.02        | 32.02     | 0           |
| 01-4-325-000                     | Fees - Board of Health       | 0.00         | 450.00       | 450.00    | 0           |
| 01-4-330-100                     | Fees - Town Clerk            | 0.00         | 36.60        | 36.6      | 0           |
| 01-4-330-150                     | Fees - Police Dept           | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-330-155                     | Fees - Copier/FAX            | 0.00         | 448.64       | 448.64    | 0           |
| 01-4-330-160                     | Fees - Misc                  | 1,500.00     | 10.00        | -1,490.00 | 99          |
| 01-4-330-170                     | Fees - Sch Music Lessons     | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-330-175                     | Fees - After Sch Program     | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-330-557                     | Fees - Pistol Permit (Town)  | 0.00         | 712.50       | 712.5     | 0           |
| 01-4-360-000                     | Rentals                      | 5,000.00     | 5,741.71     | 741.71    | 0           |
| 01-4-369-000                     | Licenses & Permits           | 400.00       | 0.00         | -400.00   | 100         |
| 01-4-442-000                     | Licenses - Other             | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-445-000                     | Dog Licenses                 | 0.00         | 337.00       | 337.00    | 0           |
| 01-4-450-000                     | Recycling Revenue            | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-475-000                     | Election Hours               | 0.00         | 240.00       | 240.00    | 0           |
| 01-4-480-000                     | In Lieu of Taxes             | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-610-000                     | Reimb State-Owned Land       | 2,794.00     | 2,794.00     | 0.00      | 0           |
| 01-4-618-000                     | Medicare Assistance-Sch      | 0.00         | 5,386.95     | 5,386.95  | 0           |

| Account No.                       | Account Name                              | Budget              | Actual              | Variance           | % Remaining |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 01-4-620-000                      | School Aid Chapter 70                     | 70,474.00           | 70,474.00           | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-621-000                      | School Transportation                     | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-622-000                      | Charter Sch Assess Reimb                  | 0.00                | 19,976.00           | 19,976.00          | 0           |
| 01-4-685-000                      | Library Fines                             | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-686-000                      | Park Programs - Fees                      | 500.00              | 370.00              | -130.00            | 26          |
| 01-4-770-000                      | NSF Fees                                  | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-772-000                      | MVE Fines                                 | 0.00                | 155.00              | 155.00             | 0           |
| 01-4-815-000                      | Sale of Fixed Assets                      | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-822-000                      | Interest on Checking                      | 18,000.00           | 14,401.92           | -3,598.08          | 20          |
| 01-4-830-000                      | Refunds Misc                              | 0.00                | 413.00              | 413.00             | 0           |
| 01-4-830-050                      | Refunds/Reimb MIIA                        | 0.00                | 1,779.35            | 1,779.35           | 0           |
| 01-4-830-100                      | Refunds Prior Year                        | 0.00                | 647.41              | 647.41             | 0           |
| 01-4-840-000                      | Misc Revenue                              | 12,660.00           | 10,009.06           | -2,650.94          | 20          |
| 01-4-840-100                      | Misc Revenue - School                     | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 156,328.00          | 175,082.14          | 18,754.14          |             |
| <b>(10.3) Transfers and Other</b> |   |                     |                     |                    |             |
| 01-4-841-000                      | Free Cash                                 | 129,088.82          | 0.00                | 129,088.82         | 100         |
| 01-4-842-000                      | Available Funds Encumbrances              | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-843-000                      | Available Funds Continuing Appropriations | 161,356.62          | 0.00                | 161,356.62         | 100         |
| 01-4-971-000                      | Trans from Spec Rev Fund                  | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-972-000                      | Trans from Trust Funds                    | 145,400.00          | 145,400.00          | 0.00               | 0           |
| 01-4-974-000                      | Trans Recpts Reserved                     | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>                      |   | 435,845.44          | 145,400.00          | 290,445.44         |             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                |   | <b>3,324,310.44</b> | <b>3,075,333.04</b> | <b>-248,977.40</b> |             |

Ellen L. Babcock  
Town Accountant

# Treasurer's Report

## Trust Funds FY2008

| Name of Fund              | Balance<br>7/1/07 | Transfer<br>In  | Interest        | Transfer<br>Out  | Balance<br>6/30/08 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| M. Wells Memorial Library | 8,203.94          |                 | 214.97          |                  | 8,418.91           |
| Cemetery                  | 20,511.81         | 1,400.00        | 545.29          | -1,347.00        | 21,110.10          |
| Rowe Library Gift         | 399.58            |                 | 10.47           |                  | 410.05             |
| Charles Wells Library     | 3,257.07          |                 | 85.35           |                  | 3,342.42           |
| Preserved Smith Library   | 1,864.46          |                 | 43.02           | -150.00          | 1,757.48           |
| Gould Library             | 15,809.75         |                 | 414.26          |                  | 16,224.01          |
| Foster Donation           | 2,917.67          |                 | 76.44           |                  | 2,994.11           |
| White Memorial Library    | 5,143.47          |                 | 218.35          |                  | 5,361.82           |
| L. Tower/Jones Library    | 5,143.47          |                 | 218.35          |                  | 5,361.82           |
| Rowe Memorial Scholarship | 3,699.03          |                 | 96.87           | -25.00           | 3,770.90           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>             | <b>66,950.25</b>  | <b>1,400.00</b> | <b>1,923.37</b> | <b>-1,522.00</b> | <b>68,751.62</b>   |

