

Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Accountant jcashin@frcog.org	339-5520 x12	Fire Chief firechief@rowe-ma.gov	339-4021 or 339-6677
Assessors' Clerk collector@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x19	Animal Control Officer (Dog Officer) ahsamuelson@gmail.com	
Board of Health boh@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x16		917-209-0524
Tax Collector collector@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x19	Animal Inspector	413-634-8811
Town Clerk townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x14	DPW Supt. dpw@rowe-ma.gov	339-5588
Town Nurse nurse@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x20	Building Department www.fccip.org	774-3167 x2
Treasurer treasurer@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x12	(Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)	

Administrative Offices	Mon -Thurs	9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Assessors' Clerk	Mon -Thurs	8:00am to 1:00pm
Police Chief	Tuesday	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Town Clerk	Thursday	5:30pm to 9:00pm
Tax Collector	Mon -Thurs	8:00am to 1:00pm
Treasurer	Tues/Wed	8:00am to 4:00pm
Town Nurse	Mon/Wed/Fri	9:00am to 5:00pm (home visits by appointment)
Library	3 Days/Week:	Tues 10am-5pm, Wed 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm
Transfer Station	3 Days/Week:	Wed 7-10am and 4-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 12noon-4pm

<i>Board/Commission</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Location</i>
Board of Selectmen	Wednesdays (3:00pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	Twice Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Hall
Cemetery Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Council on Aging	Monthly - First Thursday (10:00am)	Gracy House
Finance Committee	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Library Trustees	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Library
Park Commission	Monthly - Thursday (6:30pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
School Committee	Monthly - Third Thursday (5:30 pm)	Rowe Town Hall

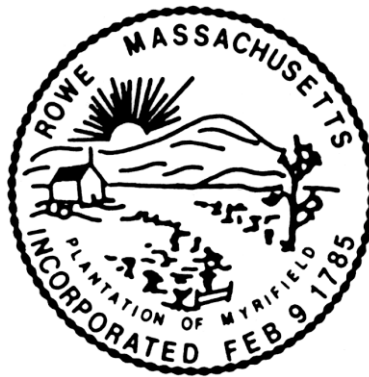
All Board, Committee and Commission meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Official Bulletin Board per MA Open Meeting Law, with the agenda posted at least 48 hours (not including Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. Please check official bulletin board as meeting dates/times may change. All meetings are public and citizens are encouraged to attend. ♦

Two Hundred and Twenty-Sixth

Annual Report

Of the

Town of Rowe Massachusetts



For the Year Ending

December 31, 2012

*Prepared by: Ellen B. Miller & Carrie Y. Silva
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In Fond Remembrance



Floyd W. Smith
March 21, 1937 – June 24, 2012

Phyllis T. Smith
November 17, 1932 – March 1, 2012



Ellsworth Palmer
May 23, 1911 – March 20, 2012



Bernice Ann Foster
September 8, 1926 – June 16, 2012



Phyllis C. Volland
May 20, 1916 – November 10, 2012

Town of Rowe

County of Franklin

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Population:	393 (2010 U.S. Census)
Population:	390 (Town census)
Total Area:	24.07 Square Miles
Land Area:	23.55 Square Miles
Public Roads:	36.24 Miles
Elevation:	1,396 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 2012 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$ 5.16 per thousand	\$53,505,787.00	\$276,089.86	8.956%
Commercial	11.19 per thousand	321,549.00	3,598.13	0.116%
Industrial	11.19 per thousand	186,440,863.00	2,086,273.26	67.620%
Personal Property	11.19 per thousand	64,264,490.00	719,119.64	23.308%
Total		\$304,532,689.00	\$3,085,080.89	100.000%

Fiscal Year 2012 Appropriations and Charges

Appropriations	\$3,916,829.38
Cherry Sheet Offsets	274,078.82
Cherry Sheet Charges	26,566.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	0.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	<u>29,741.07</u>
Total	\$4,247,215.27

Fiscal Year 2012 Revenue Sources

Tax Levy	\$3,085,080.89
Cherry Sheet	186,307.00
Local Receipts	76,580.00
Free Cash	43,350.00
Free Cash (<i>appropriated on or before 06/30/2011</i>)	130,000.00
Other Available Funds	<u>725,897.38</u>
Total	\$4,247,215.27

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Paul McLatchy III	2013
Noel R. Abbott	2014
Marilyn Wilson	2015

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Heidi Cousineau	2013
Frederick N. Williams	2014
Carrie Y. Silva	2015

BOARD OF HEALTH

David Cousineau	2013
Jo-ann M. Brown	2014
Jennifer A. Morse	2015

CEMETERY COMMISSION

James H. Williams	2013
James W. Taylor	2014
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	2015

CONSTABLE

Robert L. Dykeman	2014
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Myra B. Carlow	2013
Dennis F. May	2015
Margaret Parent	2015
[vacant]	2014
[vacant]	2014

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Claudine M. Poplawski	2013
Evelyn L. Dandeneau	2014
Catherine T. Snyder	2015

MODERATOR

Robert J. Clancy	2013
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PARK COMMISSION

Bruce W. Cowie	2013
MaryJo A. Fuller	2014
Michael S. Laffond	2015

PLANNING BOARD

Robert Dykeman	2013
Jo-ann M. Brown	2014
John H. Williams	2015

David Roberson	2016
Douglas Wilson	2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Cynthia M. Laffond	2013
Lisa L. Miller	2013
Lisa A. Danek-Burke	2015

TAX COLLECTOR

Sandra P. Daviau	2013
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TOWN CLERK

Jennifer A. Morse	2014
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TREASURER

Donna Flagg	2013
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Appointed Town Officials

(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2013)

All appointments were made June 26, 2012, unless otherwise indicated.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sandra P. Daviau

AGENT FOR VETERANS

Central Franklin County Veterans District
Leo J. Parent

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION [3-yr term]

Carol F. Lively
Jonathon Lively
MaryJo A. Phelps
[Vacant]
[Vacant]

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (DOG OFFICER)

Arthur Samuelson [10-30-12]
Russell L. Powers [through 10-1-12]

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Russell L. Powers

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sandra P. Daviau

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen B. Miller
Thomas L Chiofalo
John Magnago
MaryJo A. Fuller
Christine Tower
John H. Williams

BROADBAND COMMITTEE

David Dvore
Russell Jolly
Daniel Wessman

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen B. Miller

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COORDINATOR**

Edwin L. May

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Prudence Berry
Robert J. Clancy
Myra B. Carlow
Thomas L. Chiofalo
[Vacant]

CONSTABLE

Sandra P. Daviau

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marilyn Belval
Jo-ann M. Brown, Secretary
Sandy P. Daviau, Co-Chair & Treasurer
Mary Ann Dykeman
Doris C. Fensky
Christine A. Tower, Co-Chair
Shirley Veber

CULTURAL COUNCIL [Max 2 3-yr terms]

Anne E. Besgen
Robin Booth
Jo-ann M. Brown
Kerri L. McLatchy
Ellynn B Packard

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERINTENDENT**

James W. Taylor

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor

ELECTION TELLERS/WORKERS

Prudence Berry (D)
Marjorie H. Morse (U)
Mary E. Paige (R)
Robin W. Reed (D)
Christine A. Tower (U)
Shirley Veber (R)
Susan C. Wood (J)
Carrie Y. Silva (R)
Jo-ann M. Brown (D)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

ENERGY COMMITTEE

John R. H. Packard
Robin Booth
Abigail Phelps

FENCE VIEWERS (2)

Paul McLatchy III
Noel R. Abbott

FIELD DRIVERS (2) [c49; Art III §6]

Sandra P. Daviau
Susan C. Wood

FIRE CHIEF

Paul McLatchy, Jr.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Edwin L. May

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Deputy Chief - Dennis F. May
Deputy Chief - [Vacant]
Captain - Jonathan Lively
Captain - [Vacant]
Lieutenant - Robert J. Clancy
Lieutenant - Matthew R. Crowningshield
Lieutenant - Christopher Selmi Hyttinen
Lieutenant - Glenn M. White

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Paul McLatchy Jr.

GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Marilyn H. Belval

Mary Ann Dykeman

Robert Dykeman

Cynthia M. Laffond

Leonard J. Laffond

Sharon C. Hudson (Assoc member)

Judith A. Pierce (Assoc member)

John H. Williams (Assoc member)

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL
OFFICER**

Edwin L. May

HISTORICAL COMMISSION [3-yr term]

John H. Williams

Sharon C. Hudson

Judith A. Pierce

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS [Alternate]

FCCIP/James Hawkins

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING & GAS

FCCIP/Andrew French

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

FCCIP/Tom McDonald

MEASURERS of WOOD, BARK, LUMBER (3)

Robert R. Rice

James H. Williams

Thomas P. Danek, Jr.

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE [July 2012]

Jo-ann M. Brown

Robert L. Dykeman

Sean R. Loomis

John Magnago

Paul McLatchy III

Christine A. Tower

POUND KEEPER [c49; Art III §6]

Sandra P. Daviau

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Lisa A. Danek-Burke (U)

Lisa L. Miller (D)

Jennifer A. Morse (U)

William Parent (U)

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Janet Cowie

Dennis F. May

Donna J. Flagg

Angela Foshay

Cynthia M. Laffond

William A. Loomis

Kerri L. McLatchy

Paul McLatchy III

Ellen B. Miller

Marjorie H. Morse

Robert A. Silva

James W. Taylor

Susan Zavotka

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Joanne Blier

Michael A. Buoniconti

William Knittle

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER - CHIEF

Henry J. Dandeneau *[with notice of non-reappointment
after 6-30-2013 due to retirement effective 6-30-2013]*

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Christopher Selmi Hyttinen

Julie J. Shippee

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

James W. Taylor

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ellen B. Miller [through 6-30-2012]

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FRCOG/Joyce Muka [effective 7-1-2012]

TOWN COORDINATOR [3-yr term expires 2014]

Ellen B. Miller

TOWN COUNSEL

Joel B. Bard

Kopelman and Paige, PC

TREE WARDEN

James W. Taylor

**YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC COMPANY
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)**

Leonard J. Laffond

YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE

Leonard J. Laffond

William A. Loomis

Walter J. Quist, Chair

John H. Williams

[Vacant]

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5) [3-yr term]

Russell W. Jolly

Marilyn Wilson

Paul McLatchy III

Robert Dykeman

[Vacant]

Regional Appointments

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rebecca Bradley

CDBG 2007, 2008 and 2009 Housing Rehab

Program Citizen Advisory Committees

Mary E. Paige, Rowe Representative

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
INSPECTION PROGRAM, Rep to**

Ellen B. Miller

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, Rep to**

James W. Lively, Alternate

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
GOVERNMENTS**

Noel R. Abbott, Representative

Paul McLatchy III, Alternate Representative

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING
BOARD, Selectmen's Rep to**

Marilyn Wilson

FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT

AUTHORITY REP

Paul McLatchy III

**MBI (MA Broadband Institute), Community
Rep**

Ellen B. Miller

**MMAC (Mohawk Municipal Advisory
Committee), Rep to**

Noel R. Abbott

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT MANAGER

Noel R. Abbott

**WIREDWEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE CORP. DELEGATE to**

Noel R. Abbott

Board of Health Appointments

CLERK

Marcella Stafford Gore

HEALTH AGENT

Lisa A. Danek-Burke

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

James W. Lively

Edwin A. Palmer

Julie J. Shippee, Alternate

TOWN NURSE

Sheila M. Litchfield

Resignations of Elected Officials

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Marilyn Wilson [May 2012]

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William A. Loomis [June 2012]

Noel R. Abbott [August 2012]

TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau [August 2012]

Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Noel R. Abbott

Cynthia M. Laffond

Joint appointment by BOS/SchCom

TREASURER [Temporary]

Sandra P. Daviau [8-28-2012 to 10-2-2012]

TREASURER

Donna J. Flagg

Appointment by BOS



PART I

Reports of Committees, Departments and Boards

Board of Selectmen

Changes in Select Board Composition

Our Select Board has undergone some changes in composition. This past year saw the election of Marilyn Wilson in May as the newest member of our three-person board. The Board of Selectmen as of year's end consisted of Noel Abbott, Chairman, Paul McLatchy III, Vice Chairman, and Marilyn Wilson, Selectman.

Rowe School Fire

A tribute to our Rowe School lost in a catastrophic lightning strike and fire on August 4th, 2012. This event created a strong challenge for our community, and also an opportunity to explore new directions. Rowe School children grades pre-K through 6 are continuing to be educated, but as a school within a school at the Hawlemont Elementary School. The decision to rebuild or not will be decided in 2013.

MBI & Wired West

Mass Broadband Institute (MBI) has been installing the "middle mile" - a fiberoptic network which is being installed in five key locations in town. These include the Town Hall, the Fire/Emergency location, the Gracie House, the Rowe Town Library and the site of the Rowe School. The installation costs are being covered by Mass State and Federal grants. While the middle mile has brought fiberoptic into key town locations, the Last Mile (high speed fiberoptic internet directly to every home and business) will still take time. Wired West is a Municipal Cooperative of 42 towns each of which has taken two town meeting votes to establish Municipal Lighting Plants (MLP's). This legal entity has allowed our towns to band together with the goal of providing all 42 towns with high speed fiberoptic service directly to every home and business in the region.

Depot Street Bridge

The Depot Street Bridge was structurally weakened by Hurricane Irene to the point where the Mass Department of Transportation engineers set the safety crossing limit down to 3 tons. This reduced limit meant that many trucks were over

the limit for safe crossing. Apparently, continued use of the bridge by overweight trucks and continued deterioration resulted in some portions of the bridge testing at a zero weight limit necessitating it's complete closure. The Mass State DOT will be working on the replacement.

Accounting and Payroll Changes

July saw a transition of our accounting and payroll function to two different entities. Our accounting is being handled by FRCOG (Franklin Regional Council of Governments) under an annual contract. Payroll services are being handled by Harpers Payroll, which specializes in the payroll function for many towns throughout Massachusetts.

Police Department

This coming July (2013) will see the retirement of Henry Dandeneau, who has been Rowe's Police Chief for the past 38 years. The Select Board will decide on our next police chief in 2013. While it is too early to wish Chief Dandeneau a fond farewell, many in town have appreciated his strong knowledge of and care for the community.

Appreciations

We thank the following organizations that have come to our aid during and after the school fire: Rowe Camp & Conference Center, Rowe Historical Society, the seventeen neighboring Fire Departments that came to assist in an attempt to save the Rowe School from destruction during the Fire, the Mary Lyon Foundation, and the many, many local companies that have helped us during this period.

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Abbott, Chair

Animal Control Officer

Fortunately, for our citizen dogs and their owners, I have only had one case to deal with since being appointed. A stray Rowe dog, which had been reported missing, was found in Charlemont. I returned him to his happy owner.

He seemed pretty happy himself after being away for two days.

At the request of the Select Board, I visited the new Franklin County Dog Shelter in Turner's Falls and collected information on the cost of joining the consortium of towns that operates it. I also attended, at their request, a meeting organized by FRCOG at which I learned by mandate the state Dog Officers are hereby known as "Animal Control Officers" (ACO), which each town is required to have. I also learned about rules regarding kennels, the process by which a dog could legally be put down, and the state requirement for us to own a microchip scanning device to identify dogs. Also, at the request of the Select Board, I obtained the new state Animal Control regulations, and information that Rowe could share an ACO and/or a scanner with a neighboring town, as well as possibly share the cost of joining the regional Shelter instead of joining on our own. Finally, I also received information on state-mandated training for ACO's.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Samuelson
Animal Control Officer
[formerly known as "Dog Officer"]

Animal Inspector

State animal/barn inspections went as they should. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation.

Annual Count

Annual count of farm animals showed a decrease of 29 from last year's count of 217. The decrease was mostly in the chicken count.

	Adult	Young
Dairy Cattle	-	-
Beef Cattle	22	2
Steer Cattle	1	1
Oxen Cattle	-	-
Goats	17	-
Sheep	8	-
Horses	21	-
Ponies	2	-
Donkeys	1	-

Mules	-	-
Chickens	94	-
Turkeys	-	-
Ratites	-	-
Waterfowl	16	-
Gamebirds	-	-
Rabbits	3	-
Sub-Total	185	3
TOTAL	188	

Respectfully submitted,
Russ Powers
Animal Inspector

Board of Health

David Cousineau was voted in as Chairman this year. After being appointed to fill the seat vacated by Donald D'Astous, Jo-ann Brown was elected to a two year term. Jennifer Morse was elected to a three year term and has completed certification/training for *ServSafe* and Allergen Awareness. Marcella Stafford Gore was re-appointed as Clerk.

Board of Health Agent

Lisa Danek-Burke again accepted appointment as Health Agent for the town. Accompanied by a board member, she conducts inspections (food establishments, bed and breakfasts, children's camps, housing and septic systems), performs soil evaluations and reviews all septic system plans. Lisa is a registered sanitarian and soil evaluator on Title 5 inspections and is *ServSafe* certified. Her knowledge and experience are greatly appreciated and are 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 system soil evaluations and percolation tests were done again in response to residents' requests.

Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal

The board re-appointed James Lively and Edwin Palmer as Transfer Station Attendants.

We also re-appointed Julie Shippee as alternate attendant.

The new recycling shed was completed in February. Ted (Edwin) Palmer painted the exterior of the new shed in July. The attendants have continued their increased surveillance of people bringing in trash, and have used spare time to cut mattresses so we are not charged the heavy unit price for disposal. We are working on ways to bring down the number of bulky waste hauls, as bulky waste and trash make up the larger part of our disposal costs.

The board thanks Jan Ameen and the staff at the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District for providing us with excellent service which includes all of the recycling and bulky waste hauling contracts, the regional hazardous waste collection days and our sharps bio-hazard collections.

Recycling

Rowe continues to be ranked at the bottom of the list of the FCSWMD nine towns for the expected amount of recycling for our population. Bins are available at the BOH office for sorting recyclables to bring to the transfer station.

Earnings from recycling are added to an escrow account at the FCSWMD and are used to purchase recycled paper for the towns' copiers and computers and also offset part of our annual assessment for membership in the FCSWMD.

Waste Management

Although Berkshire Enviro Labs license was suspended for a year due to an employee's inconsistent analyses, they are providing services to their customers through Premier Laboratories at no change in pricing. Testing will be performed for our four (4) public water supplies; the Town Hall, the Rowe Elementary School, Avery Fountain and the well at Pelham Lake Park. The lab will conduct monthly testing of all four water supplies, and weekly testing at the Pelham

Lake Park swimming area during the swimming season.

Health Services

Sheila Litchfield was re-appointed as town nurse. Our town is very fortunate to have such a dedicated professional to provide health services. The office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday every week. Sheila writes articles for the Goal Post and provides the board with monthly summary reports. We thank Sheila for the professional performance of her services. Dr. Richard Warner continues to be our medical consultant.

In Conclusion

Currently, the board does not have a set weekday for meetings. Due to the work schedules of our members, we cannot always arrange a consistent evening of the week to meet. Please check the town bulletin board for meeting agendas which will always be posted at least 48 hours in advance of our meeting. If you have questions or need a permit application, our clerk is in the office for several hours before our meeting begins or you can call the office anytime and we will get back to you.

Respectfully submitted,
David Cousineau, Chair
Jo-ann (Jodi) Brown
Jennifer Morse

Board of Health - Inspection, Permit and Test Data

PERMITS ISSUED 2012

Septic Hauler/Pumper:

A-1 Septic, North Adams
Bostley Sanitary Service, Colrain
GMG Enterprises, Inc. (Greg's Wastewater),
Deerfield

Installer's Permit:

Adams Trucking, Excavating and Concrete
Berard Excavating
Danek Excavating
Steven Crowningshield

Food Establishment:

Maple House Bed and Breakfast
Rowe School Cafeteria
Rowe Camp and Conference Center

Food Service Temporary:

Halifax Community Club
Readsboro Lions Club (2)
Rowe Community Church (2)
Rowe Elementary Youth Baseball (2)
Rowe Historical Society
Scoop Shack

Children Camps Permits:

Rowe C&CC: Junior High Camp
Senior High Camp
Transition Camp

Beach Permit:

Pelham Lake -5/15 to 9/15/2012

TITLE 5 ACTIVITY 2012***Title 5 Inspections:***

20 Newell Cross Road (Hudson) Passed
75 Stone Hill Rd (National Star Mortgage) Passed
300 Zoar Road (Foster) Failed
425 Zoar Rd (Crowningshield) Conditionally
Passes
40 Shippee Road (Gates) Failed
4 Monroe Hill Rd (Smith) Conditionally Passes

Title 5 Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests:

300 Zoar Road (Foster) Passed
Brittingham Hill Road (Andognini) Passed
312 Zoar Road (Hoffman) Passed
40 Shippee Road (Gates) Passed

Title 5 Disposal System Construction Permit:

Tatro Road (Loomis) Construction
300 Zoar Road (Foster) Repair
245 Zoar (Crowningshield) Repair
4 Monroe Hill Road (Smith) Repair

Septic System Installation Final Inspection:

63 Tatro Road (Loomis)
34 Stone Hill Road (Hamilton/DenOuden)

Septic Pumping Records

20 Newell Cross Road Okay

60 Shippee Road Okay
10 Kings Highway (RC&CC) Okay
242 Ford Hill Road Okay
39 Stone Hill Road Okay
162 Zoar Road Okay
75 Stone Hill Road Okay
10 Kings Highway (RC&CC) Okay
154 Leshure Road Okay
144 Leshure Road Okay
99 Brittingham Hill Road Good
37 Davenport Branch Road Good
43 Middletown Hill Road Okay
163 Ford Hill Road Good
26 Newell Cross Road Good
15 Newell Cross Road Okay
137 Leshure Road Okay
10 Kings Highway (RC&CC Farmhouse) Okay
50 Pond Road Good
65 Dell Road Okay
19 Stone Road Okay
4 Ford Hill Road Okay
30 Old Cyrus Stage Road Good
61 Zoar Road Okay
47 Stone Hill Road Okay
10 Kings Highway (RC&CC Farmhouse) Okay
198 Hazelton Road Okay
54 Ford Hill Road Okay
6 Kings Highway Okay
37 Shippee Road Okay
208 Hazelton Road Good
160 Hazelton Road Good
205 Hazelton Road Good
27 Newell Cross Road Okay
68 Cross Road Okay
14 Brittingham Hill Road Okay
9 Pine Hill Drive Okay
4 Monroe Hill Road Tank was being crushed
6 Pine Hill Road Okay
81 Hazelton Road Okay
56 Pond Road Okay
43 Potter Road Okay

Board of Health - Town Nurse

2012 proved to be another busy year for the Health Services Office. A total of 1,690 patient encounters occurred, which represents an average of 140 visits per month.

The 2012-2013 influenza season began early in the fall and continued late into the winter months with several residents experiencing influenza-like symptoms and viral illnesses of long duration. A total of 167 influenza vaccinations were provided through the Health Services office this year; this is an increase of 47 from last year.

Along with office visits and house calls, the Town of Rowe Health Services continues to offer wellness checks, health counseling, nursing assessment and referral in addition to Lipid panel blood tests (cholesterol), Fasting Blood Sugar and A1C (3-month blood sugar impact test) and INR (blood clotting factor) tests.

We continue to participate in activities associated with readiness of the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) which is the system through which Rowe residents would receive emergency medications when they were issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control (CDC) from the National Stockpile in response to large public health threats.

It has been a pleasure to provide another year of early intervention, illness prevention, health knowledge, awareness and support to the residents of Rowe.

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

Cemetery Commission

The Cemetery Commission would like to thank Al Morse and Terry Veber for their hard work maintaining the cemetery grounds, and also Levin Hardison for his continued work rebuilding Stone Walls.

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

Anyone with questions or comments, please contact any Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,
James H. Williams, Chair
James W. Taylor
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher

Conservation Commission

The five-member Conservation Commission meets as needed to address matters brought before it. Commission members Robert Clancy, Prudence Berry and Myra Carlow continued their three-year appointments. The Board of Selectmen appointed Thomas Chiafalo and Virginia Gabert to fill the positions vacated by Robert Rice and Michael Laffond. Ms. Carlow agreed to be temporary chair until a full board could consider reorganization. Ms. Berry agreed to be clerk.

In May 2012, the Rowe Park and Recreation Department submitted a **Request for Determination of Applicability** for work to replace existing footings and bridges in two locations. The Commission found that a *Notice of Intent* was not required as the work described was within an area subject to protection under the *Wetlands Protection Act* but would not remove, fill, dredge or alter the area. The approval was granted subject to the following conditions: 1) no heavy equipment operating in the stream, 2) crossing the stream permitted only if there is a stony bottom. If there is insufficient shore, build a temporary bridge; and 3) erosion mats are required on any wetland crossing where applicable.

Four *Requests for Building Permit* asked that the Conservation Commission determine if any permitting under the *Wetlands Protection Act* was required. In these cases, none was required.

Respectfully submitted,
Myra Carlow, Temporary Chair

Council on Aging

The COA would like to start out by sadly acknowledging the loss of many of our senior friends and neighbors that have passed this year. They will truly be missed.

The Rowe Council on Aging is pleased, once again, to have been able to offer services and entertainment to our seniors of our wee hamlet.

We were able to subsidize thru the Formula Grant transportation provided by FRTA for our senior to be able to get downtown for groceries, banking and fulfill pharmaceutical needs; also, services such as snow shoveling done by the diligent Marty Newman, to clear entrances to the senior's home and to the fuel tanks. Trash pickup was also provided for seniors unable to perform this necessary task. School lunch was provided once a week for those who wanted to go. The Grant also provided essential equipment, supplies and materials needed for our elders.

Our Town Nurse, Sheila Litchfield has done a wonderful job, graciously helping the COA with our Medical Equipment Loaner Program, maintaining medical equipment and overseeing patients in need of the equipment. Wheel Chairs, Hospital Beds, Walkers, etc. are a few of the items available for loan. We are pleased to provide equipment, not only to our seniors, but to anyone in Town that is in need of this service. We would like to thank all of those who have donated equipment to make this program functional.

We continue to use the Gracy House as a wonderful place for us to serve our seniors. January brought a Coffee Hour with snacks and good company and also a meatloaf and baked potato luncheon provided by our seven member chefs and savored by all attendees.

The COA continues to celebrate the life of our seniors with a Monthly Birthday Cake.

February brought a car-pooled trip to the Warfield House for a Pizza Party that really seems to be enjoyed by all. Coffee Hours are usually held at least once a month along with an occasional friendly game of Bingo. There are many other games and puzzles available for their enjoyment.

Continued throughout 2012 were at least two events per month. Sandy (Co-Chair) diligently presented posters and articles for the Rowe Goal Post and she continues to be our main go-for. Members Shirley Veber and Jodi Brown make sure that the stand up sign goes up outside of the Gracy House as a reminder of the current events.

Storage cabinets were built in the Shed to provide storage for the COA equipment and supplies. The DPW and Sophie Taylor keeps the Gracy House plowed and shoveled for all that use the Gracy House.

Rowe's Cultural Council approved the grant for our entertainer, Steve Henderson, a Geri Actor/Comedian who amused folks at our March 16th, delicious, Corned Beef and Cabbage Feast that was held at the Mohawk Park Restaurant. Our neighbors from Charlemont & Heath were also invited to join us. In April, the Committee discovered a new and nearby restaurant called Otters and found us dining on delicious Finnish pancakes and other breakfast items were served. There were two Bald Eagles soaring over the Deerfield River for those lucky enough to spy them.

In the Merry month of May, Rowe's seniors returned to Otters for a choice of hearty sandwiches, soups, salads and delicious cookies for dessert. So good, we returned in June and again on September 28th to the John Root musical entertainment of instruments and song, made possible again, by the Rowe Cultural Council.

Autumn came and delicious homemade Apple & Pumpkin pies made by Rachel Gammell were served at our Coffee Hour. A Fall trip to the Country Buffet for lunch in Pittsfield, followed by a stop at the Crane Paper Museum in Dalton

seemed to be enjoyed by all, especially by Ronnie & Rosie Gordon. Ronnie found it interesting having worked for a Paper Company prior to retirement.

November 9th Donuts/Cider/Coffee was served. Thanks to the COA Committee, we had the Gracy House decorated so festively for our December 7th Holiday sing-along with the help of Pru Berry and Helen Shields helping stay in key. A great time was had by all. Christmas Cookies were made by our COA Chefs. We wrapped up the year in December with a trip to the Brewmaster Tavern in Williamsburg, rustically decorated for our Christmas Luncheon. Again, we would like to thank Bob Dykeman for making the wonderful tossed salads. We had BBQ's scheduled alternately with the Park BBQ's. We would again like to thank the Park employees for serving us at their picnics at the park for our seniors.

We would like to thank all those who have helped throughout 2012, and we look forward to 2013 and letting the "Good Times Roll".

Respectfully submitted by,
Jo-ann (Jodi) Brown
Rowe COA Secretary

Members:

Sandy Daviau and Chris Tower, Co-chairs
Jodi Brown, Secretary
Marilyn Belval
Mary Ann Dykeman
Doris Fensky
Shirley Veber

Cultural Council

The state grant to the Rowe Cultural Council was \$3,870 for this year. Grants to that amount have been made to 13 applicants in Rowe and nearby towns. We made grants on the basis of the best offerings to the most people in the immediate area. In town, grants were given to the Rowe Elementary School, the Rowe Historical Society, the Rowe Library, and the Rowe Council on Aging. Other grants included the Mohawk Trail Concerts, Deerfield Riverfest and the

Ashfield Theatre. No funds whatever come from the Town of Rowe.

Grant applications for 2014 are available from the Massachusetts Cultural Council website and must be postmarked by October 15, 2014.

Cultural council members are Jo-ann Brown, Anne Besgen, Kerri McLatchy, Robin Booth and Ellynn Packard.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellynn Packard, Chairperson

Grants approved for the year FY2012:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Mohawk Trail Concerts		\$500
	Cross Currents and Special Anniversaries	
Museum of Our Industrial History		\$175
	Summer Sundays Plus	
Mary Lyon Foundation		\$200
	Raising the Flag	
MTRSD Related Arts Teachers		\$200
	Colonial Arts Program	
Memorial Hall Association		\$200
	Family Opera for Franklin County	
Deerfield River Watershed Association		\$236
	Annual Riverfest	
Franklin Land Trust		\$150
	The Wonder of Vernal Pools	
Collected Poets Series		\$100
	Reading Series	
Pothole Pictures		\$400
	Film Series	
Miller, Bambi		\$100
	Tropical Holiday Quilting Bee	
Root, John		\$550
	Popular Music of Golden Years	
Heath Agricultural Society		\$300
	Heath Fair Music	
Wegscheider, Jane		\$100
	Community Exhibits at the Art Garden	
Henderson, Steve		\$400
	The Older I Get	
Porcino, John		\$425
	To Life Celebrations in Story	
	Song and Music	

DPW - Highway Department

The Town of Rowe received \$120,794.73 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the damages occurred during Tropical Storm Irene. The Highway Department

received \$99,712.35 of these funds to pay for initial costs of the storm and to fund needed repairs to roadways. During the past year, \$71,255.25 of these funds were used to complete work on Stone, Palmer, Ford Hill, Dell, Davis Mine, Davenport, County, and Steele Brook Roads. Work will be completed on Tatro and Potter Road this spring.

