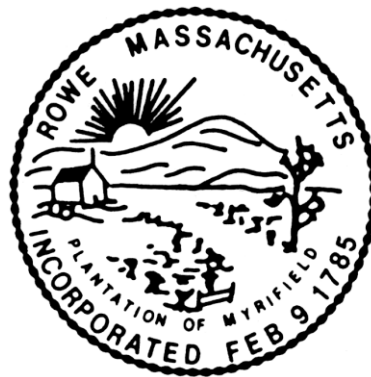


*Two Hundred and Twenty-Eighth*

# *Annual Report*

*of the*

# Town of Rowe Massachusetts



*for the Year Ending*

# December 31, 2014

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# Town of Rowe - Town Information and Meeting Schedules

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Board of Selectmen	339-5520 x 10	<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
Administrative Clerk <a href="mailto:admin@rowe-ma.gov">admin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 11	Police Chief <a href="mailto:policechief@rowe-ma.gov">policechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-8340 or 339-4340
Accountant <a href="mailto:accountant@rowe-ma.gov">accountant@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 12	Fire Chief <a href="mailto:deputyfirechief@rowe-ma.gov">deputyfirechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-4021
Assessors' Clerk <a href="mailto:collector@rowe-ma.gov">collector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 19	Animal Control Officer (Dog Officer)	917-209-0524
		<a href="mailto:ahsamuelson@gmail.com">ahsamuelson@gmail.com</a>	
Board of Health <a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 16	Animal Control Officer	413-834-2951
Tax Collector <a href="mailto:collector@rowe-ma.gov">collector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 19	DPW Supt. <a href="mailto:dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov">dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5588
Town Clerk <a href="mailto:townclerk@rowe-ma.gov">townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 14	Building Department <a href="http://www.fccip.org">www.fccip.org</a>	774-3167 x 2
Treasurer <a href="mailto:rtreasurer@rowe-ma.gov">rtreasurer@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 x 12	(Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)	

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Accountant	Wednesday	9:00am 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	5:30pm to 7:30pm
Town Clerk	Thursday	8:30am to 2:30pm
Tax Collector	Mon -Thurs	8:00am to 1:00pm
Treasurer	Wednesday	9:00am 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

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<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 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	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 - Last Mon of the month (5:30 pm)	Rowe School

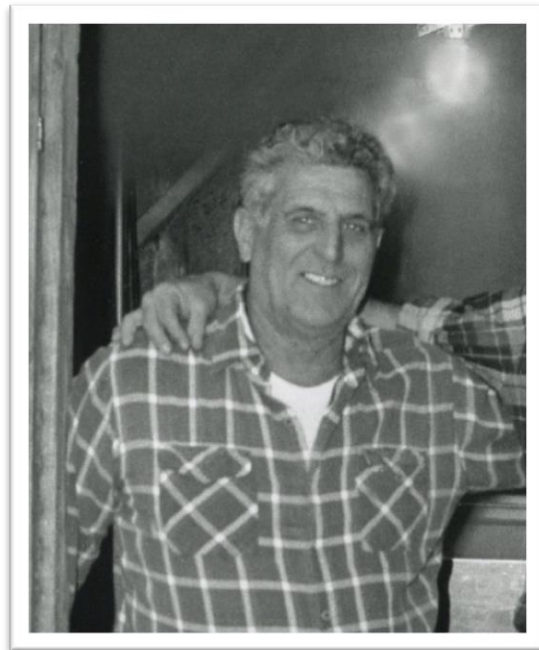
All Board, Committee and Commission meetings are held as posted on the Town Hall Official Bulletin Board per MA Open Meeting Law, with the agenda posted at least 48 hours (not including Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays) prior to the time and date of the meeting. Please check official bulletin board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

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George L. Gaudry



February 21, 1927 - January 27, 2014

# Town of Rowe

## County of Franklin

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

(First Settlement–Fort Pelham 1744 – Originally Known as the Plantation of Myrifiel)  
 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 2014 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 2014 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 2014 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 06/30/2013</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
Walter J. Quist	2017

### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Frederick N. Williams, Chair	2017
Heidi Cousineau	2016
Carrie Y. Silva	2015

### BOARD OF HEALTH

David Cousineau	2016
Jo-ann M. Brown	2017
Jennifer A. Morse, Chair	2015

### CEMETERY COMMISSION

James H. Williams, Chair	2016
Danette Reynolds-Gallagher	2015
Earl Carlow	2017

### CONSTABLE

Robert L. Dykeman	2017
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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Raymond Wilson	2017
Margaret Parent	2015
Wayne Zavotka	2016
Mitchell Soviecke	2017

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Claudine M. Poplawski, Chair	2016
Kelle Quist	2017
Catherine T. Snyder	2015

### MODERATOR

Robert J. Clancy	2014
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### PARK COMMISSION

Laurie Pike, Chair	2014
Bruce W. Cowie	2016
Michael S. Laffond	2015

### PLANNING BOARD

David Roberson, Chair	2016
Jo-ann M. Brown	2019
Robert Dykeman	2013
Robin Reed	2015
Douglas Wilson	2014

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lisa L. Miller	2013
Lisa A. Danek-Burke	2015
Susan Zavotka	2017

### TAX COLLECTOR

Sandra P. Daviau	2014
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### TOWN CLERK

Jennifer A. Morse	2017
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### TREASURER

Kristi Nartowicz (Appointed)	2014
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## Appointed Town Officials

*(Unless otherwise specified, appointments are made by Board of Selectmen and expire June 2015)*

*All appointments were made June 26, 2014, unless otherwise indicated.*

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sandra P. Daviau

### ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK

Janice Boudreau ( Appointed 01-15-14 )



**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

Janice Boudreau

Joanne Brown

Christine Tower

**BROADBAND COMMITTEE**

David Dvore

Russell Jolly

Daniel Wessman

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

**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 (resigned 7/2014)  
Lance Larned (appointed 8/2014)

**ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

James W. Taylor (resigned 7/2014)  
Lance Larned (appointed 8/2014)

**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**

Walter Quist  
Wayne Zavotka

**FENCE VIEWERS (2)**

**FIELD DRIVERS (2) [c49; Art III §6]**

Sandra P. Daviau

Susan C. Wood

**FIRE CHIEF**

Paul McLatchy, Jr. (resigned 10/2014)

**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**

Brandon Sprague

**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**

John Magnago, Chair  
Jo-ann M. Brown  
Robert L. Dykeman  
Paul McLatchy III  
Christine A. Tower

**POUND KEEPER** [c49; Art III §6]

Sandra P. Daviau

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Lisa A. Danek-Burke (U)  
Lisa L. Miller (D)  
Jennifer A. Morse (U)  
Willian Parent (U)

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Janet Cowie  
Donna J. Flagg  
Cynthia M. Laffond  
William A. Loomis  
Dennis F. May  
Kerri L. McLatchy  
Paul McLatchy III  
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**

Julie J. Shippee

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Christopher Selmi Hyytinen  
Christopher Mattson

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

James W. Taylor (resigned 7/2014)  
Lance Larned (appointed 8/2014)

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

FRCOG/Jackie Cashin

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Joel B. Bard  
Kopelman and Paige, PC  
Donna MacNichol (Appointed 7/2014)

**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]*

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**Regional Appointments**

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**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**

Janice Boudreau

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

James W. Lively, Alternate

**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  
David Dvore  
Marilyn Wilson

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

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT MANAGER**

**WIREDWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE CORP. DELEGATE to**  
Marilyn Wilson

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## **Board of Health Appointments**

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**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

# PART I

## Reports of Committees, Departments and Boards



Old Home Day Committee: Left to Right: Jodi Brown, Chris Tower, Paul McLatchy III,  
Back Row: Bob Dykeman, Robin Reed, Brandon Sprague, John Magnago  
Missing from photograph: Mary Paige

## Board of Selectmen

This year welcomed Walter Quist to the Board of Selectmen. (BOS.) We are pleased to have his experience and professionalism. We also hired Janice Boudreau as the Administrative Assistant to the BOS; Lance Larned as Highway Superintendent; Ken Shippee for the Highway Department; and Marcella Stafford-Gore as Treasurer.

One of the goals of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) is to have the Town live within its means, and the budget for FY15, which was prepared by the BOS, achieves this. Operating expenses were paid for by taxation rather than by dipping into our savings accounts. The savings accounts, stabilization and capital stabilization, were used sparingly for specific projects, as they were originally intended.

In addition, Free Cash was \$114,000.00 higher than last year, and this is the first year since 2005 that this number has increased.

In a Special Town Meeting in Nov. 2014, \$100,000.00 was put into Stabilization. Altogether, more money was put into savings than was taken out.

With the resignation of the Town's Fire Chief in July, the BOS requested outside help to address various issues within the Rowe Volunteer Fire Department (RVFD.) We wanted a professional, objective assessment which would enable us to strengthen the RVFD by ensuring the safety of the firefighters, providing for appropriate training, and establishing a long-term plan to address various issues.

Joe Maruca, the chief of the West Barnstable Fire Department, agreed to take on this task. After a great deal of time spent reviewing all aspects of the RVFD and interviewing many current and former members of the dept., Mr. Maruca compiled a comprehensive report which will guide us.

Nuisance dogs were a big issue this year. We enlisted the help of the Regional Animal Control Officer and Town Counsel to tackle this. Basically, dogs which create a hazard by being allowed to run on the roads and dodge in front of cars, which bark incessantly, and which are not vaccinated or registered will be removed for their safety and that of the public after appropriate notification to the owners.

A public safety issue which greatly concerns Rowe residents is that the Charlemont ambulance system was notified that its license would not be renewed because the requirement that two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) be on board the ambulance when transporting a patient could not be met. This area simply does not have enough EMT's. A committee was formed to come up with a plan to solve this problem. Sue Gleason and Gail May are Rowe's representative's to the committee.

Earned Time is the method of putting all employee days off (vacation, personal, sick, etc.) into one category. The benefit of this system is that the employee decides how to use their time off and the bookkeeping is more simple. Earned Time is now the policy for those departments which report to the BOS.

The big project which the BOS worked on this year is the effort to bring high speed internet to Rowe. **The Real Risk of Not Having High Speed Internet** is that towns & citizens will not be able to participate in a world which relies on fast communications. High speed internet service is as necessary as electricity & phone. Without it our communities will fall behind in real estate (housing values and sales decline) education (many projects & learning tools are on-line) business (many home-based companies need reliable networks), and emergency care (essential municipal services, fire and police depts, must have good communications with hospitals & mutual aid towns.) Without high speed internet service, grandparents cannot see their families in real time (Skype.) Without



high speed internet service, we will continue to struggle with poor phone lines which often are not functioning at all, and at most times are noisy and humming. We must have dependable high speed internet service in Rowe in order to maintain the current quality of life that for years has been Rowe's hallmark.

With significant (\$40m) State funding available now, we should take advantage of this opportunity to be competitive and to engage in the modern world.

Extensive rot was found on the clapboards all around the base of Town Hall and the gazebo. The rotted clapboards were replaced, and the gazebo will be repaired and/or replaced. The extent of the damage to the gazebo will be determined when work on it begins.

In an effort to clarify where the Town's Department of Public Works responsibility lies in relation to private property, the BOS researched the Public Purpose Limitation Law. This states that Town resources may not be used for an individual. This makes complete sense when one considers the fairness doctrine. All residents should be treated the same and taxpayer money should not be used to provide services for some when others do not receive the same benefit. In addition, the Town's insurer would not provide coverage if an accident happened when Town resources, people and equipment, were being used for non-Town work.

A reminder that the BOS meeting minutes continue to be up to date; are on the Town's website; the originals are filed with the Town Clerk; and copies are available in a large white binder in the Hearing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Wilson, Chair  
Susan Gleason, Vice-Chair  
Walter Quist, Selectman

## **Animal Control Officer**

I returned lost or wandering dogs to their owners six times. There was one dog whose owner did not keep the dog confined in the Winter and the case was referred to Ed Grinnell for action.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur H. Samuelson  
Animal Control Officer - Assistant

## **Animal Inspector**

No Report Submitted

## **Board of Health**

The Rowe Board of Health is a town elected position. The current board members are Jennifer Morse- Chair (term expires 2015), David Cousineau (term expires 2016) and Joann Brown (term expires 2017). Marcella Stafford Gore was re-appointed as Clerk.

On Rowe's behalf, Marcella participated in the annual Hawlemont EDS clinic. The clinic had a smaller than expected turnout this year. In addition to influenza vaccine, tetanus, Tdap and pneumonia vaccine are available at this clinic.

### **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.

In December (2013), we began the process of implementing a Vehicle Sticker Program for 2014. All residents/property owners are required to visibly display the sticker on/in their vehicle so that they will be easily identified by the attendants. At a public hearing on December 30<sup>th</sup> the board voted to implement new regulations regarding the vehicle stickers. A copy of the new regulations was mailed out with the stickers. If you should need a sticker or a copy of the new regulations, please contact the BOH office.

A project to install new uniform LED lighting was completed this year.

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. Ms. Ameen is also instrumental in obtaining the DEP Small-Scale Initiative grant for Rowe each year. This year we were able to use the grant to purchase Kitchen Compost Pails for our residents. We still have pails available, if you would like one call the BOH office or email us at [boh@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov) to arrange a pick-up time.

### **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. We continue to step up our efforts to encourage all residents to recycle. This year we

purchased a recycling bin for the park from our operation budget, posted new signs at the transfer station, published several Goal Post articles on the subject and distributed kitchen compost pails.

Earnings from recycling are added to the Revolving Account. At the time of this report there is \$1,850.00 in this account. It is our intent to use these funds toward services and initiatives that promote recycling.

### **Public Water System**

Housatonic Basin Sampling and Testing in Lee has provided all water testing in 2014. Monthly testing is performed for our four (3) public water supplies; the Town Hall, Rowe Elementary School and Avery Fountain. Weekly testing is performed at the Pelham Lake swimming area and the Ranger Station tap 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 who goes above and beyond to provide health services to Rowe residents. 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. She also participates and helps to organize the yearly EDS clinic.

We thank Sheila for the professional performance of her services. Dr. Richard Warner continues to be our medical consultant.

### **In Conclusion**

Currently the board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Please check the town bulletin board for meeting agendas which will be posted at least 48 hours in advance of our meeting. If you have questions or need a permit application, our clerk is in the office for several hours before our meeting begins or you can call the office anytime and we will get back to you.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Jennifer Morse – Chair  
David Cousineau  
Joann Brown

## **Board of Health - Inspection,**

Permit and Test Data

### **PERMITS ISSUED 2014**

#### ***Septic Hauler/Pumper:***

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

***Installer's Permit:***

Danek Excavating  
Halliday/Pipeline Inc. James Williams

***Food Establishments:***

Maple House Bed and Breakfast (inspected 1/14)  
Rowe Camp and Conference Center (inspected 6/14 & 11/14)  
Rowe School (inspected 8/14)

***Food Service Temporary:***

Halifax Community Club Readsboro Lions Club Rowe Community Church  
Rowe Elementary Youth Baseball Rowe Fire Department (2) Rowe Historical Society  
Rowe Old Home Day Committee Scoop Shack

***Children Camps Permits:***

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

***Beach Permit:***

Pelham Lake -5/15 to 9/15/2014

**TITLE V ACTIVITY 2014**

***Title 5 Inspections***

58 Pond Road (Taylor) Passed  
29 Potter Road (Faivre) Passed  
Zoar Road (Chiofalo) Passed  
33 Old Cyrus Stage Road (Marchegiani) Needs further evaluation  
112 Ford Hill Road (Wootten) Needs further evaluation  
6 Kings Hwy (Glass) Failed

***Title 5 Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests***

6 Kings Hwy (Glass) Passed  
19&20 Pelham Lake Drive (West) Passed  
29 Potter Road (Faivre) Passed

***Title 5 Disposal System Construction Permit***

Rowe School Repair or Replacement of System  
205 Zoar Road (Shulda) New Construction  
Brittingham Hill Road (Bailey) New Construction  
6 Kings Hwy (Glass) Repair  
68 Zoar Road (Chiofalo) Repair  
19&20 Pelham Lake Drive (West) Upgrade

***Septic System Installation/Repair/Upgrade Final Inspection***

Rowe School  
68 Zoar Road (Chiofalo)

6 Kings Hwy (Glass)  
 33 Old Cyrus Stage Road (Marchegiani) (conditions met)  
 112 Ford Hill Road (Wootten) (conditions met)

***Septic Pumping Records 2014***

24 Brittingham Hill Road	Okay	72 Brittingham Hill Road	Okay
110 Country Road	Good	22 Ford Hill Road	Okay
86 Ford Hill Road	Okay	112 Ford Hill Road	Good
78 Hazelton Road	Okay	108 Hazelton Road	Okay
6 Kings Hwy	Okay	16 Leshure Road	Okay
137 Leshure Road	Okay	194 Leshure Road	Okay
20 Newell Cross Road	Okay	23 Newell Cross Road	Okay
54 Old Cyrus Stage Road	Okay	42 Old Cyrus Stage Road	Okay
33 Old Cyrus Stage Road	Okay	Pelham Lake (composting toilet)	Good
1 Pelham Lake Drive	Okay	9 Pine Hill Road	Okay
50 Pond Road	Okay	14 Potter Road	Okay
29 Potter Road	Okay	43 Potter Road	Okay
31 Rowe Road		32 Shippee Road	Okay
31 Steele Brook Road	Okay	37 Steele Brooke Road	Okay
468 Tunnel Road	Okay	171 Zoar Road	Okay
292 Zoar Road	Okay	288 Zoar Road	Okay
300 Zoar Road	Okay	100 Zoar Road	Okay
68 Zoar Road	Okay	252 Zoar Road	Okay
162 Zoar Road	Okay	294 Zoar Road	Okay
10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC farmhouse)	Okay	10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC cabin area)	Okay
10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC main house)	Okay	10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC bath house)	Okay
10 Kings Hwy (RC&CC rec hall)	Okay		

**Board of Health - Town Nurse**

2014 has been another busy year for the Rowe Health Services Office. A total of 1,456 patient encounters occurred, representing an average of 122 contacts each month. In addition to office visits, house calls, and telephone consultations, Rowe Health Services continues to offer wellness checks, health counseling, nursing assessment, emergency consultation and referral for clients of all ages.

Rowe Health Services offers 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, and much more. New this year is a test unit for quantitative dipstick urinalysis testing. Test results are reported to primary care practitioners in collaboration for improved client care. All of the testing services are supported by health education, encouragement and follow-up.

In coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and through Town purchased vaccine, we continue to offer several immunizations including influenza, tetanus, Tdap, Pneumonia and Hepatitis B vaccines for Rowe residents. Immunization data is recorded as required by the state’s new Immunization Registry, which is intended to enable you or your primary care provider to have ready access to your immunization history.

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. This emergency network is tested annually by a community-wide influenza clinic. This year the clinic was held at Hawlemont Elementary School on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Participating this year were representatives from the Boards of Health, Emergency Management and other volunteers from Rowe, Hawley, Heath, Monroe and Charlemont.

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. The Health Services Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



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

## Conservation Commission

The five-member Conservation Commission met monthly and as needed to address matters brought before it during the calendar year 2014. In the fall we regretfully accepted the resignation of Thom Chiofalo. In October we welcomed Ramon Sanchez as the newest member of the Commission.

In the June ,July and August issues of the *Goal Post*, Commission Vice-chair Virginia Gabert wrote three articles related to the work of the Commission. The first was “What does the Rowe Conservation Commission do?” and the second was “How Does the Conservation Commission Do What it Does?”. The third article was “The Importance of Natural Vegetation to Wetland Resources.” Those interested in becoming familiar with the work of a Conservation Commission are encouraged to read these articles.

The following paragraphs describe the activities of the Conservation Commission during the calendar year 2014.

### Issued Enforcement Order

5/1/14 Conservation Commission issued an Enforcement Order to *the Town of Rowe/School Building Committee* regarding alteration of the wetlands, i.e. “large amounts of water, bearing silt and sedimentation, leaving the site of the construction and entering resource areas, e.g. the marsh and pond on the north side of Pond Road, vegetated areas immediately south of the school across Pond Rd. and Pelham Lake to the south of the the road.” The Enforcement Order ordered the following:

- “The property owner, his agents, permittees, and all others shall immediately cease and desist from any activity affecting the Buffer Zone and/or resource areas

- Resource area alterations resulting from said activity shall be corrected and the resource areas returned to their original condition.
- A restoration plan shall be filed with the issuing authority on or before May 13, 2014 for restoration to the resource areas affected.”

