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Rowe,
Massachusetts*



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2020*

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Town of Rowe
Massachusetts



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Town of Rowe– Government Information

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Executive Secretary	admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x100	S M T W T F S	9:30-5:00 Meeting nights: 12:00-End of Mtg
Animal Control Officer	ahsamuelson@gmail.com	917-209-0524		On Call
Board of Assessors	assessor@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x104	S M T W T F S	8:00-1:00
Board of Health Clerk	boh@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x105		
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Town Clerk	townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 x103	S M T W T F S	By appointment during Covid
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Elected Boards and Committees Meeting Schedule

Board/Committee	Frequency	Meeting Location**
Board of Selectmen	Every Other Thursday	Rowe Town Hall—Meeting Room 1
Board of Assessors	Monthly as Posted	Rowe Town Hall—2nd Floor Meeting Room
Board of Health	First and Third Wednesdays	Rowe Town Hall
Cemetery Commission	As Needed	
Finance Committee	Monthly as Posted & as Needed	Rowe Town Hall—Meeting Room 1
Library Trustees	Monthly as Posted	Rowe Library
Park Commission	First Monday of the Month	Rowe Town Hall - Meeting Room 1
Planning Board	As Posted	Rowe Town Hall - Meeting Room 1
School Committee	Monthly as Posted	Rowe Elementary School
**During non-Covid times		

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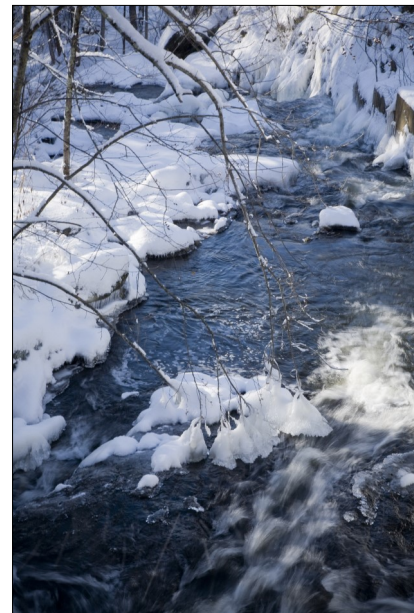


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General Information - Elected and Appointed Officials

Town of Rowe

2020-2021 Elected Officials

As of December 31, 2020

All officials serve three-year terms, except for the Planning Board, whose members serve five-year terms.

Boards and Committees:

Board of Assessors

Ellen Miller2021
Herbert Butzke2022
Frederick Williams, Chair2023

Board of Health

Herbert Butzke2021
Margaret Rice, Chair2022
Daniel Poplawski.....2023

Board of Selectmen

Charles Sokol, Chair2021
Edward Silva2022
Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair2023

Cemetery Commission

Jay Williams2021
James Williams, Chair2022
Joanne Semanie 2023*

Finance Committee

Christopher Hyytinen2021
Laurie Pike2021
Wayne Zavotka, Chair2022
Loretta Dionne, Vice-Chair.....2023
Paul McLatchy III, Secretary2023

Library Trustees

Catherine Snyder, Chair2021
Karen Soviecke2022
Rebecca Bradley.....2023

Park Commission

Susan Williams2021
Christopher Hyytinen2022
Laurie Pike2023

Planning Board

David Roberson, Chairman..... 2021
VACANT 2022
Daniel J. Burke, Secretary 2023
VACANT 2024
Jessica Albrecht 2025

School Committee

Matt Crowningshield 2021
Mary Paige 2022
Susan Zavotka, Chair 2023

Officers:

Moderator

Robert Clancy..... 2022

Constable

Henry Dandeneau 2023

Town Clerk

Paul McLatchy III 2023

*Appointed to fill a vacancy until the 2021 Annual Town Election.

Town of Rowe

2020-2021 Appointed Officials and Committees

As of December 31, 2020

Unless otherwise noted, all appointments are made by the Board of Selectmen. The number next to the committee name is the number of seats. If there is no number, the committee's size is flexible.

Boards and Committees - 1 Year Terms

Beautification Committee

--No Appointments Made

Board of Registrars (4)

Lisa Danek Burke
Kerri McLatchy
Paul McLatchy III
Brittani Sprague

General Information - Elected and Appointed Officials

Bylaw Review Committee

Christopher Hyytinen
James Lively
Paul McLatchy III
Charles Sokol, Chair

Council on Aging

Marilyn Belval
Joanne Brown
Sandra Daviau, Co-Chair/Treasurer
Doris Fensky
Christine Tower, Co-Chair
Shirley Veber

Energy Committee

--No Appointments Made

Gracy House Committee

Loretta Dionne
James Lively
Mary Paige
Walter Quist

Old Home Day Committee

--No Appointments Made (Cancelled due to Covid)

Boards and Committees - 3-Year Terms

Agricultural Commission (3)

VACANT.....2021
VACANT.....2022
VACANT.....2023

Conservation Commission (5)

Virginia Gabert.....2021
Ramon Luis Sanchez, Chair2021
VACANT.....2022
VACANT.....2022
Robert Clancy2023

Cultural Council (5)

Kelle Quist.....12/19/22
Barbara Gottesman12/19/22
BJ Roche, Chair07/23/23
Paulette Roccio07/23/23
VACANT.....

Note: Terms for the Cultural Council expire three years from the date of appointment.

Historical Commission (3)

VACANT 2021
VACANT 2022
VACANT 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals (5)

VACANT 2021
Henry Dandeneau 2022
Gail May 2022
Ellynn Packard 2023
VACANT 2023

Officials - 1-Year Terms

Animal Control Officer

Arthur Samuelson
Henry Dandeneau, Relief

Animal Inspector

VACANT

Constable (Appointed)

Robert Beaumier

DPW Superintendent

Lance Larned

Election Clerk

Ashton Morse
Lauren Werner

Election Teller

Paul McLatchy Jr.
Susan Tomlinson
Christine Tower
Shirley Veber
Susan Williams

Election Warden

Loretta Dionne
Ramon Luis Sanchez

Emergency Management Director

Dennis Annear, Acting (Asst. EMD)

Fence Viewers

Edward Silva
Charles Sokol

General Information - Elected and Appointed Officials

Field Drivers

Edward Silva
Charles Sokol

Fire Chief

Dennis Annear

Forest Fire Warden

Brandon Sprague

Keeper of the Dams

Henry Dandeneau
Julie Shippee, Alternate

Measurers of Wood, Bark, and Lumber

Thomas Danek
Robert Rice

Police Officers, Auxiliary

Jared Bellows
Melinda Herzig
Francis Noyes
Austin Willis

Police Officers, Part-Time

Christopher "Selmi" Hyytinen
Kyle Sweeney

Police Officers, Special

Henry Dandeneau

Pound Keeper

VACANT

Superintendent of Pest/Elm Disease Control

Lance Larned

Tax Collector

Sandra Daviau

Town Counsel

KP Law - Jeffrey Blake, Esq.

Treasurer

Terry I. Green
Paul McLatchy III, Assistant

Tree Warden

Lance Larned

Veterans Burial Agent

John Magnago

Multi-Year Appointments

Town Accountant (2023)

David Fierro Jr.

Community Emergency Response Coordinator

VACANT

Executive Secretary (2023)

Janice Boudreau

Environmental Officer

Lance Larned

HazMat Control Officer (2023)

Dennis Annear

Police Chief (2023)

Julie Shippee

Regional Appointments

Carl Nilman Scholarship Fund

VACANT

Coop. Public Health Service Oversight Board

Margaret Rice

FCCIP Representative

Janice Boudreau

FCSWMD Representative

Daniel Poplawski

Franklin Regional Planning Board Rep.

Janice Boudreau (Selectmen Appointment)
David Roberson (Planning Board Appointment)

FRCOG Council

Janice Boudreau
Paul McLatchy III, Alternate

General Information - Elected and Appointed Officials

Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.

Paul McLatchy III

Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust Rep.

Janice Boudreau

Paul McLatchy III, Alternate

Inspector of Buildings

James Hawkins

Inspector of Electrical

Tom McDonald

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas

Andy French

Local Inspector

David Roberts

MMAC Rep. to Mohawk Trail School District

VACANT

Mohawk Woodlands Partnership Rep.

VACANT

Regional Emergency Planning Committee

VACANT

Veterans Representative

VACANT

Municipal Light Plant Board

Note: The Board of Selectmen also acts as the MLP Board, but is legally a separate body.

Municipal Light Plant Manager

David Dvore

Charles Sokol, Deputy

Wired West Delegate

David Dvore

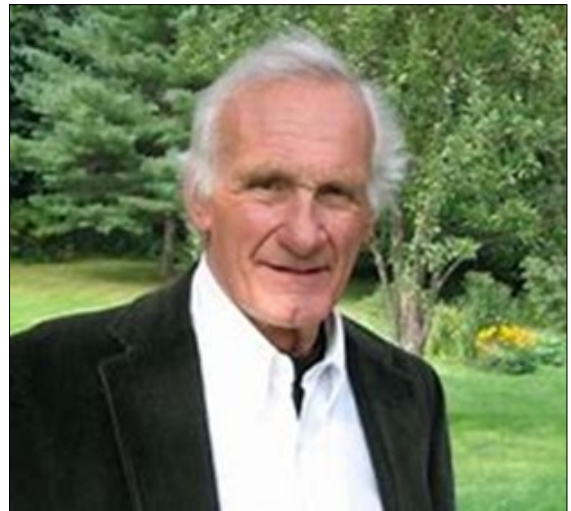
Russell Jolly, Alternate

In Fond Remembrance...



John "Jack" Williams

November 7, 1928 - January 6, 2020



James Carse

December 24, 1932 - September 25, 2020



Florence Veber

February 18, 1942 - October 21, 2020

General Government, Culture, and Recreation



Late afternoon at Pelham Lake

Photo by Janice Boudreau

“Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a president and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.”

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

General Government - Board of Selectmen

Board of Selectmen

To report about 2020, it is difficult to view it from the lens of the impact of the pandemic due to the COVID-19 virus. It forced us to alter our social lives, rituals, and events. It modified the way we conducted the business of running the town. Resilience requires adaptation, and despite the pandemic we have managed to accomplish a great deal.

On March 17, 2020, a State of Emergency in town was declared by the Board of Selectmen and the decision to close town buildings to the public limiting contact between persons was made with the Board of Health. We all learned the term 'social distancing', or limiting person to person contact, was needed as well as enacting a mask-wearing requirement for town employees and visitors of any town property following state protocol. Fortunately, with our broadband project completed, we managed to function well and continue our regular meeting schedule. This was accomplished through remote meetings using an internet application allowing audio and visual participation while keeping everyone safe by not meeting in person.



Photo by Janice Boudreau

Postponed to June 20th, Town Meeting was held outside at the Rowe Elementary School grounds on a beautiful day, which will be long remembered for the great sound system installed by Selectman Chuck Sokol. Town elections took place a week later on June 27th. However, with the state relaxing voting regulations due to the pandemic, most citizens took advantage of mail-in ballots. We welcomed Joanne Semanie to the Board of Selectmen to start her 3-year term. We thank Jennifer Morse for her service on the Board of Selectmen, serving as Chair for two years and Vice-Chair in her third year.



Photo by Janice Boudreau

A great deal of time was devoted to keeping citizens, employees, and school children safe. In the early stages of the Covid-19 outbreak, a Covid-19 Task Force was formed and met weekly and inform citizens with current information following the meeting. In early Spring, a volunteer force was formed to shop and take care of the older, more vulnerable population. At some point, we decided to continue to meet each week, and consequently, have been better able to keep abreast of information.

GRANTS

The following are grants obtained this year:

- Landscape Partnership Grant through the MA Energy and Environmental Affairs office three Rowe landowners joined with six Charlemont landowners to preserve land and have public access trail system expanded overseen by the Franklin Land Trust.
- Grant from MA Dept. of Environmental Protection to add a paper compactor to the refuse gardens for \$15,000.00 which ultimately will save in hauling charges.
- A Community Compact Grant for \$22,882.52 was received to pay for the transition of outdated accounting software. Our accounting software became obsolete and needed to be replaced.
- A Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant for a Forest Stewardship Plan for the Park through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.
- A second grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for \$20,000.00 was approved to continue the follow-up work of the Forest Stewardship Plan to execute findings and create informational kiosks and improve trail signage and mapping.
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Grant for \$20,000 to create a plan to mitigate the impacts of climate change through the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs through Franklin Regional Council of Governments

General Government - Board of Selectmen / Cultural Council

INFRASTRUCTURE

The completion of the Kings Highway Bridge replacement project was a significant accomplishment in the Fall/Winter of 2020. These projects required extensive engineering and planning. The \$500,000 small bridge grant applied for and received from the state removed the fiscal burden for the town. The temporary bridge loaned by the Town of Shelburne helped keep the road open for the residents and Rowe Camp and Conference Center and emergency vehicles.



New bridge on Kings Highway being built

In addition to the State Chapter 90 funds of \$156,357 used for repaving Pond Road up to Leshure Road, our dedicated highway department works on the maintenance, repair, and snow removal of our approximately 36 miles of town roads within the fiscal constraints of our budget. The Board of Selectmen continue to address the condition of several roads in town. Due to factors outside of our control, namely the extreme weather conditions which have produced periods of severe mud conditions, the Board continues to work with Highway Superintendent Larned to troubleshoot and find solutions.

The Covid-19 pandemic impacted the Highway Department as the “grasshopper” crew who are normally part of the Summer Youth Program could not take place due to the pandemic. The park took measures to monitor visitors and enact measures to keep the park open and safe. The park was frequently visited due to people exploring activities outdoors and safely away from others.

We especially want to thank the hard-working employees of the town who, in these difficult and challenging times, gave beyond 100% to keep the town thriving despite the pandemic. It would be too difficult to single any one out as all areas required creative thinking, planning, and redirecting with the flux of ever-changing information. And we thank you, the citizens

of Rowe, for doing your part; as all efforts contributed to not only you are staying safe, but by working together we all, for the most part, stayed safe.

Rowe Board of Selectmen
Chuck Sokol, Chair
Ed Silva, Selectman
Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair

Cultural Council

In 2020, the Rowe Cultural Council awarded 19 grants to local artists and performers. In awarding funding, this committee tries to spread awards among different generations and to support the regional cultural groups that add to our quality of life.

Despite our funding so many worthy projects, FY 2021 was nearly a lost year for cultural events in Rowe as events were postponed due to the pandemic. Because most of these events were postponed, we held over their funding for this year, with the expectation that we can hold these events in the outdoors over the summer 2021.

Because of the pandemic, we have also been working to try to make our funded events more available online and in other ways. Please watch the Goal Post and our page on the town website, where we will post recordings of events and other interesting content funded by the Rowe Cultural Council. We look forward to returning to cultural events and activities in the coming year.

The town received \$4,500 from state appropriations.

We awarded funding to these applicants:

- Mohawk Trail Concerts, Summer 2020 season: \$300
- Footlights in the Falls, performance: \$100
- Heath Fair Agricultural Society, Heath Fair Music: \$200
- Charlemont Forum, Summer Lecture Series: \$240
- Davis Bates, storyteller, Halloween Harvest, Ghosts and Goblins: \$450
- Ed The Wizard, Magic for Seniors: \$450
- Franklin County Pride, Franklin County Pride 2020: \$250

General Government - Cultural Council / Council on Aging

- Hilltown Families, Hilltown Families Suggests: \$250
- Kate Peppard, Chair Yoga for Rowe Seniors: \$400
- Park Commission, May/June Early Morning Bird Walk for Adults: \$400
- Park Commission, Summer Pond Creature Exploration for Families: \$300
- Makerspace Workshops, Virtual Reality and Robotics Workshop: \$400
- Maire Guthier, Collected Poets 2020 Season: \$100
- Pothole Pictures, 2020 season: \$200
- Racial Justice Rising, Monthly Racial Justice Program Series: \$100
- Rowe Elementary School Cultural Study: \$600
- Rowe Elementary School, Author Visit: \$400
- The Art Garden Community Exhibits at the Art Garden: \$250
- The Art Garden, The Hilltown Draw-Around: \$200.