Routine maintenance during the year included:

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

Special projects undertaken during 2012 were:

- Yankee Road was paved with 1.5" overlay
- Parts of Ford Hill Rd. were paved with a shim coat in preparation for 10% Rubber Chip Seal
- Numerous culverts were replaced on Steele Brook Rd.
- The large culvert on Davenport was replaced
- Culverts were also replaced & added on Tatro Rd.

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

DPW - Summer Youth Employment

The "Grasshopper" program, under the direction of SYE Supervisor **Abby 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 also go to the Assistant Supervisors **Josh Taylor and Melissa Boutwell** for assisting Abby. We had probably are largest crew ever (nine workers & three supervisors), which enabled us to trim along all but a few remote roads.

There are 36 miles of roads in Rowe. When you double that for each side of the road that needs trimming...that adds up to 72 miles that need mowing, trimming and cleaning in eight 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 goes to **Ted Palmer** for performing his annual Poison Ivy eradication. The Grasshoppers appreciate you taking care of this for them.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Taylor
DPW Superintendent

DPW - Tree Warden

As your Tree Warden, I'd like to remind everyone that if they are going to remove any roadside trees, it is important to read our Town By-laws. Our roads have been declared *Scenic Roads* by Town Meeting vote. More information about what this means can be found in Section 10: of the By-Laws and Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

In 2012, no Tree Hearings were held. Anyone with questions or concerns about roadside trees please contact me at 413-339-5588.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Taylor
Tree Warden

Emergency Medical Services [EMS]

Our emergency personnel had another busy year responding to 28 medical calls and 2 motor vehicle accidents. We are happy to announce that we have a few new members on our EMS team. There will be a first responder class beginning this spring for those members that are not certified and for recertification for those that are. If you are interested in becoming involved in our emergency services, please notify Fire Chief Paul McClatchy, Jr. or myself.

As always, our EMS personnel have done an outstanding job responding to all EMS emergencies. Your dedication to the town and its people is very much appreciated. Your families play an important role in the work we do because of the support they give our team throughout the year.

In order to meet the requirements of a first responder, one must complete an 80 hour course and pass a written and practical exam. Recertification is required every three years. EMT certification requires completion of a 110 hour course and successfully passing a state exam which also includes a written and practical exam. Recertification is required every two years and consists of a 24 hour refresher course and an additional 28 hours of continuing education classes.

We currently have 2 certified EMTs and 11 first responders. 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 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 activated, 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 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

Green Communities Funded Projects Underway this Year

On December 21, 2011, the Town of Rowe received an announcement from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) of approval of the town's application to be designated as a Green Community, and notification of an award of \$135,725 for first round of funding.

In January, the Rowe Energy Committee mailed surveys to all Rowe residents asking for advice how this round of Green Communities funds might be spent. Over 60 households responded. Besides making a variety of suggestions for municipal building energy improvements, a strong majority of those responding supported the use of some of the funds for grants to support individual Rowe residents make energy improvements to their homes.

Based on the survey responses and with reference to a section in our Green Communities Application, "Summary of (future) Energy Goals", the Energy Committee selected seven projects on which to spend the grant funds (Figures below are Green Community funds allocations):

- A Study and Report by Center for EcoTechnology on the feasibility and best practices for using grant funds as incentives for Rowe Residents to do energy improvements at their homes (over \$50,000 of this round's funding is reserved for this project should the study results prove positive and the DOER approve the final plan). \$2500 for Study and Report
- Insulation upgrades at the Parks Headquarters. \$4,000
- Installation of Window Quilts on 40 windows at Rowe Town Hall. \$7,000
- On-Demand water heat for Town Hall (became instead: replacement of existing

electric water heater with a hybrid heat-pump electric heater). \$1,500

- 7.14 kW Solar PV array on the Town Garage (intended for the Park, but no suitable spot could be found there, and the garage roof has excellent orientation and pitch. Electricity produced will be credited to the Parks building electricity account). \$40,000
- Upgrade of Exterior Lighting on all buildings to LED fixtures and lamps. (This project was changed to an all-town audit and lighting update program that was conducted by National Grid. They pay 70%, the Green Communities funds the remaining 30%. \$876
- These upgrades will save Rowe \$550 annually.) (Operational hours of almost all exterior lighting locations in town were too short to qualify for Green Communities funding).
- Energy Information and Outreach Program: Regular workshops and presentations to Rowe residents (open to other local Towns) that stress practical solutions to energy efficiency. In 2012, three workshops in the Series were held: Composting and Waste Management; Winserts Parts One & Part Two that taught residents to construct sample custom-made interior storm windows for a window in their home, and provided source for high-quality materials to make additional storms as needed. \$6,570

Siemens Guaranteed Energy-Savings Performance Contract

Our contract with Siemens Building Technologies for energy conservation measures in five major buildings **came unexpectedly to an end** in 2012 when a fire, on August 4th, destroyed the Rowe Elementary School. The 20-year Siemens contract that guaranteed specified levels of savings, and the yearly service contract with Siemens (which was in force at the Elementary school for all the heating, ventilation, and energy management equipment) became unnecessary; both contracts were canceled shortly thereafter. The new energy-efficiency equipment had been in

service only about a year and-a-half. Siemens's first year Measurement and Verification study (January 2011 to January 2012), for the five buildings they had made energy upgrades, showed a 38% decrease in combined fuel oil and kWh use. The company had guaranteed 32%. Rowe's independent study, based on the Town's records of actual gallons of fuel oil and kWh's of electricity used in those buildings for the year, showed a 36% decrease. The highly energy-efficient School used 60% of the energy for all town-owned buildings combined. No Performance Contract financial obligations remain. The final balance of the borrowed portion of the cost had been paid off the month before the fire.

Hampshire Power Aggregation of Regional Towns to Provide Residential Electricity is Delayed

Rowe Selectmen signed an agreement in late May 2011 with Hampshire Power (a division of the Hampshire Council of Governments) to join with 15 other Regional Communities (since then, the number has grown to 22 towns and cities) to become part of this bargaining collaborative. The program, designed to lower residents' cost for electricity, was anticipated to be available in 2012. Due to unexpected complexities in gaining Department of Utilities approvals, it will not be initiated until sometime in 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Packard, Chair
Rowe Energy Committee

Committee members serving during part or all of calendar year 2012: Robin Booth, Abby Lively, Paul McLatchy, Jack Packard, Abi Phelps, BJ Roche, Dana Williams.

Fire Department/Emergency Management/HazMat Control

During the last report period, the Fire Department responded to 68 calls:

29 Medical Emergencies

- 1 Structure Fire (Rowe Elementary School)
- 2 Chimney Fires
- 4 Brush Fires
- 1 Lawn Tractor Fire
- 8 Mutual Aid Calls
- 5 Fire Detection Alarms
- 1 Power Lines Down
- 2 Suspicious Envelope Responses
- 3 Wires on Trees
- 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 1 Funeral Detail
- 1 Oil Spill Response (False)
- 1 Bear Attack on Pet
- 2 School Fence Down Repairs
- 1 Severe Weather Preparation

On August 4th, the Rowe Elementary School was struck by lightning and the fire resulted.

On August 4, 2012, at 1537, a call was made to Shelburne Dispatch that the Rowe School was on fire. At that point, the cupola over the lobby was in flames later determined to be a lightning strike. While the fire was mostly extinguished by Saturday night, three fire departments remained on-site through the night to watch for hot spots and flare-ups. Rowe Elementary School was a total loss.

Approximately, 110 Fire-fighters from Franklin County, Berkshire County and Vermont Mutual Aid was called in and North West Massachusetts Incident Management Team was there for support.

Area fire departments from:
Franklin County:

- 1. Ashfield
- 2. Bernardston
- 3. Buckland
- 4. Charlemont
- 5. Colrain
- 6. Conway
- 7. Erving
- 8. Greenfield
- 9. Gill
- 10. Heath

11. Hawley
12. Northfield
13. Shelburne Center
14. Shelburne Falls
15. South Deerfield
16. Turners Falls

Berkshire County:

1. Florida

Vermont:

1. Whitingham
2. Wilmington

EMS:

1. Charlemont
2. Colrain
3. North Adams
4. Shelburne Falls

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 Paul McLatchy Jr. directly BEFORE an emergency, who will provide the necessary information to the Dispatch Center.

During the open burning season for 2012, there were a total of 47 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 is controlled by a separate section of this regulation. Agricultural practices involve 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.

Christmas Tree Disposal: Any person may burn Christmas Trees during the period from December 26 to January 7, provided a permit is obtained from the head of the fire department where such burning shall take place and further provided that such burning is under the supervision and control of the fire department. 527 CMR 10:23:3

Classification of Wildfire Danger Conditions: The Bureau of Forest Fire Control, as part of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), provides five classes of wildfire danger conditions to help in determining whether open burning permits should be issued. They are as follows:

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| 1 (Low) | Fuels do not ignite readily from small firebrands although a more intense heat source, such as lightning, may start in duff or punky wood. Weather and fuel conditions will lead to slow fire spread, low intensity and relatively easy control. Controlled burns can usually be executed with reasonable safety. |
| 2 (Moderate) | Fires can start from most accidental causes, but with the exception of lightning fires in some areas, the number of starts is |

generally low. Fires are not likely to become serious and control is relatively easy. Although controlled burning can be done without creating a hazard, routine caution should be taken.

- 3 (High) All fine dead fuels ignite readily and fire start easily from most causes. Unattended brush and camp fires are likely to escape. Fires spread rapidly and may become serious and difficult to control if not attacked while small. Outdoor burning should be restricted to early morning.
- 4 (Very High) Fires start easily from all causes and immediately after ignition, spread rapidly and increase quickly in intensity. Fires burning in light fuels may quickly develop high intensity. Both suppression and control will require an extended and thorough effort. Outdoor burning is not recommended.
- 5 (Extreme) Fires start quickly, spread furiously, and burn intensely. All fires are potentially serious. Every fire start has the potential to become large. No outdoor burning should be allowed to take place.

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 Donna Flagg, Abby Lively, Deb Lively, Arthur Samuelson, Jennifer Morse-Sprague, Brandon Sprague, and Jon Sullivan as active volunteers. We would welcome anyone else interested in protecting lives and property from the devastating effects of fire and those interested in serving their community. 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 Bi-monthly training/meetings is conducted the first

and third Tuesday of the month. These sessions are approximately one to two hours in length—a small investment of your time when weighed against the benefit that may be derived from your membership. The officers of the Department would like to thank all members who participate in our activities regularly, and ask other members of the town to become involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul McLatchy Jr., Fire Chief

Library Trustees

2012 saw progress for our library as we were able to increase services through an additional delivery, thus bringing us to two deliveries per week of items borrowed and loaned through the CWMars system. Our membership in the system allows our patrons to rapidly borrow items from other libraries in the Central and Western Massachusetts.

We look forward to the faster connection for both the library and for the public wi-fi with the new broadband technology.

Jodi Brown helped by decorating the library for the holidays, Walter and Kelle Quist established a small memorial garden in memory of Phyllis Smith, Ernest Dodge patched the front steps, Brianne Cousineau read stories to the small children, Walter Quist and Tom Chiofalo tended the landscaping, and Catie and Emily Silva helped search for books and other reserved items.

We continue to purchase new materials and discard worn and outdated ones. We own 13,182 items for loan or use in the library, including books, magazines, DVDs, videos, audio and music CDs.

The summer reading program had 16 registered readers. On June 15, John Porcino performed a program of storytelling and music at the school to kick off the summer reading, entertaining 60 children and adults. Children who completed the program received certificates

and a grand prize of two tickets to the Big E was awarded.

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
Evelyn L. Dandeneau, Chair
Claudine Poplawski
Catherine Snyder
Library Director
Susan P. Gleason

Old Home Day Committee

Weather was great and another fun and successful day was had by those involved in the planning and by those who participated and came from near and far.

Our dedicated committee was comprised of Sean Loomis, Jodi Brown, Bob Dykeman, John Magnago, Ellen Miller and Chris Tower.

The fishing derby and four mile “Fun Run” began in the early morning. Some 26 local children showed up at the Loomis pond to fish their hearts out. Unfortunately, no one caught a fish even though the pond was recently stocked. There were no fishing awards, per se, but fishing gear/tackle, donated by Jim Daneker was given out to the kids.

In the “Men’s Overall Fun Run” Cole Little came in first, Tom Higgins came in second and Jack Hayden came in third.

In the “Women’s Overall Fun Run” Morgan Higgins came in first, Anemone Benedetti came in second, and Katie Benedetti came in third.

Our parade theme this year was “*Looking to the Future.*” Helen Shields opened the parade with her rendition of the Star Spangled Banner followed by members of the Civil Air Patrol Honor Guards.

Our Grand Marshal, Willian (Billie) Brown, rode in a sporty red Ford Mustang convertible driven by Ian Vernes.

We were pleased to see Select Board members, Noel Abbott, Paul McLatchy III and Marilyn Wilson march in the parade along with Paul Mark, our state representative.

We thank Nan & Jack Williams for opening up their property for the all-day self-guided garden tour.

The parade, MC’d by Ray Wilson, moved on with bagpipes, family floats, classic cars, Jeeps, tractors, and fire trucks from fourteen area towns including Rowe. Fire trucks were manned by more than 44 firefighters—many who were back in Rowe on August 4th to help put out the school building fire.

The Yankee Motor Club and local residents entered the parade with fourteen classic cars. From a 1931 Model A Ford, driven by Ed Daviau of Rowe, to a 1978 Volkswagen, driven by Glenn Cardinal of Buckland. The 1970 Road Runner owned by Lynn Hathaway won first prize, while the 1934 Chevy owned by Gordon Hathaway won second prize, and a 1966 VW Bus owned by Sandy Cardinal won third prize.

The Tower family, with Jon, Grace and Jack, won first prize for their entry of “Grace for President 2052” in their red, flagged campaign vehicle. The Paige family won second prize with their family float.

Don and Ben Sherman won first and second prize for their entry of old tractors. First, second and third Fire Truck Trophies were awarded to the Towns of Clarksburg, Leyden and the Williamstown Forest Wardens entry, respectively.

The finale of the parade was Sarah and Eric Paige singing *America the Beautiful*, carrying a 9 x 5 flag U.S. Flag.

Old Home Day continued with a concert by the Shelburne Falls Military Band, followed by activities that included the rock climbing wall, face painting with Mary Paige, pie eating contest, bouncy room and games with Terri Peters, and tractor hay wagon rides with Dohn Sherman. Volleyball, horseshoes and pickup games at the park provided everyone with something to do.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, ice cream, cotton candy and the popular home-made strawberry shortcake were available from the various vendors.

The annual Rowe Community Church auction provided treasures we could not live without. As they say, "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

The Kemp-McCarthy Museum was open for a Railway Exhibit of antique toy trains and information about the Hoosac Tunnel, put on by the volunteers of the Rowe Historical Society.

Later afternoon festivities, at the park, included music provided by "The Bum Steers", "The Grey Whisker Pickers" and "Small Change." Our annual chicken BBQ, put on by the Readsboro Lions Club, was attended by some 375 hungry patrons.

The day came to an end with a super great fireworks display across from the beach and over the lake. Surely, a great Old Home Day day was had by all and only due to the weeks of hard work and planning by the committee and many, many volunteers! I thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,
John Magnago

Park Commission

The Park Commission enjoyed a productive year filled with challenges and surprises. Most

rewarding was the continued backing and encouragement from townspeople, for this truly unique piece of field and stream we call Pelham Lake Park. While the bulk of our meeting time is devoted to discussing pertinent issues, establishing policy, and working through the budget process, we are keenly aware of growing usage and interest for events that showcase healthy outdoor activities. With an eye on maintenance of park infrastructure that both upgrades the facilities and incrementally builds long lived components, with a nod to simple materials and solid construction methods, your park is an outstanding example of local talent and pride of workmanship.

The highlights of this year's accomplishments include:

A review of items pertaining to the park that appear on the town capital improvement plan or C.I.P. The park commission decided to postpone replacement of the play structure located to the rear of the beach area. Also, under consideration was a request to include the beach area itself in the C.I.P. This request was looked on favorably by the select board and finance committee.

With a green light at special town meeting for a warrant article to fund bridge construction, park ranger, Sean Loomis, was able to order materials and begin work on dual bridge projects. Although we recognize the considerable amount of time and patience townspeople endured awaiting a crossing point below the dam site, the resulting two part national park quality bridge, now in place, deserves notice and praise. Its simplicity of design and ruggedness are apparent.

Work continues on the second forty foot span bridge located in a much more remote area, at the confluence of Potter and Tuttle Brooks. In my many site visits to this project, I was struck by its similarity to those old time photographs of C.C.C. camp projects of years ago. It gives you a good feeling to witness first hand, ingenuity and human power still alive and well within our town borders. Levin Hardison, local stone mason extraordinaire, completed the dry laid stone

abutments before winter set in, and we anticipate the arrival and installation of the arch bridge span proper in early spring.

A coordinated effort with the highway department resulted in new swing sets installed on the lawn area. We are very appreciative of the time and equipment superintendent Jim Taylor allows the park to utilize, in an effort to keep these projects within budget and promptly carried out.

The energy committee was instrumental in securing grant money permitting the installation of a solar array and major insulation work done to the park ranger station and the basement of the composting bathrooms.

A first time request for a filming permit at the park was received in the spring of 2012. While no permit was ultimately filed or issued, the process and adoption of a filming document includes a lengthy list of questions. These were: brief description of scenes, town roads to be used or closed, expected extraordinary noise, will scenes involve use of explosives, fire, firearms or aircraft, and providing appropriate Insurance coverage naming the Town of Rowe as an additional insured party. A review and sign-off on the permit by the Park Commission, Police Department and Fire Department is also required.

Lastly, the park commissioners commend and thank our untiring summer youth staff, life guards and supervisors, along with the recreation program director and aides, for the considerate work they put forth in the course of our too brief summer months.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Fuller, Chair
Michael Laffond
Bruce Cowie

Planning Board

Planning Board Members and Officers

Due to several resignations from the board the previous year, there were four open seats on the May 2012 ballot. Doug Wilson, who had previously been appointed to an open seat on the board, was elected to a 5-year term. Marilyn Belval declined to run for the remainder of her appointed position. Jodi Brown was elected to a 2-year term, Robin Reed as a write-in to a 3-year term, and David Roberson also was elected as a write-in to a 4-year term. Robert Dykeman remained on the board and his term will be expiring this year.

Following the town elections, the new board elected David Roberson Chairman, and Doug Wilson Scribe. David Roberson was also elected as representative to the FRCOG-sponsored Franklin Regional Planning Board.

Goal Post

The Planning Board revised several of its policies with regards to the *Goal Post*, which has been published by the Planning Board since its inception. The editorial guidelines adopted some years earlier, intended to prevent the *Goal Post* from being misused to promote individual opinions or ideology, had been changed in 2011. In 2012, the earlier guidelines were readopted. Online publication of the *Goal Post* was discontinued, primarily for protection of individual privacy, especially that of minors. Photographs of minors may now appear in the *Goal Post* only with the consent of a parent unless submitted by the school, in which case the school principal will be responsible for ensuring parental consent.

Concerns were raised about the termination of former *Goal Post* editor Lynne Rudie and the hiring of selectman Paul McClatchy III to replace her in 2011. While the *Goal Post* editor had previously been an independent contractor position, Mr. McClatchy is having payroll taxes withheld from his paychecks, essentially making him a *de facto* town employee. Questions arose as to whether the Planning Board should have put the position out for bid. To address these two latter issues, the Planning Board requested an opinion from attorney Donna MacNicol, who, in

her written opinion, advised the Planning Board to be careful to legally classify the position and then follow the required hiring process. However, there were significant disagreements among the board members both as to what had actually happened and what was the best way to address these issues. Eventually, the board voted in a split decision to continue publishing the *Goal Post* without making any changes.

Zoning Bylaws

The Planning Board had been working for several years on suggested revisions to Rowe's zoning bylaws, which may only be enacted by two-thirds majority vote of a Town Meeting. In 2011, this process was discontinued and new bylaw revisions were drawn up during the course of that year. In 2012, the board decided unanimously to adopt the earlier version of bylaw revisions as its working document, and to examine and revise it methodically while incorporating elements of the 2011 version where the board deems appropriate. This process is very time consuming and will continue until it is finished. Then a public hearing will be held, after which the recommended bylaws will be presented to Town Meeting voters for approval.

The Board of Selectmen asked the Planning Board to prepare a flood plain bylaw in consultation with FRCOG representatives to enable the town to participate in a federally-funded, state-administered National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This initiative is currently under consideration by the Planning Board.

Special Permits, Lot Divisions, Etc.

There were no requests for special permits or tree hearings.

A request for an endorsement of "Approval Not Required" (ANR) for new lot boundaries for a parcel on Dell Road belonging to Arthur and Mary Ann Corarito was approved.

The Planning Board was notified that a special permit would be sought for a commercial-scale solar photovoltaic installation in the vicinity

of Cyrus Stage Road and Dell Road. Applicant, Sam Kerstetter, was advised of procedures.

In April 2013, the board received a printed version of the solar bylaw adopted in 2011.

In April 2013, the Planning Board chairman was contacted by a representative of Seaboard Solar regarding an application for an approximately 35-acre solar photovoltaic plant on land belonging to Bob Dykeman. The board is responding to this proposal.

Communications and Recordkeeping

The problem of missing and unsigned minutes from the period May 2011 – May 2012 prompted the board to institute new recordkeeping procedures. Photocopies of signed, approved meeting minutes are now distributed to each Planning Board member as well as the Town Clerk. Three of the missing minutes were approved in April 2013.

In the latter part of 2012, the board began receiving late payment notices from Donna MacNicol's office for the consultation she had provided regarding the *Goal Post* editor's position. Despite the fact that the invoice had been signed and approved for payment by the board, release of the funds was apparently being held up by someone in Town Hall, although no one contacted the Planning Board about this. After several months, the bill was paid. The Planning Board sent a memo to the Board of Selectmen expressing its concern, but this communication has not been answered.

The Planning Board is concerned that several of the policies and documents adopted in previous years are not being distributed with the town's official bylaws pamphlet, as requested by the board. These include:

- The Planning Board's rules for hiring outside consultants.
- The Buildable Lot Inquiry Form.
- A memorandum detailing the Planning Board's concerns about discrepancies in

the town's zoning bylaws and official zoning map.

The zoning map is of particular concern because the town's adoption of a solar overlay district as part of the solar bylaw passed in 2011 has been interpreted by some as affirmation of an industrially-zoned district far larger than that published in 1956 and subsequently promulgated in the By-Laws, Rules & Regulations pamphlets dated 1987 and 1992. It is the board's intention to address this matter in the coming year.

In early 2013, it became apparent that various important communications were not being sent to the Planning Board chairman by the Town Coordinator. A request for these materials elicited no response, and this situation remains unresolved.

FY2014 Budget

The Planning Board has prepared a budget to be raised and appropriated for FY2014 that level-funds operational and Goal Post expenses. The consulting budget has been increased to \$5000 partly in anticipation of increased costs associated with preparing the bylaw revisions, and includes a provision to allow access to the independent counsel the board needs to function effectively as an independent board, elected by Rowe voters. Despite this modest increase over the previous fiscal year, the total Planning Board budget is still significantly lower than what it had been just a few years ago.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chairman David Roberson, for the
Rowe Planning Board

Members:

Jo-ann M. Brown
Robert Dykeman
Robin Reed
David A. Roberson
Douglas Wilson

Police Department

[No Report Submitted]

Zoning Board of Appeals

There were no applications for variances brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2012. However, Marilyn Wilson attended two conferences given for Local Officials concerning ZBA issues: Special Permits and Variances, and Writing Reasonable and Defensible Decisions.

Lenny Laffond declined to be reappointed to the ZBA for another term. We would like to thank him for his years of service to the town in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Wilson, Chair
Russell Jolly
Paul McLatchy III
Bob Dykeman



PART II

Education



Congratulations to our 2012 Graduates

*Mohawk Trail Regional High School
And
Franklin County Technical School
Had No 2012 Rowe Graduates*

Rowe Elementary School – 6th Grade Class



Front Rowe (L to R): Leah Wozniak, Lilly Seaver, Mackenzi Coulombe, Lukas Bird
Back Rowe (L to R): Brianne Cousineau, David Hobbs, Emma Poplawski, Kurt Shippee

School Enrollments 2012-13

Rowe Elementary School - Pre-K thru 6

36 Rowe residents
 22 School of Choice-In
 (8) Buckland
 (4) Charlemont
 (1) Colrain
 (3) Hawley
 (3) Heath
 (1) Monroe
 (2) North Adams
 58 TOTAL

Collaboratives

0

Charter School

0

Out-of-District Public

0

Home Schooled Students

0 Elementary Level
 0 Middle/High School Level

Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School

28

School of Choice-Out

(unknown)

Franklin County Technical High School

5

Grade Pre-K - 6: 58

Grade 7 - 12: 35

Total Students: 93

Less School Choice (22)

Total Rowe Students 71

Private - The Bement School

2

Rowe School Population – by grade

School Year 2012-13

	Grade															
	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL	
Rowe Elem School - Town students	5	3	5	2	5	8	3	5								36
Rowe Elem School - Choice students	2	1	3	4	3	4	2	3								22
Mohawk Trail Regional MS/HS									5	7	6	2	3	5	28	
Franklin County Tech HS												0	1	1	3	5
Home Schooled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Private School	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
TOTAL	7	4	8	6	8	13	5	8	5	7	6	4	4	8	93	
Less Choice	-2	-1	-3	-4	-3	-4	-2	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-22	
Total Rowe	5	3	5	2	5	9	3	5	5	7	6	4	4	8	71	

Classes not offered

School Committee

This has been a difficult year for Rowe Elementary School with the loss of our school to fire on August 4, 2012 after being struck by lightning. Thank you so much to the First Responders from Rowe and our surrounding communities that responded to the tragic event. The School Committee is also very proud of the response of the professional and support staff, the students and their families, and the entire town. Everyone pulled together as we set out to find a home for our students. We are thankful for the welcome that the Charlemont and Hawley community provided us at Hawlemont. There are so many friends and neighbors in West County that contributed the needed school materials, time, and muscle to move in so we could be ready for the start of the school year. I cannot even begin to name them all but high on the list that needs to be mentioned is the Mary Lyon Education Foundation.

The focus for the coming year will be the building of a new Rowe Elementary School. We thank the Town of Rowe for their continuing support toward this outcome and especially the members of the Rowe School Building Committee for their tireless efforts.

This year we said goodbye and thank you for the good work by School Committee member Bill Loomis and welcomed Cindy Laffond. Our new art teacher Shoshanna DeAtley replaced Nora Bates-Zale, and we also welcomed school psychologist Brenda Knudsen replacing Mary Scully as well as long time friend and psychologist Julie McCarthy. Next came the addition of Carol Berliner as our gym teacher. We wish to express our best wishes along with a huge thank you to those leaving us, and extend as large a welcome to the new additions in our school family.

Our preschool program is planned to be lengthened to full day in the coming year. This is being done to accommodate the new "Tools of the Mind" program that began this year for our preschool students.

Through every one of the difficult barriers presented, our school staff moved forward with all the necessary business required to educate our children without missing a beat.

Again, the School Committee thanks the Town of Rowe for their continued support of the Rowe Elementary School as well as the children attending the Mohawk Regional High School and Franklin County Technical School.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Miller, Chair
Cindy Laffond
Lisa Danek-Burke

School Building Committee

The School Building Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of overseeing the building of a new school after the existing building was destroyed by a lightning fire in August 2012.

Members of the committee are:

Susie Zavotka, Chair
Kerri McLatchy, Vice Chair
Janet Cowie
Donna Flagg
Ann Foshay
Cindy Laffond
Bill Loomis
Paul McLatchy III
Dennis May
Ellen Miller
Marjorie Morse
Bob Silva
Jim Taylor

Non-Voting:

Bill Knittle, Principal
Michael Buoniconti, Superintendent
Joanne Blier, Business Administrator

The committee developed the following goals:

1. **Oversee the design/plans** for a Rowe School building that addresses the functional, economic,

legal, and aesthetic requirements of the users (students, staff, community):

- A. Functional Requirements
 - a) space needs for student, faculty, staff, and community
 - b) furnishing/equipment needs for students, faculty, staff, and community
 - c) energy efficiency/green building needs
 - d) current and future technological needs
- B. Economic Requirements
 - a) design that reflects the general economic demographics of the community
 - b) acceptable costs for residents
 - c) a design that provides minimal/reduced maintenance costs
- C. Legal Requirements
 - a) in compliance with town legal procedures
 - b) in compliance with state and educational board criteria
- D. Aesthetic Requirements
 - a) a design that reflects community's geography, culture, and history
 - b) a design that creates an optimal learning environment

2. **Provide accurate and easily accessed information** to help designers, builders, and Rowe residents make informed decisions about the building of the school, including:

- A. User needs for space plans and furnishings
- B. economic feasibility
- C. legal requirements

3. **Act in a timely manner** that will ensure opening the school by July 2014.

The committee formed the following three subcommittees:

- **Site Visit Group** to investigate processes and plans of newly built schools in Western MA
- **Financial/Grant Resource Group** to determine potential sources of school building funding
- **Survey Group** to develop various ways to gain input from Rowe School users as to

their future space and instructional needs in a school building.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Zavotka, Chair
School Building Committee

Rowe Elementary School - Principal's Report

It is my pleasure to submit the 2012 Principal's Report for Rowe Elementary School. 2012 was a year of much success and sadness, change and stability. The first half of the year culminated in a beautiful graduation ceremony at the school, while the second half began with the tragic fire that destroyed our beloved school. Thanks to the support of the Rowe and Hawlemont School Communities, the Rowe community at large as well as many gracious volunteers from the surrounding communities, the Rowe School was able to start the school year on time within the walls of the Hawlemont Elementary School. While this year has been different in many ways, what has not changed is the quality of academic, social and emotional learning offered to our students by the caring and dedicated staff of the Rowe School. That will continue as we move toward the next exciting chapter in the history of the school.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- Rowe School students achieved high MCAS test scores in both English Language Arts and Math.
- Three times during the school year, Rowe School teachers evaluated reading abilities of all students with the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Test. This assessment provides meaningful information about both instructional and independent reading levels and supports Guided Reading program.
- The Guided Reading program that is employed at the school allows the teachers to target reading instruction directly at a student's instructional reading level. For

those students who test below grade level, we have a reading intervention program for grades K-4, Leveled Literacy Intervention, that allows teachers to work with small groups of students to help them progress toward reading at grade level.

- Kindergarten through grade six students hiked Hawley State Forest, learning much about local flora and fauna while enjoying a beautiful day together with students from the Hawlemont School. The Preschool visited Pine Hill Orchard.
- Enrichment activities during and after school included sports offerings, hikes, skating, skiing at Berkshire East, and in the Spring, our use of Pelham Lake Park.
- The Rowe Parent Teacher Partnership held their 13th Holly Berry Craft Fair; attended by locals and out of towners alike. The event is an important fundraiser that generates money used for the betterment of our school.
- In March, the annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the 5th and 6th grade field was held. It was a terrific success, raising more than \$2,000, which was used to support the 5th and 6th grade trips to Washington, D.C. and Nature's Classroom.
- Volunteerism remains high as students worked for local, national, and international relief efforts. Locally, students collected food for the "Good Neighbors" pantry and money for "Adopt-A-Family," "Warm the Children", and "UNICEF."
- SCA/AmeriCorps volunteers worked with students two days a week for 4-months with projects in environmental science.
- Fifth and sixth grade students visited Nature's Classroom on Cape Cod for five days of intensive science learning and important social learning.
- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish from the preschool classroom through the sixth grade, entering Mohawk with solid World Language skills.

