

2009 Annual Town Report

*Rowe*  
MASSACHUSETTS





## Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Board of Selectmen	339-5520	Emergency	9-1-1
Town Coordinator <a href="mailto:admin@rowe-ma.gov">admin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	Police Chief	339-0139 or 339-5546
Accountant <a href="mailto:admin@rowe-ma.gov">admin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	Fire Chief	339-4021
Assessors' Clerk <a href="mailto:collector@rowe-ma.gov">collector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	Animal Inspector	339-8429
Board of Health <a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	DPW Supt. <a href="mailto:admin@rowe-ma.gov">admin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5588 or 339-8591
Tax Collector <a href="mailto:collector@rowe-ma.gov">collector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	Dog Officer	339-5533
Town Clerk <a href="mailto:townclerk@rowe-ma.gov">townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	Building Inspector <a href="mailto:buildinginspector@rowe-ma.gov">buildinginspector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-8393
Town Nurse <a href="mailto:nurse@rowe-ma.gov">nurse@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-9943	Plumbing Inspector <a href="http://www.fccip.org">www.fccip.org</a>	772-2026 x 125
Treasurer <a href="mailto:treasurer@rowe-ma.gov">treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520	Wiring Inspector <a href="http://www.fccip.org">www.fccip.org</a>	772-2026 x 126

Administrative Office	Mon -Thurs	8:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Assessors' Clerk	Wednesday	9:00 am to Noon
Police Chief	Tuesday	7:00 pm
Town Clerk	Tuesday	8:30 am to 12:00 Noon
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

Board/Commission	Frequency	Location
Board of Selectmen	Alternate Wednesdays (5:00 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	Twice Monthly - Mondays (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)	Gracy House
Finance Committee	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As posted	Rowe Town Hall
Park Commission	Monthly - Thursday (6:30 pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	As posted	Rowe Town Hall

All other Committee, Commission and Board meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board at least 48 hours (not including Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. 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-Third*

*Annual Report*

*of the*

*Town of Rowe  
Massachusetts*



*For the Year Ending*

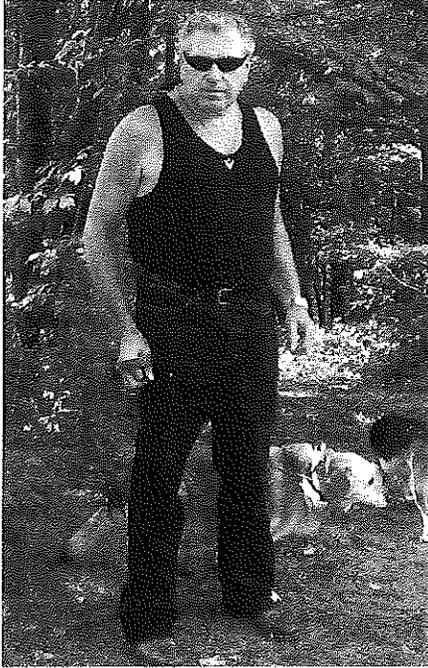
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# *In Fond Remembrance*



***Charles L. Avery***

February 21, 1946 – October 4, 2009

Place of Death: Greenfield MA



***Nancy A. [Bullett] Brown***

March 7, 1943 – September 21, 2009

Place of Death: Pittsfield MA

# Town of Rowe

## County of Franklin

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Population:	407
Total Area:	24.07 Square Miles
Land Area:	23.55 Square Miles
Public Roads:	45.30 Miles
Paved Roads:	36.24 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 2009 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:**

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$ 4.56 per thousand	49,074,971.00	223,781.87	7.922%
Commercial	9.74 per thousand	426,946.00	4,158.45	0.147%
Industrial	9.74 per thousand	151,162,269.00	1,472,320.50	52.118%
Personal Property	9.74 per thousand	115,474,770.00	1,124,724.26	39.813%
<b>Total</b>		<b>316,138,956.00</b>	<b>2,824,985.08</b>	<b>100.000%</b>

#### **Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations and Charges**

Appropriations	3,208,036.18
Cherry Sheet Offsets	264,764.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	33,546.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	0.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	17,680.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,524,026.26</b>

#### **Fiscal Year 2009 Revenue Sources**

Tax Levy	2,824,985.08
Cherry Sheet	216,322.00
Local Receipts	74,880.00
Free Cash	156,782.82
Other Available Funds	251,056.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,524,026.26</b>

# Rowe - At a Glance

## Socioeconomic

County	Franklin
School Structure	K-6; 7-12 Tuitioned
Form of Government	Selectmen / Open Town Meeting
2008 Population	348
2009 Labor Force	190
2009 Unemployment Rate	11.1
1999 Per Capita Income	28,134
2008 Population Per Square Mile	14.78
2007 Housing Units Per Square Mile	8.87
2008 Paved Road Miles	36.24
EQV Per Capita (2008 EQV/2008 Population)	908,177
Number of Registered Vehicles (January 2008)	502
Average Age of Vehicles (January 2008)	11.68
Number of Registered Voters (Dec 2009)	303

## Fiscal Year 2010 Tax Classification

<i>Tax Classification</i>	<i>Assessed Values</i>	<i>Tax Levy</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
Residential	49,338,871	257,549	5.22
Open Space	0	0	0.00
Commercial	340,654	3,846	11.29
Industrial	132,156,698	1,492,049	11.29
Personal Property	115,474,770	1,147,808	11.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>283,502,093</b>	<b>2,901,252</b>	

## Revenue by Sources

<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY2009</i>		<i>FY2010</i>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Tax Levy	2,824,985	80.16	2,901,252	71.66
State Aid	216,322	6.14	216,382	5.34
Local Receipts	74,880	2.12	82,280	2.03
Other Available	407,839	11.57	848,814	20.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,524,026</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,048,728</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Proposition 2 1/2 Levy Capacity

	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>
New Growth	8,062	4,451
Override	0	0
Debt Exclusion	0	0
Levy Limit	2,827,419	2,902,556
Excess Capacity	2,434	1,304
Ceiling	7,903,474	7,087,552
Override Capacity	5,229,805	4,342,590

## Bond Ratings

Moody's as of July 2009 and S&P as of August 2009

Not rated

### Other Available Funds

<i>7/1/2009</i> <b>Free Cash</b>	<i>FY2009</i> <b>Stabilization Fund</b>	<i>FY2009</i> <b>Capital Stab Fund</b>	<i>FY2010</i> <b>Overlay Reserve</b>
197,367	1,182,180	\$944,105	34,976

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

	<i>FY2005</i>	<i>FY2006</i>	<i>FY2007</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>
Number of Single Family Parcels	206	204	204	208	208	208
Assessed Value of Single Family	142,572	172,068	189,871	195,061	200,174	200,845
Average Single Family Tax Bill	512	705	780	882	913	1,048

### State Average Single Family Tax Bill

	<i>FY2005</i>	<i>FY2006</i>	<i>FY2007</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>
Avg Assessed Value Single Family	352,820	385,502	406,673	403,705	391,762	374,423
Avg Single Family Tax Bill	3,588	3,801	3,962	4,110	4,250	4,354

### Certification

Most Recent	2009
Next Scheduled	2012

### Cherry Sheet Aid

	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>
Education Aid	164,552	201,971	207,059
General Government	11,533	14,351	9,323
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>176,085</b>	<b>216,322</b>	<b>216,382</b>
Total Assessments	-13,471	-33,546	-40,646
<b>Net State Aid</b>	<b>162,614</b>	<b>182,776</b>	<b>175,736</b>

### Fiscal Year 2009 Schedule A - Actual Revenues and Expenditures

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Revenue</i>	<i>Capital Projects</i>	<i>Enterprise Funds</i>	<i>Trust</i>	<i>Total All Funds</i>
Revenues	3,021,102	442,842	0	0	38,506	3,502,490
Expenditures	3,307,956	368,977	0	0	3,359	3,680,292
Police	30,730	0	0	0	0	25,213
Fire	44,550	0	0	0	0	54,401
Education	1,151,930	147,542	0	0	0	1,223,320
Public Works	573,047	97,411	0	0	0	693,887
Gen I Fund Debt Service	0					0
Health Ins	328,500					294,147
Human Services	51,705					51,705
Culture & Recreation	201,431					201,431
Pension	95,716					95,716
Public Bldg/Prop Maint	395,067					395,067
All Other	435,280	15,884	0	0	3,359	461,156

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

### 2009 Total Revenues and Expenditures Per Capita

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Special Revenue</i>	<i>Capital Projects</i>	<i>Enterprise Funds</i>	<i>Trust</i>	<i>Total All Funds</i>
Revenues	8,419.30	784.20	0.0	0.0	298.40	9,501.90
Expenditures	8,006.10	749.50	0.0	0.0	29.90	8,785.60

# Elected Town Officials

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Heidi Cousineau 2010  
 Frederick N. Williams, Chair 2011  
 Carrie Y. Silva 2012

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Daniel P. Poplawski, Chair 2010  
 Catherine T. Snyder 2011  
 Angela F. Foshay 2012

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James D. Brown (*resigned 7-14-09*) 2010  
 William A. Loomis, Chair 2011  
 Geoffrey N. Bagley (*resigned 1-4-10*) 2012  
 Paul McLatchy III 2010

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

James H. Williams, Chair 2010  
 James W. Taylor 2011  
 Richard A. Tower 2012

## CONSTABLE

Christine A. Tower 2011

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Dvore, Chair 2010  
 Anne E. Besgen 2011  
 Paul McLatchy III (*resigned*) 2012  
*[Vacant]* 2011  
*[Vacant]* 2012  
*[Vacant]* 2012

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Melissa S. Quinn (*resigned 11-9-09*) 2010  
 Ellynn B. Packard, Chair 2011  
 Evelyn L. Dandeneau 2012  
 Claudine M. Poplawski 2010

## MODERATOR

Robert J. Clancy 2010

## PARK COMMISSION

Russell W. Jolly, Chair 2010  
 MaryJo A. Phelps 2011  
 Michael S. Laffond 2012

## PLANNING BOARD

Angela F. Foshay 2010  
 Ellynn B. Packard (*resigned 9-9-09*) 2011  
 Jo-ann M. Brown 2012  
 Robert Dykeman 2013  
 David A. Roberson, Chair 2014  
 Danette Reynolds-Gallagher (*app't'd 10-16-09*) 2010

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rebecca F. Richardson 2010  
 Margaret B. Rice, Chair 2011  
 Lisa A. Danek-Burke 2012

## TAX COLLECTOR

Sandra P. Daviau 2010

## TOWN CLERK

Carrie Y. Silva 2011

## TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau 2011

# Appointed Town Officials / Employees Sworn to Duty

*(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2010)*

## ADMIN. ASSISTANT/ASST. TO ACCOUNTANT

Sandra P. Daviau (5-27-09)

Doris C. Fensky  
Christine A. Tower, Co-Chair  
Shirley Veber

## AGENT FOR VETERANS

David F. Scrivens (5-27-09)

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION 3-yr term stag

Jonathan Lively (7-10-07) exp 2010  
MaryJo A. Phelps (10-16-07) exp 2010  
Carol F. Lively (6-24-08) exp 2011  
Debra Crowningshield (5-27-09) exp 2012  
[Vacant]

## CULTURAL COUNCIL Max (2) 3-yr terms stag

Jo-ann M. Brown (7-10-07) max 2010  
Barbara J. Roche (6-27-06, 6-10-09) max June 2012  
Elizabeth Vernes (6-27-06, 5-27-09) max June 2012  
Kerri L. McLatchy (11-13-07) max Nov 2013  
Meghan K. McLatchy (11-13-07) max Nov 2013  
Robin Booth (9-16-09) max Sept 2015

## ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Edward J. Silva (nominated 4-14-09)  
(App't'd by MA Agri Resources-Animal Health Div 5-4-09)

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTEDENT

James W. Taylor (5-27-09)

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (5-27-09)

Ellen B. Miller  
Jennifer Bagley (6-10-09)  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Cynthia M. Laffond (6-24-09)  
David W. Lenth  
MaryJo A. Phelps  
Richard A. Tower  
John H. Williams

## DOG OFFICER

Russell Powers (5-27-09)

## ELECTION OFFICERS

Warden - Jennifer A Morse (D) 1-13-2010  
Deputy Warden ( )  
Clerk ( )  
Deputy Clerk ( )

## BROADBAND/TELECOM COMMITTEE (5-27-09)

David Dvore  
Russell Jolly  
D. Gregory Poehlein  
Daniel Wessman  
[Vacant]

## ELECTION TELLERS (8-19-09)

Prudence Berry (D) 1-13-2010  
Heidi Cousineau (D)  
Barbara L. Griffin (U)  
Laurie L. Laffond (U)  
Claudine M. Poplawski (U)  
Robin W. Reed (D) 10-28-09  
Rebecca F. Richardson (D)  
Kristen C. Swenson (R)

## CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen B. Miller (5-27-09)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May (5-27-09)

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Edwin L. May (5-27-09)

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (5-27-09)

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

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION 3-yr term stag

Prudence Berry (8-21-07) exp 6/2010  
Robert J. Clancy (7-10-07) exp 6/2010  
Myra B. Carlow (6-24-08) exp 6/2011  
Michael S. Laffond (5-27-09) exp 6/2012  
Robert R. Rice (5-27-09) exp 6/2012

## ENERGY COMMITTEE (5-27-09)

John R. H. Packard  
Lisa A. Danek-Burke  
William A. Loomis  
Barbara J. Roche (6-24-09)  
Paul McLatchy III (2-3-10)

## CONSTABLE

David F. Scrivens (6-24-09)

## ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor (5-27-09)

## COUNCIL ON AGING (5-27-09)

Marilyn Belval  
Jo-ann M. Brown, Secretary  
Sandy P. Daviau, Co-Chair  
Mary Ann Dykeman

## FENCE VIEWERS

[Vacant]  
[Vacant]

**FIELD DRIVERS**

Sandra P. Daviau (5-27-09)  
[Vacant]

**FIRE CHIEF**

Edwin L. May (5-27-09)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS (5-27-09)**

Dennis F. May, Deputy Chief  
James A. White, Deputy Chief  
Jonathan Lively, Captain  
Paul McLatchy, Captain  
Robert J. Clancy, Lieutenant (11-18-09)  
William N. Reardon, Lieutenant (11-18-09)

**GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE (5-27-09)**

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

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**

Edwin L. May (5-27-09)

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION 3-yr term stag**

John H. Williams (7-10-07) exp 2010  
Sharon C. Hudson (10-15-08) exp 2011  
Judith A. Pierce (10-15-08, 5-27-09) exp 2012

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

William G. Foster (5-27-09)

**INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING & GAS**

FCCIP/Andrew French (5-27-09)

**INSPECTOR OF WIRING**

FCCIP/James Slowinski (5-27-09)

**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)

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE July 2009 (5-27-09)**

Ellen B. Miller  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Cynthia M. Laffond  
Leonard J. Laffond  
Clayton C. Miller  
Robin W. Reed  
Margaret B. Rice  
Robert R. Rice  
Carrie Y. Silva  
Edward J. Silva  
Robert A. Silva  
Sandra J. Silva  
Christine A. Tower

**POUNDKEEPER**

Sandra P. Daviau (5-27-09)

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (8-19-09)**

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

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - CHIEF**

Henry J. Dandeneau (5-27-09)

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (6-24-09)**

Charles Bellows  
Jared Bellows  
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen  
David Rich

**SUPT. OF INSECT PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL**

James W. Taylor (5-27-09)

**TEMPORARY ACTING TOWN CLERK**

Heidi Cousineau (5-12-09)  
Carole A. Veber (5-12-09)

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT (3 yrs—expires 2011)**

Ellen B. Miller (6/24/08)

**TOWN COORDINATOR (3 yrs—expires 2011)**

Ellen B. Miller (6/24/08)

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Kopelman and Paige (5-27-09)

**TREE WARDEN**

James W. Taylor (5-27-09)

**YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC CO. CAB**

(Citizen Advisory Board)  
Leonard J. Laffond (5-27-09)

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE (5-27-09)**

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

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 3-yr term**

Leonard J. Laffond (5-27-09) exp 2012  
Marilyn Wilson (9-30-08) exp 2011  
[Vacant]  
[Vacant]  
[Vacant]

**ZBA ALTERNATES 3-yr term**

Myra B. Carlow (7-24-07) exp 2010  
William A. Loomis (6-10-09) exp 2011

## Regional Committees

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### CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rebecca Bradley (5-27-09)

### 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)

### CDBG 2009 Housing Rehab Program Citizen Advisory Committee

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative (5-27-09)

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Representative to

Paul McLatchy III (3-18-10)

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD, Representative to

David Roberson (5-27-09)

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

[Vacant]

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

William A. Loomis (5-27-09)

## Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies

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### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Claudine M. Poplawski (12-23-09)

### PLANNING BOARD

Danette L. Reynolds-Gallagher (10-16-09)

[Terms expire at Annual Town Election May 2010]

## Resignations of Elected Officials

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James D. Brown (July 14, 2009)

Geoffrey N. Bagley (Jan 4, 2010)

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Roger L. Brown (July 14, 2009)

Paul McLatchy III (Nov. 23, 2009)

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Melissa S. Quinn (Nov. 9, 2009)

### PLANNING BOARD

Ellynn B. Packard (Sept 9, 2009)

## Other Appointments

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### ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Sandra J. Silva (app't'd by Treasurer 12-8-09)

[Approved by Selectboard 12-9-09]

### ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

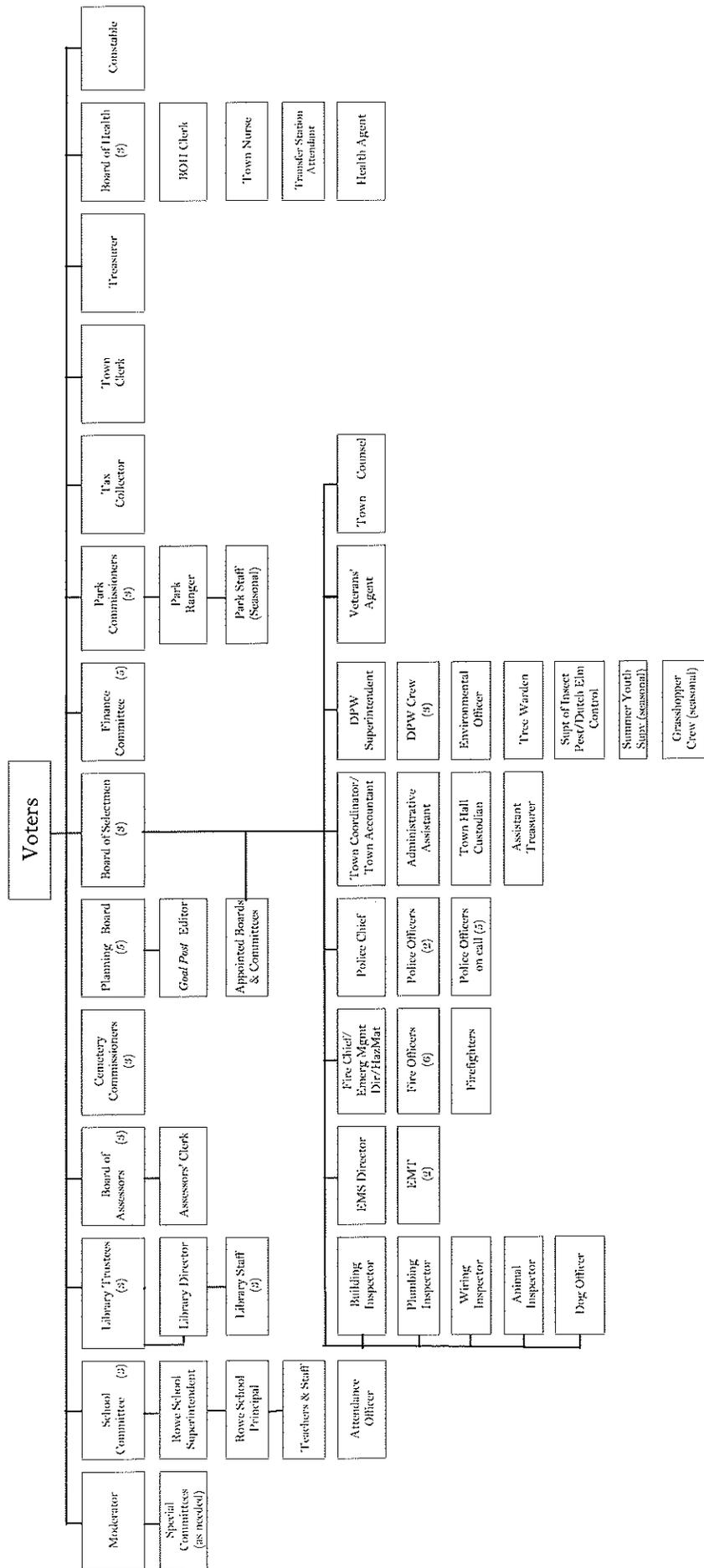
Carole Veber (app't'd by Town Clerk 11-18-09)

[Approved by Selectboard 11-18-09]

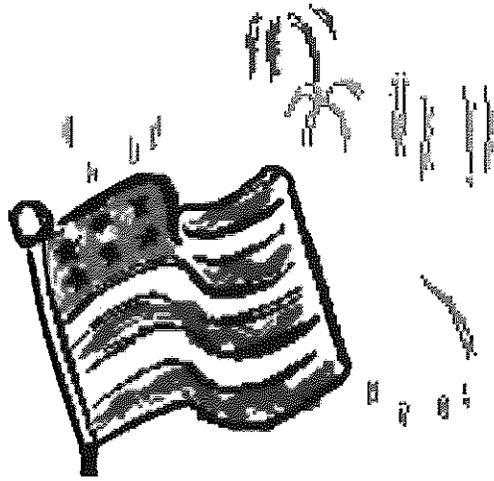
### ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Ellen B. Miller (app't'd by the Registrar 10-28-09)

# Town of Rowe Organizational Chart







# PART I

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

# Board of Selectmen

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In May 2009 we bid farewell to Susan Wood who so ably served the town during her tenure as Selectman. Ms. Wood did not seek re-election. At that same time we welcomed Geoffrey Bagley as our new board member. The Board reorganized after his arrival, and Bill Loomis was elected chair. In July board member James Brown resigned due to a lengthy ongoing family health matter. The board was sorry to hear of his resignation. Our sympathies go to Jim and his family following the passing of his wife Nancy in September.

In November 2009 a special election was held to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Brown's resignation. Paul McLatchy III was elected and was welcomed to the Board by Messrs. Loomis and Bagley. In early January 2010 Board member Geoff Bagley resigned, as he was unable to keep his residence in town due to lack of housing. The Board was sorry to learn of his resignation. The board made the decision to not hold another special election as the next annual town election was only four months away.

## **FY2010 Budget**

The Board worked in conjunction with the Finance Committee and all town departments to develop the FY2010 budget to bring to voters in May 2009.

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

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is used for the replacement and upkeep of items with a useful life of five years or more, was updated with assistance from all boards and committees that have capital items. The Selectboard again voted to continue the maximum contribution to the Capital Stabilization Fund for a total of \$157,594 for FY2010 (the FY2009 appropriation of \$153,750 plus 2.5%). This amount is outside of levy limit confines, and was raised on the Assessors' Recap Sheet in October 2009. The plan, which started in FY2008 with an initial appropriation of \$1,100,000 (actually appropriated from the regular Stabilization Fund), goes out to an ending balance in 2027 of \$900,000. The initial fund was slated to whittle away to nothing at the end of twenty years, but has been reconfigured to remain nearly constant.

In FY2009 CIP funds earmarked for replacing the boiler and exhaust fans at Rowe School (originally scheduled for FY2013) were moved up to 2009 as part of our ESCO—energy savings performance contract—with Siemens Building Technologies. Doing so reduced the tax exempt lease needed to finance the ESCO project from \$722K to \$402K, and eliminated \$127K in interest charges. Doing so took a much larger amount than had been planned from the CIP, but the fund will even out over the course of the plan. [Note: In March 2010 the Selectboard again voted to continue the maximum contribution to the fund, asking the Assessors to raise the amount of \$161,534 on the FY2011 tax recap sheet.]

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

The Energy Committee has had another 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. We thank the Energy Committee—Jack Packard, Lisa Danek-Burke, Bill Loomis, and BJ Roche—for putting in many volunteer hours for the benefit of all townspeople.

## **Zoning Map/Zoning Bylaw Correction**

In mid-2009 Town Coordinator Ellen Miller undertook researching town meeting records to determine actions taken regarding the adoption of MA general laws. During this research, two discrepancies were found when comparing these records with the published version of the town bylaws. The industrial zone shown on the published version of the zoning map did not match the description given in town meeting records, and the Table of Use Regulations in Article V, Section 2.B.VIII.b.i Generating Plants did not match town meeting records. Documents received from the Attorney General's office corroborated that our town bylaws were in fact incorrect. It could not be determined how these errors were made. Most likely they were clerical errors. In July 2009 a memo was sent to all town boards, committees and departments officially notifying them of these changes, and included a copy of the 1956 zoning map approved by the Attorney General on March 2, 1956. A copy of that memo follows this report. A copy of the corrected zoning map also appears at the end of this town report booklet, along with a copy of the incorrect version for comparison purposes. We thank Ellen Miller for her detailed research leading to these corrections.

## **Town Bylaws**

In addition to the above, Ms. Miller prepared an updated complete set of current Town Bylaws and Regulations, which incorporated the above changes and three bylaw changes enacted since the last printing. Copies of this current version are available at the Rowe Town Hall.

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

The MA Department of Telecommunications and Cable's investigation into Verizon's basic telephone service quality in Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties continues to go forward. Testimony is still being gathered. This is a slow process, which we and our counsel continue to monitor, but do not take a front seat in, as the state has assumed the lead role in this matter, pushing for better telephone service for all Western MA residents.

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

Broadband DSL came to Rowe in late 2008, making a dramatic change for many households; however, not for ALL households. Unfortunately nothing changed in 2009. There are many households which are still unserved. The Broadband & Telecom Committee is diligently working on this (see their separate report). We appreciate their efforts and hope they will soon have success. It is important that ALL households—and businesses—in Rowe be served.

## **Community Development Block Grant Funds**

The town has been fortunate in receiving housing rehabilitation funds for three years in a row (FY2007, FY2008 and FY2009). Many homeowners have used these funds to

make code improvements to their dwellings, such as septic, plumbing, wiring and heating system upgrades, new roofs and insulation. Rowe was not eligible to apply for FY2010 funds (applications due in 2009), as there were still funds available from the previous years' awards. We hope to apply again during 2010 for FY2011 funds.

### Gracy House

The final few items slated to be completed at the Gracy House were finished during 2009. All windows have been replaced, one of the main chimneys has been stabilized, three chimneys have been recapped, and a new kitchen cabinet and new kitchen counter tops installed. Also, the shed was cleaned out. The Selectmen thank the Gracy House Committee for all they've done in getting this building ready for use by townspeople. We also thank the Council on Aging for their help in adding to the furnishings, fixtures and upkeep of the facility. Also thanks go to Julie Shippee for cleaning and Presley Veber and the town crew for their assistance in snow shoveling and plowing. The Gracy House has been open for business on many occasions, and is a great asset to our community. It has also been used for a few private parties. If you're interested in using the facility, please contact Town Coordinator Ellen Miller.

### Donations

The Selectboard thanks, on behalf of all townspeople, the following individuals, organizations and businesses that donated to the town during 2009:

- In February 2009 the **Old Home Day Tent Association** (then consisting of Lenny Laffond and Ellen Babcock) decided to disband and turn over the balance in their savings account—**\$1,352.89**—to the Selectmen. The Board accepted the donation and voted to put these funds in a revolving gift fund for the purchase of new tents for the town.
- That same month the Selectmen voted unanimously to accept a gift of **\$150** from **Anne Leary of Lexington MA** to be used for field trip transportation costs for the Rowe Elementary School.
- Two donations were received for the **Gracy House**... a new side-by-side **refrigerator** was donated by **Central Appliance of Greenfield MA**, and a nearly-new **kitchen range** was donated by **Ed & Sandy Daviau**.
- **Ed & Sandy Silva** turned over **\$267** to the Selectmen for **Old Home Day** expenses. This money was raised from deposit proceeds from cans & bottles left at the Transfer Station by townspeople.

### Public Safety

We extend our thanks to our public safety personnel for the many hours they give to the town receiving training and responding, at all hours, to all types of emergencies. Our thanks go to: Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director Ed May, the Fire Officers, the firefighters and the first responders; EMS Coordinator Gail May and EMT Selmi Hyytinen; and Police Chief Henry Dandeneau and Officer Selmi Hyytinen. A special thank you goes to Gail May who retired from the Police Department on June 30, 2009, after serving as a Special Police Officer for the town for 14 years.

We are happy to report that late in 2009 we began the process of upgrading the Police Department with the establish-

ment of a Law Enforcement connection to the state's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). This will give our Chief access to MIRCS (MA Instant Record Check System), which is the computer based application used to manage, process and monitor firearms licensing statewide. This will shorten our firearms permitting to a matter of weeks.

### December 11, 2008 Ice Storm

The ice storm of December 2008 (a declared State of Emergency) left behind a tangle of downed trees, hanging tree limbs and debris along roadsides and throughout the trails of Pelham Lake Park. Much of the roadside debris was picked up by an outside contractor in the summer of 2009. Temporary workers were also hired by the town to help with the cleanup. The total cleanup cost for our town was \$130,535. FEMA has reimbursed the town for 75% of these costs (\$97,902), the state will be reimbursing the town 10.94%, or \$14,280, leaving the town's actual cost at \$18,353. State reimbursement has not been received as yet. We thank DPW Supt. Jim Taylor for the many hours he put in handling the large amount of paperwork needed to complete this project... first in estimating damage costs, then applying for assistance from both federal and state agencies, next overseeing the completion of the cleanup effort, and finally submitting project close-out paperwork required to be reimbursed by FEMA and MEMA. We also thank Sean Loomis for similar work he undertook in getting the park and trails cleaned up following the storm.

### Department of Public Works

We thank Jim Taylor, Lance Larned, Rick Hamilton and Matt Crowningshield 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. We also thank Jim Lively and Sean Loomis for helping out during the winter months by assisting in snow plowing.

### Thank You

The Board extends thanks to all of the elected and appointed officials and to all of the volunteers whose hard work helps to maintain the quality of life as we know it in the Town of Rowe. We especially thank Town Clerk Carrie Silva, Tax Collector Sandy Daviau, and Treasurer Heidi Cousineau for their work and dedication. We also gratefully thank our town employees—Sandy Daviau, Julie Shippee and Ellen Miller—for so ably assisting townspeople and attending to the affairs of the town. To Ellen Miller we owe an additional debt of gratitude for stepping up to the plate in assisting the Selectboard, and many other boards, with her expertise and willingness to research, make calls, ask questions, find answers, and keep the books in order.

### Tribute

We pay tribute to our neighbors and long time residents of Rowe who passed away in 2009: Charles "Cookie" L. Avery and Nancy A. Brown. We are deeply saddened by their passing.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Loomis, Chair  
Paul McLatchy III



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEMO To:

Agricultural Commission (3)  
Board of Assessors (3)  
Board of Health (3)  
Building Inspector  
Cemetery Commission (3)  
Conservation Commission (5)  
DPW Superintendent  
Finance Committee (3)  
Fire Chief

Historical Commission (3)  
Library Director  
Library Trustees (3)  
Moderator  
Park Commission (3)  
Park Ranger  
Planning Board (5)  
Police Chief  
School Committee (3)

School Principal  
Tax Collector  
Town Clerk  
Town Coordinator/Accountant  
Treasurer  
Yankee Land Committee (8)  
Zoning Board of Appeals (4)

From: Board of Selectmen

Date: July 15, 2009

Subject: Town of Rowe Bylaws

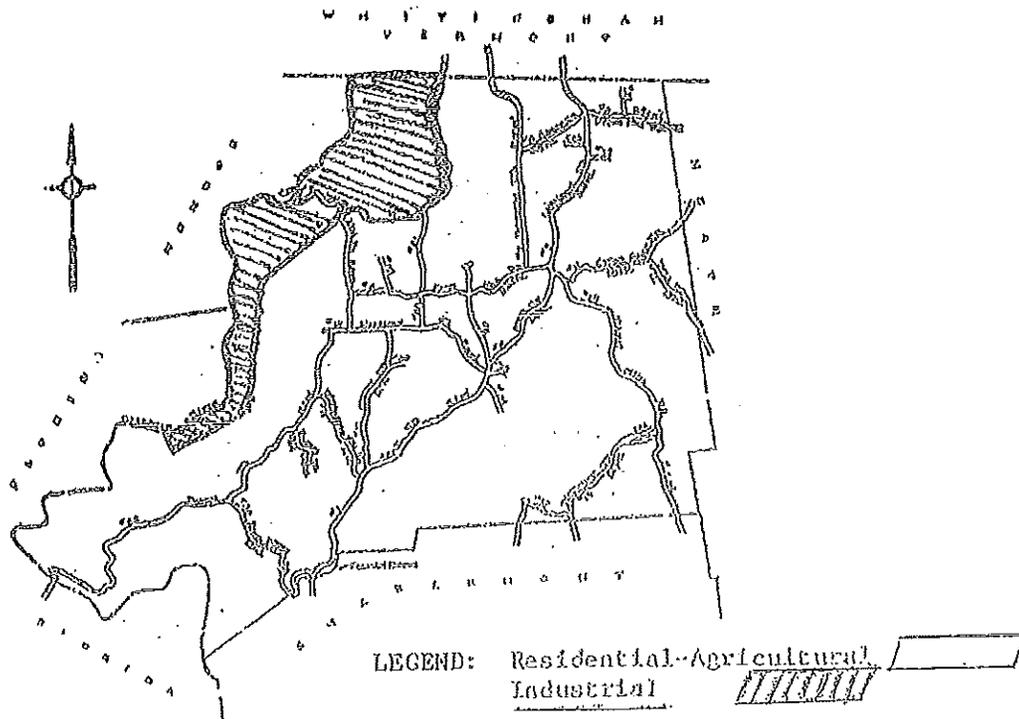
Information recently received from the Attorney General's office confirms that the current published version of the Town of Rowe Bylaws has two errors. These two errors, pointed out in Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock's memorandum of May 13, 2009 to all boards, committees and departments, are:

**1. Art V. Protective Regulations, Section 2.B. Table of Use Regulations**

In the current published version of Rowe Bylaws in section VIII. Industrial Uses, Item b. Public Utilities, i) Generating Plants, it indicates "No" in the Industrial column, meaning that Generating Plants are not allowed in the Industrial area. The Table of Use Regulations were first promulgated at a Special Town Meeting on June 13, 1978, and stated at that time that generating plants were allowed by Special Permit (SP) in the Industrial area. This bylaw was passed by voters (73 Yes – 4 No), and was then approved by the Attorney General on October 10, 1978. These newly-enacted bylaws were published in booklet form in May 1979 and state "SP" in this section. The next printing of the bylaws in April 1987 also states "SP" in this section. The March 1992 printing states "No" in this section. As there had been no changes to this section since its inception in June 1978, the current version is in error.

## 2. Zoning Map dated February 6, 1956 – Industrial Area

Town bylaws refer to a zoning map dated February 6, 1956. This map, as confirmed by the Attorney General's office, is shown below:



ZONING MAP ADOPTED BY THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 1956, REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 (PROTECTIVE REGULATIONS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING THE DISTRICTS, (Said map approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General March 17, 1956.) The dividing line between the two districts is described as follows, and all land East of said line is designated as "Residential-Agricultural district" and all land West of said line is designated as "Unrestricted District".

Beginning at the Vermont-Massachusetts State Line and running Southerly along the old town road known as the "King's Highway", thence along Shippee Road, so-called, to the Southern boundary of land now owned by the New England Power Company, thence Westerly along boundary line of said New England Power Company land to the Monroe Hill Road, so-called, thence south-westerly in a direct line with the "Rowe-Florida-Monroe Corner" to a point  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the Deerfield River, thence southerly following a line 1,320 feet East of the Deerfield river to a point  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south-west of the New England Power Company Station #5, thence westerly to the Deerfield River.

REVISED BY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 13, 1978: PREVIOUS "UNRESTRICTED" DISTRICT IS NOW DESIGNATED "INDUSTRIAL" DISTRICT.

The Industrial Area shown on the zoning map in the current published version of the bylaws is incorrect.

A corrected version of the Town of Rowe Bylaws will soon be printed and made available to the public. Any new bylaws approved by the Attorney General since the last printing will be included.

Please contact Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock if you have any questions concerning this matter.

# Animal Inspector

Animal Type	Count
Cattle: Dairy	10
Cattle: Beef	30
Cattle: Steer/Oxen	3
Goats	32
Sheep	5
Horses/Ponies	25
Game Birds	6
Chickens	143
Turkeys	0
Waterfowl	2
Rabbits	30

One domestic cat was quarantined because of possible rabies exposure. Cat ended up OK...negative for rabies.

