



2013 Annual Town Report

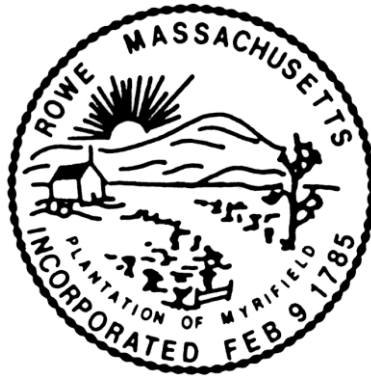
Rowe
MASSACHUSETTS

Two Hundred and Twenty-Seventh

Annual Report

Of the

Town of Rowe Massachusetts



For the Year Ending

December 31, 2013

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Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Board of Selectmen	339-5520 x10	Emergency	9-1-1
Administrative Clerk admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x11	Police Chief policechief@rowe-ma.gov	339-8340 or 339-4340
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 Control Officer	413-834-2951
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)	

Accountant	Wednesday	8:00am to 4:00pm
Administrative Clerk	Mon/Tue/ Wed/Fri	9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Assessors' Clerk	Mon -Thurs	8:00am to 1:00pm
Police Chief	Wednesday	7:00pm to 9:00pm
Town Clerk	Wednesday	9:00am to 12:00pm
Tax Collector	Mon -Thurs	8:00am to 1:00pm
Treasurer	Wednesday	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. ♦

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In Fond Remembrance



Willian W. Brown

May 31, 1923 - July 21, 2013



Phyllis Jean Landry

December 12, 1947 - July 20, 2013



Todd Veber

May 9, 1961 - April 26, 2013

<p>Luella Benson September 17, 1928 - April 3, 2013</p> <p>Irene Boyd March 15, 1930 - February 28, 2013</p> <p>William Boyd October 24, 1931 - November 25, 2013</p> <p>Henry G. Dandeneau July 24, 1924 - March 24, 2013</p>
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Town of Rowe

County of Franklin

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Population:	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 2013 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$ 6.07 per thousand	\$47,631,910.00	\$276,089.86	8.7633%
Commercial	13.38 per thousand	283,507.00	3,793.32	0.115 %
Industrial	13.38 per thousand	163,407,838.00	2,186,396.87	66.2568%
Personal Property	13.38 per thousand	61,323,683.00	820,510.88	24.8649%
Total		\$272,646,938.00	\$3,299,826.76	100.0000%

Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations and Charges

Appropriations	\$3,590,953.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	104,760.00
Cherry Sheet Charges	10,318.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	0.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	<u>20,542.93</u>
Total	\$3,726,573.93

Fiscal Year 2013 Revenue Sources

Tax Levy	\$3,299,826.00
Cherry Sheet	220,788.00
Local Receipts	53,000.00
Free Cash	127,627.00
Free Cash (<i>appropriated on or before 06/30/2012</i>)	.00
Other Available Funds	<u>525,446.32</u>
Total	\$4,226,687.32

Elected Town Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marilyn Wilson, Chair 2015
Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair 2016
Noel R. Abbott 2014

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Frederick N. Williams, Chair 2014
Heidi Cousineau 2016
Carrie Y. Silva 2015

BOARD OF HEALTH

David Cousineau, Chair 2016
Jo-ann M. Brown 2014
Jennifer A. Morse 2015

CEMETERY COMMISSION

James H. Williams, Chair 2016
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher 2015
James W. Taylor 2014

CONSTABLE

Robert L. Dykeman 2014

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dennis F. May, Chair 2014
Margaret Parent 2015
Wayne Zavotka 2016
[vacant] 2014
[vacant] 2014

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Evelyn L. Dandeneau, Chair 2014
Claudine M. Poplawski 2016
Catherine T. Snyder 2015

MODERATOR

Robert J. Clancy 2013

PARK COMMISSION

MaryJo A. Fuller, Chair 2014
Bruce W. Cowie 2016
Michael S. Laffond 2015

PLANNING BOARD

David Roberson, Chair 2016
Jo-ann M. Brown 2014
Robert Dykeman 2013
Robin Reed 2015
Douglas Wilson 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

TAX COLLECTOR

Sandra P. Daviau 2013

TOWN CLERK

Jennifer A. Morse 2014

TREASURER

Donna Flagg (resigned) 2014
Kristi Nartowicz (appointed) 2014

Appointed Town Officials

(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2014)

All appointments were made June 26, 2013, 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)

Ed Grinnell
Arthur Samuelson - Assistant

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Russell L. Powers

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sandra P. Daviau

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Thomas L Chiofalo

MaryJo A. Fuller

John Magnago

Ellen B. Miller

Christine Tower

John H. Williams

BROADBAND COMMITTEE

David Dvore

Russell Jolly

Daniel Wessman

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen B. Miller (resigned 12-31-13)

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COORDINATOR**

Edwin L. May

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Myra B. Carlow, Chair

Prudence Berry

Thomas L. Chiofalo

Robert J. Clancy

[Vacant]

CONSTABLE

Sandra P. Daviau

COUNCIL ON AGING

Sandy P. Daviau, Co-Chair & Treasurer

Christine A. Tower, Co-Chair

Marilyn Belval

Jo-ann M. Brown, Secretary

Mary Ann Dykeman

Doris C. Fensky

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)

Jo-ann M. Brown (D)

Marjorie H. Morse (U)

Mary E. Paige (R)

Robin W. Reed (D)

Carrie Y. Silva (R)

Christine A. Tower (U)

Shirley Veber (R)

Susan C. Wood (J)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Gail May, EMT, EMS Coordinator

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen, EMT

ENERGY COMMITTEE

John R. H. Packard, Chair

Robin Booth

Abigail Phelps

FENCE VIEWERS (2)

Noel R. Abbott

Paul McLatchy III

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 Hyytinen
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]

Sharon C. Hudson
Judith A. Pierce
John H. Williams

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)

Thomas P. Danek, Jr.
Robert R. Rice
James H. Williams

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE [July 2012]

John Magnago, Chair
Jo-ann M. Brown
Robert L. Dykeman

Paul McLatchy III
Ellen Miller
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)
Willian Parent (U)

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Janet Cowie
Donna J. Flagg
Angela Foshay (resigned)
Cynthia M. Laffond
William A. Loomis
Dennis F. May
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 (retired 6-30-13)
Julie J. Shippee

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen
Christopher Mattson

SUPT. OF INSECT PEST/ELM DISEASE CONTROL

James W. Taylor

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

FRCOG/Jackie Cashin

TOWN COORDINATOR

Ellen B. Miller (resigned 12-31-13)

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
Walter J. Quist, Chair
Leonard J. Laffond
William A. Loomis
John H. Williams
[Vacant]

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5) [3-yr term]
Marilyn Wilson, Chair
Robert Dykeman
Russell W. Jolly
Paul McLatchy III
[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 (resigned 12-31-13)

**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 Representative**
Marilyn Wilson

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL TRANSIT
AUTHORITY REP**
Marilyn Wilson
Rosie Gorden - Assistant

**MBI (MA Broadband Institute),
Community Rep**
Ellen B. Miller (resigned 12-31-13)

**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

TREASURER

Heidi Cousineau

Donna Flagg

Appointments to Fill Elected Position Vacancies

TREASURER

Donna Flagg

Kristi Nartowicz (07-17-13)



PART I

Reports of Committees, Departments and Boards

Board of Selectmen

Noel Abbott resigned as Chair of the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 2, 2013 and Marilyn Wilson was elected to take his place. Susan Gleason was elected to the Board of Selectmen in the annual Town elections and was subsequently elected to be Vice-Chair. Thank you to Paul McLatchy III for serving on the Board.

Henry Dandeneau reached the mandatory retirement age for Police Chief and Julie Shippee was appointed as his successor. A great deal of research went into the process to determine the qualifications for this important position; the position was posted; applications received and studied; interviews conducted, and Chief Julie Shippee was chosen. Congratulations Chief Shippee.

Heidi Cousineau resigned for personal reasons from the Treasurer's post. Many thanks to Heidi for years of hard work on behalf of the town.

Donna Flagg was appointed and then elected Treasurer, but she also had to resign for personal reasons. Many thanks to Donna for her strong efforts on behalf of the town.

Kristi Nartowicz was appointed Treasurer in the interim. Kris attended the Rowe school when she was growing up, her father worked at Yankee, and she has special ties to the town of Rowe.

Our new accountant, Jackie Cashin, is from Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG.) She works collaboratively with our new Treasurer. Our financial reports are accurate and timely.

Northeast IT Systems was hired for \$6,500/year to replace the previous IT consultant which had cost the Town \$16,000/year for the past 8 years. The new firm has increased the security of the Town's sensitive information and organized and made efficient the many servers in the computer closet. The intent is to rationalize

the computer and server equipment to use less more effectively.

The Certified Public Accounting firm, Melanson & Heath, completed a full municipal audit on FY12 as suggested by the MASS Dept. of Revenue because of the many changes in our financial system and team. This report is on the Town's web-site and it will be noted that there were many deficiencies in our financial system in FY 2012. The Town's responses are given after each category in the Melanson & Heath report and one can see that about 90% of the necessary improvements have already been made.

The meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen are now up to date as required by law. The original minutes are filed with the Town Clerk, as Keeper of the Records, and copies are kept in a large white binder in the Hearing Room.

A comprehensive personnel policy manual was created and put into effect in June.

Exploration of bringing cell phone service to Rowe has begun.

Ellen Miller resigned as Town Coordinator effective Dec. 31, 2013. Because the position is Board of Selectmen's Administrative Clerk as written in the Town's By-Laws, that is what was posted. Applications were accepted; interviews conducted; and Janice Boudreau, previously Town Coordinator in Heath, was appointed. Please welcome Janice Boudreau.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Wilson, Chair
Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair
Noel Abbott, Selectman

Animal Control Officer

I returned 4 dogs to their owners in Rowe and Vermont. I handled 5 complaints from residents about their neighbor's dogs. I brought one un-

unlicensed and unvaccinated dog that has been caught wandering around town a lot to the Regional Shelter in Turner's Falls who was returned neutered upon payment of the town registration fee. Later, that same dog was found unattended for several days in the middle of winter, and was brought back to the shelter for adoption to a new owner who would care for him. I investigated a possibility of abuse upon notification by a state agency. I attended two meetings of the regional animal control officers in Greenfield about changes in the state law regarding dogs and to hear a report on the activity and policies of the Regional Shelter and met several times with Ed Grinnel, for training and advice.

Arthur Samuelson
Animal Control Officer - Assistant

Animal Inspector

No Report Submitted

Board of Health

David Cousineau was re-elected this year and was again voted in as Chair by his fellow board members. Dave attended training in Pittsfield for Camp Re-reporting and Conducting Inspections. Joann Brown attended MAVEN training in the town nurse's office to learn about the Massachusetts Communication Disease Reporting System. On Rowe's behalf, Jennifer Morse participated in the annual Hawlemont EDS clinic at the end of last year. The clinic served over 100 people and prepared to serve 300 for 2013. In addition to influenza vaccine, tetanus, Tdap and pneumonia vaccine is available.

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 V

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. Julie Shippee was re-appointed as alternate attendant.

While the attendants continued their increased surveillance of people bringing in trash, there are still people dropping off who are unknown to the attendants. This December (2013), we began the process of implementing a Vehicle Sticker Program for 2014. All residents/property owners will be required to place a sticker on their vehicle so that they will be easily identified by the attendants

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 nineteen towns for the expected amount of recycling for our population. In fact our 2013 tonnage report shows that we collected less recyclable goods this year than we did in 2012. A small number of blue recycling bins (4) are still available at the BOH office for sorting recyclables to bring to the transfer station.

Earnings from recycling are added to the Revolving Account that was voted in at the Annual Town Meeting. These funds can be used for the purchase of recycled paper for the town's copiers and computers, membership fees and to offset part of our annual assessment for membership in the FCSWMD.

Public Water System

Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing in Lee has provided all water testing in 2013. Monthly testing is performed for our four (4) public water supplies; the Town Hall, the Rowe Elementary School, Avery Fountain and Pelham Lake Park. Weekly testing is performed at the Pelham Lake swimming area during the swimming season. The board also receives reports on the water sampled at Rowe Camp and Conference Center as well as Maple House Bed and Breakfast.

Health Services

Sheila Litchfield was re-appointed as town nurse. Our town is most 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 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
Joanne Brown
Jennifer Morse

Board of Health - Inspection,

Permit and Test Data

PERMITS ISSUED 2013

Septic Hauler/Pumper:

A-1 Septic (North Adams)

Bostley Sanitary Service

GMG Enterprises, Inc. (Greg's Wastewater)

Installer's Permit:

Adams Trucking, Excavating and Concrete

Danek Excavating

Mitchell Sand and Gravel, LLC

Food Establishments:

Maple House Bed and Breakfast

Rowe Camp and Conference Center

Food Service Temporary:

Halifax Community Club

Readsboro Lions Club

Rowe Community Church

Rowe Elementary Youth Baseball
 Rowe Fire Department
 Rowe Historical Society

Children Camps Permits:

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

Beach Permit:

Pelham Lake -5/15 to 9/15/2013

131 Zoar Road	Okay
294 Zoar Road	Okay
288 Zoar Road	Okay
312 Zoar Road	Crush tank
171 Zoar Road	Okay
228 Zoar Road	Okay
169 Ford Hill Road	Good
42 Ford Hill Road	Okay
530 Tunnel Road	Tank to be crushed
Pelham Lake (composting toilet)	Okay
4 Stone Hill Road	Okay
85 Pond Road	Tank to be crushed
60 Pond Road	Okay
63 Middletown Hill Road	Okay
51 Middletown Hill Road	Good
106 Middletown Hill Road	Okay
7 Potter Road	Okay
30 Potter Road	Okay
43 Potter Road	Good
10 Hazelton Road	Okay
12 Country Branch Road	Okay
137 Leshure Road	Okay
194 Leshure Road	Okay
232 Leshure Road	Okay
48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	Okay
10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC farmhouse x3)	Okay
10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC cabin area)	Okay
10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC main house)	Okay

TITLE 5 ACTIVITY 2013

Title 5 Inspections:

Rowe School Building Site Failed
 127 Country Road (Volland) Failed
 137 Leshure Road (Dunnel) Passed
 32 Shippee Road (Parent) Passed

Title 5 Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests

205 Zoar Rd (Shulda) Passed
 127 Country Road (Volland) Passed

Title 5 Disposal System Construction Permit

530 Tunnel Road (Humbert) Replace System
 40 Shippee Road (Gates) Repair

312 Zoar Road (Hoffman) AlternativeSeptic
 Rowe School Building Site Upgrade

Septic System Installation Final Inspection

40 Shippee Road (Gates/Sprague)
 312 Zoar Road (Hoffman)
 530 Tunnel Road (Humbert)

Septic Pumping Records 2013

32 Shippee Road
 40 Shippee Road Tank to be crushed
 5 Pine Hill Road Okay
 9 Pine Hill Road Okay

Board of Health - Town Nurse

2013 has been another busy year for the Rowe Health Services Office. A total of 1,553 patient encounters occurred, representing an average of 130 visits each month.

In addition to office visits and house calls, Rowe Health Services continues to offer wellness checks, health counseling, nursing assessment and referral to clients of all ages. We offer blood testing for cholesterol, blood sugar, A1C (3-month blood sugar impact test) and INR (blood clotting factor), hearing and vision testing,

monitoring of blood pressure and assistance with weight and fitness management.

We continue to offer several vaccines including influenza, tetanus, Tdap, Pneumonia, Hepatitis B, and ZostaVax (Shingles) for eligible residents.

Through the Health Services office, Rowe continues 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.

New this year is that our application as a vaccine provider through MassHealth has been approved. This enables billing for vaccine services, and payments go to the Town's Vaccine revolving account.

It has been a pleasure to have been able to provide another year of early intervention, illness prevention, health education and 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 main-taining the cemetery grounds, and also Levon Hardison for his continued work rebuilding Stone Walls. The split rail fencing in

the East cemetery was replaced by Whitney Fence of Northfield Ma. Cemetery lots are available in the East and West cemeteries. Please contact Chairman Jim Williams at 339-4731 for additional information concerning purchasing a lot(s).

Anyone with question or comments, please contact any commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Conservation Commission

The five-member Conservation Committee met as needed to address matters brought before it during the calendar year 2013.

Receipt of Notice of Intent

4/22/13 TransCanada Hydro, Northeast, proposed repairs to Sherman Dam area

5/24/13 Conservation Commission approved the proposed work and issued an *Order of Conditions*

5/17/13 Bertin Engineering for Seaboard Solar, proposed installation of solar array on Tunnel Rd.

10/15/13 Conservation Commission approved the proposed work and issued an *Order of Conditions*

Receipt of Request for Determination of Applicability

12/17/12 40 Shippee Rd., John Gates, proposed repair to septic system

2/20/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed.

7/19/13 86 Pond Rd., Rowe School, proposed re-building of Rowe School

7/24/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed.

11/19/13 49 Yankee Road, Yankee Atomic Electric Company, proposed building of an equipment shed

11/21/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed

Request from Franklin County Cooperative Inspectional Program (FCCIP) to Review Applications for Building Permits

At the request of the FCCIP, the Conservation Commission reviewed the Building Permit Applications and made site visits to *fourteen separate locations* to determine if the proposed construction would violate Massachusetts Wetland Protection Laws. All fourteen applications were approved by the Commission

Exploratory Meetings with Property Owners Considering Work

The Commission met with representatives of Yankee Atomic Electric Company to discuss a proposed logging operation. It was determined that the appropriate course was to prepare and present to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) a Logging Plan for the work proposed. This was done.

Training and Education

In order to assure that members are fully educated and familiar with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Laws and Regulations, Commission members attended courses and training sessions prepared and presented by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), a DEP Wetlands Circuit Rider and Lattrell Ecological Consultants. A total of sixty-one volunteer hours were spent in training of Commission members.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Carlow, Chair
Virginia Gabert, Co-Chair
Thom Chiofalo, Clerk
Prudence Berry
Robert Clancy

Council on Aging

The COA has provided under the direction of our Town Nurse (Sheila Litchfield) a medical loan program. Medical equipment such as wheel chairs, walkers, canes, hospital beds, etc. are available for our seniors and anyone that is in need of this equipment. Our thanks to all of our friends that have donated many pieces of medical equipment in the past year.

Sandy Daviau, COA Co-chairman remains our spear-head, diligent with the maintaining of our grant and regular account. She continues to apply for the Formula Grant which helps to support services for our seniors on an annual basis and also reports to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs all expenditures relative to the grant. We would like to thank Rosie & Ronald Gordon for helping our seniors bring in their packages from the FRTA bus to their homes on their Tuesday trips to downtown.

Thanks goes out to Jodi Brown for keeping a great record of our monthly Minutes.

The COA Committee tries to plan at least 2 events during each month during the year. We started our first event with a most delicious soup and salad held on February 15th, featuring six homemade soups and the versatile multi-layered salad made by our salad maker, Robert Dykeman. Bingo and snacks are occasionally planned, and Bingo caller Bob Dykeman, applies his Bingo calling skills.

March saw the Irish Glenshane duo performance, thanks to the sponsorship of the Rowe Cultural Council, This event was held at the Mohawk Park Restaurant. The Heath & Charlemont seniors were also invited to attend. A Corned Beef and Cabbage meal was served and enjoyed by all.

In April, there was a trip to a Special Effects Museum in Lee, MA, with our folks dining at the always popular, Country Buffet Restaurant in Pittsfield, MA.

May 24th was COA's first BBQ of the year with a total of six side dishes enjoyed by all.

Let's not forget our monthly Birthday cakes and pictures captured monthly of our birthday celebrants.

Besides the June BBQ, the senior group enjoyed sandwiches, soup and dessert at the Mohawk Park Restaurant. Again, we had also invited the Heath and Charlemont seniors to join us.

Alternating with the Rowe Park, BBQ's were held at the Gracy House twice monthly. Bob Dykeman, presided over the grill.

Come October, there was a well attended Spaghetti Supper at the St. Joachim's Hall in Readsboro, VT. Later on in the month we had a Pie Social that featured Pumpkin & Apple pie made by our master pie-gal Rachel Gammell.

In November, we had a delicious lunch at the Four Leaf Clover Restaurant in Bernardston, MA and then a trek to Kringle Kandle met with favor.

The committee voted for two tall and slender Christmas trees, one to grace each room. The trees were decked out most splendidly by our artistic members, Marilyn Belval and Doris Fensky. Candles in each window and mini-lights displayed on the porch added to the Village

Green Christmas Cheer. Our Christmas social was held on December 6th. A Rockefeller Rockettes Christmas video was featured and the glorious voice of Helen Shields was heard.

We extend a thank you to Morghan Jolly for his shoveling for our seniors in need through December and to Ben Sherman to pick up where Morghan left off.

The Rowe COA continues to observe a moment of silence for those seniors who have passed and Chris Tower has a special senior angel book of bitter-sweet memories for viewing.

To anyone who we may have left out of our recap, we apologize.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sandy Daviau, COA Co-chair, COA
Treasurer
Christine Tower, COA Co-chair
Jodi Brown, COA Secretary
Marilyn Belval, Member
Mary Ann Dykeman, Member
Doris Fensky, Member
Shirley Veber, Member

Cultural Council

This year the Rowe Cultural Council received from the state the amount of \$4250.00. We have allotted all the funds to the benefit of the following: the Rowe Elementary School, the Rowe Library, the Rowe Historical Society, the Mohawk Trail Concerts, the Rowe Council on Aging and the Heath Agricultural Society (the Heath Fair). We received applications for grants totaling more than \$11,000 and we made our judgments chiefly on the basis of benefit to the most Rowe residents.

Our members this year were Anne Besgen, Joann Brown, Ellyn Packard and Kelle Quist. If

you are interested in serving on the council, please contact one of our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellynn Packard, Chair

DPW - Highway Department

After the winter storm on February 8th & 9th the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declared that the effected communities were eligible to receive emergency disaster funds. The Highway Department filed the necessary documents with FEMA. The total expenses for the storm were calculated to be \$16,081.09. Fema funded 75% of this emergency their share being \$12,060.82.