Respectfully Submitted,
BJ Roche, Chair



Telephone Booth at Town Hall

Photo by Janice Boudreau

Council on Aging

The Rowe Council on Aging (COA) would like to acknowledge the passing of two of our Rowe seniors. Florence Veber (Florence was one of our COA members) and James Carse. They will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

Unfortunately, there is not a lot to report due to the Covid-19 pandemic that put a hold on our activities this past year. Even with the limitations caused by the pandemic we were able to continue to service the seniors in our community with limited transportation to medical appointments and necessary banking and shopping. These services have continued to be supported and funded by the Formula Grant and Big Y. The Formula Grant is applied for and renewed by the Rowe COA annually, through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston. With this grant we are able to subsidize busing which is provided by the Shelburne Falls Senior Center for senior rides to Shelburne Falls and Greenfield.

We were able to purchase a laptop for the COA thanks to the Formula Grant provided by the EOEA (Executive Office of Elder Affairs).

The COA still has medical equipment for loan. We would like to thank Sheila Litchfield (our town nurse) for maintaining and managing our large supply of medical equipment.

The Rowe COA would like to thank the town for supporting our budget in hopes that we can soon get back to some sort of normalcy within our community in the near future.

Please stay safe and we hope that we can see each other real soon.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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

General Government - Library

Rowe Library

2020 was a crazy, unpredictable year at the library as it was for so many other people and town departments. Early in 2020 the library hosted a few in-person programs before having to close due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Through it all the library continued to grow a diverse collection of books, movies, magazines, and audios.

In 2020 there were three different sections of the year. January to March was “normal”. Patrons were able to browse and use the library freely and a few programs were in the building. In March everything shut down and staff worked remotely for a couple months and no one was allowed in the building except the director. In May curbside delivery began to be offered where patrons could call or email requests and sanitized items would be placed outside for pick up during the limited hours that a staff member was working. In August the building was able to be open to the public by appointment only during our reduced 15-hour schedule. One staff member worked at a time and one family per 30-minute appointment was allowed inside the library.

Early in the year when the library still allowed patrons in the building freely, the library kicked off the year with an art exhibit of local artist Diane Cowie’s work. There was an opening reception that was well attended by 27 people. Starting early in the year, library assistant Donna led a kid’s cooking series. Eight children came after school for five Wednesdays and each week they cooked something different as well as learning proper table settings and table manners. In February, library patron Cyndie Stetson taught water color painting techniques to a group of seven individuals. Vision Maps with Erica Wheeler was another program that took place in February and nine individuals met to map out their inner and outer goals and aspirations moving into 2020. Also in early March, the library hosted a Native American Basket Making program open to 12 patrons. At this program Jennifer Lee taught people how to make baskets from bark. This program was a part of the library’s Community Read of “Braiding Sweet Grass” with 25 other local libraries

During the times the library was closed or limited hours due to Covid the library still tried to do a few events that kept everyone connected but safe. In May the third Annual Plant Swap was put on and 12+ people participated in trading plants from their gardens. October the library provided pumpkins that were donated by Wayne Cromack. Patrons could carve or decorate them and bring them back

to be placed on our stone wall and were lit on Halloween night. Four different prizes were awarded to children and adults. In December the library provided clear ornaments patrons could decorate and hang on our outdoor lit tree. We also hosted a outdoor get together with donuts, tea and hot cider.

We continue to discard worn and outdated items to make way for new materials with our limited shelf space. In 2020 the library held a collection of 11,608 items including books, movies, audios, music CDs, The Recorder, Heath Herald, and magazines. Currently 338 patrons are registered with Rowe Library cards. New on loan this year is the “Tool Lending Library”. Within this area of the library there are items such as an electric post hole digger, electric chain saw, circuit machine, electric power washer, metal detector, extension cords, a ladder, and a few other small handy tools. To build this “Tool Lending Library” the library used a \$2,500 “reduce, reuse, recycle” micro-grant from the MassDEP.

The library continues to offer museum passes for patrons to use. Currently the library has Mass Moca, The Clark, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, and Massachusetts State Parks pass. Patrons have access to books from other libraries through the CWMARS network and delivery system, as well as the always growing collection, now more than 65,000 items, of digital books, magazine, audio books and streaming videos available through the CWMARS digital catalog. New to the digital items this year is the library now offers Hoopla as well. This gives patrons access to additional E-content including music, movies, books, audios, and magazines.

The Trustees continue to meet monthly at the Library and during Covid on the telephone and citizens are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Library Trustees:

Catherine Snyder, Chair

Rebecca Bradley

Karen Soviecke

Library Hours are:

Tuesday:	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday:	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday:	10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



Left: Bobbi and Grace attending a cooking class at the library



Right: The 2020 pumpkin contest on display

Right: Claudine and Maggie showing their woven baskets



Left: Outdoor activities during the pandemic with Library Director Molly and her family.

Right: Diane, Bobbi, and Bailey during the vision map program



General Government - Pelham Lake

Pelham Lake Park

Pelham Lake Park is a taxpayer-funded, town-owned park consisting of over 1,300 acres of diverse habitat including forest, field, stream, and lake environments. The park was created as a sanctuary for wildlife and for recreational and educational opportunities for residents and their guest. The park offers four seasons of leisure activities including: hiking and biking its many trails in the fall; skiing, snowshoeing, and ice fishing in winter; exploring the forests and fields for new growth in the spring; and swimming and boating in the summer. The park has something for everyone to enjoy and we encourage all residents and their guests to take advantage of this most precious town resource.

This year presented new challenges for the park as we continued to provide services during the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic. Park Manager Sean Loomis and his staff met those challenges and provided continued service in compliance with the numerous mandated Covid-19 restrictions keeping residents and their guests safe and engaged in activity throughout the year in the great outdoors.

The park had a very busy and successful year with many upgrades and additions. The staff worked incredibly hard to make the most out of our short summer season, all while adhering to strict Covid-19 protocols. The Park was staffed Monday through Sunday from 8 AM to 8 PM from the third week of July until Labor Day. This was an additional two hours a day over previous years to insure adherence to the restrictions and the safety of all residents. The gate remained locked each day from 8 PM until 8 AM.

Each morning small groups of summer staff would be out on the Park trails engaged in work including building foot bridges, rerouting trails, clearing and cleaning all trails of debris, installing water bars, mitigating erosion, and much more. The lifeguards and park attendants were hard at work as well, building trail signs, painting the inside of the bathrooms, checking stickers, splitting wood, weeding, mulching, disinfecting all public spaces, and keeping the beach clean while enforcing social distancing and safe use of the lake and picnic area. To comply with Covid-19 safety protocols for staff and residents the number of picnic tables were reduced, trash cans were removed and residents were asked to

carry out their trash, bathrooms were cleaned more frequently, lifeguard stations were closed, and masks were enforced when social distancing was not possible. The playground was closed to comply with the restrictions but our younger residents can look forward to a new bigger and better playground next summer thanks to approval for funding at a Special Town Meeting last fall. Additionally, the Fitness Center at the Town Hall was closed due to the pandemic restrictions and we look forward to opening it back up as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Park continues to offer free yoga classes with instructor Kate Peppard for all town residents on Tuesdays from 9-10 AM. With a big thank you to Kate, we have been able to continue to offer classes throughout the pandemic with online Zoom classes during the colder months and classes at the beach during the warmer months (with a maximum of ten participants socially distanced).

Some of the projects completed this past year included a new split rail fence at the Percy Brown Picnic Area and the beach parking lot. A new boardwalk was installed on the Babbling Brook Trail. Additional bridge construction included new bog bridges on the Lake View Trail and three replacement bridges on the Davenport Trail. A 200-yard drainage ditch was constructed on a portion of the Davenport Trail.



Autumn colors at the causeway.

Photo by Laurie Pike

General Government - Pelham Lake

There was a rerouting of the 1792 trail by the Davenport Junction to eliminate a bridge, grading and leveling portions of the Davis Mine Loop Trail to better accommodate biking, a reroute of a part of the Dead Moose North Trail, a reroute of the junction of Rob's View Trail and the North and South Dead Moose Trails, and a clearing of the Northwest View Trail for better views looking back towards Pelham Lake and beyond. Brush was cleared and a minor removal of invasive Bittersweet was done to the right of the Riding Ring. Temporary trail signs on new cedar posts were installed with new and improved signs coming in the near future.

The Park has gratefully been the recipient of two Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) Grants over the past two fiscal years. During Fiscal Year 2020 a Forest Assessment was conducted to ensure the continued health and well-being of our diverse Park environments and to improve its resilience to climate changes. The Forest Assessment was completed by Alex Barrett, Forestry Division Manager of Long View Forest and Mary Wigmore, Principal, of Wigmore Forest Resource Management. The community was asked to be involved with input from a survey and several online Zoom community meetings throughout the summer.



Beaver meadow along the Davis Mine Loop Trail

Photo by Laurie Pike

A report was completed in September of 2020 and a plan submitted for actions to take to achieve the above goals. The Park Commission will begin implementing parts of the plan in the next fiscal year. The report and plan can be found on the Town's website and we encourage town residents to read the report for its valuable information. The Park Commission wishes to thank Alex and Mary for their many hours of commitment and support to the Rowe Community for this thorough and important piece of work.

Another MTWP Grant for Fiscal Year 2021 will be completed next spring with the construction and installation of new kiosks at all major trail heads. The kiosk will be used to display important information such as rules and regulations, trail maps, wildlife sightings, and information about wildlife that may be seen along various trails.

The Park Commission would like to give a special thanks to our summer crew: Emma Poplawski, Nick Baker, Taylor Loomis, Sean Clancy, Grace Poplawski, Bailey Cousineau, James Harrison, Danielle Beaumier, Weston Den Ouden, and Will Cowie. The Park was exceptionally well cared for this past summer through their hard work and commitment during what was a challenging and unusual set of circumstances.

A very special thank you to our hard-working, knowledgeable, and indispensable Park Manager Sean Loomis. We are so grateful for his continued expertise and dedication in managing this unique town jewel.

We wish to also thank the town residents and taxpayers for their continued support of this special and amazing resource, Pelham Lake Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Pike
Sue A. Williams
Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen

Town of Rowe Park Commissioners

General Government - Planning Board

Planning Board

Planning Board Organization

Jessica Albrecht was elected to a five-year term in May. Although there were several write-ins for a second, two-year remainder of a term, the top two each received four votes, resulting in a tie. No individual approached the board to request appointment, leaving the position unfilled for the remainder of the year. The board elected David Roberson to serve as chairman and as representative to the Franklin Regional Planning Board, and elected Dan Burke to serve as secretary (clerk).

Late in the year, Paul McLatchy III announced that he was resigning from the Planning Board, and at the end of 2020 the board consists of only three members. The Planning Board thanks Paul for his service.

The Planning Board is advised and represented by Greenfield attorney Donna MacNicol, who also serves as town counsel for a number of area municipalities.

Permitting

No Special Permits were granted in 2020.

Resident Greg Poehlein approached the board regarding a short-term rental in his home, for which he had received a Special Permit in 2015. Rowe's bylaws state that if substantial use or construction is not begun within one year of a Special Permit's effective date, the permit shall lapse (the maximum under Massachusetts law is three years). Because no such substantial use or construction had occurred, the board found that it was not able to affirm or renew the permit, and a new hearing and permit is required. However, a minimum of four members must vote affirmatively for such a Special Permit to be issued, and with two seats vacant the board cannot grant the permit.

The board was approached by a developer interested in pursuing a commercial-scale energy storage project in the vicinity of Davenport Road. It was determined that such a use is not permissible under the current bylaws. The developer then suggested that the Planning Board seek a bylaw change that would allow such use, for which they would provide guidance. The chairman declined to pursue this action.

The board was approached by staffers at a land trust to sign off on multiple Approval Not Required (ANR) survey plans in conjunction with what they called a wildlife corridor incorporating public access trails in Charlemont and Rowe. Despite ostensibly being a planning issue, the land trust was primarily pursuing this initiative through the selectmen. Signing off on the plans would have required the board to physically examine and sign multiple large plats (maps) for each ANR request, and with town buildings closed due to the virus, this was not possible. No further communication has been received regarding this proposal since April.

No tree hearings were held by the Planning Board in 2020. In late November a single-page, unsigned list of trees was forwarded to the chairman by the Town Clerk. With no identified proponent and no action requested, none was taken.

Planning

The board was preparing to notify residents of a hearing for some proposed bylaw changes in the spring of 2020 when the extent of the challenges occasioned by the pandemic began to grow apparent. Because of this, the hearing was subsequently canceled.

Respectfully submitted by David Roberson for the Planning Board,

David Roberson, Chairman
Dan Burke, Secretary
Jessica Albrecht

Public Health Public Safety Public Works



A sign of the times...

Photo by Janice Boudreau

“There is no greater challenge and there is no greater honor than to be in public service”

-Condoleezza Rice

Public Health, Safety, Works - Board of Health / Town Nurse

Board of Health

2020 was a very busy year for the Board of Health. COVID-19 added many new responsibilities to the board. At the onset of the pandemic the COVID-19 group was formed along with members of the Board of Selectmen to be in contact with the Massachusetts Department of Health. The first order of business was to declare a state of emergency for the town opening up funds to be used specifically for COVID-19 related expenses. Going hand-in-hand with the weekly meetings was the establishment of the weekly robo call to keep residents informed as the situation changed day to day and there were conflicting sources of information. The team strives to give Rowe residents the most accurate information gathered from multiple sources.

A team of volunteers was coordinated with the help of Sheila Litchfield to ensure all vulnerable residents were able to get their prescriptions and food during the lockdown in the spring. This program worked very well getting people through the difficult first few months of what has now become the new normal.

The Board set policies pertaining to all departments in town and has been instrumental in seeing that measures are taken to keep everyone safe and exposure to the virus minimal. All town buildings were closed to the public unless an appointment is made. Slowly things have been opening but all departments must submit safety protocols to the Board of Health for approval. In conjunction with the Board of Selectman and Town Clerk a plan was devised to have our Annual Town Meeting in an outdoor setting before the end of the fiscal year as well as safely holding elections.

Sheila Litchfield retired in July. We were truly sad to see her go as she was an extraordinary asset to the town. The Board wishes her a wonderful retirement, but we know she will continue to be involved in the community with the flu clinics as well as with the COVID-19 vaccine as it rolls out. Her work with the residents will be remembered fondly.

In the fall Chelsea Betsold took her place as the new Town Nurse. She brings her energy and caring to the office and is in the process of making the position her own. The nurse will still be providing many of the same services that the residents have come to rely on out of her office.

The transfer station has coped admirably with the new guidelines to help keep everyone safe. The tag program has saved the town enough money so the budget can be level funded even though the cost of trash disposal has more than doubled in the last year.

The Board sincerely thanks every resident for their continued support in what has been a difficult year for everyone. Moving into 2021 we will see more changes and are confident everyone will continue to be vigilant in care of themselves and their neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,
Rowe Board of Health

Town Nurse

The Health Services Office of the Town of Rowe continues to offer services for the residents of Rowe despite a brief period of being inactive due to the retirement of Sheila Litchfield, RN. With the Town Nurse position filled once again, services to residents can continue as they did previously by helping with healthcare needs via telephone consultation, in-office visits, and home visits as needed. The COVID-19 pandemic has offered changes to be made to in-office visits by requiring appointments be made prior to arrival and temperature checks as well as the completion of a short screening questionnaire at the door by the Town Nurse.

Health education and follow up remains the focus of the Town Nurse duties through wellness checks, nursing assessment, telephone triage, and referrals for the residents of Rowe. Point-of-care testing is still being completed in office to test cholesterol levels, blood sugar levels, hemoglobin A1C, as well as INR testing. Urinalysis and strep throat testing are also available. Test reporting to the patient's primary care office is also recommended to bridge the communication gap between providers and provide continuity of care. Influenza vaccinations also remain available to residents starting in October.

Rowe Health Services, alongside the Board of Health, continue to participate in emergency preparedness activities with the surrounding towns of the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) to prepare for the upcoming COVID-19 vaccination dispensing to community members. Continuous meetings and online educational trainings ensure we are up to date with the

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latest information and educational recommendations offered by the state and the country. When information becomes available regarding when and where the dispensing of vaccinations will occur, it will be shared with the residents of Rowe as soon as possible.