## Stabilization Fund FY2008

|  |                     |  |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/2007                       | 2,203,099.58        |  |
| Transfers to Capitalization Stabilization Fund   | (1,250,000.00)      |  |
| Transfers from Capitalization Stabilization Fund | 150,000.00          |  |
| Transfers to General Fund                        | (1,100,000.00)      | <--This amount (1,100,000.00) represents internal borrowing in anticipation of tax revenues, and was returned to the fund when tax monies were received. |
| Transfers from General Fund                      | 1,102,000.00        |  |
| Interest earned 7/1/06 to 6/30/07                | 51,918.08           |  |
| <b>Balance as of June 30, 2008</b>               | <b>1,157,017.66</b> |  |

## Capital Stabilization Fund FY2008

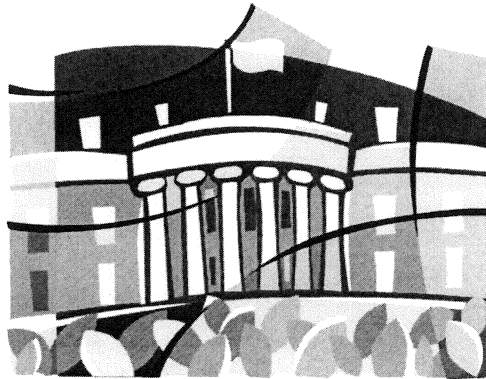
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|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance 9/28/2007        | 1,200,000.00        | <-- Transfer from Stabilization Fund |
| Transfers from Stabilization Fund  | 50,000.00           |                                      |
| Transfers to Stabilization Fund    | (150,000.00)        |                                      |
| Transfers from General Fund        | 150,000.00          |                                      |
| Transfers to General Fund          | (145,000.00)        |                                      |
| Interest 9/28/07 to 6/30/2008      | 37,575.91           |                                      |
| <b>Balance as of June 30, 2008</b> | <b>1,142,175.91</b> |                                      |

## School Agency Account FY2008

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance 7/1/2007         | 1,623.54        |
| Deposits                           | 8,762.35        |
| Withdrawals                        | (7,657.27)      |
| Interest 7/01/07 to 6/30/08        | 10.08           |
| <b>Balance as of June 30, 2008</b> | <b>2,738.70</b> |

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Cousineau , Treasurer





# PART V

## **Regional Reports**

# FCCIP (Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) Plumbing/Gas Inspector's Report

I have included the Fiscal Year 2008 report at the bottom of this page which reflects plumbing/gas permits and fee activity for all member towns.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that the Mass State Plumbing & Gas Code and our inspection program are in place for the health and safety protection of all residents. Protection of potable water, proper installation of drainage systems and code compliant gas systems are three major responsibilities of licensed plumbers & plumbing/gas inspectors. After an accident insurance companies may not pay claims if a permit has not been issued for any repairs. Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. 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](mailto:plumbing@frcog.org). You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org), under Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

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

Andrew French  
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

## July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 FISCAL YEAR 2008 REPORT PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS

| Towns                  | Reinspection<br>Fees | Permits | Total<br>Fees |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------|
| Ashfield               | 0.00                 | 74      | 6,850.00      |
| Bernardston            | 30.00                | 43      | 4,960.00      |
| Buckland               | 0.00                 | 45      | 4,605.00      |
| Charlemont             | 85.00                | 28      | 4,015.00      |
| Conway                 | 30.00                | 38      | 3,545.00      |
| Erving                 | 200.00               | 37      | 4,005.00      |
| Gill                   | 0.00                 | 46      | 4,505.00      |
| Hawley                 | 0.00                 | 14      | 1,805.00      |
| Heath                  | 0.00                 | 25      | 2,595.00      |
| Leverett               | 0.00                 | 59      | 5,280.00      |
| Leyden                 | 10.00                | 33      | 2,900.00      |
| Rowe                   | 0.00                 | 9       | 750.00        |
| Shelburne              | 10.00                | 50      | 5,410.00      |
| Whately                | 25.00                | 46      | 4,965.00      |
| TOTAL:                 | 390.00               | 547     | 56,190.00     |
| TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED |                      |         | \$ 56,580.00  |

# FCCIP (Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program)

## Wiring Inspector's Report

I have included the Fiscal Year 2008 report at the bottom of this letter which reflects wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns.

In 2008 the State was the first to adopt the new electrical code. With the many changes, it took a great amount of time to educate the contractors on the new regulations. This is just another reason to hire a qualified licensed contractor. Also, there are a large number of outside wood boilers being installed without the proper permits. These are required to be wired by a licensed electrician.

If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7am-9am at 772-2026, ext. 126 or by email at [electric@frcog.org](mailto:electric@frcog.org). You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our website at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org), under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

James Slowinski  
Wiring Inspector

### July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 FISCAL YEAR 2008 REPORT PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS

| Towns       | Reinspection Fees | Permits | Total Fees |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Ashfield    | 0.00              | 53      | 5,570.00   |
| Bernardston | 0.00              | 37      | 3,700.00   |
| Buckland    | 0.00              | 48      | 4,665.00   |
| Charlemont  | 0.00              | 43      | 4,120.00   |
| Conway      | 0.00              | 46      | 4,685.00   |
| Erving      | 280.00            | 41      | ,265.00    |
| Gill        | 0.00              | 27      | 3,490.00   |
| Hawley      | 0.00              | 11      | 1,220.00   |
| Heath       | 0.00              | 24      | 2,485.00   |
| Leverett    | 0.00              | 54      | 5,465.00   |
| Rowe        | 0.00              | 13      | 1,740.00   |
| Shelburne   | 200.00            | 56      | 4,865.00   |
| Whately     | 0.00              | 54      | 6,560.00   |
| TOTAL       | 480.00            | 507     | 52,830.00  |

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED                      \$ 53,310.00

# Annual Report Of The Franklin County Regional Housing And Redevelopment Authority

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October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008

The last year was one of significant growth and many changes for the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA). Perhaps the most significant of these changes was the retirement of Paul Douglas, HRA's executive director. Staff and friends of the HRA and Rural Development, Inc. met at Bella Notte in Bernardston, MA on August 5th to thank Paul for his 33 years of service and to wish him well in the next chapter of his life. Fortunately, during his tenure with HRA, Paul built the organization's capacity so that it could continue to meet its mission after his departure. It has been business as usual while the Board-appointed search committee has conducted a comprehensive search process to find a new executive director. Joanie Bernstein, HRA's assistant executive director, was appointed by the Board of Commissioners to the position of interim executive director until Paul's successor is installed.