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 2013 were:

- A 10% Rubber Chip Seal was applied to Ford Hill Rd,
- Culverts were replaced on Steele Brook Rd. & Tunnel Rd
- Culverts were also replaced & added on Tatro Rd. with a paved ditch added to help control severe storm run off
- Fiber asphalt crack sealing was applied to Hazelton Rd. and Cyrus Stage Rd,

Thank you to Ellen Miller, Sandy Daviau, Janice Boudreau, 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 **Josh Taylor** did a great job trimming and cleaning our roadsides this past summer. 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 **Dustin Brown and Ashton Morse** for assisting Josh. We had the largest crew ever (ten 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 go to **Ted Palmer** for performing his annual Poison Ivy eradication. The Grasshoppers appreciate you taking care of this for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim 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 a 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.

This year 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]

This year our emergency personnel responded to thirty four medical calls, two motor vehicle accidents and one snowmobile accident. As always they performed with care and expertise. Their dedication to the town and its people is very much appreciated and I would like to thank their families. They 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 12 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 cross-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

The major activities for the Rowe Energy Committee were centered on the implementation of the projects that were funded by Green Communities grant of \$135,725 in December, 2012.

Study for feasibility of Home Energy Improvements by Mini-Grants from Green Communities funds

The study, done jointly with Center for Eco-Technology was completed in August 2013. It concluded that the Town of Rowe was an exceptionally well-suited community for a Home Energy Improvements program. Four workshops were conducted in January through March of 2013 that helped raise interest in MassSave assessments and in techniques for home energy improvements. (Grant \$2675.00)

Workshops funded by Green Communities funds as part of an Education and Outreach project

This was a “how to” series on the topics of Waste Management and Composting; Winserts (interior inserts for window weatherization) (Part I Introduction, Part II Construction of Winserts); and Ice Dam Prevention. No matter the topic, the presenters aimed attendees toward the MassSave assessment as the best first step toward home energy improvements and reduction of personal carbon footprints. Several of the participants in



these workshops went on to do assessments and followed through with contracts for other energy efficiency work in their homes. This workshop program was completed in February, of 2013. (Grant \$1,010.)

Laura Biddulph of CET

Green Communities Home Energy Mini-Grant Program

This project was the fulfillment of a long-standing desire by the Rowe Energy Committee to be able to give more direct assistance to Rowe households in making strides for better energy efficiency. The Committee found it satisfying to support projects that are making a difference through 41 separate projects in 27 households in Rowe. For Green Communities grants of \$27,650, through leveraging incentive monies from Mass Save and other utility rebates, Rowe participating residents received over \$63,325 of energy efficiency improvements. The building improvements will reduce energy consumption and utility costs into the future, and increase comfort and health in these homes.

Parks Headquarters energy updates

As the Parks Department had not yet benefited from any of Rowe’s past energy conservation

programs, Green Communities funds were used for two projects: insulation improvements at the headquarters at Pelham Lake, and a solar PV array (on the Town Garage) that would supply the electrical needs of the Parks Department.

The Energy Committee communicated which the Park Commissioners and make the plans for this headquarters building project. Co-op Power was hired to define and eventually to install the insulation needs for the building and the adjunct Clivis Multrum toilet building.

Solar PV 7.14 kW Green Communities installation Number 1 on over west bays of the Town Garage (for Parks electrical use costs)

The original award to Berkshire PhotoVoltaics Services (BPVS), on October 12, 2012, was for



\$29,250, substantially lower than expected. Therefore the Town of Rowe requested a change order of 25% increase in the contract price which was received by Rowe on November 15, 2012, and authorized by the Selectmen shortly thereafter. This changed the grant payment for installation to \$35,100, and increased the rated kWh from 5.64 to 7.14. BPVS completed the installation of modules, inverter, and associated equipment on January 16, 2013, and arranged for net metered interconnection with National Grid which was made on March 20, 2013; the

SolrenView tracking system also began reporting that day.

Hybrid Air Source Heat Pump Electric Water Heater in the Town Hall

Rowe Town Hall does not have heavy hot water use. There are three full bathrooms and two



kitchenettes that use hot water. A standard electric hot water heater was replaced with a heat pump technology electric hot water heater which GE's studies have shown to save on the average 62% of the energy used relative to a standard one. Ward Plumbing of Charlemont, MA switched out the existing electric water heater in the furnace room with the heat-pump-operating electric water heater in the last week of January, 2013. (Grant \$1550.)



Window Quilts Installations in the Town Hall, Library, Gracy House, and Town Garage office area

One major point repeated in our Education and Outreach workshops program under Green Communities, was the great potential of savings, at a low cost, of interior treating of existing windows. (Every window is a significant break in the building envelope and a primary source of transfer of cold air and heat loss from a building.) After we began installations for this project, users

of Rowe building spaces (beginning with Town Hall) noticed significant reduction of the movement of cold air, and the subsequent increased comfort in their work or meeting space. Interior window treatments greatly outperform in cost/benefit the replacement of windows, which can have a 50-90 year payback. Winserts of the type presented our workshop can contribute over 3R (resistance to heat lost); window quilts do even better, rated over 7R. The Committee worked with Bryan Willet, owner of Window Quilt of Brattleboro on all of the projects eventually installed in the Town Hall (\$7,399), Library (\$3,681), Gracy House (\$4,317), and the office and meeting room of the Town Garage (\$728). Window Quilt gave Rowe a 40% municipal discount on all the quilts installed.

Municipal Lighting Audit and Upgrade Town-Wide (Not a Green Communities funded project)

The Energy Committee contacted the National Grid Small Business Lighting Upgrade program from which the Town had benefitted twice before in the last 8 years. The assessors from Prism, Inc., the vendor used by National Grid to implement the program, examined the Highway Department, Parks Buildings, Town Garage, Library, and Town Hall and presented the Town with separate contracts for each of these buildings. The contracts with Prism were signed and paid for by the Town of Rowe. The new lamps and fixtures are projected to save \$550 in electricity yearly. (Cost to Town of Rowe \$741) (Balance of \$2,920, a utility incentive paid by National Grid)

Solar PV 11.66 kW Green Communities installation Number 2 on over east bays of the Town Garage

Combined with project Number 1, the two arrays neatly span the entire length of the south-facing roof of the Rowe Town garage and have a combined 18.8 kW rated output.



Bids for this project were received on January 17, 2014. The selection of the winning bid was made the following week to Solar Store of Greenfield. The array went into net-metered operation and delivery of power to the Grid on Saturday, March 15, 2014. The SolrenView tracking system also began reporting that day. (Grant \$47,100) (To totally expend the \$135,725 grant, \$222 was transferred to Rowe for administrative support of the Green Communities projects.)

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Fire Department/Emergency Management/HazMat Control

During the last report period the Fire Department responded to 51 calls:

- 34 Medical Emergencies
- 2 Structure Fire
- 2 Chimney Fire
- 2 Brush Fires
- 4 Mutual Aid Calls Given

30	Mutual Aid Calls Received
3	Fire Detection Alarms
1	CO Monitor Alarm
1	Smoke Detector Alarm
1	Tree on Power Lines
2	Motor Vehicle Accidents
1	Snowmobile Accident
1	Engine 1 to Tri-State Field Day at Greenfield Community College
2	Cover Truck 1 - Readsboro, 1 - Whitingham
1	Hazardous Materials Response (False)
1	Assist School Construction Calls for water - Plumbing Tests

Apparatus that have responded in and to Rowe:

Ambulances:

Colrain 32A1

Charlemont 7A1

Baystate Health

Apparatus:

Rowe Engine 1

Rowe Engine 4

Rowe Tanker

Charlemont Engine

Also 43+ calls were made in member personally owned vehicles.

Man-Hours for responses alone in 2013 were 237+ hours.

As of 2013 training and work hours were not recorded but a number of people have put in many, many hours to make our fire department functional. This included an increase in training

levels to be responsive to the needs and wants of Rowe residents and our Mutual Aid Partner towns in Massachusetts and Vermont.

On-Line software was purchased to facilitate the record keeping of required information and to streamline the processing of MFIR reports to the State of Massachusetts.

A "Self-Retracting Lifeline" was installed in the Hose Tower of the fire station. This was installed to eliminate the potential for falling as much as 27 feet while working on the platform at the top of the Hose Tower.

In 2013 efforts were made by a group of citizens to help improve the Fire Department. In September these individuals met and organized a new fire association in order to continue helping the department and to serve the community. They generously donated a brand new Keurig coffee maker and have plans to begin larger projects in town.

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.

The 2013/2014 Burning season this year included a change in issuing Burn Permits, which now must be obtained from Shelburne Dispatch or on-line. During the open burning season for 2013/2014 there were a total of 17 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.

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

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 Ian Boyd, Lockwood “Buster” Reed, and Presley Veber 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 firefighting. There is plenty of other work with which we could use help as support staff. 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

2013 was a year of change at the library as we said goodbye to director Sue Gleason and hello to our new director Molly Lane. We also saw a change in our delivery; to a statewide delivery system that allows patrons to receive materials from Central and Western Massachusetts more efficiently.

Jodi Brown and Carrie Silva, with the help of some town children, decorated the library for the holidays. In October Baystate Franklin Medical Center, with the help of GCC nursing students, held a program at the library called “Blood and Guts”. The program offered children and their families an up close look at different aspects of health care. 19 adults and 23 children attended this program. Mary Boehmer and Bambi Miller presented a “Remembrance of Our Past” where two cousins reminisced about their family's Abolitionist activities in Charlemont during the 1800's. 7 adults and 3 children attended the event. In the winter months Karen Soviecke displayed many of her ‘Touch Drawings’ around the library.

We continue to discard worn and outdated items to make way for many new materials on our limited shelf space. We own 12,814 items for loan, including books, magazines, DVDs, VHS, audio and music CDs. Patrons also have access to borrow books and audios online to read or listen to on MP3 players, Kindles, Nooks and other eReaders.

With many changes this past summer, the summer reading program was a little quieter than in previous years. We did have 23 registered readers and prizes of wax-dipped hands from Yankee Candle and a grand prize of two Big E tickets were 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:

Molly Lane

Old Home Day Committee

Old Home Day July 13, 2013

The four mile run and fishing derby began early. In the men's race, Alex Rice came in first. In the women's race, Karissa Hookstadt won first prize.

Youngest fisherman (age 3) in the fishing derby went to Matt Salgado. First fish caught prize

went to Charles Miles. Biggest fish (8") prize went to Matt Miles and the most fish (15) prize was awarded to Lillie Salgado.

Our parade theme for 2013 was "SCHOOL DAYS".

This year, under the direction of Curt Neill, three members of the Shelburne Falls VFW Honor Guard started the parade off, followed by six members of the Civil Air Patrol, USAF, under the direction of Julie Pratt. Our Grand Marshalls, Jack and Nan Williams, were chauffeured by Henry Phillips of Greenfield in his 1962 white Corvair convertible. Flag holders Paul McLatchy III and Becky Richardson carried the Town of Rowe flag. David Rennie, of Stamford, Vermont played bagpipe followed by Selectboard members Noel Abbott, Sue Gleason, and Marilyn Wilson. Dr. Richard Warner rode his big wheel bicycle followed by the Franklin County Sheriff's Chevy SUV. Classic cars and tractors followed. Fire trucks and forty-three fire fighters from twelve other towns closed out our parade. Readsboro won first prize trophy for their fire truck entry. The classic car award went to Mr. DenOuden, of Heath, for his 1926 Ford Model T half ton truck.

There was also a new event added thanks to Bob Dykeman and the Charlemont Lions Club: The Dunking Booth! Jodi recruited the brave volunteers, including Bill Knittle, Bob Clancy, Ray Wilson, Paul McLatchy III, et al. All were good sports, for this OHD was a cold, rainy, and windy one. Nancy Tower Hickox stole the show in her wild gypsy attire.

The first Firemen's Association pancake breakfast was also held with great success- over 75 people attended!

As usual, Old Home Day also included the Shelburne Falls Military Band Concert, Lions Club Eye Mobile, Rowe Church auction and food

stand, fresh strawberry short cake, a bouncy room for the kids, a dunking booth, cliff hangers climbing wall, the pie eating contest, face painting, a garden tour by Nancy Williams, church raffles, and Lions Club drawings.

Evening activities concluded at the park/beach with a chicken barbeque prepared by the Readsboro Lions Club. Music during the BBQ was provided by "The Bum Steers", "The Grey Whisker Pickers", and "Small Change". A special thanks to Jim William for setting up and removing his "Flatbed Stage" for the concerts. It appears and disappears and is a job he has done for decades.

There was a great turn out, as usual, for the BBQ and the fireworks display. Despite some rain during the day, Old Home Day 2013 was without a doubt, another fun day for everyone.

In the fall, the Old Home Day Committee began meeting to discuss ways to improve and "shake things up" for Old Home Day 2014. Discussions were held at great length about holding a two-day event. A unanimous vote was taken in early 2014 to hold a two-day event.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Brown
John Magnago
Paul McLatchy III
Cristine Tower

Old Home Day Committee:

John Magnago, Chair
Joann (Jodi) Brown
Robert Dykeman
Sean Loomis
Paul McLatchy III
Ellen Miller
Christine Tower

Park Commission

This past year the Park Commission's planning and focus provided the following:

- Long term solution to the water crossing on PotterBrook/Tuttle Brook confluence.
 - Delivery of the arched bridge and installation was accomplished in time for the Summer hiking season.
 - Further study of the beach area provided a decision to include the beach on the town C.I.P. The expansion or reduction of beach area, activities utilizing the beach, and maintenance were scrutinized with due consideration to overall cost. The park commission is moving forward with a comprehensive plan for the coming year.
 - Reorganization of the Commission is as follows: Mary Jo Fuller, Chair; Bruce Cowie and Mike Laffond Co-Secretary.
 - Worked with the Board of Health on implementation of Christian's Law; this resulted in the purchase of additional personal floatation devices (lifejackets) and the utilization during swim lessons for participants.
 - Park continues to host many group events i.e: graduation parties, field day for the elementary schools and a geo cache hunt.
 - Park Commission was the recipient of a benefit tee shirt sale held on Old Home Day. Park Commissioner Bruce Cowie designed the graphics and Percy Brown descendent Jocelyn Brown Hall was instrumental in seeing the project through.
 - We also touched base on insect threats to our park.
- As always the Park Commission is indebted to Park Ranger Sean Loomis and our Summer

Youth Employment Staff. They are the backbone and strength of our harmonious workings at Pelham Lake Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Williams, Chair

Bruce Cowie

Michael Laffond

Planning Board

Planning Board members and officers

In the annual town election in May 2013, Bob Dykeman was reelected to a five-year term.

Following the election, the Planning Board elected David Roberson to serve as chairman and Doug Wilson as scribe. David Roberson was also elected as representative to the Franklin Regional Planning Board, which is sponsored by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG).

Planning and Zoning

The board continued its comprehensive review of Rowe's zoning bylaws, working systematically to identify areas where the board feels they are deficient or should be updated, and proposing revisions. Zoning bylaws can only be changed by two-thirds majority vote of Town Meeting, following a public hearing where the pros and cons can be discussed in depth. Residents will be given ample opportunity to examine any proposed changes and comment on them before they are formally adopted by voters at Town Meeting.

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the board took up the question of whether Rowe should join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Planning Board met with FRCOG planner Patricia Smith to go over the

town's existing zoning bylaws, review official flood maps which are prepared and adopted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and discuss the ramifications if the town were to participate in the program. The town's participation would potentially enable property owners to access government-subsidized flood insurance policies, which could lower the cost for such insurance. However, this could also result in a new requirement that mortgage-holders must buy flood insurance, potentially mandating significant new costs for affected property owners and/or lessees. It was acknowledged that the FEMA maps for Rowe are out of date and that no timeline for more accurate maps to be produced could be estimated. Controversy over the NFIP has been widely reported by news outlets in the last year and is currently the subject of legislative debate and activity on both the state and national levels. In light of this ongoing debate and shifting regulatory environment, the board decided to defer further consideration of the issue until we could devote sufficient time to examine its intricacies. The topic remains on the board's agenda and will be considered in the coming year.

At Annual Town Meeting a citizens' petition article for a temporary moratorium on large-scale wind energy systems was approved by Town Meeting voters. Because enactment of such a moratorium would not take the force of law in the absence of a required public hearing prior to the vote being taken, the vote was taken by the moderator as a "sense of the meeting" and was broadly supported. This initiative was not discussed by the Planning Board prior to its introduction at Town Meeting, but at the request of member Doug Wilson the topic has been added to the board's agenda for future discussion.

Permitting

There were no requests for subdivisions or "Approval Not Required" (ANR) lot divisions.

There were no tree hearings, however the Planning Board met with Highway Superintendent Jim Taylor and Lance Wade, who was working for utility company National Grid, regarding trimming of trees for utility rights-of-way along town roads. Mr. Wade was advised that all roadways in Rowe are considered scenic roads and that if any trees were slated to be cut down a public hearing would have to be held and permission obtained from the Planning Board prior to such work being done.

Special Permit application for solar photovoltaic facility

In May, the Planning Board held preliminary discussions with representatives of Seaboard Solar, a company proposing to construct a large solar photovoltaic installation on land belonging to Bob and Mary Ann Dykeman on Tunnel Road. The company subsequently filed for Special Permit approval for a 6 megawatt solar installation, an earth removal permit, and a Site Plan Review application. This proposal was the first major special permit application and the largest development proposed for Rowe in over four decades and quickly became the predominant issue facing the board in 2013, eclipsing most other business.

As Bob Dykeman is a member of the Planning Board and has a material interest in the proposal, he recused himself from all deliberations concerning the proposal.

An escrow account was established with funds provided by the applicant to pay for the Planning Board's consulting and other expenses related to the application.

While the applicants originally asked for and were granted expedited processing of their application (in order to secure advantageous financing in the face of changing regulations), they later requested two continuations of the

public hearing. The hearing officially opened on June 26 2013 but was continued at the applicant's request first to August 6th and then to October 15th, 2013 at which point testimony was submitted by the applicant, abutters and other town residents and experts hired by the Planning Board. The public hearing was then continued to November 5, 2013, when more testimony was heard, then continued to November 19, 2013 for more testimony, at the end of which meeting the public hearing was closed and no further testimony was accepted. On December 3, 2013 the Planning Board began deliberation, and it became apparent that the board was split on whether to approve the special permits and the site plan review. Because the upcoming holiday season would impact the timely filing of all required documents, the Planning Board held off on voting until shortly after the turn of the year. On January 8, 2014, the Planning Board rendered its decision. Doug Wilson and Jodi Brown voted to approve the special permit and earth removal permit and to accept the site plan review; David Roberson and Robin Reed voted against approval of the permits and of the site plan review. Because both permits required a supermajority vote of the board (four affirmative votes), the permits were denied. Site plan review approval requires a simple majority vote of the board (three affirmative votes), but failing to obtain this the approval was similarly denied.

The applicant has filed an appeal of the Planning Board's decision in Franklin Superior Court; the case is expected to go to trial later in 2014.

The Planning Board thanks the Rowe Camp and Conference Center for their generosity in making their facilities available to host the public hearing on several occasions.

Independent Counsel

Town Meeting voters approved an article amending the Town's by-laws, affirming the authority of the Planning Board to hire such legal counsel as it deems necessary and appropriate, subject to a prior appropriation of Town Meeting specifically for such purpose. Voters subsequently approved a budget for the Planning Board containing a line item for consulting expenses and independent counsel.

Goal Post

The Rowe Goal Post has been published by the Planning Board for nearly 40 years, with the goal of informing Rowe residents about the meetings and affairs of town boards, committees and departments. The newsletter also includes items of general interest to residents. Submissions are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered two applications for variances in 2013. Both situations involved pre-existing structures.

Public Hearings were held on both applications and no objections were submitted by abutters, nor, in fact, by any persons.

In the case of 65 Dell Road, Rowe, the owners applied for permission to renovate the existing house; and in the case of 19 Stone Road, Rowe, the owners sought permission to add on to the existing house.

The Board decided in favor of the both applicants, using as reference Massachusetts

General Law Chap 40A § 6 which states that a variance may be issued if there will be no substantial detriment to the public good and if the intent of the bylaw will not be nullified or substantially derogated.

In addition, the Board referenced Gale, et al. v Zoning Board of Appeals of Gloucester, et al. (2011) which states that Chap 40A § 6 is now sufficient, by itself, to allow the expansion of a single-or two-family dwelling which introduces new violations of local dimensional requirements.

Russell Jolly created a document which clearly outlines the steps which must be taken by an applicant when a Zoning Variance is sought and this is available either from the Town Clerk or the Board of Selectmen's Administrative Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Wilson, Chair
Russell Jolly
Bob Dykeman
Gail May



PART II

Education



Congratulations to our 2013 Graduates



Dean Coulombe



Sophie Taylor



Ashton Morse

Will Booth

Dustin Brown

Eric Paige

Alex Rice

Rowe Elementary School – 6th Grade Class



Top to Bottom: Zakary Miller, Ryan Shattuck, Erin Laffond, Jordan Rice, Grace Gokey, Hailey Larned, Gwyneth Clark, Morgan Roccio.

School Enrollments 2013-14

	Ashfield	Buckland	Charlemont	Colrain	Hawley	Heath	Plainfield	Rowe			Other	2013 Totals
Rowe												
K								4			1	5
1								3			1	4
2					2			6				8
3		2	1			1		2				6
4						3		4				7
5		1	2					8			1	12
6		1						3				4
Total Rowe	0	4	3	0	2	4	0	30			3	46

Summary of Rowe Student Enrollment

<u>Town / Grade</u>	Local School	Vocational School	Collaboratives	Charter School	Out-of District Public
Rowe					
K	4				
1	3				
2	6				
3	1				
4	4				
5	11				
6	3				
7	5			1	
8	5				
9	5	2			
10	6				1
11	2	1			
12	3	1			
Rowe Subtotals	58	4	0	1	1

School Committee

Thankfully we had a much calmer start to the school year than the previous year. The children's return to Rowe Elementary School at Hawlemont was smooth and uneventful. The teachers and students were able to continue their task of working toward educational excellence.