5/14/14, 5/17/14, and 5/21/14 Due to the continued release of sediment -laden water into the wetlands, the Commission issued subsequent revised and amended Enforcement Orders and ultimately required that the Rowe School Building Committee (RSBC) hire a Erosion and Sedimentation Control Monitor to create a preliminary report and his recommendations for the control of the erosion and sedimentation release and also hire a wetlands specialist to furnish a report detailing any necessary restoration action and a restoration schedule. An Enforcement Order was also issued to the construction contractor, DEW/A MacMillan Company, ordering that they comply with the terms of the RSBC’s Enforcement Orders.

5/27/14 Dan Rukakoski, Environmental Scientist with Tighe & Bond, submitted his report of the results of his inspection of the site and his recommendations for erosion and sedimentation control. Site stabilization was not achieved over the intervening weeks. Mr. Rukakoski ‘s weekly Monitoring Site Visits began on June 3, 2014 and continued through September 8, 2014.

6/22/14 and 7/8/14 “Resource Area Restoration Plan and Addendum” was prepared by Dan Rukakoski and approved by the Conservation Commission. Completion of restoration of the wetlands was required to be completed by August 29, 2014 unless unforeseen events occurred, but no later than September 30, 2014.

8/4/2014 DEP issued a Unilateral Administrative Order to the MacMillan Company to immediately achieve stabilization of the site. Failure to comply with the Enforcement Order may be grounds for legal action.

9/10/14 Mr. Rukakoski submitted to the Conservation Commission his report stating that the wetlands had been restored in compliance with the” Resource Area Restoration Plan”.

On October 3, Mr. Rukakoski , operating as the Erosion and Sedimentation Monitor, submitted his final report indicating that the site is sufficiently stable and the threat of a significant release to resource areas from the site is minimal.

10/29/14 Conservation Commission lifted the Enforcement Order.

8/15/14 Conservation Commission issued an Enforcement Order to the Town of Rowe/DPW regarding alteration of a resource area along Pond Rd.

8/27/14 & 10/30/14 Conservation Commission lifted Enforcement Order; restoration plan implemented and restoration complete.

10/29/14 Conservation Commission issued an Enforcement Order to Ruth Loomis, 63 Tatro Rd., regarding lack of response to letter from the Conservation Commission regarding complaint to DEP of alteration of resource area.

11/16/14 Conservation Commission lifted Enforcement Order after site visit found no alteration of resource area.

#### Receipt of Notice of Intent

In December 2014 BSC Group contacted the Commission regarding a Notice of Intent (NOI) they intended to submit on behalf of TransCanada Hydro regarding remediation work to be performed on the bank of the Deerfield

River near Dam #5. In December 2014 members of the Commission and the applicant 's representatives performed a site visit at the location prior to the season's snowfall. The NOI is expected to be received in early 2015.

#### Receipt of Request for Determination of Applicability

4/9/14 - 96 Ford Hill Rd., Christine Levitre, proposed demolition of barn

4/21/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions allowing the work to proceed.

5/12/14 - 37 Shippee Rd., Daniel & Claudine Poplawski, proposed addition of front porch

5/21/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions allowing the work to proceed.

7/1/14 - Bear Swamp Power Co/Brookfield Renewable Energy, proposed "ram gate" to be installed on access road.

8/5/2014 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions allowing the work to proceed.

7/8/14 - Town of Rowe, Park Dept., proposed addition of sand to beach at Pelham Lake

8/14/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions allowing the work to proceed.

8/17/14 - 7 Middletown Rd., Susan A. Williams, proposed repair of damaged house foundation

8/27/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions allowing the work to proceed.

9/2/14 - 7 County Rd., Kristen Swensen/Sarah Tracey, proposed removal of pine trees threatening house.

9/11/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative determination allowing the work to proceed..

10/4/14 - 4 Kings Highway, Herbert Glass, proposed repair/replacement of septic system.

10/29/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions allowing the work to proceed.

10/28/14 - 19 & 21 Pelham Drive, Robert West , shared replacement Title V system.

11/17/14 - Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination with conditions 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 *five separate locations* to determine if the proposed construction would violate Massachusetts Wetland protection laws. Three applications were approved and the other two required the submission of a Request for Determinability for Applicability (RDA).

#### Other Meetings with Property Owners



The Conservation Commission held conversations and/or meetings with four property owners regarding questions of compliance with Wetlands Protection Act. All matters were resolved to the Commission's satisfaction.

### Training and Education

Members of the Commission participated in numerous educational and training activities during the course of the year. These courses were provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC), Massachusetts Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals, and private consultants. The formats have included classroom instruction, on-line classes and fieldwork.

Respectfully submitted,

Myra Carlow, Chair  
Virginia Gabert, Vice-Chair  
Prudence Berry  
Robert Clancy  
Ramon Sanchez

### Council on Aging

The Rowe Council on Aging once again provided help and socialization for our Rowe elders, holding events twice a month. These events were either held at the Gracy House or off site. The COA annually applies for a Formula Grant through the state. Through this grant we have been able to purchase exercise equipment geared for senior fitness. (I.e. agility ladder, medicine balls, and weights). We thank Town Nurse Sheila Litchfield, Debby Lively and Jodi Fontaine (exercise trainers and instructors) for their assistance in providing this service to our seniors. Thank you Nurse Sheila for helping us to make the medical loan program available. Sheila loans out medical equipment such as wheel chairs, walkers, canes, hospital beds, etc. This equipment is available for our seniors and non-seniors who may be in need may need this equipment. Our thanks go out to all of our friends that have donated many pieces of medical equipment in the past year.

The weekly Tuesday senior transportation to Big Y, the Pharmacy and banks continue thanks to the Shelburne Falls Senior Center. This service is also covered by the Formula Grant. Thank you Rosie and Ronnie Gordon for assisting our seniors who need help getting their packages off the bus and into their home.

The 2014 year was kicked off by the seven delicious soups made by our members and a wonderful tossed salad made by Bob Dykeman. For Christmas we had two trees that were decorated for the season. We have left one of the trees up to be decorated with the appropriate seasonal décor.

Everyone on our committee seems to have superb culinary skills, but Chris Tower's marinated mushrooms made Jodi Brown plead for their publication via the Goal Post.

During Fire awareness month, one of our volunteer firefighters (Buster Reed) gave an informative fire & safety presentation and was appreciated by all that attended.

Our committee strives to feature "good time" gatherings.

A scenic trip to the "MARINA" restaurant in Brattleboro for lunch and the ever popular "FOUR LEAF CLOVER" restaurant were a couple of off-site places that we attended by our seniors.

We would like to thank the Rowe Cultural Council for awarding us our March entertainer, Magician Jay McMahon, who performed for us after our lunch at Mohawk Park Restaurant. Floral centerpieces that were placed on the tables were raffled off to the lucky winners.

After the fun & games of winter and spring, the Council goes into barbeque mode with “The King of the Grille” (Bob Dykeman) accompanied by delectable side dishes by our members. We would like to thank John Magnago for his delicious dishes that he brings for us to enjoy. Our senior BBQ’s are alternated with the Senior BBQ’s provided by the Rowe Park. Thank you Sean and your chef’s for your invitations to enjoy lunch at the Park.

Summer time is always time for an ice cream social now and then.

Fall came before we knew it and it was time for those wonderful Autumn Pies made by Rachel Gammell. Only crumbs remained.

Pizza parties, donut and coffee hours and great conversation occurred throughout the year, often with BINGO with our caller (Bob Dykeman). Thank your also 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.

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

Birthdays are celebrated monthly with a birthday cake for our seniors. Pictures of our birthday celebrants are captured and submitted to the Goal Post.

Christmas brings us to the end our year. A Christmas celebration ensued and two trees were bedecked and time lit for a sing-along. As usual the beautiful voice of Helen Shields rang out.

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The committee commends Co-Chair’s Sandy Daviau and Chris Tower for their tireless work and dedication to bring varied and fun filled events to our over sixty crown. We thank all our members for providing their skills and ideas. Without our committee all this wouldn’t have happened.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joann (Jodi) Brown, Secretary  
Sandra Daviau & Chris Tower, Co-Chairs  
Maryann Dykeman  
Marilyn Belval,  
Doris Fensky  
Shirley Veber

## **Cultural Council**

This year the state funded the Rowe Cultural Council for \$4,305 which the council distributed in grants to the Mohawk Trail Concerts, the Rowe Town Library, Rowe Elementary School, the Regional Technical School, the Rowe Historical Society, Mohawk Regional High School Drama, the Deerfield River Riverfest, the Rowe Council of Aging, the Heath Fair Music and the Charlemont Forum. Members of the council are Ellynn Packard, Sue Wood, Ann Besgen, Jodi Brown and Kelle Quist.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellynn Packard and Sue Wood, Co-chairs

## **DPW - Highway Department**

The Rowe Highway Department welcomed Ken Shippee onto the road crew. This year we focused on general maintenance. Looking ahead, now that we have a full crew we will be able to move ahead on many projects that have been on hold.

Routine maintenance during the year included:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## **DPW – Summer Youth Employment**

The “Grasshopper” Program, under the direction of SYE Supervisor Ashton Morse, 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 Will Booth for assisting Ashton. We had the largest crew ever (five workers and 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,  
Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## **DPW - Tree Warden**

As your Tree Warden I'd like to remind everyone that if you 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 Town By-Laws and Section 15C or 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,  
Lance Larned

## **Emergency Medical Services [EMS]**

This year our emergency personnel responded to twenty one medical calls, two motor vehicle accidents and two mutual aid calls. 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.

Our town is in urgent need of volunteers in our EMS/Fire Department. Please consider joining and become a First Responder/Fire Fighter or EMT. Our area small towns are in dire need of volunteers. With so few volunteers it is becoming very challenging to answer all emergency calls. To ensure that our town has emergency services when needed we must come together and support our EMS/Fire Department. We can only continue to serve the people of our town if people step forward and volunteer. We only have a handful of volunteers and this is becoming a serious situation for anyone who may require medical care or if a fire threatens your home.

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. Many of our members are crossed-trained as medical, fire and /or police personnel. We respond to both fire and police scenes to aid and support these departments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gail May  
EMS Coordinator

## **Energy Committee**

The Rowe Energy Committee's mission is to give residents opportunities to help them with energy reduction efforts and thus energy savings. This has been accomplished over the years by sponsoring workshops on weatherization, providing information sources for energy cost reduction, assisting residents with energy saving projects and implementing energy reduction projects for town buildings.

In early 2014, the committee concentrated on spending the remaining funds from a Green Community grant of \$136,725 received in 2012. The last of these funds were spent to provide window quilts for the Town's library, an additional solar panel array on the east end of the DPW garage, and to wrap up the last of the mini-grants to residents involved in weatherization and insulation projects. This was a very successful application of Green Community Grant funds for a town of our size.

In April, Jack Packard, long time chairman of the committee retired after 10 years of service to the committee and community. Under his guidance many energy conservation projects were implemented and his belief in energy conservation savings was instilled in many of us.

With committee membership down to one member following Jack's retirement, it was decided to forgo any further grant activity until membership could be increased to previous levels (3-5 members). With the addition of Wayne Zavotka in April, Deb Katz in June, and Sue Wood in November, the committee is now back to full strength. Anyone wishing to become a member can contact any one of the members listed below.

In anticipation of upcoming Green Community Grant availability, the committee continued to keep the energy conservation message on the minds of townspeople by submitting articles for publication in the Goalpost. In an effort to help residents save on their utility costs, the committee gave out fliers on several occasions at the Refuse Garden which outlined various ways residents could save on their energy consumption and costs. Hopefully by

keeping energy conservation on the minds of residents it will create an interest in the committee's residential Mini-grant program which it hopes to apply for in early 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Walt Quist, Chairman  
Wayne Zavotka  
Deb Katz  
Sue Woods

## **Fire Department/Emergency Management/HazMat Control**

The Rowe Fire Department is made of volunteers who serve our community with pride. In 2014 Paul McLatchy Jr. retired as Chief of the Rowe Fire Department. Thank you to Paul for his twenty eight years of service on the Fire Department. In 2014 the Rowe Fire Department was able to purchase four new sets of turn out gear and two more sets will be ordered thanks to the voters of Rowe. The Fire Department hosted an Open House in the Fall and recruited two new members. Clean-up of the Rowe Fire Station removed old hose, turn out gear and outdated training materials. Engine 4 is now an Emergency Response Truck as well as a fire apparatus .

The importance of safety and training have been highlighted with weekly sessions of training, classes at Greenfield Community College and Forest Fire Training. Acting Chief Brandon Sprague has been attending the monthly Franklin County Fire Chiefs meeting and Forest Fire Warden meetings. The Rowe Fire Department began working closely with Florida in regards to emergency practices for Bear Swamp, River Safety and Radio Communications. Fire Fighter Ian Boyd completed the Volunteer Fire Fighter Academy in December 2014. The Rowe Fire Department participated in the annual Yankee drill and participated in the Bear Swamp walk through. The department also did training drills with the Towns of Charlemont, Heath and Florida.

The Board of Selectmen reached out to Joe Maruca of the Massachusetts Volunteer Fire Association and Chief of West Barnstable Volunteer Fire Department to create a report on the Rowe Fire Department. In 2014 Joe began reaching out to past and current members and visited the Rowe Fire Station on two occasions.

Our current roster includes Acting Chief Brandon Sprague, Ian Boyd, Buster Reed, Kerri McLatchy, Presley Veber, Chuck Fisher, Steve Fisher, Jennifer Morse (Admin.), Tom Houghtaling and Arthur Samuelson. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged.

### **2014 Rowe Fire Department Calls**

02	Motor Vehicle Crashes
21	Medical Calls
02	Mutual Aid Medical Calls
0	Structure and Chimney Fires
02	Brush Fires
03	Mutual Aid
02	Mutual Aid Standby
08	False Alarms (carbon monoxide, smoke detectors, fire alarms, propane smell)
01	Community Service (flooded basement)

Respectfully Submitted

Brandon Sprague  
Acting Chief  
Rowe Fire Department

## Library Trustees

2014 was a great year for the library. The front of the library received a much needed face lift, patrons attended many fun programs throughout the summer and year and the library joined the new fiber optic high speed internet.

With the help of the town crew we removed some old bushes from the front of the library to show off our beautiful fieldstone stonewalls and added some new flowers out front for a nice face-lift. A big thanks to Deane Concrete for pouring new concrete front steps, we now have safe and clean steps to the front of the building. Walt Quist volunteered his time and built a few new beautiful window boxes for under the front windows.

This years Summer Reading Program had 44 registered readers both children and adults. For every hour read participants received a raffle ticket to be entered for a chance to win a variety of prizes with the grand prize of 2 Big E tickets. 20+ children attended weekly crafts and science experiments each week. In August Hoopiverse hosted the programs finale by hula-hooping away the afternoon with 20 kids and their parents in attendance.

Agawam Paranormal gave a presentation, Ghostology 101, to a group of 15 adults and 5 kids about the basics of ghost hunting, in October.

Other programs held through out the year were John Root, Edible Wild Plants, STEM- Preschool Science story time, and Kelle Quist teaching basic origami.

Through out the year story hour was offered twice a month for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Children enjoyed stories, songs and crafts.

In December the tree was lit at the pavilion across the street, 14 patrons caroled by the twinkling lights and gathered back at the library to decorate to indoor tree while enjoying coco and cookies

The library holds a collection of 12,540 books, movies, music CDs and audios to loan to adults and children. Patrons also have access to books and audios online to borrow for MP3 players, Kindles, Nooks and other eReaders.

The trustees were sorry to have Evelyn Dandenau resign as trustee but welcomed Kelle Quist to the board. The trustees continue to meet monthly at the library and citizens are always welcome to attend.

### 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:*

Claudine Poplawski, Chair  
Catherine Snyder  
Kelle Quist

*Library Director:*  
Molly Lane

## **Old Home Day Committee**

### **The Celebration**

2014 saw a number of new changes to the annual Old Home Day celebration. The committee looked to try and find new ways to “shake up” the event and breathe some new life into it. Though still loved by many, members agreed that it had become somewhat repetitive and some new changes might help improve turnout.

A number of new events were added, including a prize bingo, potluck dinner, tag sale, fire department demonstration, and a few other events. The potluck dinner, a first in a long time, had a turnout of nearly 100 people and attendees were entertained by Rowe School principal Bill Knittle and his band. The Prize Bingo, hosted by Nancy (Tower) Hickox, was also well attended and helped to raise over \$150 for the Rowe School. The annual run was divided into two categories- a regular 4-mile run and a trail run through the woods.

Due to the number of new events being added, and the desire to not remove any of the old events that were still well-attended, the committee voted to try having everything spread over two full days, rather than trying to cram it into one. This began with the parade on Saturday morning as a sort of “opening ceremony” and the fireworks on Sunday evening as the last event.

While many of the new events were well-attended and received positive feedback, the expansion of Old Home Day into a two-day event was not as successful as hoped. It was informally agreed to in the Fall that perhaps a one-day celebration with one or two events on Friday evening might be better. This will be looked at in more depth with the 2015 committee.

### **The Committee & Thank-you’s**

The 2014 Old Home Day Committee was relatively unchanged from the previous year. Members included Joann Brown, Robert Dykeman, Sean Loomis, John Magnago, Paul McLatchy III, Mary Paige, and Christine Tower. John decided to step down as chairman after several years in the position, and Paul was elected to fill this role. Thank you, John, for all your hard work in organizing and managing the committee.

A big “thank you” to Ellen Miller for her service to the committee. Ellen stepped down from the committee at the end of 2013. It wasn’t until she left that the rest of the members realized how much work she had done for the committee in her capacity as town coordinator. There were many tasks that we didn’t know about that went into the planning that had been taken care of by Ellen.

Thank you to Janice Boudreau as well for helping the Old Home Day Committee with some of the various tasks that we had, including selling the BBQ Chicken Dinner tickets for the Lion’s Club.



Meetings are always open to the public, and we accept all comments, thoughts, and suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Committee,

Paul McLatchy III, Chairman

Joann Brown

Robert Dykeman

Sean Loomis

John Magnago

Mary Paige

Chris Tower

## **Park Commission**

Summer is the time for most of the residents to enjoy the park. But, it's always open for tennis, hiking, cross-country skiing, ice skating, fishing, enjoying the picnic and playground area.

2014 special summer activities included: four weeks of the recreation program, two weeks of swimming lessons by the YMCA, kids kayak lessons by Zoar Outdoors, a survival course led by park ranger Loomis, tennis lessons with Thomas Aurigemma, five senior picnics, Old Home Day events and a fishing derby. In the spring families come out for the Easter Egg Hunt. In the winter, hearty souls come out for a starlight snow shoe hike out to the horse rink.

The Fitness Center is the second location for Park Commission oversight. Jodi Fontaine (Fitness Center Trainer) and Deb Lively (Fitness Center Attendant) are regularly present during scheduled hours MWF (3-7 pm) and TTh (3-7pm). In addition to open training, senior classes and yoga are available. Two fitness open houses were hosted by Deb Lively. If you haven't looked in lately, you ought to come in!

Maintenance keeps this great outdoor asset beautiful and useable year round. New bog bridges were built on the Lake View Trail. New brook bridges were installed on Lake View trail and Williams trail. A new trail to Rob's View makes access to the top a bit easier. Water bars on Todd Mountain Trail will resist erosion. The Lycott Environmental Lake Management study is in process, addressing weed control and many other aspects to the health of our lake. Wood for a new lean-to is bought and readying for construction during the 2015 summer. New beach sand is scheduled for May of 2015.

Finally, the park is a source of part time employment for many of our residents, including students. In 2014 sixteen persons and many volunteers made our recreational activities run effectively and smoothly. Thanks to all who support our park and make Rowe a wonderful place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Cowie, Chair

Michael Laffond

Laurie Pike

## Planning Board

### **Annual Report of the Rowe Planning Board for calendar year 2014 Planning Board members and officers**

In the annual town election in May 2014, Jo-ann M. (Jodi) Brown 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 (legally, secretary or clerk). David Roberson was also elected as representative to the Franklin Regional Planning Board, which is sponsored by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG).

### **Legal Counsel**

As in years past, the Planning Board has been advised and represented by attorney Donna MacNicol. In 2014 the board was approached by the Board of Selectmen to consider whether there would be an objection to attorney MacNicol also serving as Town Counsel. While recognizing that there is an advantage to the Planning Board's having exclusive access to its own attorney, especially in the event of a dispute with the Selectmen or other town board, it was felt that Ms. MacNicol's services could benefit the town as a whole. Should any such hypothetical dispute arise, it was agreed that each party would hire its own legal counsel.