Once again, the learning adventure remains solid thanks to the continued support of our Rowe School families and the citizens of Rowe. Thank you to the Town of Rowe for its continued support of your students at the Rowe Elementary School, the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School, and the Franklin County Technical High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Knittle, Principal

Rowe School District - Superintendent's Report

INTRODUCTION

Until 2012, public school districts in Massachusetts were held accountable by a system governed by the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Under that system, schools were classified as having either "Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)" or "Not Met AYP." In 2011, as the Federal NCLB AYP requirements in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics approached the unrealistic goal of 100%, 81% of Massachusetts schools and 90% of Massachusetts districts failed to meet AYP. These percentages made no sense, because Massachusetts is widely regarded as having one of the more rigorous public education systems in the nation. As a result, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) applied for, and received, a waiver to NCLB AYP during the winter of 2012.

NEW STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

In 2012, a new Massachusetts accountability system replaced the Federal NCLB system, including several key changes. The NCLB goal of 100 percent proficiency was replaced with a new goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by 2017. AYP was replaced with a new performance measure (the Progress and Performance Index, or PPI) that incorporates student growth and other indicators, including science and dropout rates. Schools and districts are now classified into one of five "Levels," with Level 1 signaling strong

performance and Level 5 signaling unacceptable performance.

Student growth is now an important component of the accountability system. The Student Growth Percentile (SGP) measures how much students gain from one year to the next relative to other students statewide with similar MCAS test score histories. Science is included in the accountability system as well as ELA and Math. A new "High Needs" subgroup is tracked, which includes students in a school or district belonging to at least one of the following individual subgroups: low income students, students with disabilities, English language learners (ELL) and former ELL students.

CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

Eighty percent of schools are classified into Level 1 or 2 based on the cumulative PPI for the "All Students" and "High Needs" groups. For a school to be classified into Level 1, the cumulative PPI for both the "All Students" group and "High Needs" students must be 75 or higher. The Cumulative PPI combines information about narrowing proficiency gaps, growth, and graduation and dropout rates over the most recent four-year period into a single number between 0 and 100.

Annual PPI is a measure of the improvement that a group makes toward its own targets over a two-year period using up to seven indicators: narrowing proficiency gaps (ELA, Math, and science); growth (ELA and Math); the annual dropout rate; and the cohort graduation rate. The Cumulative PPI is the average of a group's annual PPIs over four years, weighting the most recent years the most (Current Year PPI 40%, Current Year-1 30%, Current Year-2 20%, Current Year-3 10%). If a school does not meet both of these requirements, the school is classified into Level 2. A school may also be classified into Level 2 if it has low MCAS participation rates for any group (between 90 and 94%).

Schools are classified into Level 3 if they are among the lowest 20 percent relative to other

schools in their grade span statewide, if one or more subgroups in the school are among the lowest performing 20% of subgroups relative to all subgroups statewide, if they have persistently low graduation rates (less than 60% for any subgroup over a four-year period), or if they have very low MCAS participation rates for any group (less than 90%).

The lowest achieving, least improving Level 3 schools are candidates for classification into Levels 4 and 5, the most serious designations in Massachusetts' accountability system. In general, a district is classified into the level of its lowest performing school, unless the district was independently classified into Level 4 or 5 as a result of action by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY DATA 2012

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Classification: Level 2

- 4-Year PPI of 74 is just 1 point shy of Level 1.
- In 2012, the Rowe students performed exceptionally well
 - Very impressive 1-Year PPI of 100.
- Remarkable improvement in ELA.
 - Exceeded 6-year goal in first year.
 - CPI increase of 7 points to 94.1 is rated well Above Target.
 - Student Growth Percentile increased impressively from 45 to 60.
- Excellent improvement in Math with a CPI increase of 2.2, reflecting On Target rating.

Progress and Performance Index

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL					
ALL STUDENTS					
YEAR	1-YEAR PPI	CLASSIFICATION	WEIGHT	1-YEAR PPI x WEIGHT	4-YEAR PPI
2012	100	Level 1	0.4	40	74
2011	58	Level 2	0.3	17	
2010	50	Level 2	0.2	10	
2009	63	Level 2	0.1	6	

Composite Performance Data (CPI)

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
2012 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	93.6	87.1	88.2	94.1	7.0	Above Target

ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL						
2012 Mathematics Proficiency Gap Narrowing						
Students	6-Year Goal	2011 CPI (Baseline)	2012 Target	2012 CPI	CPI Change	Rating
All students	94.0	87.9	88.9	90.1	2.2	On Target

THE YEAR AHEAD

In 2012, the Rowe School District made substantial progress toward achieving its educational goals, which is reflected in the new Massachusetts accountability system. As is always the case, there is room for growth. During 2013, both the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan will be significantly revamped in order to facilitate this growth. Within these efforts, I am particularly looking forward to the introduction of Professional Learning Communities and the New Educator Evaluation System. There is a great deal of hard but exciting work in front of us, and I am very confident that our educational team is up for the challenge. Indeed, the future is bright for our students!

SPECIAL NOTE

While the education of the Rowe students continued forward within the Hawlemont Regional Elementary School, it is important to recognize that 2012 included the tragic loss of the Rowe School to a catastrophic fire. In the aftermath of this tragedy, many folks have courageously stepped forward to help chart a new and perhaps even brighter educational future for the students of Rowe. THANK YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools

Mohawk Trail Regional High School - Principal's Report

The connection between our school and our community is vitally important. Partnerships with our community provide students with enriching and authentic learning experiences, such as the Archaeology course in which students worked with a local archaeologist on the excavation of the Sanford Tavern site at Hawley's Old Town Common.

Mohawk students demonstrate initiative, extending what they learn beyond the classroom. This past spring students launched a composting program in our school cafeteria, significantly reducing the amount of waste that enters landfills. For the first time, Mohawk students participated in the Model Congress that is held each year at American International College (AIC) in Springfield and they were honored with the "School Spirit" award recognizing their active participation in the legislative sessions. Members of the Varsity M club refurbished trophy display cases throughout the building and made regular visits to the elementary schools to serve as Reading Buddies for younger students. Students in the Vocational Integration Program (VIP) work with the Meals on Wheels program every week, helping to sort and distribute food.

Community organizations support our school through their generous efforts. The tenth annual Doug Turner Walkathon was held in October; over the past decade this event has raised over \$100,000 for Mohawk athletic programs to date. In March, the Mohawk Music Association organized a Mohawk Alumni Concert, with graduates from across the decades performing along with current students in a celebration of music. Through the generosity of civic and community groups as well as contributions from private citizens, Mohawk seniors were awarded scholarships totaling in excess of \$100,000 and students who have graduated from Mohawk were awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships this year.

This year also saw important improvements to the physical plant of our school, as windows and the roof were replaced for greater energy efficiency. During this past year, Mohawk completed its decennial self-assessment for NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation, culminating in a site visit by an evaluation team in late September-early October. With the addition of a Curriculum Director position, staff professional development has become a priority; faculty are increasingly collaborating through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), which provide a structure

for focused work such as book discussions, peer observations, and curriculum writing.

At the midpoint of the 2012-2013 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 511. The seventh grade has 82 students and the eighth grade has 86. There are 85 students in the ninth grade, 93 in the tenth grade, 70 students in the junior class, and 89 students in the senior class. Six students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole
Principal

Special Education and Pupil Services

The District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) have shaped the School Districts' Improvement Plans (DIP) and directly impact the quality of our student services.

The Districts have demonstrated proficient performance on many of the state indicators including Time on Learning, Leadership and Governance, Educational Access and Continuity, and School Safety. The Superintendent's Office has identified indicators requiring focused attention: (1) Aligned, Consistently Delivered, and Continuously Improving Curriculum and (2) Strong Instructional Leadership and Effective Instruction.

To revise and align its curriculum to the new state curriculum frameworks, the Districts have invested in a significant increase in professional development time. Full and half-day sessions for staff training are spread across the calendar so that staff can focus on the use of a web-based curriculum writing tool that will allow for a standard format and accessibility across all grade levels. By applying the Standards of Effective Instruction and principles of Universal Design, considering the needs of a diverse student body,

the Districts will be poised to deliver a rich educational program to all learners.

Students identified with disabilities continue to receive the services defined by their Individual Educational Programs but interventions are not limited to that population of students. The elementary schools and the middle school are improving student learning and increasing inclusion of disabled students by providing tiered instructional delivery to all students as they need them. This starts with a rich core instruction with multiple means of learning and expressing understanding. Subsequent instructional interventions are informed by the regular collection of progress monitoring data. The high school is examining how instruction can change to support a diverse student body in all classes and provide additional time and support for students who have academic or behavioral challenges. District leaders have participated in regional DESE trainings in the use of the MA Tiered System of Supports which includes academic interventions and social and behavioral interventions that provide a continuum of service options based on student performance. These institutional improvements and the protections provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act will continue to complement and support our students in their educational experiences.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bell
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mary Lyon Foundation

Our Spring Lyonnaise celebrated excellence in local education with displays of student work from all schools and dramatic presentations by students from Heath and Mohawk. Awards included the Spirit of Adventure Award presented to NASA astronaut Cady Coleman by the foundation's honorary advisory board member Senator Stan Rosenberg; the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Northampton Mayor David Narkewicz '84 by Mohawk Principal Lynn Dole who also presented a certificate of commendation to senior Francesca

Maroney. Drama director Jonathan Diamond presented the George Needham Business Award to Mo's Fudge Factor, and the Pat Kerrins Award was given to Jean Bernhardt, Administrative Director of the MGH Charlestown Healthcare Center by Sarah Kemble, MD. School committee chairperson Bob Aeschback presented a certificate of appreciation to teacher Shelley Schieffelin.

This past year we initiated a fundraising campaign and extensive work bee for the Rowe Elementary School which was struck by lightning on August 4. Truckloads of new and used school supplies, books and equipment were donated, and countless volunteers assisted in the relocation of the Rowe School to the nearby Hawlemont Regional School. Cash and stock donations of \$5,000 were raised for the purchase of items lost in the fire.

Grants were gratefully received from the US Brookfield Foundation for the Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund, from the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation and Recorder to support our programs in the schools and community and from MassHumanities and the Rowe, Leyden and Charlemont/Hawley cultural councils for the highly successful Hilltowns History Conference and Fair held October 13 at the Colrain Central School. The history conference featured humanities scholars Dr. Michael Coe and Prof. Leonard Richards, vendors, live music, children's activities, re-enactors and 17 concurrent workshops. All school district staff were given free admission and professional development credit.

The annual Community Spelling Bee held November 8 raised \$7,000 for our mini-grant program; competing for the grand championship were 25 teams of 3 adults. The grand champion winning team was the FRCOG COGitators comprised of Phoebe Walker, Rachel Stoler and Kimberly Naoke MacPhee sponsored by Blackmer Insurance Agency.

In other matters, we established a Vanguard brokerage account to accept gifts of stock and launched an e-newsletter along with a revitalized

web site www.marylyon.org. The annual special education conference was held in March at Deerfield Academy for 700 western Massachusetts educators, and the Gift Catalog or wish list of school supplies garnered \$4,000 in cash and in-kind donations with major support from Goodnow's Chip 'N Putt and Keystone Market.

Board members are George Dole, Marion Taylor, Hugh Knox, Karen Fairbrother, Sharon Hudson, Suzanne Conway Lagreze, Beth Bandy, Stefan Kostka, Jim Pilgrim, Amy Love, student representatives Molly Walsh Warder and Lydia Morris. Along with about 60 volunteers, our part-time staff includes Sheila Damkoehler, Gina Sieber, Lynn Nichols, Josie Tetreault and Jill Connolly.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Samoriski, Ed.D.
Executive Director

Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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

This year the Awards subcommittee read 81 applications, 34 were from seniors and 47 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$29,750.00 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. 24 scholarships totaling \$9,150.00 were awarded to seniors (70% of applicants). 42 scholarships totaling \$20,600.00 were given to graduates (98% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991 – 2012 a total of \$779,225.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$240,475.00 and \$538,750.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

A new formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company.

Co-chairs of the Committee are Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett. The Finance Committee is composed of David Engle, Marion Taylor and Jim Pilgrim. Other members of the Committee are Paula Consolo, member at large from Buckland, Jonathan Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley.

We wish to thank David Purington who has served as liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (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,
Marion E. Scott, Secretary

Franklin County Technical School District

2012 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2012 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School

District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2012 was 517 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	14	Montague	73
Buckland	14	New Salem	9
Colrain	20	Northfield	28
Conway	9	Orange	79
Deerfield	21	Shelburne	13
Erving	19	Sunderland	13
Gill	12	Warwick	10
Greenfield	109	Wendell	8
Heath	2	Whately	9
Leyden	8	Non-District	47

Franklin County Technical School awarded 117 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2012. 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. 56% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 30% joined the area work force, 1% planned to join the military, 1% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 12% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2012.

During 2012, the students from various technical programs performed a variety of service-learning projects that directly benefit many of our member towns, their schools, and the city of Greenfield. We plan to continue supplying our constituent towns with these services for two main reasons: they offer both the ideal learning laboratories for our students as well as an opportunity to contribute back to the communities that have supported us so well over 38 years. A small sample of recent projects include completion of a single family home in collaboration with the Habitat for Humanity in Montague, continual service learning work in the Baystate Franklin Medical Center and Charlene Manor Extended Care, Colrain Town Hall wiring upgrades, an electrical service upgrade at

Greenfield's Camp Avery, further energy-efficiency lighting modifications at the Orange Airport, and the completion of a transfer station building for Warwick. A number of programs also continue to assist our own building maintenance department, supplying services that significantly reduce costs to our member towns.

FCTS, like every other school in the Commonwealth and along with 45 other states, is continuing a transition to the new Common Core academic state standards. Franklin County Technical School's MCAS scores have remained steady over the last four years with modest growth, which is not sufficient to obtain adequate gains for student progress. In consultation with the Massachusetts Pioneer Valley DSAC (District & School Assistance Centers), we have begun to take immediate action to implement a continuity of math instruction at the outset of 2013.

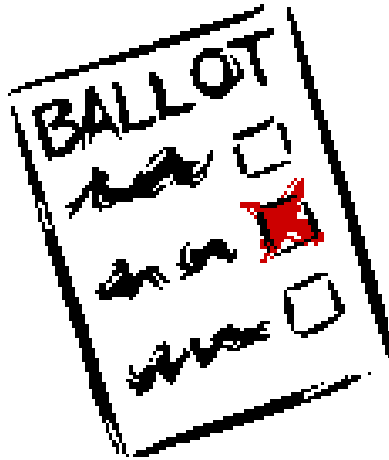
Franklin County Tech is implementing a 10-point comprehensive school improvement plan called Math 180. This plan is designed to significantly bring up our overall math MCAS scores by utilizing an adaptive math software program during 9th and 10th grade shop weeks. Students will now be exposed to math instruction on a weekly basis as opposed to every other week.

In closing, we will continue to work diligently to ensure that our graduates are an integral part of the economic development for the region and we thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
 School Committee Chairman
 Mr. James M. Laverty, Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School
 District Committee Members

Bernardston - Lloyd J. Szulborski	Montague - Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairman;
Buckland - Laura J. Earl	& Dennis L. Grader
Colrain - Nicole Slowinski	New Salem - Jeff D. Adams
Conway - Stephanie Recore	Northfield - Scott Milton
Deerfield - Vernon Harrington	Orange - Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary;
Erving - Robert F. Bitzer	& Linda R. Chapman
Gill - Clifford C. Hatch	Shelburne - Angus Dun
Greenfield - Larry D. Geiser,	Sunderland - James Bernotas
Jeffrey D. Hampton,	Warwick - A. George Day,
Christopher L. Joseph &	Jr., Vice-Chairman
Mark M. Maloney	Wendell - Richard E. Drohen
Heath - Arthur A. Schwenger	Whately - Donald C. Sluter
Leyden - Gerald N. Levine	



PART III

Town Clerk

Town Clerk

The office of Town Clerk is an elected position in most towns in Massachusetts and holds a lot of responsibilities that I am still learning about being in my third year as Town Clerk. The Town Clerk works for the people of the Town and for the State of Massachusetts and must keep current with ongoing policy and laws.

The Town Clerk is the Chief Election Official responsible for running elections, preparing ballots, absentee balloting and voter registration. Also, for recording all actions of Annual and Special Town Meeting, Special Voting Sessions before every election and town meeting and employing sufficient poll workers for the orderly conduct of elections. Prepares records and reports official election results to the Secretary of the State of the Commonwealth. Certifies nomination papers and serves on the local Board of Registrars. Conducts the annual town census, prepares the street list of residents and school list.

The Town Clerk is also the Recording Officer and certifies all official actions of the Town including town meeting legislation and appropriations as well as Planning and Zoning Board decisions, signs all notes for borrowing and keeps the Town Seal. The Town Clerk is also the Registrar of Vital Statistics which records and preserves original birth, marriage and death records and providing this information to the Commonwealth for records at the State level.

The Town Clerk is the Public Records Officer and administers the oath of office to all elected and appointed members of local committees and boards and ensures that all elected and appointed officials are informed of the State's Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Laws. All elected and appointed officials are sworn to faithfully perform their duties by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk provides access to public records in compliance with the State Public Records Law.

The Town Clerk is the Licensing Officer who issues state licenses and permits, including marriage licenses, county or local licenses, permits and certifications as mandated by statute or bylaw which includes burial permits, business certificates and dog licenses.

With all of that said, I would like to thank the 2012 Election Workers for a long election season which includes State Primaries, Presidential Primaries, Town Election, Recall Election and the Presidential/State Election. Thank you to the following people: Robin Reed (Warden), Marjorie Morse (Election Clerk), Pru Berry, Sue Wood, Carrie Silva, Christine Tower, Shirley Veber, Jodi Brown, Eric Paige, Ashton Morse, Bob Dykeman, Julie Shippee, and the Road Crew. I also work closely with the Board of Registrars and thank them for their time certifying signatures on nomination papers, petitions and other related documents; Lisa Danek-Burke, Lisa Miller and Willian Parent.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Morse
Rowe Town Clerk

Town Clerk - Vital Statistics & Permits - 2012

BIRTHS

Lucas Finn Hyytinen - son of
Christopher Selmi Hyytinen &
Tabitha Jeanne Hyytinen
Born: April 26, 2012

DEATHS

Phyllis T. Smith
November 17, 1932 - March 1, 2012

Ellsworth Palmer
May 23, 1911 - March 20, 2012

Bernice Ann Foster
September 8, 1926 - June 16, 2012

Floyd W. Smith
March 21, 1937 - June 24, 2012

Phyllis C. Volland
May 20, 1916 - November 10, 2012

WEDDINGS

None

RAFFLE PERMITS

Rowe Historical Society
282 Zoar Road
Rowe, MA 01367
Issued: June 12, 2012
Expires: June 12, 2013

Lions Club
Robert Dykeman
468 Zoar Road
Rowe, MA 01367
Issued: June 12, 2012
Expires: June 12, 2013

RAFFLE PERMITS [continued]

Rowe Community Church
278 Zoar Road
Rowe, MA 01367
Issued: July 12, 2012
Expires: July 12, 2013

Rowe School PTP
86 Pond Road
Rowe, MA 01367
Issued: October 2, 2012
Expires: October 2, 2013

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

	<u><i>Issued</i></u>	<u><i>Expiration</i></u>
Danek Excavating	3/12	3/16
Thomas P. Danek Jr.		
39 Cross Road		
Rowe, MA 01367		

Cyrus Stage Bowl Company	9/12	9/16
David Cousineau		
30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd		
Rowe, MA 01367		

DISPOSITION, REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTATION PERMIT

Permit Issued To: Smith & Kelleher
Funeral Home
Disposition At: Greenlaw Cemetery
Name of Decedent: Ellsworth Palmer
Permit Issued: March 23, 2012

Town of Rowe - Dogs Licenses - 2012 (licenses expire March 31, 2013)

OWNERS NAME	ADDRESS	SEX	AGE	BREED	COLOR	RABIES DUE	DATE LICENSED	2012 TAG #
Laurie Pike	25 Middletown Hill Road	SF	8mo	Lab	Brown and White	08/07/2012	01/17/2012	2
Rebecca Bradley	51 Middletown Hill Road	SF	1	Austrailian Blue Heeler		10/11/2012	02/28/2012	18
Ellen B. Miller	160 Hazelton Road	M	11	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	09/07/2012	04/03/2012	63
Virginia Gabert	144 Leshure Road	NM	14	German Shepherd Mix	Tri-Color	09/08/2013	01/31/2012	3
Carol Lively	11 Petrie Road	SF	13	Shepherd Mix	Black/Tan	03/30/2013	04/03/2012	70
Jennifer & Susan Wood	19 Stone Road	SF	3	Beagle	Brown/White /Black	08/20/2013	03/06/2012	31
June Brown	110 County Road	NM	8	German Shepherd	Black	02/01/2014	03/27/2012	54
Timothy Bjork	42 Leshure Road	SF	9	Sheltie	Sable	05/04/2013	02/28/2012	26
Jeanette & Howard Crowningshield	106 Zoar Road	SF	13	Border Collie	Black/White	03/16/2012	02/07/2012	11
Jeanette & Howard Crowningshield	106 Zoar Road	SF	5	Chihuahua	Brown/White	02/01/2014	02/07/2012	12
Deb Lively	4 Stone Hill Road	F	2.5	Red Heeler	Red	01/25/2013	03/13/2012	38
Andy Lively	4 Stone Hill Road	M	4	Aust. Shepherd (Cattle Dog)	Brown/White	03/12/2015	03/12/2015	39
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	7	Shiba Inu	Black/Tan	04/18/2015	05/19/2012	80
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	M	4.5	Shiba Inu (Sheba)	Red/White	04/18/2015	05/19/2012	81
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	3	Shiba Inu	Black & Tan	11/11/2013	05/19/2012	82
Earl Carlow	42 Ford Hill Road	NM	7	Boxer/Lab	Black	01/26/2014	02/21/2012	16
Earl Carlow	42 Ford Hill Road	NM	7	Boxer/Lab	Black	01/26/2014	02/21/2012	17
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	30 Potter Road	NM	9	Border Collie/Lab	Chocolate	01/20/2014	04/24/2012	77
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	30 Potter Road	F	4 mo.	Mixed Breed	Tan/Brindle	04/20/2013	04/24/2012	78
Henry Dandeneau	272 Zoar Road	F	12	Brittany Spaniel	White/Orange	12/09/2011	07/31/2012	101
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Road	SF	12	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan	01/11/2013	02/07/2012	7/14 Dupl
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Road	SF	6	Shepherd Mix	Yellow/White	02/10/2014	02/07/2012	8/13 Dupl
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Road	SF	13	Chihuahua	Brown	10/06/2014	02/07/2012	10
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Road	SF	9	Cocker	Chocolate	11/04/2012	02/07/2012	9
Glenn White & Donna Flag	245 Leshure Road	SF	10	Aussie Mix	Gray Tan Mix	11/12/2012	03/06/2012	27
Gerrit & Susan White	65 Potter Road	NM	12	Golden Retriever	Blonde	03/01/2013	03/13/2012	35
Jennie Sutherland	202 Leshure Road	SF	5	Terrier Mix	White/Tan	04/25/2013	05/19/2012	83
Jennie Sutherland	202 Leshure Road	NM	13	Corgi	Tri-Color	04/25/2013	05/19/2012	84
Christine Tower	234 Zoar Road	SF	1.5	Pug	Fawn	02/22/2013	02/28/2012	22
Robert Rice	88 Davis Mine Road	SF	8	Black Lab	Black	04/30/2015	05/19/2012	85
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Road	M	2	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan	06/20/2012	04/10/2012	74
Debbie & Steve Crowningshield	450 Tunnel Road	SF	8 mo.	Choc Lab	Chocolate	09/18/2012	03/13/2012	34
Linda Avery	276 Zoar Road	F	2	Collie Mix	Tri-Color	03/12/2014	No License	
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	M	1	Chihuahua	White/Black/Brown	02/25/2013	03/27/2012	42
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	M	3 mo	Black Silver Lab	Black/Silver	02/25/2013	03/27/2012	43
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	NM	3	Dalmation	White w/ Brown Spots	03/12/2014	03/27/2012	41
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	M	2.5	Choc Lab	Chocolate	09/18/2013	03/27/2012	51
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	SF	6	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	02/19/2013	03/27/2012	52
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	F	7	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	03/12/2013	03/27/2012	53
Brittani Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	M	8 mo.	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	09/18/2012	03/27/2012	50
Brittani Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	NM	7	Choc Lab	Chocolate	03/27/2013	03/27/2012	49
Brian & Laurie Ash	6 Pine Hill Drive	NM	10.5	Retriever/Golden	Blonde	03/09/2015	03/14/2012	32
Brian & Laurie Ash	6 Pine Hill Drive	NM	8	Retriever/Labrador	Black	03/09/2015	03/14/2012	33
Linda Avery	276 Zoar Road	M	12	Pitbull	White	03/27/2013	No License	
Al Williams	58 Tatro Road	M	4	Plotthound	Black Brindle	03/27/2012	03/15/2012	x-1
Al Williams	58 Tatro Road	F	5	English Coonhound	Blue Tick	03/27/2012	03/15/2012	x-2
Al Williams	58 Tatro Road	F	4	Plotthound	Buck Skin	03/27/2012	03/15/2012	x-3
Al Williams	58 Tatro Road	F	7	English Coonhound	Red Tick	03/27/2012	03/15/2012	x-4
Leonda Hardison	22 Tunnel Road	SF	5	Lab	Yellow	03/27/2013	06/12/2012	97
Susan & James Taylor	58 Pond Road	SF	3	Keeshond	Black & Grey	03/23/2012	06/12/2012	96
Mary Jo Fuller	36 Petri Road	SF	10	Pitbull Terrier	Black/White	06/19/2012	04/17/2012	75
James Sousa	99 Brittingham Hill	M	4	Border Collie	Black w/White Collar & Tips	07/01/2012	02/28/2012	21
Laura Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	SF	10	Malinois	Black/Tan	09/26/2013	03/27/2012	45
Laura Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	SF	4	Belgian Malinois Mix	Fawn w/Black Face	05/27/2012	03/27/2012	46
Brandon & Jenn Morse Sprague	162 Zoar Road	F	8 mo.	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	09/18/2012	03/27/2012	47

OWNERS NAME	ADDRESS	SEX	AGE	BREED	COLOR	RABIES DUE	DATE LICENSED	2012 TAG #
Sean Loomis	63 Middletown Hill Road	F	-1	Golden Lab Mix	Gold	02/15/2013	06/12/2012	95
Sean Loomis	63 Middletown Hill Road	M	1	Mixed Breed	Black	12/01/2014	06/12/2012	94
Robin Booth	194 Leshure Road	SF	4.5	Golden Retriever	Blonde/Gold	03/28/2014	03/13/2012	36
Herbert Glass	6 Kings Highway	SF	4	Havanese	White w/Black Saddle Rear & Tri-Color Head	08/27/2012	02/14/2012	15
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Road	SF	6	Great Pyrennes	White/Tan	09/01/2013	03/06/2012	28
Ellynn Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	M	8	Brittany Spaniel	Orange/White	05/07/2013	05/29/2012	91
Kelle Quist	4 Ford Hill Road	NM	5	Schipperke	Black	04/12/2012	02/07/2012	4
M. Arlene Andognini	163 Hazelton Road	SF	8	Airedale Terrier	Black/Tan	04/02/2015	04/03/2012	73
M. Arlene Andognini	163 Hazelton Road	NM	13	Airedale Terrier	Black/Tan	04/02/2015	04/03/2012	72
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	5	Choc Lab	Chocolate (Brown)	03/23/2015	04/03/2012	67
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	SF	12	Mixed Breed	Brown and White	03/23/2015	04/03/2012	68
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	9	Mixed Breed	Multi (Brown/White /Tan)	03/23/2015	04/03/2012	69
Robert & Carrie Silva	123 Davis Mine Road	M	2	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	03/27/2014	04/03/2012	62
Robin Reed	48 Hazelton Road	NM	7	Spaniel Mix	Black	11/12/2013	03/27/2012	48
Pete Brown	16 Shumway Road	M	4	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	03/23/2014	04/03/2012	71
Paul & Leslie McLatchy	17 Newell Cross Road	SF	7	Lab/Bull Mastiff	Black/White	05/01/2013	03/27/2012	57
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Road	SF	7	Bichon Frise	White	04/18/2014	03/27/2012	55
Sandy & Dennis Lively	148 Davenport Road	M	7	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	08/11/2012	03/27/2012	44
Audrey Faivre	29 Potter Road	SF	9	Golden Retriever	Blonde	09/13/2012	04/24/2012	76
Paul & Dale Dunnell	137 Leshure Road	SF	14	Cockapoo	Blonde	03/27/2013	02/28/2012	20
Christina Rode	131 Zoar Road	M	3	Yorkshire Terrier	Multi - Brown, Black & Silver	02/10/2015	04/03/2012	64
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Road	M	2	Bichon Frise	White	04/18/2014	03/27/2012	56
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	4	Poodle, Toy	Apricot	06/25/2012	03/27/2012	58
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	4	Phantym Teacup Poodle	Black	06/25/2012	03/27/2012	59
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	6	Chihuahua	Brown and White	01/04/2013	03/27/2012	60
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	2	Poodle, Miniature	Apricot	04/26/2014	03/27/2012	61
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	SF	11	Mixed Breed	Tri-Color	06/20/2012	02/28/2012	23
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	M	3	Great Dane	Black	07/20/2013	02/28/2012	24
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	M	3	Great Dane	Black	07/20/2013	02/28/2012	25
Mike & Laurie Laffond	208 Hazelton Road	NM	6	Golden Retriever	Yellow	07/06/2013	06/12/2012	92
Mike & Laurie Laffond	208 Hazelton Road	SF	2	Yorkshire Terrier	Black/Brown	07/06/2013	06/12/2012	93
Dan & Claudine Poplawski	37 Shippee Road	SF	3	Lab/Retriever	Black	06/29/2013	04/03/2012	65
JoAnne Semanie	59 Middletown Hill Road	NM	1	Hound Mix	Black/White	08/18/2012	04/03/2012	66
Deb Katz	80 Davenport Road	NM	9	Setter	Black/Tan	06/03/2013	05/29/2012	87
Deb Katz	80 Davenport Road	NM	4	Great Pyrennes	White	04/23/2012	05/29/2012	88
Deb Katz / Rebecca Katz	80 Davenport Road	NM	2	Maltese Mix	White	04/01/2011	05/29/2012	89
Ken and Doris Fensky	93 Brittingham Hill Road	SF	2	Border Collie	Black/White	03/17/2014	03/13/2012	37
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Road	NM	2.5	Great Pyrennes	White	11/16/2012	03/06/2012	29
Kevin & Willian Parent	39 Stone Hill Road	SF	8 mo.	Beagle Mix	Black/Brown	10/01/2012	01/01/2012	1
Sharon Hudson	15 Newell Cross Road	SF	2	Shih Tzu	Liver & Red	05/23/2012	03/06/2012	30
Darlene & Oral Jackson	88 Hazelton Road	NM	6.5	German Shepherd	Black/Red	12/17/2012	02/07/2012	5
Kerri McLatchy	1 Pelham Drive	M	4	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	06/15/2015	03/27/2012	40
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	F	1		Brown	08/06/2012	06/26/2012	98
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	M	4	Beagle Basset Mix	Tan/White w/Short Legs	08/06/2012	06/26/2012	99
James White & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	SF	4	Terrier Mix	White w/Black Spots	08/06/2012	06/26/2012	100
Lance & Danielle Larned	26 Newell CrossRoad	SF	6	Australian Shepard	Blue Merle	09/19/2014	02/07/2012	6
Ken & Julie Shippee	Newell Cross Road	SF	1	Lab Mix	Yellow	09/12/2011	02/28/2012	19
Wayne Zavotka	505 Tunnel Road	SF	6 mo	Lab Retriever	Black	02/18/2013	05/15/2012	79
Robert Clancy/Lisa Miller	12 County Branch Road	NM	1	Dalmation Mix	Black/White	08/01/2013	09/06/2012	102