Thank you to the continued welcome that the Charlemont and Hawley communities provided for us at Hawlemont this year. I look forward to continued work with the communities around us affording greater social experiences for all of our children.

A major focus for the year was rebuilding the Rowe Elementary School. Thank you Rowe townspeople for your continued support of this endeavor. A special thank goes you to the members of the School Building Committee who have worked tirelessly on this project, along with the great project management team of P3 of Norwell MA. Architect for the project is Greenberg Associates Architects of Putney VT and the general contractor is DEW Construction Corporation of Williston VT. Another special thank you goes to both the new group *Friends of the Rowe School* and the *Mary Lyon Foundation* who have recently begun a capital campaign to procure donations and gifts for some furnishings, fixtures, equipment and grounds work not covered by insurance funds.

At the time of this writing, we are also looking at a change in central office services that will help Rowe toward greater educational autonomy and allow the educational excellence of Rowe Elementary School to shine through. While change is typically perceived as difficult, I am confident that this will move Rowe Elementary forward as a great school.

The School Committee thanks Rowe townspeople for their continued support of educating the PreK-6th grade children of the Rowe Elementary School and the grade 7-12 children attending Mohawk Trail Regional Middle/High School and Franklin County Technical School.

Rowe School Committee:

Lisa Miller, Chair

Lisa Danek-Burke

Cindy Laffond

School Building Committee

January: Rowe Town Residents were surveyed regarding their views on building a new Rowe elementary school.

Of the 313 Rowe voters surveyed, 172 surveys

Survey Questions	Number of Respondents	Percent
What to build		
Multifunctional school facility with community services	108	63%
Community Center only	33	20%
Nothing	12	7%
How to pay for the building		
Use insurance money only	69	40%

were returned (55%) . The following is a summary of pertinent questions:

The 3 most important reasons for building a new school in Rowe were, 1) local education of our children, 2) town welcomes families with young children and 3) future health of the town. The 3 most important attributes of the Rowe Elementary School were, 1) level of academic excellence, 2)high quality teachers and 3)educational programs.

The town voted at a Special Town Meeting on January 23, 2013 to appropriate \$250,000 from the Insurance proceeds for preliminary work to hire an Owner's Project Manager and Architect

for a new school building that can also be used for community purposes.

February: Dan Pallotta of P3 was hired as Owners Project Manager for the Rowe School Building project. Members of the SBC Site Visit Sub-committee visited 9 schools in Western MA to gain ideas. Rowe Elementary School teachers and staff were surveyed as to their space needs.

March: Chip Greenberg (Greenberg Associates Architects) was hired to design the new Rowe Elementary School. The Needs Assessment Report was completed.

April: A two day Charette was held to develop a design program for the school. The energy sub-committee met with Building Green to develop plans for an energy efficient building.

May: The SBC held 3 community information meetings to present the plans for the new school and estimated costs. Demolition of the old school began. On May 23, 2013 the town voted to appropriate \$6,307,200 from the insurance fund for the purpose of constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new elementary school.

June/July: The SBC worked with Greenberg Associates make decisions for the final construction drawings including decisions about heating systems, lighting, materials/finishes, and built in furnishings. The finance sub-committee met with USDA Area Specialist, Len Shuzdak to gain information regarding USDA Rural Development Grants. It was determined that the Town of Rowe has too much money in the Capital Stabilization Fund to qualify for USDA grants.

August/September: Final construction plans and manual were approved and sent out for bids. Sub-bids were due on September 10th. General

Contractor bids were due on September 19th. DEW Construction with a bid of \$5,477,000 was awarded the bid (Sept. 23, 2013).

October: A Ground breaking ceremony was held at the school site on Tuesday, October 8th. The Ground Breaking was attended by Rowe Elementary School students and staff, SBC members, design and construction representatives, and residents. It was determined that Zavotka would attend the weekly job site meetings to represent the School Building Committee. John Lawler of DEW construction was assigned as site superintendent. Mike DelVecchio was assigned as Field OPM representing P3.

November/December: Excavation was completed including replacement of soil in areas where it did not meet compaction requirements. Footers and foundations were poured. Installation of plumbing and electrical components commenced.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Zavotka, Chair
School Building Committee

Rowe Elementary School - Principal's Report

It is my pleasure to submit the 2013 Principal's Report for Rowe Elementary School. The first half of the year started with the town voting to rebuild the school, and culminated in a beautiful graduation ceremony at the lake, while the second half featured the groundbreaking in October for our new school. Thanks to the support of the Rowe and Hawlemont School Communities, the Rowe School was able to continue within the walls of the Hawlemont Regional School, allowing our dedicated staff to continue to support the academic, social and emotional learning offered to all of our students. This will

continue as we look forward to 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.

- In October, Kindergarten through grade six students hiked Mount Greylock, learning much about local flora and fauna while enjoying a chilly but beautiful day together. The Preschool visited Pine Hill Orchard.

- Enrichment activities during and after school included sports offerings, hikes, skating, skiing at Berkshire East, a visit to the Nutcracker at the Academy of Music in Northampton, and the use of Pelham Lake Park.

- The Rowe Parent Teacher Partnership held their 14th 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 money 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 Washington, D.C. for five days of intensive academic and social learning.

- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish from the preschool classroom through the sixth grade.

- Construction began on the new school in late fall, with a plan to be in the school for the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

Once again the learning adventure remains solid thanks to the continued support of our Rowe School families, the Rowe School Committee, the Rowe Select Board 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

The educational improvement planning of the Rowe School District is aligned to the District Standards and Indicators adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This report highlights progress made by Rowe during 2013 toward achieving these performance standards.

Standard 1: Leadership, Governance, and Communication. Rowe educators began developing and implementing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). PLCs are collaborative structures used to distribute leadership and cultivate

high performing school districts. Administrative Council developed and implemented a PLC-based structure to facilitate its weekly meetings. This structure has been used to facilitate professional development in fundamental educational matters, such as educator evaluation. The next phase of the PLC initiative will focus on teacher training and implementation at the school level.

Standard 2: Curriculum and Instruction. Rowe educators were provided training in Understanding By Design (UbD). UbD focuses on teaching for understanding and is generally referred to as backward design. In backward design, the teacher starts with classroom outcomes and then plans the curriculum. Instructionally, the District created a crosswalk document linking the new Educator Evaluation Rubric with the Characteristics for Standards-Based Teaching and Learning Continuum of Practice adopted by the MA DESE. This crosswalk provided educators with examples of evidence and observable practices of proficient teaching.

Standard 3: Assessment. Rowe Educators used student assessment results, local benchmarks, and other pertinent data to improve student achievement and inform all aspects of educational decision-making. The District established three assessment windows during the school year: fall, winter and spring. Assessments included the Benchmark Assessment System for English Language Arts and the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) for Math. Data team meetings were instituted to facilitate the use of student assessment data to inform instruction.

Standard 4: Human Resources and Professional Development. The Rowe School Committee and the Rowe Teacher Association reached agreement on the new educator evaluation system required by MA DESE. The District began implementing the new evaluation system with fidelity. Administrative Council completed administrator training for the new evaluation system and took responsibility for training all staff. Central Office purchased a software application designed to facilitate the new system electronically. The principal met with the Rowe teachers to assist in self-assessment and setting goals.

The teachers submitted self-assessments and proposed goals. The principal met with the teachers to establish educator plans. The principal completed most of the educator plans and a first observation of each teacher. The teachers submitted some evidence supporting their performance.

Standard 5: Student Support. The Rowe School District recognizes that teacher support is essential to student support. With this connection in mind, the District introduced Professional Learning Days (PLDs). PLDs replaced traditional half days and focused on educator training. Another structure established within the Rowe School to support students was the use of S.M.A.R.T. goals by the teachers (**S** = Specific and Strategic, **M** = Measurable, **A** = Action Oriented, **R** = Rigorous, Realistic and Results Focused, and **T**= Timed and Tracked)

Standard 6: Financial and Asset Management. The entire Rowe School Community participated in the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the new Rowe Elementary School. It was exciting to see the Rowe students back on school grounds and singing happily as part of the festivities. The principal and one Rowe teacher worked as non-voting members of the School Building Committee throughout the year, having input into the design of the new building as well as the fixtures and equipment necessary to furnish it. The Rowe staff had several opportunities throughout the process to add their input, which was valuable in producing a design of a building that will serve the Rowe School students and the Rowe community for many years to come.

In 2013, the Rowe School District made substantial progress toward meeting and exceeding the MA DESE District Standards and Indicators. These performance standards were set higher than ever. Indeed, the more rigorous MA Curriculum Frameworks and the new educator evaluation system reflect how extraordinary times have become within public education. After having served the Rowe School District for nine years, I am extremely optimistic about the future of our children's education within this increasingly demanding environment. There is a remarkable resilience that characterizes our community, our educators, and our students. The Rowe School is

ready for today's challenges and tomorrow's. On behalf of our students, I thank our entire school community for your steadfast support of our children's education. Because of you, the future remains very bright for our students!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Buoniconti
Superintendent of Schools

Mohawk Trail Regional High School - Principal's Report

Collaboration, initiative, and innovation have been major themes at Mohawk in 2013. This year our school system adopted a calendar that increased opportunities for educators to work together; students were released early on many Wednesday afternoons for a Professional Learning schedule that permitted staff time to work together for professional development, curriculum writing, and collaboration. This is the second year that Mohawk has participated in a state-wide Professional Learning Communities (PLC) initiative and our faculty are working together in new ways to support student learning and their own professional growth. With the introduction of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) period into the high school schedule this year, students can meet with teachers to receive additional support or pursue enrichment opportunities during the school day.

The arts, athletics, and other extracurricular activities enrich students' learning experiences. This year Mohawk staff and students produced "The Hobbit" in March, a medley of short plays in June, and Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" in December. Our music program is dynamic, with the introduction of Strings Ensemble, Rock Band, and Percussion Lab courses in addition to the core vocal and instrumental courses. The Mohawk Music Association generously supports our music programming.

Mohawk student-athletes had a strong year with increasing levels of student participation. Nearly half of our student body, 246 student-athletes, participated in our fall 2013 athletic program. Through their

involvement with Varsity M, our student-athletes volunteer in the elementary schools to read to younger students and serve as role models. The Mohawk Athletic Association generously supports our athletic program through their fundraising initiatives, including this year's Doug Turner Memorial Walkathon which raised over \$13,000.

Students are demonstrating initiative and leadership to make improvements for their school. Over the past two years Mohawk has established a composting program, introduced hydration station water dispensers for filling water bottles, and created a student newspaper, *The Mohawk Independent*. The Student Council, composed of representatives from all grades, is taking on a greater role in the school, serving as a forum for advocacy as well as organizing activities for the school community. Students with the Anti-Bullying Youth Council organized a number of events within the school and the community to improve communication and strengthen the sense of community.

At the midpoint of the 2013-2014 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 501. There are 89 students in the seventh grade and 89 students in the eighth grade. There are 67 students in the ninth grade, 82 in the tenth grade, 90 students in the junior class, and 79 students in the senior class. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Dole
Principal

Special Education and Pupil Services

A three-step process determines eligibility for Special Education services. Initially, the student has to have a specific, identified disability. The student then needs to fail to make effective progress in appropriate curriculum after general education interventions have been delivered. Lastly, the student must demonstrate the need for specialized instruction or related services to access the curriculum. Related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational and

physical therapy, assistive technology and counseling are provided in each of the three districts. The Mohawk Trail Regional School System has made a commitment over the last year to implement tiered instruction. Tiered instruction is a regular education service provided to all students. Teachers and staff collect and utilize data to determine intervention groups. Intervention groups are often short term and target a specific identified area of concern. Student data is tracked to determine the effectiveness of the intervention. Historically in order for students to access support they were required to be identified for special education. The Professional Learning Days have enabled teachers and staff to meet on a regular basis to analyze data and determine groupings.

The number of students receiving special education has fluctuated minimally. While the student population in our districts is on a downward decline, many factors influence special education. Our districts have a high rate of mobility for both foster children and families who struggle with housing. In addition, for the small districts one or two students can impact the percentages.

Data collected from Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicates the following:

	2010	2011	2012	2013
MTRSD	19.5%	20.1%	20.6%	19.7%
Hawlemont	26%	24%	26%	27%
Rowe	10%	16%	14%	17%

Rowe and Hawlemont School Districts participated in the CPR (Coordinated Program Review). CPR includes staff and teacher interviews and record reviews. Both districts received no corrective action for student related services. They were cited for excluding newly required language in their school handbooks. The changes were made in the school year

2012-2013 handbooks. In addition, all districts are required to support a Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Please contact Leann Loomis if you are interested in participating. Mohawk Trail Regional School District will begin their CPR in March of 2014.

Leann Loomis
 Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mary Lyon Foundation

This was a banner year for the Mary Lyon Foundation. The annual Community Spelling Bee raised approximately \$7,000 for the Mini-Grant program with a portion earmarked for the Harper and Paulyne Gerry Student Assistance Fund. A large gong acquired for the spelling bee was donated to the music department. This fall we funded 26 school-based mini-grants and during the year purchased various items for the schools including a reading desk and sleds for recess at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School.

At our annual Spring Lyonnaise, a celebration of excellence in local education, school committee chairperson Bob Aeschback and superintendent Michael Buoniconti welcomed assembled guests and awards were presented as follows: Spirit of Adventure Award given to Michael McCusker, Career Award presented to Ruth Black of Mohawk Trail Concerts, Business Award given to The Optician, and the Mohawk Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Elizabeth McGowan '79, a recent Pulitzer Prize winner. The Heath strings program provided music and a scene from the Hobbit was presented by Mohawk students led by Jonathan Diamond. The 23rd annual special education conference was once again held for 2 days in March at Deerfield Academy. In attendance were 710 educators from 31 school districts across western Massachusetts who registered for 50 concurrent workshops and listened to 2 keynote speakers.

We have two new scholarships, an art scholarship in honor of beloved K-12 itinerant art teacher Jack Shea and a scholarship sponsored by the Arms Academy class of 1963. For the first time the Mary Lyon Foundation participated in Valley Gives, an online charitable giving event, and we raised \$2,795 in one day. We are very appreciative of grants and matching gifts from the Cleveland Dodge Foundation, Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, The Recorder, Peoples United Community Foundation, Brookfield Community Foundation and Bristol Myers Squibb.

As winter approached we purchased about \$3,000 worth of warm winter clothing for local elementary school children, and the Mary Lyon Foundation was offered participation in Warm the Children. We continue to provide grocery certificates for food at Keystone Market for families in need, especially during school vacations.

For the past 23 years the Mary Lyon Foundation has been providing innovative support for local education in the schools and in our 9 West County communities. Board members are past president Marion Taylor, president Stefan Kostka, vice president Hugh Knox, corresponding secretary Sharon Hudson, recording secretary Suzanne Conway Lagreze, treasurer Karen Fairbrother, Amy Love and Beth Bandy. Gina Sieber is the business manager and we are proud to have approximately 60 volunteers, especially Sandy Gilbert of Heath. Our volunteers are from all corners of Franklin County and help sponsor events. We thank the community for such ongoing and enthusiastic support of our programs and services.

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 75 applications, 38 were from seniors and 37 from previous graduates of Mohawk. \$30,900.00 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. 28 scholarships totaling \$10,100.00 were awarded to seniors (74% of applicants). 30 scholarships totaling \$20,800.00 were given to graduates (81% of applicants). The awards committee is Sheila Graves, Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Eric Sumner (Heath), Michelle Hillman (Colrain) and Marion Scott (Buckland).

From 1991 - 2013 a total of \$810,125.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$250,575.00 and \$559,550.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentage of the funds should be distributed as scholarships, which has been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Company, was used again this year.

The application has been revised and is now available on line to the graduates. Seniors can pick their applications up at Mohawk.

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), Jonathon Diamond from Heath and Rebecca Bradley. Susan Crawford (from Hawley) has been appointed to serve as the liaison between the School Committee and the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Jim Pilgrim. Jim was a very valuable person on our Committee and will be dearly missed by one and all... Our condolences to Jim's Family.

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, 2013 was 523 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	20	Montague	67
Buckland	9	New Salem	9
Colrain	23	Northfield	33
Conway	7	Orange	70
Deerfield	21	Shelburne	11
Erving	24	Sunderland	09
Gill	8	Warwick	12
Greenfield	123	Wendell	9
Heath	4	Whately	9
Leyden	7	Non-District	48

Franklin County Technical School awarded 110 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2013. 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. 41% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year

college, 34% joined the area work force, 9% planned to join the military, 7% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 9% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2013.

The Franklin County Technical School construction trades have been busy with a number of projects in a number of communities. Service-learning activities extend the classroom into the real world, building skills that only authentic work can provide. With this benefit for the students, communities also benefit from the work that the school can provide. In Warwick, the electrical, carpentry and plumbing programs have been working on renovation to the Warwick police station. In Wendell, the emergency kitchen at the Town Hall will be having renovation work done. Site visits have been completed and permits are being pulled. Carpentry, plumbing and electrical will all be involved in the upgrade of the grand old building. In Leyden, the Town Hall is in progress of a renovation to its entrance. Carpentry is waiting on input from the architect in order to proceed further. In Sunderland, the carpentry shop will be building a gazebo that will be dedicated in the spring of 2014 in memory of the late principal, Mr. Merritt. Projects in discussion at this point include the massive renovation of a building in Greenfield for the Child Advocacy Center, focusing on child abuse. A recent visit to the building began the discussion. Also in discussion is the building of a regional animal shelter to be located in Athol. Towns that would belong to the regional shelter would include Athol, Orange, Petersham, New Salem (there may be more). Welding is working on a drop-box for the Northfield Library. Electrical and landscaping dug trenches and ran electrical at the Orange airport and electrical work was done at the Turners Falls airport. Health Technology continues their work at Charlene Manor. Cosmetology has been involved in the Greenfield Rays of Hope Cancer walk and visiting area senior nursing facilities for beauty services. Business Technology coordinated a clothing drive for the Turners Survival Center and Programming and Web Design is helping to design the website for the Virtual School. Landscaping was involved in the Corn yield contest judging. The program started flower/planting beds at the Warwick police station

and they were very involved in the Source-to-Sea clean up. Internally, the shops are always doing a lot of work activities that save the school from needing to outsource the work. Electrical installed the bus bar connections for the new Machine Technology equipment and wired all of the new CNC machines. Electrical also did a power expansion in Welding and their students have been utilized by our Network Manager to run communications wiring in the building. The exterior of the building continues to be maintained by the Landscaping program. Plumbing has been involved in installing new sinks, bubblers and other plumbing related repairs. Every one of these activities is a benefit to the students and area 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. We are pleased to report the implementation of our targeted Math 180 curriculum for grades 9 and 10 during the 2012/13 school year provided the necessary instruction to elevate our accountability status from level 3 to level 2.

The most substantial upgrade in a FCTS program took place this year with the complete modernization of the Machine Technology program. Sorely outdated, the shop was filled with manual machines, some dating back to the 1940's. However, throughout Franklin County, the many small precision machine shops had moved to current technologies.

A coalition was formed, made up of 14 businesses, Greenfield Community College, Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment Board and Franklin County Technical School. Funding was acquired from the businesses and state totaling \$550,000 which was used to purchase 14 Haas Automation machines. Haas discounted the machines \$217,000, and Franklin Hampshire REB secured a state grant in the amount of \$240,000 for an evening, adult education program that will cover two years of training.

New CNC machines arrived in late August, just days before school was to open. Even as the machines were being calibrated and connected, students were eager to run the new machines. In January a third Machine Technology teacher was hired, bringing to the program years of current,

modern CNC machining skills to the teaching staff. Walk into the shop today and you find a thriving program that is a model for Machine Technology training.

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,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

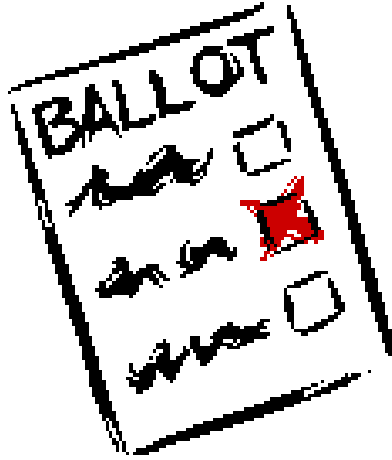
Mr. James M. Laverty, Superintendent-Director

**Franklin County Technical School District
Committee 2013**

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-Stephanie Recore; Deerfield-Vernon Harrington ½ year; Katherine James ½ year; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Clifford C. Hatch; Greenfield-Mark M. Maloney; Christopher L. Joseph; Larry D. Geiser; Jeffrey D. Hampton; Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson; Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Jeff D. Adams; Northfield- Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary; Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr., Vice-Chairperson; Wendell-Richard E. Drohen; Whately-Donald C. Sluter Respectfully submitted,

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
Jeffrey D. Hampton,	Bernotas
Christopher L. Joseph &	Warwick - A. George Day,
Mark M. Maloney	Jr., Vice-Chairman
Heath - Arthur A. Schwenger	Wendell - Richard E. Drohen
Leyden - Gerald N. Levine	Whately - Donald C. Sluter



PART III

Town Clerk

Town Clerk – 2013 Appointees
Sworn to Duty/Resignations

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sandra P. Daviau

AGENT FOR VETERANS

Leo J. Parent

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sandra P. Daviau

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen B. Miller

John Magnago

Thomas L. Chiofalo

Christine Tower

JoAnn M. Brown

BOARD OF HEALTH – HEALTH AGENT

Appointed by Board of Health

Lisa Danek Burke

BROADBAND/TELECOM COMMITTEE

David Dvore

Daniel Wessman

Noel R. Abbott

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Ellen B. Miller

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thomas L. Chiofalo

COUNCIL ON AGING

Jo-ann M. Brown

Sandra P. Daviau

Doris Fensky

Christine A. Tower

Marilyn Belval

Shirley Veber

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
COORDINATOR**

Edwin L. May

CULTURAL COUNCIL (3 Yr appt)

Anne E. Besgen

Joann M. Brown

DOG OFFICER

Arthur Samuelson

DPW SUPERINTENDENT

James W. Taylor

ELECTION TELLERS / WORKERS

Joann M. Brown

Pru Berry

Marjorie B. Morse

Mary Paige

Susan C. Wood

Christine Tower

Robin Reed (Warden)

Shirley Veber

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Edwin L. May

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Gail May (Coordinator)

ENERGY COMMITTEE

John R.H. Packard

Robin Booth

Abigail Phelps

ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER

James W. Taylor

FENCE VIEWER

Noel R. Abbott

FIELD DRIVER

Sandra A. Daviau

FIRE CHIEF

Paul McLatchy Jr.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Dennis F. May

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Edwin L. May - Administrator
Matthew R. Crowningshield - Lieutenant
C. Selmi Hyytinen - Lieutenant
Glenn M. White - Lieutenant
Brandon A. Sprague - Lieutenant

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Paul McLatchy Jr.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

James W. Lively

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
INSPECTION PROGRAM (FCCIP)**

Ellen Miller

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

Noel R. Abbott

FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

SELECTMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Marilyn Wilson

GRACY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Marilyn Belval
Cynthia M. Laffond
Leonard J. Laffond

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL
OFFICER**

Edwin L. May

**HEALTH AGENT
APPOINTED BY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Lisa Danek Burke

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

James Hawkins -FCCIP

MA BROADBAND INSTITUTE - ROWE REP.