Thanks to all for your cooperation during the annual barn survey.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Silva  
Animal Inspector

# Beautification Committee

Van Gogh, the artist whose vivid palette produced the masterpieces "Irises" and "Poppies", is quoted as saying "If you love nature, you will find BEAUTY EVERYWHERE!" How especially true after the icy grip of winter 2008-2009! Planet EARTH orbited, and the multi-colored croci on the library's hill emerged from a spring snow...followed by the host of golden daffodils blooming on the Village Green and along Hazelton Road. By the committee's unanimous vote, local resident Sean Loomis' Greencare Lawncare got the go-ahead for mulching and preparing beds at the town hall, memorial areas and the islands at the Potter, Brittingham, and Monroe Hill Road intersections.

Marilyn Belval and Jodi Brown procured and planted red geraniums, white alyssum and blue lobelia in time for the Memorial Day observance at the Veterans' Memorial. A mixture of cobalt blue lobelia and geraniums in red shades graced the hanging pots of the gazebo, the Barnard Memorial wishing well, and this year the front of the Gracy House.

Annuals of deepest purple fuchsia and white petunia wave mingled with deep yellow marigolds to make a profuse tumbling carpet by the side entrance to the town hall. A planting was also done at the Gracy House, and Jodi Brown later put in one of Sarah Jane's favorites: colorful coxcomb in red, orange and yellow. This year marked the appearance of blooms on the town common's magnolia tree and the dogwoods at the library. Rosy azaleas, flowering crabs, swamp pinks and

rhododendron all lent their spicy fragrance in turn, and the scent of the feathery peonies gracing the entrance to the town hall and surrounding the gazebo elicited "memories" from a traveler passing through. Window boxes located at the library and town hall held red geraniums, yellow marigolds and vinca vine. This was the year Dick Tower's wish for a blue Rose of Sharon was fulfilled. It was planted on the town common across from the library. A white variety was planted by the north end of the town common's split rail fence, and a rose colored variety was planted on the Gracy House front lawn. Thanks go to Betty and Dave Lenth for tending them until Greencare could get them in the ground.

Jen Bagley was appointed to our committee in the spring. Cindy Laffond kept the Knock-Out roses pruned, and they meandered in scarlet array over the town common's split-rail fences. The fire station's planters held hosta, begonias of pink, red, and white and the vivid red, orange, pink and yellow of plush coxcomb.

The town is most fortunate to have Rosie and Ron Gordon who watered and maintained all our glorious arrays throughout the season. Autumn arrived, and cornstalks, pumpkins and mums festooned the common's lampposts and steps, as well as the entrances at the library and park. Splendid pumpkins donated by Dave Lenth lasted well into November. Carol Lively's corn stalks and pumpkins were also appreciated. Jodi did the colorful scarecrows...and a visitor asked "if our town was having a Fall Fair." September also saw a reorganization of the committee with a unanimous vote for Cindy Laffond to be chairman and Ellen Miller to be secretary. Jodi was thanked for past service, but was happy to second both nominations. At our meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> a moment of silence was held in memory of member Nancy Brown. The committee is working on a fitting remembrance to Nancy.

Attention was given to Jack Williams' idea for shutters on the town hall, and Rowe becoming a "Tidy Town." The committee voted to adopt the "Tidy Town" concept, but to retain our name of Beautification Committee.

After consultation with local gardener Thom Chiofalo, Cindy and Ellen (with help of the town crew) revamped the side and rear planting beds at the town hall. This has resulted in unique and spectacular stone sculpture additions to the beds. Holly, potentilla and euonymus shrubs nestle among the rocks. We thank Dave & Betty Lenth and Cindy & Lenny Laffond for donating several beautiful white quartz boulders. Thank you also to Ellen Miller for the donation of a dwarf goldentread cypress.

Stepping Stone Farm (owned by local Mary Jo Phelps) again bedecked the town hall and Gracy House with her fresh evergreen roping and wreaths. The hangings baskets of the gazebo surrendered to a yuletide décor, and the wooden deer were patched by Dave for another wintry season—this time standing watch at the Gracy House.

Many accolades to Carol Lively for planting and tending cheery-faced pansies first, followed by colorful fall mums, and then a small Christmas tree in the Joe King Hill water trough. Margaret Woodside always cared for this site while

a resident. Thank you also to Ellen for sprucing up the trough with fresh paint.

Feel free to attend a meeting, assist, or offer suggestions to our committee. Everyone's input (and, of course, help) is greatly appreciated.

Last, please look for what we hope will be a glorious spring bouquet of two hundred daffodils planted in early

November by Cindy, Dave, and Jodi beside the Zoar Road entrance to our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Laffond, Chair  
Jodi Brown  
David Lenth  
Ellen Miller  
Mary Jo Phelps  
Dick Tower

## Board of Health

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At the annual election in May 2009 Angela Foshay was re-elected to another 3-year term as a Board of Health member. (She has held that position for the last 5 years.) Catherine Snyder was elected as Chairperson.

### Board of Health Clerk

Linda Bickford accepted reappointment as the Board of Health Clerk. She has done an excellent job in organizing our records, correspondence and filing. The 10 hours per week she has worked has enabled those of our board that work out of town to stay informed and prepared for our meetings. We could use more of her time but budget constraints prohibit that at this time.

### 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. Lisa is a Registered Sanitarian, a Certified Soil Evaluator, our Title 5 Inspector and is Serv-Safe certified. Her knowledge and experience is greatly appreciated and often sought by the Board.

### 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 soil evaluations and perc tests were down this year in response to the current state of the economy.

### Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal

In the last quarter of the year, the board respectfully accepted the resignation of Dick Tower as our Transfer Station Attendant. The Board would like to thank Dick for his many years of tireless and dedicated service to the town. We also thank his family for the sacrifice of his time and presence on weekends and holidays. We wish him and his family well. The Board held an open house/ reception for Dick at the Gracey House in early November. It was a great time for the Board and townspeople to personally thank Dick for his dedication and friendly presence at the Transfer Station.

The Board appointed Jim Lively and Ted Palmer as Transfer Station Attendants effective November 1, 2009. They are sharing the position. They have a great deal of experience in working at the Transfer station and familiarity with townspeople. They both have filled in for Dick during the past few years.

The Board recognizes an area of concern regarding the solid waste disposal. Rowe continues to have a large percentage of bulky waste. Most town's average 10% bulky waste to trash but Rowe is at 40%. This has considerable financial implications for the BOH operating budget. The Board of Health is considering several options to reduce this and in the coming months there will be more information available. We welcome comments and ideas.

The Board thanks Jan Ameen and the staff at the 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 collections. 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

During 2009, Rowe's recycling rate fell from 24.7% to 23.3% for a decrease of -1.4%. With all the current emphasis on conservation, recycling and being green this is a disappointment. We are not the only town to experience a decline in recycling. But Rowe continues to be ranked at the bottom of the FCSWD nineteen towns. Each household in town needs to make a more concerted effort to increase their recycling.

Please contact Transfer Attendants for questions concerning what needs to be recycled and how to dispose of it. There are recycle bins for household items available to townspeople. Contact either the attendants or the Board to acquire them.

Earnings from recycling are held in escrow by the FCSWD

and used to purchase copy paper for the town offices and to offset our annual assessment from FCSWD.

**Water Management**

Bill Enser, and Berkshire Enviro Labs of Lee MA continues to serve as our Certified Water Operator for our four Public Water supplies – the Town Hall, the Rowe Elementary School, the Avery Fountain and the well at the Pelham Lake Park. Berkshire Enviro Labs conduct weekly testing at the swimming area at Pelham Lake Park during the swimming season.

The ground water was tested at the Transfer Station this year in accordance to directions from the MA DEP. The results were very good with no contamination of the ground water. The test was conducted by ECS (Environmental Compliance Services) of Agawam, MA. Berkshire Enviro was unable to conduct these types of tests.

**Health Services**

Sheila Litchfield was reappointed as town nurse. Our town is fortunate to have such a dedicated professional providing health service. The Health Services office had a 67% increase of patients over the past year. Dr. Richard Warner continues to be our medical consultant. Sheila provides articles for the Goal Post and provides the Board with monthly summary

reports. These are useful in assessing how the town residents are being served. Sheila was instrumental in coordinating the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) that provided the H1N1 vaccinations. We would like to thank Sheila for her hard work and dedication to the residents she serves.

**In Closing**

The Board of Health strives to make the best decisions possible to serve the residents of Rowe. We would not be able to accomplish all that we do without the help of those who support us. We thank our families for their patience and understanding of the time we spend doing the board's work. We thank Linda, Sheila, Lisa, Dick, Ted, and Jim for their hard work and service. To Ellen and Sandy, thank you for your help and wealth of knowledge.

A special thank you goes to Dan Poplawski for the past three years serving as a fellow board member. We will certainly miss you and your sense of humor.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine T. Snyder, Chairperson  
 Angela F. Poshay  
 Daniel Poplawski

## Board of Health – Inspection, Permit and Test Data

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**TITLE 5 INSPECTIONS**

Map 04 Lot 26	Zoar Rd (Miller)	Passed
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**TITLE 5 SOIL EVALUATIONS/PERCOLATION TESTS**

Map 08 Lot 27	Zoar Rd (Crowningshield)	Passed
Map 12 Lot 84	Ford Hill Rd (Bickford)	Passed

**TITLE 5 SYSTEM INSTALLATION PERMITS ISSUED**

Map 06 Lot 58	Davis Mine Rd (Silva)	New Construction
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**SEPTIC SYSTEM INSTALLATION FINAL INSPECTIONS**

Map 06 Lot 58	Davis Mine Rd (Silva)	Passed
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**SEPTIC PUMPING RECORDS**

Map 02 Lot 18	Pond Rd (McKay)	2000 gal	Good
Map 03 Lot 03	Hazelton Rd (Bryant)	1500 gal	OK
Map 03 Lot 14	King's Highway (Glass)	1000 gal	Good
Map 03 Lot 34	Zoar Rd (Vadeboncouer)	1000 gal	OK
Map 03 Lot 53	King's Highway (RC&CC)	1500 gal	OK
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Map 04 Lot 16	Brittingham Hill Rd (Sousa)	1000 gal	Good
Map 04 Lot 44	Hazelton Rd (Miller)	1500 gal	Not Determined
Map 07 Lot 18	Zoar Rd (Rode)	1000 gal	OK
Map 11 Lot 17	Cross Rd (Williams College)	3000 gal	Good
Map 11 Lot 17	Cross Rd (Williams College)	2500 gal	Good
Map 11 Lot 89	Potter Rd (Donelson)	1500 gal	Not Determined
Map 02 Lot 15	Pond Road (Grodd)	1000 gal	OK
Map 12 Lot 72	Ford Hill Rd (Sprague)	1000 gal	OK
Map 13 Lot 13	Hazelton Rd (Laffond)	1000 gal	Not Determined
Map 13 Lot 27	Hazelton Rd (Laffond)	1000 gal	Not Determined

**PERMITS ISSUED**

***Food Establishment Permits***

Maple House Bed & Breakfast	- Bed & Breakfast/Catering
Rowe Camp & Conference Center	- Farm House Kitchen
Rowe Camp & Conference Center	- Recreation Hall Kitchen
Rowe Elementary School	- Kitchen

***Temporary Food Service Permits***

- BK Grinders, Charlemont MA
- C&C Cotton Candy
- Cricket Hill Jams, Conway MA
- Halifax Community Club, Halifax VT
- Readsboro Lions Club
- Rebecca Kandrotas
- Rowe Community Church - Food Booth
- Rowe Community Church - Strawberry Shortcake Booth

***Recreational Camps for Children***

Rowe Camp & Conference Center	- Junior High Camp
Rowe Camp & Conference Center	- Senior High Camp
Rowe Camp & Conference Center	- Transitional and Young People's Camp

***Septic Installer***

- Danek Excavating, Rowe MA
- J. Thomas Williams, Rowe MA

***Septic Pumper/Hauler***

- A-1 Septic, Clarksburg MA
- Bostley Sanitary Service, Colrain MA
- Greg's Wastewater Removal, So. Deerfield MA
- Houghton Sanitary Service, Guilford VT

## Board of Health - Town Nurse

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The Health Services Office proved to be quite busy throughout calendar year 2009. 931 patient encounters occurred, which represents a 67% increase in from 2008. The influenza season was significantly impacted with the need to administer both seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccinations. Approximately 36% of the patients seen in the Health Services office during 2009 were under 65 years of age and 63% were 65 years or older.

In 2009, a total of 203 vaccinations were administered, 170 seasonal influenza vaccinations and 33 H1N1 vaccinations. Another 29 Rowe residents received H1N1 vaccinations through the regional clinic in Charlemont in which we participated. The regional clinic served individuals from among the 5 towns collaborating at the Hawlemont EDS (Emergency Dispensing Site) Clinic.

The Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) is the system through which Rowe residents would receive emergency medications when issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) National Stockpile. These recent clinics helped to assess our readiness and resources to respond to events that would require emergency distribution of medication in response to large public health threats.

It has been a pleasure to provide another year of nursing services and support to Rowe residents, creating opportunities to enhance wellness, independence and knowledge.

Sincerely,

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

## Broadband/Telecom Committee

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The main focus of the Broadband and Telecom Committee for FY2010 has been our project to set up a wireless Broadband delivery system that would bring high speed internet access to many of the folks in town who do not have DSL or any other form of Broadband available. At last year's Annual Town Meeting, we got \$35k appropriated for the project. We put in a lot of effort into preparing an RFP (Request for Proposals) that would attract proposals to get something useful for as many of the unserved residents as possible. We clearly identified the sections of Town where service is needed, mostly in two pockets. One is down by the Davis Mine area and the other along and adjacent to Zoar Road from Rt. 2 up to the CO (central office) box in the center of Town. The Town Library, Rowe Camp & Conference Center, and anyone below them on Zoar Road do not have any broadband options available. We received two viable proposals and chose the one that would give a better quality of service to a larger area. *AccessPlus Communications* of Byfield MA was given the contract. They fell behind schedule and winter set in, so the project is still underway. The wireless backhaul which will supply the bandwidth for the system is set up. The access point for that is on Art and Maryann Corarito's roof and we thank them for generously allowing the use of their roof which has a perfect location. From there, the signal will be relayed to some other access points as soon as weather permits.

Once the system is set up, it will be operated by an ISP which is a subsidiary of AccessPlus. We liked the idea of one

company handling both the network hardware and the service delivery. That way, if there are any problems, we don't get caught between two companies blaming each other. The service will cost about \$40/mo and will be comparable to the basic level of DSL service (about 1Mbps.)

We are also following the regional efforts to get funding for Broadband. The MBI (Massachusetts Broadband Initiative) with the Berkshire and Pioneer Valley Connects did not get funded for the application for Federal funds, Round 1. They will be applying for Round 2 money. There is also an effort headed up by David Greenberg called the Western Mass. Community Fiber Network. They are working toward setting up a company / utility that would deliver fiber to the premises [the latest technology] to all residents in our area. If they are successful, subscribers would be able to get very high speed internet, unlimited long distance phone service, and TV all for a competitive price. We are working with them to gather support, letters, documents, etc., that they need for grant applications and setting up the collaborative. This is a very exciting long range plan. It will take time to set up, but could be a great boon to the community if successful.

Rowe Broadband and Telecom Committee

David Dvore, Chair  
Dan Wessman  
Russ Jolly  
Greg Poehlein

## Building Inspector

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During the year 2009, 57 building permits were issued.

New Building/additions	8
New Siding	1
New Windows	10
Demolitions	2
New roofs	20
Wood Stoves	4
Repairs	9
Interior Renovations	1
Handicapped Ramps	1
Swimming Pools	1
Total	57

In addition, 65 Certificates of Inspection were issued.

Respectfully submitted,

William Foster, Inspector of Buildings  
413-339-8393

## Cemetery Commission

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Due to the December Ice Storm spring clean-up was much more extensive than usual. The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Terry and Carole Veber and Al Morse for their hard work maintaining the cemetery grounds.

Levin Hardison continued work on the North cemetery stone walls. Levin's superb craftsmanship is outstanding and we are grateful for the work he does for the town. Repair work on damaged monuments will continue.

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

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Council on Aging

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Once again, the Rowe Council on Aging was pleased, that we were able to sponsor programs that could help our senior population with both physical and social needs.

Presley Veber did an outstanding job snow shoveling for our seniors. Thanks again Presley! The once-a-week bus trips to Greenfield are provided by Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) and paid in part by the Rowe COA Grant, which is awarded by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston. This program allows for our seniors, the opportunity, to be able to get to town for groceries, prescriptions, and other necessities, even for some socialization. The COA Grant also continues to sponsor a portion of the community lunch program for our seniors, held at the Rowe Elementary School once a week.

The COA provided reimbursements based on a sliding scale, to seniors in need of minor home repairs. Reimbursements for mileage were also made for seniors that required extended trips for medical procedures.

The COA was happy to extend to our seniors as needed, the use of medical equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc) through our loaner program. We encourage our seniors and non-seniors to take advantage of this program. Thank You to our Town Nurse (Sheila Litchfield) who is available to help assist with the fitting and loaning of the equipment.

In March we added a new member (Doris Fensky) to make it a 7 member committee. Doris has added her wit and irrepressible nature that has been welcomed.

This was the year the Gracy House had many extensive renovations. One of our COA members, Marilyn Belval (who is also Chairman of the Gracy House Decorating Committee), along with Bill Belval, Leonard & Cindy Laffond and Bob & Mary Ann Dykeman who are also Gracy House Committee members, donated many hours of their own time, to make the house warm and cozy for all of the townspeople. We would like to thank the Gracy House Committee and also our Selectmen for supporting this endeavor, and making the "Gracy House" possible for everyone. The seniors have been enjoying the Gracy House and are happy that we now have a place to gather socially. Thanks to all who donated items to decorate and make the house more useful.

The COA held many events this year and were well attended. A Pizza & Salad Party was held at the Rowe School along with the interacting Wii video game (thanks to Mary Ann Dykeman) which was very entertaining and a lot of fun.

April 24<sup>th</sup>, we put on a Soup & Salad Luncheon. There were a variety of homemade soups. One was made by one of our seniors, Anne Besgen, and Anne Foshay donated bread all the way from New York City. This was the first event at

the Gracy House with some beautiful pictures of Sarah Jane Gracy smiling down on us.

In May, the Charlemont seniors joined us for a bountiful feast at the Mohawk Park Restaurant where the "Fabulous Maurice" Beausoleil played his lively accordion tunes. Sadly to say, Maurice passed away not long after. He will be truly missed. Plants decorated the tables and were given as door prizes. Chris Tower made all the wee May baskets filled with goodies for all.

In June a car-pooled trip was taken to the Hildene Estate (Robert Todd Lincoln's home) in Manchester VT. A brown bag lunch provided by Readsboro General Store was served in the pavilion to all that attended. We didn't seem to mind the heavy downpour outside while we ate. It did clear up by the time we were finished eating, and we were able to enjoy the beautiful gardens at the estate.

During the August heat an Ice Cream Social (with all the toppings) was well attended at the Gracy House. It was great to have our snow-birds back for the late spring and summer events.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> tap dancer and story teller Bob Thomas, who now lives in Germany, came home for a visit and performed at the Mohawk Park Restaurant and entertained both the Rowe and Charlemont seniors. A turkey lunch was served with all the fixings. Autumn centerpieces made by our member Chris Tower added to the enjoyment of the event.

The last event in 2009 was a return trip to "Hildene Estate" in Manchester VT, with lunch at the Ponce Bistro. This event was also carpooled. One of our members (Shirley Veber) came

home with a little more that she had arrived with. We'll let you ask her about that. The "finale" of this trip was almost too exciting to record here!

We look forward to planning other outings for 2010. We are always looking for suggestions and ideas on where to go. As always, all are welcome to attend meetings, held monthly.

We would like to thank again, Ed May for installing all of the Emergency 911 numbers at all of the residents that had requested them.

A thank you to Mary Ann Dykeman, for her past dedication to the bus program and a special thank you to her husband, Bob Dykeman, the best tossed salad maker, and for being such a willing handyman, and for all of those that we may have unintentionally omitted.

Lastly, a thank you goes out to Steve Quimby from North Adams for donating the beautiful Christmas tree, the stand and lights for the tree for the Gracy House. It was really enjoyed by all.

Respectfully,  
Jo-ann (Jodi) Brown, Secretary

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

## Cultural Council

In Fiscal 2010, The Cultural Council received 35 applications for funding for various arts projects and events. We are funded totally through a state grant, awarded from the Mass. Cultural Council. Our goal was to spread this funding to as many constituencies as possible, to support regional cultural entities, and to provide additional support to efforts to bring cultural events to the elementary school and seniors. The committee awarded \$4,255 to 14 projects, including the following:

Ashfield Community Theater, Summer Theater Project	\$100
Deerfield River Watershed, Riverfest 2010	100
Heath Agricultural Society, Heath Fair Music	200
Gary Jackson, Flute and Guitar performance Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls, Metropolitan Opera	400
Mohawk Trail Concerts, Festival of American Music	250
Guy Morin, Colonial Soldier Historic Re-enactment	250

Pothole Pictures, Fall Film Series	100
Rowe Elementary School, Circus Smirkus residency	1,000
Rowe Elementary School, Star Lab	250
Roger Ticknell, Earth Rhythms	225
Valley Jazz Divas, Jazz Concert	495
Tim Van Egmond, Turn of TV Week performance	425
West County Theater, Summer Theater Project	210
Total:	\$4,255

Rowe Cultural Council  
Barbara J. Roche, chair,  
Robin Booth  
Jo-Ann Brown  
Kerri McLatchy  
Meghan McLatchy  
Betty Vernes

## Dog Officer

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Well, another successful year of returning found/lost dogs to their homes. Two dogs picked up at the Yankee Rowe power plant were retrieved the following Monday. Only one complaint was filed this year concerning excessive barking. That matter is still under investigation.

My concerns about the winter conditions at the new dog pen site [at the end of Sibley Road] has had me reconsider my original proposal of having the pen at my residence. These matters are still being discussed with the Selectmen.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Powers  
Dog Officer

- Brush clearing
- Tree maintenance
- Upkeep of the Town Common and traffic islands

Special projects undertaken during 2009 were:

- Drainage and shoulder repair on Tatro and Steele Brook Rd. Funds were received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Winter storm funds
- Work at Transfer Station project completed. (retaining wall and cement pad)
- Potter Rd. – catch basin and culvert were installed draining into a rip rap ditch

Thank you to Ellen Miller, 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

## Department of Public Works

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The Winter Ice Storm on December 11, 2008 impacted most of the Town. Many trees were felled or damaged. Power lines were broken on most roadways, with some areas in town being without power for a week. The Federal Government declared that communities affected were eligible to receive emergency disaster funds. Rowe received federal and state funds for seven areas covered by the disaster declaration. The Federal Government paid 75% of each project's cost, the State will pay approximately 11%, with the Town paying the remaining 14%.

<i>Project</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Fed. Share</i>
Debris Push	\$ 22,003	\$16,502
Volunteer	3,852	2,889
Woody Debris	75,111	56,334
Leaners/Hangers	7,775	5,831
Steele Brook Rd	1,300	975
Tatro Rd	7,274	5,456
Pelham Lake Park	13,220	9,915
	<u>\$130,535</u>	<u>\$97,902</u>

Equipment maintenance continues as an ongoing priority. The 1998 Mack received new springs front and rear. Many other repairs and preventive maintenances are performed 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

## DPW - Summer Youth Employment

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The "Grasshopper" program, under the direction of SYE Superintendent **Andrew Lively** 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 **Abigail Phelps** and **Max Chattin** and crew members **Presley Veber**, **Samantha Veber**, **Morgan Jolly** and **Peter Bryant**.

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 Miller, Town Coordinator  
Jim Taylor, DPW Superintendent

## DPW - Tree Warden

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National Grid requested a Tree Hearing for a new power line on Davenport and Davis Mine Roads. This new electric line was to provide power to a new house being built by Robert and Carrie Silva on Davis Mine Road. A Public Hearing was held on October 8, 2009 in coordination with the Planning Board. The Planning Board and Tree Warden authorized the removal of said trees, subject to the Selectmen's approval of the pole placements at a scheduled Pole Hearing.

If anyone has 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 and once again our EMS personnel have done an outstanding job responding to all EMS emergencies. 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 9 first responders.

Last year our EMTs and first responders responded to 14 medical emergencies. Our EMTs and first responders continue to respond in a timely manner to any situation and deliver the highest quality of care.

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

Rowe EMS personnel will respond to your emergency with both the knowledge and equipment necessary to help stabilize a patient before and during transport to the hospital by ambulance. As rural as the town of Rowe is, our first responders play a critical role in the outcome of your emergency and thus are an important part of the chain of survival. Rowe EMS works closely with Rowe Fire Department. Most of our members are crossed-trained as medical, fire and /or police personnel. We respond to both fire and police scenes to aid and support these departments.

Due to the aging of EMT personnel associated with both the Charlemont Ambulance and Rowe EMS it is important to recruit new or certified EMTs. To ensure ambulance service to both our town and neighboring towns in the future there must be enough EMTs to adequately staff the ambulance. If there is anyone who is currently EMT or first responder certified, or would be interested in becoming an EMT, and would like to join our department please contact me at 339-5761.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail May  
EMS Coordinator

# Energy Committee

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## **Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract with Siemens Building Technologies**

A Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase agreement for \$408,000 for 11 years, at 5.78% was signed in early 2009. This completed all necessary steps to implement the Energy Savings Performance Contract with Siemens. The construction was scheduled to be completed by September, 2009; most of the work at the Library, Town Hall, Garage, and Fire Station (mainly weatherizing doors, caulking, insulation improvements, lighting controls, and set-back thermostats) was completed by the fall. However, several construction delays, mostly attributable to incomplete or faulty technical planning, held up the work on the boiler, air handler, and Energy Management System in the school, and the thermostat control systems in the Town Hall. These were significant frustrations, especially to school personnel. Siemens executives from the Eastern US Region became involved, expressed their regrets for the delays, and refocused company resources on solving the problems and completing the work promptly. By the end of December, 2009, it appeared that the project could be completed by the company, and approved by Rowe's consulting energy engineer by March or April of 2010.

The Performance Contract, looks to be on track to accomplish its goals: to entirely pay for itself, including the \$315,000 down payment from Capital Stabilization funds, over 20 years or less, through the lowered costs that come from the 38% reduction of energy consumption, to make our municipal buildings more comfortable and healthy environments through more efficient and better controlled heating, cooling, and lighting, and over that 20 years to avoid the release of more than 2,300 tons of carbon pollution.

## **The Green Communities Initiative**

In August 2009 the Town of Rowe submitted an application to receive Technical Assistance to prepare an Action Plan for Rowe to become qualified to be designated as a Green Community under the guidelines of the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources. This grant was awarded to Rowe in September 2009.

From September to December, Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Director of Planning and Development, Peggy Sloan, and Economic Development Planner, Jessica Atwood, helped the Energy Committee understand the details of the five required criteria for Green Communities designation, and to work out an Action Plan for Rowe that includes how and when to introduce these criteria for consideration by the Town of Rowe during the year 2010. This Green Communities Action Plan was completed to the Energy Committee's satisfaction and approved by the Rowe Selectmen in late December 2009.

A public Energy Forum to explain the criteria and to explore these and other choices for Rowe's energy future was scheduled for early April 2010. Following that meeting a survey of Rowe residents' opinions will be mailed to all Rowe voters. The results of this survey will help guide Rowe in making choices for its Energy future.

## **Application for \$148,000 to install a 19.6 k solar PV display at the Rowe Elementary School...**

This application, through a federal stimulus funds grant, was submitted to the Mass Department of Energy Resources (DOER) on December 7, 2009. We are happy to report that word was received from the DOER in February 2010 that Rowe has been awarded this grant. Through an arrangement with the UMass-Boston's Collins Center, FRCOG's Bob Dean, Director of Regional Services, gave Rowe technical assistance in preparing the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Packard, Chair  
Geoff Bagley  
Lisa Danek-Burke  
Bill Loomis  
B J Roche

# Fire Department/Emergency Management

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During the last report period the Fire Department responded to 33 calls:

18	Medical Emergencies
2	Brush Fires
2	Mutual Aid Calls
6	Fire Detection Alarms
3	Power Lines Down
1	Fill Swimming Pool
1	Emergency Drill with Yankee Atomic Electric Company

The chimneys of ten homes 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. This program is conducted prior to the heating season, so it is essential for names to be submitted in a timely manner.

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.

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.

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. The Committee elected an “all hazards” approach to emergency planning, underscoring our responsibility for aiding towns in planning for “haz mat” emergencies as well as other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

In response to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program, Rowe has applied for \$82,500 for a 150 KW diesel powered generator to be installed outside the fire station. \$27,500, or 25% of total cost, would have to be provided by the Town. This generator would start automatically in the event of loss of commercial electrical power or any undervoltage situation. Automatic transfer switches would be installed in the fire station, town hall and town garage. This grant program is an opportunity to improve emergency management and preparedness by identifying systemic vulnerabilities, in this case the possibility of power outage involving essential town buildings. A centrally located generator would overcome this problem and contribute to a flexible, sustainable, secure and interoperable EOC. \$10,157,500 is available nationally, to be awarded on a competitive basis for construction or renovation grants for eligible state, local or tribal governments' principal EOCs. The town should be notified regarding grant approval by September 31, 2010.

During the open burning season for 2009 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 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. This year we were fortunate to gain Glenn White and Matthew Crowningshield as active volunteers, and would welcome anyone else 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.

Deputy Chief Daniel Miller retired this year. Dan has been one of this department's most reliable members for many years, never hesitating to volunteer his time and considerable skills. Besides having been qualified as an EMT and Red Cross instructor, he successfully completed NIMS 700 and ICS 100, 200, 300, and 400 (the highest level) training. Dan performed the duties of deputy chief in an exceptional and exemplary manner since June of 1997. The town of Rowe salutes him for his service.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Gracy House Committee

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### 2009 Interior Work...

January 2009, all paint bought. Work began February 4<sup>th</sup>. Clean-up and evaluation done. All wallpaper removed from all rooms. Repairs made to walls, then primed and painted. Baseboard heaters taken apart and cleaned, primed and painted. Windows were taken out and broken panes of glass replaced, then windows were sanded, primed and painted. Bathroom was stripped of fixtures, and wiring and plumbing changed for new fixtures. Hand rails and a new floor installed. A coat rack was built and the bathroom was painted.

The kitchen has a new cabinet and all new countertops. The existing cabinets were cleaned and painted inside. A new cherry mantel made by Howard Crowningshield was installed above the kitchen fireplace. Thank you to Central Appliance for the great new stainless steel side-by-side refrigerator they donated, and thank you to Sandy & Ed Daviau for the glass top range they donated (slightly used, but looks brand new). A used dishwasher was purchased for the kitchen. Marilyn Belval donated handmade curtains she made, which were the crowning touch in the kitchen renovation.

A great deal of other work took place in 2009 also...

- New flooring was laid in all downstairs rooms
- New window treatments installed throughout the house
- Funds for a new furnace were voted by townspeople in May 2009 to replace a very old boiler in the basement. A hot water timer was installed with the new furnace
- Also in May 2009 voters appropriated money for new windows throughout the house. During the summer the old 2 over 2 windows were replaced with 12 over 12 double paned windows with screens
- New caps were placed on the chimneys, and the rear chimney stabilized and reattached to the house
- New roof put on front porch
- Shed behind house was cleaned out
- Work bee held to clean up yard and trim bushes and trees
- Water tested and results came back good
- Two parking areas—a handicapped area by the shed and a larger one along Sibley Road—were prepared by the DPW crew for paving in Spring 2010

The building has been used for several functions this past

year...an Open House was held April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Council on Aging has had many gatherings there, an anniversary party and a retirement party were held there, and several coffee hours for the community.

The committee thanks all of the contractors who worked on the building...Steve Crowningshield, Richie Codogni, Jerry Ferguson and Glenn White. We also thank the Selectboard, Ellen Miller, Jim Taylor, and all of the others who gave so generously of their time.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Belval, Chairman  
Bill Belval  
Bob Dykeman  
Mary Ann Dykeman  
Cindy Laffond  
Lenny Laffond

**Consulting Members:**

Sharon Hudson  
Judy Pierce  
Jack Williams

## Historical Commission

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The Rowe Historical Commission was encouraged when the State Historical Commission funded a photographer to take pictures of most buildings in Rowe. This was for background resource for future research projects to document the town's historical activities. The professional photographer was an employee of the State.

In addition the local commission was encouraged to apply for acceptance into the State's Historical Landscape program for 2009. With the cooperation of our town Selectmen the lengthy application was submitted. Upon acceptance into this program, the Commonwealth sends a team of researchers to survey the town and its citizens to produce a list of historical and cultural sites which have significance in the town and state history. The results of such a survey are then compiled in booklet form with pertinent information and location maps of sites. These documents become available to citizens, town government, the school, etc. The original documents become part of the State Archives to be preserved forever.

A noble goal for any town and we were assured Rowe was among the few towns which would be accepted in 2009. During the final part of the selection process in September, due to the dire financial condition of the State, the Governor cancelled the whole project.

If the State finances should improve for 2010 Rowe has been urged to reapply.

In 2009 the Selectmen appointed the Historical Commission members to join the Gracy House Committee, to assist in the restoration and preservation of that town-owned building as Rowe's Community Center and Senior Center. We congratulate the original members of Gracy House Committee for all their efforts which have produced a beautiful addition to our town center of which we can all be proud.

2010 is Rowe's 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its incorporation in 1785 and recognition and celebration of this milestone is being considered, in conjunction with Old Home Day in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Williams  
Judy Pierce  
Sharon Hudson

# Library

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2009, with its state budget cuts, brought the end of Bookmobile Service to Rowe. Some of us remember the nineteen fifties when the Bookmobile would come bringing new books to the library and visiting the Village School where Miss Baker would read a story or two aloud and each child could select a book. In recent years we have relied on the Western Regional Massachusetts Library Service Bookmobile to bring fresh videos, DVDs, audio books, large print, and children's books and media to supplement our own collection. The Bookmobile will be sadly missed.

The Library more than met state certification requirements by being open 24 hours per week to provide adult and children's services. We continue to purchase new materials and discard worn and outdated ones. We own about 13,500 items for loan or use in the library, including books, magazines, DVDs, videos, audiocassettes and CDs.

Our plans to update our antiquated circulation system by joining CWMars, the regional automated system, have been delayed by the lack of a secure broadband connection as we, like other organizations and homes on Zoar Road, wait out the problem. While we now provide wireless Internet service by a state funded Hughes Net satellite setup, increased use has made it less than adequate for the 3 library computers available for patron use, let alone for a new complex system.

For adults we hosted art displays and an information meeting about Internal Revenue Service obligations as well as book club meetings. From time to time school projects created by the children were displayed at the library. The children enjoyed performances by Davis Bates in the spring

and John Root in the summer. The summer reading program had 18 registered readers, although many more came to the final program.

Volunteers continue to help us out throughout the year, with children and adults selecting materials from the Bookmobile while we had it, giving input on materials to be purchased and in decorating the library for Christmas. The Beautification Committee continues to care for the grounds while others donate potted plants for the interior.

The Trustees were sorry to receive the resignation of board member Melissa Quinn and pleased to welcome replacement Claudine Poplawski. The trustees meet 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**

Rowe Town Library  
Ellynn B. Packard, Chair  
Evelyn L. Dandeneau  
Claudine M. Poplawski

**Library Director**

Susan P. Gleason

# Old Home Day Committee

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Another great Old Home Day was held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather was threatening on and off during the day, but all activities were able to take place.

The day kicked off with the fishing derby at 7:30am at the Loomis pond on Hazelton Road. Next, Sarah Paige did a beautiful job singing the National Anthem, which was proceeded by the annual parade at 11am. Theme for the day was "*Music Mania*". The parade was lead by flag bearer Michael Laffond in active service for the Air Force Reserves and Pete & Norma Brown's granddaughter Shelly Hurlburt with her two children...2 year old Jared driving the cutest little pony cart and 5 year old Jordan riding her beautiful saddle horse. Dick and Christine Tower were our distinguished Grand Marshalls, and Ellsworth Palmer, our eldest citizen, was Honorary Marshall. There were spiffy tractors, a beautifully restored USMC jeep, great antique cars, fire apparatus from Rowe and surrounding towns, and great floats. In the float judging, 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to the Lively Spring Farm float (Lively & Crowningshield), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to the Beach Boys Bash float (Morse, Sprague, Wozniak & Parent), and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to the Luau Party float (Poplawski & Laffond). Thank you to all who participated in the parade. Special thank you also to **Dohn Sherman** and his Hay Taxi for shuttling people between all venues.