Governor Patrick appointed two Franklin County residents to vacant slots on the Board of Commissioners. Jonathan Tuttle of Shutesbury, who has served the Board for many years as an appointee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), and Leslie McDonough of Buckland, were tapped by the governor to join the Board. Leo Parent of Erving, who just completed a term as a governor's appointee, and Bruce Parkin of Shutesbury, were appointed by the FRCOG. Other Commissioners are: Linda Hoer (Leverett), Sharon Tracy (Orange), Frank Cackowski (South Deerfield), John Murdock (Greenfield), JoAnne Sherburne (Colrain) and Denise DiPaolo (Turners Falls). We are grateful for the enthusiasm, compassion and commitment of our Commissioners, and especially for the extra time they have devoted to the executive director search process.

Accomplishments: Thanks to its supportive Board of Commissioners and dedicated staff, below is a list of some of HRA's accomplishments over the last year.

## Areas of Growth:

- Grants totaling \$166,727 were awarded by the Commonwealth's Department of Housing and Community Development to modernize HRA's public housing inventory.
- 25 MA Rental Voucher Program subsidies were returned to HRA to assist low income families to find affordable housing. Of these, 7 were converted to project-based vouchers to assist the Positive Parenting Program, an offshoot of the ARC of Franklin & Hampshire Counties, secure an affordable home for its program.
- Proposals were solicited from area landlords interested in project-basing Section 8 vouchers to stabilize rental properties - 32 units in three properties were awarded vouchers.
- Athol was added to the list of towns where HRA gives a preference for application to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program

- Families relocating to Franklin County as a result of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina were assisted through a FEMA Disaster Housing program administered by HRA.
- 2 Section 8 voucher holders purchased homes using their vouchers to pay a portion of their mortgages
- Foreclosure Prevention Counseling program started to assist homeowners facing foreclosure
- Downpayment Assistance program started, offering closing cost grants and post purchase workshops to first time homeowners in Greenfield
- Consulting to other agencies and towns:
  - o Development consultant to Dial Self, Inc. in Greenfield as they seek to convert their office building on Federal Street to 10 enhanced 0-bedroom units for homeless teens.
  - o Financial services to Dial Self, Inc. for its Teen Housing development project in Turners Falls.
  - o Wrote successful grant application for Dial Self, Inc. and secured a \$400,000 Federal Home Loan Bank grant for the Federal St. project
  - o Provided CDBG program and fiscal management training to the Town of Greenfield
- Homeownership Program (Rural Development, Inc.) broke ground on the. Wisdom Way Solar Village -20 near-zero net energy condominiums in Greenfield after being awarded \$2,974,420 in grants and loans.
- Assisted many communities to prepare or update Community Development Statements in order to eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds.
- Created a position of Assistant Director of Finance, as we continue to ensure that the Fiscal Department has the personnel resources to keep track of and account for HRA's programs, which have grown both in number and complexity.
- Created and funded an escrow account for future retirees' health insurance premiums.

## HRA's programs and services reached over 5,000 people in Franklin County this year:

- 82 people received \$134,952 from the Rental Assistance for Families in Transition program - 7 were homeless, 18 were doubled up with friends or family; and 6 experienced domestic violence or child abuse.
- 3,440 families received information and referral services, attended workshops, and benefited from counseling from the HRA's Housing Consumer Education Center
- 64 homeowners facing foreclosure consulted HRA, and 61 homeowners received one-on-one counseling from HRA's foreclosure expert
- 820 households were able to affordably rent apartments from private landlords using federal Section 8 housing assistance payments totaling \$3,349,686

- 100 first-time homebuyers took classes to prepare them to buy a home.
- 118 households were housed in HRA's state-aided public housing for families, elders and people with disabilities
- 51 elder households found affordable housing at the Shelburne Housing Authority's state-aided public housing, managed by HRA.
- HRA managed rental properties for private owners in Turners Falls, Ashfield and Orange which provided affordable housing to 132 individuals and families.
- 128 homeowners borrowed deferred payment, interest free loans to rehabilitate their homes to code.
- The Dickinson Library in Northfield and the town hall in Leyden were renovated to provide accessibility to handicapped residents
- 243 residents of Orange and Montague benefited from a variety of social service programs supported by federal block grants secured and administered by HRA
- 104 residents of Orange saw infrastructure improvements to streets, sidewalks, drainage, sewer and water lines in their neighborhoods

- 19 women attended Do-It-Yourself Divas workshops - new this year - and received tools, manuals and hands-on instruction in home repair.

HRA moves into the next fiscal year with stable reserves and programs. We are constantly on the lookout for new resources with which to serve the towns and residents of Franklin County and the North Quabbin region, and understand the critical role our agency can play as we prepare for and react to what may be difficult times ahead. For example, our community development department is currently developing a program to assist homeowners to make energy-related improvements to their homes.

HRA is a valuable local resource - please contact us if we can assist your community with its housing or community development needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan M. Bernstein  
Interim Executive Director

## Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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

Many people have read news articles about the decline in recycling markets at the end of 2008. Fortunately, most Franklin County towns have long-term contracts with the recycling processing facility. This contract guarantees a minimum base revenue to towns of \$15.67 per ton. When the markets were high in early and mid-2008, towns were also receiving additional market revenue. While that additional revenue is not currently being paid, towns will receive the base payment and will still save money through avoided disposal costs (not sending recyclables to a landfill or incinerator). Despite the downturn in market revenue, District towns collectively received well over \$100,000 for their recyclables in 2008.