### **Permitting**

There were no requests for subdivisions or "Approval Not Required" (ANR) lot divisions. There were no tree hearings, although the board was made aware of a plan to significantly expand and enlarge utility poles and wires along various roads in Rowe which would involve removal of public trees (so-called "Monroe Hill Re-conductoring/Feeder Tie Project"). A representative from National Grid was advised that the Planning Board would consider the tree removal plan and hold the required public hearings if the new poles and wires were approved by the Board of Selectmen, as provided in state law. There were no new Special Permit applications in 2014.

### **Solar Photovoltaic Plant Special Permit Denial and Appeal**

In January, the Planning Board voted on Special Permit and Site Plan Review applications for a large solar photovoltaic installation on land belonging to Bob and Mary Ann Dykeman on Tunnel Road, which had been the focus of much of the board's work and public hearings the previous year as outlined in last year's annual report. Doug Wilson and Jodi Brown voted to approve the special permit and earth removal permit and accept the site plan review; David Roberson and Robin Reed voted against approval of the permits and of the site plan review. Member Bob Dykeman did not vote as he owns the land on which the project was to be sited and, having a material interest in the outcome, was not allowed to officially participate in deliberation or decision making on this proposal. Because both permits required a supermajority vote of the board (four affirmative votes), the special permits were denied. Site plan review approval requires a simple majority vote of the board (three affirmative votes), but failing to obtain the required votes the site plan was not approved. Following the denial of the special permit by the Planning Board, applicant Seaboard Solar appealed the board's decision in Franklin Superior Court, specifically targeting board members David Roberson and Robin Reed (who had voted against the project) for alleged malfeasance, among several other complaints. All four eligible Planning Board members dispute the appellant's claims and assert that the hearing was impartial and held in good faith. The appeal awaits resolution in Franklin Superior court; should the dispute go to trial, it will likely be in the latter half of 2015 and will be conducted *de novo*, with various experts as well as Rowe residents called to testify.

## **Planning and Zoning**

The Planning Board continued reviewing Rowe's zoning bylaws, although at a somewhat slower pace than might have been preferred. We deferred consideration of several topics due to potential impacts on the lawsuit pending against the Planning Board (including the solar photovoltaic bylaw itself as well as anything that was contended in the board's decision).

### **Goal Post**

The *Rowe Goal Post* has been published by the Planning Board for nearly 40 years, with the intention to inform Rowe residents about the meetings and affairs of town boards, committees and departments, and also including items of general interest to residents. The Planning Board has established editorial guidelines to ensure that the town's newsletter serves to inform residents of town business, but does not attempt to persuade voters toward any proposed action. Several minor adjustments were made to lower the cost to town taxpayers. At the request of the Selectmen, the Planning Board's requested budget for the upcoming fiscal year includes an increase which reflects the *Goal Post's* proportional share of Town Hall copier expenses; this is essentially budget-neutral, as an identical amount has been removed from the general administration budget to show a more-accurate accounting of the costs of producing the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by David Roberson for the Rowe Planning Board,

David Roberson, Chairman  
Doug Wilson, Scribe  
Jodi Brown  
Bob Dykeman  
Robin Reed

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

This year the Zoning Board of Appeals did not receive any applications to review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Wilson  
Russell Jolly  
Gail May  
Bob Dykeman

# PART II

## Education

Rowe Elementary School Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
August 24, 2014



Left to Right: Marjorie Morse, School Building Committee Chair Susan Zavotka, Principal Bill Knittle and Donna Flagg

## Rowe Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates



From left to right: Gianna Paige, Grace Poplawski, Ryan Burke and Anthony Moffatt

## School Committee

The year began with our elementary students at the Hawlemont Regional Elementary School and the first steel girders of the new Rowe School gymnasium being lifted into place. The School Committee is thankful for the continued generosity of the Charlemont and Hawley communities and the Hawle-mont Regional School Committee for hosting Rowe Elementary School at Hawlemont while our new school was being constructed.

After declining to negotiate both a Three-District Shared Expense Agreement and contracts with Superintendent Michael Buoniconti & Business Manager Joanne Blier, the School Committee voted in April to join the Northern

Berkshire School Union (NBSU). The NBSU, known as Massachusetts Superintendency School Union 43, includes the member towns of Clarksburg, Florida, Savoy, Monroe, and beginning July 1, 2014, the Town of Rowe. NBSU is under the direction of Superintendent of Schools Jonathan Lev.

In May, Susan Zavotka was elected to a three-year seat on the Committee. Lisa Danek Burke was elected Chair and work immediately began on the transition of all school services and management oversight to Superintendent Lev and his team for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. The work of the School Committee continued through the summer months, transitioning superintendent services, negotiating a new teacher's contract, providing representation at Mohawk School Committee meetings, and supporting newly elected member Zavotka in her work as School Building Committee (SBC) Chair to ready the school for occupancy.

The New Rowe Elementary School Building opened, on time, to welcome students and staff to the 2014-2015 School Year. The School Committee thanks the entire SBC for their diligent work on the building and grounds construction throughout 2014, with special accolades to both Chair Susan Zavotka and Principal Bill Knittle for going beyond the call of duty. A big thank you to the hardworking group of dedicated volunteers who constructed the new playground in a matter of days.

In October, the Rowe School Committee and Rowe Teachers Association signed a three-year contract for the period August 15, 2014 to August 14, 2017. The Committee also resumed the important work of reviewing and updating School Committee policies to ensure they remain current and relevant. While financial and management services continued in transition to NBSU, budget planning for FY 16 began. After discussions at Rowe School Committee meetings and Mohawk School Committee meetings, both committees voted to pursue the option of Rowe joining the Mohawk District as a Grade 7-12 Member. In December, the Rowe School Committee voted to support and recommend that a warrant article be presented at Town Meeting to provide for Rowe to join the Mohawk Trail Regional School District in grades 7-12.

The School Committee is thankful for continued support of the community and expresses our sincere appreciation to the Town of Rowe for fulfilling our responsibility to provide for the education of our children from preschool through high school.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Danek Burke, School Committee Chair  
Susan Zavotka, Vice-Chair  
Lisa Miller, Secretary

## **School Building Committee**

On August 27<sup>th</sup> the new Rowe Elementary School Building was open and ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. This was only possible due to the many committed volunteer hours from members of the Rowe School Building Committee, and the dedicated professional work of Greenberg Associates Architects, P3 Project Planning Professionals, and DEW Construction Corporation. Below is a month by month summary of the school building and furnishing process.

**January:** Construction continued in extremely cold weather with completion of all footings and foundations, plumbing and electrical under slab. The Friends of Rowe School appointed the SBC to oversee the expenditure of funds raised by the Mary Lyon Capital Campaign and the Dollar General School Library Account. Accounts were established by the Town of Rowe to receive and expend these funds.

**February:** Erection of the steel frame for gymnasium began but due to extremely cold weather pouring of the slab on grade was postponed. The SBC worked on Furniture, Furnishing and Equipment (FF&E) orders. SBC developed and approved exterior finish schedule.

**March:** Gym framing was completed. Slab pours began. SBC worked on interior finishes and plans for data ports, phone system, and smart board applications.

**April:** Slab pours were completed; framing and roofing of classroom wing, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical work were underway. SBC developed and approved an interior finish schedule. The Friends of Rowe School with support from The Mary Lyon Foundation began a Capital Campaign to supplement insurance funds for purchase of furnishings and equipment for the school.

**May:** Siding of the exterior began, interior wall construction and drywall were underway. SBC approved orders for kitchen equipment and classroom, cafeteria, and library furniture. The Rowe Conservation Commission filed and Enforcement Order (5/1/14) after heavy rains resulted in silt deposits in adjacent water areas.

**June:** Interior finishes, HVAC and electrical installation continued. The engineering firm of Tighe and Bond was hired to oversee the required review and plan for erosion control and silt deposit remediation due to the Conservation Commission Enforcement Order. Rowe School “moved out” of Hawlemont School. Items were packed in semi-trailers. The Friends of Rowe School held a charity auction (June 28<sup>th</sup>) to supplement insurance funds for purchase of furnishings and equipment for the school raising approximately \$10,000.

**July:** Interior finishes, HVAC and electrical installation continued. SBC approved overall budget for FF&E as well as plans playground.

**August:** The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The New Rowe School opened on schedule on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was received on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Also during August, residents of the Town of Rowe helped in the construction on the playground and assisted teachers and staff with moving in and unpacking all of the new furniture, furnishings, and equipment.

**September:** A Punch List was established by Greenberg Associates Architects. The SBC began work on gathering bids for back stage curtains and lighting as well as reconstruction of the baseball field.

**October:** Work by DEW (general contractors) on completion of items on the punch list continued. The SBC received a check from the Mary Lyon Foundation for \$18,810; the results of the Capital Campaign. The Board of Selectmen voted to extend the SBC until March 31, 2015. The Conservation Commission voted to lift the Enforcement Order (10/29/14).

**November:** Work by DEW (general contractors) on completion of items on the punch list continued. The SBC approved discarding of unused furniture from the old school via a community “give away” and removal (at no cost) of the remaining items by Byrne Towing and Recycle Co. The SBC approved hiring Danek Excavating for renovation of the baseball field (to be completed next summer) and purchase of back stage curtains and stage lighting by Major Theatre Company. Funds from the Capital Campaign and Charity Auction were designated to pay for these items. The SBC also approved location placement of various memorial plaques and items.



**December:** The majority of punch list items were completed. The major items left to be fixed are the vestibule door lock systems, warranties, and problems with electrical circuit breakers tripping related to the air handling unit, boiler, and heat pumps.

Submitted by Susie Zavotka, Chair

## Rowe Elementary School - Principal's Report

# ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## 2014 Annual Report of the Principal - Rowe Elementary School

It is my pleasure to submit the 2014 Principal's Report for Rowe Elementary School. The biggest news is that we opened our new school on-time (and on-budget) on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. I'll share more on that later. During the first half of the year, the Rowe School was able to continue at the Hawlemont Elementary School, for which we owe the Hawlemont community a debt of thanks.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- Rowe School students achieved high MCAS test scores in both English Language Arts and Math, and Rowe is once again a level one school, with one being the highest level a school can attain.
- Three times during the school year, Rowe School teachers evaluated reading abilities of all students with the Benchmark Assessment System. This assessment provides meaningful information about both instructional and independent reading levels and supports Guided Reading program.
- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish from the preschool classroom through the sixth grade.
- 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-5, 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 Adams Mountain in Pelham Lake Park, 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, hikes, skiing, a visit to the Kemp McCarthy Museum and the use of Pelham Lake Park.
- The Rowe Parent Teacher Partnership, as part of their fund-raising efforts for the new school, held an auction of goods and services in June at Berkshire East. A good time was had by all, and the money raised was helpful in getting the school ready to open. This event replaced the annual Holly Berry Craft Fair this year.
- In March, the annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade field was held. It was a terrific success, raising money to support the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade trips to Washington, D.C. and Nature's Classroom.
- Volunteerism remains high as students worked for local, national, and international relief efforts. Locally, students collected food for the "Good Neighbors" pantry and money for "Adopt-A-Family," "Warm the Children", and "UNICEF."
- SCA/AmeriCorps volunteers worked with students two days a week for 4-months with projects in environmental science.



- Fifth and sixth grade students visited Nature's Classroom in May for five days of intensive academic and social learning.
- Through the combined efforts of so many people, and the support of the town, the new school was ready to open for our first day of school. The new school has proved to be both beautiful and functional, an ideal support for the staff's efforts to support the learning of our students.

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 quality of education within the Mohawk Trail Regional School District (MTRSD) continued to rise during 2014. According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education accountability and assessment system, the MTRSD is classified as a Level 2 district with all of its schools classified as Level 1 or Level 2. There are five classification levels within the Commonwealth's system with Level 1 being the highest rating. The MTRSD is striving to become one of the higher performing school districts in Massachusetts by achieving a Level 1 classification, which requires all of its schools to be Level 1. 2014 marked a significant step toward the MTRSD realizing this ambitious goal.

### **Mohawk District Highlights: Level 2**

Mohawk students made gains in all three major content areas. Our English Language Arts (ELA) composite performance index (CPI) improved to 90.7; our mathematics CPI improved to 81.7; and our science CPI improved to 80.4.

### **Mohawk Middle School-High School Highlights: Level 2**

The Mohawk Class of 2014 boasted a graduation rate of 84.1% with approximately 75% of the graduates attending a 4-year or a 2-year college. For the past two years, 92% of Mohawk 10th graders scored at the proficient or advanced level in ELA. Over this same two-year period, 67% of Mohawk 10th graders scored at the advanced level in math compared to a 53% state-wide average. 75% of our HS Biology students scored at the proficient or advanced level with 40% scoring advanced, compared to a 30% state-wide average. The 8th grade students made significant gains in ELA, improving to 79% proficient or advanced. The 7th grade Student Growth Percentile (SGP) in math was a remarkable 79 compared to a state median of 50.

The Mohawk MS-HS athletic program flourished during 2014 with 37 teams and 19 sports. 311 students participated in at least one sport (62% of the student population). 144 students participated in multiple sports (29% of the student population). The Mohawk MS-HS music program was also vibrant with 109 students participating (23% of the student population). The Mohawk MS-HS Theater Program continued to grow with 74 students (16% of

the student population) performing three productions including the Wizard of Oz. Espousing a global view, Mohawk received its first international tuition-paying student from China in 2014.

### **Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School: Level 1**

BSE did not just have a good year, the school had a great year! The cumulative progress and performance index (CPPI) for all students increased 11 points to 88. CPPI for high needs students increased 19 points to 92! BSE's ELA CPI improved 2.0 points to 90, and its math CPI improved 4.9 points to 83.3. Beyond this incredible growth, it is important to note that many best practices are being developed within BSE that are being shared with our other schools.

### **Sanderson Academy. Level 2**

Sanderson remains a very high performing school. With a 2014 CPPI of 69, Sanderson is just 6 points shy of Level 1 classification. Sanderson's ELA CPI improved 6.8 points to an impressive 95, which is the highest among the elementary schools within the District. Sanderson's math CPI improved 2.3 points to 87.7, also the highest in the District. Sanderson's science CPI improved 8.0 points to 90.5, again the highest in the District.

### **Colrain Central School. Level 2**

Colrain Central took a giant step in a positive direction with a solid 17-point improvement in CPPI. This improvement was led by significant gains in ELA. Colrain's ELA CPI improved 11.6 points to 83.8.

### **Heath Elementary School. Level 1**

Heath Elementary achieved its second consecutive year of Level 1 classification with a strong CPPI of 94. Beyond the classroom, 95% of Heath students participated in one of the schools many enrichment programs.

MTRSD student achievement during 2014 reflected very well on our students and our educational team. Our District continued to develop and implement fundamental educator support systems that generated positive learning outcomes for our students. The MTRSD operated at the forefront of educational innovation including Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), Learning Walkthroughs and Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO). While there is certainly more work to be done, we have much to be proud of! On behalf of our students, I thank our entire school community for your dedicated support of our children's education. THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Buoniconti  
Superintendent of Schools

## **Mohawk Trail Regional High School - Principal's Report**

Mohawk graduates returned to our school in many ways this past year. The commencement speaker for the Class of 2014 was Elizabeth McGowan (Class of 1979); in 2013 she and two of her colleagues at *InsideClimate News* were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished reporting on national affairs, and at the graduation ceremony she spoke about her journey from Mohawk into the world of environmental journalism. Nearly 400 alumni and guests gathered for the "10+2 Reunion" for Mohawk classes 1968 - 1979 on the weekend of August 30-31, reminiscing and

reconnecting with classmates. Mohawk graduate Jesse Porter-Henry, Class of 1999, joined our faculty as Assistant Principal this year. He brings a focus on restorative justice approaches to school culture and discipline. More than a dozen recent graduates participated in a round-table discussion about the transition to college in late December, sharing their experiences with current students.

This year Mohawk began to welcome tuition-paying students from overseas, beginning with two students from China. During the summer our school hosted two groups of Chinese students for short sessions and we look forward to continuing to expand our international programming.

We've added several new course offerings this year, including Economics, Latin, and Horticulture and Sustainable Agriculture. Our music program continues to thrive, with high school students studying Music Theory, Strings, Rock Band, and Electronic Music, in addition to more traditional music offerings. The Mohawk Music Association provides generous support for our music programs. Over the course of the year students presented three major theatrical productions: the all-school musical "The Wizard of Oz" in March that also featured elementary school performers, the spring "Two Roads" production, and Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in December. Our athletic programs, with the generous support of the Mohawk Athletic Association, continue to provide students with diverse and enriching opportunities. During the fall season, more than 45% of our students were engaged in afterschool athletic programs. Mohawk student-athletes had a successful year: the girls alpine skiing team won their league, the girls track team won the Western Massachusetts championships, the boys track team won their league, and the girls cross-country team won their league, finishing third at Western Massachusetts. Mohawk retained the Frontier/Mohawk football trophy for the second year in a row.

At the midpoint of the 2014-2015 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 464. There are 69 students in the seventh grade and 94 students in the eighth grade. There are 73 students in the ninth grade, 60 in the tenth grade, 74 students in the junior class, and 88 students in the senior class. Six students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Dole  
Principal

## **Special Education and Pupil Services**

The districts continue to support and provide students with an identified disability an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a Section 504 Plan. An IEP provides direct service with accommodations and modifications. A 504 Plan provides accommodations that allow a student access to the general curriculum. The district continues to increase the use of Response to Intervention (RTI). This model enables schools to provide support to students based on regular assessment and data aimed at targeting more specific areas of concern or need. A student does not require an IEP or a 504 to benefit. Data has suggested that all students, especially those with an identified disability benefit from an RTI model.

Districts are required to support a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). A PAC is an advisory committee to the Director of Special Education. Both Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional School Districts were cited for not having an active PAC. The Director of Pupil Services asked for and was granted a waiver to allow the two

districts to form one PAC. Although we continue to solicit more members and support, there is currently an active group meeting monthly.

Differentiation is the practice of modifying and adapting instruction, materials, content, student projects and products, and assessment to meet the learning needs of individual students. Over the course of the year, we have provided professional development to regular and special education teachers on differentiation, on the Wednesday professional learning days. This method allows the districts to provide the least restrictive environment, as required by law, while at the same time providing the necessary supports to all students.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leann Loomis  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## **Mary Lyon Foundation**

Mary Lyon said, "Take care of your reading, writing and singing."

Since 1990 the Mary Lyon Foundation has been providing innovative support for local education to the schools and communities in West County. We are grateful for the incredible generosity which makes it possible for us to not only sustain a myriad of programs and services, but expand and strengthen them. We especially appreciate the continuing financial support of the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, Cleveland Dodge Foundation, The Recorder, Bristol Myers Squibb, the Harper Gerry family and the many other generous donors who provide support for local education.

The 9th annual community spelling bee held on November 13 raised over \$7,000 for the Mini-Grant program for innovative, educational grants for local schools. The Grand Champions this year were the Spelling Beans (Curtis Rich, David Henry and Erin Morrisey) sponsored by Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters. The winners of the best dressed costume award were The Artful Spellers (Nancy Baker, Nina Coler, and Denny Baker) sponsored by the Shelburne Falls Arts Co-Op, and the Queen Bee sponsor of the event was the Greenfield Savings Bank. It is a tribute to strong community spirit that teams from private and public educational, religious, political and civic organizations come together for this unique fundraiser.

Our annual spring Lyonnaise, a celebration of excellence in local education, was held in May at the Shelburne-Buckland Community Center and featured a powerful presentation by the 2014 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, Anne Marie Osheyack. A special tribute was paid to the very first Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, Roy Frude, who taught science at Arms Academy. John Sloan received the Pat Kerrins Career Award; Kevin Hollister was honored as the Outstanding Mohawk Graduate; Leslie and Ed Grinnell received the Jim Boulger Spirit of Adventure Award sponsored by The Textile Company, and Berkshire East was the Business Award recipient.

The Mary Lyon Foundation sponsors scholarships and a wide variety of projects, programs and services including, for example, an annual Gift Catalog or wish list of requested school supplies, a Children's Literature Festival in August for grades K-6 and the Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund which provides warm clothing, eyeglasses, food and other basic necessities for children.