**At the Rowe Post Office...**there was a special Rowe Old Home Day cancellation stamp. The Rowe Post Office sponsored a contest at Rowe Elementary School for the stamp design. Winner was Caitlyn Wilkins of Heath. Thank you to all who submitted great drawings, and thank you to Terri Peters for holding this event.

**At the school grounds...**The Rowe Community Church held their annual auction and raffle. Some good bargains could be found...even an engagement ring that went for a steal! The church also sold burgers, hot dogs and fries and their delicious homemade strawberry shortcake with local berries. Cotton candy and ice cream vendors were also on hand. There were over twenty craft booths and vendors selling locally made items, thanks to the great effort of Robin Reed. The Shelburne Falls Military Band performed another nice concert, the Colrain Cloggers gave a nice recital, and new this year was bagpiper David Rennie of Stamford VT in his full Scottish dress. He also marched in the parade. Also new this year was the *Cow Flop 50/50 Raffle* run by Bob & Carrie Silva. \$300 in tickets were sold, with \$150 going towards Old Home Day expenses, and \$150 to winner Kevin Johnson of Ford Hill Road. He picked the winning block provided by MaryJo Phelps' beautiful Jersey "Sweet Pea." The Western MA Eyemobile—provided by the Charlemont Lions Club—performed free vision & hearing testing and blood pressure screening. Thank you to Bob Dykeman for setting this up.

**At the museum...**Guy Morin of Auburn MA performed another historical reenactment—this time a *French & Indian War Provincial Soldier*. These performances are very interesting and informative, and have become an annual event. Thank you to the Rowe Historical Society and the Rowe Cultural Council for providing this event. The museum was also open to the public during the afternoon.

**At the Browning Bench Tool Factory...**a new *Rowe Business Exhibition* was held. This was a great place to showcase our local businesses. We hope to continue this venue, as there are many businesses in Rowe that we'd like to celebrate and help grow.

**At Pelham Lake Park...**Lots of fun stuff took place...the Bouncy Castle, *Cliffhangers* climbing wall, face painting by Mary Paige, kid's games (tricycle pull, treasure hunt, etc), athletic events (canoe/kayak race, beach volleyball, bocci, horseshoes), and performances by mime Jody Scalise, singer/impersonator Dusty Dufresne, flute & guitar duo Contempaissance and local blue grass/folk group Small Change. This was all topped off by another great chicken barbeque by Readsboro Lions Club.

**And then it poured!!!!** The Atlas fireworks crew was all set to put on their display, but torrential rains postponed the event 'til the next evening, which went off beautifully. Thank you to Sean Loomis for tending to the fireworks crew member that had to camp overnight at the fireworks site through all that rain. Sean brought him food and accommodations to make him as comfortable as possible.

**Sunday events...**Rowe Community Church's service at the lake which is always special backdropped by the beautiful surroundings of our park, more Bouncy Castle, self tour of nine Rowe farms and gardens, the museum was again open to the public, and the fireworks display that had been postponed from the previous evening.

**Wrap up...**All in all it was another great Old Home Day. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this a great event, and thank you to all who came out to take part in our annual celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Miller

**Committee members:**

Jodi Brown  
Cindy Laffond  
Lenny Laffond  
Clayton Miller  
Ellen Miller  
Robin Reed  
Maggie Rice

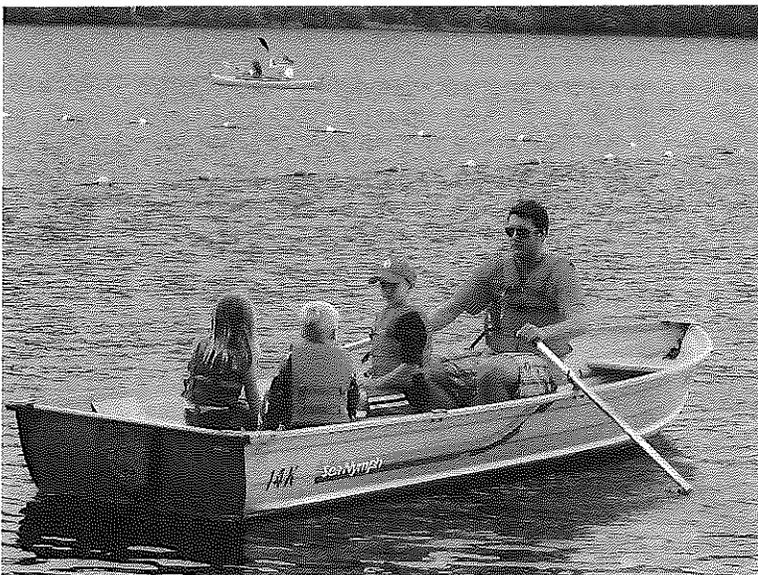
Robert Rice  
Bob Silva  
Carrie Silva  
Ed Silva  
Sandy Silva  
Chris Tower

## Park Commission

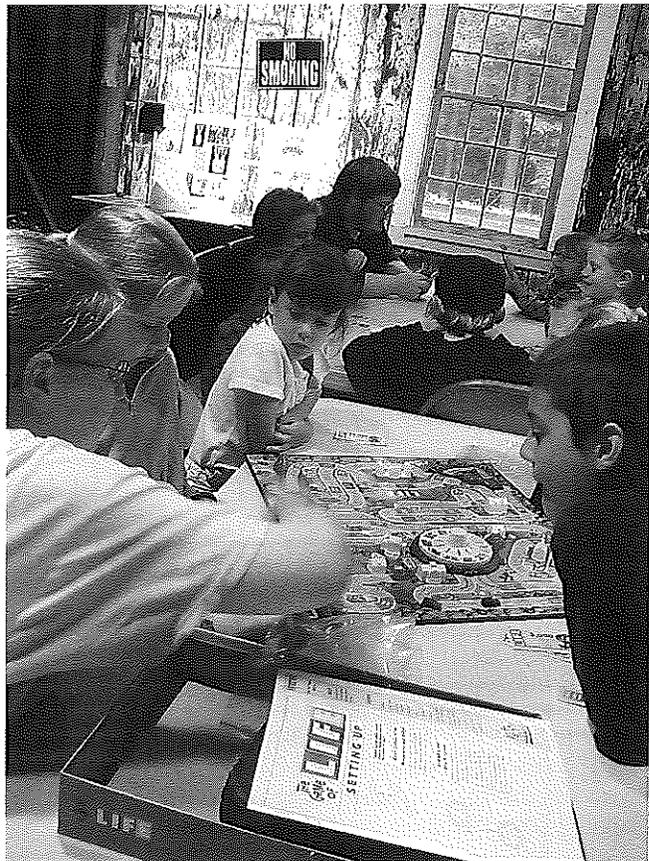
The park was again a busy place this past year with many activities that were held thru out the year. It all started last spring with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, then continued into the summer months with the Sports Program, Swim Lessons, Rec Program, Senior Picnics, Tennis Lessons, Pumpkin Carving and The Haunted House. All activities were well attended, seeing around 25-40 participants with the Haunted House drawing the biggest crowd of 70-85 walk thru guests. The Park wants to thank all staff members on the incredible job thru out the season to make all activities fun and safe. The staff consisted of Brittany Sprague, Paul McLatchy III, Sarah Burke, Tiffany Veber, Dana Williams, Sophie Taylor, Charles Garbiel, and the YMCA. The park would also like to thank the many volunteers that helped with all the activities. Without your help many of the programs would not have happened.

This past season was very challenging for the park rangers to maintain the many miles of trails in the park. The ice storm of December 2008 caused extensive damage to all trails in the park. In February of 2009 FEMA sent a representative to survey the damage. Upon completion of the survey the park was awarded \$13,000 (town's share was 25%) to clean up all debris caused by the storm. Starting in the middle of May the park hired Pat Bradley, Ken Bradley, Max Chattin, Dana Dodge, Abby Lively, Steve Miceli, and Jon Giard. The crew worked 40 hrs per week and did a wonderful job opening up all the trails in the park. All FEMA work was completed by the first week of July.

All other maintenance in the park was done by the park staff, Ken Bradley, Nancy Phelps, Josh Taylor, Will Booth and Dana Williams. They worked on completing many projects during the summer that consisted of new bog bridges on Lake View Trail and Beach Trail, more drainage work on Beach Trail, Lakeview Trail, Percy Brown Trail and extensive drain-



*Summer Recreation Program at Pelham Lake Park  
A nice day for a boating on the lake.*



*Summer Recreation Program at Pelham Lake Park  
Craft activities at the Browning Bench Tool Factory*

age and reshaping of Old King's Highway Trail. New Bridges on Davenport Trail, Percy Brown Trail, Old King's Highway Trail and regrading a section of the Pelham Brook Trail.

Over the second half of the summer the lake had an outbreak of floating weed mass (Bladderwort). The park brought in Lycott Environmental out of Southbridge MA to survey the lake and determine what actions the town could take to reduce the Bladderwort infestation. During the survey it was brought to their attention that the lake contained an endangered species of milfoil. Therefore, before any work can be done an independent botanical survey has to be submitted to MA Division of Fishery & Wildlife's *Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program*. The park has contacted Donald J. Padgett, PhD Plant Biologist to do the survey during the next growing season (late July/early August 2010).

The new bathroom project was put on hold over the winter months and will continue in early spring 2010. Over the past year and half it was determined that a composting toilet system was the best solution for the park. The bathrooms upon completion will sit in the same location as the old bathrooms and have both men's and women's sides.

Over the last year the Fitness Center at the Town Hall has seen some minor changes with a new floor plan that better utilizes the limited space available. Jodi Fontaine has lead classes for young and old throughout the year, and Susan Taylor has been a great addition to the fitness staff as our new Fitness Room Attendant.

With the low snow year, cross country skiing and snowmobiling was limited. The heavy rains in mid January wiped out what little snow base existed. On a high note with the cold temperatures, the ice skating rink was the best ever. The rink was located to the right of the beach and Ranger Sean Loomis had the surface like glass.

The Park Commission always encourages residents to attend park meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month) to voice suggestions, concerns, and ideas. With more feedback from residents the Park will be a better place.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowe Park Commissioners  
Russ Jolly  
Michael Laffond  
MaryJo Phelps

## Planning Board

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### Planning Board Membership

Incumbent David Roberson was reelected to a five-year seat in May, leaving the board's composition unchanged from the previous year, until Ellynn Packard's resignation in September. The Planning Board thanks Ms Packard for her service to the Town. In October Danette Reynolds-Gallagher was appointed by unanimous joint decision of the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to fill the open seat on the Planning Board until elections in May of 2010.

### Regular Business

There were no requests for Special Permits or lot divisions.

A consolidated tree hearing was held with Tree Warden James Taylor on tree cutting associated with the installation of new utility poles and wires on Davenport Road and Davis Mine Road. Prior to the hearing, concerns were raised about the accuracy of identification and marking of the trees proposed to be cut. These were reported to have been addressed. It was noted that the Planning Board's decision was made somewhat difficult because construction of the new residence to be served was already underway. There was no opposition to the plan from residents at the hearing, and the Planning Board approved the tree cutting, subject to the Selectmen's approval of the new utility poles and wires.

After the tree hearing, the Planning Board met with Building Inspector William Foster, who agreed to require the submission of a revised Buildable Lot Inquiry Form with new building permit applications. The form now includes a check-off for utility access, so that proposed pole installations and associated tree cutting will be addressed before permits are issued for new construction.

### Communications

The Planning Board found occasion to comment on several issues of importance to Rowe in 2009. These included:

### • Yankee Land

In December of 2008, Planning Board chairman David Roberson was appointed by the Selectmen to a newly-created Yankee Land Committee and agreed to keep the Planning Board informed of that committee's deliberations (he has since resigned this appointment). When it emerged that Yankee Atomic Electric Co.'s agent was representing that wind power was a potential use of the property (along with traditionally-allowed uses such as conservation, recreation, and timber management), the Planning Board sent a memo in March to Yankee informing the company that new electrical generation facilities were not permitted under Rowe's by-laws. A Yankee representative replied that this representation was made only to the Selectmen and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

### • Current Zoning Bylaws

The Planning Board reviewed a memorandum sent in May by Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock (Miller) which stated that there are two errors in the current Bylaw book: that electrical generating plants are allowed by special permit in Rowe's industrially-zoned land (alleged error dating back at least 17 years) and that the industrial zone is much larger than currently shown (error alleged to date back 53 years). In response, the Planning Board issued its own memorandum to all Town departments which, while not contesting the validity of the Town Coordinator's research, noted that the public has a fair right to rely on documents provided by the Town and that proceeding under the assumption that the Bylaws as they have been historically printed by Rowe are erroneous could be problematic and potentially expose the Town to litigation.

### • Wind Siting Act

In May, the Planning Board became aware of proposed legislation that would significantly restrict Massachusetts communities' home rule authority in order to expedite permitting and construction of industrial-scale wind energy facilities. A memo was sent to elected representatives op-

posing the legislation and calling for public hearings in the western part of the state, which would be disproportionately impacted by the new law. Later in the year, with the bill having undergone several revisions, the Planning Board felt its concerns had not been adequately addressed. In November the Board issued another statement opposing the bill. Other local and regional public planning entities that have opposed the legislation include the Heath Planning Board, the Hawley Planning Board, the Franklin Regional Planning Board and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

### **Goal Post**

Since its inception, the Goal Post has been published by the Planning Board to facilitate information exchange between Town departments and residents and as a newsletter for items of general community interest. In 2007, the Planning Board hired Lynne Rudié of Montague, who handles submissions, general editing, design, typesetting etc., with final proofing and editorial approval by the Planning Board.

As a cost-saving measure and to update the mailing list, letters were sent to non-resident taxpayers requesting their response if they wished to continue receiving the Goal Post free of charge. Only nonresident taxpayers who do not reply will be removed from the mailing list. Residents of Rowe will not be affected. A new printer installed at Town Hall in 2009 enabled printing to be handled in-house, resulting in further reductions to the cost of producing the Goal Post.

Content of the Goal Post and the Planning Board's role in its production were a source of some controversy this year. In one instance, a resident submitted material which may have led some readers to believe (erroneously) that it had originated with Rowe's Veteran's Agent. To prevent similar errors in the future, all Goal Post articles are now credited with the submitter's name. In 2007, the Planning Board implemented a policy to ensure the Goal Post does not become a vehicle for persuasive political language. In late August an article was submitted concerning a so-called "green community" initiative which raised questions about whether it conformed to this policy. One member who felt strongly that it did demanded that the Planning Board chairman edit out the questionable content. He refused to do this, feeling that the matter should be discussed by the full board. A revised article was subsequently submitted and published, to the apparent satisfaction of all involved. However, the Planning Board member mentioned above called a special Planning Board meeting and moved that further operation of the Goal Post be transferred to the Board of Selectmen. None of the other four members seconded the motion and no further action was taken.

### **October Special Town Meeting**

An oversight resulted in three routine bills failing to be paid on time, which required their approval by Town Meeting voters. The expenditures were approved.

As invited by the Selectmen, the Planning Board submitted an article for inclusion on the warrant for October's Special Town Meeting. The article proposed that Rowe accept M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 22f, "opt-in" legislation that allows – but does not require – a municipal board empowered to issue a license, render a service, or perform work, etc., to fix reasonable fees for the same. The selectmen declined to place the article on the warrant. This proposal will be reintroduced at a future Town Meeting.

The Selectmen did place two articles on the warrant which would have had significant implications for the Planning Board, and for the Goal Post. The first of these sought to transfer all funds in the Planning Board's Goal Post Operations account to a new account controlled by the Board of Selectmen. The other article would have transferred all funds in the Planning Board's Legal Expenses account to the Selectmen's Legal Expenses account, effectively eliminating the Planning Board's independent access to counsel. Both measures were rejected by Rowe voters.

### **Zoning Bylaws**

The Planning Board continued working on recommended zoning bylaw changes, with the expectation of putting them before Rowe voters before the end of 2009. However, the events late in the year required that the Board focus its attention on other matters. The proposed bylaw revisions will be taken up again in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Roberson, Chairman  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Robert Dykeman  
Angela F. Foshay  
Danette L. Reynolds-Gallagher

# Police Department

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Animal Complaints	3
Breaking & Entering	1
Court Summons Served	3
Larceny	1
Medical Assistance	2
Mutual Aid	3
Permits Issued	14
Trespassing	2
Vandalism	2
9-1-1 Hang Ups	3
Reported Incidents	40
Unfounded Incidents	8

The number of complaints decreased quite a lot from previous years. The number of reported crimes decreased again in 2009. The seriousness of the crimes decreased also 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.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 I accepted the resignation of Officer Gail May. Although I was pleased for her that she had reached the time in her life when she could retire, I was saddened to see her go. Officer May had served the town for fourteen years as a police officer. During that time she helped a lot of the people of Rowe. During her entire career she was loyal, dedicated and always very professional. Police work tends to be a thankless job. I hope when you see Gail in town you let her know how much you appreciated her service. Thanks Gail.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Dandeneau  
Chief of Police

## Town Clerk - Elected Officials Sworn to Duty / Resignations

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### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Carrie Y. Silva – 6-2-09

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Angela F. Foshay – 6-4-09

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Geoffrey N. Bagley – 5-27-09

Paul McLatchy III – 11-23-09

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

Richard A. Tower, Sr. – 6-10-09

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Paul McLatchy III – 6-2-09

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 Years)

Roger L. Brown – 6-17-09

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Evelyn L. Dandeneau – 5-18-09

### PARK COMMISSIONER

Michael S. Laffond – 5-28-09

### PLANNING BOARD

David A. Roberson – 5-28-09

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lisa A. Danek-Burke – 6-8-09

### TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau – 5-18-09

## RESIGNATIONS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James D. Brown – 7-14-09

Geoffrey N. Bagley – 1-4-10

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 Years)

Roger L. Brown – 7-14-09

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Paul McLatchy III – 11-23-09

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Melissa S. Quinn – 11-9-09

### PLANNING BOARD

Ellynn B. Packard – 9-9-09

# Town Clerk - Appointees Sworn to Duty / Resignations

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## ADMIN ASST / ASST TO ACCOUNTANT

Sandra P. Daviau – 6-2-09

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Debra Crowningshield – 6-10-09

## ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Carole A. Veber – 1-25-10

## ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sandra J. Silva – 12-14-09

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen B. Miller – 6-2-09

John H. Williams – 6-4-09

David W. Lenth – 6-16-09

Jo-ann M. Brown – 6-23-09

Richard A. Tower – 6-23-09

Cynthia M. Laffond – 7-1-09

Jennifer E. Bagley – 9-16-09

## BOARD OF HEALTH CLERK

Linda Bickford – 7-1-09

## BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Claudine M. Poplawski – 1-5-10

## BROADBAND/TELECOM COMMITTEE

D. Gregory Poehlein – 4-21-09 & 9-8-09

David Dvore – 6-4-09

Russell Jolly – 6-8-09

## BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

John H. Williams – 6-4-09

Angela F. Foshay – 6-4-09

(Committee later disbanded)

## CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

Rebecca P. Bradley – 9-15-09

## CDBG 2009 HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Rep. – 9-23-09

## CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen B. Miller – 6-1-09

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) FOR YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY

Leonard J. Laffond, Rowe Rep. – 6-12-09

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Edwin L. May – 6-4-09

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert R. Rice – 6-15-09

## CONSTABLE

David F. Scrivens – 6-30-09

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Doris C. Fensky – 2-24-09 & 6-9-09

Sandra P. Daviau – 6-2-09

Marilyn Belval – 6-4-09

Mary Ann Dykeman – 6-4-09

Shirley Veber – 6-9-09

Jo-ann M. Brown – 6-23-09

Christine A. Tower – 6-23-09

## CULTURAL COUNCIL (3 Yr appt)

Elizabeth Vernes – 6-9-09

Barbara J. Roche – 6-30-09

Robin Booth – 9-26-09

## DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Dennis F. May – 11-10-09

## DPW SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor – 6-4-09

## ELECTION WARDEN

Jennifer Morse – 1-19-10

## ELECTION TELLERS / WORKERS

Claudine M. Poplawski – 8-25-09

Kristen C. Swenson – 8-25-09

Rebecca F. Richardson – 8-28-09

Heidi Cousineau – 8-28-09

Shirley Veber – 9-1-09

Laurie L. Laffond – 9-7-09

Barbara L. Griffin – 2-23-09 & 9-11-09

Carole A. Veber – 10-1-09

Robin Reed – 12-8-09

Prudence Berry – 12-8-09

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May – 6-4-09

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TECHNICIANS

Gail May – 6-9-09

C. Selmi Hyytinen – 7-8-09

## EMS COORDINATOR

Gail May – 6-9-09

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

Lisa A. Danek-Burke – 6-8-09

John R. H. Packard – 6-12-09

Barbara J. Roche – 6-30-09

William A. Loomis – 8-18-09

## ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor – 6-4-09

**FIELD DRIVER**

Sandra P. Daviau – 6-2-09

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Susan C. Wood – 3-2-10

**FIRE CHIEF**

Edwin L. May – 6-4-09

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAINS**

Jonathan Lively – 7-11-09

Paul McLatchy, Jr. – 7-28-09

**FIRE LIEUTENANT**

Robert J. Clancy – 2-22-10

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Edwin L. May – 6-4-09

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

David Roberson, Rowe Rep. – 6-8-09

**GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Marilyn H. Belval – 6-4-09

William C. Belval – 6-4-09

MaryAnn Dykeman – 6-4-09

Robert L. Dykeman – 6-4-09

Cynthia M. Laffond – 6-4-09

Leonard J. Laffond – 6-4-09

Judith A. Pierce – 6-4-09

John H. Williams – 6-4-09

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**

Edwin L. May – 6-4-09

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-Yr Term)**

Judith A. Pierce – 6-4-09

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

William Foster – 6-1-09

**MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER**

Ellsworth E. Palmer – 6-4-09

Thomas P. Danek, Jr. – 6-4-09

James H. Williams – 7-20-09

**MOHAWK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MMAC)**

William A. Loomis, Rowe Rep. – 8-18-09

**NURSE ADVISORY BOARD**

Dr. Herbert L. Glass – 6-16-09

Margaret B. Rice – 7-11-09

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Ellen B. Miller – 3-26-09 & 6-1-09

Edward J. Silva – 3-30-09

Sandra J. Silva – 3-30-09

Carrie Y. Silva – 3-31-09 & 6-3-09

Robin Reed – 4-3-09

Mary E. Paige – 4-6-09

Robert A. Silva – 4-6-09 & 6-3-09

Christine A. Tower – 4-6-09 & 6-23-09

Cynthia M. Laffond – 5-16-09 & 6-8-09

Leonard J. Laffond – 5-16-09 & 6-12-09

Robert R. Rice – 6-15-09

Margaret B. Rice – 6-15-09

Jo-ann M. Brown – 6-23-09

**PLANNING BOARD**

Danette L. Reynolds-Gallagher – 11-3-09

**POLICE CHIEF / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER**

Henry J. Dandeneau – 6-29-09

**POLICE / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

David Rich – 6-30-09

Charles Bellows – 7-7-09

Jared Bellows – 7-7-09

C. Selmi Hyytinen – 7-8-09

**POUND KEEPER**

Sandra P. Daviau – 6-2-09

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Helen R. Shields – 8-27-09

Judith A. Pierce – 9-1-09

Carrie Y. Silva – 9-4-09

Lisa L. Miller – 9-24-09

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, ASSISTANT**

Ellen B. Miller – 10-28-09

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

James W. Taylor – 6-4-09

**TEMPORARY ACTING TOWN CLERK**

Heidi Cousineau – 5-14-09

Carole A. Veber – 5-14-09

**TEMPORARY TOWN MEETING CLERK**

Ellen B. Miller – 5-11-09

**TOWN HEALTH AGENT**

Lisa A. Danek-Burke – 6-22-09

**TOWN NURSE**

Sheila Litchfield – 6-17-09

**TOWN COUNSEL**

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

**TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

James Lively – 10-9-09

Edwin Palmer – 10-10-09

**TREE WARDEN**

James W. Taylor – 6-4-09

**VETERANS' AGENT**

David F. Scrivens – 6-1-09

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE**

John H. Williams – 6-4-09

David A. Roberson – 6-8-09 (*resigned*)

Leonard J. Laffond – 6-12-09

David W. Lenth – 6-16-09

Frederick N. Williams – 6-24-09

Walter J. Quist – 8-17-09

William A. Loomis – 8-18-09

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Leonard J. Laffond – 6-12-09

Paul McLatchy III – 6-23-09

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

**ALTERNATE MEMBER**

William A. Loomis – 8-18-09

**Resignations by Appointees**

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Laura S. Roberson – 10-8-09

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE**

David A. Roberson – 8-24-09

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Roger L. Brown – 7-14-09

Judith A. Pierce – 9-22-09

# Town Clerk - Vital Statistics / Licenses & Permits - 2009

## BIRTHS

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

**Camden Dale Cousineau**  
Heidi Cousineau  
David A. Cousineau

**Penny Cecelia May**  
Kristina A. May  
Paul E. May

## DEATHS

**Nancy A. Brown**  
March 7, 1943 – September 20, 2009  
Died in Pittsfield, MA

**Charles "Cookie" L. Avery**  
February 21, 1946 – October 4, 2009  
Died in Springfield, MA

**June E. Hart**  
October 25, 1918 – November 26, 2009  
Died in Stoughton, MA

## MARRIAGES

**Christina Marie Veronesi**  
**Andrew Elliott Sebula**  
April 8, 2009  
Married in Rowe

**Pamela Natalia Medina Vargas**  
**Lucas Kyle Earle**  
April 9, 2009  
Married in Rowe

**Wendy Kathleen McLatchy**  
**David Ariel Norcross**  
August 22, 2009  
Married in Rowe

**Jenna Marie Plante**  
**Matthew Robert Crowningshield**  
October 3, 2009  
Married in Montague (Turners Falls)

**Donna Jean Flagg**  
**Glenn Matthew White**  
December 24, 2009  
Married in Rowe

## BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

	<i>Issue Date</i>	<i>Expires</i>
(1) Robin Booth ( <i>new</i> ) dba Bina's 194 Leshure Road Rowe MA		02/06/09 – 02/06/13
(2) Heidi Cousineau ( <i>new</i> ) dba Heidi Cousineau 30 Old Cyrus Stage Road PO Box 455, Rowe MA		02/25/09 – 02/25/13
(3) Sean R. Loomis ( <i>renewed</i> ) dba Greencare Landscape / Lawn Maintenance 63 Middletown Hill Road Rowe MA		04/21/09 – 04/21/13
(4) Richard E. Alix ( <i>renewed</i> ) dba Fort Pelham Wood Products 59 Middletown Hill Road Rowe MA		06/03/09 – 06/03/13
(5) Linda Bickford ( <i>new</i> ) dba Pawsative Foundation 182 Ford Hill Road Rowe MA		09/22/09 – 09/22/13
Five (5) @ \$1.00		<u>\$5.00</u>
<b>Total Paid to Town Treasurer</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>

## CLOSED BUSINESSES

None		
Zero (0) @ \$0.50		<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total Paid to Town Treasurer</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

## GENEOLOGY/VITAL RECORD REQUESTS; MISCELLANEOUS REQUESTS; CERTIFIED AND/OR ABSTRACT COPIES; INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE; DONATIONS

<i>Various</i>		
<b>Total Paid to Town Treasurer</b>		<b>\$130.75</b>

## LICENSES AND PERMITS SOLD

### DOG LICENSES

32 - Males @ \$3.00 (Includes 1 for 2008)	\$96.00
21 - Neutered Males @ \$3.00	63.00
9 - Females @ \$6.00	54.00
55 - Spayed Females @ \$3.00 (Includes 1 for 2008)	165.00
1 - Kennel (10 dogs or less) @ \$25.00	25.00
2 - Late Charges @ \$25.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL DOG LICENSES &amp; Late Charges</b>	<b>\$453.00</b>
Less fees retained by Town Clerk	-88.50
<b>Total Paid to Town Treasurer</b>	<b>\$364.50</b>

### SPORTING LICENSES

F1 - Resident Fishing @ \$27.50	(7)	\$192.50
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	(5)	0.00
F6 - Non-resident Fishing @ \$37.50	(1)	37.50
F7 - Non-resident Fishing-3 day @ \$23.50	(1)	23.50
F8 - Resident Fishing-3 day @ \$12.50	(1)	12.50
F9 - Non-resident Fishing 15-17 @ \$11.50	(0)	0.00
H1 - Resident Citizen Hunting @ \$27.50	(7)	192.50
H2 - Resident Hunting 65-69 @ \$16.25	(0)	0.00
H3 - Resident Hunting (para) = Free	(0)	0.00
H4 - Resident Alien Hunting @ \$27.50	(0)	0.00
H5 - Non-resident Hunting Big Game @ \$99.50	(6)	597.00
H6 - Non-resident Hunting Small Game @ \$65.50	(0)	0.00

H8 - Resident Minor Hunting 15-17 @ \$11.50	(0)	0.00
S1 - Resident Sporting @ \$45.00	(18)	810.00
S2 - Resident Sporting 65-69 @ \$25.00	(5)	125.00
S3 - Resident Sporting 70 or over = Free	(10)	0
DF - Duplicate Fishing @ \$2.50	(0)	0.00
DH - Duplicate Hunting @ \$2.50	(0)	0.00
DS - Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50	(1)	2.50
<b>TOTAL SPORTING LICENSES</b>		<b>\$2,025.50</b>

### SPORTING STAMPS

M1 - Archery @ \$5.10	(11)	56.10
M2 - Waterfowl Stamp @ \$5.00	(1)	5.00
M3 - Primitive Firearms Stamp @ \$5.10	(23)	117.30
<b>TOTAL STAMPS</b>		<b>\$178.40</b>

<b>TOTAL SPORTING FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>\$2,203.90</b>
Less fees retained by Town Clerk	-27.65
<b>Total Paid to MassWildlife</b>	<b>\$2,176.25</b>

### RAFFLE PERMITS

(1) Bike & Build, Inc. @ \$10.00	10.00
(2) Rowe Community Church @ \$10.00	10.00
(3) Rowe Elementary School - PTP @ \$10.00	10.00
<b>Total Paid to Town Treasurer</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

# Town of Rowe - Dogs Licenses in 2009 (All licenses expire March 31, 2010)

Owner	Address	Name	Sex	Age	Breed	Color	Rabies Due	Date Licensed	Lic Type	2009 Tag #	Amount Paid	
<b>Female</b>												
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Kodei	1	F	4	Shiba Inu	10/13/2009	02/25/09	Renewal	15	\$6.00	
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Rd	Phoebe	1	F	3	Lab/Retriever	02/21/2010	03/10/09	Renewal	20	\$6.00	
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Rd	Piper	1	F	4	Lab/Retriever	05/29/2009	03/10/09	Renewal	21	\$6.00	
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Rd	Aislin	1	F	8	Lab/Retriever	04/16/2011	03/10/09	Renewal	22	\$6.00	
Jessica Thane	32 Davenport Branch Rd	Diva	1	F	3	Great Pyrennes	03/14/2010	03/14/09	New	29	\$6.00	
Henry Dandeneau	272 Zoar Rd	Sarah	1	F	9	Brittany Spaniel	07/09/2009	06/09/09	Renewal	103	\$6.00	
Mike & Laurie Laffond	208 Hazelton Rd	Daisy	1	F	4 mo	Yorkshire Terrier	07/06/2010	07/07/09	New	114	\$6.00	
Dan & Claudine Poplawski	37 Shippee Rd	Shadow	1	F	3 mo	Lab/Retriever	09/15/2010	09/22/09	New	119	\$6.00	
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Mollie	1	F	9 mo	Shiba Inu	12/07/2010	12/10/09	New	121	\$6.00	
			9								\$54.00	
<b>Male</b>												
Pete Brown	16 Shumway Rd	Shiloh	1	M	11 mo	Beagle Mix	09/09/2009	02/03/09	Renew	04	\$3.00	
Pete Brown	16 Shumway Rd	Rebel	1	M	11	Beagle	09/09/2011	02/03/09	Renew	05	\$3.00	
Ellen Babcock	160 Hazelton Rd	Toby	1	M	8	Beagle Mix	08/14/2009	02/05/09	Renew	06	\$3.00	
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Kasey	1	M	1.5	Shiba Inu (Sheba)	11/07/2011	02/26/09	Renew	17	\$3.00	
Jessica Thane	32 Davenport Branch Rd	Remi	1	M	10 mo	Ches. Bay Retriever	03/14/2010	03/14/09	New	33	\$3.00	
Glenn White & Donna Flagg	245 Leshure Rd	Guido	1	M	11	Boxer	02/07/2011	03/17/09	Renew	34	\$3.00	
William Parent	39 Stone Hill Rd	Skipper	1	M	6	Springer Spaniel	06/06/2009	03/31/09	Renew	41	\$3.00	
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Brady	1	M	3	Choc Lab	03/16/2012	04/01/09	Renew	43	\$3.00	
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Sylas	1	M	13	Spaniel	03/16/2012	04/01/09	Renew	45	\$3.00	
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Cookie	1	M	4	Mixed Breed	03/16/2012	04/01/09	Renew	46	\$3.00	
Debbie Crowningshield	450 Tunnel Rd	Tobey	1	M	3	Choc Lab	02/15/2010	04/01/09	Renew	47	\$3.00	
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Oreo	1	M	4 mo	Poodle, Miniature	03/09/2010	04/02/09	New	49	\$3.00	
Christina Rode	131 Zoar Rd	Buster	1	M	4 mo	Yorkshire Terrier	02/14/2010	04/02/09	New	53	\$3.00	
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Rd	Bichoux	1	M	4	Bichon Frise	03/20/2012	04/07/09	Renew	60	\$3.00	
Ellynn Packard	80 Davenport Rd	Danny	1	M	6	Brittany Spaniel	02/20/2012	04/14/09	Renew	65	\$3.00	
Deb Katz	47 Stone Hill Rd	Gordon	1	M	7	Setter	05/08/2010	04/21/09	Renew	70	\$3.00	
Sean Loomis	80 Davenport Rd	Letum	1	M	10	Lab Mix	04/26/2012	04/28/09	Renew	75	\$3.00	
Sean Loomis	63 Middletown Hill Rd	Andy	1	M	11	Daschound	04/26/2012	04/28/09	Renew	76	\$3.00	
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Rd	Toby	1	M	2	Beagle Basset Mix	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	85	\$3.00	
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Rd	Tango	1	M	7	Rotweiler	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	86	\$3.00	
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Rd	Henry	1	M	3	Yorkshire Terrier	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	90	\$3.00	
James White & Lisa Bryant (Capri)	11 Hazelton Rd	Chico	2	M	2?	Pitbull	02/09/2010	04/30/09	New	91	\$6.00	
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Rd	Gus	1	M	8	Doberman	05/01/2010	05/05/09	Renew	93	\$3.00	
Joann Burdick & Jim Sousa	99 Brittingham Hill	Milo	1	M	11 mo	Border Collie	08/21/2009	05/12/09	Renew	94	\$3.00	
Sandy & Dennis Lively	148 Davenport Rd	Hunter	1	M	4	Choc Lab Retriever	08/07/2009	06/02/09	Renew	99	\$3.00	
Darlene & Oral Jackson	88 Hazelton Rd	Cody	1	M	4	German Shepherd	11/28/2009	06/15/09	Renew	104	\$3.00	
Linda Avery	276 Zoar Rd	Powder	1	M	10	Pitbull	06/12/2010	06/17/09	Renew	105	\$3.00	
Kerri McLatchy	17 Newell Cross Rd	Tucker	1	M	1	Choc Lab Retriever	08/06/2009	06/17/09	Renew	107	\$3.00	
Andy Lively	4 Stone Hill Rd	Chief	1	M	2	Aust. Shepherd (Cattle Dog)	09/26/2010	07/07/09	Renewal	115	\$3.00	
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Rd	Milo	1	M	5 mo	Great Dane	07/20/2010	09/16/09	New	116	\$3.00	
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Rd	Otis	1	M	5 mo	Great Dane	07/20/2010	09/16/09	New	117	\$3.00	