Town Clerk - Elected Officials **Sworn to Duty 2012**

BOARD OF ASSESSORS [3 Years]

Carrie Y. Silva 5/22/12

BOARD OF HEALTH [3 Years]

Jennifer A. Morse 5/19/12

Sworn in by Moderator Robert Clancy

BOARD OF HEALTH [2 Years]

JoAnn Brown 5/19/12

BOARD OF SELECTMEN [3 Years]

Marilyn Wilson 5/19/12

CEMETERY COMMISSION [3 Years]

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher 5/19/12

FINANCE COMMITTEE [3 Years]

Margaret Parent 5/19/12

LIBRARY TRUSTEE [3 Years]

Catherine T. Snyder 5/19/12

LIBRARY TRUSTEE [2 Years]

Evie Dandeneau 5/19/12

PARK COMMISSIONER [3 Years]

Michael Laffond 5/19/12

PLANNING BOARD [5 Years]

Douglas Wilson 5/19/12

PLANNING BOARD [4 Years]

David Robertson 5/22/12

PLANNING BOARD [3 Years]

Robin Reed 5/19/12

PLANNING BOARD [2 Years]

Joanne Brown 5/19/12

SCHOOL COMMITTEE [3 Years]

Lisa Danek-Burke 5/19/12

Town Clerk - Appointees Sworn to **Duty / Resignations 2012**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sandra P. Daviau 7/16/12

AGENT FOR VETERANS

Leo J. Parent 7/17/12

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sandra P. Daviau 10/10/12

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen B. Miller 7/11/12

John Magnago 7/18/12

Thomas L. Chiofalo 8/08/12

Christine Tower 7/20/12

BOARD OF HEALTH - HEALTH AGENT

Appointed by Board of Health

Lisa Danek-Burke 6/26/12

BROADBAND/TELECOM COMMITTEE

David Dvore 11/20/12

Daniel Wessman 11/17/12

Noel R. Abbott 07/16/12

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen B. Miller 07/11/12

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thomas L. Chiofalo 9/30/12

COUNCIL ON AGING

Jo-ann M. Brown 8/20/12

Sandra P. Daviau 7/16/12

Doris Fensky 7/24/12

Christine A. Tower 7/20/12

Marilyn Belval 7/16/12

Shirley Veber 7/24/12

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR

Edwin L. May 7/16/12

CULTURAL COUNCIL [3 Yr apt]

Anne E. Besgen 12/1/12
 Jo-ann M. Brown 10/29/12

DOG OFFICER (Now Known as "Animal Control Officer")

Arthur Samuelson 11/18/12

DPW SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor 7/16/12

ELECTION TELLERS / WORKERS

Jo-ann M. Brown 10/30/12
 Pru Berry 9/6/12
 Marjorie B. Morse 7/18/12
 Mary Paige 7/17/12
 Susan C. Wood 11/16/12
 Christine Tower 7/20/12
 Robin Reed (Warden) 7/18/12
 Shirley Veber 7/24/12

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May 7/16/12

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

C. Selmi Hyytinen 7/24/12
 Gail May (Coordinator) 7/24/12

ENERGY COMMITTEE

John R.H. Packard 7/24/12
 Robin Booth 10/10/12
 Abigail Phelps 7/24/12

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor 7/16/12

FENCE VIEWER

Noel R. Abbott 7/19/12

FIELD DRIVER

Sandra A. Daviau 7/16/12

FIRE CHIEF

Paul McLatchy Jr. 7/15/12

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Dennis F. May 8/14/12

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edwin L. May
 - Administrator 7/16/12
 Matthew R. Crowningshield
 - Lieutenant 7/23/12
 Jonathan Lively
 - Captain 10/4/11
 Robert J. Clancy
 - Lieutenant 7/20/12
 C. Selmi Hyytinen
 - Lieutenant 8/28/12
 Glenn M. White
 - Lieutenant 8/20/12

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Paul McLatchy Jr. 7/15/12

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

James W. Lively 7/16/12

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE INSPECTION PROGRAM (FCCIP)

Ellen Miller 7/11/12

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (FRCOG)

Noel R. Abbott 7/19/12

FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Marilyn Wilson 7/24/12

GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Cynthia M. Laffond 8/8/12
 Leonard J. Laffond 8/8/12
 Marilyn Belval 7/16/12

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER

Edwin L. May 7/16/12

HEALTH AGENT

APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH
 Lisa Danek-Burke 6/26/12

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

James Hawkins - FCCIP 7/17/12

**MA BROADBAND INSTITUTE - ROWE
REP.**

Ellen B. Miller 7/11/12

MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER

Thomas P. Danek, Jr. 7/20/12

**MOHAWK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Noel R. Abbott 7/19/12

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT MANAGER

Noel R. Abbott 7/19/12

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Jo-ann M. Brown 8/20/12

John Magnago 7/18/12

Christine A. Tower 7/20/12

**POLICE CHIEF / SPECIAL POLICE
OFFICER**

Henry J. Dandenau 7/1/12

POLICE / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

C. Selmi Hyytinen 7/1/12

Julie Shippee 7/1/12

POUND KEEPER

Sandra P. Daviau 7/16/12

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Jennifer Morse Sprague 7/12/12

Lisa L. Miller 7/19/12

Willian D. Parent 7/18/12

Lisa Danek-Burke 7//18/12

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dennis May 11/19/12

William Loomis 11/20/12

Susan Zavotka 11/14/12

James W. Taylor 11/12/12

Ellen Miller 11/20/12

Donna Flagg 11/20/12

Cynthia M. Laffond 11/20/12

Marjorie B. Morse 11/19/12

Paul McLatchy III 11/20/12

Janet Cowie 11/20/12

William Knittle 11/20/12

Michael Buoniconti 11/15/12

Robert Silva 11/20/12

Kerri McLatchy 11/20/12

Angela Foshay 12/4/12

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

James W. Taylor 6/22/11

TOWN NURSE

Appointed by Board of Health

Sheila Litchfield 6/26/12

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

Appointed by Board of Health

Ted Palmer 6/27/12

James Lively 6/27/12

Julie Shippee (Alternate) 7/1/12

TREE WARDEN

James W. Taylor 7/15/12

**WIRED WEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**

DELEGATE

Noel R. Abbott 7/19/12

YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE

Leonard J. Laffond 8/8/12

**YANKEE ATOMIC ELECTRIC CO.
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)**

Leonard J. Laffond 8/8/12

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Marilyn Wilson [3 Yr Term] 6/22/11

**APPOINTMENTS TO FILL ELECTED
POSITION VACANCIES**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Noel R. Abbott 7/26/12

[Resigned]

Cynthia M. Laffond 8/15/12

TEMPORARY TREASURER

Sandra Daviau 8/29/12

TREASURER

Donna J. Flagg 10/11/12

2012 RESIGNATIONS

PLANNING BOARD

John H. Williams 3/17/12

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William A. Loomis 6/20/12

TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau 8/23/12

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Meghan K. McLatchy 11/5/12

Special Town Meeting Official Results - April 24, 2012

Special Town Meeting Official Results
FY2012- April 24, 2012
Town of Rowe
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday April 24, 2012 at the Rowe Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator, Robert J. Clancy with approximately forty five (45) registered voters and one (1) audience member in attendance.

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy
Town Clerk Jennifer Morse
Selectboard: Noel Abbott (Chairperson), Paul McLatchy III
Constable: Robert Dykeman
Tellers: None

Article 1: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$37,000 for Accounting and Payroll Software for FY2012.
Moderator Robert Clancy noted that in order to appropriate money from the Stabilization Fund a 2/3 majority vote is required.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article1 as follows: that the Town appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$37,000 for the following purposes only

- Contracting with the FRCOG Accounting Program to perform the town's accounting functions for FY 2013
- Purchasing the Blackbaud Fundware accounting software to replace the City & Town software that is being discontinued as of June 30, 2012. New software to be installed to begin in July 1, 2012.
- Contracting with one of the following firms to perform all payroll services for the Town of Rowe in FY2013. Checkwriters, Paychex, ADP or Harpers Payroll Service

The motion to amend Article 1 Passed by a Show of Hands

Article 1 Passed by a Show of Hands with more than a 2/3 of the majority voting yes

Article 2: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting

Moderator Robert J. Clancy announced that a Candidates Night will be held on Thursday May 17, 2012, at 6:30pm at the Rowe Elementary School. Candidates Night is an opportunity for voters to meet and ask questions of the Candidates before the town elections held on Saturday May 19, 2012.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Passed Unanimously

Submitted: Jennifer Morse, Rowe Town Clerk
April 26, 2012

A True Copy, Attest:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk

Date: May 1, 2012

RECAPITULATION OF
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES - FY2012
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
(Recapitulation is for information only)

APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION		
<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAXATION		0.00
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APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH		
<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM FREE CASH		0.00
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APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS		
<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS		0.00
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APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND		
<u>FRCOG Acctg contract; FundWare software; payroll services 37,000.00</u>		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM STABILIZATION FUND		37,000.00
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APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND		
<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND		<u>0.00</u>
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TOTAL FY2012 BUDGET ALL FUNDS		\$ 37,000.00

Special Town Meeting Official Results - May 14, 2012

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – FY2012 OFFICIAL RESULTS

Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse
Selectmen: Noel R. Abbott, Paul McLatchy III
Attorney: Joel B. Bard, Kopelman and Paige, PC
Tellers: None
Constable: Robert L. Dykeman

The Special Town Meeting was held on Monday May 14, 2012 at the Rowe Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Moderator Rober J. Clancy. Approximately thirty one (31) registered voters and three (3) audience members were in attendance.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$6,000.00 to partially fund the replacement of the Potter Brook footbridge at Pelham Lake Park.**

Requested by the Park Commissioners 2/3 vote necessary

Article One Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$6,645.00 to erect a footbridge over Pelham Brook below the Pelham Lake dam, or take any action in relation thereto.**

Requested by the Park Commissioners 2/3 vote necessary

Article Two Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

No Business Brought Forth

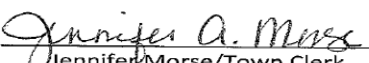
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Submitted by:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk
May 15, 2012

A true copy, Attest:


Jennifer Morse/Town Clerk

RECAPITULATION OF FY2012
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

May 14, 2012
(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None	00.00	
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Total Appropriations From Taxation		\$0.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

None	0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Available Funds		0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

None	0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

None	0.00	
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Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		0.00

Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

PARK – Potter Brook Footbridge	6,000.00	
PARK – Pelham Brook Footbridge	6,645.00	
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Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund		<u>12,645.00</u>

TOTAL FY2012 BUDGET		12,645.00
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Annual Town Meeting Official Results - May 14, 2012

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – FY2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS

Monday, May 14, 2012

Town of Rowe

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse
Selectmen: Noel R. Abbott, Paul McLatchy III
Constable: Robert L. Dykeman
Attorney: Joel Bard, Kopelman & Paige, PC

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday May 14, 2012 at the Rowe Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 6:30 p.m. Approximately fifty-seven registered (57) and eight (8) audience members were in attendance.

Moderator Robert J. Clancy asked for a memory of silence in honor town residents who died in the past year; Phyllis Tower and Ellsworth Palmer.

Moderator Robert J. Clancy asked Board of Assessors Chairperson Rick Williams to briefly speak regarding the impact of actions at the Annual Town Meeting and the passing of the Warrant Articles. Mr. Williams stated that if the warrant articles passed as the warrant was presented the tax rate would go up approximately \$.15 to \$.29 on the thousand. If the voters pass the exclusion the residential tax rate would go up an additional \$.54 to \$.83 on the thousand.

Moderator Robert J. Clancy read the following Warrant Greeting regarding the Annual Town Elections.

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 **NINETEENTH** day of **MAY 2012** at 8:00 a.m. and then and there to bring their votes by ballot for the following officials:

- 1 Selectman for three (3) years
- 1 Assessor for three (3) years
- 1 Board of Health Member for three (3) years
- 1 Board of Health Member for two (2) years
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years
- 2 Finance Committee Members for three (3) years
- 1 Finance Committee Member for two (2) years
- 1 Library Trustee for three (3) years
- 1 Library Trustee for two (2) years
- 1 Park Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for five (5) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for four (4) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for three (3) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for two (2) years
- 1 School Committee Member 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.

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

Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands - One Opposed

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

Article 2 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2013 fiscal year:

Administration

Legal Expenses	12,000.00
General Administration	30,752.00
Microfilm Town Records	1,000.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,607.00
Print Town Reports	4,600.00
Municipal Audit	15,000.00
Town Coordinator Salary	59,800.00
Administrative Assistant Compensation	10,988.00
FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	10,584.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	6,388.00
FRCOG Cooperative Purchasing Program	1,389.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00
IT Consultant	16,000.00
Tax Collector's Operations	6,913.00
Election/Teller Expenses	4,000.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	750.00
Bonding and Insurance	45,000.00
<u>Town-wide Notification System</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Administration	238,571.00

Assessors' Office

Assessors' Clerk Compensation	9,200.00
<u>Assessors' Operations</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
Subtotal Assessors' Office	17,200.00

Planning Board

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
Planning Board Consulting Expenses	2,000.00
<u>Planning Board Goal Post Operations</u>	<u>10,100.00</u>
Total Planning Board	13,350.00

Other

Conservation Commission Operations	200.00
Council on Aging	4,000.00
Historic Landscape ID Program	1,000.00
<u>Yankee Land Committee</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
Subtotal Other	10,200.00

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	7,159.00
Town Clerk Stipend	7,159.00
Treasurer	7,849.00
Misc Officers Stipends - Moderator	412.00
- Constable	515.00
- Animal Inspector	515.00
- Dog Officer	618.00
Subtotal Stipends	43,808.00

Veterans' Services

Veterans' Services Assessment	500.00
Operations	450.00
<u>Veterans' Benefits</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Subtotal Veterans' Services	1,050.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION

324,179.00

A motion to amend Article 3 was made and seconded to reduce the Legal Expenses line item to \$6,000.00

Motion to Amend Article 3 Defeated By Show Of Hands
Original Article 3 Passed By Show Of Hands - Three Opposed

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2013 fiscal year

Highway Department

DPW Heavy Equipment Operators' Wages	177,642.00
DPW Superintendent's Salary	78,949.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	31,151.00
DPW Heating Oil	5,500.00
DPW Electricity	1,558.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	33,115.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	50,000.00
Annual DPW Projects	42,000.00
<u>Snow & Ice Removal (Winter Roads)</u>	<u>66,500.00</u>
Subtotal Highway Department	486,415.00

Other Public Works & Facilities

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	15,420.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	7,321.20 (after amendment)*
Town Hall Fuel Oil	6,000.00
Town Hall Electricity	8,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,380.00
Street Lighting	5,253.00
Beautification Committee	2,000.00
Energy Committee Operations	250.00
Gracy House Operations	4,000.00
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	500.00
<u>Municipal Light Plant</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities	78,524.20

Cemeteries - Cemeteries – Maintenance/Repair 15,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION 579,939.20

A motion to amend Article 4 was made and seconded to increase the salary of the Town Hall custodian by 3.6% to \$7,321.20.

Motion to Amend Article 4 Passed By Show of Hands

Article 4 As Amended Passed By Show of Hands - 8 Opposed

***NOTES:**

- 1) The Town Hall Custodian Wages original warrant line item of \$7,000.00 did provide a 3.6% COLA increase for the custodian, which is the 3.6% COLA increase that all town (non-school) employees will receive in FY2013.
- 2) The custodian is paid on an hourly basis.
- 3) The additional \$321.20 can be used for additional hours worked.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of **\$147,811.00** 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.

Article 5 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$320,000.00** for the 2013 fiscal year to fully pay down the **Sun Trust ESCO Lease, contingent upon a successful Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion vote** at the Annual Town Election on May 19, 2012.

Discussion – The Moderator received a positive sense of the meeting to allow Town Counsel Joel Bard to speak regarding the difference between a Proposition 2½ Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion vote and a Proposition 2½ Override vote.

EXCLUSION: An exclusion increases the amount of property tax revenue a community may raise for a limited or temporary period of time in order to fund specific projects. The amount of an exclusion may be raised in addition to the community's levy limit. It does not increase the community's levy limit nor become part of the base for calculating future years' levy limits.

OVERRIDE: A levy limit override increases the amount of property tax revenue a community may raise in the year specified in the override question and in future years. It increases the community's levy limit and becomes part of the base for calculating future years' levy limits. The result is a permanent increase in taxing authority.

Article 6 Passed By Show Of Hands - Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the 2013 fiscal year for the **July 1, 2012, annual payment on the Energy Savings Capital Equipment Lease.**

Town Hall	3,820.00	
DPW Garage	5,307.00	
Library	2,430.00	
Fire Station	1,488.00	
School	36,555.00	
Sub-Total FY2013 ESCO Lease Payment		49,600.00
Less School payment under Article 13		(36,555.00)
TOTAL FY2013 ESCO Annual Lease Payment		13,045.00

Article 7 Passed By Show Of Hands - Unanimous

NOTE: This annual payment is required in addition to the lease payoff amount appropriated in Article 6.

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2013 fiscal year.

Police Department

Police Chief Stipend	10,360.00
Police Officers Compensation	16,248.00
<u>Operations</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Sub-total Police Department	32,608.00

Fire Department

Fire Chief Stipend	7,159.00
Fire Officers Stipends	5,595.00
Fire Department Administrative Clerk	3,626.00
Firefighter Reimbursements	7,510.00
Fire Department General Operations	16,902.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	5,000.00
Fire Station Electricity	2,000.00
Emergency Management	500.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
<u>Hazardous Material Control</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	48,892.00

Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,084.00
EMS Operations and Maintenance	2,000.00
<u>Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	8,384.00

Inspections

<u>FCCIP Inspection Program (Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
Subtotal Inspections	3,500.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION

93,384.00

Article 8 Passed By Show Of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$3,000.00 for future ambulance services.**

Note: A two-thirds vote was required to pass this article

Article 9 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2013 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	38,000.00
Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	14,998.00
Board of Health Operations	17,000.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	6,842.00
Town Nurse Wages	41,983.00
Health Services Operations	6,000.00
<u>Physician's Stipend</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal Public Health & Sanitation	125,823.00

Article 10 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 11.

Board of Health Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,860 for the services of the town nurse to keep the Health Services office open three eight-hour days a week.

Discussion – The money is appropriated on the Town Nurse Wages on Article 10

Motion to TABLE Article 11 Passed By Show of Hands – Unanimous

Note: The amount was raised for Town Nurse Wages in Article 10 does provide for 24 hour per week coverage in the Health Services Office.

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded to 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 2013 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 2014, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Kindergarten through Sixth grade (K-6) Public Schools for the 2013 fiscal year.

Rowe School Local Budget		
Instructional Programs	497,724.00	
Technology	10,968.00	
Instructional Staff Training	7,550.00	
Special Education and Tuitions	101,447.00	
Library Services	25,468.00	
Health Services	69,983.00	
School Committee	8,200.00	
Principal's Office	109,504.00	
Food Services	22,912.00	
<u>Plant Operations (incl. ESCO Lease Payment \$36,555)</u>	<u>136,292.00</u>	
Subtotal Rowe School Local	990,048.00	
Less Estimated School Choice Receipts	<u>(161,807.00)</u>	
K-6 Rowe School Local Operating Budget		828,241.00
Shared Services Budget		
GenAdmin	28,103.00	
Instructional Services	17,868.00	
Technology	11,820.00	
Facilities	4,511.00	
Fixed Costs (Insurance, Benefits)	18,717.00	
<u>Transportation</u>	<u>52,238.00</u>	
Total Shared Services		133,257.00
TOTAL K-6 Budget		961,498.00

Article 13 Passed By Show Of Hands - One Opposed

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for Seventh through Twelfth grade (7-12) Public Schools for the 2013 fiscal year.

High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)		
- Spanish Teacher @ Middle School	15,000.00	
- Mohawk Tuition	232,800.00	
- Franklin County Tech Tuition	126,000.00	
- Transportation to Mohawk (Regular Ed)	48,555.00	
- Mohawk Late Bus	<u>15,000.00</u>	
TOTAL 7-12 Public Schools from Taxation		437,355.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION		1,398,853.00

Article 14 Passed By Show Of Hands - One Opposed

ARTICLE 15: A motion was made and seconded to 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 2013 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 2014, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15 Passed By Show Of Hands - Not Unanimous

A motion was made and seconded to Move Article 23 forward.

Motion to move Article 23 Passed By Show of Hands - Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **TRANSFER** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$50,000.00, to be expended under the direction of The Rowe School Building Committee for The Feasibility Study and the Schematic Design for the Rowe Elementary School Window and Door Replacement at 86 Pond Road, Rowe MA, for which feasibility study and schematic design the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study and schematic design in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Recommended by the School Committee and Board of Selectmen

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

Article 23 Passed By Show of Hands
44 – Yes 4 – No

ARTICLE 16: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2013 fiscal year.

Library Director Compensation	22,925.00
Library Staff Wages	15,677.00
Library Operations and Maintenance	18,811.00
Library Heating Oil	2,000.00
Library Electricity	1,500.00
CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	3,350.00
Library CWMARS Overdrive Assessment	168.00
TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY	64,431.00

Article 16 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2013 for **Old Home Days**.

Old Home Day	5,500.00
Old Home Day Fireworks	5,500.00
TOTAL OLD HOME DAY	11,000.00

Article 17 Passed By Show Of Hands – Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 18: A motion was made and seconded to 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 2013 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 2014.

Article 18 Passed By Show Of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2013 fiscal year.

Park Wages	40,544.00
Head Ranger Wage	43,240.00
Operation and Maintenance	19,505.00
TOTAL PARK	103,289.00

Article 19 Passed By Show of Hands - Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 20: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2013 fiscal year.

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	108,707.00*
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**
Group Health Insurance	390,000.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax	39,000.00**

TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE

538,707.00

- * Excludes pension costs for teachers in MA Teachers' Retirement
- ** Costs are for all applicable town & school employees

Article 20 Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 21: A motion was made and seconded to 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 2013 fiscal year.

Article 21 Passed By Show Of Hands - Unanimous

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$127,627** to partially fund the FY2013 Budget.

Article 22 Passed By Show Of Hands - Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded to vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **capital repairs and improvements**.

GEN – Town Hall Electronic Door Access	8,000.00
GEN – Town Hall Copier	9,500.00
DPW – Mack Dump Truck & Sander	173,891.00
FIRE – Thermal Imaging Camera	10,000.00
PARK – Lawn Mower	3,478.00
SCH – Laptops (replace I-Books)	6,000.00
SCH – Mac Books	4,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

214,869.00

A motion to amend Article 24 was made and seconded to remove the Town Hall Copier.

Motion to amend Article 24 Was Defeated By Show Of Hands
Yes – 24 No- 25

A second motion to amend Article 24 was made and seconded to add \$14,900 for the Rowe Elementary School paving project. [\$60,000 was appropriated at FY2012 Annual Town Meeting for the paving project, but the lowest bid received was \$74,900.]

Moderator Robert J. Clancy declined this motion to amend after conferring with Town Counsel

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

Article 24 Passed By Show Of Hands
Yes – 40 No- 8

ARTICLE 25: A motion was made and seconded to vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

CITIZENS' PETITION

We the undersigned ask the town to vote to amend By-laws Article III, section 5 to read as follows:

"The Board of Health shall consist of five (5) members, each to be elected to a three-year term. Two members of said Board shall be elected on each of two consecutive years and one on the third year by ballot at each annual town election. The Board shall have powers and duties as set forth in Chapter 111 of the general laws and other applicable laws. The Board of Health shall appoint the Public Health Nurse, the Health Agent, the Transfer Station Attendant, and the Clerk to the Board of Health. The Board of Health shall maintain the Refuse Garden and the Transfer Station."

Article 25 Defeated By Show Of Hands
Yes – 24 No - 25

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

CITIZENS' PETITION to the Rowe Board of Selectmen

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following **RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights are intended to protect the rights of individual human beings ("real people"); and WHEREAS, corporations are not mentioned in the Constitution and The People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations; WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* presents a serious threat to self-government by allowing unlimited corporate spending to influence elections; WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution empowers and obligates the people of the United States of America to use the constitutional amendment process to correct egregiously wrong decisions of the United States Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Rowe, Massachusetts hereby instruct the senators representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the member of the United States House of Representatives representing this congressional district to propose, and our state legislators to ratify, an amendment to the United States Constitution to provide that corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of real people and that money is not speech for purposes of campaign-related expenditures and contributions.

Article 26 Passed By Show Of Hands - Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 27: A motion was made and seconded to get a **Sense of the Meeting** on the following questions concerning **street lighting:**

1. Shall the town eliminate any street lights?
2. Shall the town limit hours of illumination of some or all street lights, by the use of timers, or other such devices?

***Discussion:** Several residents spoke in favor of keeping the street lights lit at night in the vicinity of their individual dwellings for safety reasons. One resident spoke in favor of keeping street lights lit in the village, as she walks during late night hours because of her work schedule. The DPW Superintendent requested that the street light in front of his dwelling remain lit at night to aid in monitoring weather conditions.*

ARTICLE 28: The following business was conducted under Article 28:

Moderator Robert J. Clancy recognized Mr. John (Jack) Williams for his sixty years of service to the Town of Rowe with a certificate that stated "In deep gratitude for sixty years of heartfelt dedicated service to the Town of Rowe." Mr. Williams was not present but did receive a round of applause.

Moderator Robert J. Clancy stated that a retirement party is being held on June 23, 2012, for Mr. Ed May as a thank you for his 25 years of service as Rowe Fire Chief. Mr. May was given a round of applause. [Mr. May continues to serve the town as Emergency Management Director, Community Emergency Response Coordinator, Hazardous Materials Control Officer, and Fire Department Administrator.]

Moderator Robert J. Clancy invited all residents to Candidates' Night which will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rowe Elementary School

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion Passed By Show of Hands - Unanimous

Submitted by:
Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk
May 15, 2012

A true copy, Attest: Jennifer A. Morse
Jennifer Morse/Town Clerk

RECAPITULATION OF FY2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

May 14, 2012

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

General Government	324,179.00
Public Works and Facilities	579,939.00
ESCO Lease Payoff (<i>contingent on passage of May 19 ballot question</i>)	320,000.00
ESCO Lease Payments (excludes School's payment)	13,045.00
Public Safety	93,384.00
Stabilization Fund	3,000.00
Public Health/Sanitation (excludes citizens' petition \$7,860)	125,823.00
Schools (includes School's ESCO Lease Payment)	1,398,853.00
Culture & Recreations	178,720.00
Pensions and Insurance	538,707.00
Reserve Fund	20,000.00

Total Appropriations From Taxation

\$3,595,650.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

Chapter 90 Highway Funds	147,811.00
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Total Appropriations from Available Funds

147,811.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

Fund FY2013 Budget	127,627.00
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Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

127,627.00

Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

None	0.00
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Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

0.00

Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

GEN – Town Hall Electronic Door Access	8,000.00
GEN – Town Hall Copier	9,500.00
DPW – Mack Dump Truck & Sander	173,891.00
FIRE – Thermal Imaging Camera	10,000.00
PARK – Lawn Mower	3,478.00
SCH – Window/Door Replacement (Feasibility Study/Design Schematic)	50,000.00
SCH – Laptops (replace I-Books)	6,000.00
SCH – Mac Books	4,000.00

Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

264,869.00

TOTAL FY2013 BUDGET

4,135,957.00

[TOTAL FY2013 BUDGET if May 19, 2012 ballot question is defeated

3,815,957.00]

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

Special Town Meeting Official Results - June 19, 2012

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS- FY2012 JUNE 19, 2012 Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator: Robert J. Clancy
Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse
Selectboard: Noel Abbott, Paul McLatchy III, Marilyn Wilson
Constable: Robert Dykeman
Tellers: Helen Huff Danek, Marjorie Morse, Robin Reed, Jennifer Wood

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday June 19, 2012 at the Rowe Elementary School. Approximately fifty five (55) registered voters and four (4) audience members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by moderator Robert J. Clancy.

Moderator Robert J. Clancy led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and then read the June 19, 2012 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Moderator Robert J. Clancy then turned to the selectmen at the beginning of the meeting for comments to which there was none.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$14,900.00** for the **Rowe School Paving Project**.

*Requested by the School Committee
2/3 vote is need to pass Article 1*

*Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous*

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH**, the sum of **\$15,000.00** for **Legal and Consulting Expenses regarding the Town of Rowe's arrangement with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District, the Mohawk Central Office, and related matters.**

A motion was made to hold a paper ballot vote on Article 2. Moderator Robert J. Clancy took a sense of the meeting and more than ten registered voters agreed to a paper ballot vote.

*Article 2 Defeated by Paper Ballot Vote
33 - NO 22 - YES*

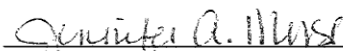
ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

No other business brought forward

Submitted by:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk
June 25, 2012

A true copy, Attest:


Jennifer A. Morse
Town Clerk

RECAPITULATION OF FY2012
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

June 19, 2012

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None	00.00	
<i>Total Appropriations From Taxation</i>		\$0.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

None	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

Legal/Consulting Expenses	0.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund</i>		0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

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

Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

School Paving Project	14,900.00	
<i>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i>		<u>14,900.00</u>

TOTAL FY2012 BUDGET		14,900.00
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Special Town Meeting Official Results - September 18, 2012

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – FY2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday September 18, 2012 at the Rowe Historical Society at 282 Zoar Road. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert J. Clancy at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of registered voters was present with twenty seven registered voters in attendance and three audience members.

Town Clerk – Jennifer A. Morse
Moderator – Robert J. Clancy
Constable – Robert Dykeman
Selectmen – Noel Abbott, Paul McLatchy III, Marilyn Wilson

Moderator Robert J. Clancy turned to the Selectmen for any comments at the beginning of the meeting. Selectmen Paul McLatchy III thanked the Rowe Historical Society for the use of the building for the Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$37,496.00** for the new **DPW Truck account**.

Note: 2/3 affirmative vote was required for passage of this article.