I appreciate your kind welcoming as I fill the role of Town Nurse. It is a pleasure to work with you and I have enjoyed getting to know you during the months I have been in this position thus far. The Health Services Office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. I look forward to seeing you by appointment or speaking with you via telephone with any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



Chelsea Betsold, RN, BSN

Broadband Municipal Light Plant (MLP)

We completed our first year in operation with nearly 80% of residents receiving service. By all accounts, it's been a great success and a huge improvement over the minimal internet service previously available. We were fortunate to get it set up prior to the Covid epidemic, making life in lockdown more tolerable.

As a member of the WiredWest MLP Coop, we own and are responsible for our network assets, but WiredWest handles operations, including collecting subscription fees and using those to cover such costs as pole license fees, insurance, network operations and ISP, administrative costs, repairs, etc. Per our agreement, at the end of each fiscal year of operation, we receive a disbursement of excess revenue. Rowe was the first town in WiredWest to go operational, and now the first to receive our share of excess revenue – over \$13,000. Most of this will go into our Depreciation Reserve account to accumulate funds that will be needed when it comes time to replace equipment. Though WiredWest handles the day-to-day operations, we are responsible for replacing equipment and any improvements or network extensions.

We had received a grant of \$440,000 from the state EOHED for construction of our network. In 2020 we were able to get two additional grants from EOHED: one for \$209,855 to help cover make-ready overruns; and one for \$92,000 to assist in the cost of customer drop installations. They made us jump through a lot of hoops to get these. In particular, there was much negotiation on the make-ready grant. As Rowe was among the first towns to complete our make-ready and apply for this grant, we forged the system that is now used to establish the amount of the make-ready grants for other towns. At the Annual Town Meeting, we voted to use \$200,000 of this money to pay down some of the debt incurred from building the network. The balance is being used for some finishing touches.

We paved a driveway in front of the equipment hut to maintain accessibility for service trucks, and also laid some stone around the perimeter to keep vegetation from growing in and interfering with access to the generator, propane tank, and underground conduit. For aesthetic reasons, we put a roof and siding on. All was done with easy maintenance in mind.

Behind the scenes, we've worked out various processes with WiredWest and WG&E. Especially, we've worked on retaining repair crews and having procedures in place for emergency restoration when storms or other disasters strike. Once more of our neighboring towns come online, we'll be working on interconnecting our networks to provide some alternate routes for resiliency and possible cost savings by sharing backhaul.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Dvore, Broadband MLP Manager

Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rowe:

This past year has been a challenge for the Fire Department with the Covid-19 Pandemic in all aspects of the job. Initially it was the acquisition of sufficient Personal Protective Equipment to protect both us and the people that we were responding to. This part included the additional training required to properly wear the equipment and how to operate with the equipment on. The

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts assisted us in the acquisition part of this. The next major hurdle was how to keep the vehicles and building sanitized without damaging the sensitive electronic equipment both in the office and vehicles. Chlorine vapors have a detrimental effect on electronics. The Town's facilities person, Danielle Larned, did an outstanding job of keeping the public side of the building clean and sanitized. We conducted much research and finally were able to purchase an electrostatic sprayer and chemical that allowed us to easily sanitize the vehicles and equipment.

The second difficult part of the Pandemic was keeping everyone fully engaged with the department, with each other, and keeping current with our training. The department purchased an on-line subscription for fire training. This has worked well for the didactic portion of the training and we are still struggling to conduct the practical portion that is extremely necessary to become proficient in the performance of our job.

I am asking the citizens that if you meet any of the firefighters or police officers on the street that you thank them for their commitment to continue to provide the services that they do during this difficult time.

The members of the department continued to review our equipment, the statistics of our calls, and our potential incidents that we might encounter but were not equipped to deal with. The department currently operates a 2003 Mack-KME Pumper/Tanker as Engine 1, a 2003 International- Fort Gerry Pumper/Tanker as Engine 302 and a 2010 Ford 550 as Squad 30. We continue to annually test our hose, ladders, and the pumps on the engines. This year the tests were very successful and only a couple of 50-foot sections of hose had to be removed from service. We continue to reduce our inventory of hose based on the cost of annual testing and recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Insurance Service Organization.

A presentation will be made to the Finance Committee in 2021 in regards to the replacement of schedule for the vehicles. The past recommendations of the NFPA were that the fire apparatus be kept no longer than 25 years. Due to the extensive electronic equipment on these vehicles and the constantly changing world of electronics, this results in manufacturers not supporting anything older than 10 years. It is being recom-

mended that fire apparatus be replaced no later than 15 years. This is also my recommendation as there will always be communities across the world that do not have the resources to purchase new equipment and opt to take their chances on the older equipment. The best return on your investment currently is to sell or trade the larger vehicles on the 15-year basis.

Thanks to senior firefighter Jeff Simmons who analyzed our responses it was determined that this past year 36.4% of our calls were medical related. Hazardous weather conditions that involved trees and wires were 22.7%, and responding mutual aid to other communities were 13.6%. These statistics also pointed out that 84.1% of our calls were responded to with the squad vehicle versus the larger apparatus. This vehicle was acquired from the highway department and then modified with a utility body for Fire Department use. We are recommending that this vehicle be replaced with a vehicle of similar size but designed and built for our specific responses.

The review of potential requests for service for which the department were not equipped to adequately respond to identified a need to acquire equipment to conduct an Ice/Water Rescue, a rescue in the woods, and upgrade the vehicle extrication equipment as all of the tools failed an inspection. The department applied for two grants this past year in regards to the Ice/Water Rescue concern. As of writing this we have acquired 5 new Personal Flotation Devices and Rescue Helmets. We are still waiting for word on the other grant. A request has been submitted to the Finance Committee for FY2022 for the woods rescue equipment. The vehicle extrication equipment hopefully can be repaired and the upgrade for that equipment is included in the request to replace the squad truck.

As a result of continuing to look at our equipment, the services we provide, and the request for services I am very comfortable saying that the Town of Rowe needs to maintain one pump/tanker, one tanker equipped with a pump, a primary response vehicle for medicals, trees and wires, carbon monoxide activations, brush etc. and a service vehicle (pickup type).

The hiring of the part-time firefighter that you, the citizens, supported last year has been delayed due to the pandemic. We continue to work on this and will institute the hiring as soon as we can.

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I thank all of you for the privilege of being your Fire Chief and want to thank all of the firefighters and their families for their courage and dedication to continue to provide their services during this extraordinary time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis M. Annear, Fire Chief

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

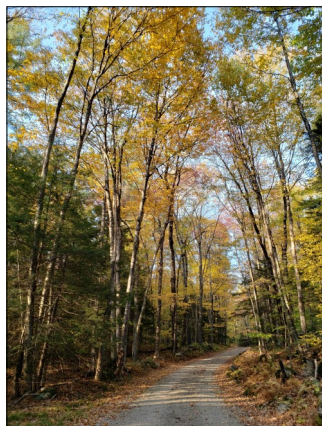
Routine maintenance during the year included:

- Cleaning and repair of shoulders and catch basins, blowing leaves out of ditches, cleaning out bleeders, clean up under guard rails
- Street sweeping/Pot hole repair
- Grade dirt roads, adding gravel to dirt roads, fixing wash outs
- Waterway cleaning/basin cleaning
- Roadside mowing
- Brush clearing
- Tree maintenance
- Upkeep of the Town Common, traffic islands, Transfer Station lawn.
- Building maintenance.

This year was a hot summer- not much for rain until the fall. Paving on Pond Road went on mid-summer by LANE. Gravel was hauled to Davis Mine Road, Tunnel Road, County Road, and Potter Road. Line painting occurred. A new bridge was built on Kings Highway.

Thanks to the voters, who approved money to replace the loader with a new John Deere 544. Thank you to Janice Boudreau, Paul McLatchy III, Police Department, Highway crew, Fire Department, Town Hall Custodian, and Board of Selectmen for all of your help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance P. Larned
DPW Superintendent



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

The “Grasshopper” program was cancelled for the safety of employees due to Covid-19.

Thank you to Ted Palmer for poison ivy control around town.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance P. Larned
DPW Superintendent

TREE WARDEN

As your Tree Warden I’d like to remind everyone that if they are going to remove any roadside trees it is important to read our Town bylaws. 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 bylaws and Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Anyone with questions or concerns about roadside trees please contact me at 413-339-5588.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance P. Larned
Tree Warden

Rowe Police Department

For such a crazy year the Rowe Police Department has been keeping busy. Our number of calls are at 161 for the year, ranging from 911 calls to vandalism calls. Our biggest call volume is medical calls, then motor vehicle violations, then check the welfare calls. Most of our offsite trainings with Yankee Rowe, Rowe Elementary School, and Brookfield Power (Bears Swamp project) have been cancelled for this year. The department has been doing a lot of online trainings which is a requirement for the State of Massachusetts.

Please remember if you ever need the Rowe Police Department in an emergency call 911 or the non-emergency number 413-625-8200. Also, you can call Chief Shippee on her police line at her residence at phone number 413-339-0139 or call the office number 413-339-8340 / 413-339-5520 x113 anytime.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Shippee, Police Chief

Finances

“Taxation is the price which civilized communities pay for the opportunity of remaining civilized.”

-Albert Bushnell Hart

Finances - Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors

Rick Williams was re-elected to the Board by voters at the annual town election on June 27, 2020. The Board reorganized following the election and **Rick** was nominated and re-elected to serve as Chair.

Colleen Avallone served as Assistant Assessor this year with reduced hours due to COVID-19 restrictions. She achieved her DLS Course 101 certification on August 10, 2020. Unfortunately Colleen notified the Board at the end of the year that she would be resigning her position effective January 31, 2021 to pursue other opportunities. The Board thanks her for her efforts, including quickly coming up to speed with the job despite the COVID-19 challenges.

The Assessors continue to contract with **Patriot Properties** to utilize their *AssessPro* assessing software, with **Mayflower Valuation** for annual residential appraisal consulting services, and with **Cartographic Associates Inc** (CAI) for mapping services and utilization of their web-based tax mapping platform—*AxisGIS*. That platform functions on any browser, tablet, or mobile device enabling users to query, browse, report, and visualize location-based content from anywhere, anytime. This user-friendly system can be accessed via the *Town Tax Map* link on the Assessors' page of the town's website rowe-ma.gov, or may be accessed directly at axis-gis.com/rowema.

The COVID-19 pandemic arriving in early 2020 placed numerous challenges on Board operations. Public access to the Town Hall was restricted which necessitated the use of online (Zoom) meetings following the suspension of Open Meeting Laws by Governor Charlie Baker in mid-March.

The following items were addressed at Assessors' meetings throughout the year:

- **building permits** received from FCCIP (the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) were reviewed, field verified, and property cards updated accordingly
- **survey plans, deeds, liens**, etc., received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed, compared to tax maps for verification of data, and property cards updated accordingly

- **tax map changes** were documented and forwarded to the CAI for their annual update of our tax maps (CAI also provides these updates to MassGIS—the state's web-based mapping platform)
- **Form of List** (personal property declaration) returns received from property owners were reviewed and records updated accordingly
- **Commitments and warrants for real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise taxes** were reviewed and approved as necessary
- **tax exemption applications** for seniors, veterans, and non-profits were reviewed and granted as allowed by law
- **tax abatement applications** were reviewed and granted as allowed by law. Several applications were denied, and several of those denials have been appealed to the Appellate Tax Board (ATB). In light of these appeals the Assessors raised approximately \$100,000 in Overlay on each of the FY19, FY20, and FY21 tax recap sheets for a current total of over \$300,000 in the account. The Assessors also received town appropriations in the amount of \$50,000 for legal and consulting support for these ATB appeals cases.

During calendar year 2020 the Board held 21 regular and 8 executive session meetings. Meetings held after mid-March were conducted online via Zoom.

Under the Department of Revenue's quinquennial revaluation cycle Rowe's next **reval year** is **FY23**; however, due to the volatile nature of the electricity market, the Boards of Assessors of Rowe, Monroe and Florida—who traditionally jointly contract for the appraisal of the Bear Swamp and Great River Hydro hydroelectric facilities—agreed, in consultation with the DOR, to appraise these facilities on an annual basis. The three Boards entered into joint 5-year contracts with **GESansoucy PE, LLC** for interim year updates for these facilities for the four years (FY19-FY22), followed by a revaluation in the fifth year (FY23).

An initiative undertaken by the Board in 2018 was the appraisal of electric utility transmission and distribution (T&D) assets of National Grid—including power line easements—using a methodology similar to that

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used by the DOR for valuing telephone and telegraph assets. The DOR has been supportive of the concept and other western MA towns are considering similar approaches. Initially the Assessors entered into a 1-year contract with **GESansoucy PE, LLC** for T&D appraisal for FY19. Subsequently the Assessors entered into a 4-year contract with **GESansoucy PE, LLC** for T&D interim year updates for three years (FY20-FY22), followed by a revaluation in the final year (FY23).

Per DOR's requirement for interim year updates based on an annual analysis of property sales, the update conducted in 2020 for the FY21 tax year resulted in the values remaining **unchanged** for residential homes, yard items, building lots, and excess land. The interim year update appraisals for the hydroelectric facilities and T&D assets also resulted in essentially **unchanged** values for FY21. The resulting **FY21 total town valuation** increased by ~0.14% to **\$516,129,500**.

The **FY21 tax rates** of **\$5.33** for Residential (R) and **\$8.64** for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set on October 15, 2020 at an online (Zoom) Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$5.33** for Residential and **\$8.53** for CIP.

According to MA DOR's Municipal Databank records for **FY21** (Fall 2020 tax bills), Rowe had the **6th lowest residential tax rate** and the **2nd lowest average single family tax bill (\$1,166)** in the state. [The lowest average single family tax bill was in Hancock (\$764), 3rd lowest was in Florida (\$1,433), 4th lowest was in Monroe (\$1,567) and 5th lowest was in Erving (\$1,602).]

Reminder...the so-called **Proposition 2½ Levy Limit** restricts the amount of money that Rowe can appropriate each year from taxation without approval of an override. By law the Levy Limit increases only 2.5% each year, plus an allowance for New Growth. Despite its relatively low tax rate and enviable low tax bills, Rowe was Levy Limit-restricted (i.e., bumping up against its Prop 2½ Levy Limit each year) from FY00 thru FY18. This used to require the town to make cuts, defer projects, or utilize other "*available funds*" from **Free Cash, Overlay Surplus**, and the **Stabilization Funds** to balance the regular operating

budget and to pay for special projects.

In FY19, the large increase in power company New Growth yielded an Excess Levy Capacity of \$484,017. FY19 was thus the first year in almost 20 years that the town wasn't Levy Limit-restricted in what it could raise from taxation. Excess Levy Capacity was \$362,748 for FY20 and \$796,927 for FY21.