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<b>Neutered Male</b>											
M. Arlene Andognini	163 Hazelton Rd	Ted E Bear	1	NM	10	Airedale Terrier	10/15/2009	02/11/09	Renew	11	\$3.00
Brittani Sprague	242 Ford Hill Rd	Bear	1	NM	4	Choc Lab	04/28/2010	08/10/09	Renew	23	\$3.00
Earl Carlow	42 Ford Hill Rd	Bruno	1	NM	4	Boxer/Lab	01/12/2011	03/10/09	Renew	24	\$3.00
Jessica Thane	42 Ford Hill Rd	Buster	1	NM	4	Boxer/Lab	01/12/2011	03/10/09	Renew	25	\$3.00
Chris Tower	52 Davenport Branch Rd	Jake	1	NM	1	Great Pyrennes	03/14/2010	03/14/09	New	30	\$3.00
Jenna Plante	234 Zoar Rd	Archie	1	NM	10	Lab	03/15/2011	03/17/09	Renew	37	\$3.00
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	37 Steele Brook Rd	Pepper	1	NM	7 mo	Dalmation	02/17/2010	03/31/09	New	42	\$3.00
Robin Reed	30 Potter Rd	Issac	1	NM	6	Border Collie/Lab	02/20/2011	04/02/09	Renew	54	\$3.00
Kelle Quist	48 Hazelton Rd	Cooper	1	NM	4	Spaniel Mix	10/21/2009	04/07/09	Renew	59	\$3.00
Robert & Karen Markert	4 Ford Hill Rd	Teddy	1	NM	2	Schipperke	04/12/2012	04/14/09	Renew	62	\$3.00
Deb Katz	377 Tunnel Rd	Angel	1	NM	8	Great Pyrennes	04/12/2012	04/21/09	Renew	69	\$3.00
Brian & Laurie Ash	80 Davenport Rd	Juneau	1	NM	2	Great Pyrennes	07/30/2011	04/21/09	Renew	71	\$3.00
Brian & Laurie Ash	6 Pine Hill Dr	Numan	1	NM	2	Great Pyrennes	04/02/2012	04/21/09	Renew	72	\$3.00
Brian & Laurie Ash	6 Pine Hill Dr	Kramer	1	NM	7	Retriever/Golden	04/02/2012	04/21/09	Renew	73	\$3.00
James White & Lisa Bryant	6 Pine Hill Dr	Gus	1	NM	11	Retriever/Golden	03/14/2011	04/21/09	Renew	74	\$3.00
Jennie & Wendy Sutherland	11 Hazelton Rd	Rocky	1	NM	7	Toy Fox Terrier	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	89	\$3.00
June Brown	202 Leshure Rd	Sebastian	1	NM	10	Corgi	02/24/2012	06/02/09	Renew	96	\$3.00
Gerrit White	110 County Rd	Toby	1	NM	5	German Shepherd	02/06/2011	06/02/09	Renew	98	\$3.00
Mike & Laurie Laffond	65 Potter Rd	Edward Bear	1	NM	8	Golden Retriever	03/21/2010	06/23/09	Renew	108	\$3.00
Amy Chattrin	208 Hazelton Rd	Cam	1	NM	4	Golden Retriever	07/06/2010	07/07/09	Renew	113	\$3.00
	505 Tunnel Rd	Buddy	1	NM	2	Chocolate Lab	09/21/2010	09/22/09	New	118	\$3.00
					21						\$63.00
<b>Spayed Female</b>											
Richard Alix & Florence Veber	59 Middletown Hill Rd	Miss Minerva	1	SF	6	Rat Terrier	01/24/2010	01/27/09	Renew	01	\$3.00
Crystal Shaw	78 Hazelton Rd	Jojo	2	SF	3	Shepherd Mix	01/12/2010	02/02/09	Renew	02	\$6.00
David Scrivens	35 Newell Cross Rd	Mandy	1	SF	16	Basset	03/11/2009	02/03/09	Renew	03	\$3.00
Ellen Babcock	160 Hazelton Rd	Snoopy	1	SF	10	Beagle	03/14/2012	02/05/09	Renew	07	\$3.00
Paul & Dale Dunnell	137 Leshure Rd	Holly	1	SF	11	Cockapoo	07/16/2010	02/05/09	Renew	08	\$3.00
Paul & Dale Dunnell	187 Leshure Rd	Ginger	1	SF	13	Golden Retriever	07/16/2010	02/05/09	Renew	09	\$3.00
M. Arlene Andognini	163 Hazelton Rd	Gold E Locks	1	SF	5	Airedale Terrier	03/07/2009	02/11/09	Renew	10	\$3.00
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Rd	Holliberr	1	SF	10	Sheltie	10/07/2011	02/17/09	Renew	12	\$3.00
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Rd	Bella	1	SF	7	Chihuahua	10/07/2011	02/17/09	Renew	13	\$3.00
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Rd	Lexi	1	SF	6	Cocker	12/02/2009	02/25/09	New	14	\$3.00
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Dusti	1	SF	10	Pomeranian	03/11/2009	02/25/09	Renew	16	\$3.00
Laura Roberson	589 Tunnel Rd	Meadow	1	SF	8	Malinois	10/30/2010	03/10/09	Renew	18	\$3.00
Laura Roberson	589 Tunnel Rd	Honey	1	SF	1.5	Belgian Malinois Mix	05/29/2009	03/10/09	Renew	19	\$3.00
Linda Bergeron	42 Leshure Rd	Katie	1	SF	6	Sheltie	05/03/2010	03/12/09	Renew	26	\$3.00
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Rd	Libby	1	SF	9	Mixed Breed	02/15/2010	03/12/09	Renew	27	\$3.00
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Rd	Miss T	1	SF	3	Shepherd Mix	04/10/2011	03/12/09	Renew	28	\$3.00
Carol Lively	11 Petrie Rd	Zoe	1	SF	9	Shepherd Mix	03/14/2010	03/14/09	Renew	31	\$3.00
Jessica Thane	32 Davenport Branch Rd	Nellie	1	SF	3	Yellow Lab	03/14/2010	03/14/09	New	32	\$3.00
Glenn White & Donna Flagg	245 Leshure Rd	Blossom	1	SF	7	Aussie Mix	12/08/2009	03/17/09	Renew	35	\$3.00
Chris Tower	234 Zoar Rd	Peggy Sue	1	SF	10	Pug	03/15/2011	03/17/09	Renew	36	\$3.00
Chris Tower	234 Zoar Rd	Tootsieanna	1	SF	13	Min Schnauzer	04/05/2010	03/17/09	Renew	38	\$3.00
Laurie Pike & Rick Williams	25 Middletown Hill Rd	Alyeska	1	SF	6	Mixed Breed	10/01/2010	03/24/09	Renew	39	\$3.00
Jeanette & Howard Crowningshield	106 Zoar Rd	Alice	1	SF	10	Border Collie	03/16/2012	03/24/09	Renew	40	\$3.00
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Blaze	1	SF	6	Mixed Breed	03/16/2012	04/01/09	Renew	44	\$3.00
Robert Clancy	12 County Branch Rd	Jenna	1	SF	12	Retriever/Lab Mix	07/09/2009	04/01/09	Renew	48	\$3.00
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Precious	1	SF	1	Poodle, Toy	04/02/09	04/02/09	Renew	50	\$3.00
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Daisy Mae	1	SF	1	Poodle, Toy	08/06/2009	04/02/09	Renew	51	\$3.00
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Princess	1	SF	2	Phantom Teacup Poodle	09/25/2009	04/02/09	Renew	52	\$3.00
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	30 Potter Rd	Razz	1	SF	12	Lab	01/12/2011	04/02/09	Renew	55	\$3.00
Audrey Faivre	29 Potter Rd	Amber	1	SF	6	Golden Retriever	09/26/2009	04/02/09	Renew	56	\$3.00

Owner	Address	Name	Sex	Age	Breed	Color	Rabies Due	Date Licensed	Lic Type	2009 Tag #	Amount Paid	
Susan & James Taylor	58 Pond Rd	Hope	1	SF	1	Keeshond	Black & Grey	08/23/2012	04/02/09	New	57	\$3.00
Gail May	14 Potter Rd	Dot	1	SF	10	Bluetick Coonhound	Black & White	10/31/2010	04/07/09	Renew	58	\$3.00
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Rd	Cassie	1	SF	4	Bichon Frise	White	04/18/2011	04/07/09	Renew	61	\$3.00
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Rd	Nina	1	SF	8	Mixed Breed	Tri-Color	06/20/2012	04/14/09	Renew	63	\$3.00
Elynn Packard	47 Stone Hill Rd	Sadie	1	SF	12	Brittany Spaniel	Liver/White	02/20/2012	04/14/09	Renew	64	\$3.00
Morghan Jolly	19 Stone Rd	Cheyenne	1	SF	11	Retriever/Golden Mix	Blonde/Gold	03/15/2011	04/14/09	Renew	66	\$3.00
David Wayne	45 Dell Rd	Cuppa	1	SF	13	Chihuahua	Tan and White	04/08/2012	04/15/09	Renew	67	\$3.00
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Rd	Bella	1	SF	5	Great Pyrennes	White	05/29/2011	04/21/09	Renew	68	\$3.00
Robert Rice	88 Davis Mine Rd	Annie	1	SF	5	Black Lab	Black	04/13/2012	04/30/09	Renew	83	\$3.00
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Rd	Pepper	1	SF	2	Terrier Mix	Brown	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	84	\$3.00
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Rd	Gracie	1	SF	2	Terrier	White w/Black Spots	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	87	\$3.00
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Rd	Sadie	1	SF	9	Lab Mix	Black w/White Spots	12/05/2009	04/30/09	Renew	88	\$3.00
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Rd	Maude	1	SF	13	Doberman/Whippet	Brown/Grey	04/27/2012	05/05/09	Renew	92	\$3.00
Jennie & Wendy Sutherland	202 Leshure Rd	Izzy	1	SF	2.5	Terrier Mix	White/Ian	02/24/2012	06/02/09	Renew	95	\$3.00
Sharon Hudson	15 Newell Cross Rd	Tivoli	1	SF	16	Shih Tzu	Black/White	01/06/2012	06/02/09	Renew	97	\$3.00
Linda Miller	22 Kings Highway	Maggie	1	SF	12	Lab/Chow Mix	Black	05/17/2012	06/02/09	Renew	100	\$3.00
Robin Johnston	75 Stone Hill Rd	Ebony	1	SF	15	Dash/Chihuahua	Black	10/09/2011	06/08/09	Renew	101	\$3.00
Herbert Glass	6 Kings Highway	Tobi	1	SF	1	Havanese	White w/Black & Tri-Color	09/11/2009	06/08/09	Renew	102	\$3.00
Paul McLatchy	17 Newell Cross Rd	Rylee	1	SF	4	Lab/BullMastiff	Black/White	05/17/2010	06/17/09	Renew	106	\$3.00
Leonda Hardison	22 Tunnel Rd	Ivy	1	SF	2.5	Lab	Yellow	02/22/2011	06/23/09	Renew	109	\$3.00
Dan Wessman - Bj Roche	37 Davenport Rd	Kasey	1	SF	11	Egyptian Hound/Mix	Black/Tan	12/05/2009	06/30/09	Renew	110	\$3.00
Linda Avery	276 Zoar Rd	Basil	1	SF	5	Beagle	Tri-Color	06/30/2010	06/30/09	Renew	111	\$3.00
Linda Bickford	182 Ford Hill Rd	Lucille	1	SF	13	German Shepherd	Black/Tan	08/15/2011	07/01/09	Renew	112	\$3.00
Robin Booth	194 Leshure Rd	Bailey	1	SF	3	Golden Retriever	Blonde/Gold	12/02/2009	10/13/09	Renew	120	\$3.00
			55									\$165.00
<b>Kennel - 4 dogs or less</b>			0						None			\$-
<b>Kennel - 10 dogs or less</b>												
Al Williams	58 Tatro Rd	Casey	1	M	2	Plotthound	Black Brindle	12/06/2009	04/28/09	Renew X-3 (77)		\$25.00
Al Williams	58 Tatro Rd	Bess		F	2	Plotthound	Buck Skin	12/06/2009	04/28/09	Renew X-3 (78)		
Al Williams	58 Tatro Rd	Penny		F	3	English Coonhound	Blue Tick	12/06/2009	04/28/09	Renew X-3 (79)		
Al Williams	58 Tatro Rd	Dot		F	3	English Coonhound	Blue Tick	12/06/2009	04/28/09	Renew X-3 (80)		
Al Williams	58 Tatro Rd	Lucy		F	5	English Coonhound	Red Tick	12/06/2009	04/28/09	Renew X-3 (81)		
Al Williams	58 Tatro Rd	Dakota		M	10	English Coonhound	Red Tick	12/06/2009	04/28/09	Renew X-3 (82)		\$25.00
			1									\$25.00
<b>TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED:</b>			118									\$408.00
<b>TOTAL LICENSE FEES COLLECTED:</b>												\$408.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Y. Silva, Town Clerk

# 2010 Prospective Juror List - Office Of Jury Commissioner (MGL Ch. 234a)

Name	Address	Name	Address
Allen, Susan D	191 #9 Rd	Drakulich, Jacqueline J	65 Potter Rd
Andognini, M A	163 Hazelton Rd A	Dunnell, Dale W	137 Leshure Rd
Appel Ms, Jamie B	PO Box 273	Dunnell, Paul P	137 Leshure Rd
Ash, Brian S	6 Pine Hill Dr	Dykeman, Robert L	468 Tunnel Rd
Ash, Laurie L	6 Pine Hill Dr	Fensky, Doris C	93 Brittingham Hill Rd
Avery, Charles L	PO Box 312	Fensky, Kenneth G	93 Brittingham Hill Rd
Avery, Linda E	PO Box 312	Flagg, Donna J	245 Leshure Rd
Babcock, Ellen L	160 Hazelton Rd	Foberg, Benjamin A	160 Hazelton Rd
Bagley, Geoffrey N	19 Ford Hill Rd	Foberg, Kirsten E	160 Hazelton Rd
Bagley, Jennifer	19 Ford Hill Rd	Gallagher, Robert L	30 Potter Rd
Baker, Roberta T	65 Stone Hill Rd	Glass, Helene S	PO Box 299
Barish, Jane L	Bx 296	Glass, Herbert L	6 Kings Highway
Belval, William C	154 Leshure Rd	Gleason, Susan P	PO Box 307
Bergeron-Larsen, Linda M	42 Leshure Rd	Gordon, Ronald P	49 Hazelton Rd
Berry, Prudence	144 Leshure Rd	Gordon, Rosemary R	49 Hazelton Rd
Bickford, Linda J	PO Box 458	Griffin, Barbara L	22 Ford Hill Rd
Bjork, Alan W	288 Zoar Rd	Grogan, Barbara	PO Box 305
Bjork, Timothy J	42 Leshure Rd	Hardison, Billy L	22 Tunnel Rd
Booth, Robin	194 Leshure Rd	Hardison, Leonda I	22 Tunnel Rd
Bouthonis, Arulamma	10 Kings Hwy	Heiligmann, Carlos	PO Box 328
Boutwell, Joyce A	7 Potter Rd	Hoffman, John	312 Zoar Rd
Boutwell, Scott E	7 Potter Rd	Hoffman, Kathleen	312 Zoar Rd
Bradley, Kenneth	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Horr, Joan C	228 Number Nine Rd
Bradley, Michael F	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Hyytinen, Christopher S	65 Hazelton Rd
Bradley, Patrick M	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Hyytinen, Tabitha J	65 Hazelton Rd
Bradley, Rebecca P	51 Middletown Hill Rd	Jackman, Seth T	78 Hazelton Rd
Brown, Ashley E	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Jackson, Crystal A	88 Hazelton Rd
Brown, Christopher M	110 Old County Rd	Jackson, Lisa M	88 Hazelton Rd
Brown, Craig W	141 Cyrus Stage Rd	Jackson, Oral L	88 Hazelton Rd
Brown, Roger L	27 Newell Cross Rd	Johnston, Robin L	75 Stone Hill Rd
Bryant, Capri	11 Hazelton Rd	Jolly, Russell W	19 Stone Rd
Bryant, Lisa A	11 Hazelton Rd	Katz, Esther D	80 Davenport Rd
Buck, Elizabeth V	306 Zoar Rd	Katz, Rebecca L	PO Box 3023
Buck, Philip E	306 Zoar Rd	Keppler, David J	145 Leshure Rd
Burdick, Joann M	99 Brittingham Hill Rd	Kindle, James	78 Hazelton Rd
Burke, Daniel J	465 Tunnel Rd	Kovach, Joseph A	25 Groll Rd
Carlow, Earl	PO Box 438	Laffond, Cynthia M	205 Hazelton Rd
Carlow, Myra B	PO Box 438	Laffond, Laurie L	208 Hazelton Rd
Cascone, Nancy J	24 Steele Brook Rd	Laffond, Leonard J	205 Hazelton Rd
Chattin, Amy	505 Tunnel Rd	Laffond, Michael S	208 Hazelton Rd
Chattin, Jillian F	505 Tunnel Rd	Lager, Joan S	10 Kings Highway
Chattin, Maxwell P	505 Tunnel Rd	Larned, Danielle M	26 Newell Cross Rd
Chattin, Michael	505 Tunnel Rd	Larned, Lance P	26 Newell Cross Rd
Chiofalo, Thomas L	87 Potter Rd	Levitre, Cristine	PO Box 296
Cirinna, Geoffrey T	252 Zoar Rd	Lively, Abigail R	4 Stone Hill Rd
Corarito, Arthur D	65 Dell Rd	Lively, Andrew J	4 Stone Hill Rd
Corarito, Maryann	65 Dell Rd	Lively, Carol F	11 Petrie Rd 22
Cousineau, David A	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	Lively, Deborah L	4 Stone Hill Rd
Cowie, Janet L	487 Tunnel Rd	Lively, Dennis G	148 Davenport Rd
Crowningshield, Debra A	450 Tunnel Rd	Lively, James W	4 Stone Hill Rd
Crowningshield, Jeanette	PO Box 286	Lively, Jonathan A	11 Petrie Rd
Crowningshield, Matthew R	37 Steele Brook Rd	Lively, Sandra J	148 Davenport Rd
Crowningshield, Steven R	450 Tunnel Rd	Loomis, Leann Z	63 Middletown Hill Rd
Dandeneau, Evelyn L	272 Zoar Rd	Loomis, Ruth E	40 Shippee Rd
Dandeneau, Henry J	272 Zoar Rd	Loomis, Sean R	63 Middletown Hill Rd
Danek Jr, Thomas P	39 Cross Rd	Loomis, William A	108 Hazelton Rd
Danek, Helen E	39 Cross Rd	Markert, Karen	377 Tunnel Rd
Danek-Burke, Lisa A	465 Tunnel Rd	Markert, Robert T	377 Tunnel Rd
Daviau, Sandra P	17 Potter Rd	May, Gail	14 Potter Rd
Donelson, Brian A	43 Potter Rd	May, Katherine E	68 Cross Rd
Donelson, Norma J	43 Potter Rd	May, Kristina A	68 Cross Rd
Donovan, Eugene J	100 Zoar Rd	May, Paul E	68 Cross Rd
Donovan, Sandra A	100 Zoar Rd	May, Seth A	68 Cross Rd

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
McLatchy III, Paul	17 Newell Cross Rd	Scrivens, David F	35 Newell Cross Rd
McLatchy, Kerri L	17 Newell Cross Rd	Sena, Josephine A	22 Kings Highway
McLatchy, Meghan K	17 Newell Cross Rd	Sherman, Connie A	77 Hazelton Rd
McLatchy, Wendy K	17 Newell Cross Rd	Sherman, Dohn W	77 Hazelton Rd
Miceli, Stephen M	16 Newell Cross Rd	Shippee, Julie J	21 Newell Cross Rd
Miller, Daniel J	PO Box 417	Shippee, Kenneth R	21 Newell Cross Rd
Miller, Kirk L	162 Zoar Rd	Silva, Carrie Y	PO Box 294
Miller, Linda M	10 Kings Hwy	Silva, Edward J	PO Box 272
Miller, Nicole P	162 Zoar Rd	Silva, Sandra J	54 Ford Hill Rd
Morano, Cara	14 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Snyder, Catherine T	49 Cross Rd
Morse Jr, Alfred C	PO Box 408	Snyder, Timothy C	49 Cross Rd
Morse Parent, Willian D	39 Stone Hill Rd	Soviecke, Anna	41 Davenport Rd
Morse, Marjorie H	PO Box 408	Soviecke, Karen	41 Davenport Rd
Packard, Ellynn B	47 Stone Hill Rd	Soviecke, Mitchell	41 Davenport Rd
Paige III, Clifford	23 Newell Cross Rd	Sprague, Brittani M	242 Ford Hill Rd
Paige, Mary E	23 Newell Cross Rd	Sprague, Katherine D	242 Ford Hill Rd
Parent, Jeffery E	32 Shippee Rd	Sprague, Kevin D	242 Ford Hill Rd
Parent, Kevin M	39 Stone Hill Rd	Strules, Jennifer E	145 Leshure Rd
Parent, William M	39 Stone Hill Esterdek	Sutherland, Jennie R	202 Leshure Rd
Phelps Jr, Daniel R	36 Petrie Rd	Sutherland, Wendy S	202 Leshure Rd
Phelps, Abigail M	36 Petrie Rd	Swenson, Kristen C	106 Middletown Hill Rd
Phelps, Maryjo A	36 Petrie Rd	Taylor, James W	58 Pond Rd
Phelps, Nancy D	36 Petrie Rd	Taylor, Susan B	58 Pond Rd
Pickett, Felicity	Box 273	Thurber, Bria	122 Davenport Rd
Pierce, Judith A	37 Brittingham Hill Rd	Thurber, Jacob A	122 Davenport Rd
Pike, Laurie J	PO Box 321	Tower, Christine A	234 Zoar Rd
Plante, Jenna M	37 Steele Brook Rd	Veber, Carole A	294 Zoar Rd
Poehlein, David G	PO Box 17	Veber, Florence M	PO Box 329
Poplawski, Claudine M	37 Shippee Rd	Veber, Mary	292 Zoar Rd
Poplawski, Daniel P	37 Shippee Rd	Veber, Presley	292 Zoar Rd
Powers, Russell L	163 Hazelton Rd	Veber, Tiffany R	PO Box 275
Quist, Kelle J	4 Ford Hill Rd	Wessman, Samantha E	37 Davenport Branch Rd
Quist, Walter J	4 Ford Hill Rd	White, Bryan M	245 Leshure Rd
Reardon, William N	146 Cyrus Stage Rd	White, Gerrit C	65 Potter Rd
Reed, Robin W	48 Hazelton Rd	White, James A	11 Hazelton Rd
Reynolds-Gallagher, Danette L	30 Potter Rd	White, Marguerite S	65 Potter Rd
Rice, Bradley J	86 Ford Hill Rd	White, Susan M	65 Potter Rd
Rice, Dean T	85 Ford Hill Rd	Williams, Albert R	58 Tatro Rd
Rice, Jennifer L	85 Ford Hill Rd	Williams, James H	106 Middletown Hill Rd
Rice, Margaret B	88 Davis Mine Rd	Williams, Jay T	75 Stone Hill Rd
Rice, Robert R	88 Davis Mine Rd	Williams, Kaitlyn R	75 Stone Hill Rd
Richardson, Rebecca F	42 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	Williams, Robert O	7 Middletown Hill Rd
Roberson, Laura S	539 Tunnel Rd	Williams, Valerie A	58 Tatro Rd
Robinson, Sayward M	163 Hazelton Rd	Wilson Rev, Douglas	144 Leshure Rd
Roche, Barbara J	PO Box 342	Wilson, Marilyn	37 Potter Rd
Rode, Christina M	131 Zoar Rd	Wood, Susan C	19 Stone Rd
Rooney, Francis C	505 Tunnel Rd	Zielonka, Stanley R	PO Box 276
Ross, Daniel C	22 Kings Hwy		
Rossi, John F	54 Brittingham Hill Rd		
Rossi, Martha	72 Brittingham Hill Rd		

# Rowe Voters List – December 31, 2009

Alix, Richard E	U	Crowningshield,		Hardison, Billy L	D	May, Katherine E	R
Andognini, Arlene	Q	Debra Ann	U	Hardison, Leonda Iris	U	May, Kristina A	R
Appel, Jamie Beth	D	Crowningshield,		Heiligmann, Carlos	D	May, Paul E	R
Ash, Brian S	U	Howard C	U	Heiligmann, Katherine S	D	McKee, James M	U
Ash, Laurie L	U	Crowningshield,		Houghtaling, Melissa A	U	McLatchy, Kerri L	U
Avery, Linda Eileen	L	Jeanette	U	Houghtaling, Thomas A	U	McLatchy, Lesley K	U
Avery, Marion A	U	Crowningshield,		Hudson, Gary H	D	McLatchy,	
		Matthew R	U	Hudson, Sharon C	D	Meghan Kristine	D
Babcock, Ellen L	U	Crowningshield,		Hyytinen,		McLatchy, Paul, Jr	U
Bagley, Geoffrey N	U	Steven Robert	U	Christopher Selmi	U	McLatchy, Paul III	D
Bagley, Jennifer	U			Hyytinen, Tabitha J	U	McLatchy, Wendy K	D
Baker, Roberta Tripp	U					Miceli, Steven M	U
Baker, William J	U	Dandeneau, Evelyn L	D			Miller, Daniel J	U
Barnes, Traci D Ms	D	Dandeneau, Henry G	U	Jackman, Seth T	U	Miller, Deborah	U
Belval, Marilyn Hurd	U	Dandeneau, Henry J.	U	Jackson, Crystal Ann	U	Miller, Linda M	U
Belval, William C	U	Dandeneau, Marion E	U	Jackson, Darlene A	U	Miller, Lisa L	D
Benson, Francis S	U	Danek, Helen Elizabeth	U	Jackson, Lisa Marie	D	Morano, Cara	U
Benson, Luella M	U	Danek, Lillian H	D	Jackson, Oral L	U	Morano, Chris	U
Bergeron-Larsen,Linda	U	Danek, Thomas P, Jr	U	Johnston, Robin Lee	U	Morse, Alfred C, Jr	U
Berry, Prudence	D	Danek-Burke, Lisa Ann	D	Jolly, Russell W	D	Morse, Jennifer A.	D
Besgen, Anne E	U	D'Astous, Donald S	U			Morse, Marjorie H	U
Bickford, Linda Jean	D	Daviau, Edward A	D	Kalaus, Dorothy M	U		
Bjork, Alan W	R	Daviau, Sandra P	D	Kalaus, Warren	U		
Bjork, Florence M	R	Davidson, Robert B, Sr	U	Katz, Deborah Booth	U	Packard, Ellynn Baxter	D
Bjork, Timothy J	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	D	Katz, Esther D	U	Packard, John R H	D
Booth, Robin	D	Donelson, Brian A	R	Katz, Rebecca Leah	D	Page, Dorothy F	U
Boutwell, Joyce A H	U	Donelson, Norma J	R	Kepler, David J	U	Paige, Clifford III	U
Boutwell, Raymond L	U	Donovan, Eugene J	D			Paige, Mary Eve	U
Boyd, Irene M	U	Donovan, Sandra A	U	Laffond, Cynthia M	U	Palmer, Edwin A	U
Boyd, William M	U	Dunnell, Dale W	U	Laffond, Laurie L	U	Palmer, Ellsworth E	U
Bradley, Kenneth	U	Dunnell, Paul P	R	Laffond, Leonard J	U	Parent, Jeffery E	U
Bradley, Michael F	U	Dvore, David	U	Laffond, Michael S	U	Parent, Margaret G	U
Bradley, Patrick M	U	Dykeman, Mary Ann	U	Lager, Joan Selby	U	Parent, Willian Morse	U
Bradley, Rebecca P	U	Dykeman, Robert L	U	Landry, Phyllis J	U	Petersen, Daureen W	U
Brown, James D	U			Larned, Danielle M	D	Phelps, Abigail M	U
Brown, Jo-ann M	D	Essert, Mary B	U	Larned, Lance P	U	Phelps, Daniel R, Jr	U
Brown, June W	R	Essert, Robert	U	Lenth, David W	R	Phelps, MaryJo Anne	U
Brown, Leonard J, Jr	R			Lenth, Mary E	U	Phelps, Nancy D	U
Brown, Lillian Norma	R	Faivre, Audrey I	U	Lesure, Lawrence M	U	Phillips, Michael J	U
Brown, Roger L	D	Fensky, Doris C	U	Levitre, Cristine	U	Pickett, Felicity	D
Brown, William M	R	Fensky, Kenneth G	U	Lively, Abigail R	U	Pierce, Judith A	R
Bryant, Capri	U	Flagg, Donna J	U	Lively, Andrew J	U	Pike, Laurie Jean	U
Bryant, Lisa A	D	Foberg, Benjamin A	U	Lively, Carol F	U	Plante, Jenna M	U
Buck, Elizabeth Victoria	U	Foberg, Kirsten E	U	Lively, Deborah L	U	Poehlein, David Gregory	U
Buck, Philip Edward	U	Foshay, Angela F	D	Lively, Dennis G	U	Poplawski,	
Burdick, Joann M	D	Foster, Bernice A	U	Lively, James W	U	Claudine Micheala	U
Burke, Daniel J	U	Foster, William G	U	Lively, Jonathan A	U	Poplawski, Daniel Paul	U
		Frankewicz, Sue Fraser	D	Lively, Sandra Julia	U	Powers, Russell L	U
				Loomis, Leann Zavotka	U		
Carlow, Earl	D	Gallagher, Robert L	U	Loomis, Ruth E	U	Quinn, Melissa S	D
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D	Gary, Virginia P	D	Loomis, Sean R	U	Quinn, Richard K	D
Cascone, Nancy J	U	Gaudry, George L	R	Loomis, William A	U	Quist, Kelle J	U
Chattin, Amy	U	Glass, Helene S	D	Lowell, Frederick K.	D	Quist, Walter J	U
Chattin, Jillian	U	Glass, Herbert L	D				
Chattin, Maxwell P	U	Gleason, Susan P	U	Markert, Karen	D	Reardon, Crystal J	U
Chattin, Michael	U	Gordon, Ronald P	U	Markert, Robert T	U	Reardon, Mary A	U
Chiofalo, Thomas L	U	Gordon, Rosemary R	U	May, Dennis F	U	Reardon, Tiffany J	U
Cirinna, Geoffrey T	D	Griffin, Barbara Lawson	U	May, Edwin L	R	Reardon, William Neil	U
Clancy, Robert J	D	Grogan, Barbara	R	May, Gail	U	Reed, Robin W	D
Corarito, Arthur D	U						
Corarito, Maryann	U						
Cousineau, David A	U						
Cousineau, Heidi	D						
Cowie, Bruce W	D						
Cowie, Janet L B	D						

Reynolds-Gallagher, Danette L	U	Vadeboncoeur, Joseph A	U
Rice, Bradley J	U	Vanitallie, JeanClaude	U
Rice, Dean T	R	Veber, Carole A	R
Rice, Jennifer L	R	Veber, Florence M	U
Rice, Margaret B	U	Veber, Shirley	R
Rice, Robert R	U	Veber, Terry	R
Richardson, Rebecca F	D	Veber, Tiffany R	R
Roberson, David A	U	Vernes, Elizabeth Anna	D
Roberson, Laura S	U	Vernes, Ian Arie	U
Robinson, Sayward M	D	Volland, Phyllis E	D
Roche, Barbara J	D		
Rode, Christina M	R	Wayne, David B	D
Ross, Daniel Caleb	D	Webster, Gideon K	U
Rossi, John F	R	Wessman, Daniel J	U
Rossi, Martha	U	Wessman, Samantha E	U
		White, Bryan M	U
Scrivens, Betty R	U	White, Gerrit C	U
Scrivens, David F	U	White, Glenn M	U
Sena, Josephine A	U	White, Susan M	D
Shaw, Crystal L	D	Williams, Albert R	U
Sherman, Connie Anne	U	Williams,	
Sherman, Dohn Wayne	U	Frederick Newton	U
Shields, Helen R	D	Williams, James H	R
Shippee, Julie J	R	Williams, James Thomas	R
Shippee, Kenneth R	R	Williams, John H	U
Silva, Carrie Y	R	Williams, Nancy N	U
Silva, Edward J	U	Williams, Robert O	U
Silva, Robert A	U	Williams, Susan A	U
Silva, Sandra J	U	Williams, Valerie Ann	U
Smith, Floyd W	U	Wilson, Douglas Rev	D
Smith, Phyllis T	U	Wilson, Marilyn	D
Snyder, Catherine T	U	Wilson, Raymond	D
Snyder, Timothy C	R	Wood,	
Sousa, James E	D	Jennifer Younglove	D
Soviecke, Karen	U	Wood, Susan Carol	D
Soviecke, Mitchell	U	Woodward, Eleanor L	R
Sprague, Brittani M	U	Woodward, Martin V	R
Sprague, Katherine D	R		
Sprague, Kevin D	U	Zielonka, Stanley R	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		
Taylor, James W	U		
Taylor, Sharon L	U		
Taylor, Susan Berry	U		
Thurber, Jacob A	U		
Tower, Christine A	R		
Tower, Richard A., Sr	R		

### Voters List - 12-31-09

#### Enrolled in a Party:

U - Unenrolled	195
D - Democrat	68
R - Republican	38

#### Enrolled under a Designation:

G - Green	0
L - Libertarian	1
Q - Independent	1
S - Socialist	0

**Total Voters 303**

## Veterans Agent

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It is with sorrow that we mark the passing of one of our Rowe veterans. Charles "Cookie" Avery passed away this past October. Cookie served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. The veterans of Rowe express our deepest sympathy to his wife Linda, his mother Marion, sister Deborah, brother Gary and the rest of his family and his countless friends. He will be missed by one and all.

I would like to express my thanks to Carole Veber and Roger and Jodi Brown for flagging all of our veterans' graves last year for Memorial Day.

The new Korean Conflict and Vietnam Veterans' plaque has been finished and will be in place on the Veterans' Memorial by Memorial Day. I hope to have a dedication of the new plaque at that time.

If anyone is aware of any veteran's grave that hasn't been marked or flagged, please let me know so it can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

David F. Scrivens  
Agent for Veterans

## Yankee Land Committee

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### History

For over seven years, the Rowe Yankee Land Committee has demonstrated a strong interest for the town to assume local control of the 1,735 acres of the Yankee Atomic Electric Company (YAEC) land in the northwest corner of our town.

The Yankee Nuclear Power Station (YNPS) ceased operation 17 years ago in 1992 and decommissioning was completed three years ago in 2007. However, the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), occupying about 2 acres along with its associated 300 meter buffer zone (approximately 70 acres), will most likely remain active on the site for many more years due to the Federal Government's (Department of Energy) failure to fulfill its statutory and contractual obligations to remove the spent nuclear fuel and Greater Than Class C (GTCC) waste from the site.

### What is the Land Like?

Most of this large parcel is in the northwest portion of Rowe with long-abandoned roads, stonewalls, cellar holes of ancient homes and barns, and even a long-forgotten cemetery. It contains several ridgelines and mountaintops, numerous free-flowing streams, steep ravines, all great habitat for deer, bear, turkey and other wildlife. Exactly the type of land Rowe should protect and preserve for future use and enjoyment by our residents and their friends.

### Why Should Rowe Want to Own That Land?

This parcel contains about 12% of all the land in Rowe. Its ultimate reuse and ownership should be of vital interest to all our citizens and, perhaps to all citizens of Massachusetts.

There are few such large parcels available in Massachusetts (or even in New England). During the latter stages of decommissioning, YAEC began to explore options for disposition of the excess property. Back in 2006 it seemed that most stakeholders, including the Commonwealth, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the media, our State Representatives, etc, thought that ownership by Rowe was the perfect solution to protect and preserve this unique parcel forever.

However, in 2007 new management at YAEC decided to start the process over to find interested parties to assume ownership. Yankee hired Vita Nuova—a national firm specializing in disposal of "brownfields"—to seek out potential buyers of the property.

The Committee has the opportunity to work alone or in combination with the Commonwealth, local land trusts, and/or non-profit conservation organizations to secure the property. However in any eventual transfer to a new owner, the land could be exempt from Rowe taxes.

And in that case, the citizens of Rowe might as well own the parcel to try to benefit our community and its citizens -

- To protect and preserve the majority of the parcel for open space as a town forest (and/or park) for public recreational usage.
- The actual site of the former nuclear power station and the ISFSI is now zoned Industrial, and eventually that site might be considered for another tax-paying Energy Project or other beneficial usage.

In what seems like a fantasy today, one company has already visited Rowe and made a town hall presentation of their dream to utilize that site for a geothermal electricity generating station. This plan would require deep drilling—deeper than today’s oil well drilling—but this company emphasized that the technology will soon be available. Rowe was the site of the first nuclear power station in New England and it is conceivably possible Rowe might also be the pioneer community for advanced Geothermal Energy Parks in the USA.

### **Current Status**

Yankee Land Committee has engaged the services of Franklin Land Trust (at no expense to the town) to represent the town’s interests in direct discussions with Vita Nuova, and to seek out potential grants or other funds that might be used for town purchase of the land.