Ellen B. Miller

MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER

Thomas P. Danek, Jr

**MOHAWK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Noel R. Abbott

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT MANAGER

Noel R. Abbott

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

Jo-ann M. Brown
John Magnago
Christine A. Tower

POLICE CHIEF / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

Julie Shippee

POLICE / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

C. Selmi Hyytinen
Chris Mattson

POUND KEEPER

Sandra P. Daviau

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Jennifer Morse
Lisa Danek Burke
Lisa L. Miller
William D. Parent

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dennis May
William Loomis
Susan Zavotka
James W. Taylor
Ellen Miller
Donna Flagg
Cynthia M Laffond
Marjorie B Morse
Paul McLatchy III
Janet Cowie
William Knittle
Robert Silva
Kerri McLatchy
Angela Foshay

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

James W. Taylor

TOWN NURSE - Appointed by Board of Health
Sheila Litchfield

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

Appointed by Board of Health

- Ted Palmer
- James Lively
- Julie Shippee (Alternate)

TREE WARDEN

James W. Taylor

**WIRED WEST COMMUNICATIONS
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION DELEGATE**

Noel R. Abbott

YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE

Leonard J. Laffond

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

Leonard J. Laffond

2013 RESIGNATIONS

ROWE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

- Jon Lively 4/2/13
- Matt Crowningshield 10/6/13
- Glenn White 10/2013

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Paul McLatchy III 6/5/13

TREASURER

Donna Flagg 6/11/13

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

- Robert Silva 8/13/13
- Angela Foshay 9/16/13

**TOWN COORDINATOR & All Other Offices and
Titles with the Town of Rowe**

Ellen Miller 12/31/13

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Susan Gleason

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

James H. Williams

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Wayne Zavotka

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Claudine Poplawski

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

Bruce Cowie

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

Robert Dykeman

MODERATOR (3 YEARS)

Robert J. Clancy

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Lisa Miller

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 YEAR)

Cynthia Laffond

TAX COLLECTOR (3 YEARS)

Sandra P. Daviau

TREASURER (1 YEAR)

Donna Flagg

Town Clerk - Elected Officials

Sworn to Duty 2013

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Heidi Cousineau

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

David Cousineau

Town Clerk - Vital Statistics & Permits - 2013

BIRTHS

Parker Lewis McLatchy Sullivan
April 22, 2013

Parents: Kerri Lynn McLatchy &
Jonathan Lewis Sullivan

DEATHS

Irene M. Boyd
March 15, 1930 - February 28, 2013

Henry G. Dandeneau
July 24, 1924 - March 24, 2013

Luella Marion Benson
September 17, 1928 - April 3, 2013

Todd H. Veber
May 9, 1961 - April 26, 2013

Willian M. Brown
May 31, 1923 - July 21, 2013

Phyllis Jean Landry
December 12, 1947 - July 20, 2013

Nicolas Edward Emery Boyd
July 9, 1995 - October 19, 2013

William M. Boyd
October 24, 1931 - November 25, 2013

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

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

RAFFLE PERMITS

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

DISPOSITION, REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTATION PERMIT

Eternal Blessings - Irene Boyd
Issued: March 12, 2013

Smith Kelleher Funeral Home - Henry G. Dandeneau
Issued: March 26, 2013

Covey & Allen Funeral Home - Nicolas Boyd
Issued: October 24, 2013

Eternal Blessings - William Boyd
Issued: November 27, 2013

Town of Rowe - Dogs Licenses - 2013 (licenses expire March 31, 2014)

Laurie Pike	25 Middletown Hill Road	SF	2	Lab	Brown and White	7/26/15	2/26/13	36
Rebecca Bradley	51 Middletown Hill Road	SF	2	Australian Blue Heeler		12/29/13	01/28/13	29
Ellen B. Miller	160 Hazelton Road	M	12	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	9/16/15	4/8/13	65
Carol Lively	11 Petrie Road	SF	12	Shepherd Mix	Black/Tan	3/30/13	01/21/13	15
June Brown	110 County Road	NM	9	German Shepherd	Black	2/1/14	01/15/13	12
Jeanette & Howard Crowningshield	106 Zoar Road	SF	6	Chihuahua	Brown/White	2/1/14	3/12/13	41
Deb Lively	4 Stone Hill Road	F	2.5	Red Heeler	Red	1/25/13	1/15/13	6
Andy Lively	4 Stone Hill Road	M	5	Aust. Shepherd (Cattle Dog)	Brown/White	3/25/15	1/15/13	5
Earl Carlow	42 Ford Hill Road	NM	8	Boxer/Lab	Black	1/26/14	4/11/13	67
Earl Carlow	42 Ford Hill Road	NM	8	Boxer/Lab	Black	1/26/14	4/11/13	68
Maeve Gallagher	30 Potter Road	F	2	Mixed Breed	Tan/Brindle	2/6/16	4/2/13	53
Henry Dandeneau	272 Zoar Road	F	13	Brittany Spaniel	White/Orange	3/10/14	4/30/13	73
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Road	SF	14	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan	2/10/14	01/21/13	16
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Road	SF	6	Shepherd Mix	Yellow/White	2/10/14	02/07/2012	17
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Road	SF	9	Cocker Spaniel	Chocolate	10/25/15	1/15/13	9
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Road	SF	14	Chihuahua	Brown	10/6/2014	1/15/13	10
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Road	SF	9	Cocker	Chocolate	11/25/13	1/15/13	11
Christine Tower	234 Zoar Road	SF	2	Pug	Fawn	2/22/2013	1/14/13	4
Robert Rice	88 Davis Mine Road	SF	9	Black Lab	Black	04/30/2015	1/21/13	28
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Road	M	3	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan		4/11/13	69
Debbie & Steve Crowningshield	450 Tunnel Road	SF	1.5	Choc Lab	Chocolate	9/4/15	2/5/13	33
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	M	2	Chihuahua	White/Black/Brown	3/30/14	4/4/13	60
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	M	1	Black Silver Lab	Black/Silver	3/30/14	4/4/13	61
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	NM	4	Dalmation	White w/Brown Spots	3/2/14	4/4/13	62
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	M	3	Choc Lab	Chocolate	9/18/13	1/21/13	25
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	SF	7	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	2/19/13	1/21/13	26
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	F	8	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	3/12/13	1/21/13	27
Brittani Sprague	40 Shippee Road	M	8 mo.	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	9/18/15	03/27/2012	
Brittani Sprague	40 Shippee Road	NM	8	Choc Lab	Chocolate	3/27/13	1/21/13	21
Brian & Laurie Ash	6 Pine Hill Drive	NM	11	Retriever/Golden	Blonde	3/9/15	4/4/13	58
Brian & Laurie Ash	6 Pine Hill Drive	NM	9	Retriever/Labrador	Black	3/9/15	4/4/13	59
Leonda Hardison	22 Tunnel Road	SF	7	Lab	Yellow	10/20/14	1/14/13	3
Mary Jo Fuller	36 Petri Road	SF	11	Pitbull Terrier	Black/White	3/30/14	4/18/13	70
James Sousa	99 Brittingham Hill	M	5	Border Collie	Black w/White Collar & Tips	1/15/16	4/2/13	51
Laura Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	SF	10	Malinois	Black/Tan	9/26/13	1/15/13	7
Laura Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	SF	4	Belgian Malinois Mix	Fawn w/Black Face	4/24/15	1/15/13	8
Brandon & Jenn Morse Sprague	162 Zoar Road	F	1	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	9/11/15	1/14/13	1
Robin Booth	194 Leshure Road	SF	8	Golden Retriever	Blonde/Gold	3/28/14	2/26/13	35

Herbert Glass	6 Kings Highway	SF	5	Havanese	White w/Black Saddle Rear & Tri-Color Head		01/29/13	30
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Road	SF	7	Great Pyrennes	White/Tan	11/16/14	3/12/13	40
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Road	NM	3	Great Pyrennes	White	10/12/15	3/12/13	39
Ellynn and Jack Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	SF	1	Maltese	White and Black	9/10/15	4/8/13	64
Ellynn and Jack Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	M	10	Brittany Spaniel	Orange/White	5/7/13	4/8/13	63
Walter and Kelle Quist	4 Ford Hill Road	NM	6	Schipperke	Black		3/26/13	44
M. Arlene Andognini	163 Hazelton Road	SF	9	Airedale Terrier	Black/Tan	4/2/15	1/15/13	13
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	6	Choc Lab	Chocolate (Brown)	3/23/15	4/2/13	45
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	SF	3	Lab/Terrier Mix	Brown Multi	3/23/15	4/2/13	46
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	8	Mixed Breed	(Brown/White/Tan)	3/23/15	4/2/13	47
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	SF	1	Peke Mix	Buff	11/5/13	4/2/13	49
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	M	1	Boston Terr Mix	Black and White	11/5/13	4/2/13	50
Robert & Carrie Silva	123 Davis Mine Road	M	3	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	3/27/14	4/4/13	57
Robin Reed	48 Hazelton Road	NM	8	Spaniel Mix	Black	11/12/13	4/2/13	48
Pete Brown	16 Shumway Road	M	5	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	3/23/2014	3/12/13	43
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Road	SF	7	Bichon Frise	White	4/18/14	1/21/13	18
Audrey Faivre	29 Potter Road	SF	10	Golden Retriever	Blonde	10/9/15	4/2/13	52
Christina Rode	131 Zoar Road	M	4	Yorkshire Terrier	Multi - Brown, Black & Silver	2/10/15	4/2/13	54
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Road	M	3	Bichon Frise	White	4/18/14	1/21/13	19
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	4	Poodle, Toy	Apricot	6/25/15	1/21/13	21
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	SF	3	Poodle, Miniature	Apricot	4/26/14	1/21/13	20
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	M	4	Great Dane	Black	7/20/13	3/12/13	38
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	M	4	Great Dane	Black	7/20/13	3/12/13	37
Dan & Claudine Poplawski	37 Shippee Road	SF	4	Lab/Retriever	Black	3/22/14	4/25/13	71
JoAnne Semanie	59 Middletown Hill Road	NM	2	Hound Mix	Black/White	9/28/15	4/30/13	72
Ken and Doris Fensky	93 Brittingham Hill Road	SF	3	Border Collie	Black/White	3/17/14	01/21/13	14
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Road	NM	3	Great Pyrennes	White	10/12/15	3/12/13	39
Kevin & Willian Parent	39 Stone Hill Road	SF	2	Beagle Mix	Black/Brown	3/30/14	4/2/13	56
Sharon Hudson	15 Newell Cross Road	SF	3	Shih Tzu	Liver & Red	06/6/13	02/15/13	32
Darlene & Oral Jackson	88 Hazelton Road	NM	7.5	German Shepherd	Black/Red	12/20/15	4/2/13	55
Kerri McLatchy	1 Pelham Drive	M	4	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	6/15/15	03/27/2012	
Lance & Danielle Larned	26 Newell CrossRoad	SF	7	Australian Shepard	Blue Merle	9/8/15	1/14/13	2
Wayne and Susie Zavotka	505 Tunnel Road	SF	1.5	Lab Retriever	Black	1/30/16	2/12/13	34
Robert Clancy/Lisa Miller	12 County Branch Road	NM	1	Dalmation Mix	Black/White	8/1/13	3/12/13	42
Jeff and Maggie Parent	32 Shippee Road	SF	1	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	10/9/13	02/5/13	31
Mike Demers & Lisa Bryant	11 Hazelton Road	NM	2	Pitt Bull	Tan	4/4/14	4/8/13	66

Special Town Meeting Official Results - January 23, 2013

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – FY2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS JANUARY 23, 2013

Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

The Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday January 23, 2013 at the Rowe Fire station, 4Sibley Road. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Robert Clancy at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of registered voters was present with 160 registered voters in attendance and 15 audience members.

Town Clerk -	Jennifer A. Morse
Moderator -	Robert J. Clancy
Constable –	Robert Dykeman
Selectmen –	Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Paul McLatchy III, Noel Abbott
Town Counsel	Brian Riley- Kopelman and Paige
Tellers	Robin Reed, Marjorie Morse, Rebecca Richardson, Maeve Gallagher

Moderator Robert Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen before Article 1 - Paul McLatchy III thanked the audience for their attendance at the meeting. He also thanked the “road crew” Jim Taylor, Matt Crowningshield, Lance Larned, Rick Hamilton along with Paul McLatchy Jr., Bob Dykeman and Julie Shippee for assisting in the setup of the town meeting. “Big Thanks” to Brandon Sprague, John Sullivan, Kerri McLatchy, Glenn White, Donna Flagg, Joseph White, Matt Crowningshield, Arthur Samuelson, Lesley McLatchy, Paul McLatchy Jr and Julie Shippee with the cleanup of the fire station bays so town meeting could be held. Mr. McLatchy then introduced town counsel Brian Riley from Kopelman and Paige

Board of Selectmen Paul McLatchy III asked that Article 2 be placed on the floor before Article 1 - Show of Hands moved Article 2 first.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Insurance Proceeds account to a school building project account for preliminary work, including the hiring of an Owner’s Project Manager and Architect, for a new school building that can also be used for community purposes.

Mrs. Susan Zavotka Chair of the School Building Committee spoke regarding the Article and asked the members of the committee to rise. The School Building Committee recommended this article; the Finance Committee voted 2 to 1 to recommend this article. This article was submitted by Citizens’ Petition.

A citizen asked for Secret Ballots on this question – a show of hands led to a secret ballot

100 Yes 59 No

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to TABLE Article 1 (To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Insurance Proceeds account to a municipal building project account for preliminary work on a municipal building project, including the hiring of an Owner’s Project Manage and Architect, or take any action in relation thereto.)

Passed Unanimously Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Insurance Proceeds account to a new account for the purpose of hiring an impartial consultant, experience in municipal and rural education, to study the demographics and needs of the town related to elementary education. The consultant shall prepare a written report, available to each Rowe household, clearly stating the alternatives available to the town, the pros and cons of each and the estimated costs associated with them. The cost study must include operating cost as well as capital investment. The consultant shall make recommendations to the town based upon his experience and sound economic and educational principles. The consultant shall also hold at least two informational meetings to explain his conclusions and recommendations and answer the questions that will arise.

This article was submitted by Citizens' Petition and the Finance Committee voted 2 to 1 to recommend this article

Article 3 Failed by Show of Hands

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk
January 29, 2013

A true copy, Attest: _____ Date: _____

Jennifer A. Morse – Rowe Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting Official Results - May 13, 2013

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS – FY2013 MAY 13, 2013

Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse
Moderator: Robert J. Clancy
Constable: Robert Dykeman
Board of Selectmen: Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Paul McLatchy III, Noel Abbott
Town Counsel: Brian Riley, Kopelman and Paige
Tellers: Marjorie Morse, Rebecca Richardson, Arthur Samuelson, Josh Taylor

The meeting was held on Monday May 13, 2013 and called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the moderator. The meeting was held at the Rowe Fire Station and was approximately fifty seven (57) voters and one (1) audience member were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Rowe School Committee to utilize remaining monies in the amount of **\$10,000.00 to purchase iPads** from the \$10,000.00 previously authorized by the Town of Rowe at its Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2012, for the purpose of the purchase of laptops (\$6,000.00) and Mac Books (\$4,000.00) using funds from the Town of Rowe **Capital Stabilization Fund** in FY2013.

Requested by the School Committee & Recommended by the Finance Committee

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

Article 1: Passed by Show of Hands

Three (3) No Votes

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$600.00** from **Library Operations and Maintenance** to **Library Staff Wages**.

Requested by the Library Trustees

Article 2: Passed by Show of Hands

Two (2) No Votes

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the sum of **\$19,500.00** for a **Beach Reclamation project**.

Requested by the Park Commission & Finance Committee does not recommend this article

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

Article 3: Defeated – Two Thirds requirement no met

Thirty-One (31) – Yes

Twenty- Five (25) - No

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

No business brought forward

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:50 p.m. **Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk
May 16, 2013

RECAPITULATION OF FY2013
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

May 13, 2013

(Recapitulation is for information only)

Appropriations from Taxation

None 0.00

Total Appropriations From Taxation 0.00

Appropriations from Available Funds

School Laptops (6,000.00)
School Mac Books (4,000.00)
School iPads 10,000.00
Library Operations/Maintenance (600.00)
Library Staff Wages 600.00

Total Appropriations from Available Funds 0.00

Appropriations from Free Cash

None 0.00

Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund 0.00

Appropriations from Stabilization Fund

None 0.00

Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund 0.00

Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

PARK – Beach Reclamation 0

Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund

0.00

TOTAL FY2013 BUDGET

Annual Town Meeting Official Results - May 14, 2012

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OFFICIAL RESULTS – FY2014
MAY 13, 2013
Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse
Moderator: Robert J. Clancy
Constable: Robert Dykeman
Board of Selectmen: Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Paul McLatchy III, Noel Abbott
Town Counsel: Brian Riley, Kopelman and Paige
Tellers: Marjorie Morse, Rebecca Richardson, Arthur Samuelson, Josh Taylor

The meeting was held on Monday May 13, 2013 at the Rowe Fire Station. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Clancy at 7:00 p.m. Approximately Eighty-One (81) registered voters and Six (6) audience members were in attendance. Moderator Clancy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the following Rowe citizens who have deceased since the last Town Meeting: Phyllis Smith, Floyd Smith, Ellsworth Palmer, Bernice Foster, Phyllis Volland, Todd Veber, Irene Boyd and Henry Dandeneau.

Moderator Clancy swore in the Tellers and turned to the Board of Selectmen for comment before the reading of the warrant. Board of Selectmen member Paul McLatchy III thanked Rowe Fire Department for the meeting space and the following citizens for help with town meeting set up; Paul McLatchy Jr., Les McLatchy, Glenn White, Donna Flagg, Joseph White, Julie Shippee, Brandon Sprague, Matt Crowingshield and DPW crew members Jim Taylor, Rick Hamilton and Lance Larned.

Moderator Clancy noted that if all articles on the warrants passed the estimated tax rate for FY2014 would be \$5.92 for residential and \$13.23 for commercial and industrial.

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

Article 1: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

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

Article 2: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to **amend the General By-laws at Article III, General Government - Section 18, Planning Board, by adding the following to the end of said section:**

The Planning Board shall have authority to hire such legal counsel as it deems necessary and appropriate, subject to a prior appropriation of Town Meeting specifically for such purpose.

Article 3: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2014 fiscal year.

Administration

Legal Expenses	12,000.00
General Administration	28,000.00
Town Officer Expenses	2,000.00
Print Town Reports	4,600.00, 2,600
Municipal Audit	7,500.00
Town Coordinator Salary	60,817.00
Administrative Assistant Compensation	13,000.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00
Tax Collector's Operations	7,008.00
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
Town-wide Notification System	1,000.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	15,420.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	6,620.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	6,000.00
Town Hall Electricity	8,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,380.00
Energy Committee Operations	250.00
Council on Aging	4,000.00
Conservation Commission Operations	500.00
Subtotal Administration	240,645.00

Assessors' Office

Assessors' Clerk Compensation	9,356.00
Assessors' Operations	8,000.00
Assessors' Triennial Revaluation	15,000.00
Subtotal Assessors' Office	32,356.00

Planning Board

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
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Planning Board Consulting Expenses & Independent Counsel	5,000.00
<u>Planning Board Goal Post Operations</u>	<u>10,100.00</u>

Subtotal Planning Board 16,350.00

Stipends

Moderator Stipend	419.00
Selectmen Stipends	5,657.00
Assessors Stipends	5,187.00
Treasurer Stipend	7,982.00
Tax Collector Stipend	7,281.00
<u>Town Clerk Stipend</u>	<u>7,281.00</u>

Subtotal Stipends 33,807.00

Veterans Services

Veterans' District Services Assessment	500.00
Operations	450.00
<u>Veterans' Benefits</u>	<u>100.00</u>

Subtotal Contracted Services 1,050.00

Contracted Services

FRCOG Cooperative Purchasing Program	1,391.00
FRCOG Accounting Program	24,045.00
Payroll Services	4,250.00
FCCIP Inspection Program (Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)	3,500.00
<u>IT Consultant</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>

Subtotal Contracted Services 39,686.00

Regional Assessments

FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	11,390.00
<u>FRCOG Statutory Assessment</u>	<u>8,449.00</u>

Subtotal Regional Assessments 19,839.00

Subtotal General Government From Taxation

~~383,733.00~~ 381,733

Selectboard member Paul McLatchy III asked for a *sense of the meeting* questioning whether the citizens are “happy” with the Town Report for 2012. Printing the Town Report in-house saved approximately \$2000.

Sense of the meeting showed that a majority of the audience was in approval.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 4: Administration- Print Town Reports to \$2,600

Motion to Amend Article 4: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

Article 4 as Amended: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a **Reserve Fund** for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2014 fiscal year.

Requested and Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 5: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION **~~403,733.00~~ 401,733**

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2014 fiscal year.