Please feel free to contact the Assessors' Office during posted office hours or posted meetings; or email us at assessor@rowe-ma.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick N. (Rick) Williams, Chair
Ellen B. Miller
Herbert G. Butzke

Town of Rowe - Multi-Year Tax Rate Comparison			
Fiscal Year	Residential	Open Space	Commercial/ Industrial/ Personal Property
2003	3.49	0.00	5.52
2004	3.59	0.00	5.67
2005	3.59	0.00	5.79
2006	4.10	0.00	8.71
2007	4.11	0.00	8.84
2008	4.52	0.00	9.64
2009	4.56	0.00	9.74
2010	5.22	0.00	11.29
2011	5.33	0.00	11.56
2012	5.16	0.00	11.19
2013	6.30	0.00	14.08
2014	6.07	0.00	13.38
2015	5.90	0.00	13.01
2016	6.03	0.00	13.31
2017	6.19	0.00	13.67
2018	6.86	0.00	14.73
2019	5.01	0.00	8.02
2020	5.33	0.00	8.53
2021	5.33	0.00	8.64

Finances - Property Transfers

Property Transfers

STETSON, JANE B. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to STETSON, ERIC M. of Keene, New Hampshire, property located at 10 Hazelton Road. (Map 203 Lot 46) (Book 7482 Page 231)

LOOMIS, WILLIAM A. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to LOOMIS, WILLIAM A., Trustees of the WILLIAM A. LOOMIS REVOCABLE TRUST, property located at 108 Hazelton Road. (Map 202 Lot 38) (Book 7494 Page 16)

RUDENAUER, EDWIN P. and SANDRA of Athol, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to RUDENAUER, ERIC M. of Westminster, MA, RUDENAUER, KEITH A. of Somerset, MA, and RUDENAUER, MARK A. of San Diego, CA, property located at 171 Potter Road. (Map 402 Lot 27) (Book 7495 Page 76)

KNOBLOCH, KEVIN T. of Arlington, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to KNOBLOCH, KEVIN T. and NICOLE KATHRYN of Arlington, MA, property located off Zoar Rd. (Map 203 Lot 6; Map 205 Lots 1, 2, 9; Map 410 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) (Book 7504 Page 180)

GOTTESMAN, BARBARA A. of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to BARBARA A. GOTTESMAN, TRUSTEE of the GOTTESMAN INVESTMENT TRUST of Rowe, MA, property located at 182 Ford Hill Road. (Map 202 Lot 54) (Book 7540 Page 81)

KAEPPEL, MARGARET SMITH. of Northfield, MA for consideration of \$1.00, grant to SCOTT, HEIDI KAEPPEL and KAEPPEL, ERIC SMITH of Northfield MA, property located on Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 201 Lots 33, 34) (Book 7543 Page 146)

WESSMAN, DANIEL J. and ROCHE, BARBARA J. of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to DANIEL J. WESSMAN and BARBARA J. ROCHE, TRUSTEES OF THE WESSMAN-ROCHE INVESTMENT TRUST of Rowe, MA, properties located on Davis Mine Road and Davenport Branch Road. (Map 408 Lots 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, 42) (Book 7549 Page 323)

WILLIAMS, NANCY N. and WILLIAMS, FREDERICK C., CO-TRUSTEES of the HIGHLANDS REALTY TRUST II of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to WILLIAMS, NANCY N. of Rowe, MA; WILLIAMS, FREDERICK N. of Rowe, MA; WILLIAMS, ROBERT O. of Rowe, MA; and POLLOCK, SUSAN E. of Deerfield, New Hampshire, properties located at 20 Brown Road. (Map 202 Lot 52) (Book 7553 Page 101)

WILLIAMS, NANCY N. and WILLIAMS, FREDERICK C., CO-TRUSTEES of the HIGHLANDS REALTY TRUST II of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to WILLIAMS, NANCY N. of Rowe, MA; WILLIAMS, FREDERICK N. of Rowe, MA; WILLIAMS, ROBERT O. of Rowe, MA; and POLLOCK, SUSAN E. of Deerfield, New Hampshire, properties located at 36 Brown Road, Shippee Road, and Ford Hill Road. (Map 202 Lot 53, 57; Map 404 29, 30, 31) (Book 7553 Page 105)

BUKER, CAROL A. of Shelburne Falls, MA; YORK, LAURENE L., TRUSTEE of the YORK INVESTMENT TRUST of Greenfield, MA; WALLNER, JENNIFER of Greenfield, MA, for consideration of \$173,000, grant to BERSHOF, NANCEE of Greenfield, MA, property located at 2 Dell Road. (Map 408 Lot 2) (Book 7548 Page 107)

HICKS, BETTY A. of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$39,000, grant to COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT of FISH AND GAME of Boston, MA property located off Tatro Road. (Map 408 Lot 33) (Book 7560 Page 320)

ROMAN, JOHN C. of Freedom, NH for consideration of \$20,000.00, grant to FRIED, JUSTIN of Spring City, PA property located on Ford Hill Road. (Map 403 Lot 17) (Book 7575 Page 133)

ROBERTS, LEONARD H. and JOAN of Ashfield, MA for consideration of \$10,000.00, grant to CAMPELLI, MARIO and CHRISTINE of Tolland, CT property located off Zoar Road. (Map 407 Lot 3, Map 410, Lot 13) (Book 7589 Page 78)

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LESHURE, LAWRENCE M. of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$1.00, grant to LESHURE, LAWRENCE D. of Waterville, VT; LESHURE, STEVEN J. of Davie, FL; LESHURE, KAREN A. of Springfield, MA; LESURE, JEFFREY K. of Bennington, VT property located at 75 Cross Road. (Map 402 Lot 10) (Book 7589 Page 334)

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. of \$450,000.00, grant to PALLOTTA, DANIEL of Rowe, MA property located at 43 Potter Road. (Map 403 Lots 10, 11) (Book 7587 Page 132)

CADARETTE, STEPHEN of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$149,000.00, grant to BARBEAU, DARLENE A. and MORAN, JULIE A. of Charlemont, MA property located at 11 Hazelton Road. (Map 203 Lots 30, 31) (Book 7603 Page 78)

CIRINNA, GEOFFREY T., PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE of the ESTATE of DAUREEN W. PETERSEN of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to CIRINNA, GEOFFREY of Rowe, MA, property located at 252 Zoar Rd. (Map 203 Lots 7, 10) (Book 7613 Page 330)

TRAVIS, WILLIAM R. and FAITH R. of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$48,000.00, grant to BOYLE, MICHAEL G. and MARIA F. of Arlington, MA property located on Ford Hill Rd (Map 201 Lot 15) (Book 7618 Page 1)

RODE, ROBERT and DIANNE of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$247,000.00, grant to SUTHERLAND, LAURIE and ARNEY, DAVID now of Rowe, MA property located at 131 Zoar Road. (Map 407 Lot 2) (Book 7619 Page 244)

CAREY, COLLEEN of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$1.00, grant to AVALLONE, COLLEEN CAREY and ROBERT J. of Rowe, MA property located at 37 Brittingham Hill Rd. (Map 407 Lot 43) (Book 7646 Page 164)

VEBER, SHIRLEY M. of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$0.00, grant to VEBER, SHIRLEY M. and VEBER TERRY H. of Rowe, MA property located at 3 Pine Hill Dr. (Map 202 Lot 26) (Book 7654 Page 103)

SCOTT, MOLLY of Charlemont, MA for consideration of \$226,000 grant to SARGENT, JOHN H., TRUSTEE of the JOHN H. SARGENT TRUST of Quaker Hill, CT property located on Warner Hill Rd. (Map 409 Lot 3, Portion of Lot 2) (Book 7652 Page 100)

DAVIAU, EDWARD A. and SANDRA P. of Rowe, MA for consideration of \$1.00, grant to DAVIAU, EDWARD A. and SANDRA P., CO-TRUSTEES of the DAVIAU INVESTMENT TRUST of Rowe, MA property located at 17 Potter Road. (Map 403 Lot 14) (Book 7669 Page 166)

Survey Plans Recorded

HICKS, BETTY A. of ROWE, MA Off Tatro Road (Map 408 Lot 33) (Book 1633 Page 51)

Finances - Finance Committee / Treasurer

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee serves in an advisory role in all matters of financial commitments to town meetings, Board of Selectmen, and elected officials. This role is exercised with due diligence and attentiveness to the broad scope of Rowe's financial strength.

We are grateful to have Janice Boudreau and Paul McLatchy III for administrative support.

Among its accomplishments and processes were:

1. Were very fortunate to have a veteran and faithful committee made up of Loretta Dionne, Christopher Hyytinen, Paul McLatchy III, Laurie Pike and Wayne Zavotka.
2. Approved Line Item Transfers and Reserve Fund Transfers throughout the fiscal year
3. Sponsored an All Committee/Board night in October to begin the budget process.
4. Met with the Board of Selectmen throughout the year to serve as consultants in matters impacting town financial decisions.
5. Worked as the lead toward the development of the omnibus budget presented to the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. We worked in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen in receiving budget requests and ultimately making recommendations.
6. Developed a new capital improvement plan titled CIRPP (Capital Improvement, Repair, and Property Plan).
7. Continue to develop a long-term Highway development plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Zavotka, Chair
Loretta Dionne, Vice-Chair
Paul McLatchy III, Secretary
Christopher "Selmi" Hyytinen
Laurie Pike

Treasurer

General Fund Cash	\$1,717,340.22
Student Activity Agency	\$618.96
Arts Lottery	\$5,584.61
Collectors Account	\$52,024.71
Trust Funds	\$71,295.46
<u>Stabilization Accounts</u>	<u>\$1,426,516.21</u>
Total All Cash 6/30/2020	\$3,273,380.17

Trust Funds

Name of Fund.....	Balance 6/30/2020
M. Wells Memorial Library.....	\$8,910.82
Cemetery	\$21,284.80
Rowe Library Gift	\$491.49
Charles Wells Library	\$3,537.75
Preserved Smith Library	\$1,862.54
Gould Library	\$17,172.41
Foster Donation	\$3,169.20
Memorial Library	\$5,586.74
L Tower/Jones Library	\$5,586.74
<u>Rowe Memorial Scholarship</u>	<u>\$3,692.97</u>
Total.....	\$71,295.46

Stabilization Funds FY2020

General Stabilization	\$641,549.39
Capital Stabilization	\$784,751.77
<u>Town Hall Complex Stabilization.....</u>	<u>\$215.05</u>
Total.....	\$1,426,516.21

Total Balance as of June 30, 2020 ... \$3,273,380.17

Respectfully submitted,
Terry I. Green
Treasurer

Cherry Sheet - Estimated Receipts



MA Department of Revenue

Division of Local Services
Final Municipal Cherry Sheet Estimates
Data current as 12/18/2020

C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2021

NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A

Rowe

A. EDUCATION

Distributions and Reimbursements

Chapter 70	139,775
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	938
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0
Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:	
School Choice Receiving Tuition	241,250
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	381,963

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements

Unrestricted General Government Aid	4,184
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Veterans Benefits	0
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	3,377
State Owned Land	7,059
Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:	
Public Libraries	2,657
Sub-Total, All General Government:	17,277

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:	399,240
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Cherry Sheet - Estimated Charges

C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2021
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES
General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21

Rowe

A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:

County Tax	0
Suffolk County Retirement	0
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	0

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution Districts	343
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	320
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	663

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	2,651
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:	2,651

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

Multi-Year Repayment Program	0
Special Education	0
STRAP Repayments	0
Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts:	0

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

School Choice Sending Tuition	10,000
Charter School Sending Tuition	33,358
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	43,358

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES:

46,672

Finances - Tax Rate Recapitulation

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

Rowe
TOWN

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2021

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from page 2, IIe)	\$ 5,567,177.60
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, IIIe)	1,288,392.00
Ic. Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 4,278,785.60
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA5)	(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	6.7953	290,756.32	54,553,864.00	5.33	290,772.10
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	0.0510	2,182.18	252,544.00	8.64	2,181.98
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	57.0789	2,442,283.75	282,670,400.00	8.64	2,442,272.26
SUBTOTAL	63.9252		337,476,808.00		2,735,226.34
Personal	36.0748	1,543,563.35	178,652,692.00	8.64	1,543,559.26
TOTAL	100.0000		516,129,500.00		4,278,785.60

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Assessors

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessors Chairman, Rowe, assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-5520 | 10/15/2020 6:40 PM

Comment:

Herbert G Butzke, Assessor, Rowe, assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-5520 | 10/15/2020 8:08 PM

Comment:

Ellen B Miller, Assessor, Rowe, assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-5520 | 10/15/2020 9:49 PM

Comment:

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Reviewed By: Matthew Andre
Date: 10/20/2020
Approved: Deborah Wagner
Director of Accounts: Mary Jane Handy

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/20/2020

Finances - Tax Rate Recapitulation

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS		Rowe TOWN
TAX RATE RECAPITULATION		
Fiscal Year 2021		
II. Amounts to be raised		
Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)		4,867,322.00
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 Awards	0.00	
4. Total overlay deficit	0.00	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	242,855.00	
6. Revenue deficits	0.00	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00	
8. CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	0.00	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	0.00	
10. Other : Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund	206,775.00	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		449,630.00
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		46,872.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		203,553.60
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)		5,567,177.60
III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources		
IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	397,960.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00	
TOTAL IIIa		397,960.00
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	60,600.00	
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		60,600.00
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col (c))	258,475.00	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	571,357.00	
TOTAL IIIc		829,832.00
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2020	0.00	
1b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2020	0.00	
2. Municipal light surplus	0.00	
3. Other source :	0.00	
TOTAL IIId		0.00
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		1,288,392.00
IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources		
a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)		5,567,177.60
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	1,288,392.00	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	4,278,785.60	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		5,567,177.60
NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/20/2020		

Finances - Tax Rate Recapitulation

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

Rowe
TOWN

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2021

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2020	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2021
==>	1. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	46,890.91	45,000.00
	2. OTHER EXCISE		
==>	a.Meals	0.00	0.00
==>	b.Room	0.00	0.00
==>	c.Other	0.00	0.00
==>	d.Cannabis	0.00	0.00
==>	3. PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	1,125.99	1,400.00
==>	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	708.00	0.00
	a.Cannabis Impact Fee	0.00	0.00
	b.Community Impact Fee Short Term Rentals	0.00	0.00
	11. RENTALS	5,614.62	5,500.00
	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	4,039.30	6,000.00
	17. LICENSES AND PERMITS	783.50	700.00
	18. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==>	19. FINES AND FORFEITS	245.00	0.00
==>	20. INVESTMENT INCOME	2,377.75	2,000.00
==>	21. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	4,106.25	0.00
==>	22. MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	0.00	0.00
	23. MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	22,187.72	0.00
	24. Totals	88,079.04	60,600.00

Accounting Officer

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 above-indicated fiscal year tax rate recapitulation form by the City / Town / District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

David Fierro, Town Accountant, Rowe, accountant@rowe-ma.gov 413-333-5520 | 9/28/2020 9:17 PM

Comment:

* 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 departmental revolving funds per Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. 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 2021 estimated receipts to FY 2020 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor (MRGF).

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/20/2020

Finances - Tax Rate Recapitulation

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
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Rowe
TOWN

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2021

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)	(f) From Enterprise Funds (See A-2)	(g) From Community Preservation Funds (See A-4)	AUTHORIZATIONS	
									(h) *** Departmental Revolving Funds	(i) Borrowing Authorization (Other)
08/20/2020	2021	4,825,742.00	4,037,490.00	218,895.00	571,357.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	81,000.00	0.00
12/18/2019	2020	41,580.00	0.00	41,580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		4,867,322.00	4,037,490.00	258,475.00	571,357.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates.

** Appropriations included in column (b) must not be reduced by local receipts or any other funding source.

Appropriations must be entered gross to avoid a duplication in the use of estimated or other sources of receipts.