Article 1 Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **establish a revolving fund** for the remainder of FY2013 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 53 E½ **for the receipts related to the Town's recycling program** and expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services in the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products, to be under the authority of the Board of Health and **not to exceed \$5,000** in expenditures in FY2013.

Jan Ameen, Executive Director of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management gave explanation and answered questions of the voters prior to the vote

Article 2 Passed Unanimous

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$10,000.00** to **bring the Treasurer's office records current**.

Note: 2/3 affirmative vote is required for passage of this article.

Article 3 Passed by Show of Hands

Yes – 21

No – 0

Abstained – 3

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **PAY PRIOR YEAR BILLS** in the sum of **\$725.32** for **Legal Expenses** from the **FY2013 Legal Expenses** account.

Note: 9/10 affirmative vote is required for passage of this article

Article 4 Passed by Show of Hands

Yes – 25

No – 0

Abstained – 2

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Selectmen Noel Abbott spoke regarding the upcoming joint selectboard/school committee meeting to be held on September 27, 2012. This meeting will be to update and report on the Rowe School fire.

Mrs. Cindy Laffond asked the selectmen to purchase a new PA system

Town Clerk Jennifer A. Morse asked Donna Flagg PTP member to give information about an upcoming event. Ms. Donna Flagg spoke on behalf of the PTP regarding "Dinner by the Lake" to be held on Saturday October 13, 2012 at Pelham Lake Park. Tickets are now on sale for \$15 each for the Readsboro Lions Club Chicken BBQ. The Bumsteers will begin playing at 1 p.m. The dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. A guided hike will begin at Park Headquarters at 11:30 a.m. People interested in tickets should contact Donna Flagg prior to October 1, 2012.

Rowe Historical Society Vice President Kathy Heilegman invited everyone to walk through the museum. She also noted that the Rowe Historical Society was hosting an Archeology Hike to Fort Pelham by Nancy Williams. She also noted that the Historical Society website is updated continuously. The website is www.rowehistoricalsociety.org.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

A true copy, Attest:

Jennifer A. Morse – Rowe Town Clerk

Date:

9/19/12

RECAPITULATION OF FY2013
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

September 18, 2012
(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None	0.00	
<hr/> Total Appropriations From Taxation		\$.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

Prior Year Bills	725.32	
Legal Expense Account	(725.32)	
<hr/> Total Appropriations from Available Funds		0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

None	0.00	
<hr/> Total Appropriations from Free Cash		0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

Treasurer's Office Update	10,000.00	
<hr/> Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		10,000.00

Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

DPW Truck	37,496.00	
<hr/> Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund		<u>37,496.00</u>

TOTAL FY2013 BUDGET		47,496.00
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Special Town Meeting Official Results - December 18, 2012

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – FY2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS DECEMBER 18, 2012

Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday December 18, 2012 at the Rowe Historical Society at 282 Zoar Road. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Jennifer A. Morse at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of registered voters was present with thirty-eight registered voters in attendance.

Town Clerk - Jennifer A. Morse
Temporary Moderator - Paul McLatchy III
Constable – Robert Dykeman
Selectmen – Noel Abbott (Chair), Marilyn Wilson

Town Clerk Jennifer Morse informed the audience that Robert Clancy was unable to attend the meeting and Paul McLatchy III had volunteered to serve as temporary moderator. With no objections from the audience Town Clerk Jennifer Morse swore Paul McLatchy III in to serve as temporary moderator for the Special Town Meeting on December 18, 2012.

Temporary Moderator Paul McLatchy asked the audience to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the victims in the Newtown Connecticut school shooting.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$154,000 from the Insurance Proceeds account to the Insurance deficit account.

Passed by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$5000 to hire a consultant to assist in the hiring of a new police chief.

Mrs. Myra Carlow was recognized and inquired as to what account the money was to be taken from.

A motion was made and seconded to table Article Two

Motion to Table Article Two Passed by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

No business was brought forth

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by:
Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk
December 19, 2012

A True Copy, Attest:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk

1/30/13
Date

RECAPITULATION OF FY2013
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

December 18, 2012
(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 Available Funds

<u>Insurance Proceeds account for school fire loss</u>	<u>154,000.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Available Funds</i>		<i>154,000.00</i>

Appropriations from Free Cash

<u>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Free Cash</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>None</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
<i>Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund</i>		<i><u>0.00</u></i>

TOTAL FY2013 BUDGET		\$154,000.00
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Election Results Presidential Primary - March 6, 2012

**ELECTION RESULTS
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 6, 2012
59 voters, of 283 registered voted**

Town Clerk: Jennifer Morse Sprague
Warden: Robin Reed
Constable: Robert Dykeman
Tellers: Prudence Berry, Marjorie Morse, Paul McLatchy III, Sue Wood, Christine Tower

Democratic Party - 25 Voters

Presidential Preference

Barack Obama	21
All Others	2
Blanks	2

State Committee Man

Michael Forbes Wilcox	22
Blanks	3

State Committee Woman

Mary J. Palmer	22
Blanks	3

Town Committee

Jack Packard	13
Ellyn Packard	11
Paul McLatchy III	11
All Others	1

Republican Voters – 33

Presidential Preference

Ron Paul	5
Mitt Romney	16
Rick Perry	1
Rick Santorum	6
Jon Huntsman	0
Michele Bachmann	1
Newt Gingrich	3
Blanks	1

State Committee Man

Michael F. Case	20
All Others	1
Blanks	12

State Committee Woman

Robin S. Almgren	19
Blanks	14

Green Rainbow Party – 1

Presidential Preference

Kent Mesplay	0
Jill Stein	1
Harley Mikkelson	0

A true copy, Attest: *Jennifer A. Morse* March 6, 2012

Annual Town Election Results - May 19, 2012

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Saturday, May 19, 2012

183 Voted/283 Total Registered Voters

Town Clerk: Jennifer Morse

Warden: Robin Reed

Teller: Heidi Cousineau, Marjorie Morse, Christine Tower, Shirley Veber, Helen Danek

Constable: Robert Dykeman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Carrie Y. Silva (incumbent) - 128

Blanks - 48

Jennifer A. Morse - 5

All Others - 2

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

Jennifer A. Morse - 134

Blanks - 44

All Others - 2

BOARD OF HEALTH (2 YEARS)

Joanne Brown - 123

Paul McLatchy III - 51

Blanks - 9

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Robert J. Clancy (incumbent) - 70

Marilyn Wilson - 110

Blanks - 2

All Others - 1

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

Danette Reynolds-Gallagher - 130

Blanks - 48

All Others - 5

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Margaret Parent - 130

Blanks - 48

All Others - 5

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Dennis May - 63

Blanks - 115

All Others - 5

FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 YEARS)

Blanks - 176

All Others - 7

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Catherine T. Snyder - 146

Blanks - 37

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (2 YEARS)
Evie Dandeneau - 14
Blanks - 163
All Others - 6

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)
Michael Laffond (Write In) - 63
Blanks - 117
All Others - 3

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)
Douglas Wilson - 126
Blanks - 51
All Others - 6

PLANNING BOARD (2 YEARS)
Joanne Brown - 138
Blanks - 42
All Others - 3

PLANNING BOARD (3 YEARS)
Robin Reed - 46
Blanks - 131
All Others - 6

PLANNING BOARD (4 YEARS)
David Roberson - 22
Blanks - 157
All Others - 4

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)
Lisa Danek - Burke (incumbent) - 100
Noel R. Abbott - 74
Blanks - 8
All Others - 1

Question: Shall the Town of Rowe be allowed to assess, per GL c. 59, s. 21C (I ½), an additional \$320,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paying down in full the Sun Trust ESCO Master Equipment Lease for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2012?

Yes: 91
No: 67
Blanks: 25

Robin W. Reed
Wardens

a true copy:
Attest: Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk - May 19, 2012.

Election Results State Primary - September 6, 2012

ELECTION RESULTS MASSACHUSETTS STATE PRIMARY September 6, 2012

**62 voters, of 283 registered voted
42 Democrat, 19 Republican, 1 Green Rainbow**

Town Clerk: Jennifer Morse
Precinct Clerk: Marjorie Morse
Warden: Robin Reed
Constable: Bob Dykeman, Julie Shippee
Tellers: Sue Wood, Pru Berry, Shirley Veber, Brianna Demech, Eric Paige, Christine Tower

Senator in Congress

Scott P. Brown - Republican	17
Elizabeth A. Warren - Democrat	42
Blanks	3

Representative in Congress

Richard E. Neal - Democrat	24
Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr. - Democrat	11
Bill Shein - Democrat	4
Blanks	23

Councillor - Eighth District

Michael J. Albano - Democrat	15
Micahel F. Case - Republican	10
Micahel Franco- Republican	8
Gerry Roy - Democrat	2
Kevin J. Sullivan - Democrat	11
Blanks	16

Representative in General Court - Second Berkshire District

Paul W. Mark - Democrat	33
Blanks	29

Clerk of Courts

Susan K. Emond - Democrat	23
David R. Roulston - Democrat	7
Blanks	32

Register of Deeds

Joseph A. Gochinski - Democra	18
Scott A. Cote	19
Blanks	26

Senator in General Court

Benjamin B. Downing - Democrat	30
Blanks	32

A true copy, Attest: Jennifer A. Morse September 6, 2012

Election Results State Election/Presidential Election - November 6, 2012

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS MASSACHUSETTS STATE ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

November 6, 2012

243 voted, of 290 registered voters

Ward 0, Precinct 1

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse
Clerk: Marjorie Morse
Warden: Robin Reed
Constable: Robert Dykeman, Julie Shippee
Tellers: Christine Tower, Pru Berry, Sue Wood, Ashton Morse, Carrie Silva, Joann Brown

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

JOHNSON and GRAY (L)	4
OBAMA and BIDEN (D)	140
ROMNEY and RYAN (R)	92
STEIN and HONKALA (G)	5
All Other	0
Blanks	2

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

SCOTT P. BROWN (R)	110
ELIZABETH A. WARREN (D)	130
All Other	0
Blanks	3

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

RICHARD E. NEAL (D)	183
All Other	4
Blanks	56

COUNCILLOR

MICHAEL J ALBANO (D)	136
MICHAEL FRANCO (R)	67
All Other	0
Blanks	40

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

BENJAMIN BRACKETT DOWNING (D)	173
All Other	2
Blanks	68

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

PAUL W. MARK (D)	173
All Other	1
Blanks	69

CLERK OF COURTS

SUSAN EMOND (D)	176
All Other	1
Blanks	66

REGISTER OF DEEDS

SCOTT A. COTE (D)	178
All Other	1
Blanks	64

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JOHN P. PACIOREK	163
All Other	1
Blanks	79

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 1, 2012?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any motor vehicle manufacturer, starting with model year 2015, from selling or leasing, either directly or through a dealer, a new motor vehicle without allowing the owner to have access to the same diagnostic and repair information made available to the manufacturer's dealers and in-state authorized repair facilities.

The manufacturer would have to allow the owner, or the owner's designated in-state independent repair facility (one not affiliated with a manufacturer or its authorized dealers), to obtain diagnostic and repair information electronically, on an hourly, daily, monthly, or yearly subscription basis, for no more than fair market value and on terms that do not unfairly favor dealers and authorized repair facilities.

The manufacturer would have to provide access to the information through a non-proprietary vehicle interface, using a standard applied in federal emissions-control regulations. Such information would have to include the same content, and be in the same form and accessible in the

same manner, as is provided to the manufacturer's dealers and authorized repair facilities.

For vehicles manufactured from 2002 through model year 2014, the proposed law would require a manufacturer of motor vehicles sold in Massachusetts to make available for purchase, by vehicle owners and in-state independent repair facilities, the same diagnostic and repair information that the manufacturer makes available through an electronic system to its dealers and in-state authorized repair facilities. Manufacturers would have to make such information available in the same form and manner, and to the same extent, as they do for dealers and authorized repair facilities. The information would be available for purchase on an hourly, daily, monthly, or yearly subscription basis, for no more than fair market value and on terms that do not unfairly favor dealers and authorized repair facilities.

For vehicles manufactured from 2002 through model year 2014, the proposed law would also require manufacturers to make available for purchase, by vehicle owners and in-state independent repair facilities, all diagnostic repair tools, incorporating the same diagnostic, repair and wireless capabilities as those available to dealers and authorized repair facilities. Such tools would have to be made available for no more than fair market value and on terms that do not unfairly favor dealers and authorized repair facilities.

For all years covered by the proposed law, the required diagnostic and repair information would not include the information necessary to reset a vehicle immobilizer, an anti-theft device that prevents a vehicle from being started unless the correct key code is present. Such information would have to be made available to dealers, repair facilities, and owners through a separate, secure data release system.

The proposed law would not require a manufacturer to reveal a trade secret and would not interfere with any agreement made by a manufacturer, dealer, or authorized repair facility that is in force on the effective date of the proposed law. Starting January 1, 2013, the proposed law would prohibit any agreement that waives or limits a manufacturer's compliance with the proposed law.

Any violation of the proposed law would be treated as a violation of existing state consumer protection and unfair trade-practices laws.

<i>YES</i>	<i>195</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>Blanks</i>	<i>15</i>

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 1, 2012?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow a physician licensed in Massachusetts to prescribe medication, at a terminally ill patient's request, to end that patient's life. To qualify, a patient would have to be an adult resident who (1) is medically determined to be mentally capable of making and communicating health care decisions; (2) has been diagnosed by attending and consulting physicians as having an incurable, irreversible disease that will, within reasonable medical judgment, cause death within six months; and (3) voluntarily expresses a wish to die and has made an informed decision. The proposed law states that the patient would ingest the medicine in order to cause death in a humane and dignified manner.

The proposed law would require the patient, directly or through a person familiar with the patient's manner of communicating, to orally communicate to a physician on two occasions, 15 days apart, the patient's request for the medication. At the time of the second request, the physician would have to offer the patient an opportunity to rescind the request. The patient would also have to sign a standard form, in the presence of two witnesses, one of whom is not a relative, a beneficiary of the patient's estate, or an owner, operator, or employee of a health care facility where the patient receives treatment or lives.

The proposed law would require the attending physician to: (1) determine if the patient is qualified; (2) inform the patient of his or her medical diagnosis and prognosis, the potential risks and probable result of ingesting the medication, and the feasible alternatives, including comfort care, hospice care and pain control; (3) refer the patient to a consulting physician for a diagnosis and prognosis regarding the patient's disease, and confirmation in writing that the patient is capable, acting voluntarily, and making an informed decision; (4) refer the patient for psychiatric or psychological consultation if the physician believes the patient may have a disorder causing impaired judgment; (5) recommend that the patient notify next of kin of the patient's intention; (6) recommend that the patient have another person present when the patient ingests the medicine and to not take it in a public place; (7) inform the patient that he or she may rescind the request at any time; (8) write the prescription when the requirements of the law are met, including verifying that the patient is making an informed decision; and (9) arrange for the medicine to be dispensed directly to the patient, or the patient's agent, but not by mail or courier.

The proposed law would make it punishable by imprisonment and/or fines, for anyone to (1) coerce a patient to request medication, (2) forge a request, or (3) conceal a rescission of a request. The proposed law would not authorize ending a patient's life by lethal injection, active euthanasia, or mercy killing. The death certificate would list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death.

Participation under the proposed law would be voluntary. An unwilling health care provider could prohibit or sanction another health care provider for participating while on the premises of, or while acting as an employee of or contractor for, the unwilling provider.

The proposed law states that no person would be civilly or criminally liable or subject to professional discipline for actions that comply with the law, including actions taken in good faith that substantially comply. It also states that it should not be interpreted to lower the applicable standard of care for any health care provider.

A person's decision to make or rescind a request could not be restricted by will or contract made on or after January 1, 2013, and could not be considered in issuing, or setting the rates for, insurance policies or annuities. Also, the proposed law would require the attending physician to report each case in which life-ending medication is dispensed to the state Department of Public Health. The Department would provide public access to statistical data compiled from the reports.

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

<i>YES</i>	<i>144</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>87</i>
<i>BLANKS</i>	<i>12</i>

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 1, 2012?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate state criminal and civil penalties for the medical use of marijuana by qualifying patients. To qualify, a patient must have been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition, such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV-positive status or AIDS, hepatitis C, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease, ALS, or multiple sclerosis. The patient would also have to obtain a written certification,

from a physician with whom the patient has a bona fide physician-patient relationship, that the patient has a specific debilitating medical condition and would likely obtain a net benefit from medical use of marijuana.

The proposed law would allow patients to possess up to a 60-day supply of marijuana for their personal medical use. The state Department of Public Health (DPH) would decide what amount would be a 60-day supply. A patient could designate a personal caregiver, at least 21 years old, who could assist with the patient's medical use of marijuana but would be prohibited from consuming that marijuana. Patients and caregivers would have to register with DPH by submitting the physician's certification.

The proposed law would allow for non-profit medical marijuana treatment centers to grow, process and provide marijuana to patients or their caregivers. A treatment center would have to apply for a DPH registration by (1) paying a fee to offset DPH's administrative costs; (2) identifying its location and one additional location, if any, where marijuana would be grown; and (3) submitting operating procedures, consistent with rules to be issued by DPH, including cultivation and storage of marijuana only in enclosed, locked facilities.

A treatment center's personnel would have to register with DPH before working or volunteering at the center, be at least 21 years old, and have no felony drug convictions. In 2013, there could be no more than 35 treatment centers, with at least one but not more than five centers in each county. In later years, DPH could modify the number of centers.

The proposed law would require DPH to issue a cultivation registration to a qualifying patient whose access to a treatment center is limited by financial hardship, physical inability to access reasonable transportation, or distance. This would allow the patient or caregiver to grow only enough plants, in a closed, locked facility, for a 60-day supply of marijuana for the patient's own use.

DPH could revoke any registration for a willful violation of the proposed law. Fraudulent use of a DPH registration could be punished by up to six months in a house of correction or a fine of up to \$500, and fraudulent use of a registration for the sale, distribution, or trafficking of marijuana for non-medical use for profit could be punished by up to five years in state prison or by two and one-half years in a house of correction.

The proposed law would (1) not give immunity under federal law or obstruct federal enforcement of federal law;

(2) not supersede Massachusetts laws prohibiting possession, cultivation, or sale of marijuana for nonmedical purposes; (3) not allow the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while under the influence of marijuana; (4) not require any health insurer or government entity to reimburse for the costs of the medical use of marijuana; (5) not require any health care professional to authorize the medical use of marijuana; (6) not require any accommodation of the medical use of marijuana in any workplace, school bus or grounds, youth center, or correctional facility; and (7) not require any accommodation of smoking marijuana in any public place.

The proposed law would take effect January 1, 2013, and states that if any of its part were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

<i>YES</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>81</i>
<i>BLANKS</i>	<i>12</i>

QUESTION 4: This Question Is Not Binding

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution affirming that (1) corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and (2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

<i>YES</i>	<i>151</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>BLANKS</i>	<i>50</i>

QUESTION 5: This Question Is Not Binding

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow the state to regulate and tax marijuana in the same manner as alcohol?

<i>YES</i>	<i>140</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>BLANKS</i>	<i>52</i>

A True Copy,
Attest: Jennifer A. Morse, Town Clerk
November 6, 2012

Election Results Special Recall Election - December 1, 2012

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse - Town of Rowe
Special Recall Election - Official Results
Saturday December 1, 2012

Warden: Robin Reed
Election Clerk: Marjorie Morse
Constable: Robert Dykeman
Tellers: Christine Tower, Prue Berry, Joann Brown, Sue Wood

187 Voters of 293 Registered Voters Cast Ballots at the RoweTown Hall on Saturday December 1, 2012. Polling Place was the Rowe Town Hall and polling hours were from 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

81 (Eighty-One) -	For the Recall of Lisa Miller School Committee
105 (One Hundred Five) -	Against the Recall of Lisa Miller School Committee
1 (One) -	Blank Vote

A true copy: Attest - Rowe Town Clerk
December 4, 2012

2013 Prospective Juror List - Office of Jury Commissioner [M.G.L. Ch. 234a]

[No Updated Report Submitted]

Rowe Voters' List

Abbott, Noel R	U	Clancy, Robert J	D	Friedman, Benjamin	
Alix, Richard E	U	Columbus, Peter J	D	A	U
Andognini, M Arlene	Q	Corarito, Arthur D	U	Fuller, MaryJo Anne	U
Ash, Brian S	U	Corarito, Maryann	U		
Ash, Laurie L	U	Cousineau, David A	U	Gabert, Virginia C	U
Avery, Linda Eileen	U	Cousineau, Heidi	D	Gallagher, Maeve P	U
		Cowie, Bruce W	D	Gary, Virginia P	D
Baker, Roberta Tripp	U	Cowie, Janet L B	D	Gaudry, George L	R
Baker, William J	U	Crowningshield,		Glass, Helene S	D
Belval, Marilyn Hurd	U	Debra Ann	U	Glass, Herbert L	D
Belval, William C	U	Crowningshield,		Gleason, Susan P	U
Benson, Francis S	U	Howard C	U	Gordon, Ronald P	U
Benson, Luella M	U	Crowningshield,		Gordon, Rosemary R	U
Berry, Prudence	D	Jeanette	U	Grogan, Barbara	R
Besgen, Anne E	U	Crowningshield,			
Bjork, Alan W	R	Jenna M	U	Hardison, Billy L	D
Bjork, Florence M	R	Crowningshield,		Hardison, Leonda Iris	U
Bjork, Timothy J	U	Matthew R	U	Heiligmann, Carlos	D
Booth, Robin	D	Crowningshield,		Heiligmann,	
Booth, Will J	D	Steven Robert	U	Katherine S	D
Boutwell, Joyce A				Houghtaling,	
Holloway	U	Dandeneau, Evelyn L	D	Melissa A	U
Boutwell, Raymond L	U	Dandeneau, Henry J	U	Houghtaling,	
Boyd, Debra	U	Dandeneau,		Thomas A	U
Boyd, Ian M	U	Marion E	U	Hudson, Gary H	D
Boyd, John M	U	Danek, Helen		Hudson, Sharon C	D
Boyd, William M	U	Elizabeth	U	Hyttinen,	
Bradley, Kenneth	U	Danek, Lillian H	U	Christopher Selmi	U
Bradley, Michael F	U	Danek, Thomas P, Jr	U	Hyttinen, Tabitha J	U
Bradley, Patrick M	U	Danek-Burke, Lisa			
Bradley, Rebecca P	U	Ann	U	Jackson, Darlene A	U
Brown, Ashley E	U	Daviau, Edward A	D	Jackson, Lisa Marie	D
Brown, Joann M	D	Daviau, Sandra P	D	Jackson, Oral L	U
Brown, Jocelyn		Davidson, Robert		Jolly, Russell W	D
Gayden	D	B, Sr	U		
Brown, June W	U	Dionne, Loretta Irene	D	Kalaus, Dorothy M	U
Brown, Leonard J, Jr	R	Donelson, Brian A	R	Kalaus, Warren	U
Brown, Lillian Norma	R	Donelson, Norma J	R	Katz, Deborah Booth	U
Brown, Reed Edwin	R	Donovan, Eugene J	D	Katz, Esther D	U
Brown, William M	U	Donovan, Sandra A	U	Katz, Rebecca Leah	D
Bryant, Capri	U	Dunnell, Dale W	U	Keppler, David J	U
Bryant, Lisa A	D	Dunnell, Paul P	R	Kingsley, Megan M	D
Buck, Elizabeth		Dvore, David	U		
Victoria	U	Dykeman, Mary Ann	U	Laffond, Cynthia M	U
Buck, Philip Edward	U	Dykeman, Robert L	U	Laffond, Laurie L	U
Burke, Daniel J	U			Laffond, Leonard J	U
		Faivre, Audrey I	U	Laffond, Michael S	U
Carlow, Earl	D	Fensky, Doris C	U	Landry, Phyllis J	U
Carlow, Myra Bennett	D	Fensky, Kenneth G	U	Larned, Danielle M	D
Cascone, Nancy J	U	Flagg, Donna J	U	Larned, Lance P	U
Chiofalo, Thomas L	U	Foberg, Kirsten E	U	Lawson, Diana	
Cirinna, Geoffrey T	D	Foshay, Angela F	U	Loraine	D
				Lenth, David W	R

Lenth, Mary E	U	Poehlein, David	U	Stickney, Barbara	R
Lesure, Lawrence M	U	Poplawski, Claudine		Strules, Jennifer E	U
Levitte, Cristine	U	Michaela	U	Sturgis, Laura V	D
Lively, Abigail R	U	Poplawski, Daniel		Suares, John J	U
Lively, Anne M	U	Paul	U	Suares, Melissa	U
Lively, Carol F	U			Sullivan, Jonathan L	U
Lively, Deborah L	U	Quinn, Melissa S	D	Sutherland, Jennie R	D
Lively, James W	U	Quinn, Richard K	D	Sutherland, Wendy S	D
Lively, Jason A	U	Quist, Kelle J	U	Swenson, Kristen C	R
Lively, Jonathan A	U	Quist, Walter J	U		
Loomis, Leann				Taylor, James W	U
Zavotka	U	Reardon, Crystal J	U	Taylor, Joshua Berry	D
Loomis, Ruth E	U	Reardon, Mary A	U	Taylor, Sharon L	U
Loomis, Sean R	U	Reardon, Tiffany J	U	Taylor, Susan Berry	U
Loomis, William A	U	Reardon, William		Thane, Joseph E	U
Lowell, Frederick K	D	Neil	U	Tower, Christine A	U
		Reed, Robin W	D		
Markert, Karen	D	Reynolds-Gallagher,		Vadeboncoeur,	
Markert, Robert T	U	Danette L	U	Joseph A	U
May, Dennis F	U	Rice, Bradley J	U	Vanhorne, Guinevere	
May, Edwin L	R	Rice, Dean T	R	Artur	D
May, Gail	U	Rice, Margaret B	U	VanItallie, JeanClaude	U
May, Katherine E	R	Rice, Robert R	U	Veber, Florence M	U
McKee, James M	R	Richardson, Rebecca		Veber, Shirley	R
McLatchy, Kerri L	D	F	D	Veber, Terry	R
McLatchy, Lesley K	U	Roberson, David A	U	Veber, Tiffany R	R
McLatchy, Meghan		Roberson, Laura S	U	Vega, Richard	U
Kristine	D	Roccio, Paulette A	U	Vernes, Elizabeth	
McLatchy, Paul, Jr	U	Roche, Barbara J	D	Anna	R
McLatchy, Paul III	D	Rode, Christina M	R	Vernes, Ian Arie	U
Miller, Clayton C	U	Rossi, John F	R		
Miller, Daniel J	U	Rossi, Martha	U	Wayne, David B	D
Miller, Deborah	U			Wessman, Daniel J	U
Miller, Ellen B	U	Samuelson, Arthur H	U	White, Gerrit C	U
Miller, Lisa L	D	Scrivens, Betty R	U	White, Glenn M	U
Morano, Cara	U	Scrivens, David F	U	White, Susan M	D
Morano, Chris	U	Sherman, Connie		Williams, Albert R	U
Morse, Alfred C, Jr	U	Anne	U	Williams, Dana M	U
Morse, Jennifer A.	U	Sherman, Dohn		Williams,	
Morse, Marjorie H	U	Wayne	U	Frederick Newton	U
		Shields, Helen R	D	Williams, James H	R
Nordstrom, Carrie J	D	Shippee, Julie J	R	Williams, Jay T	R
		Shippee, Kenneth R	R	Williams, John H	U
Packard, Ellynn Baxter	D	Silva, Carrie Y	R	Williams, Nancy N	U
Packard, John R H	D	Silva, Edward J	U	Williams, Robert O	U
Paige, Clifford III	U	Silva, Robert A	U	Wilson, Douglas Rev	D
Paige, Mary Eve	U	Silva, Sandra J	U	Wilson, Marilyn	D
Palmer, Edwin A	U	Simpson, Eliakim H	D	Wilson, Raymond	D
Parent, Jeffery E	U	Snyder, Catherine T	R	Wood, Jennifer	
Parent, Kevin M	U	Snyder, Timothy C	R	Younglove	D
Parent, Margaret G	U	Sousa, James E	D	Wood, Susan Carol	J
Parent, Willian Morse	U	Soviecke, Karen	U		
Petersen, Daureen W	D	Soviecke, Mitchell	U	Zavotka, Susan L	R
Phelps, Abigail M	U	Sprague, Brandon A	U	Zavotka, Wayne A	U
Phelps, Nancy D	U	Sprague, Brittani M	U	Zielonka, Stanley R	U
Phillips, Michael J	U	Sprague, Katherine D	R		
Pickett, Felicity	D	Sprague, Kevin D	U		
Pierce, Judith A	R	Stetson, Jane B	U		
Pike, Laurie Jean	U	Stetson, Wendell L	U		

TOTAL VOTERS 278



PART IV

Financial Reports

Rowe - At a Glance

Socioeconomic

County	Franklin
School Structure	K-6; 7-12 Tuitioned
Form of Government	Open Town Meeting
2012 Population (US Census)	383
2011 Labor Force	178
2011 Unemployment Rate	5.6
2009 Per Capita Income	31,598
2012 Population Per Square Mile	14.73
2009 Housing Units Per Square Mile	8.87
2011 Road Miles	36.24
EQV Per Capita (2010 EQV/2010 Population)	733,045
Number of Registered Vehicles (2012)	473
Registered Voters (2012)	278

Fiscal Year 2013 Tax Classification

<i>Tax Classification</i>	<i>Assessed Values</i>	<i>Tax Levy</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
Residential	52,604,172	331,406	6.30
Open Space	0	0	0.00
Commercial	314,230	4,424	14.08
Industrial	163,408,238	2,300,788	14.08
Personal Property	60,116,499	846,440	14.08
Total	276,443,139	3,483,059	

Revenue by Sources

<i>Revenue Source</i>	<i>FY2012</i>		<i>FY2013</i>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Tax Levy	3,085,081	72.64	3,483,059	78.15
State Aid	186,307	4.39	250,093	5.61
Local Receipts	76,580	1.80	70,700	1.59
Free Cash	173,350	4.08	127,627	2.86
Other Available	725,897	17.09	525,446	11.79
Total	4,247,215	100.0	4,456,925	100.0

Proposition 2½ Levy Capacity

	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>	<i>FY2011</i>	<i>FY2012</i>	<i>FY2013</i>
New Growth	4,062	4,451	15,992	21,163	28,036
Override	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0
Levy Limit	2,827,419	2,902,556	2,991,112	3,087,052	3,512,264
Excess Capacity	2,434	1,304	608	1,971	29,206
Ceiling	7,903,474	7,087,552	7,155,782	7,613,317	6,911,078
Override Capacity	5,229,805	4,342,590	4,326,204	4,526,265	3,888,525

Bond Ratings

Moody's as of Dec 2012 and S&P as of Dec 2012

Not rated

Other Available Funds

<i>7/1/2012</i>	<i>FY2012</i>	<i>FY2012</i>	<i>FY2012</i>
<i>Free Cash</i>	<i>Stabilization Fund</i>	<i>Capital Stab Fund</i>	<i>Overlay Reserve</i>
136,894	1,696,630		22,846

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

	<i>FY2007</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>	<i>FY2011</i>	<i>FY2012</i>	<i>FY2013</i>
Number of Single Family Parcels	204	208	208	208	209	210	211
Avg Assessed Value Single Family	189,871	195,061	200,174	200,845	207,832	217,957	212,863
Average Single Family Tax Bill	780	882	913	1,048	1,108	1,125	1,341

State Average Single Family Tax Bill

	<i>FY2007</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>	<i>FY2011</i>	<i>FY2012</i>	<i>FY2013</i>
Avg Assessed Value Single Family	406,673	403,705	391,762	374,423	361,592	358,586	354,336
Avg Single Family Tax Bill	3,962	4,110	4,250	4,390	4,537	4,711	4,849

Certification

Most Recent	2012
Next Scheduled	2015

Cherry Sheet Aid

	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>FY2010</i>	<i>FY2011</i>	<i>FY2012</i>	<i>FY2013</i>
Education Aid	164,552	201,971	207,059	183,401	174,751	237,946
General Government	<u>11,533</u>	<u>14,351</u>	<u>9,323</u>	<u>11,661</u>	<u>11,556</u>	<u>12,147</u>
Total Receipts	176,085	216,322	216,382	195,062	186,307	250,093
Total Assessments	<u>(13,471)</u>	<u>(33,546)</u>	<u>(40,646)</u>	<u>(56,286)</u>	<u>(26,566)</u>	<u>(3,243)</u>
Net State Aid	162,614	182,776	175,736	138,776	159,741	246,850

2012 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	8,249.70	1,499.70	0.0	0.0	14.80	9,764.30
Expenditures	8,208.00	1,211.20	0.0	0.0	0.30	9,419.50

Narrative

Rowe is a small hilltown in northwestern Massachusetts, with a population of 383. The town is one of scenic beauty, with wooded mountains, clear brooks, and the Deerfield River on its border. Rowe is close to ski areas and enjoys great hiking, fishing, hunting and canoeing. The town owns Pelham Lake Park—mostly a wilderness area—which encompasses the town's tallest mountain, Adams Mountain, Todd Mountain and Pelham Lake in a 1300+ acre park for use by town residents.