The Yankee Land Committee has been meeting periodically in open meetings to continue the discussions. Soon open public meetings and press releases will be undertaken to keep all townspeople informed on the progress in this important matter for the future of Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

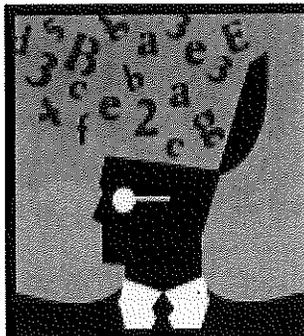
#### **Yankee Land Committee**

Len Laffond, Co-Chair  
Walt Quist, Co-Chair  
Dave Lenth  
Bill Loomis  
Jack Williams  
Rick Williams



# PART II

## Education



# Congratulations Graduates - 2009



Paul McLatchy III  
*Mohawk Trail Regional High School*

*(no photo submitted)*

Ashley E. Brown  
*Mohawk Trail Regional High School*

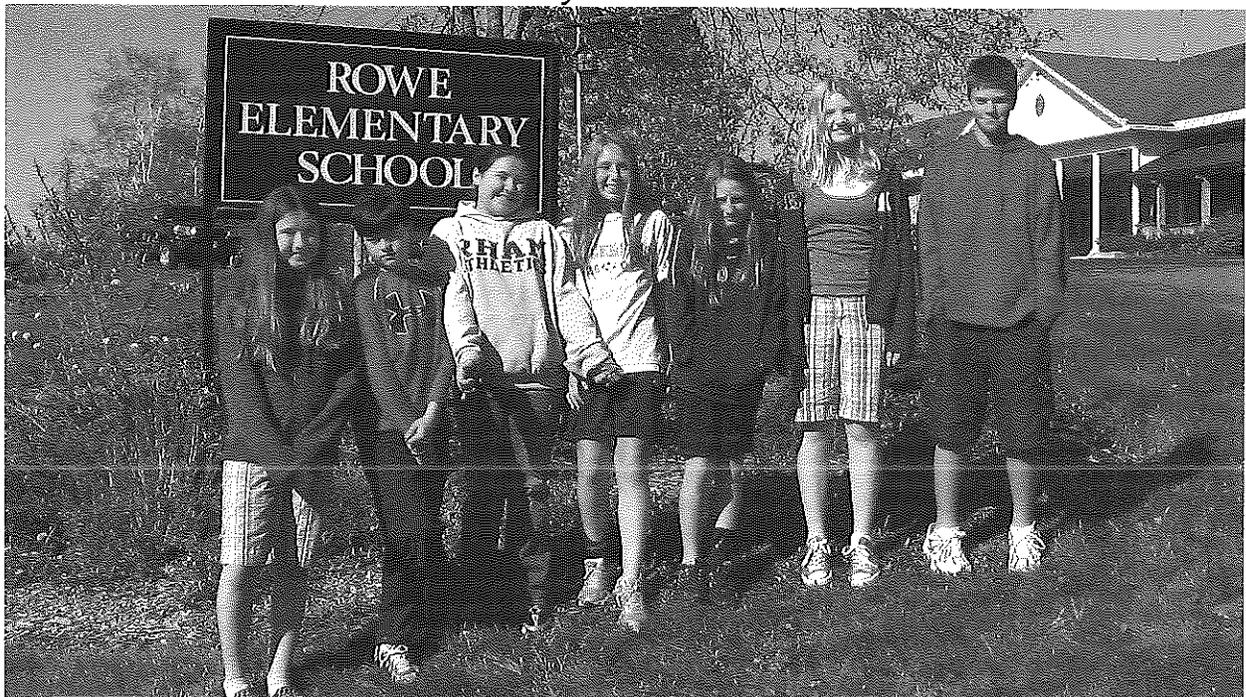


Nancy D. Phelps  
*Mohawk Trail Regional High School*

*(no photo submitted)*

Becca L. Hobbs  
*Franklin County Technical School*

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



*L to R: Rachel Richardson, Madison Baker, Paige Slauenwhite, Caitlyn Wilkins, Mackenzie Coburn, Angela Celli and Jameson Rice*

# School Enrollments

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## Rowe Elementary School

- 44 Rowe residents
- 24 School of Choice-In
  - ( 7) Buckland
  - ( 6) Charlemont
  - ( 1) Colrain
  - ( 1) Hawley
  - ( 9) Heath

**68 TOTAL**

## Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School

14

## Franklin County Technical High School

3

## The Academy at Charlemont

1

## The Bement School

1

## Four Rivers Charter School

1

## Home Schooled Students

- 1 Elementary Level
- 2 Middle/High School Level

## School of Choice - Out

(none known)



*Rowe Elementary School volunteers for the Deerfield River Clean-up Day - May 2009*

# Rowe Elementary School – Principal’s Report

It is once again my pleasure to submit the calendar year principal’s report for Rowe Elementary School. 2009 for Rowe School students and staff was another year of continued success.

- Rowe School passed with high marks its Five-Year Progress Report with the New England Association of Schools & Colleges receiving continued accreditation and several commendations including the following;
  - The strategies developed and implemented to involve all professional staff in the assimilation and execution of curriculum change
  - The establishment of peer-level evaluations of curriculum
  - The use of rubrics (guidelines for grading student performance)
  - Using creative strategies to maintain an adequate library and technology center for a small school
- Rowe School students had increases in student achievement as measured by the Commonwealth’s MCAS testing and classroom assessments.
- Rowe School teachers began work on improvements to the language arts curriculum that will go into the next calendar year.
- Building improvements were completed thanks to the Rowe Energy Committee that included conservation measures such as additional building insulation, lighting controls, an energy management system, and a new boiler.
- Grade three through six students visited Liberty and Ellis Islands as part of an immigration unit of study.
- Enrichment activities during and after school including sports offerings, hikes, drama, Science Club, music at Mohawk, and the use of Pelham Lake Park.

- The Rowe Parent Teacher Partnership held their 10<sup>th</sup> Holly Berry Craft Fair; an event looked forward to by many in and out of town.
- Volunteerism remains a high priority. 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.” Students cleaned the Zoar picnic area, worked in the school flower and vegetable beds and continue to find avenues to be good citizens locally while thinking globally.
- SCA/AmeriCorps volunteers worked with students 2-days a week for 4-months with projects in environmental science, an after-school outdoor club and building cardboard sled for the Berkshire East cardboard classic.
- Fifth and sixth grade students visited Washington, D.C. and observed the debate of legislation on the floor of the House and Senate.
- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish in the preschool classroom and up through the sixth grade entering Mohawk with solid world language skills.

In short, the learning adventure remains in place thanks 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



*Rowe Elementary School Students (Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) singing Edelweiss as part of their Germany unit, led by Music Teacher Gina Glover*

# MTRSD - Report of the Superintendent

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

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## Student-Centered

2009 was a pivotal year in which student education overcame chronic school funding problems within the Mohawk Trail Regional School System. While the Rowe District is funded primarily by the Town, the Mohawk and Hawlemont Districts are much more dependent upon the State. With the economy stuck in a recession in 2009, the State's ability to fund education suffered. However, because Central Office had made substantial improvements to the 3-Districts' business operations over the past several years, highlighted by the transition of its health care coverage to a far more affordable provider (Group Insurance Commission), Mohawk and Hawlemont were able to weather the 2009 State education funding storm with minimal impact on education. Despite flat State education aid (Chapter 70) and drastically reduced State funding of regional school transportation (Chapter 71), no educational programming was reduced and small class sizes were preserved. In short, educational improvement remained the central focus of all 3-Districts throughout the year. Student education overcame chronic fiscal crisis.

## Standards-Based Report Cards

All of the 3-District elementary schools transitioned to a standards-based report card in 2009, which marked a significant change in the assessment of student learning in grades kindergarten through grade 6. Traditionally, student learning had been assessed on a 0-100% scale with letter grades in major subject areas. The standards-based report card now enables the Districts to assess student learning on a much more specific level. As an illustration, in grade 3, students are assessed according to their ability "to identify geometric angles as acute, right, or obtuse." Additionally, rather than letter grades, the students are assessed according to a numerical scale of 1-4, with a 4 indicating that the student exceeded the standard and a 1 indicating an area of concern. This change in assessment methodology is having a profoundly positive impact on curriculum and instruction within the elementary classrooms.

## Educational Improvement Planning

The 3-Districts completed the development of their District Improvement Plans in 2009, which aligned their three major educational planning instruments (District Educational Goals, District Improvement Plans, and School Improvement Plans). The District Educational Goals are adopted by School Committee. The District Improvement Plans are generated by Administrative Council, a team comprised of several administrators including the Superintendent, the Principal, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and the Director of Curriculum and Assessment. The School Improvement Plans are authored by the Principal, in consultation with the Local Education Council, and are approved by the Superintendent. All of these educational planning documents are available to the public on the 3-District website [www.MohawkSchools.org](http://www.MohawkSchools.org).

## School Community Communications

The 3-Districts developed a new website in 2009 with the goal of creating a user-friendly school system information hub for the many school community stakeholders. Students can access homework assignments. Parents can review their student's grades and attendance records within the secure Parent Portal. Teachers can access the new report cards and will soon be able to share a wealth of curricular and instructional materials with their colleagues. Additionally, school news, school calendars, and lunch menus are posted on the website. On snow days, a red banner is emblazoned across the top of the website to help inform families and staff that school is either canceled or delayed due to poor weather conditions. The new MohawkSchools.org website got off to a good start in 2009, and we can expect exciting additions to be added throughout the coming year.

## The Year Ahead

I anticipate that 2010 will be similar to 2009, but perhaps even more challenging. Because the State economy tends to lag one year behind the private sector, it is quite probable that the level of State education funding will be less in 2010 than 2009. The general consensus among financial experts is that 2010 will be the worst State budget year of this recession and that education funding should begin to improve in 2011. Consequently, Central Office is preparing 2010-2011 budget proposals based on this funding contingency. Similar to 2009, I anticipate the 3-Districts finding a way to sustain all educational programming and preserving small class sizes. Despite the potentially bleaker economic backdrop in 2010, the 3-Districts will remain focused on improving student learning, ensuring a quality education for all its students.

Michael A. Buoniconti  
Superintendent of Schools

# Mohawk Trail Regional High School – Report of the Principal

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It is my honor to present the Annual Report of the Principal of Mohawk Trail Regional High School. Our enrollment is 585 students in grades 7-12, with 61 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.

Mohawk students continue to get accepted to the nation's top colleges and universities. This past year, four Mohawk students received the prestigious honor of being recognized by the *College Board* as Advanced Placement Scholars and two current seniors and were recognized by the National Merit Scholar Program. Community service initiatives begun by the National Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council provide an incredible amount of support for those less fortunate in our own community and across the world. At the time of this report, the three groups are combining their efforts to assist those suffering from the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Our students remain an incredible source of pride for the entire community.

Our talented and dedicated staff continues to provide our students with extensive opportunities to learn and apply knowledge beyond the walls of their classrooms. English teachers Scott Whitney and Neale Gay are planning a trip to Greece in April. Science Department Chair Kathy Stier offered the Tropical Ecology of Belize course, which culminated with a 10-day expedition to the rainforests of that nation. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Gay also provided the school's first drama performance in many years with a performance of *Waiting for Godot* and are currently preparing for a performance of *Rhinoceros* this coming spring. Fellow department member Erik Sussbauer also produced a student literary magazine *The WIP* and brought three student teachers to Mohawk through a partnership he established with the University of Massachusetts. Our teachers also continue to help students

extend learning by cultivating varied interests through the provision of an extensive number of independent studies including Advanced Art and Music study, Photography, Cold War Studies, Art History and an internship in Landscaping.

The Mohawk Music Association and the Mohawk Athletic Association continue to provide Mohawk with incredible support for our students. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to all those from our communities who give so much of their time and effort as part of these important organizations. This year, Mohawk Music Director Dorathea Katanas will lead the production of *West Side Story*. In athletics, the Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams wrapped up incredible 2008-2009 seasons with appearances in the playoffs, with the Boys making it all the way to the District Finals and having coach John Hickey named as WMASS Division 2 Coach of the Year. The Baseball, Girls' Tennis and Boys' Volleyball teams also qualified for post-season play. Participation in each season remains strong with more than 240 students participating in the fall and winter seasons each and 168 Mohawk students took to the fields and courts last spring.

As our students continue their pursuit of their educational goals, I would like to extend our gratitude on behalf of the students for the efforts of so many in the community who help to make Mohawk the center of the nine towns we serve. It is through the support of the towns, the School Committee, the members of our fundraising organizations and Mohawk's outstanding teaching staff that we are able to provide an excellent educational experience for our students.

Brian E. Beck  
Principal

# MTRSD - Library/Media Services

School	Library Manager	Materials Circulated
Buckland Shelburne Elementary	Toni Wilcox	9,735
Colrain Central Elementary	Genie Shearer	6,060
Hawlemont Elementary	Mary Boehmer	7,624
Heath Elementary	Wanda Musacchio	3,584
Mohawk Trail Regional 7-12	Gina Wells	3,468
Rowe Elementary	Sue Kranz	1,865
Sanderson Academy	Eileen McCusker Rauch	4,318

In 2009, the Destiny online catalog was adopted by six of the seven school libraries in the Mohawk School System. Go to <http://library.mohawkschools.org> on Internet to view library holdings at these schools.

**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 did a Thanksgiving "Cornucopia of Book Authors" bulletin board. From this project these students learned the Dewey Decimal System.

**Colrain Central Elementary:** Students worked at being "Book Smart" in 2009. Read alouds focused on new authors and book series. Younger students enjoyed *The Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne and the older students enjoyed *The Inheritance* series by Christopher Paolini. Two book fairs were held, one in October and one in March. Book fairs continue to be a way for Colrain Central to earn books for our own library and classrooms as well as add to student's home libraries. Our summer day camp for the month of July provided a great way to use the school library in the summer! Our themes for the four weeks were: Water Cycles, Dinosaurs, Our Universe and Nature. Thirty-eight children attended camp this summer here at Colrain Central.

**Hawlemont Elementary:** In August, the Hawlemont Library hosted a square dance at the town Exhibition Hall to celebrate all of the great summer reading that took place throughout Charlemont and Hawley. In September and June all Hawlemont students took field trips to the Tyler Memorial Library. During the holidays the Hawlemont Library had a "Grinch" Read-A-Thon. Students read over 350 books for the month of December. The library also had a Holiday Book Give Away. The library was able to give two new books to every student. During February the Hawlemont Library hosted a Sleepy Time Story Hour for young readers and their families. We had over 40 students and families attend. During the months of March and April the library had a Book Chat Club. Students in grades 3-6 participated and read three different books during club time. During the month of May the library had students create summer reading tee shirt designs. The winning shirt design was printed on summer reading tee shirts for the community.

**Heath Elementary:** In the "Read Across America" program, Dr. Seuss's birthday was celebrated in a theatrical presentation of a book featuring Heath School staff. 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 and DVDs for the library.

**Mohawk Trail Regional School 7-12:** The 18 students in the Fantasy Book Club read the four books in the *Blue Bloods* series by Melissa De la Cruz. Students in Lynn Dole's Sociology Class created a videotape about the viewpoints of senior citizens toward changes in society. This video was aired on Falls Cable. During Reading Celebration Day in April students created posters and teachers, students and community members gave short book talks about books they enjoyed. Also in April, there was a Scholastic Book Fair. The Wood Shop students of Jim Markham built a new rolling book cart for the library.

**Rowe Elementary:** In the spring, students read about quilts, did a math project on quilts and made a story quilt. Quilt-makers from the community talked to the students about quilting. Each student created a personal story quilt square and wrote a story about it. A local quilt artist assisted the students in combining the quilt squares into a finished quilt. In the fall, the 3-4 grade class created moon calendars as part of a unit on phases of the moon and the seasons. In December, a grant from the Rowe Cultural Council made it possible for a circus artist from Circus Smirkus to teach the students circus skills and circus secrets that support success in every life endeavor. The students wrote plays based on Grimm fairy tales and Yiddish folk tales incorporating Circus Smirkus skills and secrets. Two of the students' plays were performed by Rowe students before a community audience.

**Sanderson Academy Elementary:** The bell from the old Sanderson Academy building has been moved into the newer Sanderson Academy's school library, available to see and touch. New bookcases were made by Ray Szewczyk. The new wooden cases match the existing shelving units and now the non-fiction books can be together in one area of the library.

Submitted by  
Terry McConnell  
Director of Libraries,  
Mohawk Trail School System

# MTRSD - The Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc.

## *Innovative Support of Local Education*

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Highlights of this past year included the 4th annual fall distribution of backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary schoolchildren, another rousing community spelling bee held in November which raised thousands of dollars for mini-grant projects for all our schools and the 19th annual special education conference held at Deerfield Academy in March for 550 local teachers and administrators. Keynote speaker was Paul Reville, Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, and longtime friend of the Mary Lyon Foundation. The Atkinson Foundation of California provided generous support for our programs and the establishment of a new pilot project. We were pleased to support the publication of the first annual Local Goods Catalog for Sanderson Academy's fundraising efforts. The student spelling bee and annual Spring Lyonnaise to celebrate local education once again highlighted the end of the school year. Our annual Gift Catalog was distributed to individuals and businesses in the community to solicit items for the schools which are not in the regular budget. Goodnow's Chip and Putt generously spearheaded efforts for the BSE School as they have done for countless years. Of special note was the revision of the Student Assistance Fund, now named in honor of longtime friend of local education, beloved Shelburne Falls resident Harper Gerry.

Having served two terms spanning two decades our dedicated president, Marion Taylor, has passed the gavel to newly elected president George Dole. Marion, who is also a founding board member, remains actively involved on the board of directors, and her proactive leadership to support

local education remains a cornerstone of the foundation. This past year another dedicated board member, Pat Kerrins, succumbed to cancer; her efforts on behalf of the comprehensive school health initiative will long be remembered.

Officers elected by the Board of Directors in 2009 were Marion Taylor (Past President), George Dole (President), Hugh Knox (Vice President), Sharon Hudson (Corresponding Secretary), Suzanne Conway Lagreze (Recording Secretary) and Tom Harmon (Treasurer). Other board members are Susan Todd, Stefan Kostka, Heather Viens, Winston Healy, Jim Pilgrim, Karen Harmon, Amy Love, Karen Fairbrother, Dan Field, and Mohawk Trail Regional School student representative Rachel Glod. Business Manager is Gina Sieber.

The Board of Directors joins me in thanking the many generous individuals and businesses in our community for making 2009 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. We remain happily ensconced in our school-based office in Shelburne Falls, appreciating the pitter patter of little feet and close proximity to 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. 39 were from seniors and 65 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$33,150.00 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. 30 scholarships totaling \$9,950 were awarded to seniors (77% of applicants). 48 scholarships totaling \$23,200 were given to graduates (74% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Jim Pilgrim (Plainfield), and Michelle Hillman (Colrain).

From 1991-2009 a total of \$688,775.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$213,425.00 and \$475,350.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

Co-Chairs of the committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett. The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Nancy Dole and Richard Bole. Judy Hoyt is continuing her role as our financial advisor. Other members of the committee are: Eric Sumner, Ken Chaffee and Rebecca Bradley.

This year we said farewell to two longtime members, Richard Bole and Alisha Tripp. We thank them for their faithful years of service to the community and wish them well in their other pursuits.

We welcome Ellen Purinton (Hawley) to our committee. She will join the Scholarship Committee as Jim Pilgrim transfers to the Finance Committee, filling the vacancy left by Dick Bole.

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

## 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.

The 2009 release of Federal Stimulus Funds has directly influenced special education service delivery in the Districts. In addition to annual Federal grants that support low income families, early childhood education and drug resistance education, the Districts receive Federal funds to support special education costs. There was an additional infusion of \$190,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act- IDEA grant in 2009. The Districts used this money in four of the optional categories defined by the grant; recovery of special education positions, investment in improved assessment of students, improved literacy education in all grades, and expansion of vocational opportunities for students with disabilities.

In addition to the efforts mentioned, there has been a sizeable investment in assistive technology through the ARRA grant funds. Many of the schools have purchased programs that allow greater access to the full curriculum to students with disabilities. These programs include text-to-speech, speech-to-text, and alternative communication devices. Electronic assessment of math and reading skills and use of

data to drive instructional interventions is a reality in many of our schools. Teams of educators are gathering to learn how to better interpret this data and improve the performance of the special education subgroup and regular education students, as well.

The Federal ARRA grant has offered our schools a unique opportunity to improve special education practices in the District. We continue to move towards more inclusive instruction in all classrooms so that diverse learning styles can be accommodated and all students benefit from a richer educational experience. As expertise is developed through professional development, classroom teachers can meet a greater variety of student needs in the regular classroom. Specialists are able to work collaboratively as they bring services into the classroom for the greater benefit of all students. The use of ARRA funds has allowed the District to better position itself as a twenty-first century educational institution, preparing students for a world where technology and broad educational experience will be the basic tools of a productive life, and disabilities are replaced with abilities.

Patricia Bell  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

*Annual Town Meeting*

**WARRANT**

*of the*

*Town of Rowe*

*Massachusetts*



*For the Annual Meeting*

***May 10, 2010***



# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT - FY 2011

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## Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**FRANKLIN, SS.**

To either Constable of the Town of Rowe in the County of Franklin,

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE TOWN HALL** in said Rowe, on **SATURDAY** the **FIFTEENTH** day of **MAY 2010** at 8:00 a.m. and then and there to bring their votes by ballot for the following officials:

- 1 Selectmen for two (2) years
- 1 Selectman for three (3) years
- 1 Assessor for three (3) years
- 1 Board of Health Member for three (3) years
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Finance Committee Member for one (1) year
- 2 Finance Committee Members for two (2) years
- 1 Finance Committee Members for three (3) years
- 1 Library Trustee for three (3) years
- 1 Moderator for three (3) years
- 1 Park Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for one (1) year
- 1 Planning Board Member for five (5) years
- 1 School Committee Member for three (3) years
- 1 Tax Collector for three (3) years

For the purpose of electing officials by ballot the polls will be **open at 8:00 o'clock a.m.** in the morning and will be closed at **3:00 o'clock p.m.** in the afternoon.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** in said **ROWE** on **MONDAY**, the **TENTH** day of **MAY 2010**, at **7:00 P.M.** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To act on reports of the Town officers and committees.

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

### Administration

Legal Expenses	7,500.00
General Administration	25,802.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,607.00

Print Town Reports	3,570.00
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	57,697.00
Administrative Asst/Acctg Asst Compensation	10,606.00
FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	11,420.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	6,347.00
FRCOG Fees	100.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00
IT Consultant	16,000.00
Tax Collector's Operations	6,776.00
Election/Teller Expenses	4,000.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Bonding and Insurance	45,000.00
Town-wide Notification System	1,000.00
Subtotal Administration	208,725.00
<b>Assessors' Office</b>	
Assessors' Clerk Compensation	8,900.00
Assessors' Operations	7,950.00
Assessors' Triennial Revaluation	15,000.00
Subtotal Assessors' Office	31,850.00
<b>Other</b>	
Agricultural Commission	250.00
Conservation Commission Operations	200.00
Council on Aging	4,000.00
Subtotal Other	4,450.00
<b>Stipends</b>	
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	6,910.00
Town Clerk Stipend	6,910.00
Treasurer	7,576.00
Misc Officers Stipends - Moderator	412.00
- Constable	515.00
- Animal Inspector	515.00
- Dog Officer	618.00
Subtotal Stipends	43,037.00
<b>Veterans' Services</b>	
Veterans' Agent Stipend	500.00
Operations	400.00
Veterans' Benefits	100.00
Subtotal Veterans' Services	1,000.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>289,062.00</b>

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Planning Board** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
Planning Board Consulting Expenses	2,500.00
Planning Board <i>Goal Post</i> Operations	10,100.00
Total Planning Board	13,850.00

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION 302,912.00**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the town will vote to act on a request from twelve (12) Rowe citizens that the following article be placed on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 11, 2010:

To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sum for the conduct of **General Government** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Planning Board**

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
Planning Board Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Planning Board <i>Goal Post</i> Operations	12,100.00

Proposed by the Rowe Planning Board  
or take any action in relation thereto.

**Finance Committee Does Not Recommend Article 5.**

The Operations line item is approved and recommended in Article 4.

The Goal Post Publication line item is approved and recommended at \$10,100 and agreed upon in the memo of April 7th from the Planning Board.

With regards to the Planning Board Legal Expenses line item, the Finance Committee and Selectmen agreed to approve and recommend \$2,500 for by-law consulting services which is contained in Article 4. Written opinions from the Town Attorney and an Attorney for the MA DOR agree that the Planning Board may not have independent counsel, therefore the line item amount was reduced to \$2,500. The Finance Committee and Selectmen agree that the budgeted amount of \$7,500 will be sufficient for legal matters for FY2011. The Planning Board may present specific reasons why additional legal counsel may be needed by their board and may then have their request authorized at any time during FY2011.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Highway Department**

DPW Heavy Equipment Operators' Wages	171,469.00
DPW Superintendent's Salary	76,206.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	29,650.00
DPW Heating Oil	3,939.00
DPW Electricity	1,558.00
DPW ESCO Lease Payment	4,366.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	31,519.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	47,278.00
Annual DPW Projects	40,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	69,202.00
Subtotal Highway Department	475,187.00

**Other Public Works & Facilities**

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	14,677.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	7,000.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	3,750.00
Town Hall Electricity	9,654.00
Town Hall ESCO Lease Payment	3,142.00
ESCO Annual Measure & Verification	4,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,996.00
Street Lighting	5,253.00
Beautification Committee	2,000.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repair	5,000.00
Dam Maintenance, Inspections & Repairs	100.00
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities	84,072.00

**Cemeteries** - Cemeteries – Maintenance/Repair 13,000.00

**SUBTOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION 572,259.00**

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS the sum of \$114,441.00 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, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES ALL FUNDS 686,700.00**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Police Department**

Police Chief Stipend	9,789.00
Police Officers Compensation	15,683.00
Operations	7,400.00
Sub-total Police Department	32,872.00

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Stipend	6,910.00
Fire Officers Stipends	6,480.00
Firefighter Reimbursements	7,250.00
Fire Department General Operations	16,800.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	3,813.00
Fire Station Electricity	3,035.00
Fire Station ESCO Lease Payment	1,224.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
Hazardous Material Control	1,000.00
Subtotal Fire Department	47,612.00

**Emergency Medical Services**

EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,012.00
EMS Operations and Maintenance	2,000.00
Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses	4,300.00
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	8,312.00

**Inspections**

Building Inspector Fees (Estimated)	4,500.00
FCCIP Plumbing/Gas Inspec Program	1,766.00
FCCIP Electrical Inspection Program	2,317.00
Subtotal Inspections	8,583.00

**SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION 97,379.00**

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$3,000.00 for future ambulance services**, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Note:** Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY ALL FUNDS 100,379.00**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	55,000.00
Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	15,477.00
FCSWMD Administration Assessment (50%)	1,760.00
Board of Health Operations	19,372.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	6,604.00
Town Nurse Wages	27,016.00
Health Services Operations	6,000.00
Physician's Stipend	1,000.00
Subtotal Public Health & Sanitation	132,729.00

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00** for the 2011 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 2011, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Requested by the Board of Health**

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION 132,729.00**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Rowe School Local Budget**

Instructional Programs	498,968.00
Technology	6,417.00
Instructional Staff Training	8,620.00
Special Education and Tuitions	94,124.00
Library Services	37,063.00
Health Services	67,330.00
School Committee	5,950.00
Principal's Office	105,065.00
Food Services	35,624.00
Plant Operations	99,352.00
ESCO Lease Payment	30,070.00
Subtotal Rowe School Local	988,582.00

**Shared Services Budget**

GenAdmin	25,938.00
Instructional Services	16,194.00
Technology	10,666.00
Facilities	3,920.00
Fixed Costs (Insurance, Benefits)	15,792.00
Regular Pupil Transportation	51,297.00
Sp.Ed Transportation	0.00
Subtotal Shared Services	123,807.00

**TOTAL K-6 Budget** **1,115,889.00**

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

- Spanish Teacher @ Middle School	15,000.00
- Mohawk Tuition	144,000.00
- Franklin County Tech Tuition	31,000.00
- Transportation to Mohawk (Reg Ed)	46,679.00
- Mohawk Late Bus	17,330.00
TOTAL High School Budget	254,009.00

**SUBTOTAL Public Schools** **1,366,398.00**

**Less Estimated School Choice Receipts** **(154,768.00)**

**TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION** **1,211,630.00**

**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

Other departments complied with requests to reduce their proposed budgets in order to balance the Town budget. The Selectmen and Finance Committee asked the School Committee to reduce their budget by \$5k (less than half a percent). We remain concerned that the School continues to authorize large raises to non-union employees wages. Other Town employees were held at a COLA of 0% to match Social Security. The school is obligated by contract to give union employees set raises that the Finance Committee will make recommendations on in the coming year. The Superintendent and Business Manager of the Regional School System agreed that it should be possible to cut \$5k from the originally proposed budget without causing hardship. The Finance Committee therefore recommends the amount of \$1,211,630.00 for Article 12.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2011 fiscal year to accept fees for School Programs for the purpose of offsetting department costs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2011, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the School Committee  
**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Library Director Compensation	22,132.00
Library Staff Wages	14,922.00
Library Operations and Maintenance	16,494.00
Library Heating Oil	1,545.00
Library Electricity	1,470.00
Library ESCO Lease Payment	1,999.00
CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	4,040.00
<b>TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY</b>	<b>62,602.00</b>

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for an **Old Home Day celebration**, or take any action in relation thereto:

Old Home Day Celebration	6,000.00
Operation and Maintenance	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>

**The Finance Committee recommends this Article  
as it shows no increase over the FY2010 budget.**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2011 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 2011, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Park Wages	40,772.00
Head Ranger Wage	41,737.00
Operation and Maintenance	22,200.00
<b>TOTAL PARK</b>	<b>104,709.00</b>

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$3,050.00** for a **Botanical Survey of Pelham Lake**, or take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Park Commission  
**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>181,361.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Insurance** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00*
Group Health Insurance	390,000.00*
TOTAL INSURANCE FROM TAXATION	391,000.00

\* Includes costs for all employees

**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

The Finance Committee recommends Article 19 as stated. However, health insurance costs have been growing rapidly, a challenge for all employers. A few years ago, we increased the Town's portion from 75% to 85% leaving the Employees to only pay 15% of their health insurance cost. We also cover the same percentage of Dental Insurance costs. These are very high percentages by today's standards and removes the incentive for Employees to choose less expensive plans. This year, the premiums grew by 5.9% for the Blue Cross HMO and 15% for the Dental plan. We will work with the Selectmen to research alternatives and recommend they take appropriate measures to control these costs going forward.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	97,869.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax	36,000.00*
TOTAL PENSIONS/INSURANCE FROM FREE CASH	133,869.00

\* Includes costs for all employees

\*\* Excludes pension costs regarding teachers

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**TOTAL PENSIONS AND INSURANCE** **524,869.00**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a **Reserve Fund** for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2011 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **Stabilization Fund** the sum of **\$13,000.00**, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.**

**Finance Committee Recommendation:**

Finance recommends Article 22. A goal of the Finance Committee has been to put money back into Stabilization. For the past few years, we have been balancing the budget by using Free Cash or taking money out of Stabilization. We currently have a favorable tax situation in which the Utilities pay the bulk of our taxes. This makes the Town extremely dependent on one source of revenue and therefore vulnerable. As an example, a small devaluation of the Hydro Plant caused a 12% increase in the residential tax rate this year. We recommend taking advantage of our current low taxes to put money into stabilization to be prepared should something unforeseen occur. We will work in the coming year to create a formal recommendation for savings.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **capital repairs and improvements**, or take any action in relation thereto:

GEN – Paint Municipal Buildings	50,000.00
GEN – Town Hall Slate Roof Repair	5,000.00
GEN – Replace Assessors' Printer	1,650.00

GEN – New Police Cruiser	39,393.00
DPW – Riding Lawn Mower w/ditch attachment	13,113.00
DPW – Boom Mower for JDeere Tractor	15,000.00
LIB – Handicapped Restroom	6,556.00
LIB – Front Step Rebuild/Replacement	5,000.00
PARK – Replace Headquarters Building Roof	1,700.00
PARK – Equipment Package for Polaris Ranger	9,854.00
SCH – New Copier	10,000.00
SCH – New Phone System	8,000.00
BOH – Transfer Station Fence Repair	5,000.00

**TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** **170,266.00**

**Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.**

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to **salt, sand and plow approximately .5 miles of Zoar Road**, lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 2010, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Recommended by the Finance Committee**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the town will vote to adopt **MGL c.39, Sec.23D**, which states:

**Chapter 39: Section 23D. Adjudicatory hearings; attendance by municipal board, committee and commission members; voting disqualification**

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section.

or take any action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following **Noncriminal Disposition By-Law**, or take any action in relation thereto:

**ARTICLE VIII – ENFORCEMENT**

**Section 2: Noncriminal Disposition**

- A. Rowe Bylaw Article VII, Section 3, pertaining to dog nuisances, may be enforced in the method provided in MGL c.40, §21D.
- B. For purposes of this Bylaw, the “enforcing person” shall mean any police officer of the Town of Rowe, the Dog Officer, his or her designees, and such other officials as the Board of Selectmen may from time to time designate. If more than one official has jurisdiction in a given case, any such official may be an enforcing person with respect thereto.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, when enforced pursuant to the noncriminal disposition procedures of MGL c.40, §21D, the following shall be the fines applicable to the listed offenses, unless otherwise specifically provided by by-law, rule or regulation:

First Violation	\$100.00
Second Violation	\$200.00
Third Violation	\$300.00

D. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.

#### **Proposed by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to **amend Town of Rowe By-Law Article III, General Government, Section 11 regarding makeup of the Finance Committee** by inserting the words **“elective”** and **“earning more than \$2,500 per year”** in the fourth sentence as follows:

#### **Proposed wording:**

No person holding any other elective town office and no employee of the Town earning more than \$2,500 per year shall be eligible to serve on said committee.

The remainder of Section 11 is to remain intact.

**Note:** The current wording is: “No person holding any other town office and no employee of the Town shall be eligible to serve on said committee.”

#### **Proposed by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to **adopt a new Right-to-Farm By-Law** as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

### **ARTICLE III - GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **Section 20: ROWE RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW**

##### **A: Legislative Purpose and Intent**

The purpose and intent of this By-Law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations there under including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Rowe restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town’s authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, (“Home Rule Amendment”).

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Rowe by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

##### **B: Definitions**

The word **“farm”** shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of agriculture, or related activities thereto.

The words **“farming”** or **“agriculture”** or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural,
- aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;

growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations

- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and keeping and raising of domestic livestock, including horses, poultry, swine, goats, sheep, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), bees, fur-bearing animals, and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes.

**“Farming”** shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer’s market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

#### **C: Right To Farm Declaration**

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Rowe. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends, by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-Law are intended to apply exclusively to those agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

#### **D: Disclosure Notification**

Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective, the Board of Selectmen shall prominently post in the Town Hall and make available for distribution the following disclosure:

*“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors.”*

#### **E: Resolution of Disputes**

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Board of Selectmen shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, involving all concerned parties, and report

its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame. The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

**F: Severability Clause**

If any part of this By-Law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Rowe hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

**Proposed by the Agricultural Commission / Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to enter into immediate discussions with other Western Massachusetts municipalities with the intent of entering into an **inter-municipal agreement**, by and through the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, **for the purpose of establishing** a universal, open access, financially self-sustaining communication system for the provision of **broadband service**, including high-speed Internet access, telephone and cable television to the residents, businesses and institutions of these municipalities; or take any action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by the Broadband/Telecom Committee / Recommended by the Board of Sectmen**

**Also recommended by the Finance Committee. This will not cost the Town anything, and potentially will bring economic benefits to the Town.**

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the **Rowe Town Hall** and the **Rowe Transfer Station** in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of said meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this **FOURTEENTH** day of **APRIL** in the **YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND and NINE**.

William A. Loomis, Chair

Paul McLatchy III

[Vacant]

SELECTMEN OF ROWE

A true copy, Attest: Christine A. Tower, Constable

**FRANKLIN, SS.**

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe by posting up attested copies of the same at the **ROWE TOWN HALL** and the **ROWE TRANSFER STATION**, **FOURTEEN** days before the date hereof, as within directed.

Christine A. Tower, Constable

April 15, 2010

**TOWN OF ROWE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – FY2010**

**Monday, May 10, 2010 – 6:30pm  
Rowe Elementary School**

**Summary of Articles to be acted on:**

**ARTICLE 1:** To vote to add the Town of Leverett as a member of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (“District”) and amend Article 1 Paragraph 4 of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Agreement by adding “Leverett” to the list of District member municipalities.

*Proposed by the Franklin County Solid Waste District / Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

**ARTICLE 2:** To APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH the sum of \$1,295.00 to upgrade the Town Hall elevator with the installation of an infrared door protection system.

*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen / Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLES 3 thru 8:** To vote to APPROPRIATE from the CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND the sums of:

\$3,800.00 to paint the DPW Garage,

\$3,150.00 to paint the Salt Shed, Soule Garage, Equipment Shed, and Fuel Pump Bunkers,

\$3,900.00 to paint the Town Library

\$4,900.00 to paint the Gracy House and Gracy House Shed

\$4,800.00 to paint the Fire Station, and

\$8,500.00 to paint the Town Hall

*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen [Note: Two-thirds majority votes are required]*

*The Finance Committee recommends Articles 3-8 as a replacement for \$50,000 to paint municipal buildings in Article 23 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The articles included here add up to less than \$50,000, and would allow the work to begin before the start of FY2011 (July 1, 2010).*

**ARTICLES 9 and 10:** To vote to pay two prior year bills (\$135.00 from the Police Department Operations account and \$36.53 from the Rowe Elementary School Operations account).