The Board of Directors was Marion Taylor, Past President; Stefan Kostka, President; Hugh Knox, Vice President; Sharon Hudson, Corresponding Secretary; Suzanne Conway Lagreze, Recording Secretary; Karen Fairbrother, Treasurer, Beth Bandy, Larry Wells, Robin Morgan Huntley, Sylvia Orcutt, Susan Schuman and Amy Love. Gina

Sieber is the Business Manager, and Bruce Willard, past president, is an Honorary Lifetime Member. We remain grateful to the school district for a classroom at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School where our office is located. Thank you also to the many generous donors and volunteers who continue to help us make a positive difference for local education initiatives.

Susan Samoriski, Ed.D.  
Executive Director

## **Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund**

Annual Report of the Fred Wells Trustees

Funds available for the fiscal year 2014/15 are \$227,342 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2012/2013 that was reallocated to the Scholarship Fund.)

### **EDUCATION:**

The Trustees received 268 applications and approved 25 students to receive \$198,282. This amount includes the two \$1000 scholarships in memory of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustee spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

### **HEALTH:**

Five (5) programs were approved totaling \$17,600:

Community Action - WIC Program	\$ 5,000.00
Community Health Center	\$ 3,200.00
Franklin County Home Care	\$ 5,000.00
Hospice of Franklin County	\$ 2,000.00
NELCWIT	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
	\$17,600.00

### **AGRICULTURE:**

An amount of \$11,367 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 7,173.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 3,160.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	<u>\$ 1,034.00</u>
	\$ 11,367.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dot Lyman

# Franklin County Technical School District

**Franklin County Technical School District  
82 Industrial Boulevard, Turners Falls, MA 01376**

## 2014 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2014 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2014 was 519 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	21	Erving	31	Montague	70	Sunderland	10
Buckland	10	Gill	5	New Salem	7	Warwick	8
Colrain	23	Greenfield	113	Northfield	39	Wendell	9
Conway	5	Heath	7	Orange	78	Whately	8
Deerfield	15	Leyden	12	Shelburne	5	Non-District	43

Franklin County Technical School awarded 113 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2014. 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. FCTS has maintained level 2 Accountability status from last year. Our overall PPI moved from 17% in 2012 (level III) to 21% in 2013 (level II) to 31% in 2014 (level II). We were 1% point away from level I Accountability Status. 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, 36% joined the area work force, 6% planned to join the military, 4% went on to a post-secondary trade/technical school, and 13% were unsure as to which of the above options they would pursue. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2014.

The teachers and students have been busy with projects that are used as learning opportunities during this latest school year. These authentic work projects are critical in developing the skills of the students, inspiring and motivating the students, developing empathy and social commitment and, of course, are beneficial to our sending communities.

As learning activities, these projects are not treated as production work that would be done by commercial entities. Project work is treated as learning activities, with guidance and direction of instructors. With alternating weeks of shop time, that increases the duration of a project. But, with that said, costs associated with a project are less than those conducted by a commercial company, resulting in towns and students benefiting in the end.

The electrical program has been active in a number of communities throughout Franklin County. Electrical work and networking work has been done in Charlemont with the Hawlemont school barn and greenhouse built; at the Warwick Community School with an LED lighting conversion; repairs to the Bernardston Elementary School parking lot lighting, and also at the Bernardston police department. Electrical students have worked in Buckland with police department lighting retro-fits and exterior security. The Shelburne Falls Trolley Museum has benefited from student electrical work at that facility, with future work projects in the plans. Another Shelburne activity was the fall clean-up of Hill Cemetery by the landscaping program.

In Wendell, the Town Hall emergency kitchen has had the electrical shop, carpentry shop, and primarily the plumbing shop, busy with renovations to their facilities. Due to new regulations imposed by the State Plumbing Board, this project was held up for nearly a year, but through persistence on our end, the approvals were finally authorized and the work is nearly complete. Changes in the State Plumbing Board regulations will continue to have a negative impact on plumbing programs in all vocational schools throughout the state, but we will develop methods to work within the restrictive guidelines.

The community of Deerfield saw the completion of a pavilion at the elementary school. Further activities will take place for landscaping of the pavilion area in the spring – at this point it is being discussed. The pavilion was built by the carpentry program students and instructors. Along with that work, carpentry is beginning work on the Regional Animal Shelter that will serve the town of Orange, along with other communities. By the time the project is completed, the electrical and plumbing programs will also be heavily involved in the expansion of the building.

The Greenfield Town Hall is having bookcases built by the underclassmen carpentry students. This learning activity is just beginning and students are looking forward to the planning and production of the bookcases/shelving. Greenfield also received the services of the landscaping program with the sodding of Vets fields, a great learning opportunity for the students. In the spring of 2015, carpentry students will be building a Community Garden shed in New Salem, and in Leyden the Town Hall will have a rear portico built. Carpentry students will pre-fab the walls for the portico in the shop, and work will follow in the spring by the Leyden DPW, with construction taking place.

Also for the town of Leyden, the Collision and Repair program is doing work on a Crown Vic for the Leyden Police Department. Another community receiving Collision and Repair work is a vehicle for the Colrain fire department.

The Welding program is doing work for two communities, Northfield and Shelburne – both library box drops. A new book drop is being built for Northfield and repair of a book drop for Shelburne.

Our relationship with area communities is important to FCTS. We try and focus primarily on municipal and non-profit organizations for our educational projects. Human Services organizations that service multiple communities, such as the Greenfield YMCA, have had Cosmetology and Culinary Arts students participate in special events, and the Soup and Game night hosted by Hope & Olive in Greenfield, receives soup and bread freshly made by the Culinary Arts program. Even school wide activities such as our food drives for area food pantries, collecting winter clothing for area needs, pet supplies for Dakin and area shelters, all feed into our strong partnership with Franklin County communities.

The District has been selected to participate in a renovation project for new windows and doors through the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). We are currently in the design and cost analysis stage and should have an estimate on costs at your town meeting. As with all projects selected by MSBA the State will reimburse the District a portion of the cost based upon several factors; our projected reimbursement rate is just a little more than 73% of costs.

In addition the District is in need of other major renovations that were either not selected by MSBA, (a roof repair) and/or would not qualify for funding, (repaving of our drive and parking areas, and possible repair and upgrade of our track.)

This will be the first time since the inception of the District in 1974 that we will be asking the towns to grant the District the authority to borrow monies to upgrade our infrastructure. The approval process as outlined in our regional agreement calls for a district wide election which falls outside of the annual town meeting approval process. As we define the scope of the projects/costs and work with the governing body in each of our member community's additional information will be made available on both the cost and the process.

Respectfully,

Mr. Richard Kuklewicz

School Committee Chairman

Mr. James M. Lavery

Superintendent-Director

**Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2014**

Bernardston-Lloyd J. Szulborski; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-Stephanie Recore; Deerfield- Katherine James; 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-Angela Fournier; 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



# PART III

## Town Clerk



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## Town Clerk – 2014 Appointees Sworn to Duty/Resignations

### ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (3 Years)

Janice Boudreau 1/15/14

### ACCOUNTANT

FRCOG- Jackie Cashin 7/08/14

### ADMIN ASST / ASST to ACCOUNTANT

Sandra P. Daviau 7/03/14

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Edward Grinnell 11/05/14

### ANIMAL CONTROL ASSISTANT

Arthur Samuelson 7/30/14

### ASSISTANT TREASURER

Sandra P. Daviau 7/03/14

### BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Jo-ann M. Brown 7/15/14

Thomas L. Chiofalo 7/17/14

Christine Tower 7/03/14

### BOARD OF HEALTH – HEALTH AGENT

#### Appointed by Board of Health

Lisa Danek Burke 6/25/14

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 Years)

Myra Carlow 7/16/14

Ramon Sanchez 10/29/14

### CONSTABLE

Sandra P. Daviau 7/03/14

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Jo-ann M. Brown 7/15/14

Sandra P. Daviau 7/03/14

Doris Fensky 7/14/14

Christine A. Tower 7/03/14

Shirley Veber 7/21/14

Mary Ann Dykeman 7/14/14

### CULTURAL COUNCIL

Kelle Quist 9/26/14

Ellynn Packard 10/05/14

Susan Wood 10/16/14

### DPW SUPERINTENDENT

Lance Larned 7/09/14

**ELECTION TELLERS / WORKERS**

Pru Berry		JoAnn Brown	8/06/14
Marjorie B. Morse	7/18/14	Susan C. Wood	7/21/14
Robin Reed (Warden)	7/21/14	Shirley Veber	7/21/14

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR**

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CONTROL OFFICER**

Ed May 8/03/14

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

C. Selmi Hyytinen 10/01/14  
Gail May (Coordinator) 7/16/14

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Deborah Katz 7/16/14  
Wayne Zavotka 7/16/14

**ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

Lance Larned 7/16/14

**FENCE VIEWER**

Sandra Daviau 7/03/14

**FIELD DRIVER**

Sandra A. Daviau 7/03/14

**FIRE CHIEF**

Paul McLatchy Jr. 7/21/14

**DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

Brandon Sprague 7/17/14

**ENVIROMENTAL OFFICER**

Lance Larned 7/16/14

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Brandon A. Sprague 7/01/14

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

Marilyn Wilson 6/20/14

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Marilyn Wilson 6/20/14

**FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Marilyn Wilson 6/20/14

**HEALTH AGENT**

Appointed by Board of Health  
Lisa Danek Burke 6/25/14

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, Alternate**

James Hawkins -FCCIP            7/01/14

**MA BROADBAND INSTITUTE - ROWE REP.**

**MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER**

Thomas P. Danek, Jr            7/21/14            James H. Williams            8/05/14

**MOHAWK MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Marilyn Wilson            7/07/14

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Jo-ann M. Brown            Robert L. Dykeman  
John Magnago            Paul McLatchy III  
Christine A. Tower

**POLICE CHIEF / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER**

Julie Shippee            7/01/14 (3 Year Term)

**POLICE / SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

C. Selmi Hyytinen	7/01/14	Chris Mattson	7/01/14
Jarod Bellows	7/13/14	Henry Dandeneau	7/13/14
Melinda Herzig	7/12/14	Margo Newton	7/13/14
Ryan Martin	7/13/14		

**POUND KEEPER**

Sandra P. Daviau            7/03/14

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Janet Cowie	7/16/14	Donna Flagg	7/11/14
Cynthia Laffond	7/31/14	William Loomis	7/23/14
Dennis May	8/05/14	Kerri McLatchy	7/16/14
Paul McLatchy III	7/11/14	Marjorie Morse	7/11/14
Susan Zavotka	7/03/14		

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

Lance Larned            7/16/14

**TOWN NURSE**

Appointed by Board of Health  
Sheila Litchfield            6/25/14

**TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

Appointed by Board of Health  
Ted Palmer            6/22/14            James Lively            6/25/14

**TREASURER (3 YEAR APPOINTMENT)**

Kris Nartowitz            7/03/14  
Marcella Stafford Gore    10/22/14

**TREE WARDEN**

Lance Larned            7/16/14

**VETERAN'S GRAVE OFFICER**

Carolos Heiligmann 7/30/14

**WIRED WEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE CORPORATION DELEGATE**

**WIRED WEST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

**YANKEE LAND COMMITTEE**

Leonard J. Laffond 7/28/14

William Loomis 7/23/14

Walter J. Quist 7/16/14

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

Leonard J. Laffond 7/28/14

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (3 Years)**

Robert Dykeman 7/14/14

Gail May 7/16/14

**Town Clerk - Elected Officials Sworn to Duty 2014**

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)	Rick Williams
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)	JoAnn Brown
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)	Walter J. Quist
CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)	Earl Carlow
CONSTABLE (3 YEARS)	Robert Dykeman
FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)	Raymond Wilson
FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)	Mitch Soviecke
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)	Kelle Quist
PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)	Laurie Pike
PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)	Joanne Brown
MODERATOR (3 YEARS)	Robert J. Clancy
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)	Susan Zavotka
TOWN CLERK	Jennifer Morse
TREASURER (3 YEARS)	Myra Carlow

## Town Clerk - Vital Statistics & Permits - 2014

### BIRTHS

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

Kendelle Lorin Crowningshield

Born: July 18, 2014

Parents: Matthew and Jenna Crowningshield

### DEATHS

**George L. Gaudry**

Date of Birth - February 21, 1927

Date of Death - January 27, 2014

### RAFFLE PERMITS

**Rowe Fire Association** Permit Number - 01-2014

Kerri McLatchy  
4 Sibley Road  
Rowe, MA 01367

**Charlemont Lions Club** Permit Number - 02-2014

Bob Dykeman  
468 Tunnel Road  
Rowe, MA 01367

**Rowe Community Church** Permit Number - 03-2014

Chris Tower  
278 Zoar Road  
Rowe, MA 01367

### BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

**Rowe Fire Association** 05/16/2014 - 5/16/2019

Paul McLatchy III & Robin Reed  
4 Sibley Road  
Rowe, MA 01367

**Ted Palmer** 10/08/2014- 10/8/2019

Ted Palmer  
6 Palmer Road  
Rowe, MA 01367

## Town of Rowe - Dogs Licenses - 2014 (licenses expire March 31, 2015)

License Expires March 31, 2015

Owners Name	Dogs Name	Sex	Age	Breed	Color	Rabies Due Date	Date Licensed	Tag #
Tom & Melissa Houghtaling	Grimm	NM	2	Mini-Pin	Black and Tan	10/15/14	11/19/13	1
Tom & Melissa Houghtaling	Belle	SF	14	Mix	Black and White	10/15/14	11/19/13	2
Laurie Pike	Calusa	SF	2	Chocolate Lab/Dalmation	Brown/White	7/26/15	4/2/14	65
Rebecca Bradley	Jolie	SF	2	Austrailian Blue Heeler		10/28/16	4/9/14	74
Ellen B. Miller	Toby	M	13	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	9/16/15	02/21/14	12
June Brown	Toby	NM	9.5	German Shepherd	Black	2/9/17	3/12/14	43
J & H Crowningshield	Sadie	SF	6	Chihuahua	Brown/White	3/10/17	3/12/14	36
Deb Lively	Cricket	F	3.5	Red Heeler	Red	4/3/16	1/18/14	9
Andy Lively	Chief	M	6	Aust. Shepherd	Brown/White	3/25/15	1/18/14	10
Earl Carlow	Bruno	NM	9	Boxer/Lab	Black	1/5/17	3/19/14	45
Maeve Gallagher	Zoe	F	3	Mixed Breed	Tan/Brindle	2/6/16	3/12/14	42
Henry Dandeneau	Sarah	F	17	Brittany Spaniel	White/Orange	3/10/14	3/12/14	41
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	Miss T	SF	7	Shepherd Mix	Yellow/White	1/9/17	3/12/14	29
Sandy Daviau	Shakira	SF	3	Chihuahua	Tri-color	8/20/15	8/27/15	94
Sandy Daviau	Lexus							
Sandy Daviau	Magie	SF	10	Cocker Spaniel	Chocolate	10/25/15	3/5/14	22
Sandy Daviau	Bella	SF	15	Chihahua	Brown	10/6/14	3/5/14	23
Sandy Daviau	Gabby	SF	12		Cream/Buff	11/16	3/5/14	24
Christine Tower	Emma	SF	3	Pug	Fawn	2-21-16	3/12/14	35
Robert Rice	Annie	SF	12	Black Lab	Black	4/14/17	4/30/14	75
Loretta Dionne	Chora	M	4	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan		2/25/14	18
Deb & Steve Crowningshield	Charley	SF	2	Choc Lab	Chocolate	9/4/15	3/12/14	33
Linda Avery	Gizzy	SF	5	Collie Mix	Tri-Color	3/29/17	4/9/14	63
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	Dozer	M	2	Chihuahua	White/Black/Brown	3/29/17	4/9/14	71
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	Diesel	M	1	Black Silver Lab	Black/Silver	3/29/17	4/9/14	73
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	Pepper	NM	5	Dalmation	White w/Brown Spots	03/12/14	4/9/14	72
Kathy Sprague	Pheobe	SF	8	Choc Lab	Chocolate	6/14/16	4/30/14	83
Kathy Sprague	Kody	M	4	Choc Lab	Chocolate	6/14/16	4/30/14	81
Kathy Sprague	Piper	F	9	Lab/Retriever	Chocolate	6/14/16	4/30/14	82
Brittani Sprague	Moose	M	3	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	6/13/16	4/30/14	83
Brian & Laurie Ash	Numan	NM	12	Retriever/Golden	Blonde	03/09/15	3/29/14	59
Brian & Laurie Ash	Kramer	NM	9	Retriever/Labrador	Black	03/09/15	3/29/14	60
Linda Avery	Bud D Bear	M	5 mo	Datsun/York Mix	Beige	3/29/15	3/29/14	64
Leonda Hardison	Ivy	SF	8	Lab	Yellow	10/20/14	3/5/14	21
Susan & James Taylor	Hope	SF	3	Keeshond	Black & Grey	03/23/12	06/12/2012	
James Sousa	Milo	M	6	Border Collie	Black w/White Collar & Tips	1/15/16	3/12/14	32
Laura Roberson	Meadow	SF	12	Malinois	Black/Tan	5/27/16	3/19/14	50
Laura Roberson	Honey	SF	4	Belgian Malinois Mix	Fawn w/Black Face	4/24/15	3/19/14	51
Brandon & Jenn M. Sprague	Lilly	F	2	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	09/11/15	1/4/14	6
Robin Booth	Bailey	SF	8	Golden Retriever	Blonde/Gold	03/28/14	2/26/13	
Sean & Leann Loomis	Parker	SF	2	Golden Lab Mix	Golden	4/29/16	12/2/13	3
Sean & Leann Loomis	Dexter	NM	3	Mixed Breed	Black	4/29/16	12/2/13	4
Robert & Karen Markert	Sadie	SF	8	Great Pyrennes	White/Tan	11/16/14	3/12/14	31
Robert & Karen Markert	Grant	NM	4	Great Pyrennes	White	10/12/15	3/12/14	30
Ellynn and Jack Packard	Bonnie	SF	4	Maltese	White and Black	4/30/15	4/30/14	80
Ellyynn and Jack Packard	Danny	M	14	Brittany Spaniel	Orange/White		4/30/14	79