Rowe has its own elementary school and tuitions grades 7-12 to either Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School or Franklin County Technical School. The Rowe Historical Society maintains an excellent small historical museum—The Kemp-McCarthy Museum—containing antiques, artifacts and numerous photographs documenting the history of the town, including the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel and information and equipment from the now decommissioned Yankee Nuclear Power Station. The close-knit community enjoys a solid tax base provided by several hydro-electric plants located on the Deerfield River that are owned by either Brookfield Power or TransCanada.

Rowe Average Single Family Tax Bill - State Ranking - 25-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
2013	\$44,914,000	211	\$ 354,336	\$ 6.30	\$ 1,341	N/A	N/A
2012	\$ 45,770,900	210	\$ 217,957	\$ 5.16	\$ 1,125	321	322
2011	\$ 43,436,800	209	\$ 207,832	\$ 5.33	\$ 1,108	330	330
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

2012 Tax Rate Recapitulation

State Tax Form 31C

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2012

OF
ROWE

City / Town / District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1a. Total amount to be raised (from 11a)	\$	4,247,215.27
1b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from 11a)		1,162,134.38
1c. Tax levy (1a minus 1b)	\$	3,085,080.89
1d. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies		

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) LC 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	8.9558%	278,293.87	53,505,787	5.18	278,089.88
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.1168%	3,597.20	321,549	11.19	3,598.13
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	67.8198%	2,088,119.38	188,440,863	11.19	2,088,273.28
SUBTOTAL	78.8920%		240,268,199		2,385,961.25
Personal	23.3080%	719,670.65	84,284,490	11.19	719,119.84
TOTAL	100.0000%		304,532,689		3,085,080.89

Board of Assessors of

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NOTE : The information was Approved on 01/06/2012.

Franklin S. Wilcox Board Of Assessors Chairman, Rowe
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Signed on behalf of BOA (handcopy signature)

Assessor

Date

(Comments)

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Reviewed By

Joseph Boudreau

Date :

06-JAN-12

Approved :

Dennis Mountain

Director of Accounts



(Gerard D. Perry)

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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2012

ROWE

City / Town / District

II. Amounts to be raised

IIa. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(e) from page 4)		\$	3,918,829.38
IIb. Other amounts to be raised			
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	180.82		
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)	108,328.00		
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)	185,572.00		
TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)			274,078.82
IIc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)			28,588.00
IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)			29,741.07
IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId)		\$	4,247,215.27

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State			
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$	188,307.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments		0.00	
TOTAL IIIa			188,307.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local			
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col.(b), Line 23)	78,580.00		
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			78,580.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes			
1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))	43,350.00		
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(d))	725,897.38		
TOTAL IIIc			769,247.38
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate			
1a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2011	130,000.00		
b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2011	0.00		
2. Municipal light source	0.00		
3. Teachers' pay deferral	0.00		
4. Other source :	0.00		
TOTAL IIId			130,000.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		\$	1,182,134.38

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)		\$	4,247,215.27
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$	1,182,134.38	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$	3,085,080.89	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		\$	4,247,215.27

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

ROWE

City/Town/District

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2011	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2012
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	40,823.24	40,000.00
2 OTHER EXCISE	0.00	0.00
3 PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	1,107.88	1,100.00
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	4,858.37	5,300.00
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	0.00	0.00
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	455.27	450.00
17 LICENSES AND PERMITS	748.25	750.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
19 FINES AND FORFEITS	1,538.14	1,000.00
20 INVESTMENT INCOME	2,304.99	2,000.00
21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	30,437.75	23,450.00
22 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	11,258.79	2,500.00
23 TOTALS	\$ 93,330.48	\$ 76,880.00

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 2012 tax rate recapitulation form by the City, Town or District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Steph M. Miller, Accounting Officer

1/20/2012 11:30 AM

Accounting Officer

Date

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*** Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2011 estimated receipts to FY2012 estimated

FISCAL 2012

APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
							MEMO ONLY	
City / Town Council or Town Meeting Date	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-6)	(f) --- Revolving Funds (See A-3)	(g) Borrowing Authorization
11/16/2010	2011	16,474.50	0.00	0.00	16,474.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
03/01/2011	2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04/05/2011	2011	350.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2011	2011	47,500.00	0.00	0.00	47,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/09/2011	2012	3,686,832.00	3,147,582.00	43,000.00	486,250.00	0.00	16,500.00	0.00
06/07/2011	2012	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
09/20/2011	2012	4,238.80	0.00	0.00	4,238.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/02/2011	2012	21,064.00	0.00	0.00	21,064.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/21/2011	2012	125,370.00	0.00	0.00	125,370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals		3,916,829.30	3,147,582.00	43,350.00	725,897.30	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Jennifer Marie Burgess, Town Clerk, Home: 413.309.5501</u>	<u>10/20/2012 2:07 PM</u>
<u>City/Town/Canton</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Date</u>

2013 Tax Rate Recapitulation

State Tax Form 31C

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2013

OF
ROWE

City / Town / District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1a. Total amount to be raised (from 11e)	\$	<u>4,458,025.28</u>
1b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from 11e)		<u>973,888.92</u>
1c. Tax levy (1a minus 1b)	\$	<u>3,483,056.94</u>
1d. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies		

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) LC 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	9.5148%	331,408.09	52,804,172	8.30	331,408.28
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.1271%	4,428.97	314,230	14.08	4,424.38
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	68.0585%	2,300,788.83	163,408,238	14.08	2,300,787.99
SUBTOTAL	75.6984%		218,328,640		2,636,618.63
Personal	24.3016%	848,439.05	80,118,499	14.08	848,440.31
TOTAL	100.0000%		278,443,139		3,483,058.94

Board of Assessors of

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NOTE : The information was Approved on 12/12/2012.

Patrick N. Williams Board of Assessors Chairman, Rowe
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Assessor

12/27/2012 10:54 AM

Signed on behalf of the Rowe BOA

Date

(Comments)

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Reviewed By

Joseph Boudreau

Date :

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Approved :

Dennis Mountain

Director of Accounts



(Gerard D. Perry)

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2013

ROWE

City / Town / District

II. Amounts to be raised

IIa. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(e) from page 4)	\$	4,121,098.52
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)		140,029.00
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)		189,711.00
TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)		309,740.00
IIc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		3,243.00
IId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		22,845.74
IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IId)	\$	4,458,925.26

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$	250,093.00
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments		0.00
TOTAL IIIa		250,093.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col.(b), Line 23)		70,700.00
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		70,700.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))		0.00
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(d))		525,448.32
TOTAL IIIc		525,448.32
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2012		127,827.00
b. Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2012		0.00
2. Municipal light source		0.00
3. Teachers' pay deferral		0.00
4. Other source :		0.00
TOTAL IIId		127,827.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)	\$	973,868.32

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$	4,458,925.26
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$	973,868.32
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$	3,483,058.94
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	\$	4,458,925.26

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

ROWE

City/Town/District

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2012	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2013
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	47,982.41	45,000.00
2 OTHER EXCISE	0.00	0.00
3 PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	908.84	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 - SOLID WASTE FEES	0.00	0.00
9 OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
10 FEES	627.51	500.00
11 RENTALS	5,584.88	5,000.00
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	0.00	0.00
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	0.00	0.00
17 LICENSES AND PERMITS	312.50	300.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
19 FINES AND FORFEITS	475.00	400.00
20 INVESTMENT INCOME	1,205.55	1,000.00
21 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	27,265.89	18,000.00
22 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	0.00	0.00
23 TOTALS	\$ 84,340.18	\$ 70,700.00

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 2013 tax rate recapitulation form by the City, Town or District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

Joseph M. Rowe, Town Assessor, Rowe, 413-238-0020

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Accounting Officer

Date

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*** Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2012 estimated receipts to FY2013 estimated

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2013

ROWE

City / Town / District

APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
							MEMO ONLY	
City / Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY	(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) *** From Rates and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash See D-1	(d) From Other Available Funds See D-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
04/24/2012	2012	37,000.00	0.00	0.00	37,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/14/2012	2012	12,645.00	0.00	0.00	12,645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/14/2012	2013	4,008,330.20	3,595,650.20	0.00	412,680.00	0.00	18,500.00	0.00
06/19/2012	2012	14,900.00	0.00	0.00	14,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06/19/2012	2013	48,221.32	0.00	0.00	48,221.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals		4,121,096.52	3,595,650.20	0.00	525,446.32	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

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

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Jessica A. Moore, Town Clerk, Rowe, 413.239.0020

12/03/2012 10:18 AM

City/Town/District

Clerk

Date

Tax Collector's Report - FY2012

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7-1-11	Commitments	Abatements	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Adjustments	Outstanding 6-30-12
00 MVE	-67.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-67.50
01 MVE	-72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-72.50
02 MVE	-42.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-42.50
04 MVE	-81.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-81.67
05 MVE	-223.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-223.75
06 MVE	-767.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-767.94
07 MVE	-640.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-640.42
08 MVE	-425.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-425.31
09 MVE	-213.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-213.13
10 MVE	-1,427.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.29	0.00	0.00	-1,350.63
11 MVE	-3,987.52	4305.06	378.55	0.00	7837.79	-378.55	0.00	-454.79
12 MVE	0.00	-38488.54	594.58	0.00	36700.32	-594.58	0.00	-1,788.22
08 RE	-908.97	0	0	908.97	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 RE	-1,567.68	0	0	1276.29	83.11	0.00	0.00	-208.28
11 RE	-4,270.34	0	0	0.00	3108.14	0.00	0.00	-1,162.20
12 RE	0.00	-2365961.35	5390.12	66.57	2356195.79	-1,336.55	0.00	-5,645.42
12 PP	0.00	-719119.64	102.28	0.00	719119.64	-102.28	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	-14,697.15	-3,127,874.59	6,465.53	2,251.83	3,123,122.08	-2,411.96	0.00	-13,144.26

Miscellaneous Collections

\$700.00 Lien Fees
 240.00 Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees
 82.00 Deputy Collector Fees
 40.00 Mark for Non Renewal
 906.84 Interest on Overdue Tax Payments
 0.00 NSF Fees Collected
 4.59 Bank Interest

\$1,973.43

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

Board of Assessors

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 2012. 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**, Assessor's Clerk, for her handling of the day-to-day tasks in the Assessor's Office. Sandy has a good deal of contact with the public and always manages to be gracious and helpful to everyone.

The Assessor's Office continues to utilize **Patriot Properties'** *AssessPro* assessing software and **Cartographic Associates'** *Query Manager* GIS 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.

Establishing values for FY13, a non-revaluation year, was complicated by continuing disagreements over values of properties belonging to the hydroelectric power companies, Brookfield and TransCanada. Both power companies had filed abatement applications against the values

which had been determined by Mainstream Associates for the FY12 Triennial Revaluation. The abatement applications were denied by the Boards of Assessors from Rowe, Florida, and Monroe. The power companies threatened to and/or did file (and subsequently withdrew) appeals with the Department of Revenue (DOR) Appellate Tax Board (ATB).

To resolve the issue, the Boards from Rowe, Florida, and Monroe committed to conducting an interim year appraisal update of the power company values for FY13 using Mainstream Associates. As a result of this re-appraisal, significant changes (reductions) in power company values occurred. The net effect was that the **total town valuation** decreased by **\$28,089,550 (~9.2%)** to **\$276,443,139** for FY13.

Compounding this large decrease in total town valuation was a **one-time Capital Expenditure Exclusion** of **\$320,000**, to pay off the ESCO Lease, approved by the town at the May 2012 ATM/Election. These two factors contributed to a larger than normal increase in tax rates for this year. The FY13 tax rates of **\$6.30** for Residential and **\$14.08** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in late-October of 2012 at the Classification hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$5.16** for Residential and **\$11.19** for CIP.

According to Mass Department of Revenue (DOR) records for FY13, Rowe had the 13th **lowest residential tax rate** and the 4th **lowest average single family tax bill** in the state (\$1341).

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 (**approx. \$73,037 for FY13**). Despite our enviable low tax rate and relatively low tax bills, the Town has been bumping up against its Prop 2½ Levy Limit for many years now and has had to make cuts, defer projects, or utilize other "available funds"

from Free Cash and the Stabilization Fund to balance the regular operating budget and to pay for special projects.

Please feel free to visit the Assessor's Office during posted office hours or posted monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick N. (Rick) Williams, Chairman
Heidi Cousineau
Carrie Y. Silva

Board of Assessors - Property Transfers 2012

BROWN, JAMES D. of Pittsfield, MA & **O'DELL, JAMIE A.** of Lee, MA, for consideration of \$158,500.00, grant to **HUMBERT, DENNIS** of 530 Tunnel Road, property located at 530 Tunnel Road. (Map 407 Lot 33)

THANE, PHYLLIS E. & DAVID A. of Heath, MA, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **THANE, JOSEPH E.** of Rowe, MA, property located at 32 Davenport Branch Road. (Map 408 Lot 39)

HUDSON, HUBERT A., JR. & GLADYS A. of New Canton, CT, for full consideration paid of \$139,000.00, grant to **MCLATCHY, KERRI L.** of Rowe, MA, property located on 17 Newell Cross Road. (Map 202 Lot 40)

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC of Lewisville, TX, for consideration of \$185,000.00, grant to **DEASY, CHRISTOPHER C.** of Canaan, CT, property located at 75 Stone Hill Road. (Map 402 Lot 56)

SMITH, FLOYD W. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **SMITH, FLOYD W., Trustee of the Smith Investment Trust** of Rowe, property located at 4 Monroe Hill Road & Hazelton Road. (Map 404 Lots 3 & 13.1)

PHELPS, PEGGY E., Trustee of the Ellsworth E. Palmer Irrevocable Real Estate Trust

Agreement, of Hampden, MA, in consideration of less than \$100.00, grant to **PALMER, EDWIN ALBERT**, of Rowe, MA, property located at 6 Palmer Road. (Map 403 Lot 24)

PHELPS, PEGGY E., Trustee of the Ellsworth E. Palmer Irrevocable Real Estate Trust Agreement, of Hampden, MA, in consideration of less than \$100.00, grant 25% to **PALMER, JAMES HALL** of East Longmeadow, MA, 25% to **PHELPS, GORDON A. & PEGGY E., Co-Trustees of the Phelps Family Trust**, of Hampden, MA, 25% to **GLEASON, SUSAN MAY** of Rowe, MA, 25% to **WHITE, RUTH ELLEN** of Bernardston, MA, property located Leshure Road. (Map 402 Lot 12)

FRALEY FOSHAY, ANGELA EUNICE of Rowe, MA, for consideration paid of \$1.00, grant to **FRALEY FOSHAY, ANGELA EUNICE, Trustee of the Angela Eunice Fraley Foshay Trust** of Rowe, MA, property located at 19 Ford Hill Road. (Map 201 Lot 13)

LIVELY, DENNIS G. & SANDRA J. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$423,750.00, grant to **DEMENOCAL, PETER B.** of New York, NY, property located at 148 Davenport Road. (Map 409 Lots 13 & 14)

MCGILLVARY, GAIL F., Trustee of the Smith Family Trust, of Hudson, NH, for no consideration, grant to **SMITH, FLOYD WILLIAM, SR.** of Williamstown, MA, property located at 12 Monroe Hill Road. (Map 404 Lot 13.1)

SCIBAK, JOHN W. & PATRICIA E. of South Hadley, MA, in consideration of \$43,000.00, grant to **PEPIN, BRIAN R. & SANDRA J.** of Leicester, MA, property located at 221 Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lot 6)

WOODWARD, ELEANOR L. of Greenfield, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **WOODWARD, ELEANOR L., Trustee of the Woodward Investment Trust**, of Greenfield, MA, property located at 15 Stone Hill Road. (Map 402 Lot 62)

SPIEGLER, GERHARD E. & KARIN SPIEGLER, Trustees of the Spiegler Family Trust, of Ardmore, PA, in consideration of \$10.00, grant to **SPIEGLER, GERHARD E.** of Ardmore, PA, property located off Hazelton Road. (Map 202 Lot 34 & Map 203 Lot 39)

BEAUMIER, ROBERT P. of West Hartford, CT, for no Consideration paid, grant to **BEAUMIER, ROBERT P. & VALITSKY-BEAUMIER, DAWN M.** of West Hartford, CT, property located at 2 Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 201 Lot 23)

MCGILLVARY, GAIL F., Trustee of The Smith Investment Trust, of Hudson, NH, for consideration of \$132,500.00, grant to **STEPHENSON, DAVID E. & HOPKINS, ANDREA** of Madison, CT, property located at 4 Monroe Hill Road. (Map 404 Lot 13)

WAYNE, DAVID B. of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$3,000.00, grant to **CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARY ANN** of Rowe, MA, property located on Dell Road. (Map 403 Lots 59 & 60)

PHELPS, GORDON A. & PEGGY E., Co-Trustees of the Phelps Family Trust, of Hampden, MA, **GLEASON, SUSAN MAY** of Rowe, MA, **WHITE, RUTH ELLEN** of Bernardston, MA, for consideration of \$48,750, grant to **PALMER, JAMES HALL** of East Longmeadow, MA, property located on Leshure Road. (Map 402 Lot 12)

KALAUS, WARREN & DOROTHY M. of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **KALAUS, WARREN & DOROTHY M., Trustees of the Kalaus Investment Trust**, of Rowe, MA, property located at 14 Brittingham Hill Road. (Map 407 Lot 6)

SURVEYS

PALMER, ELLSWORTH E. Irrevocable Real Estate Trust of Rowe, MA, Book 132 Page 92. (Map 402 Lot 12)

SHULDA, PHILIP W. & LYNNE K. of Shelburne, MA, Book 133 Page 85. (Map 205 Lot 7)

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CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARY ANN of Rowe, MA, Book 133 Page 95. (Map 403 Lots 59 & 60)

Finance Committee

Most of this past year, the Finance Committee (FC) has been working at a minimum staff level with only three of five positions filled. But similar to previous years, both our enthusiasm and individual abilities have been up to the task.

This year, the Finance Committee has been working with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) in developing a budget for the next fiscal year. One or more representatives of the Finance Committee have been attending BOS meetings to participate in the review of the budget requests submitted by the various boards and committees. Presentations to explain/defend each request are made by representatives of each of these boards and committees at these meetings. With both the BOS and the FC in attendance, the budget review process for each board or committee is more efficient for all parties.

Two important developments resulted in a significant tax rate increase in 2012. Last year, there were indications from our utilities that they would seek an abatement in their real estate taxes. This abatement process was successful and is responsible for approximately half of the tax rate increase seen in the most recent real estate tax bills. The second half of the increase was due to a one time, town meeting approved, payoff of a \$320,000 loan. This payoff affects only our most recent tax rate and, all other things being equal, its absence from the next fiscal year's budget should result in a decrease in next year's tax rate.

Towns, as well as individuals, should live within their means, and the Finance Committee will do its best to achieve a good balance between necessary budget increases and fiscal restraint.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis May, Chair
Myra Carlow
Maggie Parent

Town Accountant - Balance Sheet June 30, 2012

<u>ASSETS</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long- Term Debt	Total
Cash, Pooled	807,995.72	285,125.80	1,774,062.98		2,867,184.50
2012 Real Estate	5,645.42				
2011 Real Estate	1,162.20				
2010 Real Estate	208.28				
Total Real Estate	7,015.90				
2012 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-24,248.67				
2011 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-1,982.90				
2010 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-6,287.47				
2009 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-349.40				
Prior Years	-1,022.33				
Total Allow for Abate/Exempt	-33,890.77				
Tax Liens	4,815.81				
2012 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,788.22				
2011 Motor Vehicle Excise	454.79				
2010 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,350.63				
2009 Motor Vehicle Excise	213.13				
Prior Year	2,321.59				
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	6,128.36				
Due from Hawlemont	59.84				
Highway Grants Receivable		114,829.00			
To Be Provided-Long Term Debt					
To Be Provided-MWPAT Debt					
Due from General Fund					
TOTAL ASSETS	792,124.86	399,954.80	1,774,062.98	0.00	2,966,142.64

<u>LIABILITIES</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long- Term Debt	Total
Accrued Payroll	22,170.89				
Payroll Withholdings	-8,604.07				
Def.Rev - Property & RE Tax	-26,874.87				

Def.Rev - Tax Liens	4,815.81				
Def.Rev - Motor Vehicle Excise	6,128.36				
Tailings	336.99				
Police Detail				107.00	
Permit Application Agency				1,760.00	
Clerk Fees				120.05	
Direct Pay Insurance				2,098.04	
Collector's Fees				148.28	
Due to State - Fish/Wildlife				69.00	
Due to State - Firearms				1,425.00	
School Activity Agency				-1,439.06	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-2,026.89	0.00	4,288.31	0.00	2,261.42
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	General	Special	Trust &	Long-	
	Fund	Revenues	Agency	Term	
				Debt	Total
Reserve for Expenditures	474,835.53				
Undesignated Fund Balance	319,316.22				
Grant/Gift Account Balances		161,459.65			
State Grants		123,666.15			
Fund Balance Chapter 90		114,829.00			
Stabilization			1,026,460.76		
Capital Stabilization			670,169.22		
Trust Accounts			73,144.69		
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	794,151.75	399,954.80	1,769,774.67	0.00	2,963,881.22
TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY	792,124.86	399,954.80	1,774,062.98	0.00	2,966,142.64

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Muka
Town Accountant

Revenue - FY2012

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(10.0) Property Taxes		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-4-110-000	Personal Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-615-000	Abatements - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Total		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

(10.1) State Aid		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-4-611-000	Abatements-Vets,Blind,SS	\$0.00	\$2,231.00	\$2,231.00	0
01-4-630-000	Unrestricted Gen Govt Aid	\$0.00	\$3,332.00	\$3,332.00	0
01-4-661-000	Lottery Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-662-000	Add'l Lottery Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
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
Total		\$0.00	\$5,563.00	\$5,563.00	

(10.2) Estimated Receipts		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-170-000	Penalty & Int. on Taxes	\$0.00	\$832.99	\$832.99	0
01-4-172-000	Penalty & Int. MVE	\$0.00	\$73.85	\$73.85	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	\$46.00	\$46.00	0
01-4-330-150	Fees - Police Dept	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-330-155	Fees - Copier/FAX	\$0.00	\$256.51	\$256.51	0
01-4-330-160	Fees - Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-360-000	Rentals	\$0.00	\$5,564.68	\$5,564.68	0
01-4-369-000	Licenses & Permits	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	0
01-4-442-000	Licenses - Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-445-000	Dog Licenses	\$0.00	\$262.50	\$262.50	0
01-4-445-001	Dog Lic Late Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	0
01-4-450-000	Recycling Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-475-000	Election Hours	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	0
01-4-480-000	In Lieu of Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-4-610-000	Reimb State-Owned Land	\$0.00	\$5,352.00	\$5,352.00	0
01-4-616-000	Veterans Benefits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

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Appropriation Balances - FY2012

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(1) General Government		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-101-110	Select - Legal Expenses	\$12,000.00	(\$12,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-220	Select - Selectmen Stipend	\$5,562.00	(\$5,098.50)	\$463.50	8
01-5-101-223	FY2012 One-Time Bonuses	\$2,500.00	(\$2,450.00)	\$50.00	2
01-5-101-290	Select - Gen Admin	\$24,447.00	(\$23,615.06)	\$831.94	3
01-5-101-291	Select - Microfilm Twn Records	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
01-5-101-292	Select - Misc Office Stipnd	\$2,080.00	(\$2,080.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-293	Select - Town Officer Exp	\$1,607.00	(\$1,607.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-294	Select - Print Town Reports	\$4,600.00	(\$4,261.00)	\$339.00	7
01-5-101-295	Select - Municipal Audit	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
01-5-101-296	Select - Summer Youth Emp	\$28,000.00	(\$22,332.43)	\$5,667.57	20
01-5-101-297	Select - S/YE Encumb	\$3,324.50	(\$3,324.50)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-298	Council on Aging	\$4,500.00	(\$4,402.72)	\$97.28	0
01-5-101-300	GASB 45 OPEB Analysis	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-301	Legal/Consult Sch Matters	\$25,000.00	(\$24,999.74)	\$0.26	0
01-5-101-302	Forensic Financial Audit	\$30,000.00	(\$27,856.64)	\$2,143.36	7
01-5-101-350	Select - Acct/Admin Sal	\$57,697.00	(\$57,697.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-351	Select - Asst Acct/Clerk	\$11,906.00	(\$11,097.62)	\$808.38	6
01-5-101-352	Asst/Acct Clerk Pay Encum	\$118.51	(\$118.51)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-360	Select - FRCOG Regl Svcs	\$10,565.00	(\$10,565.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-361	Select - FRCOG Statutory Asses	\$5,872.00	(\$5,872.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-365	Select - Comp Equip/Softwr	\$10,350.00	(\$10,193.33)	\$156.67	1
01-5-101-367	Select - Computer Support	\$16,000.00	(\$16,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-370	Select - FRCOG Fees	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100
01-5-101-371	Self-Acctg/Payroll Services	\$37,000.00	\$0.00	\$37,000.00	100
01-5-101-410	Assessor Stipend	\$5,100.00	(\$5,100.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-411	Assessor Clerical Wage	\$8,900.00	(\$7,974.05)	\$925.95	10
01-5-101-412	Assessor Clerk Encumb Pay	\$194.70	(\$194.70)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-413	Assessor Operation	\$7,950.00	(\$5,302.17)	\$2,557.83	32
01-5-101-414	Assessors Printer CSF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-420	Assessor Reval/Prop Updat	\$32,320.00	(\$28,085.00)	\$4,235.00	13
01-5-101-421	Assessor Full Measure/List	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-450	Treasurer Stipend	\$7,576.00	(\$7,576.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-451	Asst. Treasurer Pay	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100
01-5-101-460	Tax Collector Stipend	\$6,910.00	(\$6,910.00)	\$0.00	0

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01-5-101-470	Tax Collector Operations	\$8,800.00	(\$8,779.10)	\$20.90	0
01-5-101-610	Town Clerk Stipend	\$8,910.00	(\$8,910.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-620	Election/Teller Expenses	\$2,800.00	(\$2,086.59)	\$533.41	20
01-5-101-630	Registrar/Census Comp	\$350.00	(\$275.00)	\$75.00	21
01-5-101-710	Conservation Comm Ops	\$200.00	(\$70.00)	\$130.00	65
01-5-101-720	Agricultural Comm Ops	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100
01-5-101-730	Yankee Land Comm Ops	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100
01-5-101-750	Plan Board Operations	\$1,250.00	(\$1,139.69)	\$110.31	8
01-5-101-751	Plan Bd Consulting Exp	\$2,500.00	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-752	Plan Bd Goal Post Ops	\$10,100.00	(\$10,100.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-101-810	Historic Landscp ID Program	\$1,000.00	(\$651.48)	\$348.52	34
01-5-900-100	Custodian Wage Encumbered	\$181.20	(\$181.20)	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-901	Town Hall Custodian Wage	\$7,000.00	(\$6,130.66)	\$869.34	12
01-5-901-902	Mncpl Cntr Opn & Maint	\$15,044.00	(\$15,020.67)	\$23.33	0
01-5-901-903	Elevator Maintenance	\$3,380.00	(\$3,380.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-905	Gracy House Operations	\$5,000.00	(\$2,620.14)	\$2,379.86	47
01-5-901-906	Beautification	\$2,500.00	(\$2,135.11)	\$364.89	14
01-5-901-907	C&F - PWS Upgrades	\$511.71	\$0.00	\$511.71	100
01-5-901-908	Gracy House Mtl/Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100
01-5-901-912	Dam Maint/Inspe/Repair	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100
01-5-901-913	Dams - 5-Yr Inspections C&F	\$15,000.00	(\$6,400.00)	\$8,600.00	57
01-5-901-915	C&F Gracy House Heat Sys	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-916	Gracy House/Soule Barn C&F	\$13,815.23	(\$3,096.66)	\$10,718.57	77
01-5-901-919	FC High Speed Internet	\$1,600.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$600.00	37
01-5-901-921	C&F Soule Barn Roof	\$4,360.00	(\$4,360.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-922	C&F Soule Foundation Wall	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	100
01-5-901-924	TH ADA Access - C&F	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100
01-5-901-931	C&F Town Hall Phone Sys	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-932	C&F TH Ceiling Tiles	\$1,075.60	\$0.00	\$1,075.60	100
01-5-901-933	C&F Gracy House Windows	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-934	C&F Paint DPW Garage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-935	C&F Paint DPW Structures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-936	C&F Paint Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-901-937	C&F Paint Gracy House	\$954.53	\$0.00	\$954.53	100
01-5-901-938	C&F Paint Fire Station	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0

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01-5-001-039	C&F Paint Town Hall	\$1,425.00	\$0.00	\$1,425.00	100
01-5-001-040	Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$8,000.00	(\$6,021.37)	\$1,978.63	24
01-5-001-041	Town Hall Electricity	\$9,654.00	(\$7,456.93)	\$2,197.07	22
01-5-001-043	ESCO Ann Meas/Verification	\$4,100.00	(\$4,100.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-001-044	Energy Comm Operations	\$500.00	(\$180.51)	\$319.49	63
01-5-001-045	Solar PV Energy Consultant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Total		\$504,920.98	(\$310,448.08)	\$194,472.90	

<u>(10.3) Transfers and Other</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
01-5-009-200	Stabilization Approp.	\$188,572.00	\$0.00	\$188,572.00	100
01-5-057-800	Reserve Fund FY2012	\$12,282.00	\$0.00	\$12,282.00	100
Total		\$180,854.00	\$0.00	\$180,854.00	