Highway Department

DPW Superintendent’s Salary	80,291.00
DPW Heavy Equipment Operators’ Wages	180,662.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	31,930.00
DPW Heating Oil	5,500.00
DPW Electricity	1,500.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	40,000.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	50,000.00
Annual DPW Projects	43,050.00
<u>Snow & Ice Removal (Winter Roads)</u>	<u>68,612.00</u>
Subtotal Highway Department	501,545.00

Other Public Works & Facilities

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00 25,934
Street Lighting	5,253.00
<u>Municipal Light Plant</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities	31,753.00
Cemeteries - Cemeteries – Maintenance/Repair	15,000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION	548,298.00 548,732

Recommended by the Finance Committee, with a 1.7% increase to the
 Summer Youth Employment Program [\$25,934...increase of \$434]

A motion was made and seconded to amend Other Public Works & Facilities- Summer Youth Employment Program to \$25, 934

Motion to Amend Article 6 : Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

Article 6 as Amended: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2014 fiscal year.

Police Department

Police Chief Stipend	13,224.00
Police Officers Compensation	20,654.00
<u>Operations</u>	<u>7,050.00</u>
Subtotal Police Department	40,928.00

Fire Department

Fire Chief Stipend	7,281.00
Fire Officers Stipends	5,690.00
Fire Department Administrative Clerk	3,688.00
Firefighter Stipends	7,638.00
Fire Department General Operations	16,602.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	4,300.00
Fire Station Electricity	2,000.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
<u>Hazardous Material Control</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	49,299.00

Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,119.00
Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses	6,000.00
<u>EMS Operations and Maintenance</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	9,620.00

Animal Control and Inspection

Animal Control Officer Stipend	628.00
Regional Dog Control/Adoption Center Membership	700.00
<u>Animal Inspector Stipend</u>	<u>524.00</u>

Subtotal Animal Control and Inspection 1,852.00

Constable Stipend 524.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION 102,222.00

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 7: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for future ambulance services.

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

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 8: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2014 fiscal year.

Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	15,253.00
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	33,000.00
Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt. District Assessment	2,135.00
Board of Health Stipend	4,714.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	6,958.00
Board of Health Operations	16,000.00
Town Nurse Wages	42,697.00
Health Services Operations	6,500.00
<u>Physician's Stipend</u>	<u>500.00</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION 128,257.00

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 9: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for fiscal year 2014 to accept 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, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2015.

Requested by the Board of Health & Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 10: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00** for the 2014 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 2015.

Requested by the Board of Health & Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 11: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Preschool through Sixth grade (PreK-6) Public Schools** for the 2014 fiscal year.

School Committee Stipend **4,357.00**

Rowe School Local Budget

Administration	8,525.00
Instructional	753,780.00
Operations	120,220.00
Student Support Services	95,443.00
<u>Technology</u>	<u>5,984.00</u>

Subtotal Rowe School Local	983,952.00
Less Estimated School Choice Receipts (Teacher Salaries)	<u>(160,287.00)</u>

PreK-6 Rowe School Local Operating Budget **823,665.00**

Shared Services Budget

Admin	37,662.00
Instructional	24,196.00
Operations	2,693.00
Student Support Services	4,425.00
Technology	15,122.00
Transportation	52,989.00
<u>Benefits</u>	<u>23,993.00</u>

Subtotal Shared Services **161,080.00**

TOTAL PreK-6 Budget

984,745.00

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 12: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Seventh through Twelfth grade (7-12) Public Schools** for the 2014 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)

Instructional - Spanish Teacher	15,000.00
Mohawk Late Bus	15,000.00
Transportation Contracted	50,011.00
Tuition – Mohawk Trail Regional MS/HS (See note)	287,388.00
<u>Tuition – Franklin County Technical HS (see note)</u>	<u>67,000.00</u>

TOTAL 7-12 Public Schools from Taxation **434,399.00**

NOTE: Mohawk Tuition: 27 students @ \$10,644 = \$287,388

Franklin County Tech: 4 students @ \$16,000 + \$3,000 = \$67,000

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION

1,423,502.00

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 13: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2014 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 2015.

Requested by the School Committee & Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 14: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 15: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2014 fiscal year.

Library Director Compensation	23,400.00
Library Staff Wages	16,365.00

Library Operations and Maintenance	18,511.00
Library Heating Oil	2,000.00
Library Electricity	1,600.00
CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	3,567.00
<u>Library CWMARS Overdrive Assessment</u>	<u>250.00</u>

TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY **65,693.00**

Recommended by the Finance Committee, with Library Staff Wages increase limited to 1.7% [\$15,944...diff (\$421)]

Article 15: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 16: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2014 fiscal year.

Park Ranger Salary	43,975.00
Park Wages	40,244.00 41,233
<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	<u>19,952.00</u>

TOTAL PARK **~~104,171.00~~ 105,160**

Recommended by the Finance Committee, with a 1.7% increase to Park Wages [\$41,233...diff \$989]

A motion was made and seconded to amend Park Wages to \$41,233

Motion to amend Article 16: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

Article 16 as amended: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2014 for **Culture and Recreation** items.

Gracy House Operations	4,000.00
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	500.00
<u>Beautification Committee</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>

TOTAL GRACY HOUSE **6,500.00**

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 17: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 18: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2014 for **Old Home Days**.

Old Home Day	5,500.00
<u>Old Home Day Fireworks</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>

TOTAL OLD HOME DAY

11,000.00

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 18: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2014 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 2015.

Requested by the Old Home Day Committee & Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 19: Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION FROM TAXATION

187,364.00

ARTICLE 20: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2014 fiscal year.

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	115,054.00*
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**
Group Health Insurance	390,000.00**
<u>FICA/Medicare Tax</u>	<u>39,000.00**</u>

TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE FROM TAXATION

545,054.00

* Excludes pension costs for teachers in MA Teachers' Retirement

** Costs are for all applicable town & school employees

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 20: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 21: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$82,669** to be used to **reduce the FY2014 tax rate**.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Finance Committee: an amount adjusted to reflect 1.7% increases in

Wages as indicated in Articles 6, 15 & 16 [difference = \$1,002.00]

Article 21: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums **for capital equipment, repairs, and improvements**, or take any action in relation thereto:

<u>DPW – Mack Dump Truck & Sander</u>	<u>220,000.00</u>
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TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	220,000.00
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Finance Committee recommends the appropriation for the DPW—Mack Dump Truck & Sander

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

Article 22: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous with Two (2) No Votes

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise permanent and temporary easements located in the Town of Rowe in certain parcels of land adjacent to and/or contiguous to the “Monroe Bridge,” so-called, or the “Depot Street Bridge,” so-called, which joins Monroe Hill Road, in Rowe, and Depot Street, in Monroe, and crosses the Deerfield River, as depicted on certain plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Depot Street/Monroe Hill Road,” revised through March 12, 2013, on file with the Town Clerk, and the permanent and temporary easements in parcels of land located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional areas may be shown on said plans, as hereinafter revised, for public way purposes, including, without limitation, permanent highway easements and easements for the construction of improvements and structures, and other related purposes, which will enable the Town to undertake the Monroe Bridge, also known as the Depot Street Bridge, reconstruction project; and as funding for such acquisitions and costs and expenses related thereto, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, or any combination thereof, a sum of money.

Article 23: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from elected to appointed, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 41, Section 1B.

Article 24: Defeated by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 25: A motion was made and seconded to Table Article 5 which reads “To see if the Town will vote to change the office of Town Tax Collector from elected to appointed, in accordance with General Laws Chapter, Section 1B.”

Article 25: Motion to Table Passed by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 26: Licensing Restriction By-law

A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of **General Laws Chapter 40, Section 57** and to adopt the following General By-law in accordance with said statute to be added as **Article IV, Section 5**:

Section 5. LICENSING RESTRICTION BYLAW

A. Furnishing of list of delinquent taxpayers by Tax Collector.

The tax collector shall annually furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a twelve month period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

B. Denial, revocation or suspensions of licenses and permits.

The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

C. Payment agreements; limitations on license or permit.

Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

D. Waivers.

The board of selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in G.L. c.268A, §1, in the business or activity conducted in or on said

property.

E. Nonapplicability.

This bylaw shall not apply to licenses or permits for open burning (G.L. c.48, §13); bicycles (G.L. c.85, §11A); sales of articles for charitable purposes (G.L. c.101, §33); children work permits (G.L. c.149, §69); clubs or associations dispensing food or beverage licenses (G.L. c.140, §21E); dog licenses (G.L. c.140, §137); fishing, hunting, trapping licenses (G.L. c.131, §12); marriage licenses (G.L. c.207, §28); theatrical events and public exhibition permits (G.L. c.140, §181); and any other local license or permit which the Town chooses to exclude from this bylaw by further amendment to this bylaw.

Article 26: Passed by Show of Hands

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 27: A motion was made and seconded to act on the following Citizens' Petition:

We, the undersigned voters of the Town of Rowe, petition that the above article be placed on the Town Meeting warrant for Monday, May 13th 2013.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaw by adding new Article V, Section 2F, and Temporary Moratorium on the Construction of Large Scale Wind Energy Systems that would provide as follows:

Article V, Section 2F: Purpose

If the Town of Rowe becomes a target of interest for the construction of large scale wind energy systems, this could have a dramatic affect [on] the Town as a whole. The Town of Rowe is rural and there currently are no large scale wind energy systems in the Town. There is an identifiable community need to establish long-term zoning regulations to ensure that such uses and development will be consistent with the Town's long term planning interests. It is crucial that the Town act now to establish a temporary moratorium on the use of land and the construction of structures related to such large scale wind and the issuance of building permits in connection with the same.

Article V, Section 2G: Temporary Moratorium

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Town of Rowe Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, no building permit may be issued for the construction of any large scale large wind energy system of more than 35 kilowatts, until July 1, 2014. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to allow sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives, or take any action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen member Paul McLatchy III noted that the Petition would have to be a sense of the meeting due to the requirements of the Town Bylaws to post a public hearing and vote at a Special Town Meeting prior to adopting the Temporary Moratorium. This information was confirmed by Town Counsel; Brian Riley.

Article 27: Sense of the meeting showed that the a majority of voters are in approval of a Temporary Moratorium.

ARTICLE 28: The Board of Selectmen would like a **Sense of the Meeting** on the following matter:

1. Shall the town seek the installation of a cell tower(s)?

Article 28: Sense of the meeting showed that a majority of voters are in approval of seeking the installation of a cell tower(s) with three no votes.

ARTICLE 29: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

MaryJo Fuller – Chair of the Rowe Park Commission noted that the new bridge on the Pelham Brook Trail has been installed with the hard work and dedication of Park Ranger Sean Loomis who received a round of applause.

Moderator Clancy reminded all audience members that Town Elections will be held on Saturday May 18, 2013 at the Rowe Town Hall from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., that the Rowe School Building Committee will be holding another community forum on Wednesday May 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rowe Camp and Conference Center and that a Special Town Meeting will be held next Tuesday May 21, 2013 at the Rowe Fire Station at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:48 p.m. - **Unanimous**

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer A. Morse
Rowe Town Clerk

May 16, 2013

Annual Town Election Results - May 18, 2013

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Saturday, May 18, 2013

189 Voted/283 Total Registered Voters

Town Clerk: Jennifer Morse
Warden: Robin Reed
Clerk: Marjorie Morse
Election Workers: Shirley Veber, Christine Tower, Sue Wood, Jodi Brown
Constable: Robert Dykeman

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Heidi Cousineau	146
Blanks -	37
William Loomis	5
All Others	1

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

David Cousineau	150
Blanks -	33
Leann Loomis	5
All Others -	1

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Paul McLatchy III	66
Susan Gleason	117
Blanks	4
All Others	2

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

James H. Williams	167
Blanks -	22

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Wayne Zvotka	55
Blanks	114
All Others	20

FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 YEARS)

Blanks	149
Dan Poplawski	4
Myra Bennett Carlow	6
All Others	25

FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 YEARS)

Blanks	162
Dan Poplawski	3
Myra Bennett Carlow	8
All Others	16

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Claudine Poplawski	164
Blanks -	25

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

Bruce Cowie	150
Blanks -	35
All Others	4

Results Submitted By:

Jennifer Morse

Rowe Town Clerk

May 18, 2013 -6 p.m.

A true copy, Attest: _____ **Date:** _____

Rowe Town Clerk

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

Rowe Voters' List

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

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

TOTAL VOTERS 277



PART IV

Financial Reports

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
2014	\$ 47,631,910	211	\$ 192,796	\$ 6.07	\$ 1,170	326	327
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

2013 Tax Rate Recapitulation

State Tax Form 31C

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2014

OF
ROWE

City / Town / District

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

la. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$	<u>3,902,205.76</u>
lb. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)		<u>602,379.00</u>
lc. Tax levy (la minus lb)	\$	<u>3,299,826.76</u>
ld. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies		

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA - 5)	(c) IC above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA - 5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	8.7633%	289,173.72	47,631,910	6.07	289,125.69
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.1150%	3,794.80	283,507	13.38	3,793.32
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	66.2568%	2,186,359.62	163,407,838	13.38	2,186,396.87
SUBTOTAL	75.1351%		211,323,255		2,479,315.88
Personal	24.8649%	820,498.62	61,323,683	13.38	820,510.88
TOTAL	100.0000%		272,646,938		3,299,826.76

Board of Assessors of

ROWE

City / Town / District

MUST EQUAL 1C

NOTE : The information was Approved on 11/13/2013.

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessor, Chairman, Rowe,
413-590-5520

11/13/2013 11:05 AM signed on behalf of the BOA (harcopy signatur...

Assessor

Date

(Comments)

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Reviewed By Joseph Boudreau
Date : 13-NOV-13
Approved : Dennis Mountain
Director of Accounts


(Gerard D. Perry)

Print Date : 11/13/2013 11:37 am

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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2014

ROWE

City / Town / District

II. Amounts to be raised

IIa. Appropriations (col (b) through col (e) from page 4)		\$	3,590,953.00
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 judgments	0.00		
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	1,577.83		
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	104,760.00		
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)	173,954.00		
TOTAL IIb (Total lines 1 through 10)			280,391.83
IIc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)			10,318.00
IIId. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)			20,542.93
IIe. Total amount to be raised (Total IIa through IIId)		\$	3,902,205.76

III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources

IIIa. Estimated receipts - State			
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$	216,510.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments		0.00	
TOTAL IIIa			216,510.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local			
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col(b), Line 24)	53,000.00		
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			53,000.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes			
1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))	0.00		
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(c))	250,100.00		
TOTAL IIIc			250,100.00
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate			
1a. Free cash, appropriated on or before June 30, 2013	82,669.00		
b. Free cash, appropriated on or after July 1, 2013	0.00		
2. Municipal light source	0.00		
3. Teachers' pay deferral	0.00		
4. Other source :	0.00		
TOTAL IIId			82,669.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		\$	602,379.00

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)		\$	3,902,205.76
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$	602,379.00	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$	3,299,826.76	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		\$	3,902,205.76

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

ROWE

City/Town/District:

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2013	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2014
==> 1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	41,792.85	40,000.00
2 OTHER EXCISE		
==> a.Meals	0.00	0.00
==> b.Room	0.00	0.00
==> c.Other	0.00	0.00
==> 3 PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	1,973.01	1,000.00
==> 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	1,379.20	1,000.00
10 FEES	0.00	0.00
11 RENTALS	5,697.00	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	4,499.25	4,000.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==> 19 FINES AND FORFEITS	235.00	0.00
==> 20 INVESTMENT INCOME	2,548.01	2,000.00
==> 21 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
==> 22 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	0.00	0.00
==> 23 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	9,055.06	0.00
24 TOTALS	\$ 67,159.41	\$ 53,000.00

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the Fiscal 2014 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.

Judith Corbett (PRINCIPAL), Town Accounting Book 413-839-000

11/13/2013 08:27 AM

Accounting Officer

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

==> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases / decreases of FY 2013 estimated receipts to FY2014 estimated

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2014

ROWE

City / Town / District

APPROPRIATIONS							AUTHORIZATIONS	
							MEMO ONLY	
City / Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations of Each Meeting	(b) From Raise and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash See D-1	(d) From Other Available Funds See B-2	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1), Enterprise Funds (See A-2), or Community Preservation Fund (See A-4)	(f) Revolving Funds (See A-3)	(g) Borrowing Authorization
05/13/2013	2013	30,100.00	0.00	0.00	30,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/13/2013	2014	3,560,853.00	3,340,853.00	0.00	220,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/13/2013	2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,500.00	0.00
05/13/2013	2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Totals		3,590,853.00	3,340,853.00	0.00	250,100.00	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (c)						

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

ROWE
 Deputy Clerk Clerk Town / District Council Date

11/13/2013 11:35 AM
 Date

FY 2013 Tax Collector's Report

Year/Tax	Outstandin g 7-1-12	Commitment s	Abatement s	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Adjust - ments *	Outstandin g 6-30-13
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	59.06	0.00	0.00	-366.25
09 MVE	-213.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.13	0.00	0.00	-200.00
10 MVE	-1,350.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	611.88	0.00	0.00	-738.75
11 MVE	-454.79	0	0	0.00	128.75	0.00	0.00	-326.04
12 MVE	-1,788.22	-4357.88	172.39	0.00	4944.62	-130.40	0.00	-1,159.49
13 MVE	0.00	-38668.96	176.25	0.00	36342.09	-176.25	0.00	-2,326.87
10 RE	-208.28	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	-208.28
11 RE	-1,162.20	0	0	0.00	931.68	0.00	0.00	-230.52
12 RE	-5,645.42	0	0	0.00	5404.96	0.00	0.00	-240.46
13 RE	0.00	-2636618.61	4952.42	0.00	2629050.93	1,376.12	0.00	-3,991.38
13 PP	0.00	-846440.31	0	0.00	846440.31	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL S	-13,144.26	-3,526,085.76	5,301.06	0.00	3,523,927.4 1	1,682.7 7	0.00	-11,684.32
Miscellaneous Collections								
	\$300.00	-	-					
	435.00							
	357.00							
	240.00							
	1,905.94							
	25.00							
	0.00							
	<u>\$3,262.94</u>							

Board of Assessors

Membership of the Board remained the same throughout this year as **Heidi Cousineau** was re-elected to a three-year term at the annual town elections in May 2013. Heidi joined fellow Board member **Carrie Silva** 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 Assessors 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.

Based on the FY14 interim year update **sales analysis** for Rowe, residential property values

(home and land) decreased by 10%. The net effect was that the **total town valuation** decreased by 1.4% to **\$272,646,938** for FY14. The FY14 tax rates of **\$6.07** for Residential and **\$13.38** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in early November 2013 at the Classification hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$6.30** for Residential and **\$14.08** for CIP.

According to Mass Department of Revenue (DOR) records for FY14, Rowe had the **9th lowest residential tax rate** and the **2nd lowest average single family tax bill** in the state (\$1170).

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 (**\$73,037 for FY14**). 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 2013

FOSTER, SUSAN & DAVID, Conservator's of the Estate of Foster, William G. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$145,000.00, grants to **PICKETT, FELICITY** of Rowe, MA, property located at 300 Zoar Road. (Map 203 Lot 23)

FIALLO, CARLOS of Miami, FL, for consideration of \$10.00, grant to **MAGNAGO, JOHN** of Miami, FL, property located at 169 Ford Hill Road. (Map 202 Lot 44)

GATES, DAVID E. of Granville, New York, for consideration of \$130,000.00, grant to **SPRAGUE, BRITTANI M. E.** of Rowe, MA, property located at 40 Shippee Road. (Map 404 Lot 32)

PIERCE, JUDITH A. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$44,000.00, grant to **BAILEY, JEFFREY A. & CHRISTINE A.** of Feeding Hills, MA, land located on Brittingham Hill Road (Lot 1). (Map 407 Lot 43.1)

HARDISON, BILLY L. & LEONDA of Rowe, MA, for no consideration, grant to **HARDISON, LEVIN** of Readsboro, VT, **HARDISON, AGONA** of Lunenburg, MA, **HARDISON, FAWN** of Boston, MA, **HARDISON, CRYSTAL** of Los Angeles, CA & **HARDISON, JUSTIN** of Somerville, MA, property located on Tunnel Road. (Map 411 Lots 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33)

BUCHANAN, DEBRA L. of Thousand Oaks, CA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **GAUDRY, GEORGE L.** of Rowe, MA property located on 5 Pine Hill Drive. (Map 202 Lot 27)

WYLAND, GEORGE ALAN of Wilton, CT, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **WYLAND, G. ALAN, Trustee of the G. ALAN WYLAND 2013 Revocable Living Trust** of Wilton, CT, land located on Potter Road. (MAP 402 Lot 14)

PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK, the personal representative of the Estate of JONES, MARGARET IRENE a/k/a JONES, MARGARET S. of Springfield, MA, for no consideration, grant to **HARRIS, MARILYN SMITH** of Kensington, CT, **SMITH, JOSEPH EMERSON** of South Thomaston, ME, **SMITH, AMANDA C.** of Denver, CO, **SMITH, ABIGAIL** of New York, NY & **KAEPPEL,**

MARGARET SMITH of Leyden, MA, land located on Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 201 Lots 33, 34)

PAGE, DOROTHY F. of Brandon, FL, for consideration of \$38,500.00, grant to **GRODD, ALEXANDER S.** of Longmeadow, MA, property located at 38 Pond Road. (Map 201 Lot 2)

DEL GRECO, JOSEPH F. & VICTORIA A., Co-Trustees of the ANXUR TRUST of Exeter, NH, for consideration of \$7,500.00, grant to **BROOKS, KAREN J.** of Heath, MA, land located on Leshure

ROSSI, JOHN F. of Rowe MA, for no monetary consideration, grant to **ROSSI, JOHN F. & MARTHA** of Rowe, MA, property located at 54 Brittingham Hill Road. (Map 407 Lot 8)

ROSSI, JOHN F. of Rowe, MA, for no monetary consideration, grant to **ROSSI, JOHN F. & MARTHA** of Rowe, MA, property located at 72 Brittingham Hill Road. (Map 407 Lot 9)

HOFFMAN, JOHN N. & KATHLEEN M. of Shelburne, MA, for consideration of \$385,000.00, grant to **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ROWE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER, INC.** of Rowe, MA, property located at 312 Zoar Road. (Map 203 Lot 26)

FORECLOSURE DEEDS

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE (Shippee, Kenneth R. & Julie) of Miamisburg, OH, for full consideration of \$176,748.00, grant to **FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION** of Carrollton, TX, property located on 21 Newell Cross Road. (Map 202 Lot 13)

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. of O'Fallon, MO, Mortgage holder from Philip E. Buck & Elizabeth V. Rodriguez Salas of Rowe, MA, to Chittendon Trust Co, d/b/a Mortgage Service Center, for \$216,129.08, grant to **CITIMORTGAGE, INC.** of O'Fallon, MO. (Map 203 Lot 24)

SUBDIVISION

PIERCE, JUDITH A. of Rowe, property located on Brittingham Hill Road. Book 134 Page 42 (Lot 1). (Map 407 Lot 43.1)

RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEE & APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE

WILLIAMS, ROBERT O., Sole Trustee of the Skyline Land Trust of Rowe, MA, resigns as trustee. **WILLIAMS, SUSAN A.** of Rowe, MA, **holder of all the beneficial interests in the Skyline Land Trust**, accepts appointment as the sole successor **Trustee of the Skyline Land Trust.** Book 6408 Page 139 (Map 204 Lots 2, 5, 8)

TRANSFER OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

WILLIAMS, ROBERT O., holder of all beneficial interest in the Skyline Land Trust of Rowe, MA, transfer all beneficial interest to **WILLIAMS, SUSAN A.** of Rowe, MA. Book 6408 Page 141 (Map 204 Lots 2, 5, 8)

WILLIAMS, ROBERT O. & WILLIAMS, SUSAN A., holder of all the beneficial interest in the Middletown Hill Trust of Rowe, MA, transfer all beneficial interest that we hold to **WILLIAMS, SUSAN A** of Rowe, MA. Book 6413 Page 56. (Map 204 Lot 4)

Finance Committee

For 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.