*Recommended by the Finance Committee [Note: Nine-tenths majority votes are required.]*

**ARTICLE 11:** To vote to transfer the funds in the Fire Pond Maintenance account—currently \$11,109.12—to a Fire Pond Upgrade Project account, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen / Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 12:** To vote to transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from the Yankee Land Committee Operations account to an Energy Committee Operations account, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Proposed by the Board of Selectmen / Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 13:** To vote to accept a \$148,176.00 grant from the MA Department of Energy Resources through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program to be used for a photo-voltaic solar project on the grounds of Rowe School.

*Proposed by the Energy Committee and the Board of Selectmen / Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 14:** To vote to APPROPRIATE \$4,000.00 from FREE CASH for an energy consultant to oversee the procurement and installation of a photo-voltaic solar array at Rowe School.

*Proposed by the Energy Committee - Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 15:** To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

**ROWE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
William A. Loomis, Chair  
Paul McLatchy III

April 26, 2010

**RECAPITULATION OF  
 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2010  
 May 10, 2010  
 (Recapitulation is for information only)**

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION*

<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION</i>		<i>0.00</i>

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH*

Town Hall Elevator Upgrade	1,295.00	
<u>Energy Consultant</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	
<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH</i>		<i>5,295.00</i>

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS*

Prior Year Bill (Police Department Operations)	135.00	
Police Department Operations	(135.00)	
Prior Year Bill (Rowe Elementary School)	36.53	
Rowe Elementary School	(36.53)	
Fire Pond Maintenance	(11,109.12)	
Fire Pond Upgrade Project	11,109.12	
Yankee Land Committee Operations	(2,500.00)	
<u>Energy Committee Operations</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	
<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS</i>		<i>0.00</i>

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND*

<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND</i>		<i>0.00</i>

*APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND*

<u>Painting of Town Buildings/Structures</u>	<u>29,050.00</u>	
<i>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND</i>		<i><u>29,050.00</u></i>

<b>TOTAL FY2010 BUDGET ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 34,345.00</b>
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# RECAPITULATION OF FY2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

*(Recapitulation is for information only)*

## Appropriations from Taxation

General Government	289,062.00	
Planning Board	13,850.00	
Planning Board – Citizens Request	18,350.00*	
Public Works and Facilities	572,259.00	
Public Safety	97,379.00	
Public Health/Sanitation	132,729.00	
Schools	1,211,630.00	
Culture & Recreations	181,361.00	
Pensions and Insurance	391,000.00	
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	
Stabilization (to)	13,000.00	
<b>Total Appropriations from Taxation</b>		<b>\$ 2,922,270.00*</b> <b>2,940,620.00</b>

## Appropriations from Available Funds

Chapter 90	114,441.00	
<b>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</b>		<b>114,441.00</b>

## Appropriations from Free Cash

Stabilization (to) for Future Ambulance	3,000.00	
Pensions and Insurance	133,869.00	
<b>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</b>		<b>136,869.00</b>

## Appropriations from Stabilization

None	0.00	
<b>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</b>		<b>0.00</b>

## Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

GEN – Paint Municipal Buildings	50,000.00	
GEN – Town Hall Slate Roof Repair	5,000.00	
GEN – Assessors' Printer	1,650.00	
GEN – New Police Cruiser	39,393.00	
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SCH – New Phone System	8,000.00	
BOH – Transfer Station Fence Repair	5,000.00	
<b>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</b>		<b>170,266.00</b>

## TOTAL FY2011 BUDGET ALL FUNDS

**\$ 3,343,846.00 \***

**3,362,196.00**

Less c. 90 Funds to be reimbursed by CommMA

**-114,441.00**

## TOTAL FY2011

**\$ 3,229,405.00 \***

## TOTAL FY2011

**\$ 3,247,755.00**

\*Changes due to Citizens' Request

**Revolving Fund Authorizations**

Board of Health – Vaccine Services	3,500.00
School Programs	10,000.00
Old Home Day	5,000.00

**Total Revolving Funds Authorized****\$ 18,500.00****Recapitulation of ESCO Lease Payments (due July 1, 2010):**

Town Hall	3,142.00
DPW Garage	4,366.00
Fire Station	1,224.00
Rowe Elementary School	30,070.00
Rowe Town Library	1,999.00

**Total Lease Payments****\$ 40,801.00**

# Franklin County Technical School District

We submit this annual report for 2009 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2009 was 512 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	13	Erving	14
Buckland	15	Gill	11
Colrain	21	Greenfield	132
Conway	10	Heath	6
Deerfield	23	Leyden	5
Montague	68	Sunderland	17
New Salem	18	Warwick	7
Northfield	23	Wendell	8
Orange	65	Whateley	8
Shelburne	18	Non-district	40*

\* Incls. 3 Rowe students

Franklin County Technical School awarded 110 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2009. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 49% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 38% joined the area work force, 5% planned to join the military, 2% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school, and 6% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2009.

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, in the aggregate, it met these adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2008/2009 school year.

During 2009, the students from various vocational programs performed a variety of service projects benefiting many of our member towns and the city of Greenfield. 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 timber-frame boathouse for the Orange Riverfront Park, a Spanish cedar sign for the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne/Buckland, a lawn and driveway installation at the Habitat for Humanity home in Turners Falls, a complete furnace upgrade for a resident of Warwick provided in collaboration with the National Association of Heating Oil Service Managers' "Oil Heat Cares" program, a camera installation for the Bernardston police

department, and the complete repainting of a cruiser for the Sunderland fire department. Students from many shop areas also continue to routinely assist our building maintenance department, supplying services that would otherwise be contracted to outside agencies.

We have completed 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. This project had a major beneficial impact on the comfort level of the working and learning environment while significantly cutting energy use. The lease payments for this investment in infrastructure are completely paid for by the savings in energy costs and we believe that the greater level of control afforded by the state-of-the-art energy management system will allow us to squeeze the most out of our energy dollars for a long time to come. Prior to the project, our energy star rating (on a scale of 1 to 100) was a dismal 13. The post project rating is an outstanding 71. Thank you Siemens Building Technologies for providing the expertise and attention to detail necessary for this immense reduction in our carbon footprint.

A team of evaluators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges were present in mid-October of 2009 for our five year focused visit. The team spent two and a half days reviewing our progress in addressing the recommendations that were outlined during the last decennial visit. They were pleased with our improvement in most areas and wrote in their summary "The Franklin County Technical School exhibits many characteristics of a school on the verge of excellence, such as school atmosphere, student pride, strong ties to the community and an administration who is forward looking." Overall, the report issued by the visiting team attests to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and administration and the quality programs we offer with the support of our member towns.

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School. 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. Many of our classroom instructors have completed taking the renewable coursework offered at GCC and two of our instructors have been enlisted by GCC to teach introductory

courses in piping and HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) as part of their pioneering renewable energy/energy efficiency program.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the economic development for Franklin County. We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz  
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard K. Lane  
Superintendent

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### Franklin County Technical School District Committee

**Bernardston**  
Lloyd J. Szulborski

**Buckland**  
Laura J. Earl

**Colrain**  
*Vacancy*

**Conway**  
Stephanie Recore

**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*

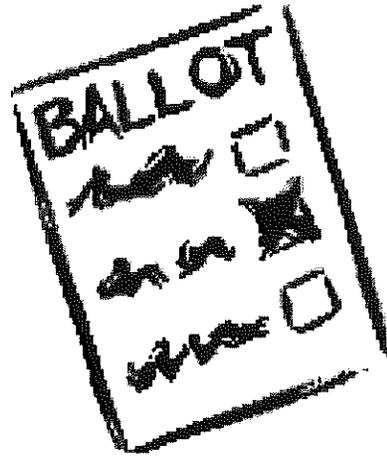
**Shelburne**  
Eugene R. Butler

**Sunderland**  
James Bernotas

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

**Wendell**  
Richard E. Drohen

**Whately**  
Donald C. Sluter



# PART III

## Elections and Town Meetings



# Annual Town Election Results - May 16, 2009

## May 16, 2009 - Rowe Town Hall

195 voted, of 309 registered voters

Election Officials: Warden: Kristen C. Swenson  
 Clerk: Barbara Lawson-Griffin  
 Tellers: Claudine M. Poplawski and Shirley Veber  
 Constable: Christine A. Tower

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Years)

Carrie Y. Silva (incumbent) 169  
 Blanks 26

### BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Years)

Angela F. Foshay (incumbent) 103  
 Carole A. Veber 38  
 Blanks 54

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Years)

Geoffrey N. Bagley 92  
 Paul McLatchy III 47  
 Myra B. Carlow 41  
 Blanks 15

### CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 Years)

Richard A. Tower (incumbent) 182  
 Blanks 13

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Paul McLatchy III 59  
 Geoffrey N. Bagley 5  
 Blanks 131

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Paul McLatchy III 9  
 Blanks 186

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 Years)

Roger L. Brown 146  
 Blanks 49

### LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 Years)

Evelyn L. Dandeneau 175  
 Blanks 20

### PARK COMMISSIONER (3 Years)

Michael S. Laffond 146  
 Walter J. Quist 7  
 Blanks 42

### PLANNING BOARD (5 Years)

David A. Roberson (incumbent) 142  
 Blanks 53

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Years)

Lisa A. Danek Burke (incumbent) 159  
 Blanks 36

### TREASURER (2 Years)

Heidi Cousineau (incumbent) 170  
 Blanks 25

**Question 1:** Shall the Town of Rowe cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

Yes 149  
 No 31  
 Blanks 15

**Question 2:** Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess an additional \$122,824.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of acquiring for park purposes four (4) parcels of land on the southeasterly side of Zoar Road, totaling 236.2 acres, more or less, located contiguous to Pelham Lake Park in the Town of Rowe, described in deed recorded at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 5254, Page 298, and as shown on Assessors' Map 205, Lots 009 and 002, Assessors' Map 203, Lot 006 and Assessors' Map 205, Lot 001, for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2009?

Yes 80  
 No 106  
 Blanks 9

A true copy, Attest:  
 Carole A. Veber, Temporary Acting Town Clerk  
 May 16, 2009

# SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS - November 21, 2009

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**November 21, 2009 – Rowe Town Hall**  
81 voted, of 303 registered voters

Election Officials:      Warden:      Kristen C. Swenson  
                                 Clerk:      Claudine M. Poplawski  
                                 Tellers:      Laurie L. Laffond and Rebecca F. Richardson  
                                 Constable:      Christine A. Tower

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** (For Unexpired Term to May, 2010)

Paul McLatchy III	46
Write/In - Myra B. Carlow	35
Blanks	0

A True Copy,  
Attest: Carrie Y. Silva, Town Clerk  
November 21, 2009

# State Primary Election Results - December 8, 2009

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## MASSACHUSETTS SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

December 8, 2009 – Rowe Town Hall

71 voted, of 303 registered voters

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Election Officials:	Warden:	Kristen C. Swenson
	Clerk:	Robin W. Reed
	Tellers:	Prudence Berry, Helen R. Shields and Shirley Veber
	Constable:	Christine A. Tower

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### DEMOCRATIC PARTY

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Michael E. Capuano	20
Martha Coakley	24
Alan A. Khazei	2
Stephen G. Pagliuca	5
Blanks	0

### LIBERTARIAN PARTY

#### Senator In Congress

Blanks	0
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### REPUBLICAN PARTY

#### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Scott P. Brown	13
Jack E. Robinson	7
Blanks	0

A True Copy,  
Attest: Carrie Y. Silva, Town Clerk  
December 8, 2009

# Annual Town Meeting - May 11, 2009

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2010

May 11, 2009

Town of Rowe

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on Monday, May 11, 2009.

**Moderator:** Bob Clancy

**Selectmen:** Susan Wood and William Loomis

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm, a quorum being present. Approximately 53 voters were present.

**Clerk:** In the absence of Town Clerk Carrie Silva, the Moderator nominated Ellen Babcock as Clerk. She was unanimously elected Clerk by the voters present.

**Tellers:** Sandy Daviau, Paul McLatchy III, Abigail Phelps and Barbara Van Dyke were sworn in by the Moderator.

**Also present:** Town Counsel Janet H. Pumphrey

**Moment of Silence:** The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to honor resident Neil Dennis Halberg who passed away this past year.

**Notice to Non-Voters:** The Moderator requested that all non-voters move to the visitors' gallery at the right side of the gymnasium; and that all voters with questions address the Moderator via the central microphone, clearly stating their name and address for the record.

**Tax Rate Estimate:** Board of Assessors Chair Frederick "Rick" Williams informed those present that if all items presented on the warrant passed, the tax rate would increase from \$4.56 Residential/\$9.74 CIP to \$4.68 Residential/\$9.99 CIP (estimated). If the capital expenditure exclusion ballot question for the Knobloch Land purchase also passes on Saturday, May 16, 2009, the tax rates would increase (one time only) an additional 20 cents (Residential) and 43 cents (Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property).

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

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

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

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 3:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2010 fiscal year:

### Administration

Legal Expenses	15,000.00
General Administration	25,802.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,607.00
Print Town Reports	3,483.00
GASB 45 OPEB Analysis	750.00
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	57,697.00
Administrative Asst/Acctg Asst Compensation	10,606.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Bonding and Insurance	45,000.00
Town-wide Notification System	1,000.00
Subtotal Administration	161,445.00

### Assessors' Office

Assessors' Clerk Compensation	10,600.00
Assessors' Operations	7,800.00
Subtotal Assessors' Office	18,400.00

### Other

Agricultural Commission	250.00
Conservation Commission Operations	
200.00 Council on Aging	5,500.00
Subtotal Other	5,950.00

### 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	6,910.00
Town Clerk Stipend	6,910.00
Treasurer	7,576.00
Misc Officers Stipends - Moderator	412.00
- Constable	515.00
- Animal Inspector	515.00
- Dog Officer	618.00
Subtotal Stipends	43,037.00

### Other Compensation/Expenses

Tax Collector's Office	6,250.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Subtotal Other Compensation/Expenses	6,350.00

### 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**

**236,182.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government** for the 2010 fiscal year:

FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	12,479.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	7,064.00
FRCOG – Fees for Services	100.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00
IT Consultant	16,000.00
Election/Teller Expenses	2,000.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Planning Board Operations	500.00
Planning Board Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Goal Post Publication	12,100.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM FREE CASH</b>	<b>65,943.00</b>

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT 302,125.00**

**ARTICLE 5:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2010 fiscal year:

**Highway Department**

DPW Heavy Equipment Operators' Wages	171,469.00
DPW Superintendent's Salary	76,206.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	28,927.00
DPW Heating Oil	3,939.00
DPW Electricity	1,558.00
DPW ESCO Lease Payment	4,157.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	30,750.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	46,125.00
Annual DPW Projects	35,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	67,514.00
Subtotal Highway Department	465,645.00

**Other Public Works & Facilities**

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	14,319.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	12,000.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	3,750.00
Town Hall Electricity	9,654.00
Town Hall ESCO Lease Payment	2,991.00
ESCO Annual Measure & Verification	4,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,996.00
Street Lighting	5,253.00
Gracy House Maintenance/Repair	3,300.00
Dam Maintenance, Inspections & Repairs	2,000.00
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities	86,763.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION 552,408.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 6:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums

for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2010 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Beautification Committee	3,000.00
Cemeteries Maintenance	12,300.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM FREE CASH 15,300.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 7:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$110,998.00** 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.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 8:** The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$480.00** from the **CSF East Cemetery Pavement** account to a **CSF Cemetery Roadways Improvement** account.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES ALL FUNDS 678,706.00**

**ARTICLE 9:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2010 fiscal year:

**Police Department**

Police Chief Stipend	9,789.00
Police Officers Compensation	15,683.00
Operations	7,700.00
Subtotal Police Department	33,172.00

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Stipend	6,910.00
Fire Officers Stipends	6,480.00
Firefighter Reimbursements	7,250.00
Fire Department General Operations	16,786.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	3,813.00
Fire Station Electricity	3,035.00
Fire Station ESCO Lease Payment	1,166.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
Hazardous Material Control	1,000.00
Subtotal Fire Department	47,540.00

**Emergency Medical Services**

EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,012.00
EMS Operations and Maintenance	2,500.00
Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses	3,800.00
Subtotal Emergency Medical Services	8,312.00

**Inspections**

Building Inspector Fees (Estimated)	5,000.00
FCCIP Plumbing/Gas Inspection Program	1,207.00

FCCIP Electrical Inspection Program	2,634.00
Subtotal Inspections	8,841.00
<b>SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>97,865.00</b>

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**Note:** The Moderator gave a special thank you to the Fire, EMS, Police and Highway Departments for the tremendous effort they put forth during the December 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm Emergency Event. There was a resounding round of applause by all present.

**ARTICLE 10:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$5,000.00** for **Fire Pond Maintenance** for the 2010 fiscal year.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 11:** The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER from the STABILIZATION FUND to the Ambulance Services** account the sum of **\$11,500.00**.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 12:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$2,000.00** for **future ambulance services**.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY ALL FUNDS 116,365.00**

**ARTICLE 13:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2010 fiscal year:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	51,000.00
Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	14,477.00
FCSWMD Administration Assessment (50%)	1,730.00
Board of Health Operations	18,900.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	6,604.00
Town Nurse Wages	27,016.00
Health Services Operations	6,550.00
Physician's Stipend	1,000.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION FROM TAXATION 127,777.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 14:** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00** for the 2010 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 2011.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 15:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2010 fiscal year:

Rowe School Local Budget	
Instructional Programs	471,546.00
Technology	5,065.00
Instructional Staff Training	8,620.00
Special Education and Tuitions	56,214.00
Speech Pathology & Audiology	16,541.00
Psychological Services	13,992.00
Library Services	36,093.00
Health Services	64,904.00
School Committee	4,950.00
Principal's Office	102,258.00
Food Services	31,606.00
Plant Operations	98,249.00
ESCO Lease Payment	28,632.00
Subtotal Rowe School Local	938,670.00

**Shared Services Budget**

GenAdmin	25,508.00
Instructional Services	9,002.00
Technology	8,360.00
Facilities	2,579.00
Fixed Costs (Insurance, Benefits)	14,263.00
Regular Pupil Transportation	51,480.00
Sp.Ed Transportation	0.00
Subtotal Shared Services	111,192.00

**TOTAL K-6 Budget 1,049,862.00**

High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)

- Spanish Teacher @ Middle School	15,000.00
- Mohawk Tuition	128,000.00
- Franklin County Tech Tuition	14,000.00
- Transportation to Mohawk (Reg Ed)	48,313.00
- Mohawk Late Bus	16,825.00

**TOTAL High School Budget 222,138.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**SUBTOTAL Public Schools 1,272,000.00**

Less Estimated School Choice Receipts (Partial) -84,977.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION 1,187,023.00**

**ARTICLE 16:** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the **School Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2010 fiscal year to accept fees for School Programs for the purpose of offsetting department costs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2011.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 17:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2010 fiscal year:

Library Director Compensation	22,132.00
Library Staff Wages	14,251.00
Library Operations and Maintenance	15,700.00
Library Heating Oil	1,545.00
Library Electricity	1,470.00
Library ESCO Lease Payment	1,904.00

**Total Rowe Town Library from Taxation 57,002.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 18:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for the upgrade to the **CWMARS** (Central/Western MA Automated Resource Sharing) **cataloging and sharing system** at the **Rowe Town Library**:

CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	4,472.00
CWMARS One-Time Charges	6,400.00

**Total Rowe Town Library from Free Cash 10,872.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 19:** The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER the sum of \$2,500.00** from the **Library Improvements & Studies** account to a **Library IT Equipment Upgrade** account:

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY 67,874.00**

**ARTICLE 20:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the following sums for an **Old Home Day celebration**:

Old Home Day Celebration	6,000.00
Old Home Day Fireworks	5,000.00

**Total Old Home Day 11,000.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Near Unanimous Affirmative Vote (1 Dissenting Vote)*

**ARTICLE 21:** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2010 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 2011.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 22:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the purchase of new Town Tents.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 23:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH** the sum of **\$750.00**

for the Rowe Historical Commission's "**Historic Landscapes Identification Program**".

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 24:** The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2010 fiscal year:

Park Wages	40,772.00
Head Ranger Wage	41,737.00
Operation and Maintenance	21,700.00

**Total Park from Taxation 104,209.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 25:** The motion was made and seconded to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain** on behalf of the Town property owned on the southeasterly side of Zoar Road by Kevin T. Knobloch, said property to be used for park purposes, but not under the original covenant of Percy Brown; and in addition to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE**—contingent upon a successful capital expenditure exclusion ballot question—the **sum of \$122,824.00** for the purpose of making said purchase or taking. The property is more particularly described as follows:

Four (4) parcels of land, totaling 236.2 acres, more or less, contiguous to Pelham Lake Park in the Town of Rowe, owned by Kevin T. Knobloch of Arlington MA, and filed at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 5254, Page 298, conveyed by Kevin T. Knobloch and Elizabeth J. Buchanan to Kevin T. Knobloch, and being the same premises conveyed by the deed of New England Forestry Foundation, Inc., to Kevin T. Knobloch and Elizabeth J. Buchanan dated March 8, 2001, and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 3738, Page 293, described as follows:

**FIRST PARCEL: Being Assessors' Map 205, Lot 009 (previously Map 7, Lot 5), First Tract of The Gardner Tract:** That parcel of land shown as Lot #5 on the Assessors map #7 of the Town of Rowe (1983) and being the same premises conveyed to William G. Gardner and Edith A. Gardner by deed of Fred W. Carroll dated July 27, 1967, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 1212, Page 670, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southwest corner of the within described parcel, being the northeast corner of land formerly of one Thomas Legate, alter of the heirs of one Silas Hawks, and being a point identified in earlier deeds as the location of a hemlock tree;

Thence, west 6 degrees north along land formerly of Thomas Legate, alter of the heirs of Silas Hawks, 137 rods to a stake and stones;

Thence, north 16 degrees east along land formerly of Joseph Burton, later of Samuel Rice, 97 rods to a stake and stones;

Thence, east 6 degrees south in part along lands formerly of Ebenezer Nims and in part along lands formerly of Moses Gleason 120 rods to a heap of stones and a rock;

Thence, south along land formerly of Daniel Warner, more recently of Agnes Mulholland, 100 rods to the point of beginning. Containing 80 acres, more or less.

There is appurtenant to the said parcel a right-of-way as an access thereto created by deed from David Todd to Chandler Churchill dated November 19, 1861, recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 231, Page 232, which deed conveyed an area of 350 acres more or less, said 350 acres being the same tract conveyed by Margaret Murphy to Agnes Mulholland by deed dated September 21, 1951, recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 965, Page 500. The right-of-way appurtenant to the parcel being conveyed being one of the rights mentioned in a deed of Joseph Lively to Arnedos Lively dated May 1, 1902, and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 496, Page 50, and recited as an encumbrance in the deed of Margaret Murphy to Agnes Mulholland.

**SECOND PARCEL: Being Assessors' Map 205, Lot 002 (previously Map 5, Lot 23), Fourth Tract of The Gardner Tract:** That parcel of land shown as Lot #23 on the assessor's map #5 for the Town of Rowe (1983) and being Parcel #2 in deed of Gerald A. Truesdell and Alice V. Truesdell to the William G. Gardner and Edith A. Gardner dated December 13, 1967 and recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds at Book 1219, Page 301, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of land formerly of M. W. Goodnow at a stake and stones;

Thence, south 1 degree 45 seconds east 145 rods 16 links to a stake and stones;

Thence, east 30 rods to a stake and stones;

Thence north 1 degree 45 seconds west 145 rods 16 links to a stake and stones;

Thence, west 30 rods to the Place of beginning.

Being known as the Mountain Lot and containing 24 acres, more or less.

**THIRD and FOURTH PARCELS: Being Assessors' Map 203, Lot 006 (previously Map 3, Lot 46) containing 1.2 acres, and Assessors' Map 205, Lot 001 (previously Map 5, Lot 22) containing 129.0 acres, known as The Avery Tract:** The land in the Town of Rowe, Franklin County, Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land in Rowe, located on Zoar Road, which leads from Charlemont to Rowe Center, being all of the land on the easterly side of said Zoar Road which was devised to Gary B. Avery and

Deborah Avery Larned under the will of Lucy J. Avery, Probate No. 46033, Franklin County Probate Court, and conveyed to them, as a portion of a larger parcel, by the deed of Charles D. Avery, Executor under the Will of Lucy J. Avery, said deed dated August 9, 1976, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1471, page 15.

The parcel hereby conveyed is bounded:

Westerly and Northerly by the said Zoar Road, land now or formerly of the Rowe Historical Society, and land now or formerly of Leon Shippee:

Easterly by land now or formerly of Mary L. Stanford and land now or formerly of Norman A. Hicks et ux.;

Southerly by land now or formerly of William G. Gardner; and,

Westerly by land now or formerly of William G. Gardner and land now or formerly of Robert F. Kenny.

Containing approximately one hundred thirteen and seven tenths (113.7) acres and shown as Lot number 22 on Map 5 and Lot 46 on Map 3 of the Assessors' Plans of the Town of Rowe (1983); now containing approximately 130.2 acres and shown as Lot 006 on Map 203—1.2 acres, and Lot 001 on Map 205—129.0 acres of the Assessors' Maps of the Town of Rowe (2008).

This conveyance is subject to certain spring and pipeline rights granted to Henry J. Dandeneau and Evelyn L. Dandeneau in the deed of Gary B. Avery and Deborah Avery Larned dated August 9, 1976, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 1471, Page 16.

BEING A PORTION OF THE SAME PREMISES conveyed to the New England Forestry Foundation, Inc., by deed of Edward W. Pepyne and Carol J. Pepyne dated September 18, 2000, and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book, 3676, Page 322.

AND BEING A PORTION OF THE SAME PREMISES covered by the grant of a Conservation Restriction to the New England Forestry Foundation by Kevin T. Knobloch and Elizabeth J. Buchanan dated April 23, 2001, and recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 3758, Page 285.

**Amendment #1:** A motion was made and seconded to strike the words "but not" in the third line of opening sentence of the article, thus putting the land under original Percy Brown covenant.

**Amendment #2:** A motion was made to table this article indefinitely. This motion was defeated for lack of a second.

**Amendment #1 passed by a vote of 23 in favor and 15 opposed.**

*The main motion as amended passed by a near unanimous show of hands affirmative vote (3 dissenting votes).*

**Note 1:** This article was contingent upon a simple majority approval of Question #2 at the Annual Town Election on May 16, 2009. Question #2 was DEFEATED at the polls by the following vote:

**Yes 80 - No 106 - Blanks 0**

**Note 2:** Town Counsel informed the meeting that it will need to be determined if there are any conflicts between the terms of the Percy Brown covenant and the Conservation Restriction and Chapter 61 designation on this property.

**TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION ALL FUNDS 376,531.00**

**ARTICLE 26:** The motion was made and seconded to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for Pensions and Insurance for the 2010 fiscal year:

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	95,121.00*
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**
Group Health Insurance	350,000.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax	36,000.00**

**TOTAL PENSIONS AND INSURANCE FROM TAXATION 482,121.00**

\* Excludes pension costs regarding teachers

\*\* Includes costs for all employees

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 27:** The motion was made and seconded to APPROPRIATE from FREE CASH the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2010 fiscal year.

*Passed by Show of Hands Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 28:** The motion was made and seconded to APPROPRIATE from the CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND, the following sums for capital repairs and improvements:

GEN – New Town Hall Phone System	11,000.00
GEN – Replace Town Hall Ceiling Tiles	1,500.00
GEN – Replace Gracy House Windows	12,500.00
CEM – Cemetery Roadway Improvements	9,000.00
DPW – Town Garage Roof	5,000.00
DPW – One-Ton Pickup Truck and Plow	70,000.00
EMD – Municipal Center Emergency Generator	27,500.00
FIRE – Replace Dormer Siding	1,500.00
LIB – IT Equipment Upgrade (for CWMARS System)	2,550.00
PARK – Composting Lavatory Facility	35,000.00
PARK – Off Road Utility Vehicle	7,426.00
PARK – Swing Set	3,183.00

**TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND 186,159.00**

*Passed by Show of Hands Near Unanimous Affirmative Vote (1 Dissenting Vote)*

**ARTICLE 29:** The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5L which provides a deferral of property taxes due by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist, or a dependent of a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist, on active service outside the commonwealth and for the next 180 days after that service.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 30:** The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D which provides a real estate tax exemption of \$175.00 to a surviving spouse or any minor whose parent is deceased, or a person over the age of seventy, who meets the eligibility requirements, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2010.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 31:** The motion was made and seconded to TABLE a vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 37A which provides a real estate tax exemption of \$500.00 to a blind person who meets the eligibility requirements, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2010, as this general law was previously accepted by town meeting vote on August 8, 2004.

*Motion to TABLE Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 32:** The motion was made and seconded to: 1) accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C which provides a real estate tax exemption for seniors who meet the eligibility requirements, and 2) to reduce the eligibility age to 65, increase the exemption amount to \$1,000, increase the gross receipts limit to \$20,000 if single and \$30,000 if married, and increase the whole estate limit to \$40,000 if single and \$55,000 if married, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2010.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 33:** The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 and to establish a minimum fair cash value of \$10,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2010.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 34:** The motion was made and seconded to accept a new provision of MGL Chapter 60A, Section 1 which provides an exemption from motor vehicle excise for Massachusetts residents who are on active military duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year, or if wounded or killed in an armed conflict, the exemption applies regardless of the number of days deployed.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 35:** The motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of **MGL Chapter 60A, Section 9** which provides a **deferral of motor vehicle excise due** by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist, or a dependent of a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist, on active service outside the commonwealth and for a period of up to 180 days after completion of that service.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 36:** The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to **salt, sand and plow approximately .5 miles of Zoar Road**, lying within the Town of Charlemont, for one (1) winter season beginning November 1, 2009.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

**ARTICLE 37:** The following other business came before the meeting:

- Selectman Loomis thanked Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock for the great job done on the 2008 Annual Town Report. APPLAUSE
- Selectmen Bill Loomis thanked the Gracy House Committees (past and present) for their work in renovating the Gracy House for use by the community. APPLAUSE
- Selectman Susan Wood thanked Town Coordinator Ellen Babcock for her tremendous help and assistance. She also added that she had a good year serving on the Selectboard, and was happy to be leaving her thirteen years of service to the Town (three years as Selectman and ten years as Town Clerk) on a good note. APPLAUSE
- Resident Jack Williams asked if a better speaker system could be purchased for use at town meetings—perhaps one with wireless microphones.
- Selectman Wood expressed sympathies for both Se-

lectboard Chair Jim Brown and wife Nancy Brown. Mr. Brown has been unable to participate in town business since last summer due to Mrs. Brown's long-term medical issues. Everyone's thoughts are with them.

- Library Trustees Chair Ellynn Packard thanked those present for supporting the CWMARS upgrade for the Rowe Town Library.
- Susan Gleason asked those present to remember her father, Ellsworth Palmer, who will be turning 98 on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Palmer is Rowe's eldest resident.
- Doug Wilson suggested that the Rowe Goal Post include the year of birth in the Birthdays column. No one in attendance seemed to support this suggestion.
- Selectmen Wood and Loomis acknowledged Selectboard Chair Jim Brown who has been absent due to his wife's ill health.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

A true copy,

Attest: Ellen L. Babcock, Clerk

Date: June 22, 2009

# RECAPITULATION OF FY2010 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

**May 11, 2009**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

***Appropriations from Taxation***

General Government	236,182.00
Public Works and Facilities	552,408.00
Public Safety	97,865.00
Public Health/Sanitation	127,777.00
Schools	1,187,023.00
Library	57,002.00
Park Department	104,209.00
Park Department Knobloch Land	122,824.00
Pensions and Insurance	482,121.00

***Total Appropriations from Taxation*** **\$ 2,967,411.00**

***Appropriations from Available Funds***

Chapter 90	110,998.00
Transfer from E. Cem Pavement to CemRoadways Improvement	480.00
Transfer from Lib Improv/Studies to Library IT Equip Upgrade	2,500.00

***Total Appropriations from Available Funds*** **113,978.00**

***Appropriations from Free Cash***

General Government	65,943.00
Public Works and Facilities	15,300.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	5,000.00
Stabilization (to) for Future Ambulance	2,000.00
Library Regional Shared Automated System	10,872.00
Old Home Day	11,000.00
Town Tents	2,000.00
Historic Landscape ID Program	750.00
Reserve Fund	20,000.00

***Total Appropriations from Free Cash*** **132,865.00**

***Appropriations from Stabilization***

Ambulance Services	11,500.00
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***Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund*** **11,500.00**

***Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund***

GEN - Town Hall, Gracy House	25,000.00
CEM - Roadway Improvements	9,000.00
DPW - Garage Roof, One-Ton Pickup	75,000.00
EMD - Municipal Center Emergency Generator	27,500.00
FIRE - Replace Dormer Siding	1,500.00
LIB - IT Equipment Upgrade (CWMARS System)	2,550.00
PARK - Lavatory Facility, Utility Vehicle, Swing set	45,609.00

***Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund*** **186,159.00**

SUB-TOTAL FY2010 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		\$ 3,411,933.00
Less Knobloch Land Purchase (Question #2 Defeated at Polls)		<u>-122,824.00</u>
TOTAL FY2010 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		\$3,289,089.00
Less c. 90 Funds to be reimbursed by CommMA		<u>-110,998.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FY2010 BUDGET AFTER REIMBURSEMENT</b>		<b>\$ 3,178,091.00</b>

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<b>Revolving Fund Authorizations</b>		
Board of Health – Vaccine Services	3,500.00	
School Programs	10,000.00	
Old Home Day	<u>5,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Revolving Funds Authorized</b>		<b>\$ 18,500.00</b>

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<b>Recapitulation of ESCO Lease Payments (due July 1, 2009):</b>		
Town Hall	2,991.00	
DPW Garage	4,157.00	
Fire Station	1,166.00	
Rowe Elementary School	28,632.00	
Rowe Town Library	<u>1,904.00</u>	
<b>Total Lease Payments</b>		<b>\$ 38,850.00</b>

# Special Town Meeting - May 11, 2009

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Official Results - FY09**  
**May 11, 2009**  
**Town of Rowe**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on May 11, 2009.

Moderator: Bob Clancy

Selectmen: Susan Wood and William Loomis

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm, a quorum being present. Approximately 33 voters were present.

In the absence of Town Clerk Carrie Silva, the Moderator nominated Ellen Babcock as Clerk. She was unanimously elected Clerk by the voters present.

Clerk: Ellen Babcock

Tellers Sandy Daviau, Paul McLatchy III, Abigail Phelps and Barbara Van Dyke were sworn in by the Moderator.

Also present: Town Counsel Janet H. Pumphrey

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**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$8,000.00** for repairs to the **Gracy House heating system**.

*Passed by Show of Hands Unanimous Affirmative Vote*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

A true copy,

Attest: Ellen L. Babcock, Clerk

Date: June 22, 2009

RECAPITULATION OF  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES FY2009

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**May 11, 2009**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

<b>APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION</b>		
None	0.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH</b>		
None	0.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>		
None	0.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND</b>		
None	0.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND</b>		
Gracy House Heating System	8,000.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND</b>	<u>8,000.00</u>	<b>8,000.00</b>
TOTAL FY2009 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>

# Special Town Meeting - October 5, 2009

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS FY2010 Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Rowe Elementary School on October 5, 2009.

Moderator: Robert Clancy

Town Clerk: Carrie Y. Silva

Selectboard: William A. Loomis and Geoffrey Niles Bagley

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

Tellers: Paul McLatchy III, Carol Lively, Marilyn Belval and Susan P. Gleason were sworn in by the Moderator.

Constable: Christine A. Tower

**ARTICLE 1:** The motion was made and seconded to **change the All Wars Memorial** on the Rowe Town Common, as voted by Town Meeting February 3, 1958, to a **Veterans' Memorial**.

**PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$1,200.00** for the **purchase and installation of a new Vietnam Conflict plaque for the memorial monument** on the Rowe Town Common.