Walter and Kelle Quist	Teddy Gold E	NM	7	Schipperke	Black	5/15/15	1/14/14	8
M. Arlene Andognini	Locks	SF	10	Airedale Terrier	Black/Tan	04/02/15	3/5/14	13
Virginia Gary	Brady	M	7	Choc Lab	Chocolate (Brown)	2/22/15	3/19/14	53
Virginia Gary	Blaze	SF	4	Beagle	Tri-Color	2/22/15	3/19/14	52
Virginia Gary	Cookie	M	9	Mixed Breed	Multi (Brwn/White/Tn)	2/22/17	3/19/14	53
Virginia Gary	Cocoa	SF	2	Peke Mix	Buff	11/3/16	3/19/14	55
Virginia Gary	Snoopy	M	2	Boston Terr Mix	Black and White	11/3/16	3/19/14	54
Robert & Carrie Silva	Camo	M	4	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	11/20/16	4/2/14	69
Pete Brown	Shiloh	M	6	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	3/29/17	3/29/14	61
Marilyn Wilson	Cassie	SF	9	Bichon Frise	White	04/18/14	3/12/14	27
Audrey Faivre	Amber	SF	11	Golden Retriever	Blonde	10/9/15	02/21/14	14
Christina Rode	Buster	M	5	Yorkshire Terrier	Multi - Brwn, Bck ,Slvr	02/10/15	4/2/14	70
Marilyn Wilson	Tommy	M	4	Bichon Frise	White	04/18/14	3/12/14	26
Stanley Zielonka	Daisy Mae	SF	5	Poodle, Toy	Apricot	6/25/15	3/12/14	37
Stanley Zielonka	Princess	SF	6	Phantym Teacup Poodle	Black	6/25/15	3/12/14	38
Stanley Zielonka	Lollipop	SF	4	Poodle, Miniature	Apricot	4/26/14	3/12/14	39
Jen Rice	Milo	M	5	Great Dane	Black	4/18/14	3/5/14	19
Jen Rice	Otis	M	5	Great Dane	Black	4/18/14	3/5/14	20
Mike & Laurie Laffond	Cam	NM	7	Golden Retriever	Yellow	3/29/17	4/2/14	66
Mike & Laurie Laffond	Daisy	SF	3	Yorkshire Terrier	Black/Brown	3/29/14	4/2/14	67
Dan & Claudine Poplawski	Shadow	SF	5	Lab/Retriever	Black	4/5/15	4/30/14	76
JoAnne Semanie	Chester	NM	3	Hound Mix	Black/White	9/28/15	4/2/14	68
Deb Katz	Gordon	NM	9	Setter	Black/Tan	3/29/17	3/29/14	58
Deb Katz	Juno Daisey	NM	5	Great Pyrennes	White	3/29/17	4/29/14	57
Ken and Doris Fensky	Mae	SF	4	Border Collie	Black/White	3/17/14	2/21/14	11
Robert & Karen Markert	Grant	NM	4	Great Pyrennes	White	10/12/15	3/12/14	30
Kevin & Willian Parent	Lefty	SF	3	Beagle Mix	Black/Brown	3/29/17	1/4/14	7
Sharon Hudson	Stella	SF	4	Shih Tzu	Liver & Red	6/20/15	1/4/2014	5
Darlene & Oral Jackson	Cody	NM	8	German Shepherd	Black/Red	12/20/15	3/12/14	34
Paul and Leslie McLatchy	Rylee	SF	9	Lab/Bull Mastiff	Black/White	7/25/16	4/30/14	78
Paul and Leslie McLatchy	Tucker	M	5	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	6/15/15	4/30/14	77
Lance & Danielle Larned	Ellie	SF	8	Australian Shepard	Blue Merle	9/8/15	3/12/14	40
Ken & Julie Shippee	Chevy Sweet	SF	3	Lab Mix	Yellow	5/22/14	3/19/14	46
Wayne and Susie Zavotka	Annie	SF	2	Lab Retriever	Black	1/19/17	3/5/14	25
Robert Clancy/Lisa Miller	Scout	NM	1.5	Dalmation Mix	Black/White	7/14/16	2/25/14	17
Donna Flagg	Bailey	N	1	Shih Tzu Mix		10/24/14	3/19/14	48
Donna Flagg	Cosmo	N	1	Shih Tzu Mix		10/24/14	3/19/14	49
Sue Wood	Tessie	SF	2	Beagle Mix (Rescue)	Tri-Color	3/29/15	3/29/14	62
Heidi Cousineau	Kodei	SF	9	Shiba Inu	Black/Tan	4/18/15	5/2/14	86
Heidi Cousineau	Kasey	M	7	Shiba Inu	Red/White	4/18/15	5/2/14	87
Heidi Cousineau	Mollie	SF	5	Shiba Inu	Black/Tan	4/30/17	5/2/14	88
Mary Paige	Burrito	NM	2	Chihuahua	Black/Brown	10/31/14	5/7/14	89
Tayanna Lamore	Kelly Anna	SF	1.5	Austrailian Shepard York Terrier/Chihuahua	Tan	8/23/14	5/28/14	92
Mary Paige	Chompsey	M	6 mo	Mix	Golden	11/26/16	5/7/14	90
Robin Reed	Benji	NM	5	Shih Tzu Mix	Gray	6/26/15	8/7/14	93



## Special Town Meeting Official Results - January 09, 2014

Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse  
Temporary Moderator: Henry Dandeneau  
Constable: Robert Dykeman  
Select Board Members: Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Noel Abbott, Susan Gleason  
Tellers: Marjorie Morse, Robin Reed, Rebecca Richardson

The meeting was held on Thursday January 24, 2014 at the Rowe Fire Station. Approximately One Hundred Nine (109) voters and Five (5) audience members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Jennifer A. Morse at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Morse turned to the Board of Selectmen Chair Marilyn Wilson seeking the appointment of a temporary moderator. At the request of the Board of Selectmen Henry Dandeneau was appointed temporary moderator and was sworn in by Town Clerk Jennifer Morse.

Robin Reed, Marjorie Morse and Rebecca Richards were sworn in Tellers by Town Clerk Jennifer Morse. The Moderator stated that Article 1 would be voted on by paper ballot at the request of numerous voters.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to an escrow account for the purpose of replacing the Rowe School septic absorption system in the event that it fails a required Title V Inspection in 2015.

Moderator took a vote of the audience to allow Mr. Dan Pallotta of P-Three, Inc. to answer any questions that may arise.

Transfers of money from the Capital Stabilization Fund require a 2/3 vote to pass

**Article 1 – Defeated  
Paper Ballot Results  
Yes - 61 No 48**

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3690 to fund an increase in the Town Hall Custodian's hours from 8 hours per week to 15 hours per week.

**Article 2 - Passes by Show of Hands  
Unanimous**

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,500.00 to increase the Treasurer's Stipend.

**Article 3 - Passes by Show of Hands  
Not Unanimous**

# Special Town Meeting Official Results – March 5, 2014

Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse  
Moderator: Robert Clancy  
Constable: Robert Dykeman  
Select Board Members: Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Noel Abbott, Susan Gleason  
Town Counsel: Kopelman and Paige, PC - Brian Riley  
Tellers: Marjorie Morse, Henry J. Dandeneau

The meeting was held on Monday March 5, 2014 at the Rowe Fire Station. Approximately Seventy Nine (79) voters and One (1) audience member were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Clancy at 6:30 p.m. Moderator Clancy swore in tellers Marjorie Morse and Henry J. Dandeneau. Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for any comments prior to the start of the meeting.

Marilyn Wilson - Board of Selectmen Chairperson read a statement pertaining to the Free Cash Certification and offered her apologies to the Town.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to amend Article II, Section I of the General By-Laws by changing the Treasurer's position from Elected to Appointed.

### ***Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands – Unanimous Vote***

Moderator Clancy recognized voter William Loomis who made a statement regarding Board of Selectmen Chair Marilyn Wilson and distributed a handout titled "Facts Concerning the Certification for 2014 Free Cash"

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of 2,500.00 to increase the Treasurer's Stipend from \$7982.00/year to \$12,982.00/year, \$2500.00 being the amount necessary to fund this increase until the end of FY 14.

### ***Article 2 Passed by Show of Hands- Unanimous Vote***

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3690.00 to fund an increase in the Town Hall Custodian's hours from 8 hours per week to 15 hours per week for the remainder of FY14.

### ***Article 3 Passed by Show of Hands- Unanimous Vote***

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash to the Fire Department Operations the sum of \$1,464.00 (\$750.00) purchase, and \$119.00/month x 6 months) for an Emergency Reporting Software package..

### ***Article 4 Passed by Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$1,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Operations for a new keyless entry system for the front door to the Fire Station.

### ***Article 5 Passed by Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$500.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Operations for a digital projector for training.

***Article 6 Passed by Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$1000.00 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Operations for safety measures on the hose tower.

***Article 7 Passed by Show of Hands – Unanimous Vote***

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Legal Expense line to replenish it.

***Article 8 Passed by Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer the sum of \$14,357.08 from Free Cash to the Reserve Fund.

***Article 9 Passed by Show of Hands- Unanimous Vote***

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$1,590.00 from Free Cash to the Police Department Operations for protective vests for the Rowe Police.

***Article 10 Passed by Show of Hands- Unanimous Vote***

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate \$9,655.00 from Free Cash to the Town Coordinator's Salary Line for the accrued vacation and sick time of the retiring Town Coordinator.

***Article 11 Passed by Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to move and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to establish a Solar Legal Expense Fund.

***Article 12 Passed by Show of Hands***

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to TABLE Article 13 (Vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$14,000 to establish fiber optic service to the Rowe Elementary School.)

***Article 13 Passed by Show of Hands***

***Article Tabled***

**ARTICLE 14:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Paul McLatchy III – Goal Post Editor wanted to clarify that the Old Home Day Committee had voted to make Old Home Day 2014 a two day event.

Two residents made comments on the Free Cash Certification topic.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:08 p.m. - Unanimous Vote

Submitted:

Jennifer Morse  
Rowe Town Clerk  
March 18, 2014

Special Town Meeting Official Results - May 12, 2013

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OFFICIAL RESULTS - FY2014  
MAY 12, 2014  
Town of Rowe  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town Clerk: Jennifer A. Morse  
Moderator: Robert Clancy  
Constable: Robert Dykeman  
Select Board Members: Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Susan Gleason  
Town Counsel: Kopelman and Paige, PC – Greg Corbo  
Tellers: Marjorie Morse, Walter Quist

The Special Town Meeting was held on Monday May 12, 2014 at the Rowe Fire Station. Approximately Seventy Nine (79) voters and Seven (7) audience members were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Clancy at 6:30 p.m. Moderator Clancy swore in tellers Marjorie Morse and Walter Quist. Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for any comments prior to the start of the meeting.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$25,556.09 to pay for the Winter Highway Expense overage.

***Article 1 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands***

**ARTICLE 2:** A motion was made and seconded to act on the following Citizens’ Petition: 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.”*

***Article 2 - Defeated***  
***Yes - 32 No- 34***

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded 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.

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

Motion to Amend Article 3: A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 3 to read “No employee of the Town shall be eligible to serve on said committee”

***Motion to Amend Article 3: Defeated***  
***Article 3: Yes- 30 No – 39***

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded to indefinitely postpone Article 4 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.”*

***Article 4: Indefinitely Postponed (Tabled) By Show Of Hands***

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

Paul McLatchy III – 17 Newell Cross Road inquired why the by-laws changes were placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant and not the Annual Town Meeting warrants. Marilyn Wilson (Board of Selectmen, Chair) stated that the Annual Town Meeting was to be used for the FY 2015 budget items.

Walter Quist- 4 Ford Hill Road, Interim Energy Committee Chairman thanked Jack Packard for his ten years of diligence and service to the Energy Committee. Mr. Packard received a round of applause and standing ovation.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer A. Morse  
Rowe Town Clerk

May 14, 2014

# Annual Town Meeting Official Results - May 14, 2012

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OFFICIAL RESULTS- FY2015 MAY 12, 2014

Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town Clerk:	Jennifer A. Morse
Moderator:	Robert Clancy
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Select Board Members:	Marilyn Wilson (Chair), Susan Gleason
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Modertor Clancy asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the following Rowe Residents who passed away since the last Annual Town Meeting; Irene Boyd, Henry G. Dandeneau, Luella Benson, Todd Veber, Willian Brown, Phyllis Landry and William Boyd.

**ARTICLE 1:** A motion was made and seconded to act on reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Moderator Clancy noted omission of elected officials and that former Town Coordinator Ellen Miller did not resign from her position but retired.

### ***Article 1 Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands***

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

Motion to Amend Article 2 to read to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make the necessary appointments of officers not elected at the proper time.

### ***Motion to Amend Article 2- Passed By Show Of Hands***

### ***Article 2 as Amended Passed By Show Of Hands***

**ARTICLE 3:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2015 fiscal year.

**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
Conservation Commission Operations	1,500.00
Subtotal Administration	210,273.00

**Assessors' Office**

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

**Planning Board**

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

**Stipends**

Selectmen Stipends	5,742.00
Assessors Stipends	5,187.00
Moderator Stipend	425.00
Tax Collector Stipend	7,390.00
Town Clerk Stipend	9,781.00
Treasurer	12,982.00
Subtotal Stipends	41,507.00

**Veterans' Services**

Veterans' District Services Assessment	500.00
Operations	450.00

Veterans' Benefits	100.00
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
IT Consultant	6,500.00
Subtotal Contracted Services	43,446.00

**Regional Assessments**

FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	11,675.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	9,304.00
Subtotal Regional Assessments	20,979.00

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION 366,101.00**

Motion to Amend Article 3 - A motion was made and seconded to change the wording Planning Board Consulting Expense to Planning Board Consulting , Legal and Litigation Expenses.

***Motion to Amend Article 3 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands***

***Article 3 as Amended - Passed Unanimously***

**ARTICLE 4:** A motion was made and seconded 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.

***Article 4 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands***

**ARTICLE 5:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2015 fiscal year.

**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
Snow & Ice Removal (Winter Roads)	68,612.00
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

***Article 5 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands***

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded 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.

***Article 6 – Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands***

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2015 fiscal year.

**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**

Article 7 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded 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.*

*Moderator Clancy took a Vote to allow the Moderator to declare the 2/3 majority vote-*

*Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

*Article 8 - Passed By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2015 fiscal year.

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
<u>Physician's Stipend</u>	<u>500.00</u>

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION 130,867.00**

*Article 9- Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 10:** A motion was made and seconded 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 2016.

*Article 10 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands*

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00** for the 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 2016.

Article 11 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands

**ARTICLE 12:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2015 fiscal year.

<b>School Committee Stipend</b>	<b>4,422.00</b>
<b>Rowe School Local Budget</b>	
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	932,970.00
Plus Revolving Accounts	122,308.00
<b>K-6 Rowe School Local Operating Budget</b>	<b>1,055,278.00</b>

**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
Tuition	349,000.00
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**

Motion to Table: A motion was made and seconded to Table Article 12

**Vote on Motion to Table- Defeated YES- 28 NO- 39**

**Article 12- Passed By Show of Hands**

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 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.

**Article 13 - Passed By Show of Hands**

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2015 fiscal year.

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
Library CWMARS Overdrive Assessment	300.00
<b>TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY</b>	<b>66,092.00</b>

**Article 14 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2015 fiscal year.

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

**Article 15 - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2015 for **Culture and Recreation** items.

Gracy House Operations	4,000.00
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	500.00
Beautification Committee	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>

**Article 16- Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums fiscal year 2015 for **Old Home Day**.

Old Home Day	6,500.00
Old Home Day Fireworks	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>

**Article 17 - Passed By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 18:** 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 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 2016.

**Article 18- Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 19:** 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 2015 fiscal year.

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**
<b>TOTAL PENSION &amp; INSURANCE</b>	<b>564,098.00</b>

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

**Article 19- Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from FREE CASH the sum of **96,847.00** to be used to reduce the FY2015 Tax Rate.

**Article 20 - Passed By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **improvements**.

Police – Protective 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	
<b>TOTAL STABILIZATION FUND</b>		<b>31,355.00</b>

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

**Moderator Clancy took a Vote to allow the Moderator to declare the 2/3 majority vote - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**Article 21- Passed By Show Of Hands**

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **capital repairs and improvements**.

DPW – Truck	78,792.00
PARK - Beach Sand	7,200.00

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

**Moderator Clancy took a Vote to allow the Moderator to declare the 2/3 majority vote - Passed Unanimously By Show Of Hands**

**Article 21- Passed By Show Of Hands**

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

Jim Taylor- DPW Superintendent announced after Article 5 his upcoming retirement and stated that it was an honor to serve the Town of Rowe. Jim Taylor received a round of applause and standing ovation.

Paul McLatchy III – 17 Newell Cross Road thanked Jim Taylor and the Road Crew for helping to set up for Town Meetings.

Moderator Clancy thanked Ellen Miller retired town administrator, Noel Abbott former Board of Selectmen and Henry Dandenau former police chief for their years of service to the Town. A round of applause and standing ovation was given to all.

A motion made and seconded to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 8:25 p.m. - Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer A. Morse  
May 17, 2014  
Rowe Town Clerk

**Annual Town Election Results - May 17, 2014**

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS**

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

**157 Voted/269 Total Registered Voters**

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

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Rick Williams	138
Blanks -	14
All Others	5

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

JoAnn Brown	109
Blanks	28
Robin Reed	19
All Others	1

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Walter Quist	124
Ellen Miller	17
Blanks	12
All Others	4

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

Earl Carlow	95
All Others	8
Blanks –	54

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Raymond Wilson	91
Ellen Miller	46
Mitch Soviecke	9
Blanks	3
All Others	8

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Mitchell Soviecke	89
Paul McLatchy III	36
Blanks	11
Ellen Miller	9
Raymond Wilson	6
Donna Flagg	5
All Others	1

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Kelle Quist	64
Blanks –	49
Alan Bjork	34
All Others	10

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

Earl Carlow	17
Laurie Pike	57
Loretta Dionne	37
Blanks -	35
Mitch Soviecke	5
All Others	6

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

Joann Brown	113
Blanks -	36
All Others	8

TOWN CLERK (3 YEARS)

Jennifer Morse	126
Blanks -	28
All Others	3

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Susan Zavotka	82
Jeff Parent	44
Blanks	7
All Others	3
Raymond Wilson	7
Myra Carlow	14

CONSTABLE (3 YEARS)

Bob Dykeman	39
Henry Dandeneau	31
All Others	4
Blanks	83

TREASURER (3 YEARS)

Paul McLatchy III	29
Myra Carlow	69
All Others	8
Blanks	51

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

YES	110
NO	41
BLANKS	6

Results Submitted By:

Robin Reed  
Election Warden- Town of Rowe

May 17, 2014



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

### Rowe Jurors' List

Abbott, Noel R  
Andognini, M Arlene  
Ash, Brian S  
Ash, Laurie L  
Avery, Linda Eileen

Baker, Roberta Tripp  
Baker, William J  
Berry, Prudence  
Besgen, Anne E  
Bjork, Alan W  
Bjork, Timothy J  
Booth, Robin  
Booth, Will J  
Boutwell, Joyce A  
Holloway  
Boutwell, Melissa A  
Boutwell, Rebecca S  
Boutwell, Scott E  
Boyd, Ian M  
Boyd, John M  
Boyd, Nathaniel R  
Bradley, Michael F  
Bradley, Patrick M  
Bradley, Rebecca P  
Brown, Ashley E  
Brown, Craig W  
Brown, Dustin  
Brown, Reed E  
Bryant Jr., Peter  
Bryant, Capri  
Bryant, Lisa A  
Buck, Elizabeth V  
Buck, Philip E  
Burke, Daniel J

Carlow, Earl  
Cascone, Nancy J  
Chiofalo, Thomas L  
Cirinna, Geoffrey T  
Clancy, Robert J  
Columbus, Peter J  
Corarito, Maryann  
Coulombe, Dean R  
Cousineau, David A  
Cousineau, Heidi  
Cowie, Bruce W  
Crowningshield, Debra Ann  
Crowningshield, Howard C  
Crowningshield, Jeanette  
Crowningshield, Jenna M  
Crowningshield, Matthew R  
Crowningshield, Steven Robert

Dandeneau, Evelyn L

Danek, Helen Elizabeth  
Danek-Burke, Lisa Ann  
Daviau, Sandra P  
Donelson, Norma J  
Donovan, Eugene J  
Donovan, Sandra A  
Dunnell, Paul P  
Dvore, David  
Dykeman, Mary Ann  
Dykeman, Robert L

Eastman, Josh I

Faivre, Audrey I  
Faivre, Edward  
Fensky, Doris C  
Fensky, Kenneth G  
Foberg, Kirsten E  
Friedman, Benjamin A  
Fuller, MaryJo Anne

Gabert, Virginia C  
Gallagher, Maeve P  
Gary, Virginia P  
Glass, Herbert L  
Gleason, Susan P  
Gordon, Ronald P

Hardison, Billy L  
Heiligmann, Katherine S  
Hoffman, John  
Hoffman, Kathleen  
Houghtaling, Melissa A  
Hudson, Gary H  
Hyytinen, Christopher Selmi  
Hyytinen, Tabitha J

Jackson, Crystal A  
Jackson, Lisa Marie  
Jolly, Morgghan, W  
Jolly, Russell W

Katz, Esther D  
Keppler, David J  
Kingsley, Megan M

Laffond, Cynthia M  
Laffond, Laurie L  
Laffond, Michael S  
Larned, Danielle M  
Larned, Lance P  
Lawson, Diana Loraine  
Levitre, Cristine  
Lively, Abigail R  
Lively, Anne M

Lively, Carol F  
Lively, Deborah L  
Lively, James W  
Lively, Jason A  
Loomis, Leann Zavotka  
Loomis, Ruth E  
Loomis, Sean R  
Lowell, Frederick K  
Lumbus, Jessica L

Markert, Karen  
Markert, Robert T  
May, Dennis F  
May, Edwin L  
May, Gail  
May, Katherine E  
McLatchy, Kerri L  
McLatchy, Lesley K  
McLatchy, Paul, Jr  
McLatchy, Paul III  
Miller, Clayton C  
Miller, Daniel J  
Miller, Ellen B  
Miller, Lisa L  
Morano, Chris  
Morse, Ashton Paige  
Morse, Jennifer A.  
Morse, Marjorie H  
Mundell, Jessica  
Mundell, Timothy

Nordstrom, Carrie J

Paige, Clifford III  
Paige, Eric S  
Paige, Mary Eve  
Palmer, Edwin A  
Parent, Jeffery E  
Parent, Kevin M  
Parent, William M  
Phelps, Abigail M  
Phelps, Heidi F  
Phelps, Nancy D  
Pike, Laurie Jean  
Poehlein, David G

Quinn, Melissa S  
Quist, Kelle J  
Quist, Walter J

Reardon, Mary A  
Reardon, Tiffany J  
Reardon, William N  
Reed, Robin W  
Regan-Bjork, Jasmine M  
Reynolds-Gallagher, Danette L