Once again 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis May, Chair
Maggie Parent
Wayne Zavotka

Town Accountant - Balance Sheet June 30, 2013

Revenue - FY2013

	<u>Account</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>YTD Revenues</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
001-001-4110-000-000-0	Personal Property Taxes	846,440.31	844,413.08	-2,027.23
001-001-4120-000-000-0	Real Estate Taxes	2,613,772.89	2,634,023.61	20,250.72
001-001-4150-000-000-0	Motor Vehicle Excise	45,000.00	41,792.88	-3,207.12
001-001-4170-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Taxes	500.00	1,562.91	1,062.91
001-001-4171-000-000-0	Pen & Int on Taxes	0.00	410.10	410.10
	<u>Total Taxes</u>	3,505,713.20	3,522,202.58	16,489.38
<u>Fees</u>				
001-122-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Select Board	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-146-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Collector	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-149-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Registry Markings	0.00	80.00	80.00
001-161-4320-000-000-0	Town Clerk	0.00	62.00	62.00
001-171-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Conservation Comm	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-210-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Police	500.00	1,002.20	502.20
001-220-4320-000-000-0	Fees-Fire Dept	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>Total Fees</u>	500.00	1,144.20	644.20
<u>Licenses & Permits</u>				
001-122-4410-000-000-0	Licenses-Liquor	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-122-4420-000-000-0	Licenses-Other	300.00	149.25	-150.75
001-210-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Police Dept	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
001-241-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Building Insp	0.00	275.00	275.00
001-243-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Plumbing Insp	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-245-4450-000-000-0	Permits-Electrical Insp	0.00	200.00	200.00
001-510-4450-000-000-0	Permits-BOH	0.00	275.00	275.00
	<u>Total Permits</u>	300.00	4,499.25	3,924.25
<u>State Revenue</u>				
001-001-4610-000-000-0	Reimb for Loss of Taxes	5,354.00	0.00	-5,354.00
001-001-4613-000-000-0	Veterans Abatements	2,231.00	0.00	-2,231.00
001-001-4614-000-000-0	Surv Spouse	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4616-000-000-0	Elderly Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4620-000-000-0	School Aid - Chapter 70 School Building	99,147.00	88,967.00	-10,180.00
001-001-4648-000-000-0	Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4661-000-000-0	Lottery Aid	3,332.00	8,686.00	5,354.00
001-001-4665-000-000-0	Veterans Benefits	0.00	8.00	8.00
001-001-4680-000-000-0	Other State Revenue	0.00	4,326.52	4,326.52
	<u>Total State Revenue</u>	110,064.00	101,987.52	-8,076.48

Fines

001-001-4685-000-000-0	Fines - RMV	400.00	210.00	-190.00
001-001-4771-000-000-0	Fines - District Court	0.00	25.00	25.00
001-001-4770-000-000-0	Parking Violations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fines		400.00	235.00	-165.00
Other Revenue				
001-001-4815-000-000-0	Sale of Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4820-000-000-0	Earnings on Investments	1,000.00	2,548.01	1,548.01
001-001-4840-000-000-0	Miscellaneous Revenue	18,000.00	9,035.06	-8,964.94
001-001-4971-000-000-0	Tr Fr Special Revenue	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
001-001-4973-000-000-0	Tr Fr Capital Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-001-4974-000-000-0	Tr Fr Stabilization	264,869.00	264,869.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue		283,869.00	526,452.07	242,583.07
		Total Year To Date Revenue		
		3,900,846.20	4,156,520.62	255,399.42

Appropriation Balances - FY2013

ASSETS	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency		
Cash, Pooled	1,301,886.46	193,130.11	\$1,638,455.84	3,133,472.41	0.00
2013 Real Estate	3,991.38				
2012 Real Estate	240.46				
2011 Real Estate	230.52				
Prior Years	208.28				
Total Real Estate	4,670.64				
2013 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-18,489.05				
2012 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-24,248.67				
2011 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-1,982.90				
2010 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-6,287.47				
Prior Years	655.50				
Total Allow for Abate/Exempt	-50,352.59				
Tax Liens	4,815.81				
2013 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,326.87				
2012 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,159.49				
2011 Motor Vehicle Excise	326.04				
2010 Motor Vehicle Excise	738.75				
2009 Motor Vehicle Excise	213.13				
Prior Year	2,262.53				
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	7,026.81				
Due from Hawlemont	59.84				
Highway Grants Receivable					
To Be Provided-Long Term Debt					
To Be Provided-MWPAT Debt					

TOTAL ASSETS	1,268,106.97	193,130.11	1,638,455.84		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency		
Accrued Payroll	126,854.96				
Warrants Payable	324,840.12				
Payroll Withholdings	465.14				
Def.Rev - Property & RE Tax	-45,681.95				
Def.Rev - Tax Liens	4,815.81				
Def.Rev - Motor Vehicle Excise	7,026.81				
Tailings	336.99				
Police Detail			203.90		
Permit Application Agency			500.00		
Clerk Fees			86.80		
Direct Pay Insurance			8,061.58		
Collector's Fees			358.18		
Due to State - Fish/Wildlife			69.00		
Due to State - Firearms			1,425.00		
School Activity Agency			1,836.11		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	418,657.88	0.00	12,540.57		

<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency		
Reserve for Expenditures	512,800.84				
Undesignated Fund Balance	253,979.25				
Reserve for FY14 Tax Rate	82,669.00				
School Grants/Funds		104,057.70			
Grant/Gift Account Balances		18,970.92			
State Grants		105,394.30			
Fund Balance Chapter 90		(35,292.81)			
Stabilization			800,259.58		
Capital Stabilization			756,165.68		
Trust Accounts			69,490.01		

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	849,449.09	193,130.11	1,625,915.27		
TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY	1,268,106.97	193,130.11	1,638,455.84		
	0.00	0.00	0.00		

Special Revenue - FY2013

	<i>Beg Bal</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>	
<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>					
215	MA Highway A/R-D291 FY09	0.00	103,175.12	138,467.93	-35,292.81
251	Wetlands Protection	1,025.18	387.50	-673.81	738.87
252	Cemetary Sale of Lots	363.00	400.00	0.00	763.00
272	East Cemetary Gift Acct	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
273	West Cemetary Gift Acct	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
274	Park Gift Acct	66.00	66.00	0.00	132.00
275	Internet Kiosk Gift Acct	112.60	0.00	0.00	112.60
276	Brian Bega Scholarship Gift Ac	3,941.98	135.70	0.00	4,077.68
277	Library Gift Acct	356.87	122.00	-79.98	398.89
281	BOH Vaccine Purchase	1,377.59	222.97	-834.28	766.28
282	Goal Post Subscriptions	163.00	114.00	-1,506.66	-1,229.66
283	Old Home Day	136.00	3,059.00	-949.25	2,245.75
284	Lib-FWMLA Books/Pdcls Grant	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
285	Mary Lyon Grant	261.07	145.00	0.00	406.07
286	Greenfield Garden Club Grant	79.94	17,000.00	0.00	17,079.94
287	MTCRT Clean Energy Grant	203.00	0.00	0.00	203.00
288	Net Fund Cash	0.00	245,876.77	245,876.77	0.00
289	Net Fund Cash	0.00	240,651.50	250,000.00	-9,348.50
	<u>State & Federal Grants</u>				18,970.92
403	Community Policing Grant	36.88	0.00	0.00	36.88
404	DWI/Speeding Grant	38.79	0.00	0.00	38.79
410	FEMA Snow Emergency Funds	105,549.90	27,404.91	-95,124.05	37,830.76
412	Council on Aging Grant	-185.00	3,584.50	-1,485.14	1,914.36
414	Library State Aid	2,255.61	1,270.10	0.00	3,525.71
415	Cultural Council	2,804.97	3,902.00	-3,435.00	3,271.97
417	Barn Pres. Markland	-496.92	996.72	-499.80	0.00
418	Library Mitigation	0.00	40,265.00	0.00	40,265.00
422	Assist to Firefighters Grant	0.00	67,862.50	-49,351.67	18,510.83
	<u>School Grants/Funds</u>				105,394.30
501	Circuit Breaker	0.00	471.90	-471.90	0.00
502	School Choice	144,167.86	102,994.00	159,500.55	87,661.31
503	REAP Grants	3,115.23	0.00	4,685.73	7,800.96
505	SPED Early Child 8-135 Grant	202.16	4,011.88	-4,059.30	154.74
506	SPED Pr Improv 274-333	172.60	1,900.00	-1,422.60	650.00
507	SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303	1,718.92	7,790.00	-7,101.89	2,407.03
510	Net Fund Cash	0.00	1,127.00	-845.00	282.00
511	Net Fund Cash	0.00	6,555.17	-6,961.03	-405.86

512	Title 11A Improving Ed Quality	0.00	0.00	688.00	688.00
551	After School Program	241.10	0.00	0.00	241.10
553	School Lunch	5,611.11	11,019.09	-15,888.05	742.15
554	Field Trip/Act Scholarship Gif	256.60	-50.00	50.00	256.60
555	School Programs	3,102.32	7,405.05	-6,927.70	3,579.67
	<u>Trust Funds</u>				104,057.70
811	Martha Henry Memorial Library	8,690.94	24.52	0.00	8,715.46
812	CemeteryPerpetual Care	20,164.53	256.25	0.00	20,420.78
813	Rowe Library Trust	479.43	1.34	0.00	480.77
814	Charles Wells Mem. Library	3,450.27	9.72	0.00	3,459.99
815	Preserved Smith Library	1,816.77	5.12	0.00	1,821.89
816	Demonds/Gould Mem Library	16,752.48	47.24	0.00	16,799.72
817	Foster Donation	3,086.82	8.73	0.00	3,095.55
818	A. B. White Mem. Library	5,448.81	15.39	0.00	5,464.20
819	L.Tower-Jones Memorial Library	5,448.81	15.39	0.00	5,464.20
820	Net Fund Cash	3,767.45	0.00	0.00	3,767.45
			-		
830	Stabilization Fund	1,026,460.76	216,201.18	-10,000.00	800,259.58
831	Capital Stabilization	670,169.22	1,277.46	-37,496.00	756,165.68
	<u>Agency Funds</u>				1,673,411.27
890	Retirees Health Ins	2,098.04	18,208.36	-12,244.82	8,061.58
891	Off Duty Police Detail	107.00	12,759.90	-12,663.00	203.90
892	Firearm ID Cards	1,425.00	0.00	0.00	1,425.00
894	Fire Dept Fees	120.05	11.75	-45.00	86.80
895	Wildlife Fees	69.00	0.00	0.00	69.00
896	Collector's Fees	148.28	870.00	-660.10	358.18
897	Due to Permit Applicant	1,760.00	475.00	-1,735.00	500.00
898	Deputy Collector's Fees	0.00	287.00	-287.00	0.00
899	School Activity Agency	2,574.32	1.62	-739.83	1,836.11
					12,540.57

FY2013 Budget vs. Actual

Town of Rowe Budget Expense w/Variance FY 2013

Acct Number		Original Budget	Budget Revision	Total Budget	Actual	Balance
001 114 5100 000	Moderator	412	0	412	412	0
001 122 5100 000	Selectboard Stipends	5,562.00	0	5,562.00	5,368.03	193.97
001 122 5400 000	Microfilm Town Records	1,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	0	5,000.00
001 122		6,562.00	4,000.00	10,562.00	5,368.03	5,193.97
001 123 5100 000	Town Coordinator Salary	59,800.00	0	59,800.00	59,800.00	0
001 123 5110 000	Administrative Assistan	10,988.00	4,000.00	14,988.00	14,939.76	48.24
001 123 5400 000	General Administrative	30,752.00	0	30,752.00	26,438.60	4,313.40
001 123		101,540.00	4,000.00	105,540.00	101,178.36	4,361.64
001 132 5400 000	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-12,085.95	7,914.05	0	7,914.05
001 135 5400 000	Acct/Payroll Services	0	37,000.00	37,000.00	29,400.87	7,599.13
001 135 5410 000	Audit	15,000.00	4,000.00	19,000.00	13,500.00	5,500.00
001 135		15,000.00	41,000.00	56,000.00	42,900.87	13,099.13
001 141 5100 000	Assessor Stipends	5,100.00	0	5,100.00	5,100.00	0
	Assessor Clerk					
001 141 5110 000	Compensa	9,200.00	0	9,200.00	6,577.58	2,622.42
001 141 5400 000	Assessors' Operation	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	6,840.78	1,159.22
	Assessor Reval/Prop					
001 141 5800 000	Upd	0	4,235.00	4,235.00	4,200.00	35
001 141		22,300.00	4,235.00	26,535.00	22,718.36	3,816.64
001 145 5100 000	Treasurer Stipend	7,849.00	0	7,849.00	7,849.00	0
001 145 5110 000	Assistant Treasurer Com	100	400	500	328.88	171.12
001 145 5410 000	Bank Charges/Loan Inter	750	0	750	260	490
001 145 5420 000	Treasurer's Office Reco	0	10,000.00	10,000.00	650	9,350.00
001 145		8,699.00	10,400.00	19,099.00	9,087.88	10,011.12
001 146 5100 000	Tax Collector Stipend	7,159.00	0	7,159.00	7,159.00	0
001 146 5400 000	Tax Collector Operation	6,913.00	0	6,913.00	6,655.39	257.61
001 146		14,072.00	0	14,072.00	13,814.39	257.61
001 150 5400 000	Town Officer Expense	1,607.00	0	1,607.00	1,594.29	12.71
001 150 5410 000	IT Hardwar/Software	10,350.00	0	10,350.00	6,541.26	3,808.74
001 150 5420 000	IT Consultant	16,000.00	0	16,000.00	16,000.00	0
001 150 5430 000	Town-wide Notification	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	900	100
001 150		28,957.00	0	28,957.00	25,035.55	3,921.45
001 151 5400 000	Legal Expense	12,000.00	300	12,300.00	12,253.81	46.19
001 161 5100 000	Town Clerk Stipend	7,159.00	0	7,159.00	7,159.00	0
001 162 5100 000	Board of Registrars	350	0	350	350	0
001 162 5400 000	Elections/Registration	4,000.00	3,400.00	7,400.00	6,512.91	887.09
001 162		4,350.00	3,400.00	7,750.00	6,862.91	887.09
	Conservation Comm					
001 171 5400 000	Operatns	200	0	200	159.5	40.5

001 175 5400 000	Planning Board	1,250.00	0	1,250.00	320.17	929.83
001 175 5410 000	Planning Board Consulti	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	175	1,825.00
	Planning Board Goal					
001 175 5420 000	Pos	10,100.00	0	10,100.00	8,399.70	1,700.30
001 175		13,350.00	0	13,350.00	8,894.87	4,455.13
	Town Hall Custodian					
001 192 5110 000	Wag	7,321.20	0	7,321.20	4,785.84	2,535.36
001 192 5400 000	Municipal Center Operati	15,420.00	-415.59	15,004.41	13,024.85	1,979.56
001 192 5410 000	Town Hall Fuel Oil	6,000.00	415.59	6,415.59	6,415.59	0
001 192 5420 000	Town Hall Electricity	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	6,764.42	1,235.58
001 192 5430 000	Town Hall Elevator Main	3,380.00	0	3,380.00	3,380.00	0
001 192 5440 000	Energy Committee	250	0	250	146.82	103.18
001 192 5800 000	Town Hall Electronic Do	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	0	8,000.00
001 192 5810 000	Town Hall Copier	9,500.00	0	9,500.00	51.19	9,448.81
001 192 5820 000	Esco Lease Town Hall	3,820.00	0	3,820.00	3,820.00	0
001 192 5830 000	TH ADA Access	0	2,000.00	2,000.00	0	2,000.00
001 192 5840 000	TH Ceiling Tiles	0	1,075.60	1,075.60	0	1,075.60
001 192 5850 000	TH Painting	0	1,425.00	1,425.00	0	1,425.00
001 192		61,691.20	4,500.60	66,191.80	38,388.71	27,803.09
001 193 5400 000	Bonding & Insurance	45,000.00	0	45,000.00	41,907.65	3,092.35
001 195 5400 000	Town Reports	4,600.00	0	4,600.00	1,776.10	2,823.90
001 210 5100 000	Police Chief Stipend	10,360.00	0	10,360.00	10,360.00	0
001 210 5110 000	Police Officers Compens	16,248.00	600	16,848.00	16,542.02	305.98
001 210 5120 000	Constable Stipend	515	0	515	515	0
	Police Department					
001 210 5400 000	Opera	6,000.00	500	6,500.00	6,391.08	108.92
001 210		33,123.00	1,100.00	34,223.00	33,808.10	414.9
001 220 5100 000	Fire Chief Stipend	7,159.00	0	7,159.00	7,159.00	0
001 220 5110 000	Fire Officers Stipends	5,595.00	0	5,595.00	5,595.00	0
001 220 5120 000	Fire Dept. Administrati	3,626.00	0	3,626.00	3,626.00	0
001 220 5130 000	Firefighter Reimburseme	7,510.00	0	7,510.00	7,501.00	9
001 220 5400 000	Fire Dept. General Oper	16,902.00	0	16,902.00	16,902.00	0
001 220 5410 000	Fire Heating Oil	5,000.00	0	5,000.00	4,337.19	662.81
001 220 5420 000	Fire Electricity	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	1,977.69	22.31
001 220 5430 000	Emergency Management	500	0	500	500	0
001 220 5440 000	Forest Fire Control	100	0	100	52.07	47.93
001 220 5450 000	Hazardous Material Cont	500	0	500	500	0
	Thermal Imaging					
001 220 5800 000	Camera	10,000.00	0	10,000.00	10,000.00	0
	ESCO Lease Fire					
001 220 5810 000	Station	1,488.00	0	1,488.00	1,488.00	0
001 220		60,380.00	0	60,380.00	59,637.95	742.05
001 241 5400 000	Building Inspection Pro	3,500.00	0	3,500.00	3,500.00	0
	EMS Coordinator					
001 291 5100 000	Stipend	2,084.00	0	2,084.00	2,084.00	0
	Emergency Personnel					
001 291 5110 000	Sti	4,300.00	0	4,300.00	3,600.00	700
	EMS					
001 291 5400 000	Operations/Maintena	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	596.38	1,403.62
001 291		8,384.00	0	8,384.00	6,280.38	2,103.62
001 292 5100 000	Dog Officer Stipend	618	0	618	618	0
001 293 5100 000	Animal Inspector Stipen	515	0	515	515	0