In 2008, District towns recycled over 2,500 tons of paper and over 1,200 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,700 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$250,000 in disposal costs.

We continue to work with several schools to improve their recycling program as well as to implement a program to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste.

We increased the number of special events (fairs, races, etc.) that separated recyclables from the trash from 10 in 2007 to 30 in 2008. Organizers of these public events borrowed our specialized recycling bins. Some events have also added bins to collect organic waste for composting.

The Solid Waste District held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection in September and its Clean Sweep Collection in October. These events are held at multiple sites in the county and are open to all District residents. We also continue to sell backyard compost bins and blue recycling bins from our office.

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

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*  
Nathaniel L'Etoile, Northfield - *Vice-Chair*  
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Chair*  
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

# Franklin Regional Retirement System

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## Annual Statement For The Year Ended December 31, 2008 Of The Conditions And Affairs

Organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Date of Certificate: February 4, 1939

Effective Date: January 1, 1940

### Administration Offices located at:

**278 Main Street - Suite 311                      Greenfield MA 01301**  
**Telephone Number                      (413) 774-4837**

We, the undersigned members of the Franklin Regional Board of Retirement, certify under the penalties of perjury, that we are the official board members of said retirement system, and that on the thirty-first day of December last all of the herein-described assets were the absolute property of said retirement system, free and clear from any liens or claims thereon, except as stated, and the following statements, with the schedules and explanations therein contained, annexed, or referred to, are a full and correct exhibit of all the assets, liabilities, income and disbursements, changes in fund balances and of the conditions and affairs of the said retirement system on the said thirty-first day of December last, and for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT

SANDRA R. HANKS  
1st Member - Chair/Treasurer  
Term Expires December 31, 2014

HERBERT L. SANDERSON  
2nd Member Appointed by Advisory Council -  
Term Expires December 31, 2009

MARY A. STOKARSKI  
3rd Elected Member  
Term Expires December 31, 2011

DAVID R. GENDRON  
4th Elected Member  
Term Expires December 31, 2010

PAUL J. MOKRZECKI  
5th Appointed Member  
Term Expires June 30, 2010

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### INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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New York, NY 10018

Pension Reserve Investment Mgmt.  
84 State Street, Suite 250  
Boston MA 02109

Rothschild Asset Management Inc.  
1251 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10020

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**ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

|    |   | 2008                 | 2007                 | 2006                 |
|----|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1  | 1040 Cash                               | \$2,018,469.98       | \$1,663,315.54       | \$1,452,902.52       |
| 3  | 1180 Fixed Income Securities            |                      | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| 4  | 1170 Equities (at market value)         | 7,355,697.59         | 11,134,539.73        | 9,765,996.26         |
| 6  | 1172 Pooled Domestic Equity Funds       | 4,037,845.62         | 5,561,288.13         | 5,265,959.35         |
| 7  | 1173 Pooled International Equity Funds  |                      | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| 9  | 1181 Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds | 8,937,352.66         | 9,763,998.77         | 8,417,154.48         |
| 13 | 1194 Pooled Real Estate Funds           | 3,535,008.44         | 4,061,779.57         | 3,456,279.76         |
| 17 | 1199 PRIT Fund                          | 33,492,695.45        | 47,236,061.10        | 42,558,456.33        |
| 18 | 1550 Interest Due and Accrued           | 129.63               | 3,074.28             | 3,681.45             |
| 19 | 1398 Accounts Receivable (A)            | 1,021,557.97         | 1,257,830.46         | 1,606,869.39         |
| 20 | 2020 Accounts Payable (A)               | (67,880.40)          | (84,229.83)          | (62,161.72)          |
|    | <b>Total</b>                            | <b>60,330,876.94</b> | <b>80,597,657.75</b> | <b>72,465,137.82</b> |

**Funds:**

|   |                                     |                      |                      |                      |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 3293 Annuity Savings Fund           | 23,444,974.02        | 22,343,591.37        | 21,156,127.52        |
| 2 | 3294 Annuity Reserve Fund           | 5,820,678.55         | 5,291,941.86         | 5,139,745.79         |
| 3 | 3295 Military Service Fund          | 1,785.87             | 1,776.99             | 1,745.38             |
| 4 | 3296 Pension Fund                   | 5,828,478.33         | 6,068,968.25         | 6,977,026.34         |
| 6 | 3297 Pension Reserve Fund           | 25,234,960.17        | 46,891,379.28        | 39,190,492.79        |
|   | <b>Total Assets at Market Value</b> | <b>60,330,876.94</b> | <b>80,597,657.75</b> | <b>72,465,137.82</b> |