Rice, Alex T  
Rice, Bradley J  
Rice, Dean T  
Rice, Jennifer  
Rice, Margaret B  
Rice, Robert R  
Richardson, Rebecca F  
Roberson, David A  
Roberson, Laura S  
Roccio, Paulette A  
Roche, Barbara J  
Rossi, John F  
Rossi, Martha

Samuelson, Arthur H  
Scrivens, David F  
Shippee, Julie J  
Shippee, Kenneth R  
Silva, Carrie Y  
Silva, Edward J  
Silva, Robert A  
Simpson, Eliakim H  
Snyder, Catherine T  
Snyder, Timothy C  
Sousa, James E  
Sprague, Brandon A  
Sprague, Brittani M  
Sprague, Katherine D  
Sprague, Kevin D  
Sturgis, Laura V  
Suarez, John J  
Suarez, Melissa  
Sullivan, Jonathan L  
Swenson, Kristen C

Taylor, Joshua Berry  
Taylor, Susan B  
Thane, Joseph E

Vanhorne, Guinevere Artur  
VanItallie, JeanClaude  
Veber, Mary  
Veber, Terry  
Veber, Tiffany R  
Vega, Richard

White, Gerrit C  
White, Glenn M  
White, Susan M  
Williams, Dana M  
Williams, Frederick N  
Williams, Jay T  
Williams, Robert O  
Williams, Susan A  
Wilson, Douglas Rev  
Wilson, Marilyn  
Wilson, Raymond  
Wood, Jennifer Younglove  
Wood, Susan Carol J

Yagodeinski, Glenda K

Zavotka, Susan L  
Zavotka, Wayne A  
Zielonka, Stanley R

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TOTAL Jury Pool 204

# 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

# 2014 Tax Rate Recapitulation

State Tax Form 31C

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

FISCAL 2015

**OF  
ROWE**

City / Town / District

**I. TAX RATE SUMMARY**

la. Total amount to be raised (from IIe)	\$	<u>4,562,329.66</u>
lb. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)		<u>1,141,046.77</u>
lc. Tax levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$	<u>3,421,282.89</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	8.5745%	293,357.90	49,738,393	5.90	293,456.52
Net of Exempt					0.00
Open Space	0.0000%	0.00	0		0.00
Commercial	0.0936%	3,202.32	246,202	13.01	3,203.09
Net of Exempt					0.00
Industrial	66.4836%	2,274,592.03	174,828,500	13.01	2,274,518.79
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>75.1517%</b>		<b>224,813,095</b>		<b>2,571,178.40</b>
Personal	24.8483%	850,130.64	65,342,390	13.01	850,104.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>		<b>290,155,485</b>		<b>3,421,282.89</b>

Board of Assessors of

**ROWE**

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City / Town / District


**NOTE : The information has not been Approved and is subject to change.**

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessors Chairman, Rowe,  
413-339-5520,  
Assessor

2/2/2015 11:53 AM Signed on behalf of the BOA  
Date (Comments)

**Do Not Write Below This Line --- For Department of Revenue Use Only**

**Reviewed By** Matthew Andre  
**Date :** 05-FEB-15  
**Approved :** Dennis Mountain  
**Director of Accounts**

  
(Gerard D. Perry)

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

FISCAL 2015

ROWE

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**II. Amounts to be raised**

Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(e) from page 4)	\$	4,197,879.77
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	0.00	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	0.00	
3. Final court judgements	0.00	
4. Total overlay deficits of prior years	3,886.80	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	99,663.00	
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)	178,303.00	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		281,852.80
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		32,516.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		50,081.09
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)	\$	4,562,329.66

**III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources**

Illa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	\$ 216,148.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00	
TOTAL IIIa		216,148.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col(b), Line 24)	56,200.00	
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		56,200.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col.(c))	244,504.77	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col.(d))	527,347.00	
TOTAL IIIc		771,851.77
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2014	96,847.00	
b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2014	0.00	
2. Municipal light source	0.00	
3. Teachers' pay deferral	0.00	
4. Other source :	0.00	
TOTAL IIId		96,847.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)	\$	1,141,046.77

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

a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)	\$	4,562,329.66
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	\$	1,141,046.77
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	\$	3,421,282.89
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	\$	4,562,329.66

**LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \***  
**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**ROWE**

City/Town/District

	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2014	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2015
==> 1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	38,268.71	45,000.00
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	1,601.23	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	0.00	0.00
10 FEES	0.00	0.00
11 RENTALS	6,440.10	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	4,466.00	4,000.00
18 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==> 19 FINES AND FORFEITS	210.00	200.00
==> 20 INVESTMENT INCOME	1,362.97	1,000.00
==> 21 MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00
==> 22 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	0.00	0.00
23 MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	23,071.56	0.00
<b>24 TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 75,420.57</b>	<b>\$ 56,200.00</b>

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the Fiscal 2015 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.

Jackie Cashin (FRCOG) Town Accountant, Rowe, 413-339-5520

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Accounting Officer

Date

\* 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 2014 estimated receipts to FY2015 estimated

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**

**FISCAL 2015**

**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 B-1	(d) From Other Available Funds See B-2	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1), Enterprise Funds (See A-2), or Community Preservation Fund (See A-4)	(f) *** Revolving Funds (See A-3)	(g) Borrowing Authorization
05/12/2014	2015	3,553,375.00	3,426,028.00	0.00	127,347.00	0.00	23,500.00	0.00
03/05/2014	2014	60,756.08	0.00	60,756.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11/12/2014	2015	155,383.15	0.00	155,383.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/17/2014	2015	2,809.45	0.00	2,809.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01/28/2015	2015	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/12/2014	2014	25,556.09	0.00	25,556.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		4,197,879.77	3,426,028.00	244,504.77	527,347.00	0.00		
		Must Equal Cols. (b) thru (e)						

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

ROWE

Jennifer A. Morse, Town Clerk, Rowe, 413-339-5520

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City/Town/District

Clerk

Date



# FY 2014 Tax Collector's Report

Year/Tax	July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014	Commitments	Abatements	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Adjust- ments *	Outstandings 6-30-14
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	501.68	0.00	0.00	-266.26
07 MVE	-640.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-640.42
08 MVE	-366.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-366.25
09 MVE	-200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.50	0.00	0.00	-152.50
10 MVE	-738.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.50	0.00	0.00	-691.25
11 MVE	-326.04	0	0	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	-316.04
12 MVE	-1,159.49	0	0	0.00	389.07	0.00	0.00	-770.42
13 MVE	-2,326.87	-3135.25	460.09	0.00	4097.78	-511.07	0.00	-1,415.32
14 MVE	0.00	-34748.64	536.22	0.00	33861.56	-536.22	0.00	-887.08
10 RE	-208.28	0	0	0.00	208.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
11 RE	-230.52	0	0	0.00	7.46	0.00	0.00	-223.06
12 RE	-240.46	0	0	0.00	7.22	0.00	0.00	-233.24
13 RE	-3,991.38	0	0	0.00	2678.67	81.27	0.00	-1,231.44
14 RE	0.00	-2479316.1	3816.38	0.00	2468922.93	-421.78	70.42	-6,928.15
14 PP	0.00	-820510.88	0	0.00	820510.88	0	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-11,684.32</b>	<b>-3,337,710.87</b>	<b>4,812.69</b>	<b># 0.00</b>	<b>3,331,290.53</b>	<b>1,387.80</b>	<b># 70.42</b>	<b>-14,609.35</b>

<b>Miscellaneous Collections</b>	
\$150.00	Lien Fees
505.00	Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees
241.00	Deputy Collector Fees
140.00	Mark for Non Renewal
1,594.96	Interest on Overdue Tax Payments
0.00	NSF Fees Collected
0.00	Bank Interest
<u>\$2,630.96</u>	

## Board of Assessors

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Membership of the Board remained the same throughout this year as **Rick Williams** was re-elected to a three-year term at the annual town elections in May 2014. Board members nominated and elected **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 continue 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.

In support of the **FY15 Triennial Revaluation**, bids were solicited and the services of a professional appraisal consultant were contracted this year. **G.E.Sansoucy, PE** was contracted jointly by the Towns of Rowe, Monroe, and Florida to conduct appraisals of the hydroelectric generating facilities owned by TransCanada and Brookfield Power. **G.E.Sansoucy, PE** was also again contracted to conduct an appraisal of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation owned by Yankee Atomic Electric Company.

Based on the **FY15 sales analysis** for Rowe, residential property values increased: home values ~+11%, building lot values ~+28%, and excess land values ~+11%. Certification of FY15 values by the Mass Department of Revenue (DOR) was delayed this year as a result of delays in initial production of the appraisal reports and attempts to resolve comments from the power companies over the proposed values for the hydroelectric facilities. The resulting **total town valuation** for FY15 increased by ~6.4% to \$290,155,485.

The **FY15 tax rates** of \$5.90 for Residential and \$13.01 for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set in late January of 2015 at a Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of \$6.07 for Residential and \$13.38 for CIP.

According to Mass Department of Revenue (DOR) records for FY15, Rowe had the 7<sup>th</sup> **lowest residential tax rate** and the 2<sup>nd</sup> **lowest average single family tax bill** in the state (\$1189).

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 (**\$78,196 for FY15**). Despite our relatively low tax rate and enviable 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 2014

**STETSON, JANE M. (aka Jane B. Stetson) & WENDELL L.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **STETSON, JANE B.** of Rowe, MA, property located at 10 Hazelton Road. (Map 203 Lot 46)

**VEBER, FLORENCE M.** of Rowe, MA, for no consideration, grant to **VEBER, FLORENCE** of Rowe & **NUGENT, DIANE P.** of Nottingham, NH, property located at 124 Zoar Road. (Map 407 Lots 5 & 45)

**PETERSEN, DAUREEN W.** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **PETERSEN, DAUREEN W**, Trustee of the Petersen Investment Trust, of Rowe, MA, property located at 252 Zoar Road. (Map 203 Lots 7 & 10)

**TAYLOR, JAMES W. & SUSAN B.** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$220,000.00, grant to **DECKER, DAVID J.** of South Deerfield, MA, property located at 58 Pond Road. (Map 201 Lots 6 & 7)

**CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARY ANN** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARY ANN, Trustees of the Corarito Investment Trust**, land located on Dell Road. (Map 403 Lot 55 & 61)

**CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARY ANN** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARY ANN, Trustees of the Corarito Investment Trust**, land located on Dell Road. (Map 403 Lot 60)

**CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARYANN** of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **CORARITO, ARTHUR D. & MARYANN, Trustees of the Corarito Investment Trust**, land located on Dell Road. (Map 403 Lot 62)

**WOOTTON, JAMES M. & ELLEN E.** of Dillwyn, VA, for consideration of \$220,200.00, grant to **REISMAN, ALEXANDRA R.** of Cambridge, MA, property located at 112 Ford Hill Road. (Map 202 Lot 61)

**FAIVRE, AUDREY I.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$328,000, grant to **STETSON, CHARLES A. & CYNTHIA L.** of Hawley, MA, property located at 29 Potter Road. (Map 403 Lot 13)

**GLASS, HELENE S., Trustee of the Helene S. Glass Revocable Trust & GLASS, HERBERT L.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$480,000.00, grant to **HURTIG, PAUL E.** of Sudbury, MA 01776 (Map 204 Lot 19)

**ANDOGNINI, M. ARLENE**, of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **ANDOGNINI, M. ARLENE**, of Rowe, MA & **BRUFFEE, THOMAS** of Hudson, MA, property located at 163 Hazelton Road. (Map 404 Lot 2)

**MILLER, ELLEN B.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **MILLER, ELLEN B. & MILLER, CLAYTON C.** of Rowe, MA, property located at 160 Hazelton Road. (Map 404 Lot 28)

**WEISS, JAMES V.** of Ledyard, CT, **CROCKETT, AMY L.** of Amston, CT & **WEISS, JARED** of Burlington, VT, grant to **DANEK, THOMAS P. JR. & HELEN E.** of Rowe, land located on Davis Mine Road. (Map 408 Lot 41)

## Finance Committee

Membership of the Finance Committee (FC) experienced its full contingent of five members following the 2014 election. Mitch Soviecke and Ray Wilson joined Dennis May, Maggie Parent and Wayne Zavotka. Dennis May resigned as chairperson due to a shift in his duties at Vermont Yankee and Wayne Zavotka was elected to succeed him. Ray Wilson was elected secretary.

The Finance Committee accepted the responsibility of preparing and presenting the FY2016 budget to the 2015 Annual Meeting. We began with joint conversations with the town boards and committees in November 2014. The purpose was to learn what was working in the town's budget process and what needed improvement. Most departments/committees did not desire assistance from the FC in preparing operating budgets. Improved access to financial reports was requested from larger department leaders. Subsequently, the town accountant made the bi-monthly budget/expense reports available. The town accountant also made herself available to leaders for informational purposes. In addition, the FC requested each committee/department to submit expectations for capital needs in the next three to ten years.

The FC conducted budget hearings with representatives of each department in January and February. The Select Board has continued to guide overall policy and setting priorities for income and expenditure. In April the FC will meet with the Select Board to finalize a balanced budget for presentation to the Annual Town Meeting. As individual households often struggle to match spending with what is most important, towns engage in the same process. Undoubtedly citizens will have different opinions on the best use of resources. We continue to trust the wisdom of town meeting and the goodwill of every citizen.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Zavotka, Chair  
Dennis May  
Maggie Parent  
Mitch Soviecke  
Ray Wilson, Secretary

## Appropriation Balances - FY2014

Carry Fwd Appropriations: Account	Acct #	Balance	
Microfilm Town Records		5,000.00	
Audit		5,500.00	
Accounting FY13		7,599.13	
Assessor Reval		3,816.64	
Gracy House/Soule CSF		9,320.57	
CSF Soule Foundation Wall		140.73	
TH ADA Access - CSF		2,000.00	
CSF TH Ceiling Tiles		1,075.60	
CSF Paint Gracy House		954.53	
CSF Paint Town Hall		1,425.00	
Stabilization Transfer		168,572.00	
Bridge Rehab Program		132,000.00	
School Construction		90,638.19	
Feasibility Study		49,832.19	
MacBooks		4,000.00	
Laptops		6,000.00	
Library ADA Restroom CSF		6,556.00	
Library Front Steps		5,000.00	
Park Property Damage		354.96	
Park Compost Lav Facility		357.32	
Treasurers Office Records		9,350.00	
Park Pelham Foot Bridge		307.98	
Tr fr Stab		3,000.00	
			512,800.84
			37,878.61
Undesignated	253,979.25		
R/E Receivable	-4,670.64		
M/V Excise	-7,026.81		

Deferred Revenue	-38,655.14
	0.00
	0.00
	203,626.66

## Special Revenue - FY2014

### Rowe Special Revenue 30-Jun-14

		Beg Bal	Revenue	Expenses	Balance
215	MA Highway A/R-C291 FY05	-35,292.81	34,001.28	-144,560.41	-145,851.94
231	Recycling Revolving	0.00	3,836.99	-2,650.71	1,186.28
233	Seaboard Escrow	0.00	6,505.85	-6,505.85	0.00
251	Wetlands Protection Fund	738.87	262.50	-743.56	257.81
252	Cemetary Sale of Lots	763.00	0.00	0.00	763.00
272	East Cemetary Gift Acct	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
273	West Cemetary Gift	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
274	Park Gift	132.00	20.00	0.00	152.00
275	Internet Kiosk	112.60	0.00	0.00	112.60
276	Brian Vega	4,077.68	132.80	-50.00	4,160.48
277	Library Gift	398.89	0.00	0.00	398.89
281	BOH Vaccine	766.28	629.26	-775.15	620.39
282	Goal Post	-1,229.66	142.00	0.00	-1,087.66
283	Old Home Day	2,245.75	2,699.00	-3,066.76	1,877.99
284	Lib-FWMLA	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00
285	Mary Lyon	406.07	27.00	0.00	433.07
286	Greenfield Garden Club	17,079.94	2.90	-15,644.52	1,438.32
287	MTCRT	203.00	0.00	0.00	203.00
288	School Deficit	0.00	44,810.83	-44,810.83	0.00
289	Insurance Proceeds	-9,348.50	4,045,809.98	-4,641,599.41	-605,137.93
291	School Grant	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
292	Police Donations	0.00	1,230.00	0.00	1,230.00
293	School Library Grant	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
403	Dare	36.88	0.00	0.00	36.88
404	Comm Police	38.79	0.00	0.00	38.79
410	FEMA	37,830.76	0.00	-10,000.00	27,830.76

411	FEMA	0.00	12,060.82	0.00	12,060.82
412	COA Grant	1,914.36	1,900.64	-1,624.96	2,190.04
413	DEP Small Scale	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
414	Library State Aid	3,525.71	1,260.56	-46.78	4,739.49
415	Cultural Council	3,271.97	4,253.98	-3,266.00	4,259.95
417	DEP Recycling Grant	0.00	346.12	-500.00	-153.88
418	MEMA	40,265.00	0.00	0.00	40,265.00
422	Green Communities Grant	18,510.83	67,862.50	-86,373.33	0.00
502	School Choice	87,661.31	90,365.00	-133,410.63	44,615.68
503	REAP	7,800.96	34,979.00	-14,739.35	28,040.61
505	SPED Early Childhood	154.74	268.98	-475.29	-51.57
506	SPED Pr Improv	650.00	89.00	-650.00	89.00
507	SPED-IDEA	2,407.03	14,452.90	-12,892.62	3,967.31
510	ED Jobs Grant	282.00	0.00	0.00	282.00
511	Kindergarten Grant	-405.86	21,155.98	-2,429.85	18,320.27
512	Title 11A	688.00	1,072.00	-140.00	1,620.00
551	After School	241.10	0.00	0.00	241.10
553	School Lunch	742.15	14,363.71	-8,657.16	6,448.70
554	Field Trip	256.60	2,060.00	-1,800.00	516.60
555	School Programs	3,579.67	5,320.15	-7,529.36	1,370.46
811	Martha Henry	8,715.46	17.47	0.00	8,732.93
812	Cemetary Per	20,420.78	40.80	0.00	20,461.58
813	Rowe Lib trust	480.77	0.96	0.00	481.73
814	Charles Wells	3,459.99	7.15	0.00	3,467.14
815	Preserved Smith	1,821.89	3.51	0.00	1,825.40
816	Demonds	16,799.72	29.82	0.00	16,829.54
817	Foster Donation	3,095.55	10.35	0.00	3,105.90
818	A.B. White	5,464.20	10.97	0.00	5,475.17
819	Tower jones	5,464.20	10.97	0.00	5,475.17
820	Rowe Memorial	3,767.45	0.00	-25.00	3,742.45
830	Stab	800,259.58	224,826.54	0.00	1,025,086.12
831	Cap Stab	803,661.68	169,932.54	-437,373.00	536,221.22
890	Retiree	8,061.58	26,348.88	-19,062.06	15,348.40
891	Off Duty Police	203.90	13,936.00	-13,760.00	379.90
892	Firearm	1,425.00	600.00	0.00	2,025.00
894	Town Clerk	86.80	27.00	0.00	113.80
895	Wildlife	69.00	0.00	0.00	69.00
896	Collectors Fees	358.18	480.00	-355.00	483.18
897	Due to Permit	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
898	Deputy Collector Fees	0.00	154.00	-46.00	108.00
899	School Activity Agency	1,836.11	1,116.36	-1,623.30	1,329.17