	School Committee						
001 300 5100 000	Stipen	4,284.00	0	4,284.00	4,164.35	119.65	
001 300 5400 000	Rowe School K-6	886,271.33	75,226.67	961,498.00	984,042.46	-22,544.46	
	Encumb. Rowe School						
001 300 5400 212	K-6	72,313.37	0	72,313.37	72,313.37	0	
001 300 5800 000	Feasibility Study Rowe	50,000.00	0	50,000.00	167.81	49,832.19	
001 300 5810 000	School Laptops	6,000.00	0	6,000.00	0	6,000.00	
001 300 5820 000	School Mac Books	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	
001 300 5850 000	School Construction	0	250,000.00	250,000.00	159,361.54	90,638.46	
001 300		1,022,868.70	325,226.67	1,348,095.37	1,220,049.53	128,045.84	
001 320 5400 000	Schools 7-12	437,355.00	0	437,355.00	428,461.23	8,893.77	
001 320 5420 000	Schools 7-12 Late Bus	0	0	0	8,893.77	-8,893.77	
001 320		437,355.00	0	437,355.00	437,355.00	0	
	DPW Superintendent						
001 422 5100 000	Sala	78,949.00	0	78,949.00	78,949.00	0	
	DPW Heavy Equipment						
001 422 5110 000	Ope	177,642.00	-6,500.00	171,142.00	164,864.58	6,277.42	
	Summer Youth						
001 422 5120 000	Employment	25,500.00	6,500.00	32,000.00	31,425.68	574.32	
	DPW Operations &						
001 422 5400 000	Mainte	31,151.00	-550	30,601.00	30,556.48	44.52	
001 422 5410 000	DPW Heating Oil	5,500.00	0	5,500.00	5,256.81	243.19	
001 422 5420 000	DPW Electricity	1,558.00	500	2,058.00	1,815.77	242.23	
001 422 5430 000	Fuel for Town Vehicles	33,115.00	0	33,115.00	33,115.00	0	
	Road Surface						
001 422 5800 000	Maintenanc	50,000.00	0	50,000.00	50,000.00	0	
001 422 5810 000	Annual DPW Projects	42,000.00	0	42,000.00	41,925.66	74.34	
	Mack Dump Truck &						
001 422 5820 000	Sande	173,891.00	37,546.00	211,437.00	211,437.00	0	
	Esco Lease DPW						
001 422 5830 000	Garage	5,307.00	0	5,307.00	5,307.00	0	
001 422 5840 000	Bridge Rehab Program	0	132,000.00	132,000.00	0	132,000.00	
001 422		624,613.00	169,496.00	794,109.00	654,652.98	139,456.02	
001 423 5400 000	Winter Highway Expense	66,500.00	0	66,500.00	66,328.58	171.42	
001 424 5400 000	Street lighting	5,253.00	0	5,253.00	4,901.28	351.72	
001 424 5410 000	Municipal Light Plant	900	0	900	5.25	894.75	
001 424		6,153.00	0	6,153.00	4,906.53	1,246.47	
001 433 5110 000	Transfer Station Attend	14,998.00	0	14,998.00	14,998.00	0	
	Household Hazardous						
001 439 5400 000	Was	500	0	500	30	470	
	Refuse Garden						
001 439 5410 000	Operation	38,000.00	0	38,000.00	24,499.32	13,500.68	
001 439		38,500.00	0	38,500.00	24,529.32	13,970.68	
001 491 5400 000	Cemetaries-Maint/Repair	15,000.00	0	15,000.00	13,191.50	1,808.50	
001 512 5100 000	Board of Health Stipend	4,635.00	0	4,635.00	4,635.00	0	
001 512 5110 000	Board of Health Clerk W	6,842.00	0	6,842.00	6,606.32	235.68	
001 512 5400 000	Board of Health Operati	17,000.00	0	17,000.00	13,453.15	3,546.85	
001 512 5410 000	Town Nurse Wages	41,983.00	0	41,983.00	41,548.11	434.89	
001 512 5420 000	Health Services Operati	6,000.00	0	6,000.00	5,828.94	171.06	
001 512 5430 000	Physician's Stipend	500	0	500	500	0	
001 512		76,960.00	0	76,960.00	72,571.52	4,388.48	
001 541 5400 000	Council on Aging Exp	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	3,961.76	38.24	

001 543 5400 000	Veterans Services Asses	500	0	500	500	0
001 543 5410 000	Veterans Benefits	100	0	100	0	100
001 543 5420 000	Veterans Operations	450	0	450	100	350
001 543		1,050.00	0	1,050.00	600	450
001 610 5100 000	Library Director Wages	22,925.00	2,292.48	25,217.48	23,880.20	1,337.28
001 610 5110 000	Library Staff Wages	15,677.00	600	16,277.00	16,265.84	11.16
001 610 5400 000	Library Operations & Ma	18,811.00	-600	18,211.00	18,092.64	118.36
001 610 5410 000	Library Heating Oil	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	1,897.34	102.66
001 610 5420 000	Library Electricity	1,500.00	0	1,500.00	1,355.92	144.08
	CWMARS Mininet					
001 610 5430 000	Annual M	3,350.00	0	3,350.00	3,350.00	0
	Library CWMARS					
001 610 5440 000	Overdriv	168	0	168	168	0
001 610 5800 000	ESCO Lease Library	2,430.00	0	2,430.00	2,430.00	0
001 610 5810 000	Library Restroom	0	6,556.00	6,556.00	0	6,556.00
001 610 5820 000	Library Front Steps	0	5,000.00	5,000.00	0	5,000.00
001 610		66,861.00	13,848.48	80,709.48	67,439.94	13,269.54
	Pelham Lake Head					
001 630 5100 000	Ranger	43,240.00	0	43,240.00	43,240.00	0
	Pelham Lake Park					
001 630 5110 000	Wages	40,544.00	0	40,544.00	37,046.37	3,497.63
	Pelham Lake Operation					
001 630 5400 000	&	19,505.00	0	19,505.00	19,450.34	54.66
001 630 5800 000	Park Property Damage	0	4,987.90	4,987.90	4,632.94	354.96
001 630 5810 000	Park Lawn Mower	3,478.00	0	3,478.00	3,082.98	395.02
001 630 5820 212	Pelham Brook Ftbridge	0	6,226.94	6,226.94	5,918.96	307.98
001 630 5830 212	Potter Brook Ftbridge	0	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0
001 630 5840 000	Park Compost Lav Facili	0	357.32	357.32	0	357.32
001 630		106,767.00	17,572.16	124,339.16	119,371.59	4,967.57
001 634 5400 000	Gracy House Operations	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	2,182.80	1,817.20
001 634 5410 000	Gracy House Materials/S	500	0	500	0	500
001 634 5800 000	Gracy House Soule Barn	0	10,718.57	10,718.57	1,398.00	9,320.57
001 634 5810 000	Gracy House Foundation	0	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,359.27	140.73
001 634 5820 000	Gracy House Painting	0	954.53	954.53	0	954.53
001 634		4,500.00	16,173.10	20,673.10	7,940.07	12,733.03
001 691 5400 000	Historic Ladscape ID Pr	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
001 692 5400 000	Yankee Land Committee	5,000.00	0	5,000.00	0	5,000.00
001 692 5410 000	Beautification Committe	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	1,928.81	71.19
001 692 5420 000	Old Home Days	5,500.00	0	5,500.00	3,833.60	1,666.40
	Old Home Days					
001 692 5430 000	Fireworks	5,500.00	0	5,500.00	5,500.00	0
001 692		18,000.00	0	18,000.00	11,262.41	6,737.59
001 710 5900 000	Sun Trust ESCO Lease	320,000.00	0	320,000.00	313,004.09	6,995.91
001 751 5400 000	Verizon Int Expense	0	593.47	593.47	593.47	0
001 820 5640 000	Air Pollution District	346	0	346	0	346
001 820 5646 000	RMV Marking Surchg	40	0	40	0	40
001 820 5663 000	Reg Transit Authority	2,857.00	0	2,857.00	0	2,857.00
001 820		3,243.00	0	3,243.00	0	3,243.00
	FRCOG Regional					
001 830 5400 000	Services	10,584.00	0	10,584.00	10,584.00	0
	FRCOG Statutory					
001 830 5410 000	Assessm	6,388.00	0	6,388.00	6,388.00	0
001 830 5420 000	FRCOG Cooperative	1,389.00	0	1,389.00	270	1,119.00

001 830	Purch	18,361.00	0	18,361.00	17,242.00	1,119.00
001 911 5400 000	Franklin County Retirem	108,707.00	0	108,707.00	108,707.00	0
001 913 5400 000	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	0	1,000.00
001 914 5400 000	Group Health Insurance	390,000.00	0	390,000.00	340,603.76	49,396.24
001 916 5400 000	FICA/Medicare Tax	39,000.00	0	39,000.00	25,638.14	13,361.86
001 970 5961 000	Tr To Capital Stabiliza	169,711.00	168,572.00	338,283.00	169,711.00	168,572.00
001 970 5962 000	Tr To Stabilization	3,000.00	0	3,000.00	0	3,000.00
001 970		172,711.00	168,572.00	341,283.00	169,711.00	171,572.00
Total	Expenditure	4,030,559.90	772,331.53	4,802,891.43	4,136,935.61	665,955.82

FY2013 Cherry Sheet

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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. Police Career Incentive Ch. 41, s. 108L	0
5. Urban Renewal Projects Ch. 121, ss. 53-57	0
6. Veterans' Benefits Ch. 115, s. 6	0
7. Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly Ch. 58, s. 8A; Ch. 59 s. 5	2,231
8. State Owned Land Ch. 58, ss. 13-17	5,354

Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

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

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, FISCAL 2012

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	<u>0</u>
6. Old Colony Planning Council 1967, Ch. 332	<u>0</u>
7. RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge Ch. 90; Ch. 60A	<u>40</u>
Sub-Total, State Assessments	<u>386</u>
C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:	
1. MBTA Ch. 161A, ss. 8-9;1974, Ch. 825, ss. 6-7	<u>0</u>
2. Boston Metro. Transit District 1929, Ch. 383; 1954, Ch. 535	<u>0</u>
3. Regional Transit Ch. 161B, ss. 9, 10, 23; 1973, Ch. 1141	<u>2,857</u>
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments	<u>2,857</u>
D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:	
1. Special Education Ch. 71B, ss. 10, 12	<u>0</u>
2. STRAP Repayments 1983, Ch. 637, s. 32	<u>0</u>
Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts	<u>0</u>
E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:	
1. School Choice Sending Tuition Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71	<u>23,402</u>
2. Charter School Sending Tuition Ch. 71, s. 89	<u>0</u>
3. Essex County Technical Institute Sending Tuition 1998, Ch. 300, s. 21	<u>0</u>
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments	<u>23,402</u>
F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES, FISCAL 2012	<u>3,243</u>

Treasurer's Report - FY2013

Trust Funds FY2013

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2013</u>
M. Wells Memorial Library	\$8,715.44
Cemetery	\$20,145.83
Rowe Library Gift	\$480.77
Charles Wells Library	\$3,460.16
Preserved Smith Library	\$1,821.73
Gould Library	\$16,795.69
Foster Donation	\$3,099.63
White Memorial Library	\$5,464.15
L. Tower/Jones Library	\$5,464.15
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	\$3,803.16
TOTALS	\$69,250.71

Stabilization Fund FY2013

Beginning Balance 7/1/2012	\$ 1,027,660.76
Transfers to Capitalization Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers from Capitalization Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers to General Fund	\$ 928,200.00
Transfers from General Fund	\$ 799,000.00
Interest earned 7/1/12 to 6/30/13	\$ 1,171.82

Balance as of June 30, 2013 \$ 899,632.58

Capitalization Stabilization Fund FY2013

Beginning Balance 7/1/2012	\$ 668,574.27
Transfers to Stabilization Fund	\$ -
Transfers to General Fund	\$229,769.00
Transfers from General Fund	\$ 298,635.41
Interest earned 7/01/12 to 6/30/13	\$2,024.00

Balance as of June 30, 2013 \$739,464.68



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 2013 shows a growing decrease from 2012. Paper recycling was down by 200 tons compared to 2012. District residents recycled over 1,700 tons of paper and over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility. Although market prices for recyclables were low from January through December, District towns received a total of \$62,100 in revenue for their recyclables.

In 2013, 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 540 households participated in these collection events.

We also held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2013. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 257 households participated in this event. 45% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received an \$18,000 grant from the MA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to set up a pilot recycling collection for plastic waste generated at agricultural operations. The District is working to continue this project in 2014 because we know that many farms struggle with managing this type of plastic waste. We also helped member towns implement \$17,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from the MA DEP.

We also continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We continue to work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

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.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - *Chair*
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

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-eight 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.

2013 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,335 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. 29 new dwelling units were constructed in participating towns. The number of permits and fee revenues were higher in 2013 than in the previous year.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 6,858 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 2,346 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.

In 2013, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Rowe:

Residential Building Permits	38
Commercial Building Permits	07
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	01
Electrical Permits	14
Plumbing Permits	05
Gas Permits	07

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 : [building](mailto:building@frcog.org) or [zoning](mailto:zoning@frcog.org) questions at 774-3167, extension 2.

- James D. Hawkins jhawkins@frcog.org
Building Commissioner
- James Cerone icerone@frcog.org
Building Inspector
- Tom McDonald electric@frcog.org
Electrical Inspector
- Andy French plumbing@frcog.org
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

Franklin Regional Retirement System - 2013 Annual Report

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 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

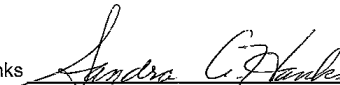
Telephone Number (413) 774-4837

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, 2015

Herbert L. Sanderson, Jr.




Third Elected Member
Term Expires December 31, 2014

Mary A. Stokarski



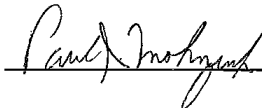
Fourth Elected Member
Term Expires December 31, 2013

David R. Gendron



Fifth Appointed Member
Term Expires June 30, 2015

Paul J. Mokrzecki



INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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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, 2012**

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
1	1040 Cash	1,335,467.01	844,585.01	909,052.91
3	1180 Fixed Income Securities	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	1170 Equities (at market value)	25,682,411.65	11,713,011.94	13,361,147.96
6	1172 Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	0.00	7,338,112.72	6,586,939.31
7	1173 Pooled International Equity Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	1181 Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	12,017,655.92	10,748,026.51	8,869,330.80
13	1194 Pooled Real Estate Funds	4,989,676.41	3,615,753.89	3,917,016.78
18	1199 PRIT Fund	51,759,032.91	50,125,034.05	49,563,855.27
19	1350 Prepaid Expenses	4,671.65	4,349.38	5,128.45
20	1398 Accounts Receivable (A)	426,368.94	370,870.70	693,568.41
21	1550 Interest Due and Accrued	65.80	45.89	46.43
22	2020 Accounts Payable (A)	<u>(114,075.45)</u>	<u>(212,402.83)</u>	<u>(73,238.39)</u>
	Total	96,101,274.84	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93
Funds:				
1	3293 Annuity Savings Fund	\$27,352,295.53	26,819,918.64	26,004,391.75
2	3294 Annuity Reserve Fund	\$8,074,409.17	7,322,171.29	6,766,401.29
3	3295 Military Service Fund	\$3,491.54	3,488.05	3,481.09
4	3296 Pension Fund	\$5,754,170.55	5,661,801.18	5,696,918.11
6	3297 Pension Reserve Fund	<u>\$54,916,908.05</u>	<u>44,740,008.10</u>	<u>45,361,655.69</u>
	Total Assets at Market Value	\$96,101,274.84	84,547,387.26	83,832,847.93

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the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

RECEIPTS

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
1 Annuity Savings Fund:			
(a) 4891-Members Deductions	\$ 2,759,548.30	\$ 2,780,511.29	\$ 2,799,243.18
(b) 4892-Transfers From Other Systems	340,824.24	340,446.46	135,888.25
(c) 4893-Member Make Up Payments and Redeposits	40,059.06	42,554.14	61,738.97
(d) 4900-Member Payments from Rollovers	84,146.80	38,619.66	46,797.36
(e) Investment Income Credited to Members Accounts	53,243.01	84,811.45	79,743.18
Subtotal	<u>3,277,821.41</u>	<u>3,286,943.00</u>	<u>3,123,410.94</u>
2 Annuity Reserve Fund			
(a) Investment Income Credited to Annuity Reserve Fund	<u>235,693.26</u>	<u>204,281.91</u>	<u>191,009.52</u>
Subtotal	\$235,693.26	\$204,281.91	\$191,009.52
3 Pension Fund			
(a) 4898-3(8)(c) Reimbursements From Other Systems	308,020.74	292,295.53	264,159.90
(b) 4899-Received From Commonwealth for COLA and Survivor Benefits	67,626.01	90,179.00	100,544.51
(c) 4894-Pension Fund Appropriation	5,202,363.00	4,954,423.00	4,378,679.44
(d) 4840 -Workers' Compensation Settlements	<u>45,844.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	5,623,854.14	5,336,897.53	4,743,383.85
4 Military Service Fund			
(a) 4890-Contribution Received from Municipality	-	-	1,679.11
(b) Investment Income Credited to Military Service Fund	3.49	6.96	5.39
Subtotal	3.49	6.96	1,684.50
5 Expense Fund			
(a) 4896-Expense Fund Appropriation	0.00	0.00	0.00
(b) Investment Income Credited to Expense Fund	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
Subtotal	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
6 Pension Reserve Fund			
(a) 4897-Federal Grant Reimbursement	-	-	-
(b) 4895-Pension Reserve Appropriation	206.12	54,730.76	494,454.28
(c) 4822-Interest Not Refunded	12,997.99	8,777.41	3,958.75
(d) 4825-Miscellaneous Income	7,814.73	383.94	1,840.32
(e) Excess Investment Income	<u>10,501,537.20</u>	<u>(683,789.22)</u>	<u>10,041,619.95</u>
Subtotal	<u>10,522,556.04</u>	<u>-619,897.11</u>	<u>10,541,873.30</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	20,597,074.61	9,037,363.20	19,385,434.86

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the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
1 Annuity Savings Fund:			
(a) 5757-Refunds to Members	\$541,614.44	\$594,635.44	\$312,564.22
(b) 5756-Transfers to Other Systems	<u>438,662.22</u>	<u>447,249.56</u>	<u>441,656.71</u>
Subtotal	\$980,276.66	\$1,041,885.00	\$754,220.93
2 Annuity Reserve Fund:			
(a) 5750-Annuities Paid	\$1,203,873.31	\$1,067,196.96	\$964,187.80
(b) 5759-Option B Refunds	<u>\$48,205.02</u>	<u>\$12,596.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Subtotal	\$1,252,078.33	\$1,079,793.50	\$964,187.80
3 Pension Fund:			
(a) 5751-Pensions Paid			
Regular Pension Payments	\$4,823,937.25	\$4,285,709.50	\$3,989,389.16
Survivorship Payments	\$273,173.63	\$261,162.44	\$205,917.51
Ordinary Disability Payments	\$14,348.32	\$21,115.62	\$24,343.92
Accidental Disability Payments	\$351,531.18	\$352,887.26	\$307,017.38
Accidental Death Payments	\$58,228.16	\$67,693.68	\$98,433.37
Section 101 Benefits	\$0.00		
(b) 5755-3(8)(c) Reimbursements to Other Systems	\$284,841.22	\$293,266.96	\$556,670.49
(c) 5752-COLA's Paid	67,626.01	90,179.00	103,458.14
(d) 5753-Chapter 389 Beneficiary Increase Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	<u>\$5,873,685.77</u>	<u>\$5,372,014.46</u>	<u>\$5,285,229.97</u>
4 Military Service Fund:			
(a) 4890-Return to Municipality for Members who withdrew their funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
5 Expense Fund:			
(a) 5118-Board Member Stipend	\$19,666.60	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
(b) 5119-Salaries	\$236,493.31	\$233,572.25	\$230,732.28
(c) 5304-Management Fees	\$504,924.98	\$442,197.97	\$391,767.90
(d) 5305-Custodial Fees	\$13,559.18	\$10,000.00	\$15,070.33
(e) 5307-Consultant Fees	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
(f) 5308-Legal Expenses	\$29,149.45	\$6,701.00	\$14,941.00
(g) 5309-Medical Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(h) 5310-Fiduciary Insurance	\$10,089.00	\$9,803.50	\$9,498.00
(i) 5311-Service Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(j) 5312-Rent	\$17,641.80	\$17,424.00	\$17,424.00
(k) 5315-Professional Services	\$14,950.00	\$14,450.00	\$16,450.00
5315-002-Actuarial Services	\$11,006.00		
(l) 5320-Education and Training	\$16,530.00	\$9,238.00	\$1,865.00
(m) 5589-Administrative Expenses	\$40,314.92	\$37,686.54	\$42,100.25
(n) 5599-Furniture and Equipment	\$1,234.15	\$7,536.93	\$3,213.22
(o) 5719-Travel	\$1,586.88	\$2,520.72	\$3,010.77
Subtotal	<u>\$937,146.27</u>	<u>\$829,130.91</u>	<u>\$784,072.75</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$9,043,187.03</u>	<u>\$8,322,823.87</u>	<u>\$7,787,711.45</u>

Franklin Regional Retirement System
2012

Expenditure Budget Report

as of: 03/31/2013

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
5118-000 Board Stipends		18,000.00	1,700.00	19,700.00	19,666.60	33.40
5119-000 Salaries and Wages		216,156.00		216,156.00	209,269.31	6,886.69
5119-001 Payroll Taxes		3,930.00		3,930.00	3,846.81	83.19
5119-002 Health & Life Insurance		28,430.00	-2,900.00	25,530.00	22,249.65	3,280.35
5119-003 Accrued Benefit Payout		5,000.00		5,000.00	1,127.54	3,872.46
5304-000 Management Fees		500,000.00	5,000.00	505,000.00	504,924.98	75.02
5305-000 Custodial Fees		10,000.00	3,600.00	13,600.00	13,559.18	40.82
5307-000 Investment Consultant		20,000.00		20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
5308-000 Legal		25,000.00	4,200.00	29,200.00	29,149.45	50.55
5310-000 Insurance		10,150.00		10,150.00	10,089.00	61.00
5312-000 Rent Expense		17,424.00	250.00	17,674.00	17,641.80	32.20
5315-001 Professional Service - Various		2,359.00		2,359.00	1,950.00	409.00
5315-002 Actuarial Valuation Expense		15,000.00		15,000.00	11,006.00	3,994.00
5315-003 Audit Expense		13,000.00		13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
5320-000 Education and Training		23,723.00	-7,000.00	16,723.00	16,530.00	193.00
5589-001 Administrative Exp. - Various		4,840.00		4,840.00	2,093.04	2,746.96
5589-002 Equipment & Software Maint.		28,880.00		28,880.00	24,954.96	3,925.04
5589-003 Dues		500.00		500.00	425.00	75.00
5589-004 Office Supplies		3,600.00		3,600.00	2,360.26	1,239.74
5589-005 Postage		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,284.00	216.00
5589-007 Utilities		5,082.00	150.00	5,232.00	5,197.66	34.34
5589-011 Members Education		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-001 Misc., Furniture & Equipment		1,500.00		1,500.00	894.00	606.00
5599-101 OPEB Software		750.00		750.00		750.00
5599-706 Website		6,120.00	-5,000.00	1,120.00	340.15	779.85
5719-000 Travel		6,050.00		6,050.00	1,586.88	4,463.12
Grand Totals:	0.00	971,744.00	0.00	971,744.00	937,146.27	34,597.73

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the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