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|                       |   | <b>RECEIPTS</b>       |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                       |   | <b>2008</b>           | <b>2007</b>          | <b>2006</b>          |
| <b>1</b>              | <b>Annuity Savings Fund:</b>                                      |                       |                      |                      |
| (a)                   | 4891-Members Deductions   | \$2,722,284.54        | \$2,564,465.43       | \$2,428,874.81       |
| (b)                   | 4892-Transfers From Other Systems                                 | 204,089.85            | 132,681.85           | 291,666.31           |
| (c)                   | 4893-Member Make Up Payments<br>and Redeposits                    | 35,412.82             | 38,853.24            | 41,687.44            |
| (d)                   | 4900-Member Payments from Rollovers                               | 21,355.64             | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| (e)                   | Investment Income Credited to<br>Members Accounts                 | 129,114.71            | 122,226.67           | 115,391.71           |
|                       | <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>3,112,257.56</b>   | <b>2,858,227.19</b>  | <b>2,877,620.27</b>  |
| <b>2</b>              | <b>Annuity Reserve Fund</b>                                       |                       |                      |                      |
| (a)                   | Investment Income Credited to<br>Annuity Reserve Fund             | 159,920.82            | 155,589.25           | 149,940.46           |
|                       | <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$159,920.82</b>   | <b>\$155,589.25</b>  | <b>\$149,940.46</b>  |
| <b>3</b>              | <b>Pension Fund</b>   |                       |                      |                      |
| (a)                   | 4898-3(8)(c) Reimbursements<br>From Other Systems                 | 225,050.87            | 206,265.28           | 174,029.87           |
| (b)                   | 4899-Received From Commonwealth<br>for COLA and Survivor Benefits | 111,752.16            | 119,930.75           | 95,540.97            |
| (c)                   | 4894-Pension Fund Appropriation                                   | 3,779,153.00          | 3,632,343.00         | 4,295,275.00         |
| (d)                   | 4840 -Workers' Compensation<br>Settlements                        | 5,040.00              |                      |                      |
|                       | <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>4,120,996.03</b>   | <b>3,958,539.03</b>  | <b>4,564,845.84</b>  |
| <b>4</b>              | <b>Military Service Fund</b>                                      |                       |                      |                      |
| (a)                   | 4890-Contribution Received from<br>Municipality                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| (b)                   | Investment Income Credited to<br>Military Service Fund            | 8.88                  | 31.61                | 0.00                 |
|                       | <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>8.88</b>           | <b>31.61</b>         | <b>0.00</b>          |
| <b>5</b>              | <b>Expense Fund</b>   |                       |                      |                      |
| (a)                   | 4896-Expense Fund Appropriation                                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| (b)                   | Investment Income Credited to<br>Expense Fund                     | 785,106.21            | 764,119.16           | 707,460.06           |
|                       | <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>785,106.21</b>     | <b>764,119.16</b>    | <b>707,460.06</b>    |
| <b>6</b>              | <b>Pension Reserve Fund</b>                                       |                       |                      |                      |
| (a)                   | 4897-Federal Grant Reimbursement                                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                 | 0.00                 |
| (b)                   | 4895-Pension Reserve Appropriation                                | 866,309.00            | 854,903.00           |                      |
| (c)                   | 4822-Interest Not Refunded  | 7,099.77              | 4,135.27             | 7,751.19             |
| (d)                   | 4825-Miscellaneous Income   | 2,556.83              | 7,740.00             | 5,721.34             |
| (e)                   | Excess Investment Income  | -22,532,551.79        | 6,829,979.92         | 7,235,387.10         |
|                       | <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>-21,656,586.19</b> | <b>7,696,758.19</b>  | <b>7,248,859.63</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> |   | <b>-13,478,296.69</b> | <b>15,433,264.43</b> | <b>15,548,726.26</b> |



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**DISBURSEMENTS**

|   | 2008                  | 2007                  | 2006                  |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1 Annuity Savings Fund:</b>  |                       |                       |                       |
| (a) 5757-Refunds to Members   | \$387,597.96          | \$407,014.53          | \$360,443.53          |
| (b) 5756-Transfers to Other Systems                                     | \$451,161.61          | \$534,412.54          | \$457,217.42          |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | \$838,759.57          | \$941,427.07          | \$817,660.95          |
| <b>2 Annuity Reserve Fund:</b>  |                       |                       |                       |
| (a) 5750-Annuities Paid   | \$777,444.77          | \$711,520.71          | \$663,983.65          |
| (b) 5759-Option B Refunds   | \$25,687.62           | \$16,075.07           | \$0.00                |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | \$803,132.39          | \$727,595.78          | \$663,983.65          |
| <b>3 Pension Fund:</b>  |                       |                       |                       |
| (a) 5751-Pensions Paid  |                       |                       |                       |
| Regular Pension Payments  | \$3,325,453.78        | \$3,094,065.05        | \$2,924,660.82        |
| Survivorship Payments   | \$150,347.79          | \$154,345.61          | \$156,938.27          |
| Ordinary Disability Payments  | \$16,094.61           | \$13,170.78           | \$12,728.64           |
| Accidental Disability Payments  | \$274,037.91          | \$240,805.76          | \$245,194.15          |
| Accidental Death Payments   | \$54,821.10           | \$53,438.28           | \$52,064.28           |
| Section 101 Benefits  |                       |                       |                       |
| (b) 5755-3(8)(c) Reimbursements to<br>Other Systems                     | \$448,852.99*         | \$1,195,041.97        | \$193,470.10          |
| (c) 5752-COLA's Paid  | \$91,877.77           | \$116,735.04          | \$131,284.90          |
| (d) 5753-Chapter 389 Beneficiary Increase Paid                          | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | \$4,361,485.95        | \$4,867,602.49        | \$3,716,341.16        |
| <b>4 Military Service Fund:</b>   |                       |                       |                       |
| (a) 4890-Return to Municipality for<br>Members who withdrew their funds | 0.00                  | 0.00                  | 0.00                  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>5 Expense Fund:</b>  |                       |                       |                       |
| (a) 5118-Board Member Stipend   | \$17,000.00           | \$15,749.94           | \$15,000.00           |
| (b) 5119-Salaries   | \$220,594.21          | \$181,585.60          | \$186,352.12          |
| (c) 5304-Management Fees  | \$375,395.87          | \$412,645.66          | \$302,581.26          |
| (d) 5305-Custodial Fees   | \$16,774.17           | \$13,330.67           | \$4,000.00            |
| (e) 5307-Consultant Fees  | \$20,000.00           | \$20,000.00           | \$25,000.00           |
| (f) 5308-Legal Expenses   | \$23,760.00           | \$17,015.00           | \$21,748.37           |
| (g) 5309-Medical Expenses   | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| (h) 5310-Fiduciary Insurance  | \$8,469.00            | \$8,208.00            | \$7,499.06            |
| (i) 5311-Service Contracts  | \$0.00                | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| (j) 5312-Rent   | \$10,500.00           | \$10,500.00           | \$10,500.00           |
| (k) 5589-Administrative Expenses  | \$61,360.82           | \$74,518.75           | \$127,819.70          |
| (l) 5599-Furniture and Equipment  | \$26,865.35           | \$8,345.49            | \$4,867.50            |
| (m) 5719-Travel   | \$4,386.79            | \$2,220.05            | \$2,092.05            |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | \$785,106.21          | \$764,119.16          | \$707,460.06          |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>  | <b>\$6,788,484.12</b> | <b>\$7,300,744.50</b> | <b>\$5,905,445.82</b> |