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

Clark

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

Paul McLatchy, Rowe, townclerk@rowe-ma.gov 413-338-5520 | 9/29/2020 10:15 AM

Comment: Paul McLatchy III

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/20/2020

Finances - Accounting Reports

Town of Rowe FY 2020

General Fund Expenditure Report

as of: 6/30/2020

General Government		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-114-100	Moderator Stipend		439.00		439.00		439.00
01-5-122-100	Selectboard Stipends		5,928.00		5,928.00	5,928.00	0.00 100%
01-5-123-115	Admin. Asst. to the Boards		41,600.00		41,600.00	40,465.75	1,134.25 97%
01-5-124-000	Executive Secretary		48,037.00		48,037.00	46,724.49	1,312.51 97%
01-5-124-400	General Administration		116,809.00		116,809.00	111,409.58	5,399.42 95%
01-5-125-100	Goal Post Editor Wages		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,500.00	500.00 92%
01-5-125-400	Goal Post Operations		6,000.00		6,000.00	1,795.75	4,204.25 30%
01-5-132-400	Reserve Fund		20,000.00	-9,808.04	10,191.96		10,191.96
01-5-135-000	Town Accountant		18,119.00	-13,465.51	4,653.49	4,653.49	0.00 100%
01-5-135-430	Town Accounting Expenses		2,075.00	13,465.51	15,540.51	16,712.32	-1,171.81 108%
01-5-141-000	Assessors Stipends/Wages		17,354.00	-1,000.00	16,354.00	8,330.94	8,023.06 51%
01-5-141-400	Assessors' Operation		9,600.00		9,600.00	8,946.32	653.68 93%
01-5-145-000	Treasurer Stipend		21,240.00		21,240.00	22,383.37	-1,143.37 105%
01-5-145-410	Treasurer's Operations		10,590.00		10,590.00	6,169.76	4,420.24 58%
01-5-146-100	Tax Collector Stipend				0.00	0.00	0.00 0%
01-5-146-115	Town Collector Stipend		8,320.00		8,320.00	8,621.84	-301.84 104%
01-5-146-415	Town Collector Operations		9,186.00		9,186.00	6,701.46	2,484.54 73%
01-5-151-400	Legal Expense		6,000.00	3,000.00	9,000.00	6,588.42	2,411.58 73%
01-5-161-100	Town Clerk Stipend		13,835.00	0.84	13,835.84	12,927.60	908.24 93%
01-5-161-440	Town Clerk Expenses		4,675.00	-0.84	4,674.16	3,467.46	1,206.70 74%
01-5-171-400	Conservation Comm Operatio		1,477.00		1,477.00	715.53	761.47 48%
01-5-175-400	Planning Board Operations		2,000.00		2,000.00	322.12	1,677.88 16%
01-5-175-410	Planning Board Consulting &		5,000.00		5,000.00	468.75	4,531.25 9%
01-5-175-420	PB Goal Post Operations				0.00	-500.00	500.00 5000
01-5-192-110	Town Hall Custodian Wages		18,485.00		18,485.00	18,492.28	-7.28 100%
01-5-192-400	Custodian Expenses		3,775.00		3,775.00	1,952.38	1,822.62 52%
01-5-193-400	Bonding & Insurance				0.00	-292.00	292.00 2920
General Government Totals:			396,544.00	-7,808.04	388,735.96	338,485.61	50,250.35
Public Safety		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-210-000	Police Salaries		53,634.00	420.64	54,054.64	52,335.06	1,719.58 97%
01-5-210-400	Police Department Operation		9,450.00	-420.64	9,029.36	8,924.67	104.69 99%
01-5-220-000	Fire Department Stipends		34,000.00		34,000.00	35,156.75	-1,156.75 103%
01-5-220-120	Emergency Management Dire		3,864.00		3,864.00	2,898.00	966.00 75%
01-5-220-400	Fire Dept. General Operation		40,028.00	5,500.00	45,528.00	36,691.78	8,836.22 81%
01-5-220-430	Emergency Management		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
01-5-220-431	Generator Maint. (Town Wid		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,045.00	1,955.00 35%
01-5-292-000	Animal Control Stipends		1,689.00		1,689.00		1,689.00
01-5-292-110	Reg Dog Control/ Adoption		350.00		350.00	350.00	0.00 100%
Public Safety Totals:			147,015.00	5,500.00	152,515.00	137,401.26	15,113.74
Education		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-300-100	School Committee Stipends		4,564.00		4,564.00	5,203.84	-639.84 114%
01-5-300-400	Rowe School Pre K-6		1,040,483.00		1,040,483.00	1,089,336.27	-48,853.27 105%
01-5-320-400	Schools 7-12		515,344.00		515,344.00	441,752.13	73,591.87 86%
Education Totals:			1,560,391.00		1,560,391.00	1,536,292.24	24,098.76

Finances - Accounting Reports

Public Works and Facilities

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-421-000 DPW Salary and Wages		306,912.00		306,912.00	279,989.06	26,922.94	91%
01-5-422-400 DPW Operations		210,408.00	-11,469.46	198,938.54	128,087.39	70,851.15	64%
01-5-423-400 Snow & Ice Removal (Winter		68,612.00	11,469.46	80,081.46	80,081.46	0.00	100%
01-5-424-400 Street lighting		5,500.00		5,500.00	4,559.79	940.21	83%
01-5-424-410 Municipal Light Plant		7,800.00		7,800.00	4,400.00	3,400.00	56%
01-5-433-110 Dam Maintenance/Repair		1,200.00		1,200.00	228.54	971.46	19%
01-5-491-400 Cemeteries-Maint/Repair		15,000.00		15,000.00	14,273.40	726.60	95%
Public Works and Facilities Totals:		615,432.00	0.00	615,432.00	511,619.64	103,812.36	

Human Services

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-512-000 Health Dept. Stipends/Wages		78,462.00	12,281.45	90,743.45	76,771.04	13,972.41	85%
01-5-512-400 Board of Health Operations		60,894.94	-6,064.59	54,830.35	50,700.10	4,130.25	92%
01-5-512-420 Health Services Operations		884.06		884.06	786.21	97.85	89%
01-5-512-455 Mosquito Control			5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100%
01-5-541-400 Council on Aging Exp		3,800.00		3,800.00	2,434.05	1,365.95	64%
01-5-543-430 Veteran's Services		2,795.00		2,795.00	2,694.97	100.03	96%
Human Services Totals:		146,836.00	11,216.86	158,052.86	138,386.37	19,666.49	

Culture and Recreation

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-610-000 Library Salaries/Wages		41,887.00		41,887.00	37,860.65	4,026.35	90%
01-5-610-400 Library Operations		28,478.00		28,478.00	19,957.40	8,520.60	70%
01-5-630-110 Pelham Lake Park Wages		92,454.00	327.65	92,781.65	86,124.77	6,656.88	93%
01-5-630-400 Pelham Lake Operation & M		22,000.00	263.53	22,263.53	21,060.49	1,203.04	95%
01-5-634-400 Gracy House Operations		4,500.00		4,500.00	947.61	3,552.39	21%
01-5-692-410 Beautification Committee		500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
01-5-692-430 Old Home Days Fireworks		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100%
Culture and Recreation Totals:		194,819.00	591.18	195,410.18	171,450.92	23,959.26	

Debt Service

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-720-011 Broadband Interest		12,167.00	2,400.00	14,567.00	26,116.11	-11,549.11	179%
Debt Service Totals:		12,167.00	2,400.00	14,567.00	26,116.11	-11,549.11	

Intergovernmental Expenditures

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-820-640 Air Pollution District		334.00		334.00	334.00	0.00	100%
01-5-820-646 RMV Marking Surchg		500.00		500.00	480.00	20.00	96%
01-5-820-663 Reg Transit Authority		2,386.00		2,386.00	2,386.00	0.00	100%
01-5-820-701 School Choice Sending Tuiti		10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100%
01-5-820-702 Charter School Sending Tuiti		67,314.00		67,314.00	36,998.00	30,316.00	55%
01-5-830-000 FRCOG Services		23,574.00		23,574.00	23,535.55	38.45	100%
Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:		104,108.00		104,108.00	73,733.55	30,374.45	

Miscellaneous

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-911-400 Franklin County Retirement		144,357.00		144,357.00	144,357.00	0.00	100%
01-5-913-400 Unemployment Insurance		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
01-5-914-400 Group Health/ Dental/Life In		621,565.00		621,565.00	595,059.70	26,505.30	96%
01-5-916-400 FICA/Medicare Tax		56,654.32		56,654.32	36,878.21	19,776.11	65%
01-5-970-026 Transfer to Fund 26		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100%
01-5-999-902 Encumb. Listed in 02	93,094.37			93,094.37		93,094.37	
01-5-999-903 Special Projects in 03	345,759.36	30,600.00		376,359.36		376,359.36	
Miscellaneous Totals:	438,853.73	856,176.32		1,295,030.05	778,294.91	516,735.14	
Grand Totals:	438,853.73	4,033,488.32	11,900.00	4,484,242.05	3,711,780.61	772,461.44	

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Town of Rowe FY 2020 Other Funds Expense Report

as of: 6/30/2020

Fund: 02

Encumbrances

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
02-5-124-400 Enc. General Admin	864.51			864.51	864.51	0.00
02-5-175-000 Enc. PB Goal Post Exp	158.29			158.29	158.29	0.00
02-5-220-400 Enc. FD General Operations	965.40			965.40	965.40	0.00
02-5-300-219 Enc. Rowe School Salaries 2019	91,042.92			91,042.92	91,042.92	0.00
02-5-512-400 Enc BOH Ops	63.25			63.25	63.25	0.00
Totals:	93,094.37			93,094.37	93,094.37	0.00

Fund: 03

Special Projects - Carryovers

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
03-5-122-500 Update Website/Hosting	3,180.00			3,180.00		3,180.00
03-5-122-505 GASB 34 Asset/Infra Inventory	3,000.00			3,000.00		3,000.00
03-5-124-400 Open Meeting Law Email Compl			6,080.00	6,080.00		6,080.00
03-5-135-410 Municipal Audit	16,000.00	8,000.00		24,000.00		24,000.00
03-5-141-901 Asses. Cons./Legal Support	50,000.00		1,000.00	51,000.00	49,860.47	1,139.53
03-5-141-902 Assess Quin Reval/Ann Updates	3,600.00	3,600.00		7,200.00		7,200.00
03-5-141-903 Asses. Valuation/Hydro		14,000.00		14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00
03-5-141-904 T&D/Right of Way Valuations		5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
03-5-146-110 New Town Collector Training 20	960.00			960.00		960.00
03-5-192-005 Remove TH Oil Tank	6,500.00			6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00
03-5-192-006 Emer. Action Plan/Dams	7,000.00			7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00
03-5-192-007 Town Server Replace/Upgrade	11,846.00			11,846.00	10,126.39	1,719.61
03-5-192-008 Septic Systems Pumping	1,300.00			1,300.00	1,280.00	20.00
03-5-210-001 Radar Speed Limit Sign	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
03-5-210-002 Police Bulletproof Vests	5,600.00			5,600.00	5,600.00	0.00
03-5-220-004 FD Lighting/Radio/Striping	7,305.98			7,305.98	3,304.00	4,001.98
03-5-220-005 Filter for Engine 1-OSHA Req.	10,000.00			10,000.00	8,739.06	1,260.94
03-5-220-006 Keyless Entry System FD			10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00
03-5-300-219 RES Lightning Prot. System	3,950.00			3,950.00	3,575.00	375.00
03-5-300-220 HVAC Variable Speed Drive			3,200.00	3,200.00	3,100.20	99.80
03-5-300-221 Surge Protection Equipment			7,900.00	7,900.00		7,900.00
03-5-422-400 Yankee Rd/Shippee Br. Bridge E	51,097.63			51,097.63	25,072.68	26,024.95
03-5-422-840 Bridge Rehab Program	52,863.75			52,863.75	32,399.00	20,464.75
03-5-439-018 Compactor Ramp Repair	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
03-5-491-000 North Cemetery Land Purchase	5,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
03-5-610-810 Library Restroom	6,556.00			6,556.00		6,556.00
03-5-634-400 GH Repair & Mold Mitig.	58,000.00			58,000.00	326.96	57,673.04
03-5-913-400 Unemployment Assistance Invoi	38,000.00			38,000.00	37,699.44	300.56
Totals:	345,759.36	30,600.00	28,180.00	404,539.36	216,083.20	188,456.16

Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-216-004 Mohawk Trail Concerts				0.00	200.00	-200.00
21-5-217-013 The Art Garden-Exhibits				0.00	250.00	-250.00
21-5-218-005 HAS/Heath Fair Music	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-007 RES/China Study	1,099.00			1,099.00		1,099.00
21-5-218-008 RHS/Grey Whisker Pickers				0.00	500.00	-500.00
21-5-218-019 RHS/Harp/Fashion/Tea	200.00			200.00		200.00
21-5-219-001 Ashfield Theater	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-219-002 Charlemont Forum	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00

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21-5-219-003	Collected Poets	150.00		150.00		150.00
21-5-219-004	Ed The Wizard	350.00		350.00	350.00	0.00
21-5-219-005	Double Edge Theater	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-219-006	Footlights at the Falls	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-219-007	Heath Fair Music	200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-008	Hilltown Families	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-219-009	Mohawk Trail Concerts	200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-010	Pothole Pix	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-219-012	RHS/Wedding Dresses	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
21-5-219-013	RHS/K First Concert	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00
21-5-219-014	RHS/Grey Whiskers	500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-219-015	Rowe Park Health	262.06		262.06		262.06
21-5-219-016	Art Garden Exhibit	250.00		250.00		250.00
21-5-690-005	Cultural Council Available Fund	141.79	93.82	235.61	140.00	95.61
Totals:		5,702.85	93.82	5,796.67	3,790.00	2,006.67

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
23-5-422-090 Chapter 90	182,666.53	142,143.00		324,809.53	143,287.29	181,522.24
Totals:	182,666.53	142,143.00		324,809.53	143,287.29	181,522.24

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
26-5-300-555 School Programs	910.02	10,000.00	-3,550.35	7,359.67	4,985.00	2,374.67
26-5-433-001 Recycling Revolving Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	-915.89	9,084.11		9,084.11
26-5-433-002 Refuse Garden Revolving		2,000.00	-1,900.00	100.00	-1,203.00	1,303.00
26-5-512-001 BOH Vaccine Purchase	3,014.57	6,000.00	-4,695.04	4,319.53	791.90	3,527.63
26-5-512-002 Emergency Dispensing Site Rev.	1,000.00	1,000.00	-281.78	1,718.22		1,718.22
26-5-630-000 Park Programs Revolving		2,000.00	-275.00	1,725.00	-2.51	1,727.51
26-5-690-003 Old Home Day	750.05	2,000.00	-2,000.00	750.05	-999.00	1,749.05
Totals:	10,674.64	28,000.00	-13,618.06	25,056.58	3,572.39	21,484.19

Fund: 27

Available Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
27-5-999-000 Available Free Cash		258,475.00		258,475.00		258,475.00
Totals:		258,475.00		258,475.00		258,475.00

Fund: 28

School Grants & Special Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
28-5-300-002 School Choice	298,610.05		246,337.00	544,947.05	259,055.14	285,891.91
28-5-300-003 School Lunch	21,439.26		13,696.84	35,136.10	18,888.07	16,248.03
28-5-300-004 Field Trip/Act Scholarship Gif	960.60		700.04	1,660.64	-353.35	2,013.99
28-5-300-007 SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303,94-1	4,975.11	9,000.08	3,779.00	17,754.19	12,343.82	5,410.37
28-5-300-008 Title IV Expenses		-8,679.20		-8,679.20	6,978.91	-15,658.11
28-5-300-010 FY20 258 Grant SDIG			150.00	150.00		150.00
28-5-300-305 Title I (305) Grant				0.00	1,281.26	-1,281.26
28-5-300-311 Big Yellow School Bus Grant	450.00			450.00		450.00
28-5-300-503 REAP Grant	-3,244.74	-320.88	5,405.00	1,839.38	7,600.58	-5,761.20
28-5-300-506 SPED Pr Improv 274-333	89.00			89.00		89.00
28-5-300-551 After School Programs	241.10			241.10		241.10
28-5-300-555 FY19 Rural Aid	609.85		5,916.49	6,526.34	9,153.93	-2,627.59
Totals:	324,130.23	0.00	275,984.37	600,114.60	314,948.36	285,166.24

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Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenues

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-122-002 Goal Post Subscriptions			30.00	30.00		30.00
29-5-122-006 IT Grant Expenses Vadar		-21,003.00		-21,003.00		-21,003.00
29-5-123-000 Covid-19 Related Salaries				0.00	44.10	-44.10
29-5-123-001 Covid-19 Related Expenses				0.00	1,248.55	-1,248.55
29-5-123-002 MVP Grant 2020		20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	5,120.70	34,879.30
29-5-220-215 Vol. Fire Assist. Grant	3,063.00			3,063.00	2,100.00	963.00
29-5-300-006 RES Pump House Damage	5,095.69			5,095.69	5,095.69	0.00
29-5-421-000 King's Hwy Bridge Grant		420,000.00		420,000.00		420,000.00
29-5-423-000 Muni. Bridge Imp. Program		500,000.00		500,000.00	24,566.13	475,433.87
29-5-500-002 Council on Aging Grant	2,264.07		3,735.93	6,000.00	1,956.66	4,043.34
29-5-500-007 DEP Recycling Grant			2,800.00	2,800.00		2,800.00
29-5-500-414 Library State Aid	4,080.77		2,194.37	6,275.14	2,450.04	3,825.10
29-5-560-001 Wetlands Protection	2,911.96			2,911.96		2,911.96
29-5-560-002 Cemetary Sale of Lots	1,563.00		150.00	1,713.00		1,713.00
29-5-580-272 East Cemetary Gift Account	510.00			510.00		510.00
29-5-580-273 West Cemetary Gift Account	25.00			25.00		25.00
29-5-580-274 Park Gift Account	462.00			462.00		462.00
29-5-580-276 Brian Vega Scholarship Gift Ac	4,500.48			4,500.48		4,500.48
29-5-580-277 Library Gift Account	416.89			416.89		416.89
29-5-580-299 Municipal Energy Technical Assi		12,500.00		12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
29-5-610-001 Library of Things \$2,500.00 Gra		2,500.00		2,500.00		2,500.00
Totals:	24,892.86	933,997.00	28,910.30	987,800.16	55,081.87	932,718.29