<u>(10.4) State Charges</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
01-5-007-001	State Chgs Air Pollution	\$331.00	(\$331.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-007-002	State Chgs Reg'l Transit	\$2,793.00	(\$2,793.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-007-003	State Chgs RMV NonRenew	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	100
01-5-007-004	State Chgs Sch Choice	\$23,402.00	\$0.00	\$23,402.00	100
01-5-007-005	State Chgs Charter School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Total		\$26,566.00	(\$3,124.00)	\$23,442.00	

<u>(2) Public Works and Facilities</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% Remaining</u>
01-5-204-220	Hwy - Wages	\$159,489.00	(\$148,676.08)	\$10,792.92	6
01-5-204-221	Hwy - Encumbered Wage	\$5,264.02	(\$5,264.02)	\$0.00	0
01-5-204-222	Hwy - Operation & Maint	\$35,109.00	(\$35,062.32)	\$46.68	0
01-5-204-224	Hwy - Fuel/Town Vehicles	\$44,307.00	(\$41,383.88)	\$2,923.14	6
01-5-204-225	Hwy - Heating Oil	\$6,032.00	(\$5,148.83)	\$883.17	14
01-5-204-226	Hwy - Electricity	\$2,758.00	(\$1,843.68)	\$914.32	33
01-5-204-228	Hwy - Rd Maint/Reclam	\$94,556.00	(\$94,318.43)	\$237.57	0
01-5-204-229	Hwy-Zoar Rd Milling/Repb	\$20,000.00	(\$20,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-204-230	Hwy - Annual Projects	\$41,000.00	(\$40,967.84)	\$32.16	0
01-5-204-232	Hwy - Supt Salary	\$76,206.00	(\$76,206.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-204-233	Hwy - Encumbered Op/Maint	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-204-234	Hwy - Loader/Broom C&F	\$140,000.00	(\$134,619.14)	\$5,380.86	3
01-5-204-235	Hwy - Ford F150 PU C&F	\$24,000.00	(\$23,498.45)	\$501.55	2
01-5-204-242	Hwy - Bridge Rehab Program	\$132,000.00	\$0.00	\$132,000.00	100
01-5-204-250	Hwy - Winter Roads	\$67,232.00	(\$60,044.48)	\$7,187.52	10

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01-5-204-251	Hwy - Winter Rd Overdraft	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-204-252	Street Lighting	\$5,253.00	(\$5,008.07)	\$244.93	4
01-5-504-910	Cemetery Maintenance	\$15,000.00	(\$14,917.50)	\$82.50	0
01-5-504-912	C&F Cemetery Road Improve	\$9,480.00	(\$8,500.00)	\$980.00	10
01-5-504-915	Cemetery Fence Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Total		\$877,666.02	(\$715,458.70)	\$162,207.32	

(3) Public Safety		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-602-100	Police Chief Stipend	\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-103	Police Officer Wages	\$15,683.00	(\$13,176.20)	\$2,506.80	15
01-5-602-104	Police Off Encumb Wage	\$471.25	(\$471.25)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-105	Police Dept Operation	\$7,550.00	(\$4,554.87)	\$2,995.13	39
01-5-602-106	Police New Cruiser	\$9,099.27	(\$822.22)	\$8,277.05	90
01-5-602-200	Fire Chief Stipend	\$6,910.00	(\$5,182.50)	\$1,727.50	25
01-5-602-201	Fire Officer Stipend	\$5,400.00	(\$4,590.00)	\$810.00	15
01-5-602-202	Fire Fighter Reimburse	\$7,250.00	(\$7,240.00)	\$10.00	0
01-5-602-203	Fire Dept Operation	\$16,902.00	(\$16,902.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-204	FD Administrator Stipend	\$3,500.00	(\$2,625.00)	\$875.00	25
01-5-602-205	Fire Dept - Heating Oil	\$5,325.00	(\$4,631.84)	\$693.16	13
01-5-602-206	Fire Dept - Electricity	\$2,635.00	(\$1,803.41)	\$831.59	31
01-5-602-209	Fire Dept Air Compressor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-210	C&F Muni Ctr Emerg Gen	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-211	C&F Fire Sta Dome Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-215	Fire Pond Upgrade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-219	Emergency Management	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-220	Forest Fire Control	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100
01-5-602-221	Fire Dept Haz Mat Control	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-400	Building Inspec Program	\$5,700.00	(\$5,683.00)	\$17.00	0
01-5-602-430	Plumbing/Gas Inspec Program	\$1,129.00	(\$1,129.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-450	Electrical Inspec Program	\$2,662.00	(\$2,662.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-910	Emergency Notification System	\$1,000.00	(\$900.00)	\$100.00	10
01-5-603-100	Dog Officer Expenses	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	100
01-5-702-302	New Ambulance Purchase	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-702-320	EMS Coordinator Stipend	\$2,012.00	(\$2,012.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-702-321	EMS Operations	\$1,800.00	(\$547.08)	\$1,252.92	69
01-5-702-323	EMS Personnel/Expenses	\$4,500.00	(\$4,500.00)	\$0.00	0

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01-5-702-324	EMS First Resp Exp Reimb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Total		\$112,228.52	(\$91,432.37)	\$20,796.15	

(4) Health and Sanitation		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-704-312	Hazardous Waste Collection	\$500.00	(\$200.00)	\$300.00	60
01-5-704-330	Refuse Garden Operation	\$39,829.20	(\$34,532.61)	\$5,296.59	13
01-5-704-332	Trans Sta Tree Removal	\$10,537.00	(\$10,527.00)	\$10.00	0
01-5-704-335	Transfer Sta Attend Wages	\$14,650.80	(\$13,798.20)	\$852.60	5
01-5-704-336	FCSWMD Assess (partial)	\$1,585.00	(\$1,585.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-704-337	Attendant Wages Encumb	\$382.80	(\$382.80)	\$0.00	0
01-5-704-338	New Recycling Shed	\$21,983.00	(\$21,871.71)	\$91.29	0
01-5-704-339	TransSta Fence Repair C&F	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-704-340	Refuse Garden Snowblower	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-705-090	BOH Stipends	\$4,635.00	(\$4,441.88)	\$193.12	4
01-5-705-095	BOH Clerk Wages	\$6,613.53	(\$6,378.58)	\$234.95	3
01-5-705-098	BOH Clerk Wages Encumbered	\$165.10	(\$165.10)	\$0.00	0
01-5-705-100	BOH Operations	\$19,382.47	(\$14,274.19)	\$5,088.28	26
01-5-705-110	BOH Operations Encumbered	\$25.00	(\$25.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-705-220	Town Nurse Wages	\$40,523.00	(\$38,038.63)	\$2,484.37	6
01-5-705-221	Town Nurse Wages Encumbered	\$779.28	(\$779.28)	\$0.00	0
01-5-705-222	Health Services Operations	\$6,000.00	(\$5,987.77)	\$12.23	0
01-5-705-223	Health Services Ops Encumb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-705-224	Physician's Stipend	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	0
Total		\$168,048.18	(\$153,487.75)	\$14,560.43	

(5) Education		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-300-001	School Comm Stipend	\$4,284.00	(\$2,896.00)	\$1,428.00	33
01-5-300-002	Rowe School	\$1,305,072.00	(\$1,209,288.66)	\$95,783.34	7
01-5-300-003	Rowe School Encumbered	\$79,207.78	(\$78,774.93)	\$432.85	0
01-5-300-004	Rowe Sch Paving C&F	\$74,900.00	(\$74,900.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-300-005	Rowe Sch New Garage C&F	\$6,000.00	(\$5,120.00)	\$880.00	14
Total		\$1,469,463.78	(\$1,370,939.59)	\$98,524.19	

(6) Culture and Recreation		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-306-100	Library Director Wages	\$22,132.00	(\$21,206.00)	\$926.00	4
01-5-306-101	Library Staff Wages	\$14,922.00	(\$14,074.32)	\$847.68	5
01-5-306-102	Library Operation	\$16,494.00	(\$16,395.68)	\$98.32	0

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01-5-306-103	Library Wages Encumbered	\$490.49	(\$490.49)	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-104	Librarian's Wages Encumbered	\$922.00	(\$922.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-105	Library Operations Encumb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-107	Lib - Equip Upgrade	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-108	Lib- IT Equip Upgrd CWM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-109	Library - Fuel Oil	\$1,857.88	(\$1,857.88)	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-110	Library - Electricity	\$1,412.32	(\$1,375.91)	\$36.41	2
01-5-306-112	Lib CWMARS Mininet Member	\$3,609.00	(\$3,609.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-113	Lib CWMARS 1-Time Chgs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-114	CWMARS IT Equip CSF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-115	Lib ADA Restroom CSF	\$8,556.00	\$0.00	\$8,556.00	100
01-5-306-116	Lib Front Steps CSF	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100
01-5-001-929	Town Tents	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-006-300	Old Home Day	\$6,000.00	(\$5,600.03)	\$399.97	6
01-5-006-305	Old Home Day Fireworks	\$5,000.00	(\$4,900.00)	\$100.00	2
01-5-006-500	Park Wages	\$40,772.00	(\$36,823.28)	\$3,948.72	9
01-5-006-501	Park Wages Encumbered	\$3,519.75	(\$3,519.75)	\$0.00	0
01-5-006-502	Park Operations/Maintenance	\$22,755.00	(\$22,469.80)	\$285.20	1
01-5-006-503	Park Ranger Salary	\$41,737.00	(\$41,737.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-006-504	Park Operations Encumb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
01-5-006-505	Park Pontoon Boat CSF	\$17,000.00	(\$15,752.90)	\$1,247.10	7
01-5-006-506	Park Property Damage	\$0.00	\$4,987.90	\$4,987.90	0
01-5-006-508	Park Compost Lav Fac CSF	\$1,251.45	(\$894.13)	\$357.32	28
01-5-006-509	Park Lav Fac ADA Ramp CSF	\$6,000.00	(\$6,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-006-510	Park Potter Brk Footbridge	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	100
01-5-006-511	Park Pelham Brk Footbridge	\$6,645.00	(\$418.06)	\$6,226.94	93
01-5-006-519	Park New Treadmill CSF	\$4,600.00	(\$4,520.00)	\$80.00	1
Total		\$238,675.89	(\$201,578.13)	\$37,097.56	

(7) Pensions and Insurance		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-001-000	Bonding & Insurance	\$45,000.00	(\$35,851.15)	\$9,148.85	20
01-5-009-110	County Retirement	\$98,331.00	(\$98,331.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-009-130	Unemployment Insurance	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
01-5-009-140	Grp Medical/Medex Prem Ten Shr	\$390,000.00	(\$348,856.10)	\$41,143.90	10
01-5-009-145	FICA/Medicare Tax Twn Shr	\$39,000.00	(\$32,578.24)	\$6,421.76	16

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Total		\$576,331.00	(\$515,816.40)	\$60,714.51	
(8) Veterans		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-405-430	Veterans Agent Stipend	\$500.00	(\$375.00)	\$125.00	25
01-5-405-431	Veterans Admin Ops	\$350.00	(\$160.00)	\$190.00	54
01-5-405-432	Veterans Benefits	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$0.00	0
Total		\$1,050.00	(\$735.00)	\$315.00	
(9) Debt Service		Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-204-227	Hwy - ESCO Lease Pymt	\$4,580.00	(\$4,580.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-306-111	Library - ESCO Lease Pymt	\$2,097.00	(\$2,097.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-602-207	Fire Dept - ESCO Lease Pymt	\$1,284.00	(\$1,284.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-607-520	Bank Chrgs & Loan Interest	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-601-042	Town Hall ESCO Lease Pymt	\$3,295.00	(\$3,295.00)	\$0.00	0
Total		\$11,756.00	(\$11,756.00)	\$0.00	
Grand Total		\$4,167,560.17	(\$3,463,576.11)	\$703,984.06	

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Account # 27-3-000-210

Account Name FB School Programs

<u>Source Jml.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source/Description</u>	<u>Checking Acct</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O	7/1/2011				(\$1,958.77)
TR 60	7/8/2011	RoweSch #96/PTP ck964			(\$1,250.00)
TR 100	1/24/2012	Ski Program Fees/ST# 101			(\$2,610.00)
TR 100	1/24/2012	Helmet Fees/ST #102			(\$233.55)
TR 110	2/2/2012	RoweSch ST#103/Ski Program			(\$1,972.50)
A 63	2/2/2012	Rcls partial TR110 PTP Gift			\$1,300.00
W 18	2/17/2012	Berkshire East Ski Area/111 Ski Rental/Lift 12/5/11	A- Gmfid	38146	\$3,660.00
W 18	2/17/2012	ProRider Inc/53895 Helmets Sch	A- Gmfid	38183	\$250.00
TR 137	3/30/2012	Ski Program Fees/ST #105			(\$287.50)
TR 183	5/18/2012	RoweSch T#108/NaturesClroom			(\$2,125.00)
W 29	6/28/2012	Nature's Classroom/Field Trip 5/21-5/25/12 Sch	A- Gmfid	39363	\$2,125.00
					(\$3,102.32)

Account # 27-3-000-250

Account Name FB After School Program

<u>Source Jml.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source/Description</u>	<u>Checking Acct</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O	7/1/2011				(\$91.06)
TR 100	1/24/2012	Basketball Shirts/ST #98			(\$300.00)
TR 100	1/24/2012	Baseball Porta-potty/ST #100			(\$100.00)
W 18	2/17/2012	Silver Screen Design, In/204647 Uniforms Sch	A- Gmfid	38193	\$249.96
					(\$241.10)

Account # 27-3-000-260

Account Name FB FldTrp/Act Schirship Gift

<u>Source Jml.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source/Description</u>	<u>Checking Acct</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O	7/1/2011				(\$6.60)
A 63	2/2/2012	Rcls partial TR110 PTP Gift			(\$1,300.00)
W 18	2/17/2012	Berkshire East Ski Area/111 Ski Rental/Lift 12/5/11	A- Gmfid	38146	\$1,300.00
TR 215	6/27/2012	ST #109 Mt Snow/Donation			(\$250.00)
					(\$256.60)

Account # 27-3-000-310

Account Name FB East Cemetery Gift Acct

<u>Source Jml.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source/Description</u>	<u>Checking Acct</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O	7/1/2011				(\$500.00)
					(\$500.00)

Account # 27-3-000-320

Account Name FB West Cemetery Gift Acct

<u>Source Jml.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Source/Description</u>	<u>Checking Acct</u>	<u>Check #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O	7/1/2011				(\$25.00)
					(\$25.00)

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Account # 27-3-000-400

Account Name FB Wetlands Protection

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$1,060.98)
W 27	6/22/2012	Recorder, The/197031 Ad 9596 Pelham Park	A- Gmfd	39296	\$35.80
					(\$1,025.18)

Account # 27-3-000-500

Account Name FB Park Gift Acct

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$40.00)
TR 20	9/2/2011	Deb Spadaro Gift/Park Trails			(\$26.00)
					(\$66.00)

Account # 27-3-000-525

Account Name FB BOH Vaccine Purchase

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$2,221.20)
W 6	9/16/2011	Sanofi Pasteur, Inc/98826816 Flu syringes	A- Gmfd	36974	\$254.21
W 6	9/16/2011	Sanofi Pasteur, Inc/98875687 Fluzone .5ml	A- Gmfd	36974	\$122.53
W 6	9/16/2011	Sanofi Pasteur, Inc/98875688 Fluzone .5ml	A- Gmfd	36974	\$382.03
W 6	9/16/2011	Sanofi Pasteur, Inc/98943235 Fluzone .25 & .5ml	A- Gmfd	36974	\$230.96
TR 215	6/27/2012	UMass Med Sch Reimb/Flu Vaccine			(\$146.12)
					(\$1,377.59)

Account # 27-3-000-550

Account Name FB Goal Post Subscriptions

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$86.00)
TR 98	1/24/2012	Magnago ck157 Subs/Magnago+Dimarzo			(\$24.00)
TR 110	2/2/2012	J Stetson GP Subs/Floriani-Ahearn			(\$24.00)
TR 158	4/23/2012	N Cascone ck2986/WmCascone			(\$5.00)
TR 215	6/27/2012	Judy Pierce GP Subs/Show & Vivier			(\$24.00)
					(\$163.00)

Account # 27-3-000-575

Account Name FB Old Home Day

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$1,073.00)
W 1	7/8/2011	Readsboro Lions Club/320 Chicken Dinners OHD	A- Gmfd	36338	\$2,866.98
TR 62	9/2/2011	Crafters/Booth Fees			(\$29.00)
TR 62	9/2/2011	Anonymous Donations/CowFlopContest			(\$86.00)
TR 62	9/2/2011	Dinner TcktSales Cash/Chicken BBQ			(\$1,532.00)
TR 62	9/2/2011	Dinner TcktSales Cks/Chicken BBQ			(\$2,282.98)
W 26	6/8/2012	Readsboro Lions Club/Deposit Chicken BBQ	A- Gmfd	39132	\$2,000.00
					(\$136.00)

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Account # 27-3-000-576

Account Name FB Tent Gift Acct

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$1,376.66)
W 1	7/8/2011	Ace Canvas & Tent Corp/T2011-001 Tent	A- Gmfd	36308	\$1,376.66
					<u>\$0.00</u>

Account # 27-3-000-577

Account Name FB Retirement Dinner

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				\$0.00
W 27	6/22/2012	Readsboro Lions Club/Fire Chief retirement - 43	A- Gmfd	39295	\$516.00
A 184	6/27/2012	Rcls TR215 BBQ Tix			(\$516.00)
					<u>\$0.00</u>

Account # 27-3-000-580

Account Name FB Internet Kiosk Gift Acct

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$112.60)
					<u>(\$112.60)</u>

Account # 27-3-000-660

Account Name FB Brian Vega Sirshp Gift Acct

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$3,816.98)
TR 60	7/8/2011	GMay ck2532/Donation			(\$50.00)
TR 9	7/15/2011	Miller, Deb/Dan ck#3622/BV Mem Schlrsp			(\$25.00)
TR 191	6/2/2012	Gall May ck2666/Donation			(\$50.00)
TR 191	6/2/2012	JMcCarthy ck444/Donation			(\$25.00)
					<u>(\$3,966.98)</u>

Account # 27-3-000-700

Account Name FB Library Gift Account

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				(\$356.87)
A 155	6/13/2012	Record Treas Xfer			(\$103.92)
W 27	6/22/2012	Barnes & Noble/2331758 4 Books Gift Acct	A- Gmfd	39231	\$103.92
					<u>(\$356.87)</u>

Account # 27-3-000-800

Account Name FB Council on Aging Gift Acct

Source Jml.	Date	Source/Description	Checking Acct	Check #	Amount
O	7/1/2011				\$0.00
					<u>\$0.00</u>

General Fund Expenditures - FY2012

Expenditure Category:	General Government	Police	Fire	Other Public Safety	Education	Public Works	Human Services	Culture & Recreation	Debt Service	Fixed Costs	Inter- governmental	Other Expenditures	Total Expenditures
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	399,377	29,024	43,975	18,433	1,313,091	594,950	75,808	228,235		479,867	19,561		3,202,321
Expend per Res taxpayers	35,767	2,599	3,938	1,651	117,598	53,283	6,789	20,440		42,976	1,752		286,793
Expend per CIP taxpayers	363,610	26,425	40,037	16,782	1,195,493	541,667	69,019	207,795		436,891	17,809		2,915,528
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	399,377	29,024	43,975	18,433	1,313,091	594,950	75,808	228,235		479,867	19,561		3,202,321
Total expended by category as percent of Total expended	12.47%	0.91%	1.37%	0.58%	41.00%	18.58%	2.37%	7.13%		14.98%	0.61%		
Rowe per capita expend per Residential taxpayer	93	7	10	4	307	139	18	53		112	5		749
Rowe per capita expend per Commercial/ Industrial/Personal Property taxpayer	949	69	105	44	3,121	1,414	180	543		1,141	46		7,612
Total Rowe per capita expenditure	1,043	76	115	48	3,428	1,553	198	596		1,253	51		8,361
State Totals	130	199	149	33	1,294	122	44	52	200	353	90	5	2,670
Amount Rowe Residential per capita expenditure is (above)/below state average	37	192	138	29	986	(17)	26	(1)	200	241	85	5	1,921

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General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

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ROWE

A. EDUCATION:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

1. Chapter 70	67,651
2. School Transportation Chs. 71, 71A, 71B and 74	
3. Charter Tuition Reimbursements Ch. 71, s. 89	4
4. Smart Growth School Reimbursements Ch. 40S	

Offset Items – Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

5. School Lunch 1970, Ch. 871	565
6. School Choice Receiving Tuition Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71	106,531
Sub-Total, All Education Items	174,751

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

1. Unrestricted General Government Aid	3,091
2. Local Share of Racing Taxes 1981, Ch. 558	
3. Regional Public Libraries Ch. 78, s. 19C	
4. Police Career Incentive Ch. 41, s. 108L	
5. Urban Renewal Projects Ch. 121, ss. 53-57	
6. Veterans' Benefits Ch. 115, s. 6	

7. Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly Ch. 58, s. 8A; Ch. 59 s. 5	1,883
8. State Owned Land Ch. 58, ss. 13-17	5,352
Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:	
9. Public Libraries Ch. 78, s. 19A	1,230
Sub-Total, All General Government	11,556
C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, FISCAL 2012	186,307
A. County Assessments:	
1. County Tax: Ch. 35, ss. 30, 31	0
2. Suffolk County Retirement Ch. 61, Acts of 2009, s. 10	0
Sub-Total, County Assessments	0
B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:	
1. Retired Employees Health Insurance Ch. 32A, s. 10B	
2. Retired Teachers Health Insurance Ch. 32A, s. 12	
3. Mosquito Control Projects Ch. 252, s. 5A	
4. Air Pollution Districts Ch. 111, ss. 142B, 142C	331
5. Metropolitan Area Planning Council Ch. 40B, ss. 26, 29	
6. Old Colony Planning Council 1967, Ch. 332	
7. RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge Ch. 90; Ch. 60A	40
Sub-Total, State Assessments	371
C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:	
1. MBTA Ch. 161A, ss. 8-9; 1974, Ch. 825, ss. 6-7	
2. Boston Metro. Transit District 1929, Ch. 383; 1954, Ch. 535	
3. Regional Transit Ch. 161B, ss. 9, 10, 23; 1973, Ch. 1141	2,793
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments	2,793
D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:	
1. Special Education Ch. 71B, ss. 10, 12	
2. STRAP Repayments 1983, Ch. 637, s. 32	
Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts	
E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:	
1. School Choice Sending Tuition Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71	23,402
2. Charter School Sending Tuition Ch. 71, s. 89	
3. Essex County Technical Institute Sending Tuition 1998, Ch. 300, s. 21	
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments	23,402
F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES, FISCAL 2012	26,566

For additional information about how the estimates were determined and what may cause them to change in the future, please click on the following link: [Local Aid Estimate Program Summary](#).

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

FY2013

ROWE

A. EDUCATION:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

1. Chapter 70	99,147
2. School Transportation Chs. 71, 71A, 71B and 74	0
3. Charter Tuition Reimbursements Ch. 71, s. 89	0
4. Smart Growth School Reimbursements Ch. 40S	0

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

5. School Lunch 1970, Ch. 871	525
6. School Choice Receiving Tuition Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71	138,274
Sub-Total, All Education Items	237,946

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

1. Unrestricted General Government Aid	3,332
2. Local Share of Racing Taxes 1981, Ch. 558	0
3. Regional Public Libraries Ch. 78, s. 19C	0
4. Urban Renewal Projects Ch. 121, ss. 53-57	0
5. Veterans' Benefits Ch. 115, s. 6	0
6. Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly Ch. 58, s. 8A; Ch. 59 s. 5	2,231
7. State Owned Land Ch. 58, ss. 13-17	5,354

Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

8. Public Libraries Ch. 78, s. 19A	1,230
Sub-Total, All General Government	12,147

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, FISCAL 2013

250,093

A. County Assessments:

1. County Tax: Ch. 35, ss. 30, 31	0
2. Suffolk County Retirement Ch. 61, Acts of 2009, s. 10	0
Sub-Total, County Assessments	0

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

1. Retired Employees Health Insurance Ch. 32A, s. 10B	0
2. Retired Teachers Health Insurance Ch. 32A, s. 12	0
3. Mosquito Control Projects Ch. 252, s. 5A	0
4. Air Pollution Districts Ch. 111, ss. 142B, 142C	346

5. Metropolitan Area Planning Council Ch. 40B, ss. 26, 29	0
6. Old Colony Planning Council 1967, Ch. 332	0
7. RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge Ch. 90; Ch. 60A	40
Sub-Total, State Assessments	386

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

1. MBTA Ch. 161A, ss. 8-9; 1974, Ch. 825, ss. 6-7	0
2. Boston Metro. Transit District 1929, Ch. 383; 1954, Ch. 535	0
3. Regional Transit Ch. 161B, ss. 9, 10, 23; 1973, Ch. 1141	2,857
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments	2,857

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

1. Special Education Ch. 71B, ss. 10, 12	0
2. STRAP Repayments 1983, Ch. 637, s. 32	0
Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts	0

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

1. School Choice Sending Tuition Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71	0
2. Charter School Sending Tuition Ch. 71, s. 89	0
3. Essex County Technical Institute Sending Tuition 1998, Ch. 300, s. 21	0
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments	0

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES, FISCAL 2013 3,243

For additional information about how the estimates were determined and what may cause them to change in the future, please click on the following link: [Local Aid Estimate Program Summary](#).

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Treasurer's Report - FY2012

[No Report Submitted]



PART V

Regional Reports

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2012 shows a slight decrease from 2011. District residents recycled over 1,900 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers. The recyclable material was processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Market prices for recyclables were low from June through December. Despite the low market prices, District towns received a total of \$94,500 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2012, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Almost 60 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 512 households participated in these collection events.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2012. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 324 households participated in this event. 50% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We continue to work with public schools to improve their recycling programs and 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. In 2012, we used a state grant to supply twenty-seven wheeled carts for bottles/cans recycling to area schools. We also helped member towns implement \$23,000 worth of small scale initiative grants from

the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

MRF Revenue July - December 2012

Town	Total Tons	Net Revenue	Total Per Ton	Less \$15.67 Base
BERNARDSTON	81.06	\$2,257.44	\$27.85	\$12.18
BUCKLAND	64.16	\$1,788.43	\$27.87	\$12.20
CHARLEMONT	43.5	\$1,214.97	\$27.93	\$12.26
COLRAIN	55.49	\$1,553.88	\$28.00	\$12.33
CONWAY	109.78	\$3,065.92	\$27.93	\$12.26
DEERFIELD	187.05	\$5,201.07	\$27.81	\$12.14
ERVING	68.88	\$1,921.51	\$27.90	\$12.23
GILL	75.18	\$2,078.78	\$27.65	\$11.98
HEATH	30.77	\$861.99	\$28.01	\$12.34
LEVERETT	71.37	\$1,966.25	\$27.55	\$11.88
MONTAGUE	314.38	\$8,756.09	\$27.85	\$12.18
NEW SALEM	42.37	\$1,185.21	\$27.97	\$12.30
NORTHFIELD	127.99	\$3,523.22	\$27.53	\$11.86
ROWE	21.59	\$592.67	\$27.45	\$11.78
SHELBURNE	68.41	\$1,906.18	\$27.86	\$12.19
WARWICK	31.95	\$886.86	\$27.76	\$12.09
WENDELL	43.45	\$1,191.84	\$27.43	\$11.76
WHATELY	63.33	\$1,751.02	\$27.65	\$11.98
	1500.71	\$41,703.34	\$27.79	\$12.12

2005-2012 Springfield MRF Per Ton Revenue

Time Period	Base Rate/Ton	Revenue Share/Ton	Total/Ton
July-Dec 2005	\$15.67	\$15.67	\$31.34
Jan-June 2006	\$15.67	\$11.59	\$27.26
July-Dec 2006	\$15.67	\$12.96	\$28.63
Jan-June 2007	\$15.67	\$22.94	\$38.61
July-Dec 2007	\$15.67	\$25.26	\$40.93
Jan-June 2008	\$15.67	\$27.96	\$43.63
July-Dec 2008	\$15.67	\$20.74	\$36.41
Jan-June 2009	\$15.67	\$0.00	\$15.67
July-Dec 2009	\$15.67	\$23.17	\$38.84
Jan-June 2010	\$15.67	\$22.13	\$37.80
July-Dec 2010	\$15.67	\$21.77	\$37.44
Jan-June 2011	\$15.67	\$32.78	\$48.45
July-Dec 2011	\$15.67	\$28.55	\$44.22
Jan-June 2012	\$15.67	\$20.49	\$36.16
July-Dec 2012	\$15.67	\$12.12	\$27.79

Average \$19.88 \$35.55

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Franklin Regional Council of Governments - Franklin Cooperative Building Inspection Program

Dear Residents of Rowe:

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a thirty-one year old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

2012 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,043 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. 24 new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. The number of permits and fee revenues were higher in 2012 than in the previous year.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 3,472 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 1,719 registered users. You can find it at www.frcog.org under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

Along with the rest of the FRCOG, at the end of April 2012, we moved our offices from the courthouse to the 2nd floor of the new John W. Olver Transit Center. If you haven't visited us at our new location yet, we hope to see you soon.

In FY 2012, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Rowe:

Residential	28
Commercial	2
Sheet Metal	0
Electrical	17
Plumbing	6
Gas	6
Cert. of Inspection	0

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please feel free to call our office with any building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 2.

Respectfully, submitted,
James D. Hawkins James Cerone
Building Commissioner Building Inspector
jhawkins@frcog.org icerone@frcog.org

Tom McDonald Andy French
Electrical Inspector Plumbing/Gas Inspector
electric@frcog.org plumbing@frcog.org



Franklin Regional Council of Governments 2012 Annual Report

Calendar year 2012 was a significant year for the FRCOG. In April, we moved to offices at the John W. Olver Transit Center. This marks the first time in 18 years that FRCOG staff have been housed under one roof, and the benefits of this were immediately noticeable from better collaboration between FRCOG programs to reduced administrative costs. On July 1, the FRCOG celebrated its 15th anniversary. We believe that the Charter Commission that created the FRCOG would agree that the FRCOG is meeting its mission and serving the region of Franklin County and its towns well. Provided below are highlights from each of our programs.

Administration and Special Regional Projects. In 2012, special projects included organizing the fourth annual statewide Regionalization Conference with Lt. Governor Tim Murray's office. This conference highlights the FRCOG and the towns of Franklin County for its regionalization efforts and has identified the FRCOG as the leading regionalization organization in Massachusetts.

Cooperative Public Health Service. This program was created in 2012 by combining the Regional Health and Regional Nurse Programs. The program provided public health and nursing to eight towns and will expand to 10 towns in 2013. In 2012, the program conducted: 95 food inspections, 40 septic plan reviews, 90 Title 5 inspections, 12 camp inspections, 7 pool inspections, 10 hotel/motel inspections, 40 perc tests, and administered more than 1,000 vaccines at flu clinics throughout the county.

Cooperative Purchasing Program. The Cooperative Purchasing Program provided bidding and contracting services for more than 20 highway products and services to 23 towns; fuel bidding services to 19 towns and non-profits; dog tags and licenses for 45 towns in 5 counties; and elevator maintenance services to 3 school districts and 11 towns.