# FY2014 Budget Revenue with Variance

**Budget Expense w/Variance  
Fiscal Year Ending  
6/30/2014**

Acct Number		Original Budget	Budget Revision	Total Budget	Actual	Balance
001 114 5100 000	Moderator	419.00	0.00	419.00	419.00	0.00
001 122 5100 000	Selectboard Stipends	5,657.00	0.00	5,657.00	5,506.48	150.52
001 122 5400 000	Microfilm Town Records	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
001 122		5,657.00	5,000.00	10,657.00	5,506.48	5,150.52
001 123 5100 000	Town Coordinator Salary	60,817.00	9,655.00	70,472.00	68,932.96	1,539.04
001 123 5110 000	Administrative Assistan	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	12,273.92	726.08
001 123 5400 000	General Administrative	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00	27,991.55	8.45
001 123		101,817.00	9,655.00	111,472.00	109,198.43	2,273.57
001 132 5400 000	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-497.68	19,502.32	0.00	19,502.32
001 135 5400 000	Acct/Payroll Services	4,250.00	7,599.13	11,849.13	3,777.86	8,071.27
001 135 5410 000	Audit	7,500.00	5,500.00	13,000.00	2,000.00	11,000.00
001 135		11,750.00	13,099.13	24,849.13	5,777.86	19,071.27
001 141 5100 000	Assessor Stipends	5,187.00	0.00	5,187.00	5,186.76	0.24
001 141 5110 000	Assessor Clerk Compensa	9,356.00	0.00	9,356.00	9,218.82	137.18
001 141 5400 000	Assessors' Operation	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	7,849.24	150.76
001 141 5800 000	Assessor Reval/Prop Upd	15,000.00	3,816.64	18,816.64	0.00	18,816.64
001 141		37,543.00	3,816.64	41,359.64	22,254.82	19,104.82
001 145 5100 000	Treasurer Stipend	7,982.00	3,152.41	11,134.41	10,864.51	269.90
001 145 5110 000	Assistant Treasurer Com	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
001 145 5410 000	Bank Charges/Loan Inter	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
001 145 5420 000	Treasurer's Office Reco	0.00	3,697.59	3,697.59	3,697.59	0.00
001 145		8,832.00	6,850.00	15,682.00	14,562.10	1,119.90
001 146 5100 000	Tax Collector Stipend	7,281.00	0.00	7,281.00	7,281.00	0.00
001 146 5400 000	Tax Collector Operation	7,008.00	0.00	7,008.00	6,851.84	156.16
001 146		14,289.00	0.00	14,289.00	14,132.84	156.16
001 150 5400 000	Town Officer Expense	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,931.84	68.16
001 150 5410 000	IT Hardwar/Software	10,350.00	-1,527.00	8,823.00	6,249.32	2,573.68
001 150 5420 000	IT Consultant	6,500.00	1,527.00	8,027.00	7,285.30	741.70
001 150 5430 000	Town-wide Notification	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00



001 150		19,850.00	0.00	19,850.00	15,466.46	4,383.54
001 151 5400 000	Legal Expense	12,000.00	10,000.00	22,000.00	20,273.78	1,726.22
001 151 5410 000	Solar Legal Expense	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,946.74	9,053.26
001 151		12,000.00	25,000.00	37,000.00	26,220.52	10,779.48
001 161 5100 000	Town Clerk Stipend	7,281.00	0.00	7,281.00	7,281.00	0.00
001 162 5100 000	Board of Registrars	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
001 162 5400 000	Elections/Registration	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	1,702.69	2,297.31
001 162		4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00	2,052.69	2,297.31
001 171 5400 000	Conservation Comm Opera	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.81	0.19
001 175 5400 000	Planning Board	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	972.83	277.17
001 175 5410 000	Planning Board Consulti	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
001 175 5420 000	Planning Board Goal Pos	10,100.00	0.00	10,100.00	9,196.00	904.00
001 175		16,350.00	0.00	16,350.00	10,168.83	6,181.17
001 192 5110 000	Town Hall Custodian Wag	6,620.00	3,690.00	10,310.00	8,639.20	1,670.80
001 192 5400 000	Municipal Center Operati	15,420.00	5,000.00	20,420.00	20,069.99	350.01
001 192 5410 000	Town Hall Fuel Oil	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,900.53	2,099.47
001 192 5420 000	Town Hall Electricity	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	5,452.94	2,547.06
001 192 5430 000	Town Hall Elevator Main	3,380.00	269.21	3,649.21	0.00	3,649.21
001 192 5440 000	Energy Committee	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
001 192 5830 000	TH ADA Access	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001 192 5840 000	TH Ceiling Tiles	0.00	1,075.60	1,075.60	0.00	1,075.60
001 192 5850 000	TH Painting	0.00	1,425.00	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
001 192		39,670.00	13,459.81	53,129.81	38,062.66	15,067.15
001 193 5400 000	Bonding & Insurance	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	38,894.16	6,105.84
001 195 5400 000	Town Reports	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00	1,578.63	1,021.37
001 210 5100 000	Police Chief Stipend	13,224.00	0.00	13,224.00	12,950.25	273.75
001 210 5110 000	Police Officers Compens	20,654.00	0.00	20,654.00	20,609.90	44.10
001 210 5120 000	Constable Stipend	524.00	0.00	524.00	523.76	0.24
001 210 5400 000	Police Department Opera	7,050.00	1,590.00	8,640.00	8,278.31	361.69
001 210		41,452.00	1,590.00	43,042.00	42,362.22	679.78
001 220 5100 000	Fire Chief Stipend	7,281.00	0.00	7,281.00	7,281.00	0.00
001 220 5110 000	Fire Officers Stipends	5,690.00	0.00	5,690.00	3,342.81	2,347.19
001 220 5120 000	Emergency Management Di	3,688.00	0.00	3,688.00	3,688.00	0.00
001 220 5130 000	Firefighter Reimburseme	7,638.00	0.00	7,638.00	7,638.00	0.00
001 220 5400 000	Fire Dept. General Oper	16,602.00	16,947.82	33,549.82	33,164.21	385.61
001 220 5410 000	Fire Heating Oil	4,300.00	516.18	4,816.18	4,816.18	0.00
001 220 5420 000	Fire Electricity	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00

001 220 5430 000	Emergency Management	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
001 220 5440 000	Forest Fire Control	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
001 220 5450 000	Hazardous Material Cont	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	999.95	0.05
001 220		49,299.00	17,464.00	66,763.00	64,030.15	2,732.85
001 241 5400 000	Building Inspection Pro	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	2,625.00	875.00
001 291 5100 000	EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,119.00	0.00	2,119.00	2,119.00	0.00
001 291 5110 000	Emergency Personnel Sti	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	4,800.00	1,200.00
001 291 5400 000	EMS Operations/Maintena	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	753.70	746.30
001 291		9,619.00	0.00	9,619.00	7,672.70	1,946.30
001 292 5100 000	Dog Officer Stipend	628.00	0.00	628.00	0.00	628.00
001 292 5110 000	Reg Dog Control/ Adopti	700.00	0.00	700.00	608.88	91.12
001 292		1,328.00	0.00	1,328.00	608.88	719.12
001 293 5100 000	Animal Inspector Stipen	524.00	0.00	524.00	523.76	0.24
001 300 5100 000	School Committee Stipen	4,357.00	0.00	4,357.00	4,356.84	0.16
001 300 5400 000	Rowe School K-6	984,745.00	0.00	984,745.00	983,313.86	1,431.14
001 300 5800 000	Feasibility Study Rowe	0.00	49,832.19	49,832.19	0.00	49,832.19
001 300 5810 000	School Laptops	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
001 300 5820 000	School Mac Books	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
001 300 5850 000	School Construction	0.00	90,638.19	90,638.19	90,638.19	0.00
001 300		989,102.00	150,470.38	1,139,572.38	1,084,308.89	55,263.49
001 320 5400 000	Schools 7-12	434,399.00	0.00	434,399.00	373,317.51	61,081.49
001 422 5100 000	DPW Superintendent Sala	80,291.00	0.00	80,291.00	80,291.00	0.00
001 422 5110 000	DPW Heavy Equipment Ope	180,662.00	-3,500.00	177,162.00	176,332.99	829.01
001 422 5120 000	Summer Youth Employment	25,934.00	3,500.00	29,434.00	28,832.01	601.99
001 422 5400 000	DPW Operations & Mainte	31,930.00	0.00	31,930.00	31,408.99	521.01
001 422 5410 000	DPW Heating Oil	5,500.00	1,409.54	6,909.54	6,909.54	0.00
001 422 5420 000	DPW Electricity	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,050.39	449.61
001 422 5430 000	Fuel for Town Vehicles	40,000.00	1,462.50	41,462.50	40,359.70	1,102.80
001 422 5800 000	Road Surface Maintenanc	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
001 422 5810 000	Annual DPW Projects	43,050.00	-2,577.86	40,472.14	40,472.14	0.00
001 422 5820 000	Mack Dump Truck & Sande	220,000.00	0.00	220,000.00	219,141.15	858.85
001 422 5840 000	Bridge Rehab Program	0.00	132,000.00	132,000.00	18,147.50	113,852.50
001 422		678,867.00	132,294.18	811,161.18	692,945.41	118,215.77
001 423 5400 000	Winter Highway Expense	68,612.00	25,556.09	94,168.09	94,168.09	0.00
001 424 5400 000	Street lighting	5,253.00	0.00	5,253.00	4,540.50	712.50
001 424 5410 000	Municipal Light Plant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
001 424		6,253.00	0.00	6,253.00	4,540.50	1,712.50

001 433 5110 000	Transfer Station Attend	15,253.00	0.00	15,253.00	15,242.89	10.11
001 439 5400 000	Household Hazardous Was	500.00	0.00	500.00	253.35	246.65
001 439 5410 000	Refuse Garden Operation	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00	22,149.31	10,850.69
001 439 5420 000	FC Solid Waste Mgmt Ass	2,135.00	0.00	2,135.00	2,135.00	0.00
001 439		35,635.00	0.00	35,635.00	24,537.66	11,097.34
001 491 5400 000	Cemetaries-Maint/Repair	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	12,489.00	2,511.00
001 512 5100 000	Board of Health Stipend	4,714.00	0.00	4,714.00	4,713.84	0.16
001 512 5110 000	Board of Health Clerk W	6,958.00	0.00	6,958.00	6,944.22	13.78
001 512 5400 000	Board of Health Operati	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	13,981.68	2,018.32
001 512 5410 000	Town Nurse Wages	42,697.00	0.00	42,697.00	42,694.08	2.92
001 512 5420 000	Health Services Operati	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
001 512 5430 000	Physician's Stipend	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
001 512		77,369.00	0.00	77,369.00	74,833.82	2,535.18
001 541 5400 000	Council on Aging Exp	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,726.12	273.88
001 543 5400 000	Veterans Services Asses	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
001 543 5410 000	Veterans Benefits	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
001 543 5420 000	Veterans Operations	450.00	791.37	1,241.37	1,241.37	0.00
001 543		1,050.00	791.37	1,841.37	1,741.37	100.00
001 610 5100 000	Library Director Wages	23,400.00	0.00	23,400.00	20,740.73	2,659.27
001 610 5110 000	Library Staff Wages	16,365.00	0.00	16,365.00	15,980.62	384.38
001 610 5400 000	Library Operations & Ma	18,511.00	0.00	18,511.00	18,511.00	0.00
001 610 5410 000	Library Heating Oil	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
001 610 5420 000	Library Electricity	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,125.40	474.60
001 610 5430 000	CWMARS Mininet Annual M	3,567.00	0.00	3,567.00	3,567.00	0.00
001 610 5440 000	Library CWMARS Overdriv	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
001 610 5810 000	Library Restroom	0.00	6,556.00	6,556.00	0.00	6,556.00
001 610 5820 000	Library Front Steps	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,800.00	200.00
001 610		65,693.00	11,556.00	77,249.00	66,974.75	10,274.25
001 630 5100 000	Pelham Lake Head Ranger	43,975.00	0.00	43,975.00	43,975.00	0.00
001 630 5110 000	Pelham Lake Park Wages	41,233.00	0.00	41,233.00	40,469.98	763.02
001 630 5400 000	Pelham Lake Operation &	19,952.00	0.00	19,952.00	19,827.73	124.27
001 630 5800 000	Park Property Damage	0.00	354.96	354.96	0.00	354.96
001 630 5820 212	Pelham Brook Ftbridge	0.00	307.98	307.98	0.00	307.98
001 630 5840 000	Park Compost Lav Facili	0.00	357.32	357.32	0.00	357.32
001 630		105,160.00	1,020.26	106,180.26	104,272.71	1,907.55
001 634 5400 000	Gracy House Operations	4,000.00	-575.38	3,424.62	2,965.49	459.13
001 634 5410 000	Gracy House Materials/S	500.00	0.00	500.00	99.98	400.02
001 634 5800 000	Gracy House Soule Barn	0.00	9,320.57	9,320.57	0.00	9,320.57
001 634 5810 000	Gracy House Foundation	0.00	140.73	140.73	0.00	140.73

001 634 5820 000	Gracy House Painting	0.00	1,529.91	1,529.91	1,456.80	73.11
001 634		4,500.00	10,415.83	14,915.83	4,522.27	10,393.56
001 692 5410 000	Beautification Committe	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,815.76	184.24
001 692 5420 000	Old Home Days	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
001 692 5430 000	Old Home Days Fireworks	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
001 692		13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	12,815.76	184.24
001 820 5640 000	Air Pollution District	389.00	0.00	389.00	280.00	109.00
001 820 5646 000	RMV Marking Surchg	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
001 820 5663 000	Reg Transit Authority	2,952.00	0.00	2,952.00	2,089.00	863.00
001 820		3,381.00	0.00	3,381.00	2,409.00	972.00
001 830 5400 000	FRCOG Regional Services	11,390.00	0.00	11,390.00	11,390.00	0.00
001 830 5410 000	FRCOG Statutory Assessm	8,449.00	0.00	8,449.00	8,449.00	0.00
001 830 5420 000	FRCOG Cooperative Purch	1,391.00	0.00	1,391.00	875.00	516.00
001 830 5430 000	FRCOG Accounting Progra	24,045.00	0.00	24,045.00	23,795.28	249.72
001 830		45,275.00	0.00	45,275.00	44,509.28	765.72
001 911 5400 000	Franklin County Retirem	115,054.00	0.00	115,054.00	115,054.00	0.00
001 913 5400 000	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
001 914 5400 000	Group Health Insurance	390,000.00	0.00	390,000.00	332,286.44	57,713.56
001 916 5400 000	FICA/Medicare Tax	39,000.00	0.00	39,000.00	38,729.02	270.98
001 970 5961 000	Tr To Capital Stabiliza	0.00	168,572.00	168,572.00	168,572.00	0.00
001 970 5962 000	Tr To Stabilization	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
001 970		3,000.00	171,572.00	174,572.00	174,572.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>3,564,233.00</b>	<b>599,113.01</b>	<b>4,163,346.01</b>	<b>3,707,895.49</b>	<b>455,450.52</b>

## Budget Expense with Variance - FY2014

**Budget Expense w/Variance  
Fiscal Year Ending  
6/30/2014**

Acct Number		Original Budget	Budget Revision	Total Budget	Actual	Balance
001 114 5100 000	Moderator	419.00	0.00	419.00	419.00	0.00
001 122 5100 000	Selectboard Stipends	5,657.00	0.00	5,657.00	5,506.48	150.52
001 122 5400 000	Microfilm Town Records	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
001 122		5,657.00	5,000.00	10,657.00	5,506.48	5,150.52
001 123 5100 000	Town Coordinator Salary	60,817.00	9,655.00	70,472.00	68,932.96	1,539.04
001 123 5110 000	Administrative Assistan	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	12,273.92	726.08
001 123 5400 000	General Administrative	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00	27,991.55	8.45
001 123		101,817.00	9,655.00	111,472.00	109,198.43	2,273.57
001 132 5400 000	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-497.68	19,502.32	0.00	19,502.32
001 135 5400 000	Acct/Payroll Services	4,250.00	7,599.13	11,849.13	3,777.86	8,071.27
001 135 5410 000	Audit	7,500.00	5,500.00	13,000.00	2,000.00	11,000.00
001 135		11,750.00	13,099.13	24,849.13	5,777.86	19,071.27
001 141 5100 000	Assessor Stipends	5,187.00	0.00	5,187.00	5,186.76	0.24
001 141 5110 000	Assessor Clerk Compensa	9,356.00	0.00	9,356.00	9,218.82	137.18
001 141 5400 000	Assessors' Operation	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	7,849.24	150.76
001 141 5800 000	Assessor Reval/Prop Upd	15,000.00	3,816.64	18,816.64	0.00	18,816.64
001 141		37,543.00	3,816.64	41,359.64	22,254.82	19,104.82
001 145 5100 000	Treasurer Stipend	7,982.00	3,152.41	11,134.41	10,864.51	269.90
001 145 5110 000	Assistant Treasurer Com	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
001 145 5410 000	Bank Charges/Loan Inter	750.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
001 145 5420 000	Treasurer's Office Reco	0.00	3,697.59	3,697.59	3,697.59	0.00
001 145		8,832.00	6,850.00	15,682.00	14,562.10	1,119.90
001 146 5100 000	Tax Collector Stipend	7,281.00	0.00	7,281.00	7,281.00	0.00
001 146 5400 000	Tax Collector Operation	7,008.00	0.00	7,008.00	6,851.84	156.16
001 146		14,289.00	0.00	14,289.00	14,132.84	156.16
001 150 5400 000	Town Officer Expense	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,931.84	68.16
001 150 5410 000	IT Hardwar/Software	10,350.00	-1,527.00	8,823.00	6,249.32	2,573.68
001 150 5420 000	IT Consultant	6,500.00	1,527.00	8,027.00	7,285.30	741.70

001 150 5430 000	Town-wide Notification	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
001 150		19,850.00	0.00	19,850.00	15,466.46	4,383.54
001 151 5400 000	Legal Expense	12,000.00	10,000.00	22,000.00	20,273.78	1,726.22
001 151 5410 000	Solar Legal Expense	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,946.74	9,053.26
001 151		12,000.00	25,000.00	37,000.00	26,220.52	10,779.48
001 161 5100 000	Town Clerk Stipend	7,281.00	0.00	7,281.00	7,281.00	0.00
001 162 5100 000	Board of Registrars	350.00	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00
001 162 5400 000	Elections/Registration	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	1,702.69	2,297.31
001 162		4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00	2,052.69	2,297.31
001 171 5400 000	Conservation Comm Opera	500.00	0.00	500.00	499.81	0.19
001 175 5400 000	Planning Board	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	972.83	277.17
001 175 5410 000	Planning Board Consulti	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
001 175 5420 000	Planning Board Goal Pos	10,100.00	0.00	10,100.00	9,196.00	904.00
001 175		16,350.00	0.00	16,350.00	10,168.83	6,181.17
001 192 5110 000	Town Hall Custodian Wag	6,620.00	3,690.00	10,310.00	8,639.20	1,670.80
001 192 5400 000	Municipal Center Operati	15,420.00	5,000.00	20,420.00	20,069.99	350.01
001 192 5410 000	Town Hall Fuel Oil	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,900.53	2,099.47
001 192 5420 000	Town Hall Electricity	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	5,452.94	2,547.06
001 192 5430 000	Town Hall Elevator Main	3,380.00	269.21	3,649.21	0.00	3,649.21
001 192 5440 000	Energy Committee	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
001 192 5830 000	TH ADA Access	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001 192 5840 000	TH Ceiling Tiles	0.00	1,075.60	1,075.60	0.00	1,075.60
001 192 5850 000	TH Painting	0.00	1,425.00	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
001 192		39,670.00	13,459.81	53,129.81	38,062.66	15,067.15
001 193 5400 000	Bonding & Insurance	45,000.00	0.00	45,000.00	38,894.16	6,105.84
001 195 5400 000	Town Reports	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00	1,578.63	1,021.37
001 210 5100 000	Police Chief Stipend	13,224.00	0.00	13,224.00	12,950.25	273.75
001 210 5110 000	Police Officers Compens	20,654.00	0.00	20,654.00	20,609.90	44.10
001 210 5120 000	Constable Stipend	524.00	0.00	524.00	523.76	0.24
001 210 5400 000	Police Department Opera	7,050.00	1,590.00	8,640.00	8,278.31	361.69
001 210		41,452.00	1,590.00	43,042.00	42,362.22	679.78
001 220 5100 000	Fire Chief Stipend	7,281.00	0.00	7,281.00	7,281.00	0.00
001 220 5110 000	Fire Officers Stipends	5,690.00	0.00	5,690.00	3,342.81	2,347.19
001 220 5120 000	Emergency Management Di	3,688.00	0.00	3,688.00	3,688.00	0.00
001 220 5130 000	Firefighter Reimbursem	7,638.00	0.00	7,638.00	7,638.00	0.00
001 220 5400 000	Fire Dept. General Oper	16,602.00	16,947.82	33,549.82	33,164.21	385.61
001 220 5410 000	Fire Heating Oil	4,300.00	516.18	4,816.18	4,816.18	0.00