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**INVESTMENT INCOME**

|   | <b>2008</b>            | <b>2007</b>         | <b>2006</b>           |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Investment Income Received From:</b>                   |                        |                     |                       |
| (a) Cash (from Schedule 1)                                | \$30,274.50            | \$88,242.89         | \$143,517.08          |
| (b) Short Term Investments (from<br>Schedule 2)           | 0.00                   | 0.00                | 0.00                  |
| (c) Fixed Income Securities (from<br>Schedules 3A and 3C) | 0.00                   | 0.00                | 0.00                  |
| (d) Equities (from schedules 4A and 4C)                   | 98,353.42              | 85,680.66           | 97,292.02             |
| (e) Pooled Funds (from Schedule 5)                        | 1,659,455.90           | 1,710,299.82        | 946,001.16            |
| (f) Commission Recapture                                  |                        | 0.00                | 0.00                  |
| <b>4821- TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME</b>                      | <b>\$1,788,083.82</b>  | <b>1,884,223.37</b> | <b>1,186,810.26</b>   |
| <b>Plus:</b>  |                        |                     |                       |
| 4884-Realized Gains (Profits)                             | 990,448.76             | 4,361,827.69        | 2,235,021.76          |
| 4886-Unrealized Gains (Incr. in Market Value)             | 3,981,652.07           | 7,038,535.38        | 6,911,430.50          |
| 1550-Interest Due and Accrued-<br>Current Year            | 129.63                 | 3,074.28            | 3,681.45              |
|   | 4,972,230.46           | 11,403,437.35       | 9,150,133.71          |
| <b>Less:</b>  |                        |                     |                       |
| 4823-Paid Accrued Interest on Fixed<br>Income Securites   | 0.00                   | 0.00                | 0.00                  |
| 4885-Realized Losses                                      | (4,481,173.10)         | (484,506.73)        | (423,147.59)          |
| 4887-Unrealized Losses (Decrease in<br>Market Value)      | (23,734,468.07)        | (4,927,525.93)      | (1,705,617.05)        |
| 1550-Interest Due and Accrued-<br>Prior Year              | (3,074.28)             | (3,681.45)          | 0.00                  |
| <b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>                              | <b>(21,458,401.17)</b> | <b>7,871,946.61</b> | <b>8,208,179.33</b>   |
| <b>Income Required:</b>                                   |                        |                     |                       |
| Annuity Savings Fund (From<br>supplementary schedule)     | 129,114.71             | 122,226.67          | 115,391.71            |
| Annuity Reserve Fund                                      | 159,920.82             | 155,589.25          | 149,940.46            |
| Expense Fund  | 785,106.21             | 764,119.16          | 707,460.06            |
| Military Service Fund                                     | 8.88                   | 31.61               | 0.00                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED</b>                              | <b>1,074,150.62</b>    | <b>1,041,966.69</b> | <b>972,792.23</b>     |
| Net Investment Income                                     | -21,458,401.17         | 7,871,946.61        | 8,208,179.33          |
| Less Income Required:                                     | (1,074,150.62)         | (1,041,966.69)      | (972,792.23)          |
| <b>EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION<br/>RESERVE FUND</b>          | <b>-22,532,551.79</b>  | <b>6,829,979.92</b> | <b>\$7,235,387.10</b> |

# Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO)

The Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO) is a regional coalition that represents the Boards of Health (BOH) from the following towns: Ashfield, Buckland, Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Goshen, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Whately, Williamsburg, and Wendell.

This coalition is responsible for public health emergency planning as mandated by the State Department of Public Health, and members work collaboratively to enhance communities' collective capacity to share resources and respond to public health threats and emergencies including terrorism and outbreaks of infectious diseases.

## Oversight

An elected Steering Committee is the governing body that guides the work of MAPHCO and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments is the Host Agency serving as the Coalition's fiscal and administrative agent.

Currently the Steering Committee is comprised of the following selected representatives according to the following population districts:

Population 0-1,000: Rowe, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Warwick, Leyden, Goshen, and Wendell

- *Dawn Peters (Resigned 2008)*

Population 1,001-2,000: Charlemont, Gill, Erving, Whately, Leverett, Ashfield, Conway, Shutesbury, Colrain, and Buckland

- *Dave Chichester*
- *Carolyn Ness*
- *Bill Elliott (Co-Chair)*
- *Ruth Cannavo (Resigned mid-2008)*

Population 2,001-7,000: Sunderland, Shelburne, Bernardston, Williamsburg, Northfield, and Deerfield