Fund: 33

Capital Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
33-5-192-000 Broadband Start Up Borrowing	360,000.00			360,000.00		360,000.00
33-5-192-003 Borrowed for BB Construction	208,380.85		200,000.00	408,380.85	384,864.49	23,516.36
Totals:	568,380.85		200,000.00	768,380.85	384,864.49	383,516.36

Fund: 81

NonExpendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
81-5-281-001 Martha Henry Memorial Nonexp	3,213.51			3,213.51		3,213.51
81-5-281-003 Rowe Library Fund Nonexpenda	136.08			136.08		136.08
81-5-281-004 Charles Wells Mem. Library Non	500.00			500.00		500.00
81-5-281-005 Preserved Smith Library Nonexp	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
81-5-281-006 Demonds/Gould Mem Lib None	5,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
81-5-281-008 A.B. White Mem Library Nonex	1,404.00			1,404.00		1,404.00
81-5-281-009 L. Tower Jones Mem Library No	1,404.00			1,404.00		1,404.00
Totals:	12,657.59			12,657.59		12,657.59

Fund: 82

Expendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
82-5-281-000 Rowe Memorial Scholarship Exp	3,674.88		18.09	3,692.97		3,692.97
82-5-281-001 Martha Henry Memorial Expend	5,653.84		43.47	5,697.31		5,697.31
82-5-281-002 Perpetual Care Cemeteries Expe	21,181.00		103.80	21,284.80		21,284.80
82-5-281-003 Rowe Library Fund Expendable	353.03		2.38	355.41		355.41
82-5-281-004 Charles Wells Mem. Library Exp	3,020.49		17.26	3,037.75		3,037.75
82-5-281-005 Preserved Smith Library Expend	853.45		9.09	862.54		862.54
82-5-281-006 Demons/Gould Mem Lib Expend	12,088.65		83.76	12,172.41		12,172.41
82-5-281-007 Foster Donation Expendable	3,153.74		15.46	3,169.20		3,169.20
82-5-281-008 A.B. White Mem Library Expen	4,155.49		27.25	4,182.74		4,182.74
82-5-281-009 L. Tower Jones Mem Library Exp	4,155.49		27.25	4,182.74		4,182.74
Totals:	58,290.06		347.81	58,637.87		58,637.87

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Fund: 83

Regular Stabilization

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
83-5-000-000 Available Stabilization	911,917.72		-287,274.94	624,642.78		624,642.78
83-5-000-001 Temporary Loan to Gen Fund			300,000.00	300,000.00		300,000.00
83-5-123-800 Fireproof File Cabinets	1,020.01			1,020.01		1,020.01
83-5-192-450 Town Hall Generator Stab.	212.14		2.91	215.05		215.05
83-5-217-001 School Technology	171.46			171.46	171.46	0.00
83-5-217-004 EMS Updating Supplies	895.46			895.46		895.46
83-5-217-005 EMS Training	6,250.00			6,250.00	1,665.75	4,584.25
83-5-217-008 FD First Resp. Immunizations	2,300.00			2,300.00		2,300.00
83-5-231-001 Future Ambulance Services	7,985.95			7,985.95		7,985.95
83-5-630-002 Park Fitness Center Equip	120.94			120.94		120.94
Totals:	930,873.68		12,727.97	943,601.65	1,837.21	941,764.44

Fund: 84

Capital Stabilization Accounts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
84-5-000-000 Unallocated Capitalization Stabil	671,189.58		13,561.46	684,751.04		684,751.04
84-5-217-002 Municipal Buildings Painting	19,758.40			19,758.40	2,341.49	17,416.91
84-5-217-003 FD-2 SCBA's	14.00			14.00		14.00
84-5-218-001 FD Heating System Repair	14,354.54			14,354.54		14,354.54
84-5-219-003 Library-Ramp Replacement	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
84-5-219-004 Town Hall 2nd Floor HVAC	2,900.00			2,900.00		2,900.00
84-5-219-005 Town Hall Front Doors	6,000.00			6,000.00		6,000.00
84-5-220-001 Police Cruiser	49,000.00			49,000.00	49,000.00	0.00
84-5-220-002 New Physical Server	8,695.00			8,695.00		8,695.00
84-5-220-003 Fire Station Generator	15,500.00			15,500.00		15,500.00
84-5-220-004 Fire Engine	72,000.00			72,000.00	68,739.06	3,260.94
84-5-220-005 SCBA Equipment	75,016.00			75,016.00	74,968.00	48.00
84-5-220-006 Library ADA Ramp	10,000.00			10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
84-5-220-007 BOH TS Drainage Repair	12,000.00			12,000.00	4,850.00	7,150.00
84-5-220-008 RES Technology Equip.	10,000.00			10,000.00	7,315.24	2,684.76
84-5-220-009 RES Parking Lot Improv.	5,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
Totals:	972,627.52		13,561.46	986,188.98	218,413.79	767,775.19

Report Totals: 3,529,750.54 1,393,215.00 546,187.67 5,469,153.21 1,434,972.97 4,034,180.24

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Town of Rowe FY 2020 General Fund Revenue Report

as of: 6/30/2020

<u>Taxes and Excises</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-110-000	Personal Property Taxes		1,528,017.02		1,528,017.02	1,528,017.02	0.00
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes		2,694,594.75		2,694,594.75	2,683,056.38	11,538.37
01-4-149-320	xFees-Registry Markings				0.00	300.00	-300.00
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise		45,000.00		45,000.00	46,890.91	-1,890.91
01-4-170-000	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes		1,200.00		1,200.00	661.25	538.75
01-4-171-000	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes				0.00	464.74	-464.74
Taxes and Excises Totals:			4,268,811.77		4,268,811.77	4,259,390.30	9,421.47
<u>Fees</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-300-161	Town Clerk Fees				0.00	258.00	-258.00
01-4-300-210	Police Fees				0.00	30.00	-30.00
01-4-300-211	Police Gun Permit Fees to To		975.00		975.00	537.50	437.50
Fees Totals:			975.00		975.00	825.50	149.50
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-400-512	Permits-Board of Health				0.00	40.00	-40.00
01-4-433-000	Refuse Garden Permits				0.00	206.00	-206.00
Licenses and Permits Totals:					0.00	246.00	-246.00
<u>Federal Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-540-000	USPS Contract Revenue		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,614.62	-114.62
Federal Revenue Totals:			5,500.00		5,500.00	5,614.62	-114.62
<u>State Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-616-000	Exemp: VBS & Elderly State		3,377.00		3,377.00	62.00	3,315.00
01-4-617-000	Veterans Benefits		38.00		38.00	66.00	-28.00
01-4-620-000	School Aid Chapter 70		139,775.00		139,775.00	139,775.00	0.00
01-4-661-000	Charter Tuition Reimburseme		1,876.00		1,876.00	4,399.00	-2,523.00
01-4-676-000	Unrestricted General Aid		4,184.00		4,184.00	4,184.00	0.00
01-4-679-000	State Owned Land		6,881.00		6,881.00	6,881.00	0.00
01-4-680-000	Extended Polling Hours				0.00	279.00	-279.00
01-4-681-000	Medicaid Reimb. School				0.00	7,288.29	-7,288.29
01-4-684-000	HCOG Energy Credits				0.00	482.42	-482.42
State Revenue Totals:			156,131.00		156,131.00	163,416.71	-7,285.71
<u>Other Intergovernmental Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-700-001	RMV Marking Fees				0.00	120.00	-120.00
01-4-770-000	CMVI fines				0.00	245.00	-245.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:					0.00	365.00	-365.00
<u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-816-000	Sale of Surplus Equipment				0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00
01-4-820-000	Earnings on Investments		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,426.15	-426.15
01-4-840-000	Miscellaneous Revenue		60.00		60.00	4,426.25	-4,366.25
01-4-841-000	Copies				0.00	70.30	-70.30
01-4-845-001	PreK Tuition Receipts				0.00	3,969.00	-3,969.00
01-4-846-000	Rowe Camp Donation to Tow				0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:			2,060.00		2,060.00	27,891.70	-25,831.70
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-999-902	Funded by Encumbrance	93,094.37			93,094.37		93,094.37
01-4-999-903	Funded by Carryovers	345,759.36			345,759.36		345,759.36
Other Financing Sources Totals:		438,853.73			438,853.73		438,853.73
Grand Totals:		438,853.73	4,433,477.77		4,872,331.50	4,457,749.83	414,581.67

Town of Rowe
FY 2020
Other Funds Revenue Report

as of: 6/30/2020

Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
21-4-690-005 Cultural Council Interest			93.82	93.82	93.82	0.00
21-4-690-006 Cultural Council State Fund				0.00	4,800.00	-4,800.00
21-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	5,702.85			5,702.85		5,702.85
Totals:	5,702.85		93.82	5,796.67	4,893.82	902.85

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000 Chapter 90 Revenue		142,143.00		142,143.00	143,287.29	-1,144.29
23-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	182,666.53			182,666.53		182,666.53
Totals:	182,666.53	142,143.00		324,809.53	143,287.29	181,522.24

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-300-555 School Programs			6,449.65	6,449.65	6,449.65	0.00
26-4-433-001 Recycling Revolving Reven			4,084.11	4,084.11	4,084.11	0.00
26-4-433-002 Refuse Garden Revolving			100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
26-4-512-001 BOH Vaccine Purchase			1,304.96	1,304.96	1,304.96	0.00
26-4-512-002 Emergency Dispensing Sit			718.22	718.22	718.22	0.00
26-4-630-000 Park Programs Revolving			1,725.00	1,725.00	1,725.00	0.00
26-4-970-001 Transfer from Gen Fund		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
26-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	10,674.64			10,674.64		10,674.64
Totals:	10,674.64	2,000.00	14,381.94	27,056.58	16,381.94	10,674.64

Fund: 27

Available Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-999-000 Offset to Free Cash		258,475.00		258,475.00		258,475.00
Totals:		258,475.00		258,475.00		258,475.00

Fund: 28

School Grants & Special Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
28-4-300-002 School Choice			246,337.00	246,337.00	246,337.00	0.00
28-4-300-003 School Lunch			13,696.84	13,696.84	13,696.84	0.00
28-4-300-004 Field Trip/Scholarship			700.04	700.04	700.04	0.00
28-4-300-007 SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303			3,779.00	3,779.00	3,779.00	0.00
28-4-300-010 FY20 258 Grant SDIG			150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
28-4-300-503 REAP			5,405.00	5,405.00	5,405.00	0.00
28-4-300-555 FY19 Rural Aid			5,916.49	5,916.49	5,916.49	0.00
28-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	324,130.23			324,130.23		324,130.23
Totals:	324,130.23		275,984.37	600,114.60	275,984.37	324,130.23

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenue

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
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29-4-500-007	DEP Recycling Grant		2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
29-4-500-414	Library State Aid		2,194.37	2,194.37	2,194.37	0.00
29-4-560-002	Cemetery Sale of Lots		150.00	150.00	150.00	0.00
29-4-580-299	Municipal Energy Technica	12,500.00		12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
29-4-610-001	Library of Things \$2,500.0	2,500.00		2,500.00		2,500.00
29-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	24,892.86		24,892.86		24,892.86
Totals:		24,892.86	933,997.00	28,910.30	987,800.16	72,788.30
						915,011.86

Fund: 33

Capital Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
33-4-192-000				0.00	200,000.00	-200,000.00
33-4-192-002				0.00	301,855.00	-301,855.00
33-4-192-003				0.00	0.00	0.00
33-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	568,380.85		568,380.85		568,380.85
Totals:		568,380.85		568,380.85	501,855.00	66,525.85

Fund: 81

NonExpendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
81-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	12,657.59		12,657.59		12,657.59
Totals:		12,657.59		12,657.59		12,657.59

Fund: 82

Expendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
82-4-281-000			18.09	18.09	18.09	0.00
82-4-281-001			43.47	43.47	43.47	0.00
82-4-281-002			103.80	103.80	103.80	0.00
82-4-281-003			2.38	2.38	2.38	0.00
82-4-281-004			17.26	17.26	17.26	0.00
82-4-281-005			9.09	9.09	9.09	0.00
82-4-281-006			83.76	83.76	83.76	0.00
82-4-281-007			15.46	15.46	15.46	0.00
82-4-281-008			27.25	27.25	27.25	0.00
82-4-281-009			27.25	27.25	27.25	0.00
82-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	58,290.06		58,290.06		58,290.06
Totals:		58,290.06	347.81	58,637.87	347.81	58,290.06

Fund: 83

Regular Stabilization

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-919-000			12,725.06	12,725.06	12,725.06	0.00
83-4-919-003			2.91	2.91	2.91	0.00
83-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	930,873.68		930,873.68		930,873.68
Totals:		930,873.68	12,727.97	943,601.65	12,727.97	930,873.68

Fund: 84

Capital Stabilization Accounts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
84-4-919-001			13,561.46	13,561.46	13,561.46	0.00
84-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	972,627.52		972,627.52		972,627.52
Totals:		972,627.52	13,561.46	986,188.98	13,561.46	972,627.52

Report Totals: 3,090,896.81 1,336,615.00 346,007.67 4,773,519.48 1,041,827.96 3,731,691.52

Tax Collector's Report - Fiscal Year 2020

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019								
Year/Tax	Outstanding 7/1/2019	Commitments	Abatelements	Tax Title	Payments	Refunds	Adjust- ments *	Outstanding 6/30/2020
11 MVE	-180.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-180.83
12 MVE	-169.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	-169.38
13 MVE	-34.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-34.38
14 MVE	-33.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-33.75
15 MVE	-320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	-320.00
16 MVE	-453.13	0	0.00	0.00	70.63	0.00	0.00	-382.50
17 MVE	-14.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	-14.58
18 MVE	-1,576.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	1503.86	0.00	0.00	-72.81
19 MVE	-3,673.03 #	-5,197.80	526.98	0.00	7818.06	-111.14	0.00	-636.93
20 MVE	0.00	-44,467.84	1399.9	0.00	37758.42	-148.92	0.00	-5,458.44
18 RE	-1,504.04	0	0	0.00	1446.42	0.00	0.00	-57.62
19 RE	-4,383.09	0	0	0.00	3415.52	-9.23	0.00	-976.80
19 PP	0.00	-2694595.02	4453.30	87.96	2680675.1	-2,471.44	0.00	-11,850.10
20 PP	0.00	-1528017.02	0.00	0.00	1528130.48	-113.46	0.00	0.00
	-12,342.88 #	-4,272,277.68	6,380.18	87.96	4,260,818.49	-2,854.19	0.00	-20,188.12

TOTALS

Miscellaneous Collections

\$175.00 Lien Fees
 \$580.00 Demand/Warrant/Misc Fees
 300.00 Deputy Collector Fees
 420.00 Mark for Non Renewal
 1,126.00 Interest on Overdue Tax Payments
 0.00 NSF Fees Collected
 541.59 Bank Interest
 0.00 TT Fees/Postage/Legal Ad

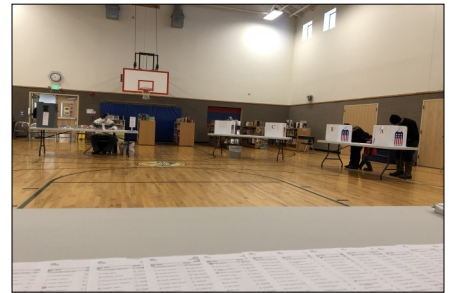
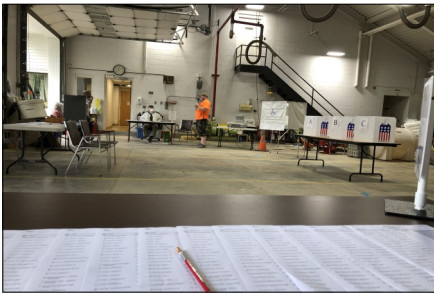
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Town Meetings, Elections, and Records



Above: Board of Selectmen (left) and voters (right) at the outdoor Annual Town Meeting

Below: September Primary at the Fire Station (left) and November Election at the Elementary School (right)



*“There’s no such thing as a
vote that doesn’t matter.”
-Barack Obama*

Town Meetings, Elections, and Records - Town Clerk

Town Clerk

Personnel & Services

Paul McLatchy III was elected at the June 2020 Annual Town Election for a three-year term. Funds were appropriated at the June Annual Town Meeting for a part-time assistant town clerk, but as of December 31st, one had not been appointed yet. The town clerk's office offers notary services to town residents for no fee. After being appointed in December, Justice of the Peace services (i.e. marriage) are also now available.