Investment Income

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Investment Income Received From:			
(a) Cash (from Schedule 1)	3,504.76	5,539.78	4,327.26
(b) Short Term Investments (from Schedule 2)	-	-	-
(c) Fixed Income Securities (from Schedules 3A and 3C)	-	-	-
(d) Equities (from schedules 4A and 4C)	363,284.21	104,041.58	92,237.28
(e) Pooled Funds (from Schedule 5)	1,826,302.79	1,746,098.88	1,492,735.11
(f) Commission Recapture			
4821- TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>2,193,091.76</u>	<u>1,855,680.24</u>	<u>1,589,299.65</u>
Plus:			
4884-Realized Gains (Profits)	2,459,905.82	2,594,474.68	2,344,974.80
4886-Unrealized Gains (Incr. in Market Value)	\$11,712,838.88	8,832,163.14	14,549,389.06
1550-Interest Due and Accrued- Current Year	65.80	45.89	46.43
	<u>14,172,810.50</u>	<u>11,426,683.71</u>	<u>16,894,410.29</u>
Less:			
4823-Paid Accrued Interest on Fixed Income Securites	-	-	-
4885-Realized Losses	(698,087.04)	(1,602,666.80)	(564,373.81)
4887-Unrealized Losses (Decrease in Market Value)	(3,940,146.10)	(11,245,208.71)	(6,822,882.97)
1550-Interest Due and Accrued- Prior Year	(45.89)	(46.43)	(2.37)
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	<u>11,727,623.23</u>	<u>434,442.01</u>	<u>11,096,450.79</u>
Income Required:			
Annuity Savings Fund (From supplementary schedule)	53,243.01	84,811.45	79,743.18
Annuity Reserve Fund	235,693.26	204,281.91	191,009.52
Expense Fund	937,146.27	829,130.91	784,072.75
Military Service Fund	3.49	6.96	5.39
TOTAL INCOME REQUIRED	<u>1,226,086.03</u>	<u>1,118,231.23</u>	<u>1,054,830.84</u>
Net Investment Income	11,727,623.23	434,442.01	11,096,450.79
Less Income Required:	<u>(1,226,086.03)</u>	<u>(1,118,231.23)</u>	<u>(1,054,830.84)</u>
EXCESS INCOME TO PENSION RESERVE FUND	10,501,537.20	(683,789.22)	10,041,619.95

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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
Polen Capital Management	2700 N. Military Trail, Suite 230 Boca Raton, FL 33431
Income Research & Management	100 Federal Street, 33rd Floor Boston, MA 02110-4106
Pension Reserve Investment Mgmt.	84 State Street, Suite 250 Boston, MA 02109
O'Shaughnessy Asset Management	6 Suburban Avenue Stamford, CT 06901
Seizert Capital Partners	185 Oakland Avenue, Suite 100 Birmingham, MI 48009
Rhumblin Advisors	30 Rowes Wharf, Suite 420 Boston, MA 02110
Prudential Investment Management	8 Campus Drive Parsippany, NJ 07054

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Quarter	YTD	-----Annualized-----			
			1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	
Total Gross/Fees	3.0	13.4	13.4	9.6	2.6	
<i>PUBLIC FUND RANK</i>	(3)	(39)	(39)	(16)	(72)	
Total Net/Fees	2.8	12.9	12.9	9.0	2.1	
<i>POLICY INDEX</i>	1.5	12.9	12.9	9.3	2.5	
PRIT Core	3.1	13.9	13.9	9.0	1.5	
<i>CUSTOM CORE IDX</i>	2.4	12.8	12.8	8.6	2.3	
Domestic Equity	3.5	18.3	18.3	11.6	3.3	
<i>ALL CAP RANK</i>	(19)	(27)	(27)	(51)	(46)	
<i>CUSTOM BQ INDEX</i>	1.5	16.6	16.6	12.2	3.4	
<i>PRIT EQUITY</i>	0.5	16.9	16.9	11.3	-0.6	
<i>S&P 500</i>	-0.4	16.0	16.0	10.8	1.6	
<i>S&P 400</i>	3.6	17.9	17.9	13.6	5.1	
<i>RUSSELL 3000</i>	0.3	16.4	16.4	11.2	2.0	
<i>RUSSELL 1000</i>	0.1	16.4	16.4	11.1	1.9	
<i>RUSSELL 1000G</i>	-1.3	15.3	15.3	11.4	3.1	
<i>RUSSELL 1000V</i>	1.5	17.5	17.5	10.9	0.6	
<i>RUSSELL MID</i>	2.9	17.3	17.3	13.1	3.6	
<i>RUSSELL 2000</i>	1.8	16.3	16.3	12.2	3.6	
Real Estate	4.3	14.3	14.3	16.3	-2.1	
<i>NCREIF ODCE</i>	2.3	10.9	10.9	14.4	-1.1	
Fixed Income	0.9	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.8	
<i>CORE FIXED INCOME RANK</i>	(10)	(20)	(20)	(50)	(40)	
<i>BARCLAYS AGG</i>	0.2	4.2	4.2	6.2	6.0	
<i>PRIT FIXED</i>	0.9	6.4	6.4	7.3	5.5	
<i>GOV/CREDIT</i>	0.4	4.8	4.8	6.7	6.1	
<i>INT AGGREGATE</i>	0.2	3.5	3.5	5.2	5.4	
<i>INT GOV/CREDIT</i>	0.3	3.9	3.9	5.2	5.2	

ASSET ALLOCATION

PRIT Core	54.0%	\$ 51,759,033
Domestic Equity	26.8%	25,711,685
Real Estate	5.2%	4,989,676
Fixed Income	12.5%	12,017,656
Cash	1.5%	1,411,653
Total Portfolio	100.0%	\$ 95,889,703

INVESTMENT RETURN

Market Value 9/2012	\$ 94,459,812
Contribs / Withdrawals	-1,339,550
Income	587,021
Capital Gains / Losses	2,182,420
Market Value 12/2012	\$ 95,889,703

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MEMBERSHIP FOR CURRENT YEAR

ACTIVE MEMBERS	Group 1	Group 2&4	TOTAL
Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	1,023	112	1,135
Inactive Membership Dec.31, previous year	353	81	434
Enrolled during current year	120	5	125
Transfers between groups	-	-	-
Reinstatements of disabled members	1	-	1
SUBTOTAL	1,497	198	1,695
Deduct			
Death	-	-	-
Withdrawal	(96)	(12)	(108)
Retirements	(35)	(4)	(39)
Adj. for members multiple units	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	(131)	(16)	(147)
TOTAL	1,366	182	1,548
Active Membership Dec 31, current year	955	95	1,050
Inactive Membership Dec.31, current year	411	87	498

RETIRED MEMBERS, BENEFICIARIES and SURVIVORS

Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	438	47	485
Retirements during the year:			
Superannuation	33	4	37
Ordinary disability	-	-	-
Accidental disability	2	-	2
Termination Retirement Allowance	-	-	-
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	-	-	-
Survivor benefits from active membership	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	35	4	39
Deduct			
Deaths of retired members	(20)	(1)	(21)
Termination of Survivors Benefits	(2)	(1)	(3)
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	(22)	(2)	(24)
TOTAL	13	2	15
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	404	36	440
Superannuation	404	36	440
Ordinary disability	2	-	2
Accidental disability	9	6	15
Termination	-	-	-
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	1	3	4
Beneficiaries from Section 100	-	-	-
Beneficiaries from Section 101	-	-	-
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	13	2	15
Option (D) Survivor Allowance	20	2	22
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	2	-	2
TOTAL	451	49	500
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year	1,817	231	2,048

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1,817	231	2,048
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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.

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 dependants 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 :

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.

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

Mass Housing's Home for the Brave loan program provides affordable, no- down payment mortgages for veterans of the U.S. Armed Services living in Massachusetts. :

www.masshousing.com/veteran / 888-672-7562

Leo J. Parent, VSO

Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO

PART VI

Miscellaneous

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www.whitehouse.gov/contact

Governor of Massachusetts
The Honorable Deval Patrick - D
The State House
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133
617-725-4005
888-870-7770
Fax: 617-727-9725

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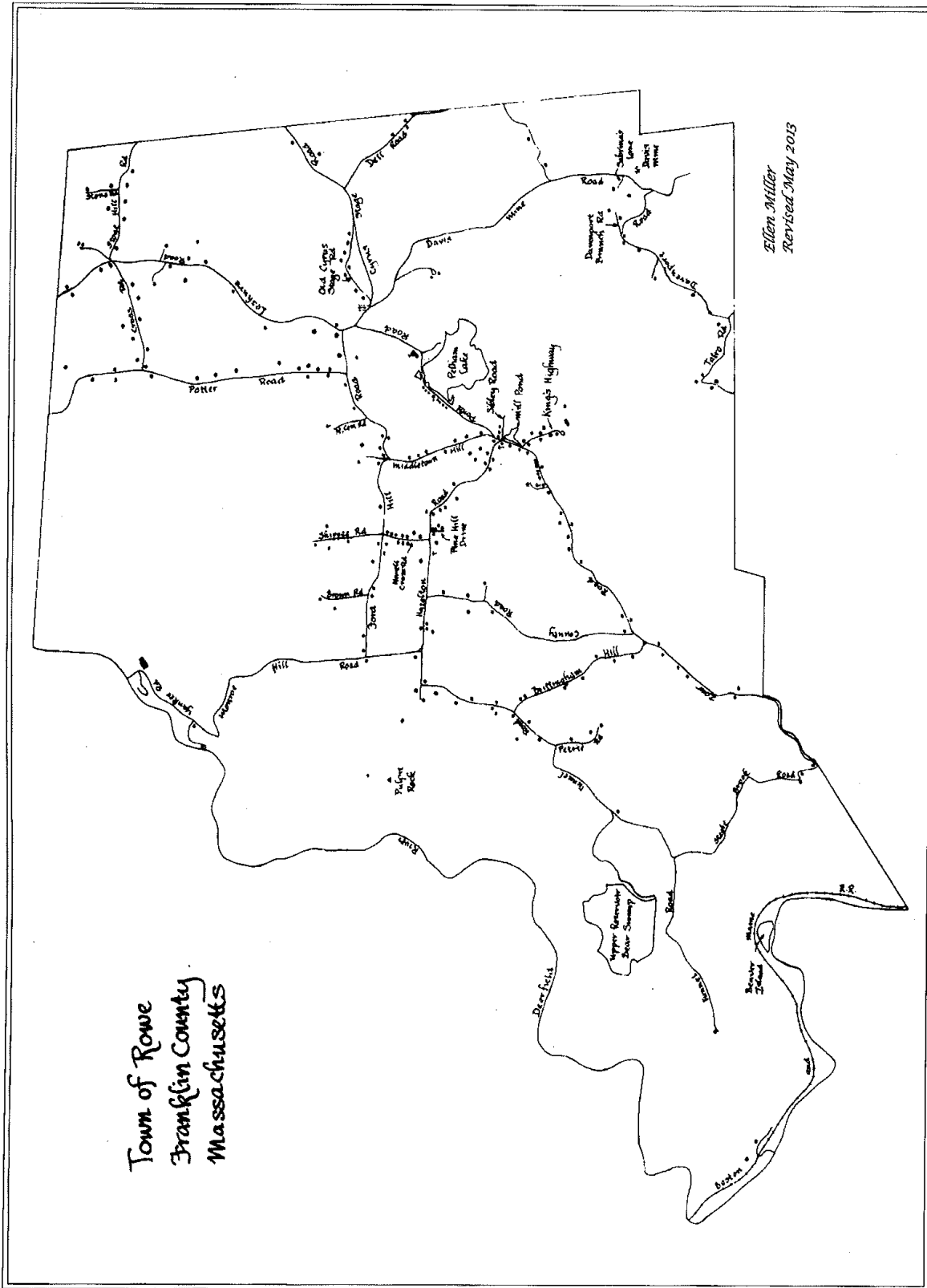
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Official Street Map of Rowe



ADDENDUM II

May 12, 2014 Town Meeting Warrants

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FY2014
Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

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

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet at the **Rowe Fire Station** in said **ROWE** on **MONDAY**, the **TWELFTH** of **MAY 2014**, at **6:30 P.M.** in the evening, then and there to act on the following:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$23,705.49 to pay for the Winter Highway Expense overage or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the following Citizens' Petition:

To see if the Town will vote to **Amend** Article III Section 11 of the Town's General By-Laws by deleting the following wording:

"No person holding any other elective office and no employee of the Town earning more than \$2,500.00 per year shall be eligible to serve on said committee."

And replacing it with:

"No person holding any other elected town office and no full-time employee of the Town shall be eligible to serve on said committee."

Explanation: This will allow part-time employees of the Town to serve on the Finance Committee, a board that has rarely seen all five seats filled. Part-time employees would still be required to recuse themselves on any matters pertaining to their work, but would widen the field of potential candidates who could serve on this important committee.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to return to the original wording of Article III Section 11, General Government, of the Rowe By-Laws concerning the eligibility of Finance Committee members.

The Finance Committee is the watch-dog over the Town's finances and as such, it is vital that its members be completely independent. The original wording in our By-Laws was:

"No person holding any other town office and no employee of the Town shall be eligible to serve on said committee."

However, this wording was changed in 2010, and now the Town is being asked to alter it once more.

The common wording throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning Finance Committees is "No person holding any elected or appointed office and no town employee is eligible to serve on said committee."

The Board of Selectmen recommends returning the wording of this By-law to the original, thereby securing the independence of the Rowe Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4: To act on the following Citizens' Petition:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III Section 11 of the Rowe General By-Laws by deleting the wording "there shall be a Finance Committee consisting of **five** members."

And replacing that wording with:

"there shall be a Finance Committee consisting of **three** members."

Article III Section 11 would read, in part, thus:

"In accordance with Section 16 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, there shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three members, which shall consider all municipal questions relating to appropriations and may consider any municipal question for the purpose of making reports and recommendations to the Town."

Because of the limited number of voters willing and able to serve on this committee, the latter has functioned very well with three members and it would be more practical to amend the Article by acknowledging this fact.

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

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

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

Given under our hands this **TWENTY-THIRD day of APRIL** in the **YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND and FOURTEEN**.

Marilyn Wilson, Chair

Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

Noel Abbott

SELECTMEN OF ROWE

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true copy, Attest: Robert L. Dykeman, Constable

FRANKLIN, SS.

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

Robert L. Dykeman, Constable Date: April 23, 2014

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – FY2015
Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

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

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE TOWN HALL** in said Rowe, on **SATURDAY** the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **MAY 2014** 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 Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Constable for three (3) years
- 1 Finance Committee Members for three (3) years
- 1 Finance Committee Member for three (3) years
- 1 Library Trustee for three (3) years
- 1 Park Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for five (5) years
- 1 School Committee Member for three (3) years
- 1 Town Clerk for three (3) years

Question 1: Shall the Town of Rowe have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the town?

YES _____ NO _____

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

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE FIRE STATION** in said **ROWE** on **MONDAY**, the **TWELFTH** day of **MAY 2014**, at **7:00 P.M.** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To act on reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

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

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Administration

Legal Expenses	10,000.00
General Administration	26,000.00
Town Officer Expenses	2,000.00
Print Town Reports	3,000.00
Board of Selectman's Administrative Clerk	38,793.00
Administrative Assistant Compensation	6,598.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00
Tax Collector's Operations	7,290.00

Election/Teller Expenses	4,800.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	6,699.00
Bonding and Insurance	45,000.00
Town-wide Notification System	1,000.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	15,420.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	12,596.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	5,000.00
Town Hall Electricity	5,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,777.00
Energy Committee Operations	500.00
Council on Aging	4,600.00
<u>Conservation Commission Operations</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
Subtotal Administration	210,273.00

Assessors' Office

Assessors' Clerk Compensation	9,496.00
Assessors' Operations	8,000.00
<u>Assessor's Triennial Evaluation</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Subtotal Assessors' Office	32,496.00

Planning Board

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
Planning Board Consulting Expenses	5,000.00
<u>Planning Board <i>Goal Post</i> Operations</u>	<u>10,100.00</u>
Subtotal Planning Board	16,350.00

Stipends

Selectmen Stipends	5742.00
Assessors Stipends	5,187.00
Moderator Stipend	425.00
Tax Collector Stipend	7,390.00
Town Clerk Stipend	9,781.00
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>12,982.00</u>
Subtotal Stipends	41,507.00

Veterans' Services

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

Contracted Services

FRCOG Cooperative Purchasing Program	1,391.00
FRCOG Accounting Program	27,805.00
Payroll Services	4,250.00
FCCIP Inspection Program (Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)	3,500.00
<u>IT Consultant</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>
Subtotal Contracted Services	43,446.00

Regional Assessments

FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	11,675.00
<u>FRCOG Statutory Assessment</u>	<u>9,304.00</u>
Subtotal Regional Assessments	20,979.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION

366,101.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6, for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Highway Department

DPW Superintendent's Salary	80,291.00
DPW Heavy Equipment Operator's Wages	183,372.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	31,930.00
DPW Heating Oil	5,500.00
DPW Electricity	1,500.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	43,000.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	81,000.00
Annual DPW Projects	43,050.00
<u>Snow & Ice Removal (Winter Roads)</u>	<u>68,612.00</u>
Subtotal Highway Department	538,255.00

Other Public Works & Facilities

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,934.00
Street Lighting	5,253.00
<u>Municipal Light Plant</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities	32,187.00

Cemeteries – Cemeteries – Maintenance/Repair 15,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION

585,442.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to **Appropriate** from available funds the sum of \$ 146,386.00 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.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Police Department

Police Chief Stipend	13,422.00
Police Officers Compensation	25,147.00
Operations	8,702.00

Police Heating Oil	440.00
Police Electricity	150.00
<u>Police Old Home Day</u>	<u>484.00</u>
Subtotal Police Department	48,345.00

Fire Department

Fire Chief Stipend	7,390.00
Fire Officers Stipends	5,775.00
Emergency Management Director	3,743.00
Firefighter Stipends	7,753.00
Fire Department General Operations	18,445.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	3,960.00
Fire Station Electricity	1,350.00
Emergency Management	2,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
<u>Hazardous Material Control</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	51,516.00

Emergency Medical Services

EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,151.00
EMS Operations and Maintenance	1,500.00
<u>Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses</u>	<u>6,090.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	9,741.00

Animal Control and Inspection

Animal Control Officer Stipend	637.00
Regional Dog Control/Adoption Center Membership	700.00
<u>Animal Inspector Stipend</u>	<u>532.00</u>
Subtotal Animal Control and Inspection	1,869.00

Constable Stipend 532.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION **112,003.00**

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of **\$3,000.00** for **future ambulance services**, or take any action in relation thereto.

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

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	15,482.00
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	33,000.00
Franklin County Solid Waste Management District Assessment	4,202.00
Board of Health Stipend	4,784.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	7,062.00
Board of Health Operations	16,000.00
Town Nurse Wages	43,337.00

Health Services Operations	6,000.00
Physician's Stipend	500.00

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION **130,867.00**
Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00 for fiscal year 2015 to accept 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, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2015, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health
Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00 for the 2015 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.

Requested by the Board of Health
Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will to vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for Public Schools for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

School Committee Stipend **4,422.00**

Rowe School Local Budget

Administration	8,825.00
Instructional	696,075.00
Operations	68,677.00
Student Support Services	96,343.00
Technology	8,600.00
Transportation (Elementary Bus Only)	54,450.00
Subtotal Rowe School Local Budget	932,970.0
Plus Revolving Accounts	122,308.00

K-6 Rowe School Local Operating Budget **1,055,278.00**

Shared Services Budget

Admin	40,254.00
Instructional	21,720.00
Operations	2,881.00
Student Support Services	2,782.00
Technology	9,821.00
Transportation (does not include cost of buses)	3,188.00
Benefits	22,534.00
Subtotal Shared Service Budget	103,180.00

Total Shared Services **103,180.00**

TOTAL K-6 Budget (Including Revolving)
1,158,458.00

High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)

Instructional	00.00
Student Support Services (Late Bus)	15,000.00
Transportation (Secondary Bus Only)	54,450.00
<u>Tuition</u>	<u>349,000.00</u>
Subtotal 7-12 Budget	418,450.00

TOTAL BUDGET **1,576,908.00**

TOTAL USE OF REVOLVING ACCOUNTS **122,308.00**

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION
1,454,600.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2015 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 2016, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Rowe School Committee
Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Library Director Compensation	20,301.00
Library Staff Wages	16,780.00
Library Operations and Maintenance	21,239.00
Library Heating Oil	2,200.00
Library Electricity	1,500.00
CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	3,772.00
<u>Library CWMARS Overdrive Assessment</u>	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY	66,092.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Park Ranger Compensation	44,635.00
Park Wages	41,238.00
<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	<u>19,952.00</u>
TOTAL PARK	105,825.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2015 for **Culture and Recreation** items, or take any action in relation thereto:

Gracy House Operations	4,000.00
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	500.00
<u>Beautification Committee</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL GRACY HOUSE	6,500.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2015 for **Old Home Day**, or take any action in relation thereto:

Old Home Day	6,500.00
Old Home Day Fireworks	5,000.00
TOTAL OLD HOME DAY	11,500.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2015 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 2015, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2015 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	119,098.00*
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**
Group Health Insurance	405,000.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax – Town Share	39,000.00**
TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE	564,098.00

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

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from FREE CASH the sum of **96,847.00** to be used to reduce the FY2015 Tax Rate, or take any action thereto.

Recommended by the Board of Selectman
Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **improvements**, or take any action in relation thereto:

Police - Swat Gear	3,850.00
Board of Health – Lighting at the Refuse Garden	6,505.00
Fire – Turn-out Gear	11,000.00
Gen Admin – Fireproof File Cabinets	10,000.00
TOTAL STABILIZATION FUND	31,355.00

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

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **capital repairs and improvements**, or take any action in relation thereto:

DPW – Truck	78,792.00
PARK - Beach Sand	7,002.00
PARK – Lake Management Study	10,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND	95,992.00

Recommended by Finance Committee

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting

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

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

Given under our hands this **TWENTY-THIRD** day of **APRIL** in the **YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND** and **FOURTEEN**.

SELECTMEN OF ROWE:

Marilyn Wilson, Chair

Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair

Noel Abbott

SELECTMEN OF ROWE

A true copy, Attest: Robert L. Dykeman, Constable

FRANKLIN, SS.

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

Robert L. Dykeman, Constable Date: April 23, 2014