- *Jon Pineo*
- *Donna Gibson*

Population 7,001 or more: Greenfield and Montague

- *Nicole Zabko*
- *Chris Boutwell (Co-Chair)*
- *Gina McNeely*

## EDS Organization

MAPCHO is organized into eight Emergency Dispensing Site Districts (EDS). An EDS is a location where mass vaccinations can be provided in the event of an outbreak or flu pandemic. Each district has a designated Emergency Dispensing Sites; this is where the Strategic National Stockpile system will deliver any medication:

| District Name         | Cities and Towns                                     | EDS Location                  |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Hawlemont             | Towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, and Rowe | Hawlemont School              |
| Mohawk                | Towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Shelburne      | Mohawk High School            |
| Pioneer               | Town of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, Warwick     | Pioneer High School           |
| Greenfield            | City of Greenfield                                   | Greenfield Middle/High School |
| Montague              | Towns of Erving, Gill, Montague, Wendell             | Montague High School          |
| Frontier              | Towns of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately      | Frontier High School          |
| Leverett & Shutesbury | Towns of Leverett and Shutesbury                     | Leverett Elementary School    |
| Williamsburg & Goshen | Towns of Williamsburg and Goshen                     | Dunphy Elementary School      |

## Exercises and EDS Planning

The Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition represents 64,671 people across the Pioneer Valley. In 2008, it served more than 78 percent of its residents with its planning and exercise program. This work was funded primarily by grant funds distributed through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, but because these events were fully compliant with all applicable State and Federal guidelines, including the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), MAPHCO secured more than \$22,000 in additional funding from the Department of Homeland Security, for its efforts.

- Frontier (Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately representing 18 percent of the region's population) was the most active district in the Franklin Region. The Towns of Conway and Sunderland ran full-scale Door2Door Exercises demonstrating that they could each serve more than 80 percent of their communities in a 12-hour period, while the Town of Deerfield developed a scaled down "test," delivering only to a select set of neighborhoods. Deerfield also ran a traditional EDS exercise, held in conjunction with a flu-clinic distributing nearly 900 vaccines to a wide cross section of its residents. The Town of Whately has an exercise scheduled for early 2009. The Town of Deerfield also executed an alert/call-down drill using CDC metrics, and participated in the first (anticipated) quarterly test of the HHAN network.
- Montague (Montague, Wendell, Erving, and Gill, representing 19 percent of the region's population) served more than 250 residents using a flu vaccine clinic to test its EDS plans.
- The Town of Shutesbury (representing two percent of the region's population) distributed vaccinations in its own EDS exercise and flu clinic.
- The City of Greenfield (representing 28 percent of the region's population) facilitated five workshops to update its EDS plan and prepare for a series of exercises in 2009.

- Williamsburg and Goshen (representing five percent of the region's population) are drafting an updated EDS plan as well with publication set for 2009.
- Hawlemont (Charlemont, Hawley, Rowe, Monroe, and Heath, representing four percent of the region's population) renewed its EDS planning with a "Jump-Start" program that convened its planning team and established a timeline for publication.

MAPHCO also participated in a regional public health emergency communications drill. This drill involved all the Public Health Coalitions in the four counties of Western Massachusetts and tested 24/7 communication systems.

### Conferences and Training

During FY '08, MAPHCO members had the opportunity to attend multiple conferences and training events. In addition to Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, members attended training on:

- Public Information Officer (PIO) (sponsored by FRCOG with an eye toward building a regional crisis communications plan)
- The Strategic National Stockpile
- Infectious disease reporting (MAVEN)
- American Red Cross sheltering
- The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

Additionally, MAPHCO staff presented different components of the Region's preparedness program at regional and national conferences.

### Supplies and Equipment

In 2008, MAPHCO awarded more than \$26,000 in mini-grants to its member cities and towns to enhance local public health capacity. Award amounts were based on population size. Projects ranged from technology purchases to hiring part-time public health nurses:

|              |            |                                      |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ashfield     | \$ 881.39  | VHF Radios                           |
| Bernardston  | \$ 920.44  | Laptop computer                      |
| Buckland     | \$ 921.86  | VHF Radios                           |
| Colrain      | \$ 884.15  | Internet Service                     |
| Conway       | \$ 883.30  | Connect-CTY                          |
| Deerfield    | \$1,506.45 | "Crank" FM radios                    |
| Erving       | \$ 810.83  | EDS supplies                         |
| Gill         | \$ 788.80  | Laptop computer                      |
| Greenfield   | \$4,349.51 | Temporary Public Health Nurse        |
| Hawley       | \$ 571.19  | Internet Service                     |
| Heath        | \$ 670.57  | Internet Service                     |
| Leverett     | \$ 852.36  | Laptop computer                      |
| Montague     | \$2,298.68 | Temporary Public Health Nurse        |
| Northfield   | \$1,125.27 | Software and Internet Service        |
| Shelburne    | \$ 766.55  | ICS Vests & HazMat Suits             |
| Shutesbury   | \$ 883.51  | Hand-held scanner and computer       |
| Sunderland   | \$1,300.29 | Connect-CTY                          |
| Wendell      | \$ 708.92  | Emergency (med and non-med) supplies |
| Whately      | \$ 833.29  | EDS Supplies                         |
| Williamsburg | \$1,015.73 | "Crank" FM radios and water filters  |

### Planning for Vulnerable Populations

Under funding provided by the National Association of City and County health Officials (NACCHO) and now the Western Massachusetts Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Coalition continued its Vulnerable Populations Emergency Preparedness Project. This project includes the development of a database of service agencies with can assist individuals requiring special assistance during times of emergencies, and develops/conducts personal preparedness trainings for service agency staff and consumers, as well as developing a training curriculum to educate emergency responders on the specific needs of differing populations.

# Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC)

A 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 ("hazmat") emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. In 2000, under the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), all 26 Franklin County towns opted into this regional committee and elected an "all hazards" approach to emergency planning. This approach addresses planning for hazmat emergencies as well as other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

Since that time the Committee developed a Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan (HMEP) which is a planning and guidance document that provides resources and recommendations for the development of individual community response plans. In addition, it established several subcommittees (including a Planning, Industry, and Training Subcommittee), elected an Executive Committee, and began to conduct regular meetings. The Committee provided trainings and exercises to emergency responders and local community leaders throughout Franklin County to meet local and state training requirements. These efforts resulted in the Committee being recognized by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and becoming a fully-certified Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) in 2006.