Covid-19 Pandemic Impact on Town Meeting and Elections

The Covid-19 Pandemic certainly had a major impact on how the world operated. To minimize the risk of exposure to staff and the public, Town Hall was closed in March 2020 and did not reopen by the end of the year. Public office hours were cancelled, but plenty of work was conducted behind the scenes.

Luckily, the March 2020 Presidential Primary was unaffected by the pandemic. A large number of voters turned out, with an overwhelming majority voting in the hotly-contested Democratic Primary.

In the earlier part of the year, the Massachusetts Legislature passed two pieces of legislation, one which would allow towns to delay their annual town meetings, and the other to delay their annual town elections and expanded voting by mail. The Board of Selectmen, after consulting with the Town Moderator, voted to delay the annual town meeting until Saturday, June 20th. Town meeting ended up being held outside with social distancing in place. Despite being new territory for many people, it went very smoothly with respect and cooperation by all.

Though it was not supported by the Town Clerk, the Board of Selectmen voted to delay the annual town election until Saturday, June 27th in order to allow those desiring to vote in person to do so more safely. Compared with surrounding towns, Rowe was lucky in that it had a nearly-full slate of candidates, with all but one incumbent seeking another term. Many other towns had relatively "empty" ballots as it became difficult to collect signatures with social distancing rules in place. We also had an extremely high vote-by-mail percentage- 123 out of 136, or 90.5%, whereas many other towns were lucky if they hit 50%. Due to the

high mail-in voting levels, hours were reduced from seven to four, and the staffing reduced from seven to five. Despite this, there was actually an increase of total votes cast over 2019.

For the September State Primary, voting was held at the Fire Station to accommodate new rules that required six feet of distance between equipment, not just personnel. Due to the limited space in the fitness center and first floor meeting room, this requirement could not be met in Town Hall. By using the fire apparatus bay the town was able to conduct the election with adequate spacing.

Though the fire station worked for the September election, in order to remain handicapped accessible, large bay doors had to be kept open. With the cold winter weather of November, this would not be possible. Therefore, the presidential election was moved to the gymnasium at the school, with voters entering and exiting from the rear entrance. Despite being a contentious election, the day went smoothly and everyone who voted adhered to the Covid-19 rules in place. Approximately half of the total votes were cast by mail.

Office Updates & 2021 Goals

The digitization of the office continues, with most of the files that were in the office completed. Files in the safe are an ongoing project. All incoming documents for the office are now scanned and stored on the server with multiple backups on external storage. Paper copies are stored in the attic at the end of the year, except for vital records and town meeting/election records, which are still stored in the safe. This has reduced the need for storing the physical files in the office and made it a more efficient space.

Licenses and forms are being reformatted so that they can be completed electronically, which allows for digital storage and cleaner printouts. It also reduces the number of blank forms that need to be kept on hand.

The conflict of interest/ethics training paperwork continues to be updated. With the exception of only a couple of people, nearly all officials and employees in town were out of date on their ethics training. I have been working to follow up and make sure officials and employees submit their necessary documentation.

Town Meetings, Elections, and Records - Town Clerk & Vital Records

My hope in 2021 is that the bulk of remaining records will be scanned and uploaded to the website for public browsing. Once town meeting records are complete, I'll be reviewing them in detail and compiling a list of important votes, potentially saving time down the road when someone needs to look up when a particular action was taken. I plan on also continuing the "manual" that was left to me so that when there is a change in staffing there are clear instructions on how to do the job.

Appreciation

Because it was a year of four elections and a pandemic, my "appreciation" list is much larger this year.

First, thank you to Marjorie Morse, who after many years decided to retire as an election worker and had been warden during my first year. Ashton Morse also served as the election clerk in March before stepping down. Thank you to Ramon Sanchez and Loretta Dionne for agreeing to be wardens and Lauren Werner for agreeing to be the election clerk. Henry Dandeneau has served well as constable and in good spirits, despite his food order somehow always getting messed up. Thank you to all the other election workers from this last year: Myra Carlow, Deborah Lively, Paul McLatchy Jr., Christine Tower, Shirley Veber, Susan Williams, Mary Paige, Robert Tanner III, and Susan Tomlinson. Colleen Avallone helped out in a pinch as a counter at the annual town election, and Officer Francis Noyes also filled in that day as both constables were on the ballot and couldn't work. For all state elections, it's a thirteen hour day, not including counting. I appreciate everyone who worked these long days without complaint. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Fire Chief, and School Administration for the use of the Fire Station and School for the fall elections.

While they are not seen in the election process, I also have to thank my three registrars: Lisa Danek Burke, Kerri McLatchy, and Brittani Sprague for working with me to process nomination and ballot question papers.

Thank you to Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau, who has been a great source of help and support. Custodian Danielle Larned has ensured that the office is not only clean, but safe during the pandemic. Highway Superintendent Lance Larned has helped to move heavy office equipment around on more than one occasion.

Resignations:

Earl Carlow, Cemetery Commission (1/1/20)

Marilyn Wilson, Cemetery Commission (Declined After Being Elected, 6/30/20)

Walter Quist, Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Representative (11/16/20)

Paul McLatchy III, Planning Board (12/31/20)

Vitals

Massachusetts General Law prohibits release of information for persons under 17 without parental permission.

Births:

Maddison Rae Gaetz
October 16, 2020

Born to Ashton Morse
and Tyler Gaetz

Deaths:

John "Jack" H. Williams
Birth: November 7, 1928
Death: January 6, 2020

James Pearce Carse
Birth: December 24, 1932
Death: September 25, 2020

Florence M. Veber
Birth: February 18, 1942
Death: October 21, 2020

Marriages

No marriage licenses issued in 2020.

Business Licenses

Pelham Brook Lodge
David Poehlein
61 Zoar Road
March 10, 2020



Town Meetings, Elections, and Records - Annual Town Meeting Results

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – RESULTS

Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Rowe Elementary School

Moderator: Robert Clancy
Town Clerk: Paul McLatchy III
**Board of
Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol,
Vice-Chair Jennifer Morse
Selectman Edward Silva
Town Counsel: Jeffrey Blake, Esq. – KP Law

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Rowe Elementary School, located at 86 Pond Road. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the meeting had been delayed from May 11th in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately forty-four (44) voters and ten (10) guests. Moderator Clancy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those who had passed since the 2019 Annual Town Meeting: Albert Garrity Sr., Doreen Petersen, Robin Reed, and John “Jack” Williams.

Moderator Clancy read out a brief greeting welcoming voters to the outdoor town meeting, thanked members of the town staff for their work during the pandemic, and informed voters of the rules of the meeting.

Assessors Chair Rick Williams spoke to the impact on FY21 taxes. If all articles were approved as presented, taxes will increase anywhere from 0.8% to 6.0%, depending on the amount of state aid received.

Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for comments. Chair Sokol informed the meeting that there would be changes in Articles 18 and 22, and that the Board intended to propose a consent agenda for the first nine articles. Moderator Clancy then read out the warrant greeting.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to consider Articles 1-9 collectively as a consent agenda.

*Motion to Consider and Approve Articles 1-9
Collectively as a Consent Agenda
Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

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

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to set the salary compensation for all elected officials of the town as provided by M.G.L. c. 41, section 108, to be made effective from July 1, 2020 as contained in the budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$50,000.00 for fiscal year 2021 to accept receipts related to the Town’s Planning Board, for the purpose of accepting fees related to legal/consulting, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2022, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00 for fiscal year 2021 to accept receipts related to the Town’s Board of Health, for the operation of the Refuse Gardens, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2022, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Commission, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year 2021 to accept receipts related to the Town’s Pelham Lake Park, for the operation of the Park Programs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2022, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

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ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will to vote to authorize, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44 § 53 E ½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, the following sums for Revolving Funds, or take any action in relation thereto:

(See official results on website for table)

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend Article III, § 13 of the town's General Bylaws by adding the following wording, or take any action in relation thereto:

(Change was for revolving fund table- see official results on website)

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the 2021 fiscal year pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, section 53F, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend federal and state grants as may be available, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,190.00 for Interest on borrowing related to the Municipal Broadband network construction for the 2021 fiscal year.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded to raised 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 2021 fiscal year:

Administration

General Administration	\$139,788.00
Municipal Audit	8,000.00
Executive Secretary	49,238.00
Admin. Asst. to the Boards	42,640.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	18,948.00
Custodian Expenses	3,775.00
Moderator Stipend	439.00
Select Board Stipends	5,928.00
Legal	8,000.00
Tax Collector Stipend	8,528.00
Town Collector Operations	7,997.00
Treasurer Stipends and Wages	21,240.00
Treasurer Operations	10,000.00
Town Clerk Stipends	15,035.00
Town Clerk Expenses	6,425.00
Conservation Commission	1,600.00
Council on Aging	3,800.00
Goal Post Editor Wages	6,150.00
Goal Post Operations	4,500.00
Veteran's Services	2,646.00
FRCOG Services	23,948.00
Town Accountant	29,245.00
<u>Town Accounting Expenses</u>	<u>3,972.00</u>
Subtotal General Government	\$421,842.00

Assessor's Office

Assessors' Stipends and Wages	17,354.00
Assessors' Reval/Annual Updates	22,600.00
<u>Assessors' Operations</u>	<u>9,600.00</u>
Subtotal Assessors	\$49,554.00

Planning Board

<u>Planning Board Operations</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Subtotal Planning Board	\$2,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT

FROM TAXATION **\$ 473,396.00**

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Planning Board Legal/Consulting Revolving Fund for FY2021.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

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ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be used as a Reserve Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6 for the extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2021 fiscal year.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 14: 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 2021 fiscal year:

Highway Department

DPW Salary and Wages	\$285,885.00
Roadside Mowing	15,000.00
DPW Operations	210,178.00
<u>Winter Roads</u>	<u>68,612.00</u>
Subtotal Highway Department	\$579,675.00

Other Public Works & Facilities

Street Lighting	\$5,000.00
Municipal Light Plant Operations	1,000.00
Mun. Light Plant Manager Stipend	6,800.00
<u>Dam Maintenance/Repair</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Subtotal	
Other Public Works & Facilities	\$14,000.00

Cemetery \$15,000.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES
FROM TAXATION** \$608,675.00

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 15: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from available funds the sum of \$156,357.00 for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 90, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 16: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Safety for the 2021 fiscal year:

Police Department

Police Salaries	\$54,949.00
<u>Police Operations</u>	<u>10,300.00</u>
Subtotal Police Department	\$65,249.00

Fire Department

Fire Department Stipends	\$34,850.00
Fire Department Shift Work	19,000.00
<u>Fire Dept. General Operations</u>	<u>41,690.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	\$95,540.00

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director	\$3,864.00
Emergency Management Operations	1,000.00
<u>Generator Maintenance</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Management	\$8,364.00

Animal Control and Inspection

Animal Control Stipends	\$1,157.00
Animal Inspector	532.00
<u>Regional Dog Kennel</u>	<u>350.00</u>
Subtotal Animal Control	\$2,039.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY
FROM TAXATION** \$ 171,192.00

A motion was made and seconded to hold a separate vote for the \$19,000 line item for Fire Department Shift Work. Motion to hold a separate vote passed by show of hands, unanimous.

\$19,000 for Fire Department Shift Work Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous.

Remainder of Article 16 Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous.

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Health and Sanitation for the 2021 fiscal year:

Health Dept. Stipends and Wages	\$80,787.00
Board of Health Operations	\$68,300.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION
FROM TAXATION** \$ 149,087.00

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

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ARTICLE 18: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Public Schools for the 2021 fiscal year:

School Committee Stipend \$4,564.00

Rowe School Budget

Rowe School PreK-6 Op. Bud. \$1,020,262.00

Rowe School Secondary 7-12 \$552,675.00

**TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FROM TAXATION \$ 1,577,501.00**

Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for the Rowe Town Library for the 2021 fiscal year:

Library Salaries and Wages \$42,902.00

Library Operations \$28,323.00

**TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY
FROM TAXATION \$ 71,225.00**

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 20: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for the management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2021 fiscal year:

Park Wages \$95,185.00

Operation and Maintenance \$19,700.00

TOTAL PARK FROM TAXATION \$ 114,885.00

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 21: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Culture and Recreation items for 2021 fiscal year:

Gracy House Operations \$ 1,000.00

Beautification \$ 500.00

**TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION
FROM TAXATION \$ 1,500.00**

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Pensions and Insurance for the 2021 fiscal year:

Franklin County Ret. Assessment \$140,839.00

Unemployment Insurance 20,000.00

Group Health/Dental/Life Ins. 634,000.00

FICA/Medicare Tax – Town Share 43,000.00

**TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE
FROM TAXATION \$ 837,839.00**

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Last Mile Grant Account from the Executive Office of the Housing and Economic Development the sum of \$200,000.00 for Principal on borrowing related to the Municipal Broadband network construction for the 2021 fiscal year.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the following sums:

SCHOOL – Fire Pump Controller \$ 7,000.00

SCHOOL – Dishwasher Booster \$ 3,050.00

BOA – Cons./Legal Support \$ 50,000.00

TOTAL FREE CASH PROJECTS \$60,050.00

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 25: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the capital stabilization fund, the following sums for capital repairs and improvements:

DPW – Front End Loader \$ 200,000.00

BOH – Paper Compactor \$ 15,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL STAB. FUND \$215,000.00

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

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ARTICLE 26: A motion was made and seconded to amend the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, Article III §4, by deleting the following wording from the last sentence:

“Omnibus article at the”

which will result in the following wording:

“The Finance Committee shall have the powers and duties delegated to it by said Section 16 and other applicable laws including the duty of submitting a budget for the annual Town Meeting and such recommendations shall be printed on the annual Town Meeting warrant.”

Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 27: A motion was made and seconded to authorize and direct the Moderator to appoint a Stipend Study Committee of three (3) or five (5) voters to study stipends for elected town committees. For the purpose of this study, “committee” shall be defined as a public body consisting of three or more people elected for a defined term. No member of this committee shall hold an elected office, or be related (parents, children, siblings, spouse, and spouse's parents, children, and siblings) to an individual that serves on an elected committee. This committee will be responsible for compiling a report and making recommendations on matters related to stipends including, but not limited to, the following:

- The definition of a stipend for the purpose of paying committee members
- An objective method for determining whether a committee should receive a stipend or not.
- Which committees should or should not receive a stipend, and how to ensure that all committees are valued for their contribution to the town’s wellbeing.
- An objective method of determining how much a committee should receive and the reasons for the amount.
- If a committee should receive a stipend, how much should they receive
- Whether officers of a committee should receive more than other members, or receive a stipend if the committee as a whole is not recommended to receive one.

- Recommendations on how to address increases/changes to stipends in the future
- Recommendations for which person or body/bodies should be responsible for reviewing stipend-related matters in the future.

This committee shall submit a report to the members of all elected committees no later than January 31, 2021.

Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 28: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from free cash the sum of \$156,845 to the Stabilization Fund.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to consider Articles 29-31 collectively as a consent agenda.

Motion to Consider and Approve Articles 29-31

Collectively as a Consent Agenda

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17F, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D by up to 100% of the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, and to fix that annual increase at 100% of CPI to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of

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Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens, under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Passed as Part of Consent Agenda

ARTICLE 32: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting:

- Board of Health Chair Margaret Rice wished to congratulate Town Nurse Sheila Litchfield on her retirement on June 30th. She wished to have the town's gratitude entered into the town meeting record. A large round of applause was given for Ms. Litchfield.
- Board of Selectmen Vice-Chair Jennifer Morse wanted to congratulate her father Alfred Morse, who had retired from mowing the town cemeteries after 37 years. A round of applause was given for Mr. Morse.
- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III reminded voters about the election next Saturday, June 27, and encouraged people to vote by mail where possible. The polls will be open from 10:00 to 2:00 at the town hall.
- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III wished to thank Town Hall Custodian Danielle Larned for her hard work in landscaping at the town hall. A round of applause was given for Ms. Larned.
- Fire Chief Dennis Annear informed people that cloth masks were now available from the Fire Department.
- Frederick Williams wanted to commend the great sound system in use at the meeting.