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

*(2/3 majority vote requirement was met)*

**ARTICLE 3:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **PARK OPERATIONS FUND** the sum of **one dollar (\$1.00)** to **acquire the following easements from Skyline Land Trust**, Robert Williams Trustee, of Rowe. Said easements are bounded and described as follows:

Temporary rights of way in Rowe, Massachusetts for public access to Pelham Lake Park, being within the existing location of the Williams Trail, so called, the Soule Trail, so called, and the Pelham Brook Trail, so called, as they are now being exercised. The centerline of the **Williams Trail right of way** begins at a point on the easterly line of Pond Road, said point being a distance of 190 feet, more or less, from the northwesterly corner of land of the Grantors (said corner being marked by the intersection of a stone wall with the easterly line of Pond Road) and described in deed dated September 26, 1997 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3268, Page 203, and runs in a generally easterly direction to the westerly line of land of the Grantee. Said right of way shall also include the right to construct, maintain, repair and/or remove a footbridge over Pelham Brook. The centerline of the **Soule Trail right of way** begins at the easterly side of Pelham Brook at the intersection with the aforementioned Williams

Trail and runs in a generally southerly direction 300 feet to the easterly line of land of the Grantor (said boundary being marked by a stone wall), described in deed dated September 26, 1997 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3268, Page 203. The centerline of the **Pelham Brook Trail right of way** begins at a point on the aforementioned Williams Trail approximately 800 feet from the easterly side of Pond Road, and runs in a generally northerly direction 400 feet to the northerly line of land of the Grantor, described in deed dated September 26, 1997 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 3268, Page 203.

The rights of way hereby conveyed shall be for the term of ten (10) years.

For title the following instruments recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds: Book 3268, Page 203.

This deed is given for the purpose of establishing as a matter of record the rights of way as they are now being used.

By acceptance of this deed, the Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold the Grantor harmless of and from any and all claims, action, causes of action, or any liability whatsoever arising out of Grantee's use of said rights of way.

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

**ARTICLE 4:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **PARK OPERATIONS FUND** the sum of **one dollar (\$1.00)** to **acquire the following easements from Rowe Unitarian Camp, Inc.**, of Rowe. Said easements are bounded and described as follows:

Temporary rights of way in Rowe, Massachusetts for public access to Pelham Lake Park, being within the existing location of the **Soule Trail**, so called, the **Percy Brown Trail**, so called, and the **Old King's Highway Trail**, so called, as they are now being exercised.

The centerline of the northern end of **Soule Trail right of way** begins at a point in the stone wall marking the southern boundary of a parcel of land owned by the Town of Rowe (the Grantee) known as the Soule Lot (Assessors' Map 204, Lot 11) described in deed dated November 2, 1955 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1029, Page 279, said point being 90 feet, more or less, in an easterly direction from the southwest corner of the parcel, thence running in a southerly direction 500 feet, more or less, to a point in the stone wall marking the southern boundary of a parcel of land owned by Rowe Unitarian Camp, Inc., (the Grantor) known as the Fromson Lot (Assessors' Map 204, Lot 20) described in deed dated February 3, 1987 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 2065, Page 28, said point being a distance of 975 feet, more or less, east of the easterly line of King's Highway,

The centerline of the **Percy Brown Trail right of way**, so called, begins at a point in the stone wall marking the eastern boundary of a parcel of land owned by the Grantor known as the Farmhouse Lot (Assessors' Map 204, Lot 22) described in deed dated August 8, 1973 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1359, Page 162, said point being 390 feet, more or less, south of the northeast corner of the parcel, thence running in a southerly direction 200 feet, more or less, along said stone wall to a stone wall marking the northern boundary of a parcel of land owned by the Grantee (Assessors' Map 204, Lot 32) described in deed dated June 13, 1972 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1306, Page 58.

The centerline of the **Old King's Highway Trail right of way**, so called, begins at a point behind the Recreation Hall building on a parcel of land owned by the Grantor known as the Recreation Hall Lot (Assessors' Map 204, Lot 33) described in Probate Document 39133 dated February 2, 1965 and recorded with the Franklin County Register of Probate, and runs in a southerly direction a distance of 400 feet, more or less, to the stone wall marking the southern boundary of land of the Grantor, said point being 145 feet, more or less, from the southwest corner of an adjoining parcel of land also owned by the Grantor (Assessors' Map 204, Lot 34), described in deed dated November 26, 1954 and recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 1063, Page 276.

The rights of way hereby conveyed shall be for the term of ten (10) years.

For title the following instruments recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds: Book 1029, Page 279; Book 2065, Page 28; Book 1359, Page 162; Book 1306, Page 58; and Book 1063, Page 276.

This deed is given for the purpose of establishing as a matter of record the rights of way as they are now being used.

By acceptance of this deed, the Grantee agrees to indemnify and hold the Grantor harmless of and from any and all claims, action, causes of action, or any liability whatsoever arising out of Grantee's use of said rights of way.

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

**ARTICLE 5:** The motion was made and seconded to pay a **prior year bill** in the amount of **\$84.98** from the **Planning Board Operations** account.

**PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
(9/10 majority vote requirement was met)**

**ARTICLE 6:** The motion was made and seconded to pay a **prior year bill** in the amount of **\$425.00** from the **Planning Board Goal Post Operations** account.

**PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
(9/10 majority vote requirement was met)**

**ARTICLE 7:** The motion was made and seconded to pay a **prior year bill** in the amount of **\$200.00** from the **Planning Board Legal Expenses** account.

**PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
9/10 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
(9/10 majority vote requirement was met)**

**ARTICLE 8:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from any **STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$29,331.58** to replenish the legal deficit in the FY2009 Snow and Ice account (winter roads account).

**PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
(2/3 majority vote requirement was met)**

**ARTICLE 9:** The motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from any **STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$18,777.85** to replenish the legal deficit in the FY2009 December 11<sup>th</sup> Ice Storm Cleanup account.

**PASSED BY SHOW OF HANDS  
UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE  
(2/3 majority vote requirement was met)**

**ARTICLE 10:** The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** funds in the **Planning Board Legal Expenses** account to the **Selectmen's Legal Expenses** account.

A voter present requested that the vote on Article 10 be by secret paper ballot. The Moderator declared that the voting be done by secret ballot as greater than 10% of voters present were in favor.

**MOTION DEFEATED BY SECRET PAPER BALLOT  
29 YES 37 NO (66 Voted on the main motion)**

**ARTICLE 11:** The motion was made and seconded to **TRANSFER** the funds in the **Planning Board Goal Post Operations** account to a new **Selectmen's Goal Post Operations** account.

A voter present requested that the vote on Article 10 be by secret paper ballot. The Moderator declared that the voting be done by secret ballot as greater than 10% of voters present were in favor.

***MOTION DEFEATED BY SECRET PAPER BALLOT***

***25 YES 36 NO (61 Voted on the main motion)***

**ARTICLE 12:** The following business was transacted under this article:

- Robert Clancy, the Moderator, called for a moment of silence to remember Charles L. a/k/a "Cookie" Avery, who passed away Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- David A. Roberson, as Chairman of the Planning Board, brought up as a topic of discussion that they would like to see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 40 Section 22F which allows any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person to fix reasonable fees for any such licenses, permits, certificates, services or work and the reason for this is in our, the draft By-Laws that we've been

working on, we've got a wireless communication facility section and like just about every town I've seen, we have an application fee for that, \$5,000.00. We can't charge that fee unless the Town accepts the provisions of this general law so the reason we wanted to do that was so that we could move to the next step which was, bringing the By-Laws to the Town for hearings and a meeting to vote and now the process is going to have to be delayed, we were going to do it this Fall, it looks at this point like it probably won't happen until next Spring."

- The Moderator made a motion and was seconded to adjourn Special Town Meeting.

***PASSED BY ORAL UNANIMOUS  
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE***

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

A true copy,

Attest: Carrie Y. Silva, Town Clerk  
Dated: October 8, 2009

RECAPITULATION OF  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2010

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**October 5, 2009**  
(Recapitulation is for information only)

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION**

None 0.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION** **0.00**

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH**

None 0.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH** **0.00**

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Park Trail Leases (from Park Operations) 2.00

Prior Year Bill (from Planning Board Operations) 84.98

Prior Year Bill (from Goal Post Operations) 425.00

Prior Year Bill (from Planning Board Legal Expenses) 200.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS** **711.98**

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND**

War/Veterans' Memorial Plaque 1,200.00

Snow/Ice Deficit 29,331.58

Ice Storm Cleanup Deficit 18,777.85

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND** **49,309.43**

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**

None 0.00

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** **0.00**

**TOTAL FY2010 BUDGET ALL FUNDS** **\$ 50,021.41**



# PART IV

## Financial Reports



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) Levy percentage (from LA-5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (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 ROWE  
City or Town

December 16, 2008  
Date

413-339-5520  
Tel. No.

*Fred W. Williams*

*Heidi Conners*

*Ann F. Silva*

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Accounts Date

**II. Amounts to be raised**

Ila. Appropriations (col. (b) through col. (e) from Page 4)	\$ <u>3,208,036.18</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>111,014.00</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)	<u>153,750.00</u>
TOTAL Iib (Total lines 1 through 10)	<u>264,764.00</u>
Iic. State and county cherry sheet charge (C.S. 1-EC)	<u>33,546.00</u>
Iid. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)	<u>17,680.08</u>
Iie. Total amount to be raised (Total Iia through Iid)	<u>\$ 3,524,026.26</u>

**III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources**

Iiia. Estimated receipts - State	
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$ <u>216,322.00</u>
2. Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments	_____
TOTAL Iiia	<u>216,322.00</u>
Iiib. Estimated receipts - Local	
1. Local receipts not allocated (Page 3, col. (b), Line 23)	<u>74,880.00</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>74,880.00</u>
Iiic. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes	
1. Free cash (Page 4, col. (c))	<u>156,782.82</u>
2. Other available funds (Page 4, col. (d))	<u>251,056.36</u>
TOTAL Iiic	<u>407,839.18</u>
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	<u>0.00</u>
Iiie. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total Iiia through Iiid)	<u>\$ 699,041.18</u>

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

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

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \*

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2008	(b) Estimated Receipts 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  
Date

Ellen S. Babcock  
Accountant/Auditor

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→ 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.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2010

OF  
**ROWE**  
City / Town / District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

la. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$ 4,048,791.09
lb. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	1,147,539.41
lc. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 2,901,251.68
ld. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA - 5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	8.8794%	257,613.74	49,338,871	5.22	257,548.91
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.1326%	3,847.06	340,654	11.29	3,845.98
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	51.4265%	1,492,012.20	132,156,698	11.29	1,492,049.12
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	60.4385%		181,836,223		1,753,444.01
Personal	39.5615%	1,147,778.68	101,665,870	11.29	1,147,807.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	100.0000%		283,502,093		2,901,251.68

Board of Assessors of ROWE  
City / Town / District

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NOTE : The information is preliminary and is subject to change.

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessors Chairman, Rowe, 10/29/2009 7:45 PM Submitted under the authorization of the BOA...  
113-339-6520 Date (Comments)  
Assessor

*Frederick N. Williams 10-29-09*  
*Hiedi Corcoran 10-29-09*  
*Clare...* 10-29-09

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Reviewed By **Joseph Boudreau**  
Date :  
Approved :  
Director of Accounts

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2010

ROWE

City / Town / District

II. Amounts to be raised

IIa. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(e) from page 4)	\$	3,693,401.41
IIb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	0.00	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	0.00	
3. Final court judgements	0.00	
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	0.00	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	119,956.00	
6. Revenue deficits	0.00	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00	
8. Authorized Deferral of Teachers' Pay	0.00	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	0.00	
10. Other (specify on separate letter)	157,594.00	
TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)		277,550.00
IIc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		40,646.00
IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		37,193.68
IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId)	\$	4,048,791.09

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$	216,445.00
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00	
TOTAL IIIa		216,445.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col(b), Line 23)	82,280.00	
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)	0.00	
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	0.00	
4. Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)	0.00	
TOTAL IIIb		82,280.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))	161,115.00	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(d))	687,699.41	
TOTAL IIIc		848,814.41
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2009	0.00	
b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2009	0.00	
2. Municipal light source	0.00	
3. Teachers' pay deferral	0.00	
4. Other source :	0.00	
TOTAL IIId		0.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)	\$	1,147,539.41

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$	4,048,791.09
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$	1,147,539.41
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$	2,901,251.68
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	\$	4,048,791.09

**LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \***  
**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**ROWE**

City/Town/District

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2009	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2010
==> 1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	46,768.16	44,000.00
==> 2 OTHER EXCISE	0.00	0.00
==> 3 PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	1,701.25	1,500.00
==> 4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0.00	0.00
5 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00
6 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00
7 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00
8 CHARGES FOR SERVICES - TRASH DISPOSAL	0.00	0.00
9 OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
10 FEES	0.00	0.00
11 RENTALS	5,741.71	5,700.00
12 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
13 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
14 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
15 DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	105.00	200.00
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	412.37	450.00
17 LICENSES AND PERMITS	1,129.75	1,200.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==> 19 FINES AND FORFEITS	250.00	150.00
==> 20 INVESTMENT INCOME	17,940.88	12,500.00
==> 21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	17,713.67	14,480.00
22 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	2,737.92	2,100.00
<b>23 TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 94,600.71</b>	<b>\$ 82,280.00</b>

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Ellen I. Babcock, Accountant Rowe, 413-339-5520

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Accounting Officer

Date

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==> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2009 estimated receipts to FY2010 estimated

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING  
 TAX RATE RECAPITULATION  
ROWE  
 City / Town / District

FISCAL 2010

APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
							MEMO ONLY	
City / Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) ** From Raise and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash See B-1	(d) From Other Available Funds See B-2	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1), Enterprise Funds (See A-2), or Community Preservation Fund (See A-4)	(f) *** Revolving Funds (See A-3)	(g) Borrowing Authorization
12/18/2008	2009	346,291.00	0.00	28,250.00	318,041.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/11/2009	2009	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/11/2009	2010	3,289,089.00	2,844,587.00	132,865.00	311,637.00	0.00	18,500.00	0.00
10/05/2009	2010	50,021.41	0.00	0.00	50,021.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		3,693,401.41	2,844,587.00	161,115.00	687,699.41	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

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

ROWE

Carrie Y Silva, Town Clerk, Rowe, 413-339-5520

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City/Town/District

Clerk

Date

(Comments)

Carrie Y Silva 10/29/2009

# Board of Assessors

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Membership of the Board remained the same throughout this year as **Carrie Silva** was re-elected to a three year term at the annual town elections in May 2009. Carrie joined fellow Board member **Heidi Cousineau** in nominating and electing **Rick Williams** to serve again as Chair.

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

Carrie is to be congratulated for her successful completion of the Department of Revenue (DOR) Assessors Training Course 101 during the fall of 2009. This one week intensive training and test is required for all Assessors within two years of being elected or appointed to the Board.

The Assessors' Office continues to utilize **Patriot Properties' AssessPro** assessing software and **Cartographic Associates' Query Manager** mapping software. **Mayflower Valuations** continues to provide annual residential appraisal consulting services.

The following items were addressed at the routine monthly meetings, as needed: **building permits** received from the building inspector were reviewed and flagged for the annual field verification...**survey plans** and **deeds** recording property transfers received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed and compared to tax maps for verification of data and adjustments were made to affected property cards...**tax map changes** were documented and forwarded to the mapping service for update... **Form of List** (personal property declaration) returns received from taxpayers were reviewed and filed...and **real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise tax bill warrants and commitments and any applicable abatement applications** were reviewed and approved, as required.

The Board proposed the adoption of a number of state laws involving **property tax relief enhancements** that would provide relaxed eligibility requirements and/or increased exemption benefits for qualified taxpayers. These enhancements were adopted by townspeople at both the FY2010 Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election in May of 2009. The following Massachusetts General Laws (MGLs) local options were adopted:

- **Chapter 59, Section 8A** – cease assessing farm animal, machinery, and equipment excise tax on all individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture
- **Chapter 59, Section 5, Exemptions:**
  - **Clause 17D:** Surviving Spouse, Minor Child, Elderly Person Exemption - relaxed eligibility requirements

- **Clause 37A:** Blind Person Exemption - increased exemption benefit
- **Clause 41C:** Elderly Person Exemption - relaxed eligibility requirements and increased exemption benefits
- **Clause 54:** Small Personal Property Account Exemption – established an exemption for personal property accounts valued less than or equal to \$10,000 (per the law any personal property accounts valued greater than this amount are still subject to taxation on the full value)

The Board also proposed the adoption of a number of state laws providing tax breaks for active military personnel. These laws were adopted by townspeople at both the FY2010 Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election in May of 2009. The following Massachusetts General Laws (MGLs) local options were adopted:

- **Chapter 59, Section 5L** – deferral of property taxes
- **Chapter 60A, Section 1** – exemption from motor vehicle excise
- **Chapter 60A, Section 9** – deferral of motor vehicle excise

During the FY2009 Triennial Revaluation, the DOR mandated a more rigid assessment of residential personal property. Traditionally the Board assessed personal property taxes on businesses and 2<sup>nd</sup> homes, but not on regular residents. Consequently, Form of List (personal property declaration) forms were sent out in the spring of 2009 to all businesses, 2<sup>nd</sup> home owners, and residential taxpayers for the reporting of personal property for FY2010. However with adoption of the Small Personal Property Exemption discussed above, the number of personal property tax bills sent out actually decreased.

An **interim year update** to the **FY2009 Hydroelectric Facilities Appraisal Reports** was conducted for FY2010 after concerns were raised by one of the power companies regarding the assumptions for projected cost and consumption of electricity on which the facilities values were based. Following discussions with the power company, the appraisal consultant (**Mainstream Associates**), the DOR, and the Boards of Assessors in Florida and Monroe, it was concluded that the FY2009 reports assumptions were unrealistically optimistic for FY2010 and beyond in light of the financial markets crisis and associated recession which began in late 2008. Consequently the appraisal consultant was re-engaged by the three towns to conduct a special interim year update to the appraisal reports taking into consideration revised projections for electricity cost and consumption. As a result, the hydroelectric facilities' values for FY2010 dropped by over **\$32.5 million**.

Based on the interim year update **sales analysis** for Rowe, residential home and land values remained unchanged for FY2010. The net effect was that the **total town valuation** decreased by 10.3% to **\$283,502,093** for FY2010. The FY2010 tax rates of **\$5.22** for Residential and **\$11.29** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in late October of 2009. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$4.56** for Residential and **\$9.74** for CIP.

According to MA Department of Revenue records for FY2010, Rowe has the **9<sup>th</sup> lowest residential tax rate** but now enjoys the **lowest average single family tax bill** in the state (**\$1048**).

Reminder...the so-called **Proposition 2½ Levy Limit** restricts the amount of money that Rowe can raise each year from taxation. By law this limit only increases by 2½% each year (approximately \$67,000 for FY2010). 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 make cuts, defer projects, or utilize other "available funds" (Free Cash, Stabilization Fund, etc.) to balance the regular operating budget and to pay for special

projects. A significant action was taken at the FY2008 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" on an annual basis for capital improvement projects. This action reestablished and formalized a practice 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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**Brown, Christopher**, of Rowe, Administrator of Estate of **Brown, Frank S.**, **Bradford C.** of Jupiter, FL and **Craig of Buckland, MA**, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Brown, Craig** of Buckland, MA, property located on Davis Mine Road. (Map 408 Lot 14)

**Boston and Maine Corp.** of Delaware and the **Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Co.** of MA, for consideration paid of \$8,320,774.00, grant to **PanAm Southern LLC** of Delaware, property located in Rowe. (Map 412 Lots 2, 3 & Map 411 Lots 13, 20, 23, 27, 28)

**Gfroerer, Wesley I.** of Charlottesville, VA, for consideration paid of \$1,000.00, grant to **Phelps, MaryJo** of Rowe, property located on Petrie Road. (Map 407 Lot 18)

**Gfroerer, Wesley I.** of Charlottesville, VA, for consideration paid of \$57,734.00, grant to **Lively, Jonathan A.** and **Carol F.** of Rowe, property located on Petrie Road and Hazelton Road. (Map 407 Lot 14, 15, 17, 20, 21 & Map 203 Lot 29)

**Kovalchuk, Michael** of Rowley, MA, for \$1,800.00 paid, grant to **Williams, Frederick N.**, **Robert O.** and **Pollock, Susan E.**, Trustees of the Rowe Land Trust, property located on Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lot 15)

**Silva, Robert A.** and **Carrie Y.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Stobierski, Pamela H.**, of Deerfield, MA, property located at 123 Davis Mine Road. (Map 408 Lot 8.1)

**Stobierski, Pamela H.** of Deerfield, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Silva, Robert A.** and **Carrie Y.**, of Rowe, property located at 123 Davis Mine Road. (Map 408 Lot 8.1)

**Stickney, Wayne A.** and **Linda**, of Dunnellon, FL, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **Stickney, Barbara A.** of Rowe, property located at 43 Middletown Hill Road. (Map 202 Lot 78)

**Grieco, Richard N.** and **Ann L.** of Rockport, MA for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Grieco, Richard N.** of Rockport, MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 402 Lot 73)

**Grieco, Richard N.** of Rockport, MA, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **Grieco, Richard N.** and **Ann L.**, Trustees of the Old Cyrus Stage Road Trust of Rockport, MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 402 Lot 73)

**Grieco, Richard N.** of Rockport, MA, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **Grieco, Richard N.** and **Ann L.**, Trustees of the Old Cyrus Stage Road Trust of Rockport, MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 403 Lots 66, 68, 72)

**Thane, Phyllis E.** of Heath, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Thane, Phyllis E.** and **David A.** of Heath, MA, property located at 32 Davenport Branch Road. (Map 408 Lot 39)

**Morse, Alfred C.** and **Marjorie B.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$75,000.00, grant to **Parent, Kevin M.** and **William D.** of Rowe, property located at 39 Stone Hill Road. (Map 402 Lot 60)

**Miller, Nicole P.** of Rowe, in consideration of \$167,000, grant to **Sprague, Brandon A.** and **Sprague, Jennifer Morse**, property located at 162 Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lot 13)

**Morse, Marjorie H.** of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Morse, Marjorie H.** and **Alfred C.** of Rowe, property located at 60 Shippee Road. (Map 404 Lots 33, 35)

## LAND COURT DEED

**Grieco, Richard N.** of Rockport, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **Grieco, Richard N.** and **Ann L.** of Rockport MA, Trustees of the Old Cyrus Stage Road Trust, property located on Old Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 403 Lots 44, 67)

# Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill - State Ranking - 22-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
2010	\$ 41,775,700	208	\$ 200,845	\$ 5.22	\$1,048	315	315
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

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The deep recession in 2009 has created severe financial hardship for individuals, businesses and all levels of government. Income is down and budgets are tight. Here in Rowe, residents suffered a slight setback as the Bear Swamp hydroelectric power plant was devalued about 10%, shifting more of the tax burden to the residents. Our tax rates remain lower than other towns; however they have been increasing at a time when many of our taxpayers are suffering loss of income or even loss of jobs. The Finance Committee has kept this in mind and worked to keep the burden to a minimum and to defer the need for a Proposition 2.5 override for the time being.

The Finance Committee has been handicapped by a shortage of members. For most of the year we were down to only three members out of five seats, the minimum needed for a quorum. Paul McLatchy then left us when he was elected to an interim seat on the Selectboard. That left us without a quorum. The selectmen included the two remaining members of the Finance Committee in the FY2011 budget process, even though we could have no official say. Very recently (March 2010) Cara Morano and Sue Wood volunteered and were appointed to the Finance Committee so we can have a quorum during the rest of the budget process.

Two projects were abandoned (neglected) due to the Finance Committee being shorthanded and also a lack of outside interest. One was a Special Stabilization Fund that could only be tapped in an emergency situation such as catastrophic loss of income from Bear Swamp, which pays most of the Town's taxes. The other was an attempt to get more affordable health insurance, perhaps by switching to the state's GIC program. The employees, who only pay 15% of their health insurance, do not have much incentive to change.

During the initial stages of the FY2011 budget process, which we began in late 2009, 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 (SSA), as has been our practice for the past few years. Due to the recession, the actual cost of living as measured by the CPI actually decreased. In such cases, the SSA does not give a COLA until the CPI surpasses the level at which the last positive COLA was given. Many departments put COLA requests in their budget worksheets, but the Fi-

nance Committee argued that we gave a very generous COLA of 5.8% last year at the beginning of the recession and warned that SSA had calculated that during the energy price bubble just for the economy declined, so that this year's COLA was likely to be small. Any items in the budget that increase more than 2.5% push us toward needing a proposition 2.5 override. We apologize to the employees, but raising taxes in order to give wage increases at a time when the taxpayers are hurting doesn't make sense. Our employees are extremely well compensated as it is, so we ask them to be patient and look forward to raises in better economic times.

We are still committed to increasing the Stabilization fund. We believe the Town needs to build up more stabilization money, in the event that the tax burden continues to shift from the power plant to residents, perhaps catastrophically at some point in the future. So far, if the 0% COLA prevails, it looks as though we can put about \$20kK into Stabilization in FY2011. This would reverse the trend in recent years to tapping Stabilization to balance our budget.

The two biggest and fastest growing portions of the budget are wages and benefits, especially health and dental insurance. Addressing these is complicated by several factors: 1) it's difficult to ask employees to accept small or no raises or an increase in the share they pay for their own health insurance. Even though current compensation is the best in the county, lack of increases makes them feel unappreciated when they are doing a good job. 2) the school gives large raises to their employees without regard for guidelines set by the Selectmen and Finance Committee for the other town employees, and 3) employees do not have incentive to shop for more affordable health insurance since the Town pays 85% and non-employees do not have the time or will to investigate options. The rapid increases in the cost of wages and insurance will probably necessitate a Proposition 2.5 override in the next year or two.

Respectfully submitted,

David Dvore, Chair  
Anne Besgen  
Cara Morano  
Sue Wood

# Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2009

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7/1/09	Commit- ments	Abate- ments	Tax Title	Pay- ments	Refunds ments*	Adjust 6/30/09	Outstanding
2000 MVE	-67.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67.50
2001 MVE	-72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.50
2002 MVE	-42.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-42.50
2004 MVE	-220.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.75	0.00	0.00	-81.67
2005 MVE	-556.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	332.50	0.00	0.00	-223.75
2006 MVE	-1,589.50	0.00	76.87	0.00	719.06	-76.87	0.00	-870.44
2007 MVE	-1,317.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.94	0.00	0.00	-856.67
2008 MVE	-5,138.77	-3,976.27	602.09	0.00	8,677.33	-601.15	0.00	-436.77
2009 MVE	0.00	-38,381.46	181.57	0.00	37,281.67	-164.07	0.00	-1,082.29
2008 PP	-4.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.98	0.00	0.00	-1.16
2009 PP	0.00	-1,124,724.28	312.07	0.00	1,124,459.31	-63.85	0.00	-16.75
2006 RE	-13.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.71	0.00
2007 RE	-31.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-31.57
2008 RE	-5,017.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,810.60	0.00	0.00	-1,206.57
2009 RE	0.00	-1,700,260.84	1,729.38	58.83	1,695,111.97	-109.29	0.00	-3,469.95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-14,071.64</b>	<b>-2,867,342.85</b>	<b>2,901.98</b>	<b>58.83</b>	<b>2,870,995.11</b>	<b>-1,015.23</b>	<b>13.71</b>	<b>-8,460.09</b>

## Miscellaneous Collections

\$750.00	Lien Fees
505.00	Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees
319.00	Deputy Collector Fees
220.00	Mark for Motor Vehicle Non Renewal
1,698.72	Interest on Overdue Tax Payments
0.00	NSF Fees Collected
0.00	Bank Interest
<u>\$3,492.72</u>	

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

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

### General Fund – Revenue

<b>Taxes</b>	
Personal Property Taxes *	1,124,412
Real Estate Taxes *	1,698,800
Motor Vehicle Excise	46,768
Penalties/Interest	1,701
In Lieu of Taxes	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,871,681</b>

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

### Charges for Service/Other Departmental Revenues

Park & Recreation Revenues	105
Other Departmental Revenues	1,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,322</b>

### Licenses, Permits and Fees

Licenses and Permits	880
<b>Total</b>	<b>880</b>

### Federal Revenue

0

### Revenues from State

Cherry Sheet, etc.	108,599
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,599</b>

### Revenues from Other Govts - Court Fines

0

### Miscellaneous Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenues	20,679
Interest from Investments	17,941
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,620</b>

### General Fund – Total Revenues

3,021,102

### Inter-fund Transfers

Special Revenue Funds	0
Transfers from Trust Funds	386,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>386,926</b>

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

3,408,028

### General Fund – Expenditures

Salary and Wages	537,073
Expenditures	1,827,782
Construction	31,067
Capital Outlay	379,009
Debt Service	0
Unclassified	533,025

### General Fund – Expenditures - Total

3,307,956

### Other Financing Uses

Transfers to Other Fund	178,941
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### Total Other Financing Uses

178,941

### General Fund Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

3,486,897

### Special Revenue Funds Revenues

Taxes and Excises	0
Charges for Services	0
Federal Revenue	97,902
State Revenue	181,081
Miscellaneous Revenue	163,899
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>442,882</b>

### Other Financing Sources

Bond Proceeds	0
Transfers from Other Funds	656
Other Financing Sources	0

### Total Other Financing Sources

656

### Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources

443,538

<b>Expenditures</b>	
Salary and Wages	0
Expenditures	368,977
Construction	0
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>368,977</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	
Transfers to Other Funds	656
Other Financing Uses	0
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>656</b>
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>369,633</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>73,905</b>
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	141,604
Adjustments	0
<b>Fund Balance End of Year</b>	<b>215,509</b>
<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	0
Earnings on Investments	38,506
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>38,506</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>	
Transfers from Other Funds	165,250
Other Financing Sources	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>165,250</b>
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>203,756</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Salary and Wages	0
Expenditures	3,359
Construction	0
Capital Outlay	0
Debt Service	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,359</b>
<b>Other Financing Uses</b>	
Transfers to Other Funds	373,235
Other Financing Uses	0
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>373,235</b>

<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>376,594</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency)</b>	<b>-172,838</b>
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	2,370,704
Adjustments	0
<b>Fund Balance End of Year</b>	<b>2,197,866</b>

<b>Agency Fund Balance</b>	
Agency Fund Balance July 1, 2008	-2,042
Additions	34,296
Deductions	-32,229
<b>Agency Fund Balance June 30, 2009</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>Personnel Expenditures as of Dec 1, 2008</b>	
Total Salaries and Wages	1,115,183
Total Number of Employees	93

<b>Schedule of Cash/Investments June 30, 2009</b>	
General Fund	535,031
Special Revenue	75,762
Debt Service Fund	0
Capital Project Funds	0
Enterprise Funds	0
Trust Funds	2,197,866
Agency Funds	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,808,684</b>

<b>Reconciliation of Fund Equity (Retained Earnings)</b>	
Total Revenues	3,502,490
Total Expenditures	3,680,292
<b>Total Excess (Deficiency) – Rev over Exp</b>	<b>(177,802)</b>

<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	
Transfers from Other Funds	552,832
Other Financing Sources	0
Transfer to Other Funds	552,832
Other Financing Uses	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Total Excess (Deficiency) – Revenue over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>(177,802)</b>
Fund Equity (Retained Earnings) 7-1-08	3,127,836
Other Adjustments	0
<b>Total Fund Equity (Retained Earnings) End of Year 6-30-09</b>	<b>2,950,034</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen B. Miller  
Town Accountant

# Accountant's Report - Appropriation Balances June 30, 2009

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>(1) General Government</b>					
01-5-101-110	Sel - Legal Expenses	20,000.00	(13,926.63)	6,073.37	30
01-5-101-120	Settlements & Judgments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-5-101-220	Sel - Selectmen Stipend	5,562.00	(3,708.00)	1,854.00	33
01-5-101-290	Sel - Gen Administration	30,320.00	(30,274.75)	45.25	0
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	1,568.00	(788.78)	779.22	0
01-5-101-294	Sel - Print Town Reports	3,398.00	(3,398.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-295	Sel - Municipal Audit	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	100
01-5-101-296	Sel - Summer Youth Employment	25,500.00	(25,296.80)	203.20	0
01-5-101-297	Sel - SYE Encumb	2,403.00	(2,403.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-298	Council on Aging	5,500.00	(3,871.72)	1,628.28	29
01-5-101-350	Sel - Acct/Admin Sal	54,534.00	(54,534.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-351	Sel - Asst Acct/Clerk	10,025.00	(9,796.00)	229.00	2
01-5-101-352	Sel - AsstAcct Clrk Pay Encum	394.66	(394.66)	0.00	0
01-5-101-360	Sel - FRCOG Core Assessment	13,866.00	(12,479.50)	1,386.50	9
01-5-101-361	Sel - FRCOG Statutory Assessment	6,455.00	(6,455.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-364	Sel - CSF Town Hall Copier	12,500.00	(12,289.00)	211.00	1
01-5-101-365	Sel - Computer Equip/Software	14,200.00	(13,983.63)	216.37	1
01-5-101-367	Sel - Computer Support	16,000.00	(16,000.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-368	Sel - Broadband Analysis/Planning	0.00	0.00	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	(5,100.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-411	Assessor Clerical Wage	12,500.00	(8,960.00)	3,540.00	28
01-5-101-412	Assessor Clrk Encumb Pay	109.41	(109.41)	0.00	0
01-5-101-413	Assessor Operations	6,900.00	(5,952.22)	947.78	13
01-5-101-418	Assessor GIS Mapping Project	5,564.05	(5,441.50)	122.55	2
01-5-101-420	Assessor Revaluation/Property Updates	43,493.08	(36,753.66)	6,739.42	15
01-5-101-421	Assessor Full Measure & List	2,125.00	(1,700.00)	425.00	20
01-5-101-450	Treasurer Stipend	7,161.00	(7,161.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-451	Assist. Treasurer Pay	100.00	0.00	100.00	100
01-5-101-460	Tax Collector Stipend	6,531.00	(6,531.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-610	Town Clerk Stipend	6,531.00	(6,531.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-620	Election/Teller Expenses	4,000.00	(3,878.03)	121.97	3
01-5-101-630	Registrar/Census Compensation	350.00	(350.00)	0.00	0
01-5-101-710	Conservation Comm Operations	200.00	(23.10)	176.90	88
01-5-101-720	Agricultural Commission Operations	250.00	0.00	250.00	88
01-5-101-730	Yankee Land Committee Operations	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	88
01-5-101-750	Planning Board Operations	500.00	(173.73)	326.27	65
01-3-101-751	Planning Board Legal Expenses	4,000.00	(925.00)	3,075.00	76
01-5-101-752	Planning Board Goal Post Operations	16,700.00	(12,643.40)	4,056.60	24
01-5-101-810	Historic Landscape ID Program	250.00	0.00	250.00	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	FC Soule Senior Center Feasibility Study	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	100
01-5-901-918	FC Energy Planning Engineer	3,375.00	(3,375.00)	0.00	0
01-5-901-918	FC High Speed Internet	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>434,975.20</b>	<b>(317,267.52)</b>	<b>117,707.68</b>	
<b>(2) Public Works</b>					
01-5-204-220	Hwy - Wages	154,959.19	(148,614.35)	6,344.84	4
01-5-204-221	Hwy - Encumbered Wage	3,081.42	(3,081.42)	0.00	0
01-5-204-222	Hwy - Operations & Maintenance	53,733.60	(52,804.96)	928.64	0
01-5-204-224	Hwy - Fuel for Town Vehicles	31,016.21	(31,016.21)	0.00	0
01-5-204-228	Hwy - Road Maint/Reclamation	45,000.00	(45,000.00)	0.00	0
01-5-204-230	Hwy - Annual Projects	35,000.00	(34,602.74)	397.26	1