The Franklin County REPC remains the largest of 23 REPCs in the Commonwealth. During 2008, the Committee continued its mandated activities:

1. Reviewing and Updating the HMEP annually.
2. Training emergency responders.
3. Exercising response plans.
4. Creating a system to collect, store and respond to public requests.

With the assistance of FRCOG, the committee Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Material data updates from 57 sites in Franklin County. Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) facilities using, storing or manufacturing more than a certain amount of hazardous chemicals on-site at any time during a reporting year, are required to submit reports on their chemical inventories to state and local authorities.

Additionally, the Committee:

- Conducted trainings for local first responders, including a class on Hazardous Materials Awareness and four Incident Command System 100/700 classes.
- Purchased and distributed ICS Field Operations Guides and laminated Emergency Response Planning Maps to all member communities.

- Purchased digital aerial photography and mapping software and initiated a training program for all member cities and towns for use in emergency planning and response.
- Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Material data updates from 57 sites in Franklin County.
- Applied for, secured, and administered a Homeland Security grant of \$62,566 to aid two communities in updating generators and radio systems.

Lastly, the REPC, the FRCOG, and the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, developed a Disaster Debris Planning Document with funding from the United States Department of Agriculture.

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

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Fire Service:               | Walter Tibbits (Franklin County Fire Chiefs)                            |
| Law Enforcement:            | Gary Sibia (Franklin County Police Chiefs)                              |
| Emergency Medical Services: | Dave Hansen (Franklin County EMS)                                       |
| Board of Health:            | Dave Chichester/<br>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:               | [Open]  |
| 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:                    | [Open]  |

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  |
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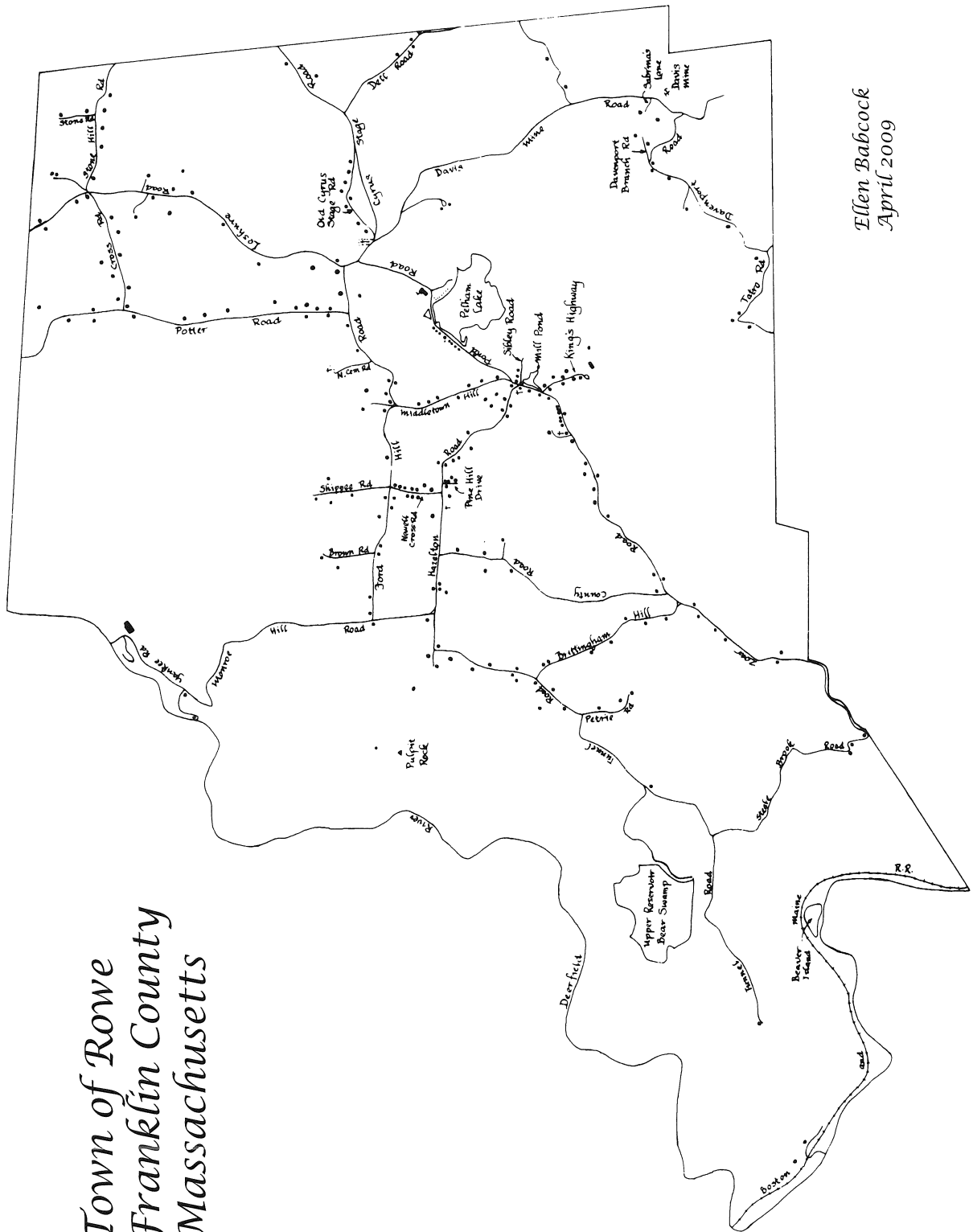
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