Economic Development. Using a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant, over \$53,000 worth of environmental site assessment work was conducted on six properties in four Franklin County towns that were potentially contaminated brownfields sites. As the 1,300-mile MassBroadband middle mile network neared completion, the FRCOG engaged in a municipal broadband adoption project that included a municipal survey of each town's existing voice and data contracts and a Request for Information to all last mile service providers so that towns can compare options, services and pricing.

Emergency Preparedness. Emergency Preparedness staff assisted several municipal public health and public safety groups in Franklin County including the Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO), the Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC), the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Disaster Animal Response Team (DART). For each of these groups, FRCOG staff organized workshops, trainings, and exercises, analyzed past response efforts, and worked to plan a coordinated emergency response before Franklin County's next regional, emergency event.

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP). The FCCIP provides building, plumbing and wiring inspection services to 16 Franklin County towns. The highlight of 2012 was implementation of a revised assessment formula that reduces town assessments and makes the assessments more predictable over time.

Homeland Security Fiduciary. The FRCOG has served as fiduciary for the Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (WHRSAC) since 2004. Franklin County 2012 projects included: improvements to the Route 202 corridor coverage of the Franklin County Emergency Communications System; a new emergency sheltering equipment trailer housed in Buckland; the development of a Technical Rescue Team for the Western Mass Fire Chiefs Association; and video downlink equipment, housed at the Greenfield Fire Department, which allows incident commanders to view aerial video taken by the Massachusetts State Police.

Land Use Planning. Based on socio-economic analysis, Franklin County needs to accommodate 3,500 new houses and adapt to and provide services for an aging population over the next 25 years. The FRCOG received a 3-year Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative to address this. The goal of the project is to create a plan that identifies where and how new housing, including senior housing, should be built to have the least impact on prime farmland and forestland and centralize development in community service areas by using undeveloped and under-utilized parcels and buildings.

Natural Resources Planning. The FRCOG spent the last part of 2012 focusing on the upcoming Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing of five hydroelectric facilities on the Connecticut River, two of which are located in Franklin County. The new licenses will be in effect for 30-50 years, so the FRCOG recognizes the importance of ensuring that the river, the farmland along the river, and the associated recreation facilities important to Franklin County are protected and maintained by the licenses.

Town Accounting Program. The Town Accounting Program now provides accounting services and software to 14 towns. The focus of 2012 was to provide and improve the quality of service to all participating communities.

Transportation Planning. The FRCOG, along with MassDOT and three other regional planning agencies, have been working to launch a marketing campaign for the seven designated Scenic Byways in Western Massachusetts. In Franklin County, this includes Route 122, Route 2, Route 116, Route 47 and 63/10, and Route 122. The goal of the project is to brand and promote these Scenic Byways as local and regional travel destinations. To date, the project has produced a family of logos and graphics for the byways, and is well underway with website development, the production of maps and brochures, and identification of a wayfinding sign system.

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, or you can receive a copy by calling 413-774-3167.

Franklin Regional Retirement System - 2011 Annual Report

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 OF THE CONDITIONS AND AFFAIRS OF

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Date of Certificate: February 4, 1939

Effective Date: January 1, 1940

Administration Offices located at:


278 Main Street - Suite 311 Greenfield MA 01301

Telephone Number (413) 774-4837

We, the undersigned members of the Franklin Regional Board of Retirement, certify under the penalties of perjury, that we are the official board members of said retirement system, and that on the thirty-first day of December last all of the herein-described assets were the absolute property of said retirement system, free and clear from any liens or claims thereon, except as stated, and the following statements, with the schedules and explanations therein contained, annexed, or referred to, are a full and correct exhibit of all the assets, liabilities, income and disbursements, changes in fund balances and of the conditions and affairs of the said retirement system on the said thirty-first day of December last, and for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

First Member - Chair/Treasurer
Term Expires December 31, 2014

Sandra A. Hanks 

Second Member Appointed by Advisory Council
Term Expires December 31, 2012

Herbert L. Sanderson, Jr. 

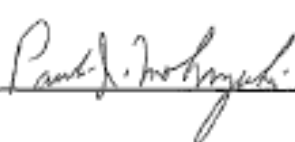
Third Elected Member
Term Expires December 31, 2014

Mary A. Stokarski 

Fourth Elected Member
Term Expires December 31, 2013

David R. Gendron 

Fifth Appointed Member
Term Expires June 30, 2015

Paul J. Mokrzecki 

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

see attached

INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

Dahab Associates, 450 Washington St, Dedham, MA

CUSTODIAN

Comerica Bank, P.O. Box 75000, Detroit, MI

**Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for
the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

		<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
1	1040 Cash	844,585.01	909,052.91	2,290,581.02
3	1180 Fixed Income Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	1170 Equities (at market value)	11,713,011.94	13,361,147.96	11,363,504.74
6	1172 Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	7,338,112.72	6,586,939.31	5,727,271.38
7	1173 Pooled International Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	1181 Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	10,748,026.51	8,869,330.80	8,184,877.47
13	1194 Pooled Real Estate Funds	3,615,753.89	3,917,016.78	2,290,257.04
18	1199 PRIT Fund	50,125,034.05	49,563,855.27	41,496,600.23
19	1350 Prepaid Expenses	4,349.38	5,128.45	
20	1398 Accounts Receivable (A)	370,870.70	693,568.41	948,223.59
21	1550 Interest Due and Accrued	45.89	46.43	2.37
22	2020 Accounts Payable (A)	<u>(212,402.83)</u>	<u>(73,238.39)</u>	<u>(66,193.32)</u>
	Total	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93	72,235,124.52
Funds:				
1	3293 Annuity Savings Fund	26,819,918.64	26,004,391.75	24,755,610.48
2	3294 Annuity Reserve Fund	7,322,171.29	6,766,401.29	6,418,263.18
3	3295 Military Service Fund	3,488.05	3,481.09	1,796.59
4	3296 Pension Fund	5,661,801.18	5,696,918.11	6,237,301.94
6	3297 Pension Reserve Fund	<u>44,740,008.10</u>	<u>45,361,655.69</u>	<u>34,822,152.33</u>
	Total Assets at Market Value	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93	72,235,124.52

**Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for
the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

RECEIPTS

		2011	2010	2009
1 Annuity Savings Fund:				
(a) 4891-Members Deductions	\$	2,780,511.29	\$ 2,799,243.18	\$2,803,190.97
(b) 4892-Transfers From Other Systems		340,446.48	135,888.25	278,300.78
(c) 4893-Member Make Up Payments and Redeposits		42,554.14	61,738.97	53,201.72
(d) 4900-Member Payments from Rollovers		38,619.68	48,797.38	30,739.87
(e) Investment Income Credited to Members Accounts		84,811.45	79,743.18	113,147.43
	Subtotal	3,286,943.00	3,123,410.94	3,278,571.77
2 Annuity Reserve Fund				
(a) Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund		204,281.91	191,009.52	178,414.71
	Subtotal	\$204,281.91	\$191,009.52	\$178,414.71
3 Pension Fund				
(a) 4898-3(5)(c) Reimbursements From Other Systems		292,295.53	264,159.90	240,782.78
(b) 4899-Received From Commonwealth for COLA and Survivor Benefits		90,179.00	100,544.51	98,009.01
(c) 4894-Pension Fund Appropriation		4,954,423.00	4,378,679.44	4,789,108.44
(d) 4840 -Workers' Compensation Settlements		0.00	0.00	16,500.00
	Subtotal	5,336,897.53	4,743,383.85	5,142,400.23
4 Military Service Fund				
(a) 4890-Contribution Received from Municipality		-	1,679.11	0.00
(b) Investment Income Credited to Military Service Fund		6.98	5.39	8.94
	Subtotal	6.98	1,684.50	8.94
5 Expense Fund				
(a) 4896-Expense Fund Appropriation		0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund		829,130.91	784,072.75	784,258.24
	Subtotal	829,130.91	784,072.75	784,258.24
6 Pension Reserve Fund				
(a) 4897-Federal Grant Reimbursement		-	-	0.00
(b) 4895-Pension Reserve Appropriation		54,730.78	494,454.28	0.00
(c) 4822-Interest Not Refunded		8,777.41	3,958.75	9,433.78
(d) 4825-Miscellaneous Income		383.94	1,840.32	4,978.82
(e) Excess Investment Income		(883,789.22)	10,041,619.95	9,717,290.78
	Subtotal	-819,897.11	10,541,873.30	9,731,703.38
TOTAL RECEIPTS		9,037,383.20	19,385,434.88	19,095,355.27

**Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for
the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

DISBURSEMENTS				
	2011	2010	2009	
1 Annuity Savings Fund:				
(a) 5757-Refunds to Members	\$594,635.44	\$312,564.22	\$477,358.66	
(b) 5756-Transfers to Other Systems	447,249.56	441,656.71	188,938.30	
Subtotal	\$1,041,885.00	\$754,220.93	\$666,296.96	
2 Annuity Reserve Fund:				
(a) 5750-Annuities Paid	\$1,067,196.96	\$964,187.80	\$883,456.18	
(b) 5759-Option B Refunds	\$12,596.54	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal	\$1,079,793.50	\$964,187.80	\$883,456.18	
3 Pension Fund:				
(a) 5751-Pensions Paid				
Regular Pension Payments	\$4,285,709.50	\$3,989,389.16	\$3,737,332.18	
Survivorship Payments	\$261,162.44	\$205,917.51	\$150,347.79	
Ordinary Disability Payments	\$21,115.62	\$24,343.92	\$16,302.78	
Accidental Disability Payments	\$352,887.26	\$307,017.38	\$306,275.84	
Accidental Death Payments	\$67,693.68	\$98,433.37	\$56,213.04	
Section 101 Benefits				
(b) 5755-3(b)(c) Reimbursements to Other Systems	\$293,266.96	\$556,670.49	\$514,465.86	
(c) 5752-COLA's Paid	90,179.00	103,458.14	96,160.82	
(d) 5753-Chapter 389 Beneficiary Increase Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal	\$5,372,014.46	\$5,285,229.97	\$4,877,098.31	
4 Military Service Fund:				
(a) 4890-Return to Municipality for Members who withdrew their funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Subtotal	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5 Expense Fund:				
(a) 5118-Board Member Stipend	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$17,500.00	
(b) 5119-Salaries	\$233,572.25	\$230,732.28	\$223,749.23	
(c) 5304-Management Fees	\$442,197.97	\$391,767.90	\$362,856.28	
(d) 5305-Custodial Fees	\$10,000.00	\$15,070.33	\$16,250.25	
(e) 5307-Consultant Fees	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
(f) 5308-Legal Expenses	\$6,701.00	\$14,941.00	\$39,271.60	
(g) 5309-Medical Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
(h) 5310-Fiduciary Insurance	\$9,803.50	\$9,498.00	\$8,802.00	
(i) 5311-Service Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
(j) 5312-Rent	\$17,424.00	\$17,424.00	\$13,385.00	
(k) 5315-Professional Services	\$14,450.00	\$16,450.00		
(l) 5320-Education and Training	\$9,238.00	\$1,865.00		
(m) 5589-Administrative Expenses	\$37,686.54	\$42,100.25	\$50,640.68	
(n) 5599-Furniture and Equipment	\$7,536.93	\$3,213.22	\$6,727.31	
(o) 5719-Travel	\$2,520.72	\$3,010.77	\$5,073.89	
Subtotal	\$829,130.91	\$784,072.75	\$764,256.24	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,322,823.87	\$7,787,711.45	\$7,191,107.69	

Franklin Regional Retirement System 2011

Expenditure Budget Report

as of 03/01/2012

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
5118-000 Board Stipends		18,000.00		18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00
5119-000 Salaries and Wages		206,904.00		206,904.00	203,782.92	3,121.08
5119-001 Payroll Taxes		3,664.00		3,664.00	3,607.33	56.67
5119-002 Health & Life Insurance		31,415.00		31,415.00	26,182.00	5,233.00
5119-003 Accrued Benefit Payout		5,000.00		5,000.00		5,000.00
5304-000 Management Fees		500,000.00	-6,243.00	493,757.00	442,197.97	51,559.03
5305-000 Custodial Fees		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
5307-000 Investment Consultant		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
5308-000 Legal		25,000.00		25,000.00	6,701.00	18,299.00
5310-000 Insurance		10,150.00		10,150.00	9,803.50	346.50
5312-000 Rent Expense		17,424.00		17,424.00	17,424.00	0.00
5315-001 Professional Service - Various		2,300.00		2,300.00	1,950.00	350.00
5315-003 Audit Expense		13,000.00	-500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
5320-000 Education and Training		2,995.00	6,243.00	9,238.00	9,238.00	0.00
5589-001 Administrative Exp. - Various		3,868.00	650.00	4,518.00	1,638.42	2,879.58
5589-002 Equipment & Software Maint.		27,740.00		27,740.00	23,490.10	4,249.90
5589-003 Dues		500.00		500.00	450.00	50.00
5589-004 Office Supplies		3,600.00		3,600.00	2,395.17	1,204.83
5589-005 Postage		6,200.00		6,200.00	4,733.71	1,466.29
5589-007 Utilities		5,070.00		5,070.00	4,733.81	336.19
5589-011 Members Education		750.00		750.00	137.25	612.75
5589-012 Board Election		2,200.00		2,200.00	108.08	2,091.92
5599-001 Misc., Furniture & Equipment		1,500.00		1,500.00	292.36	1,207.64
5599-101 OPEB Software		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-111 Staff Computers		6,000.00	-150.00	5,850.00	5,405.92	444.08
5599-706 Website		6,120.00		6,120.00	1,838.65	4,281.35
5719-000 Travel		6,050.00		6,050.00	2,520.72	3,529.28
Grand Totals:	0.00	936,200.00	0.00	936,200.00	829,130.91	107,069.09

**Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for
the Year Ended December 31, 2011**

Investment Income

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Investment Income Received From:			
(a) Cash (from Schedule 1)	5,539.78	4,327.26	13,839.99
(b) Short Term Investments (from Schedule 2)	-	-	-
(c) Fixed Income Securities (from Schedules 3A and 3C)	-	-	-
(d) Equities (from schedules 4A and 4C)	104,041.58	92,237.28	96,952.88
(e) Pooled Funds (from Schedule 5)	1,746,098.88	1,492,735.11	1,288,217.54
(f) Commission Recapture			
4821- TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>1,855,680.24</u>	<u>1,589,299.65</u>	<u>1,399,010.41</u>
Plus:			
4884-Realized Gains (Profits)	2,594,474.68	2,344,974.80	2,276,775.12
4886-Unrealized Gains (Incr. in Market Value)	8,832,163.14	14,549,389.06	15,437,184.98
1550-Interest Due and Accrued-Current Year	45.89	46.43	2.37
	<u>11,426,683.71</u>	<u>16,894,410.29</u>	<u>17,713,962.47</u>
Less:			
4823-Paid Accrued Interest on Fixed Income Securities	-	-	-
4885-Realized Losses	(1,602,666.80)	(564,373.81)	(3,136,569.27)
4887-Unrealized Losses (Decrease in Market Value)	(11,245,208.71)	(6,822,882.97)	(5,203,155.88)
1550-Interest Due and Accrued-Prior Year	(46.43)	(2.37)	(129.63)
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>434,442.01</u>	<u>11,096,450.79</u>	<u>10,773,118.10</u>
Income Required:			
Annuity Savings Fund (From supplementary schedule)	84,811.45	79,743.18	113,147.43
Annuity Reserve Fund	204,281.91	191,009.52	178,414.71
Expense Fund	829,130.91	784,072.75	764,256.24
Military Service Fund	<u>6.96</u>	<u>5.39</u>	<u>8.94</u>
TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED	<u>1,118,231.23</u>	<u>1,054,830.84</u>	<u>1,055,827.32</u>
Net Investment Income	434,442.01	11,096,450.79	10,773,118.10
Less Income Required:	<u>(1,118,231.23)</u>	<u>(1,054,830.84)</u>	<u>(1,055,827.32)</u>
EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND	(683,789.22)	10,041,619.95	9,717,290.78

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FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Investment Managers:

Daruma Asset Management, Inc.	80 West 40 th Street, 9 th Floor New York, NY 10018
Rothschild Asset Management Inc.	1251 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020
Income Research & Management	100 Federal Street, 33rd Floor Boston, MA 02110-4106
Pension Reserve Investment Mgmt.	84 State Street, Suite 250 Boston, MA 02109
Prudential Investment Management	8 Campus Drive Parsippany, NJ 07054
Rhumblin Advisors	30 Rowes Wharf, Suite 420 Boston, MA 02110
Seizert Capital Partners	185 Oakland Avenue, Suite 100 Birmingham, MI 48009

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY					
	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
				-----Annualized-----	
Total Portfolio	5.1 (56)	0.7 (65)	0.7 (65)	11.1 (40)	2.2 (45)
PUBLIC FUND RANK					
POLICY INDEX	6.9	2.6	2.6	10.3	1.7
PRIT Core	3.7	0.1	0.1	10.3	1.2
CUSTOM CORE IDX	4.9	0.2	0.2	10.4	2.0
Domestic Equity	11.8	-5.3	-5.3	17.3	1.8
ALL CAP RANK	(59)	(85)	(85)	(39)	(41)
CUSTOM EQ INDEX	13.7	-1.5	-1.5	16.1	0.8
PRIT EQUITY	11.8	1.1	1.1	14.0	-2.8
S&P 500	11.8	2.1	2.1	14.1	-0.2
S&P 400	13.0	-1.7	-1.7	19.6	3.3
RUSSELL 3000	12.1	1.0	1.0	14.9	0.0
RUSSELL 1000	11.9	1.5	1.5	14.8	0.0
RUSSELL 1000G	10.6	2.6	2.6	18.0	2.5
RUSSELL 1000V	13.1	0.4	0.4	11.5	-2.6
RUSSELL MID	12.3	-1.6	-1.6	20.2	1.4
RUSSELL 2000	15.5	-4.2	-4.2	15.6	0.2
Real Estate	4.9	15.6	15.6	-3.3	-1.5
NCREIF ODCE	3.0	16.0	16.0	-1.7	-0.2
Fixed Income	1.4	7.1	7.1	9.1	6.8
CORE FIXED INCOME RANK	(36)	(63)	(63)	(44)	(56)
BARCLAYS AGG	1.1	7.9	7.9	6.8	6.5
PRIT FIXED	1.7	8.1	8.1	9.1	6.2
GOV/CREDIT	1.2	8.7	8.7	6.6	6.5
INT AGGREGATE	0.9	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.1
INT GOV/CREDIT	0.8	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.9

ASSET ALLOCATION

PRIT Core	58.5%	\$ 49,402,580
Domestic Equity	22.5%	19,041,261
Real Estate	4.3%	3,615,754
Fixed Income	12.7%	10,748,027
Cash	2.0%	1,663,929
Total Portfolio	100.0%	\$ 84,471,532

INVESTMENT RETURN

Market Value 9/2011	\$ 81,510,885
Contribs / Withdrawals	-1,232,500
Income	396,512
Capital Gains / Losses	3,796,635
Market Value 12/2011	\$ 84,471,532

Annual Statement of the Franklin Regional Retirement System for Year Ended December 31, 2011

MEMBERSHIP FOR CURRENT YEAR

ACTIVE MEMBERS	Group 1	Group 2&4	TOTAL
Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	970	115	1,085
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	428	83	511
Enrolled during current year	108	8	116
Transfers between groups	-	-	-
Reinstatements of disabled members	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	1,506	206	1,712
Deduct:			
Death	(4)	-	(4)
Withdrawal	(97)	(12)	(109)
Retirements	(29)	(1)	(30)
Adj. for members multiple units	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	(130)	(13)	(143)
TOTAL	1,376	193	1,569
Active Membership Dec 31, current year	1,023	112	1,135
Inactive Membership Dec 31, current year	353	81	434

RETIRED MEMBERS, BENEFICIARIES and SURVIVORS

Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	426	46	472
Retirements during the year:			
Superannuation	29	1	30
Ordinary disability	-	-	-
Accidental disability	-	-	-
Termination Retirement Allowance	-	-	-
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	1	1	2
Survivor benefits from active membership	1	1	2
SUBTOTAL	31	3	34
Deduct:			
Deaths of retired members	(17)	(2)	(19)
Termination of Survivors Benefits	(2)	-	(2)
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	(19)	(2)	(21)
TOTAL	12	1	13
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	388	33	421
Superannuation	4	-	4
Ordinary disability	7	7	14
Termination	-	-	-
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	1	4	5
Beneficiaries from Section 100	-	-	-
Beneficiaries from Section 101	-	-	-
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	13	2	15
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	22	1	23
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	3	-	3
TOTAL	438	47	485
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year			

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,814	240	2,054
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Department of Veterans Services - District Town Report

The Central Franklin County District was formed in 1940 and provides Veterans Services for twenty three towns within Franklin County. Currently, we are providing support for 76 veterans who reside in your district.

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) is to be the chief advocate for the nearly half-million veterans of the Commonwealth and their families.

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependents and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

The District office is located at 190 Millers Falls Road, Turners falls, Mass. 01376. Our offices are open four days a week from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (413-863-3205), and Friday by appointment. Leo Parent is the Director of Veterans' Services, Mark Fitzpatrick is your Veterans' Services Officer, and Donna Bezio is our Administrative Assistant. Leo and Mark held our first annual Job Fair for Veterans at the French King Bowling Center with great success; as well as, a Veterans' Administration Health Fair.

Many Veterans have been calling looking for the VA Web Sites. Here are a few for you.

Educational Benefits: www.gibill.va.gov

Home Loan Guaranty: www.homeloans.va.gov

Federal Jobs: www.usajobs.opm.gov

Returning Veterans: www.seamlesstranstion.va.gov

VA Home Page: www.va.gov

Government Jobs: www.usajobs.gov/opm

MA State Veterans Services: www.massvetsadvisor.org

Respectfully submitted,
Leo J. Parent, Director
Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO

PART VI

Miscellaneous

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Washington, DC 20500
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www.whitehouse.gov/contact

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The State House
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Boston, MA 02133
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888-870-7770
Fx: 617-727-9725

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Washington, DC 20510
202-224-2742
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2 Russell Courtyard
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Massachusetts Representative In Congress

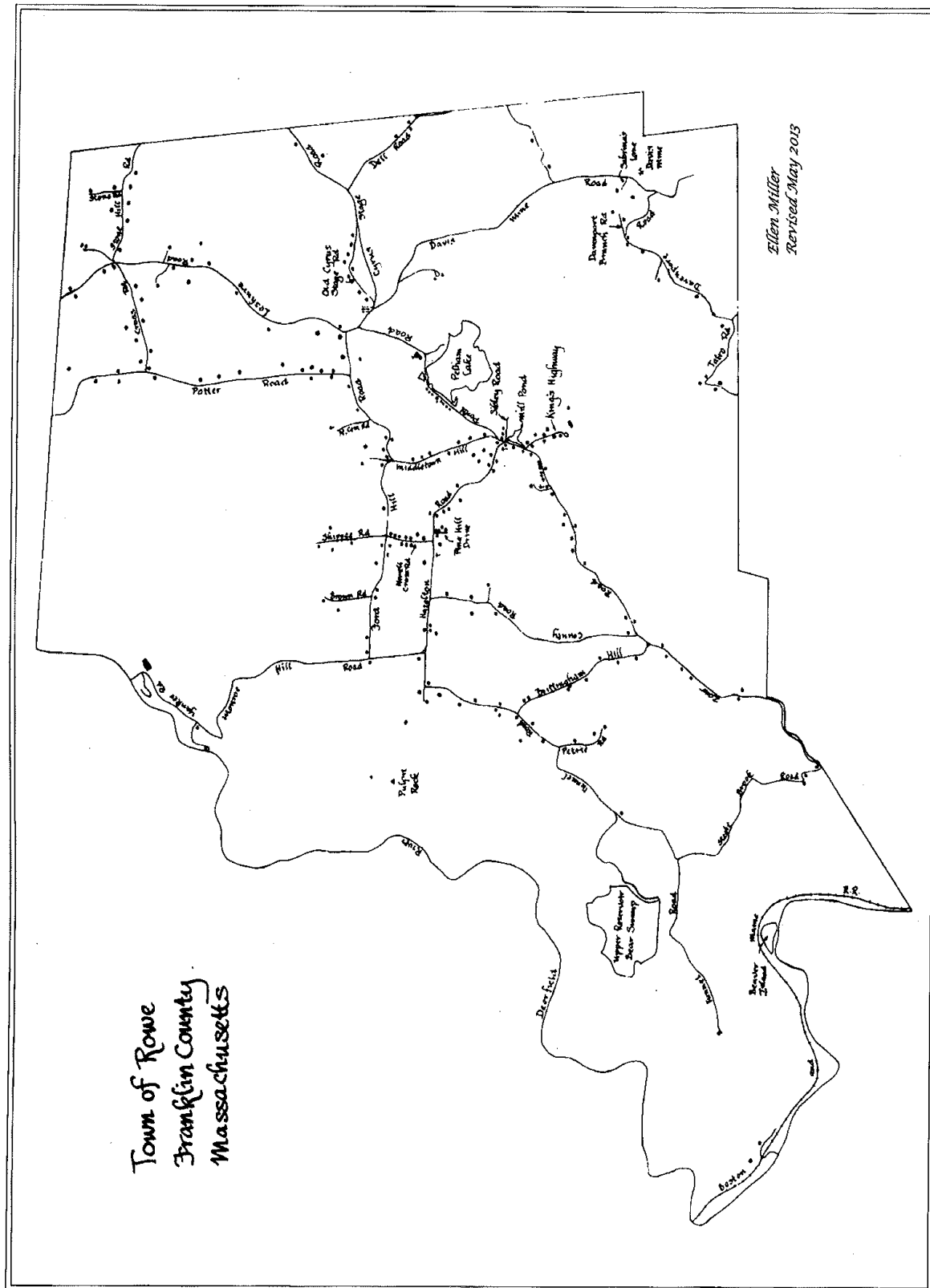
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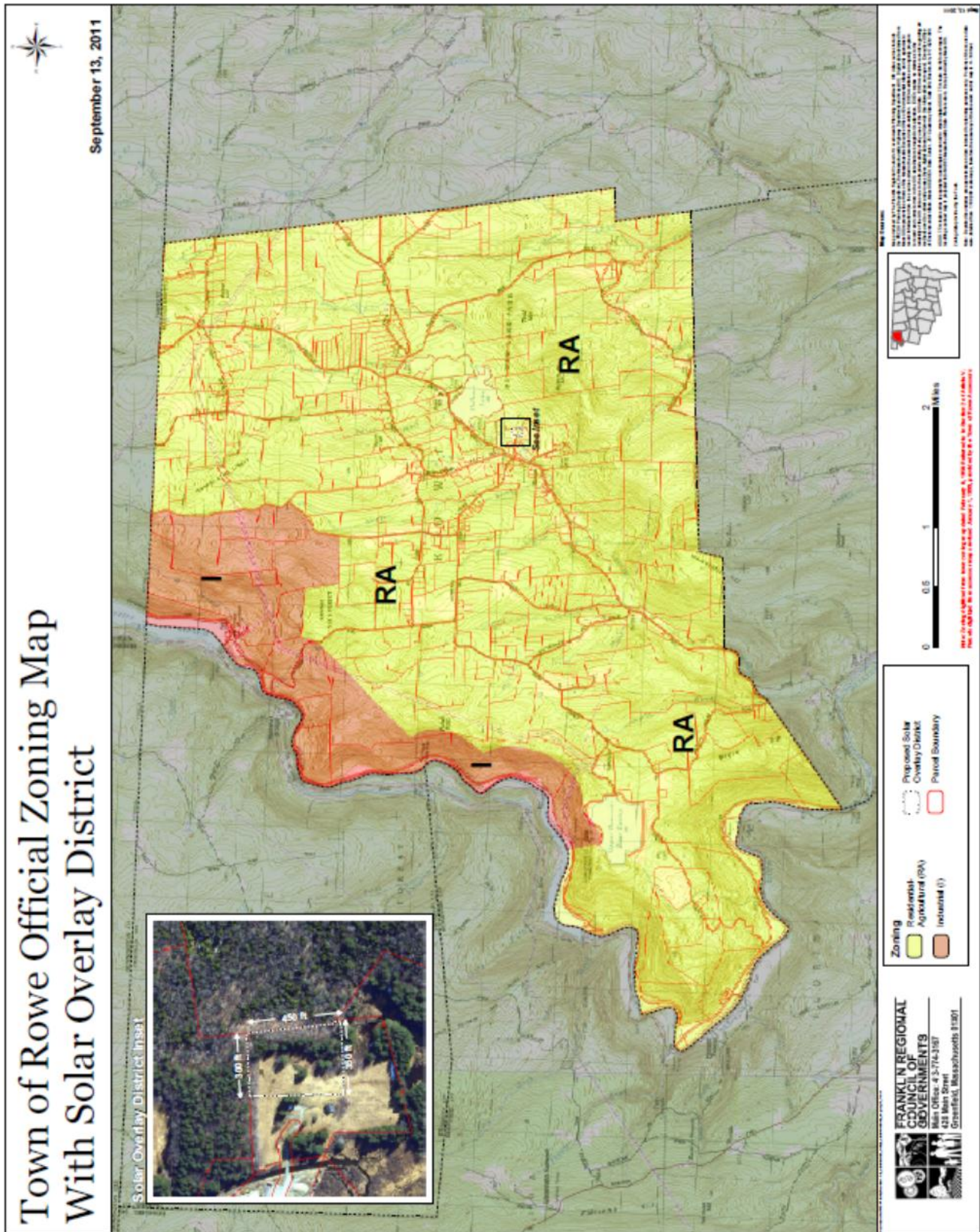
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Official Street Map of Rowe



Office Zoning Map of Rowe



ADDENDUM I

Photos

Rowe Elementary School August 4, 2012 Fire



OLD HOME DAY – JULY 14, 2012



Photos by:

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Library

New Library Seating in Kids' Room



Happy Library Patron

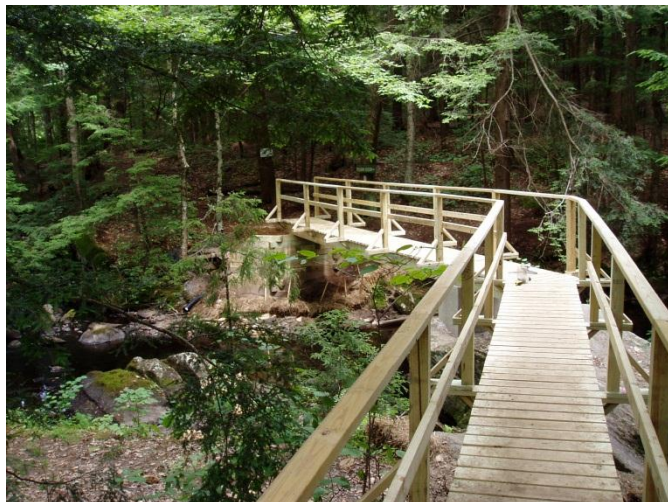


Rowe Library in Early Spring



Park Bridge Construction

Pelham Brook



Pelham Brook



Pelham Brook



Potter Brook Stone Work



ADDENDUM II

May 13, 2013 Town Meeting Warrants