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-204-232	Hwy - Superintendent's Salary	72,028.00	(72,028.00)	0.00	0
01-5-204-240	Hwy - Wash Station/ Yard Improvements	6,793.86	(6,793.86)	0.00	0
01-5-204-242	Hwy - New Garage Roof CSF	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	100
01-5-204-250	Hwy - Winter Roads	65,867.00	(65,867.00)	0.00	0
01-5-204-251	Hwy - Winter Rd Overdraft	0.00	(23,991.58)	-23,991.58	0
01-5-204-252	Street Lighting	5,125.00	(4,967.22)	157.78	3
01-5-504-910	Cemetery Maintenance	12,000.00	(11,963.50)	36.50	0
01-5-504-912	CSF East Cemetery Pavement	9,000.00	(8,520.00)	480.00	5
01-5-900-100	Custodian Wage Encumbered	122.06	(122.06)	0.00	0
01-5-901-901	Mncpl Cntr Custodian Wage	12,276.00	(5,379.80)	6,896.20	58
01-5-901-902	Mncpl Cntr Operations/Maintenance	22,550.00	(22,550.00)	0.00	0
01-5-901-903	Elevator Maintenance	3,996.00	(3,996.00)	0.00	7
01-5-901-904	Town Hall Fuel Oil	8,200.00	(8,192.18)	7.82	0
01-5-901-905	Gracy House Repair/Maintenance	4,800.00	(4,587.22)	212.78	4
01-5-901-906	Beautification Committee	3,000.00	(2,494.13)	505.87	16
01-5-901-912	Dam Maintenance/Repairs	2,000.00	(75.00)	1,925.00	96
01-5-901-915	CSF Gracy House Heating System	8,000.00	(212.78)	7,787.22	97
01-5-901-916	CSF Gracy House/ Soule Barn Improvements	43,057.49	(27,929.45)	15,128.04	35
01-5-901-917	FC Soule Senior Center Feasibility Study	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	100
01-5-901-920	FC Avery Fountain Rebuild	1,500.00	(1,100.00)	400.00	26
01-5-901-921	CSF Soule Barn Roof	5,800.00	0.00	5,800.00	100
01-5-901-922	CSF Soule Foundation Wall	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	100
01-5-901-930	CSF ESCO (Energy Savings) Project	315,125.00	(315,125.00)	0.00	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>953,530.83</b>	<b>(901,014.46)</b>	<b>52,516.37</b>	
<b>(3) Public Safety</b>					
01-5-602-100	Police Chief Stipend	9,252.00	(9,252.00)	0.00	0
01-5-602-103	Police Officer Wages	14,826.00	(11,547.36)	3,278.64	22
01-5-602-104	Police Off Encumb Wage	888.42	(888.42)	0.00	0
01-5-602-105	Police Dept Operations	11,102.00	(10,039.73)	1,062.27	9
01-5-602-200	Fire Chief Stipend	6,531.00	(6,531.00)	0.00	0
01-5-602-201	Fire Officers' Stipends	6,300.00	(6,046.13)	253.87	4
01-5-602-202	Fire Fighters Reimbursements	7,150.00	(7,150.00)	0.00	0
01-5-602-203	Fire Dept Operations	24,300.00	(24,300.00)	0.00	0
01-5-602-209	Fire Dept Air Compressor	4,126.33	(523.46)	3,602.87	87
01-5-602-214	Fire Dept Fire Pond Maintenance	6,109.12	0.00	6,109.12	100
01-5-602-400	Bldg Inspetor Fees/Reimbursements	5,000.00	(3,719.80)	1,280.20	25
01-5-602-430	Plumbing/Gas Inspection Programs	1,376.00	(1,376.00)	0.00	0
01-5-602-450	Electrical Inspection Program	2,712.00	(2,712.00)	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	1,902.00	(1,902.00)	0.00	0
01-5-702-321	EMS Operations	2,500.00	(370.10)	2,129.90	76
01-5-702-323	EMS Emergency Personnel/ Expenses	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>		<b>110,974.87</b>	<b>(92,558.00)</b>	<b>18,416.87</b>	
<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	500.00	(500.00)	0.00	0
01-5-704-330	Refuse Garden Operations	50,500.00	(39,250.18)	11,249.82	22
01-5-704-332	CSF Transfer Station Concrete Work	15,000.00	(7,000.00)	8,000.00	53
01-5-704-335	Transfer Station Attendants Wages	13,855.00	(13,766.04)	88.96	0
01-5-704-336	FCSWMD Assessment (50%)	1,856.00	(1,855.50)	0.50	0
01-5-704-337	Attendant Wages Encumb	241.20	(241.20)	0.00	0

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-704-338	Recycling Shed Improvements	189.66	0.00	189.66	100
01-5-705-090	BOH Stipends	4,635.00	(4,635.00)	0.00	0
01-5-705-095	BOH Clerk Wages	5,061.00	(4,845.00)	216.00	4
01-5-705-096	BOH Clerk Wages Encumbered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-5-705-100	BOH Operations	14,959.00	(12,771.69)	2,187.31	14
01-5-705-220	Town Nurse Wages	33,135.00	(22,216.22)	10,918.78	32
01-5-705-221	Town Nurse Wages Encumbered	345.00	(345.00)	0.00	0
01-5-705-222	Health Services Operation	6,200.00	(5,285.08)	914.92	14
01-5-705-223	Health Services Physician's Stipend	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.00	0
01-5-705-222	Health Services Operation Encumbered	42.93	(122.15)	-79.22	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>147,519.79</b>	<b>(113,833.06)</b>	<b>33,686.73</b>	
<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 <i>(see detailed report attached)</i>	1,124,630.00	(1,124,630.00)	0.00	0
01-5-300-003	School Encumbered	94,509.52	(94,509.52)	0.00	0
01-5-300-009	Rowe Schl Capital Improvements	1,188.73	(1,188.73)	0.00	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,224,612.25</b>	<b>(1,224,612.25)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>(6) Culture and Recreation</b>					
01-5-306-100	Library Director Wages	20,919.00	(20,809.46)	109.54	0
01-5-306-101	Library Staff Wages	13,468.00	(13,211.12)	256.88	1
01-5-306-102	Library Operations	21,700.00	(21,652.99)	47.01	0
01-5-306-103	Library Wages Encumbered	271.16	(271.16)	0.00	0
01-5-306-104	Librarian's Wages Encumbered	617.70	(617.70)	0.00	0
01-5-306-106	Library Improvements/Studies	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	100
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	39,807.00	(38,587.01)	1,219.99	3
01-5-906-501	Park Wages Encumbered	4,604.00	(4,604.00)	0.00	0
01-5-906-502	Park Operations/Maintenance	23,968.72	(23,954.86)	13.86	0
01-5-906-503	Park Ranger Salary	39,450.00	(39,450.00)	0.00	0
01-5-906-504	Park Operations Encumbered	1,664.85	(1,664.85)	0.00	0
01-5-906-507	Park Tennis Court Resurfacing CSF	9,158.75	(9,158.75)	0.00	0
01-5-906-516	Park Browning Bench Repairs	2,198.70	0.00	2,198.70	100
01-5-906-517	Park Browning Bench Repairs CSF	25,000.00	(22,212.10)	2,787.90	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>214,327.88</b>	<b>(205,194.00)</b>	<b>9,133.88</b>	
<b>(7) Pensions and Insurance</b>					
01-5-901-900	Bonding & Insurance	45,000.00	(38,498.80)	6,501.20	14
01-5-909-110	County Retirement	95,716.00	(95,716.00)	0.00	0
01-5-909-130	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100
01-5-909-140	Group Medical/Medex	328,500.00	(328,500.00)	0.00	0
01-5-909-145	FICA/Medicare	32,886.00	(28,793.87)	4,092.13	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>503,102.00</b>	<b>(491,508.67)</b>	<b>11,593.33</b>	
<b>(8) Veterans</b>					
01-5-405-430	Veterans Agent Stipend	500.00	(485.00)	15.00	3
01-5-405-431	Veterans Admin Operations	400.00	(386.03)	13.97	3
01-5-405-432	Veterans Benefits	100.00	0.00	100.00	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>(871.03)</b>	<b>128.97</b>	
<b>(9) Debt Service</b>					
01-5-807-520	Bank Chrgs & Loan Interest	500.00	(457.00)	43.00	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>500.00</b>	<b>(457.00)</b>	<b>43.00</b>	
<b>(10.3) Transfer and Other</b>					
01-5-909-200	Stabilization Appropriation (to)	165,250.00	(178,940.88)	(13,690.88)	0
01-5-957-800	Reserve Fund FY2009	13,548.00	0.00	13,548.00	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>178,798.00</b>	<b>(178,940.88)</b>	<b>(142.88)</b>	

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>(10.4) State Charges</b>					
01-5-907-001	State Charges Air Pollution	335.00	(335.00)	0.00	0
01-5-907-002	State Charges Regional Transit	3,085.00	(3,085.00)	0.00	0
01-5-907-003	State Charges RMV Non-Renewal	40.00	220.00	260.00	0
01-5-907-004	State Charges School Choice	0.00	(3,600.00)	(3,600.00)	0
01-5-907-005	State Charges Charter School	30,086.00	(34,716.00)	(4,630.00)	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33,546.00</b>	<b>(41,516.00)</b>	<b>(7,970.00)</b>	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,802,886.82</b>	<b>(3,567,772.87)</b>	<b>235,113.95</b>	<b>0.08</b>

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## ROWE SCHOOL DISTRICT - FY09 Operating Statement

June 30, 2009

EXPENSES	Budget	YTD Expenses	Current Balance	Projected Expenditures	Projected End-of-Year Balance
School Committee {1110, 1430, 1435}	4,881	5,666	(785)	0	(785)
District Wide Administration {1000}	39,209	27,191	12,018	0	12,018
Instructional Services {2000}	212,050	206,476	5,574	4,842	732
Classroom Teachers {2305}	305,769	283,817	21,952	44,203	(22,251)
Teachers (Specialists) {2310}	45,995	36,471	9,524	6,238	3,287
Instructional Assistants/Aides {2330}	33,660	27,670	5,990	902	5,088
Student Services {2700-3100}	14,084	10,628	3,456	1,932	1,524
Nurses {3200}	62,882	53,149	9,733	9,013	720
Transportation {3300}	45,595	63,106	(17,511)	(7,669)	(9,842)
Food Services {3400}	29,801	26,064	3,737	4,122	(385)
Operations {4000}	128,310	115,114	13,196	0	13,196
Technology {4410, 4450}	8,939	9,774	(835)	0	(835)
Fixed (Benefits, Insurance) {5200}	22,359	13,114	9,245	0	9,245
Other Fixed Charges {5300-5600}	224	707	(483)	0	(483)
Acquisition, Improvement, Replacement {7000}	140	20,749	(20,609)	0	(20,609)
Programs with Other Districts {9000}	170,732	153,486	17,246	0	17,246
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,124,630</b>	<b>\$1,053,180</b>	<b>\$71,450</b>	<b>\$63,584</b>	<b>\$7,866</b>

# Accountant's Report - FY2009 Revenue

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>(10.0) Property Taxes</b>					
01-4-110-000	Personal Property Taxes	1,124,724.26	1,124,412.21	(312.05)	0
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes	1,682,580.74	1,698,799.51	16,218.77	0
01-4-615-000	Abatements - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,807,305.00</b>	<b>2,823,211.72</b>	<b>15,906.72</b>	
<b>(10.1) State Aid</b>					
01-4-611-000	Abatements-Vets,Blind,SS	1,875.00	1,875.00	0.00	0
01-4-661-000	Lottery Aid	4,252.00	4,425.00	173.00	0
01-4-662-000	Add'l Lottery Aid	651.00	0.00	(651.00)	100
01-4-663-000	Highway Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-670-000	Chapter 90 Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-680-000	Other State Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,778.00</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>	<b>(478.00)</b>	
<b>(10.2) Estimated Receipts</b>					
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	38,240.00	46,768.16	8,528.16	0
01-4-170-000	Penalty & Int. on Taxes	1,000.00	976.43	(23.57)	2
01-4-172-000	Penalty & Int. MVE	0.00	724.82	724.82	0
01-4-325-000	Fees - Board of Health	0.00	325.00	325.00	0
01-4-330-100	Fees - Town Clerk	0.00	44.00	44.00	0
01-4-330-150	Fees - Police Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-330-155	Fees - Copier/FAX	0.00	358.37	358.37	0
01-4-330-160	Fees - Misc	500.00	10.00	(490.00)	98
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	450.00	450.00	0
01-4-360-000	Rentals	5,300.00	5,741.71	441.71	0
01-4-369-000	Licenses & Permits	1,400.00	0.00	(1,400.00)	100
01-4-442-000	Licenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-445-000	Dog Licenses	0.00	354.75	354.75	0
01-4-445-001	Dog Lic Late Fees	0.00	75.00	75.00	0
01-4-450-000	Recycling Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-475-000	Election Hours	480.00	480.00	0.00	0
01-4-480-000	In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-610-000	Reimb State-Owned Land	2,996.00	2,996.00	0.00	0
01-4-616-000	Veterans Benefits	2,605.00	752.00	(1,853.00)	71
01-4-618-000	Medicare Assistance-Sch	2,000.00	5,034.63	3,034.63	0
01-4-620-000	School Aid Chapter 70	72,924.00	65,255.00	(7,669.00)	10
01-4-621-000	School Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-622-000	Charter Sch Assess Reimb	20,005.00	28,086.00	8,081.00	0
01-4-685-000	Library Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-686-000	Park Programs - Fees	360.00	105.00	(255.00)	70
01-4-770-000	NSF Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-772-000	RMV Fines	0.00	175.00	175.00	0
01-4-815-000	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-820-000	Earnings on Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-822-000	Interest on Checking	12,000.00	17,940.88	5,940.88	0
01-4-830-000	Refunds Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-830-050	Refunds/Reimb MIIA	500.00	2,516.00	2,016.00	0
01-4-830-100	Refunds Prior Year	100.00	221.92	121.92	0
01-4-840-000	Misc Revenue	13,000.00	12,199.04	(800.96)	6
01-4-840-100	Misc Revenue - School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>173,410.00</b>	<b>191,589.71</b>	<b>18,179.71</b>	

Account No.	Account Name	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
<b>(10.3) Transfers and Other</b>					
01-4-841-000	Free Cash	146,975.00	0.00	(146,975.00)	100
01-4-842-000	Available Funds Encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
01-4-843-000	Available Funds Continuing App	263,493.82	0.00	(263,493.82)	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	389,925.00	386,926.10	(2,998.90)	0
01-4-974-000	Trans Recpts Reserved	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>800,393.82</b>	<b>386,926.10</b>	<b>(413,467.72)</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>3,787,886.82</b>	<b>3,408,027.53</b>	<b>(379,859.29)</b>	

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# Town of Rowe - Revolving Fund

## Activity - July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

	Date	Source/Description	Check #	Amount
<b>School Programs - 27-3-000-210</b>				
O	7/1/08	Opening Balance		0.00
TR	209	1/8/09 Anne Leary - Field Trip/ST#58 Donation		(150.00)
A	101	1/16/09 Rcrd Treas transfer sch activity acct to sch programs acct		(2,229.75)
TR	138	3/31/09 Sch Turnover #59/Ski Program		(1,401.25)
TR	138	3/31/09 Sch Turnover #59/Wash DC Trip		(375.00)
TR	164	4/16/09 PTP donation for Ski Program/Sch T #61		(715.00)
W	23	4/17/09 Berkshire East Ski Area/Inv1151 Lift Tickets School	29338	2,028.75
W	24	5/1/09 Clarion Inn Wash DC/Balance on Hotel Rooms School	29464	1,919.80
TR	178	5/5/09 Sch Turnover #62/WashDC trip		(1,062.50)
A	80	6/29/09 Rcrd Treas transfer sch activity acct to sch programs acct		(514.66)
A	80	6/29/09 Rcrd Treas transfer sch activity acct to sch programs acct		(144.21)
A	80	6/29/09 Rcrd Treas transfer sch activity acct to sch programs acct		(128.00)
A	80	6/29/09 Rcrd Treas transfer sch activity acct to sch programs acct		(342.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>				<b>(3,113.82)</b>
<b>After School Programs - 27-3-000-250</b>				
O	7/1/08	Opening Balance		(134.22)
W	23	4/17/09 Clancy Robert /Reimb. for supplies	29348	40.70
<b>Ending Balance</b>				<b>(93.52)</b>
<b>BOH Vaccine Purchases - 27-3-000-525</b>				
O	7/1/08	Opening Balance		(2,516.08)
W	7	9/19/08 Sanofi Pasteur, Inc/95860370 Vaccine Purchase	27744	447.13
TR	211	6/16/09 BC/BS / Flu Vac Reimb		(88.24)
<b>Ending Balance</b>				<b>(2,157.19)</b>
<b>Goal Post Subscriptions - 27-3-000-550</b>				
O	7/1/08	Opening Balance		(174.00)
TR	47	10/14/08 Rick&Carrie Tower/GPSub 1st Cls 1yr		(12.00)
TR	47	10/14/08 Dawn&Kevin Warner/GP Subs 1st Cls 1yr		(24.00)
TR	130	3/11/09 Compton, Joann/GP Subs 1st cls 1yr		(12.00)
TR	130	3/11/09 Stetson, Jane/GP Subs 1st Cls 1yr		(12.00)
TR	130	3/11/09 Stetson, Jane/GP Subs Bulk 1 yr		(5.00)
TR	130	3/11/09 Babcock, Martha/GP Subs 1st Cls 1 yr		(12.00)
TR	130	3/11/09 Brown, Billie/GP Subs 1st Cls 1 yr		(12.00)
TR	130	3/11/09 Rich, Alan&Priscella/GP Subs 1st Cls 2 yr		(25.00)
TR	158	4/1/09 Essert, Bob/GP Subs Bulk 2 yr		(10.00)
TR	158	4/1/09 Janovsky, Laura/GP Subs Bulk 2.5 yr		(12.00)
TR	158	4/1/09 Posever, Mike/GP Subs 1st Cls 1 yr		(12.00)
TR	212	6/17/09 N Cascone /GPS Subs Bulk 1 yr		(5.00)
TR	206	6/30/09 Gladys Williams/GP Subs 1 yr		(12.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>				<b>(339.00)</b>
<b>Old Home Day - 27-3-000-575</b>				
O	7/1/08	Opening Balance		(117.91)
TR	17	7/9/08 OHD - Checks/BBQ ticket sales		(1,100.00)
TR	17	7/9/08 OHD - Cash/BBQ ticket sales		(1,560.00)
W	1	7/11/08 A.L. Avery & Son/217837 Ice Cream OHD 7/12/08	27069	255.00
W	1	7/11/08 Readsboro Lions Club/Balance due on 7/12/08 BBQ	27103	1,930.00
TR	27	8/12/08 Rowe Historical Society reimb/Tent for OHD		(140.00)
TR	27	8/12/08 OHD/Vendor Booth fees collected		(112.00)
W	28	6/26/09 Readsboro Lions Club/OHD Chicken BBQ July '09	30006	1,400.00
TR	206	6/30/09 OHD/BBQ ticket sales		(890.00)
TR	206	6/30/09 OHD/Donation-can & bottle refunds		(120.00)
TR	206	6/30/09 OHD/BBQ ticket sales		(640.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>				<b>(1,094.91)</b>

A = Adjusting Entries - Gen. Jnl.  
 B = Budget Entries - Budget Jnl.  
 W = Warrant Register  
 O = Opening Balance

TR = Cash Receipts Journal  
 CD = Cash Disbursement  
 PW = Payroll Warrant  
 PD = Payroll Disbursement

Note: Parentheses ( ) = positive amount

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# Treasurer's Report

## Trust Funds FY2009

Name of Fund	Balance 7/1/2008	Transfer In	Interest	Transfer Out	Balance 6/30/2009
M. Wells Memorial Library	\$8,439.30		\$173.19		\$8,612.49
Cemetery	\$21,159.94		\$434.22		\$21,594.16
Rowe Library Gift	\$411.05		\$8.43		\$419.48
Charles Wells Library	\$3,350.51		\$68.76		\$3,419.27
Preserved Smith Library	\$1,764.02		\$36.19		\$1,800.21
Gould Library	\$16,263.29		\$333.75		\$16,597.04
Foster Donation	\$3,001.36		\$61.61		\$3,062.97
White Memorial Library	\$5,291.03		\$108.59		\$5,399.62
L. Tower/Jones Library	\$5,291.03		\$108.59		\$5,399.62
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	\$3,780.09		\$77.50	(\$25.00)	\$3,832.59
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$68,751.62</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,410.83</b>	<b>(\$25.00)</b>	<b>\$70,137.45</b>

## Stabilization Fund FY2009

Beginning Balance 7/1/2008	\$1,157,017.66
Transfers to Capitilization Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers from Capitilization Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers to General Fund	(1,050,000.00)
Transfers from General Fund	\$1,061,500.00
Interest earned 7/1/08 to 6/30/09	\$13,662.54
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2009</b>	<b>\$1,182,180.20</b>

\*This amount \$1,050,000.00 was borrowed to offset costs in anticipation of tax revenues, and was returned to the fund when tax monies were received.

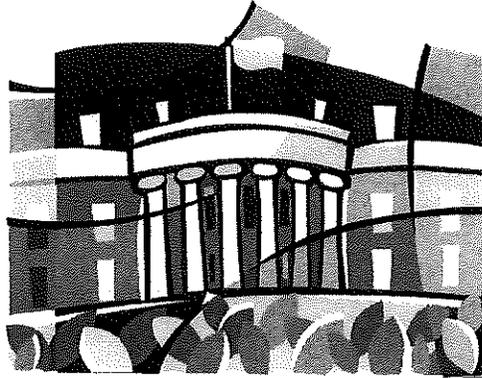
## Capitilization Stabilization Fund FY2009

Beginning Balance 7/1/2008	\$1,142,175.91
Transfers from Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers to Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers from General Fund	\$167,440.88
Transfers to General Fund	(\$389,925.00)
Interest 7/1/2008 to 6/30/2009	\$21,414.09
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2009</b>	<b>\$941,105.88</b>

## School Agency Account FY2009

Beginning Balance 7/1/2008	\$2,738.70
Deposits	\$2,083.87
Withdrawals	(\$3,358.62)
Interest 7/01/08 to 6/30/09	\$11.51
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2009</b>	<b>\$1,475.46</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi Cousineau, Treasurer



# PART V

## **Regional Reports**

# FCCIP (Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Dear Member Town:

I have included the Fiscal Year 2009 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 7am - 9am 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, 2008 – June 30, 2009  
FISCAL YEAR 2009 REPORT  
PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS**

Towns	Reinspection Fees	Permits	Total Fees
Ashfield	0.00	55	5,105.00
Bernardston	0.00	31	3,325.00
Buckland	30.00	40	3,905.00
Charlemont	15.00	45	4,820.00
Conway	0.00	53	4,780.00
Erving	0.00	24	2,155.00
Gill	0.00	45	4,535.00
Hawley	0.00	8	1,020.00
Heath	10.00	20	1,770.00
Leverett	0.00	7	7,350.00
Leyden	0.00	21	2,245.00
Rowe	0.00	10	800.00
Shelburne	0.00	42	3,735.00
Whately	0.00	60	7,035.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>52,580.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Collected:</b>			<b>52,635.00</b>

# FCCIP (Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) Wiring Inspector

Dear Member Town:

I have included the Fiscal Year 2009 report at the bottom of this letter which reflects wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns.

We are seeing more solar installations in our towns. All of these projects need an electrical permit and inspections. Electrical cords are only for temporary use, not for permanently plugging in solar hot water pumps and controls.

I have received a lot of complaints about contractors, most of who were not from the local area. I strongly urge you to hire local qualified contractors and ask for references before you sign a contract.

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 web site at [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org), under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

James Slowinski  
Wiring Inspector

**July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009  
FISCAL YEAR 2009 REPORT  
PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS**

Towns	Reinspection		Total Fees
	Fees	Permits	
Ashfield	0.00	33	3,535.00
Bernardston	0.00	43	4,210.00
Buckland	0.00	41	3,745.00
Charlemont	0.00	37	4,010.00
Conway	210.00	40	3,600.00
Erving	0.00	48	8,035.00
Gill	100.00	36	5,175.00
Hawley	50.00	20	2,315.00
Heath	0.00	28	2,430.00
Leverett	0.00	60	7,500.00
Rowe	0.00	22	2,060.00
Shelburne	0.00	61	4,995.00
Whately	140.00	52	11,045.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>62,655.00</b>
<b>Total Amount Collected:</b>			<b>63,155.00</b>

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

The downturn in the economy resulted in less trash and recycling tonnage in 2009. Both decreased by approximately 10% in 2009. District residents still showed their commitment to recycling by diverting 2,100 tons of paper and 1,200 tons of mixed containers from regional disposal facilities. The 3,300 tons of recycling was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although recycling market prices were low in 2009, District towns received the contract guarantee of \$15.67 per ton of recyclables.

In 2009, the District sponsored a spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collection for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 89 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2009. This event allows residents

to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. Over 300 households participated in this event.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs as well as to implement programs 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. Recycling and composting assistance was also provided to 30 public events, including the Franklin County Fair.

The District was involved in a feasibility study to identify closed municipal landfills that could support the installation of solar photovoltaic panels. This is an exciting project that could generate alternative energy on otherwise unusable property. Further exploration of this option will occur in 2010.

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

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# FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments)

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The FRCOG was created by the towns of Franklin County in 1997. The preamble of the Charter that created the FRCOG states:

*We, the people of Franklin County, in order to serve the interests of the citizens of our region, do hereby affirm that the 26 municipalities of Franklin County have vital common concerns that transcend the borders of individual municipalities and that the ability of our municipalities to address important public issues often depends on our local governments acting together. We therefore establish for ourselves and for our communities the means to effectively serve our towns and to deal with regional issues that transcend the existing boundaries of town governments.*

Twelve years later the FRCOG is proud to report on the accomplishments, projects and services that we have provided to the people and communities of Franklin County. Each year since our formation we have grown, improved and have served the region proudly. The FRCOG is now considered the model of regionalism in Massachusetts. A summary of our accomplishments include:

Through advocacy and outreach the FRCOG helped to bring millions of dollars of ARRA funding to Franklin County including Brownfields funding to assess and cleanup sites contaminated by hazardous materials; \$19.2 million for safety improvements along Route 2 in Orange; \$12.8 million for the construction of the Franklin Regional Transit Center; and another \$10 million for road improvements to Routes 5&10 and Route 2.

The FRCOG's efforts on behalf of 22 towns and 5 regional school districts to secure the services of an Energy Services Company to assess and identify energy savings capital improvements, made the region uniquely qualified to apply for ARRA energy efficiency funding. Fifteen towns took advantage of this funding opportunity and grant awards are expected to be announced in February or March of 2010.

The Cooperative Purchasing Program helped member towns procure highway products, fuel, elevator maintenance services, tradesperson services, IT support, and conducted numerous local bids. The total amount of contracted highway products and services in FY09 was \$7,283,815 for 21 Franklin County Towns and 1 Hampshire County Town.

The Regional Preparedness Program worked with the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition to address the H1N1 outbreak and was responsible for receiving and distributing H1N1 vaccines for the region and coordinating vaccination clinics. Boards of Health got access to local planning nurses, funding for supplies and vaccinations clinics. Over 5,000 H1N1 vaccinations were administered between Thanksgiving and mid-January.

Through WesternMA Connect, the FRCOG continued to be actively involved in the effort to bring broadband to all areas of Western Massachusetts, and in 2009 the creation and funding of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute with \$40 million of state bond funding was celebrated.

The Planning Department of the FRCOG is currently helping 15 Franklin County communities work toward *Green Communities* designation, and has helped another 10 communities with zoning revisions, open space planning, and economic development projects. The Department also completed Phase One of the Franklin County Bikeway with the placement of location and logo signs along the 44-mile length of the on and off-road bikeway system.

The FRCOG continued to be the fiscal agent for the federal Homeland Security funds for Western Massachusetts and distributed more than \$4 million to worthy projects across the region. Included in the projects was the expansion of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System, which has received more than \$11 million in total, with the construction of a new tower and antenna site at Berkshire East in Charlemont.

The Community Coalition for Teens sustained major funding cuts but found ways to continue its work on substance abuse prevention with all eight Franklin County School Districts, including surveying students across the region, offering mini-grants for schools and community groups, and educating school staff on easy prevention tools.

The Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committees held three important exercises for the region's emergency response community – one testing the interoperability of communication systems, one testing regional response capacity to a potential train wreck with hazardous materials, and one testing local emergency dispensing site capacity.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program provided building, plumbing, gas and electrical inspection services to 15 towns. The FCCIP issued a total of 992 building permits, 521 wiring permits and 521 plumbing/gas permits totaling \$319,641 in permit fees for participating towns. The program also spent time analyzing Greenfield's request to join the FCCIP to ensure that the program will continue to provide quality service to all members.

The Town Accounting Program added an eleventh Town to the list of communities sharing this professional service. The program has transferred all participating towns to the FRCOG's accounting software program via a licensing agreement and 24-7 remote access. This program has been identified as a model to emulate across Massachusetts.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. For additional details about FRCOG programs, we encourage residents to read the FRCOG Annual Report, which will be posted on our web site, [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org), or you can receive a copy by calling 413-774-3167.

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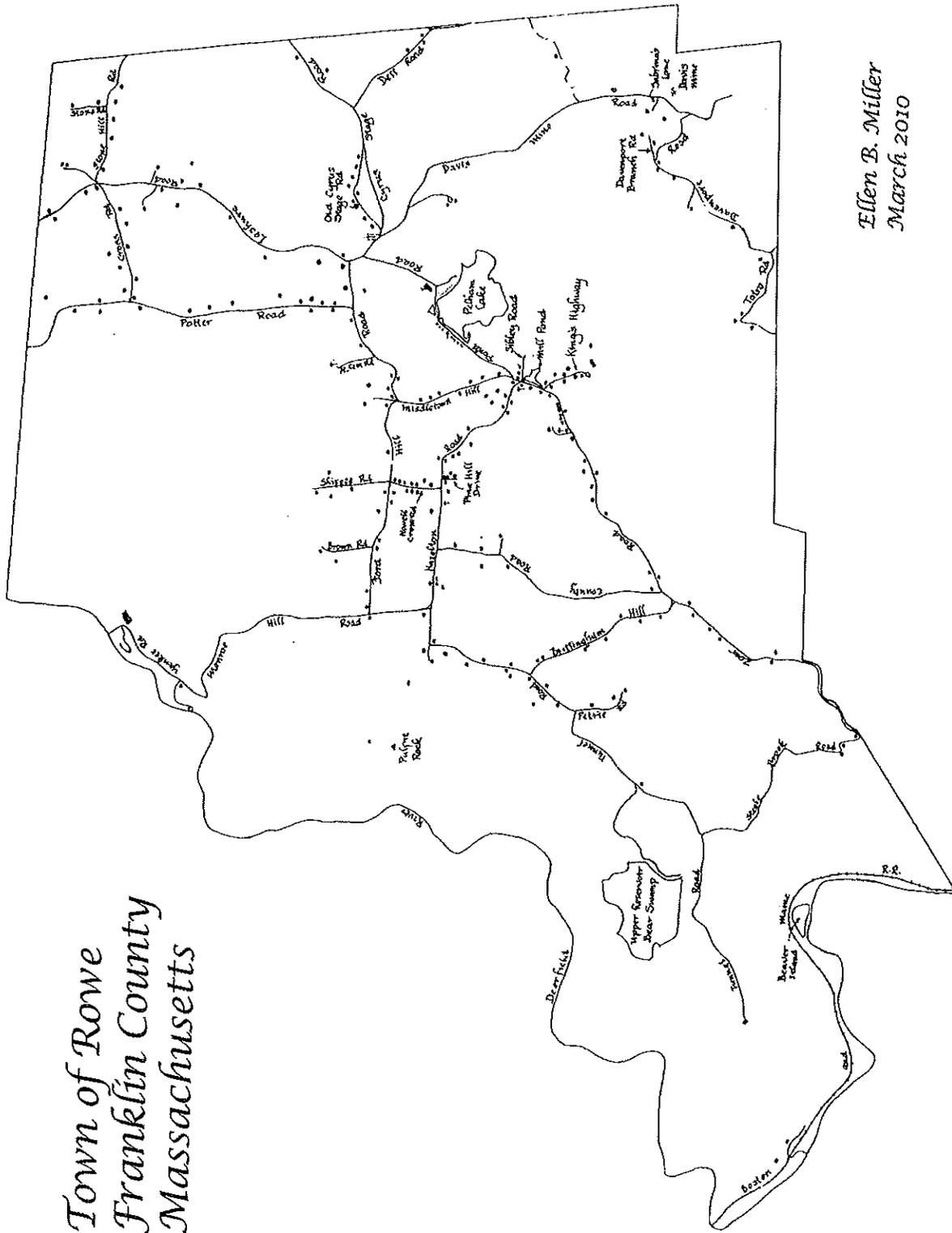
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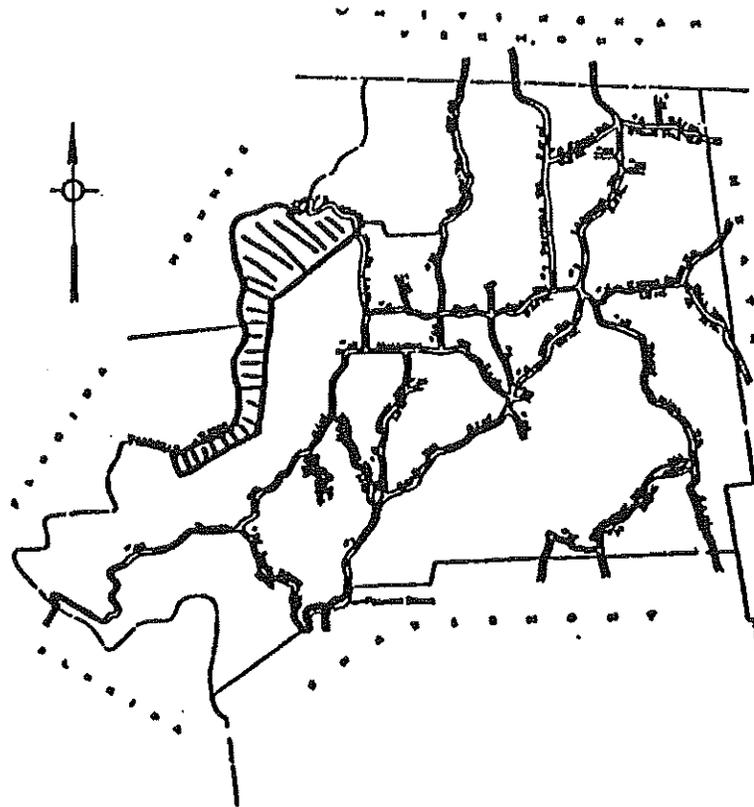


*Ellen B. Miller  
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# Zoning Map – incorrect version

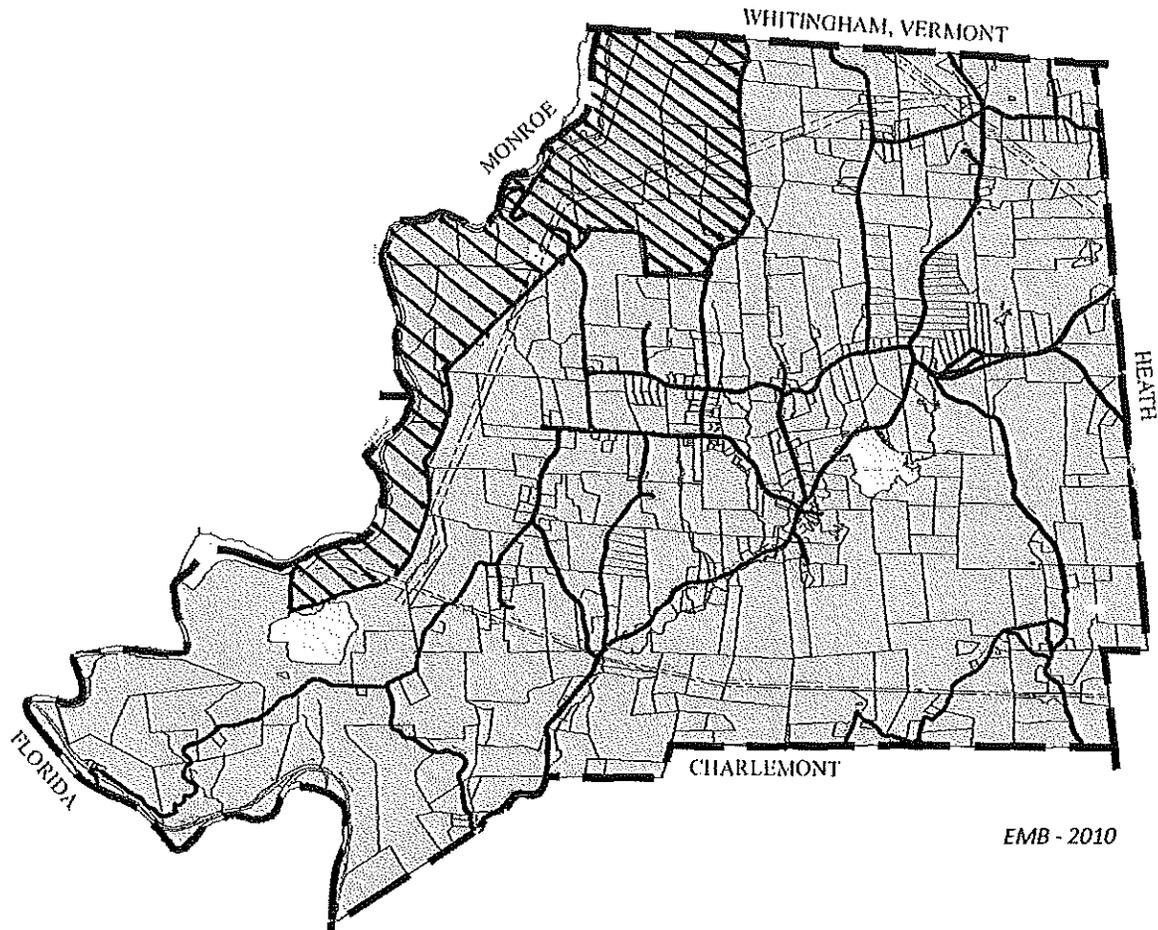
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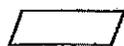
# Town of Rowe Zoning Map – dated February 6, 1956



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