001 220 5420 000	Fire Electricity	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
001 220 5430 000	Emergency Management	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
001 220 5440 000	Forest Fire Control	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
001 220 5450 000	Hazardous Material Cont	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	999.95	0.05
001 220		49,299.00	17,464.00	66,763.00	64,030.15	2,732.85
001 241 5400 000	Building Inspection Pro	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	2,625.00	875.00
001 291 5100 000	EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,119.00	0.00	2,119.00	2,119.00	0.00
001 291 5110 000	Emergency Personnel Sti	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	4,800.00	1,200.00
001 291 5400 000	EMS Operations/Maintena	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	753.70	746.30
001 291		9,619.00	0.00	9,619.00	7,672.70	1,946.30
001 292 5100 000	Dog Officer Stipend	628.00	0.00	628.00	0.00	628.00
001 292 5110 000	Reg Dog Control/ Adopti	700.00	0.00	700.00	608.88	91.12
001 292		1,328.00	0.00	1,328.00	608.88	719.12
001 293 5100 000	Animal Inspector Stipen	524.00	0.00	524.00	523.76	0.24
001 300 5100 000	School Committee Stipen	4,357.00	0.00	4,357.00	4,356.84	0.16
001 300 5400 000	Rowe School K-6	984,745.00	0.00	984,745.00	983,313.86	1,431.14
001 300 5800 000	Feasibility Study Rowe	0.00	49,832.19	49,832.19	0.00	49,832.19
001 300 5810 000	School Laptops	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
001 300 5820 000	School Mac Books	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
001 300 5850 000	School Construction	0.00	90,638.19	90,638.19	90,638.19	0.00
001 300		989,102.00	150,470.38	1,139,572.38	1,084,308.89	55,263.49
001 320 5400 000	Schools 7-12	434,399.00	0.00	434,399.00	373,317.51	61,081.49
001 422 5100 000	DPW Superintendent Sala	80,291.00	0.00	80,291.00	80,291.00	0.00
001 422 5110 000	DPW Heavy Equipment Ope	180,662.00	-3,500.00	177,162.00	176,332.99	829.01
001 422 5120 000	Summer Youth Employment	25,934.00	3,500.00	29,434.00	28,832.01	601.99
001 422 5400 000	DPW Operations & Mainte	31,930.00	0.00	31,930.00	31,408.99	521.01
001 422 5410 000	DPW Heating Oil	5,500.00	1,409.54	6,909.54	6,909.54	0.00
001 422 5420 000	DPW Electricity	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,050.39	449.61
001 422 5430 000	Fuel for Town Vehicles	40,000.00	1,462.50	41,462.50	40,359.70	1,102.80
001 422 5800 000	Road Surface Maintenanc	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
001 422 5810 000	Annual DPW Projects	43,050.00	-2,577.86	40,472.14	40,472.14	0.00
001 422 5820 000	Mack Dump Truck & Sande	220,000.00	0.00	220,000.00	219,141.15	858.85
001 422 5840 000	Bridge Rehab Program	0.00	132,000.00	132,000.00	18,147.50	113,852.50
001 422		678,867.00	132,294.18	811,161.18	692,945.41	118,215.77
001 423 5400 000	Winter Highway Expense	68,612.00	25,556.09	94,168.09	94,168.09	0.00
001 424 5400 000	Street lighting	5,253.00	0.00	5,253.00	4,540.50	712.50
001 424 5410 000	Municipal Light Plant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
001 424		6,253.00	0.00	6,253.00	4,540.50	1,712.50

001 433 5110 000	Transfer Station Attend	15,253.00	0.00	15,253.00	15,242.89	10.11
001 439 5400 000	Household Hazardous Was	500.00	0.00	500.00	253.35	246.65
001 439 5410 000	Refuse Garden Operation	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00	22,149.31	10,850.69
001 439 5420 000	FC Solid Waste Mgmt Ass	2,135.00	0.00	2,135.00	2,135.00	0.00
001 439		35,635.00	0.00	35,635.00	24,537.66	11,097.34
001 491 5400 000	Cemetaries-Maint/Repair	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	12,489.00	2,511.00
001 512 5100 000	Board of Health Stipend	4,714.00	0.00	4,714.00	4,713.84	0.16
001 512 5110 000	Board of Health Clerk W	6,958.00	0.00	6,958.00	6,944.22	13.78
001 512 5400 000	Board of Health Operati	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	13,981.68	2,018.32
001 512 5410 000	Town Nurse Wages	42,697.00	0.00	42,697.00	42,694.08	2.92
001 512 5420 000	Health Services Operati	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
001 512 5430 000	Physician's Stipend	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
001 512		77,369.00	0.00	77,369.00	74,833.82	2,535.18
001 541 5400 000	Council on Aging Exp	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	3,726.12	273.88
001 543 5400 000	Veterans Services Asses	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
001 543 5410 000	Veterans Benefits	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
001 543 5420 000	Veterans Operations	450.00	791.37	1,241.37	1,241.37	0.00
001 543		1,050.00	791.37	1,841.37	1,741.37	100.00
001 610 5100 000	Library Director Wages	23,400.00	0.00	23,400.00	20,740.73	2,659.27
001 610 5110 000	Library Staff Wages	16,365.00	0.00	16,365.00	15,980.62	384.38
001 610 5400 000	Library Operations & Ma	18,511.00	0.00	18,511.00	18,511.00	0.00
001 610 5410 000	Library Heating Oil	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
001 610 5420 000	Library Electricity	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,125.40	474.60
001 610 5430 000	CWMARS Mininet Annual M	3,567.00	0.00	3,567.00	3,567.00	0.00
001 610 5440 000	Library CWMARS Overdriv	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
001 610 5810 000	Library Restroom	0.00	6,556.00	6,556.00	0.00	6,556.00
001 610 5820 000	Library Front Steps	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,800.00	200.00
001 610		65,693.00	11,556.00	77,249.00	66,974.75	10,274.25
001 630 5100 000	Pelham Lake Head Ranger	43,975.00	0.00	43,975.00	43,975.00	0.00
001 630 5110 000	Pelham Lake Park Wages	41,233.00	0.00	41,233.00	40,469.98	763.02
001 630 5400 000	Pelham Lake Operation &	19,952.00	0.00	19,952.00	19,827.73	124.27
001 630 5800 000	Park Property Damage	0.00	354.96	354.96	0.00	354.96
001 630 5820 212	Pelham Brook Ftbridge	0.00	307.98	307.98	0.00	307.98
001 630 5840 000	Park Compost Lav Facili	0.00	357.32	357.32	0.00	357.32
001 630		105,160.00	1,020.26	106,180.26	104,272.71	1,907.55
001 634 5400 000	Gracy House Operations	4,000.00	-575.38	3,424.62	2,965.49	459.13
001 634 5410 000	Gracy House Materials/S	500.00	0.00	500.00	99.98	400.02
001 634 5800 000	Gracy House Soule Barn	0.00	9,320.57	9,320.57	0.00	9,320.57



001 634 5810 000	Gracy House Foundation	0.00	140.73	140.73	0.00	140.73
001 634 5820 000	Gracy House Painting	0.00	1,529.91	1,529.91	1,456.80	73.11
001 634		4,500.00	10,415.83	14,915.83	4,522.27	10,393.56
001 692 5410 000	Beautification Committe	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,815.76	184.24
001 692 5420 000	Old Home Days	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
001 692 5430 000	Old Home Days Fireworks	5,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
001 692		13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	12,815.76	184.24
001 820 5640 000	Air Pollution District	389.00	0.00	389.00	280.00	109.00
001 820 5646 000	RMV Marking Surchg	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
001 820 5663 000	Reg Transit Authority	2,952.00	0.00	2,952.00	2,089.00	863.00
001 820		3,381.00	0.00	3,381.00	2,409.00	972.00
001 830 5400 000	FRCOG Regional Services	11,390.00	0.00	11,390.00	11,390.00	0.00
001 830 5410 000	FRCOG Statutory Assessm	8,449.00	0.00	8,449.00	8,449.00	0.00
001 830 5420 000	FRCOG Cooperative Purch	1,391.00	0.00	1,391.00	875.00	516.00
001 830 5430 000	FRCOG Accounting Progra	24,045.00	0.00	24,045.00	23,795.28	249.72
001 830		45,275.00	0.00	45,275.00	44,509.28	765.72
001 911 5400 000	Franklin County Retirem	115,054.00	0.00	115,054.00	115,054.00	0.00
001 913 5400 000	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
001 914 5400 000	Group Health Insurance	390,000.00	0.00	390,000.00	332,286.44	57,713.56
001 916 5400 000	FICA/Medicare Tax	39,000.00	0.00	39,000.00	38,729.02	270.98
001 970 5961 000	Tr To Capital Stabiliza	0.00	168,572.00	168,572.00	168,572.00	0.00
001 970 5962 000	Tr To Stabilization	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
001 970		3,000.00	171,572.00	174,572.00	174,572.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>3,564,233.00</b>	<b>599,113.01</b>	<b>4,163,346.01</b>	<b>3,707,895.49</b>	<b>455,450.52</b>

# FY2014 Cherry Sheet

C.S. 1-ER

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue

FY2014

## NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

ROWE

### A. EDUCATION:

#### Distributions and Reimbursements:

1. Chapter 70	100,747
2. School Transportation <i>Chs. 71, 71A, 71B and 74</i>	0
3. Charter Tuition Reimbursements <i>Ch. 71, s. 89</i>	0
4. Smart Growth School Reimbursements <i>Ch. 40S</i>	0
Offset Items – Reserve for Direct Expenditure:	
5. School Lunch <i>1970, Ch. 871</i>	501
6. School Choice Receiving Tuition <i>Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71</i>	102,994
Sub-Total, All Education Items	<b>204,242</b>

### B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

#### Distributions and Reimbursements:

1. Unrestricted General Government Aid	3,411
2. Local Share of Racing Taxes <i>1981, Ch. 558</i>	0
3. Regional Public Libraries <i>Ch. 78, s. 19C</i>	0
4. Urban Renewal Projects <i>Ch. 121, ss. 53-57</i>	0
5. Veterans' Benefits <i>Ch. 115, s. 6</i>	0
6. Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly <i>Ch. 58, s. 8A; Ch. 59 s. 5</i>	2,233
7. State Owned Land <i>Ch. 58, ss. 13-17</i>	5,459

Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

8. Public Libraries *Ch. 78, s. 19A* 1,265

Sub-Total, All General Government 12,368

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, FISCAL 2014 216,610

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NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES

General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

ROWE

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* 389

5. Metropolitan Area Planning Council *Ch. 40B, ss. 26, 29* 0

6. Old Colony Planning Council *1967, Ch. 332* 0

7. RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge *Ch. 90; Ch. 60A* 40

Sub-Total, State Assessments 429

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

1. MBTA *Ch. 161A, ss. 8-9; 1974, Ch. 825, ss. 6-7* 0

2. Boston Metro. Transit District *1929, Ch. 383; 1954, Ch. 535* 0

3. Regional Transit *Ch. 161B, ss. 9, 10, 23; 1973, Ch. 1141* 2,952

<b>Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments</b>	<b>2,952</b>
<b>D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:</b>	
1. Special Education <i>Ch. 71B, ss. 10, 12</i>	0
2. STRAP Repayments <i>1983, Ch. 637, s. 32</i>	0
<b>Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:</b>	
1. School Choice Sending Tuition <i>Ch. 76, s. 12B, 1993, Ch. 71</i>	6,937
2. Charter School Sending Tuition <i>Ch. 71, s. 89</i>	0
3. Essex County Technical Institute Sending Tuition <i>1998, Ch. 300, s. 21</i>	0
<b>Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments</b>	<b>6,937</b>
<b>F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES, FISCAL 2014</b>	<b>10,318</b>

*Released July 25, 2013*

## Treasurer's Report - FY2014

### Treasurer's Report

#### Trust Funds FY2014

Name of Fund	Balance 6/30/2014
M. Wells Memorial Library	\$8,732.99
Cemetery	\$20,461.88
Rowe Library Gift	\$481.73
Charles Wells Library	\$3,467.14
Preserved Smith Library	\$1,825.40
Gould Library	\$16,829.54
Foster Donation	\$3,105.90
White Memorial Library	\$5,475.17
L. Tower/Jones Library	\$5,475.17

Rowe Memorial Scholarship		\$4,185.48
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$70,040.40</b>

### Stabilization Fund FY2014

Beginning Balance 7/1/2013	\$	899,632.58
Transfers to Captilization Stabilization Fund	\$	-
Transfers from Captilization Stabilization Fund	\$	-
Transfers to General Fund	\$	700,000.00
Transfers from General Fund	\$	753,000.00
Interest earned 7/1/13 to 6/30/14	\$	1,453.54
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<b>Balance as of June 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>954,086.12</b>

### Captilization Stabilization Fund FY2014

Beginning Balance 7/1/2013	\$	739,464.68
Transfers to Stabilization Fund	\$	96,046.00
Transfers to General Fund		\$0.00
Transfers from General Fund	\$	-
Interest earned 7/01/13 to 6/30/14		1,360.54
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<b>Balance as of June 30, 2014</b>		<b>\$644,779.22</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Marcella Stafford Gore ,  
 Treasurer

# Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

2014 REPORT OF THE

## 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 2014 shows almost an identical amount compared to 2013. 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 remained low all year, District towns received a total of \$66,000 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. Over 63 tons of material was recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 560 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2014. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 325 households participated in this event. 42% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We received a \$60,000 grant from the State to set up a recycling collection for wood pellet bags and for plastic waste generated at agricultural operations. We also helped member towns implement \$12,000 worth of small-scale initiative grants from MassDEP.

We continue to manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and to 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](http://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*

MA Swedlund, Deerfield - *Treasurer*

## Franklin Regional Council of Governments



# Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to present its **2014 Top Ten Accomplishments and Services** to the towns, residents and region of Franklin County. For more information about these projects and more, please refer to: the FRCOG Annual Report; our web site, [www.frcog.org](http://www.frcog.org); visit us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/FranklinRegionalCouncilofGovernments](http://www.facebook.com/FranklinRegionalCouncilofGovernments); or follow us on Twitter: @FranklinCOG.

<b>1</b>	<b>Legislation passed that transferred FRCOG employees from Franklin Regional Retirement System to the Massachusetts State Retirement System.</b> The FRCOG will no longer pay a share of the retirement system’s unfunded liability, saving approximately \$240,000/year. In FY16, towns will see a considerable reduction to their membership assessments.
<b>2</b>	<b>Passenger Rail returns to Franklin County.</b> As a long-time goal, the FRCOG helped to: ensure that the region’s intermodal center was built next to train tracks; secured funding for what is now the John W. Olver Transit Center; assisted in securing ARRA funds for upgrading of the rail lines; and is now working to bring commuter rail to Greenfield in 2016.
<b>3</b>	<b>Regional Preparedness Program expands disaster response network.</b> In times of disaster or emergency, religious and human service organizations are often closest to the people in need. The FRCOG worked with 92 of these entities in western MA to ensure that they are prepared to collaborate to efficiently and effectively support emergency response and recovery.
<b>4</b>	<b>Purchasing Program introduces new cooperative purchases, saving towns money!</b> 15-30% savings on prices of fire hose in our cooperative bid for fire depts. 50% off traffic signs by buying in bulk as part of a new initiative in our Highway Products & Services program.
<b>5</b>	<b>Connecticut River Tri-State Bike Map created.</b> Working with our regional partners in NH and VT, a continuous bicycling route connecting Greenfield, Keene and Brattleboro was created. Hard copy and on-line maps identify the route and resources, such as bike shops, water locations, parking and restrooms. Look for trailblazing signs in Spring of 2015.
<b>6</b>	<b>Promoting and protecting the economic value of forest land.</b> The FRCOG and BRPC are working with 20 communities to study how the federal and state government can help private landowners conserve forests and promote the value of forest products leading to a grant from the USDA to Massachusetts to increase forest resiliency and develop economic opportunities for forest products and a grant to study how to increase energy efficient renewable wood heat.
<b>7</b>	<b>FRCOG’s Partnership for Youth Presents at the White House.</b> Representing the Communities That Care Coalition, FRCOG staff presented successful approaches in preventing youth substance abuse and promoting academic success. The Coalition received high praise for its efforts and outcomes from the acting Drug Czar and from the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Services.
<b>8</b>	<b>Out ahead of Lyme Disease – CPHS tick testing.</b> FRCOG’s Cooperative Public Health Service partnered with UMass to implement a Lyme Disease Awareness Program that included billboards, outreach, trail signs and tick testing. Residents are now able to send ticks found on them for lab analysis and get early treatment for potential debilitating diseases.

<b>9</b>	<b>Regional Brownfield Program Continues</b> – The FRCOG was awarded \$300,000 from the EPA to continue its Brownfield Program to assess properties potentially impacted by hazardous materials or petroleum products leading to their clean-up and reuse.
<b>10</b>	<b>Aiding in the effort to reduce opioid and heroin addiction.</b> The FRCOG led the Franklin County Opioid Task Force Healthcare Committee, working with area physicians and pharmacists to develop the Safe Prescriber Pledge that asks prescribers to adopt practices that ensure safe prescribing practices of potentially addictive medications.

**Franklin Regional Council of Governments –  
Franklin Cooperative Building Inspection Program**

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM  
2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

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-nine 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.

2014 was a busy year for the program. We issued 2,643 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. The number of permits was higher in 2014 than in the previous year, although the fees collected were slightly lower. A total of 33 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 9,501 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 3,046 registered users. You can find it at [www.frcog.org](http://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 2014, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Rowe:

Residential Building Permits	28
Commercial Building Permits	7
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	0
Electrical Permits	5
Plumbing Permits	4
Gas Permits	3
Certificates of Inspection	6



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

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## **Franklin Regional Retirement System - 2014 Annual Report**

Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2013

To the Reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 487 retirees, 42 beneficiaries, 946 active employees, and 561 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), which audits our operations and financial records every three years. We are also audited by independent auditors in the two intervening years, as well as a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and, combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector. Please make note of our investment performance percentages in the chart on the next page.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to

pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2013, we are 84% funded at 25 years (63%) into the 40 year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. Current reports and information can be found on our website: [www.FRRSMA.com](http://www.FRRSMA.com).

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our State oversight commission, PERAC. The full report can be read on our website.

	CY 2013	CY 2012	CY 2011
<b>Balances</b>			
Cash	2,107,878	1,335,467	844,585
Investments	112,129,229	94,448,777	83,539,939
Receivables	272,477	431,106	375,266
Payables	100,714	114,075	212,403
Annuity Savings (members)	27,949,619	27,352,296	26,819,919
Retirement Reserves	86,459,252	68,748,979	57,727,469
<b>Revenues</b>			
Member's contributions	3,187,508	3,224,578	3,202,132
Towns, Schools, Agencies	5,605,588	5,202,569	5,009,154
Retirement Cost Sharing	439,735	375,647	382,475
Miscellaneous Revenue	20,752	66,657	9,161
Investment Income (net)	18,879,116	11,727,623	434,442
<b>Expenses</b>			
Retirement Benefits	7,437,506	6,840,923	6,158,541
Operating Expenses	373,095	398,662	356,933
Investment Expenses	657,782	538,484	472,198
Retirement Cost Sharing	960,334	723,503	740,517
Refunds to Members	396,387	541,614	594,635
<b>Investment Performance</b>			
Target	7.88%	7.88%	7.88%
Since 1984	8.59%	8.21%	8.02%
10 years	7.28%	7.04%	4.78%
5 years	13.33%	2.69%	2.28%
Current Year	19.80%	13.39%	0.92%
<b>Demographics</b>			
	01/01/2014	01/01/2012	01/01/2010
Members' Average Age	48.30	49.00	48.10
Members' Average Service	10.50	10.90	10.10
Members' Average Salary	33,249.00	32,333.00	30,400.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.10	72.10	71.90
Retirees' Average Pension	14,164.00	12,931.00	12,109.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	56.40	n/a	n/a
Disabled Members' Average Pension	26,052.00	n/a	n/a

Dale Kowacki  
 Executive Director  
 Franklin Regional Retirement System

## Department of Veterans Services - District Town Report

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

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

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for income eligible veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of 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.

Leo and Mark held our first annual Job Fair for Veterans at the French King Bowling Center with great success; as well as, a Veterans Administration Health Fair.

November 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 most member towns voted to dissolve this district and become a member of the new regional veteran's district, Upper Pioneer Veterans Services District 294 Main Street, Greenfield, Mass 01301. The new phone number is 4132-772-1571.

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

**Educational Benefits:** [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) **Home Loan Guaranty:** [www.homeloans.va.gov](http://www.homeloans.va.gov)

**Federal Jobs:** [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) **Returning Veterans:** [www.seamlesstransition.va.gov](http://www.seamlesstransition.va.gov)

**VA Home Page:** [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) **Government Jobs:** [www.usajobs.gov/opm](http://www.usajobs.gov/opm)

Massachusetts State Veterans Services: [MassVets Advisor](#)

Leo J. Parent, Director

Mark Fitzpatrick, VSO

# PART VI

Miscellaneous  
Information

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