- Transfer Station Attendant James Lively wanted to thank the townspeople for their part in reducing trash and increasing recycling. Recycling is up, and trash tonnage has decreased by almost half.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk
June 23, 2020



*Moderator Bob Clancy at the 2020 outdoor
Annual Town Meeting*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – RESULTS

Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Rowe Fire Station Parking Lot

Moderator:	Robert Clancy
Town Clerk:	Paul McLatchy III
Board of Selectmen:	Chair Charles Sokol
	Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie
	Selectman Edward Silva

The Special Town Meeting was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at the Rowe Fire Station Parking Lot, located at 4 Sibley Road. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the meeting was held outside.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately nineteen (19) voters and three (3) guests. Moderator Clancy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a brief greeting welcoming voters to the town meeting, a note of thanks to members of the town staff for their work during the pandemic, and informed voters of the rules of the meeting.

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Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for comments, but there were none. Moderator Clancy then read out the warrant greeting.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Municipal Stabilization Fund the sum of \$130,000.00 for the Ford Hill Culvert Project.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$29,500.00 to replace the school tractor.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Municipal Stabilization Fund the sum of \$9,000.00 to install security and monitoring equipment at the Rowe Elementary School.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Municipal Stabilization Fund the sum of \$3,500.00 for cemetery land legal fees.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$26,000.00 to replace the park structure and sand.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase, install, and/or program emergency communications equipment.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles removing sums from Stabilization funds.

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from the Town Nurse Wages line the sum of \$3,750.00 to the Board of Health Operations line.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to accept the provisions of Chapter 54, Section 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws:

In any city or town which accepts this section, if the warden, clerk or inspector, or the deputy of any such officer, if any, is not present at the opening of the polls, the city or town clerk may appoint a person to fill such vacancy who shall be an enrolled voter of the same political party as the absent officer, if any competent person enrolled in such party is present and willing to serve.

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting:

Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III reminded voters about the early voting sessions being held in the coming week and encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk
October 24, 2020

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Annual Town Election Results

Saturday, June 27, 2020
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Rowe Town Hall
136 Votes Cast / 304 Total Registered Voters
44.7% Turnout

Warden: Ramon Luis Sanchez
Clerk: Lauren Werner
Police: Francis Noyes
Tellers: Mary Paige, Paul McLatchy Jr.,
Counters: Ramon Luis Sanchez, Lauren
Werner, Mary Paige, Colleen Avallone

(Note: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the election was delayed from May and had reduced hours and tellers)

Board of Assessors – 3 Years

Frederick Williams 125
Blanks 11

Board of Health – 3 Years

Daniel Poplawski 122
Robin Booth (WI) 1
Lisa Miller (WI) 1
Blanks 12

Board of Selectmen – 3 Years

Joanne Semanie 79
Jennifer Morse (WI) 43
Blanks 14

Cemetery Commission – 3 Years

Marilyn Wilson 102
Alfred Morse (WI) 3
Chris Brown (WI) 2
Kevin Sprague (WI) 1
Blanks 28

Constable – 3 Years

Henry Dandeneau 123
Blanks 13

Finance Committee – 3 Years (2 Seats)

Loretta Dionne 102
Paul McLatchy III 116
Donna Butzke (WI) 2
Colleen Avallone (WI) 1
Jennifer Morse (WI) 1
Ellen Miller (WI) 1
Blanks 49

Library Trustee – 3 Years

Rebecca Bradley 125
Blanks 11

Park Commission – 3 Years

Laurie Pike 122
Blanks 14

Planning Board – 5 Years

Jessica Albrecht 89
Dan Wessman (WI) 2
Walter Quist (WI) 2
Robin Booth (WI) 1
Darlene Upton (WI) 1
Blanks 41

Planning Board – 2 Years

Walter Quist (WI) 4
Lauren Werner (WI) 4
Mitch Soviecke (WI) 3
Dan Wessman (WI) 2
Colleen Avallone (WI) 2
Susan Gleason (WI) 2
Pru Berry (WI) 1
Rob Williams (WI) 1
Bob Clancy (WI) 1
James Lively (WI) 1
Buster Reed (WI) 1
Donna Butzke (WI) 1
Rebecca Bradley (WI) 1
Doug Wilson (WI) 1
Blanks 111

School Committee – 3 Years

Susan Zavotka 107
Rosemary Gordon (WI) 3
Marilyn Wilson (WI) 2
Blanks 24

Town Clerk – 3 Years

Paul McLatchy III 125
William Morse (WI) 2
Donald Trump (WI) 1
Blanks 8

Question #1 (Gracy House)

Demolish 74
Renovate 43
Blanks 19

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Presidential Primary Election Results

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Rowe Town Hall

133 Votes Cast / 306 Total Registered Voters

43.5% Turnout

Wardens: Marjorie Morse, Loretta Dionne
Clerk: Ashton Morse
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Tellers: Myra Carlow, Deborah Lively, Paul
McLatchy Jr., Ramon Luis Sanchez,
Christine Tower, Shirley Veber,
Lauren Werner, Susan Williams

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – 106 Votes

Presidential Preference

Deval Patrick 0
Amy Klobuchar 0
Elizabeth Warren 22
Michael Bennet 0
Michael Bloomberg 11
Tulsi Gabbard 1
Cory Booker 0
Julian Castro 0
Tom Steyer 0
Bernie Sanders 37
Joseph Biden 32
John Delaney 0
Andrew Yang 0
Pete Buttigieg 2
Marianne Williamson 0
No Preference 1
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 0

State Committee Man

Sherwood Guernsey II 78
Blanks 28

State Committee Woman

Marietta Rapetti Cawse 80
Blanks 26

Town Committee*

Group** 47
John R.H. Packard 30
Ellynn Baxter Packard 18
Douglas Wilson 26
Prudence Berry 27
Write-Ins 1
Blanks 16

GREEN-RAINBOW PRIMARY – 1 Vote

Presidential Preference

Dario Hunter 0
Sedinam Kinamo Christin
Moyowasifza-Curry 0
Kent Mesplay 0
Howard Hawkins 0
No Preference 1
Blanks 0

State Committee Man

Blanks 1

State Committee Woman

Blanks 1

Town Committee

Blanks 1

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – 24 Votes

Presidential Preference

William Weld 1
Joe Walsh 0
Donald J. Trump 22
Roque “Rocky”
De La Fuente 0
No Preference 0
Spoiled/Invalid 1
Blanks 0

State Committee Man

Michael F. Case 14
Tyler James Hastings 6
Blanks 4

State Committee Woman

Robin S. Almgren 12
Christine M. Canning 7
Blanks 5

Town Committee

Blanks 24

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*Voters may vote up to ten candidates

**“Group” is a vote for all four candidates.

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LIBERTARIAN PRIMARY – 2 Votes

Presidential Preference

Arvin Vohra 0
Vermin Love Supreme 0
Jacob George Hornberger 1
Samuel Joseph Robb 0
Dan Taxation Is Theft
 Behrman 0
Kimberly Margaret Ruff 0
Kenneth Reed Armstrong 0
Adam Kokesh 0
Jo Jorgensen 0
Max Abramson 0
No Preference 1
Blanks 0

State Committee Man

Blanks 2

State Committee Woman

Blanks 2

Town Committee

Blanks 2

State Primary Results

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Rowe Fire Station

139 Votes Cast / 306 Total Registered Voters

45.4% Turnout

Warden: Ramon Luis Sanchez
Clerk: Lauren Werner
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Tellers: Loretta Dionne, Paul McLatchy Jr.,
Robert Tanner III, Susan Tomlinson,
Christine Tower, Shirley Veber, Susan
Williams

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – 112 Votes

Senator in Congress

Edward J. Markey 73
Joseph P. Kennedy III 39
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 0

Representative in Congress

Richard E. Neal 62
Alex B. Morse 50
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 0

Councillor

Mary E. Hurley 93
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 19

Senator in General Court

Adam G. Hinds 101
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 11

Representative in General Court

Paul W. Mark 98
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 14

Register of Probate

John F. Merrigan 98
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 14

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY – 27 Votes

Senator in Congress

Shiva Ayyadurai 12
Kevin J. O'Connor 15
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 0

Representative in Congress

Write-Ins 0
Blanks 27

Councillor

Write-Ins 0
Blanks 27

Senator in General Court

Write-Ins 0
Blanks 27

Representative in General Court

Write-Ins 0
Blanks 27

Register of Probate

Write-Ins 0
Blanks 27

LIBERTARIAN PRIMARY – 0 Votes

GREEN-RAINBOW PRIMARY – 0 Votes

Town Meetings, Elections, and Records - Election Results

General Election Results

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Rowe Elementary School

269 Votes Cast / 311 Total Registered Voters

86.5% Turnout

Warden: Ramon Luis Sanchez
Clerk: Lauren Werner
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Tellers: Paul McLatchy Jr., Susan Williams

Electors of President and Vice President

Biden/Harris 152
Hawkins/Walker 0
Jorgensen/Cohen 2
Trump/Pence 113
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 2

Senator in Congress

Edward Markey 149
Kevin O'Connor 109
Shiva Ayyadurai (WI) 4
Other Write-Ins 0
Blanks 7

Representative in Congress

Richard E. Neal 177
Write-Ins 5
Blanks 87

Councillor

Mary E. Hurley 180
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 89

Senator in General Court

Adam G. Hinds 191
Write-Ins 1
Blanks 77

Representative in General Court

Paul W. Mark 182
Write-Ins 1
Blanks 86

Register of Probate

John F. Merrigan 184
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 85

Council of Governments Executive Committee

Jay DiPucchio 181
Write-Ins 0
Blanks 88

Question #1: Right to Repair

Yes 212
No 51
Blanks 6

Question #2: Ranked Choice Voting

Yes 94
No 156
Blanks 19



*Three generations of voters on election day
(Left to Right): John Lively, Carol (Besgen) Lively,
Christina Lively, and Anne Besgen.*

Prospective Juror List - 2020

ALBRECHT, JESSICA C	122 DAVENPORT RD	
ALBRECHT, TRAVIS E	PO BOX 284	
ASH, BRIAN S	6 PINE HILL DR	LINEMN/MA ELEC
ASH, LAURIE L	6 PINE HILL DR	VET ASSTNT
AVALLONE, COLLEEN C	BX 271	
AVALLONE, ROBERT J	37 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	MUSICIAN
AVERY, LINDA E	BX 312	ADMINST ASST
BAILEY, TAYLOR S	14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	
BAKER, NICHOLAS T	65 STONE HILL RD	DEERFIELD ACAD
BAKER, ROBERTA M	65 STONE HILL RD	TEACHER
BAKER, WILLIAM J	65 STONE HILL RD	BUSINESSMAN
BALDWIN, JOHN D	30 POTTER RD	MANAGER
BEAUMIER, CHRISTIE A	2 CYRUS STAGE RD	
BEAUMIER, ROBERT P	2 CYRUS STAGE RD	
BJORK, TIMOTHY J	42 LESHURE RD	
BOOTH, ROBIN	194 LESHURE RD	NURSE
BOUTWELL, REBECCA S	7 POTTER RD	RETAIL MNGMNT
BOUTWELL-SWOPE, KRISTAH R	32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	CNA
BOYD, IAN M	5 STONE RD	COOK
BRADLEY, KENNETH F	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	AUDIO ENGINEER
BRADLEY, MICHAEL F	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	HEARING TESTER
BRADLEY, REBECCA P	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	BB OWNER
BRINES, COURTENAY M	189 POTTER RD	VETERINARIAN
BROWN, CRAIG W	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	CLASS TRUCK DR
BROWN, REED E	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE ROAD	COOK
BURKE, DANIEL J	465 TUNNEL RD	ENVRNMNTL ENG
BURKE, DANIEL T	465 TUNNEL RD	STUDENT
BURKE, RYAN P	465 TUNNEL RD	MOHAWK
BUTZKE, DONNA E	137 LESHURE RD	SUB TEACHER
BUTZKE, HERBERT G	137 LESHURE RD	SALES
CADARETTE, STEPHEN A	11 HAZELTON RD	RETIRED
CHIOFALO, THOMAS L	87 POTTER RD	RETIRED
CIRINNA, GEOFFREY T	252 ZOAR RD	MECHANIC
CLANCY, ROBERT J	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	RETIRED
CLANCY, SEAN M	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	STUDENT
COLUMBUS, PETER J	PO BOX 825 01339	WRITER
COULOMBE, DEAN R	39 STONE HILL RD	TREE SERVICE
COULOMBE, MACKENZI B	39 STONE HILL RD	MOHAWK
COUSINEAU, HEIDI	PO BOX 1001 01339	FIELD SALES RE
COWIE, BRUCE W	487 TUNNEL RD	GRAPHIC DESIGN
COWIE, JANET L	487 TUNNEL RD	DIRECTOR PADDL
CROWNINGSHIELD, BRIAN C	245 ZOAR RD	
CROWNINGSHIELD, DEBRA A	450 TUNNEL RD	OFFICE MANAGER
CROWNINGSHIELD, JENNA M	16 NEWELL CROSS RD	PCA
CROWNINGSHIELD, MATTHEW R	16 NEWELL CROSS RD	HWYCREW
CROWNINGSHIELD, STEVEN R	450 TUNNEL RD	CARPENTER

Prospective Juror List - 2020

DANDENEAU, EVELYN L	P O BOX 282	RETIRED
DANDENEAU, HENRY J	P O BOX 282	RETIRED
DANEK JR, THOMAS P	39 CROSS RD	EXCAVTR
DANEK, HELEN E	39 CROSS RD	HOMEMAKER
DAVIAU, SANDRA P	17 POTTER RD	TAX COLLECTOR
DE MENOCAL, PETER B	148 DAVENPORT RD	
DEMAREY, MATTHEW T	37 STEELE BROOK RD	
DENOUDEN, NICOLE	34 STONE HILL RD	MANAGER
DENSON, MICHAEL A	100 LESHURE RD	MECHANIC
DENSON, NORMA L	100 LESHURE RD	DISABLED
DUVAL, MARK A	65 POTTER RD	
DVORE, DAVID S	75 POTTER RD	COMPUTER SERVI
DYKEMAN, ROBERT L	468 TUNNEL RD	RETIRED
FOBERG, KIRSTEN E	160 HAZELTON RD	
GALLO, RAYMOND	33 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	DISABLED
GARY, VIRGINIA P	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	TEACHER
GOTTESMAN MS, BARBARA A	PO BOX 470	RETIRED
GRIECO, ANN L	BX 461	AT HOME
GRIECO, RICHARD	PO BOX 461	RETIRED
HAMILTON, RICHARD A	34 STONE HILL RD	
HEILIGMANN, KATHARINE S	71 CROSS RD	RETIRED
HETTLINGER, SARAH A	PO BOX 3023 01339	POTTER
HICKS, AMY B	86 FORD HILL RD	
HOLBROOK, RACHEL	127 COUNTY RD	PHARMACY TECH
HOUGHTALING, MELISSA A	14 TUNNEL RD	UNEMPLOYED
HOUGHTALING, THOMAS A	14 TUNNEL RD	CONSTRUCTION
HUMBERT, ANNA J	530 TUNNEL RD	RETIRED
HUMBERT, DENNIS A	530 TUNNEL RD	MECHANICAL ENG
HYYTINEN, CHRISTOPHER S	65 HAZELTON RD	POLICE OFFICER
HYYTINEN, TABITHA J	65 HAZELTON RD	
JACKSON, LISA M	88 HAZELTON RD	TEACHER
JACKSON, ORAL L	88 HAZELTON RD	MECHANIC
JOHNSON, KRISTEN L	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	ADMINISTRATION
JOLLY, MORGHAN W	19 STONE RD	WEB DEVELOPER
KATZ, REBECCA	80 DAVENPORT RD	COUNSELOR
KICHOROWSKY, ROMAN M	78 HAZELTON RD	
KILLOUGH-MILLER, ARIA R	P O BOX 273	STUDENT
KUEHL, ANDREW D	43 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	EMPLOYED
KUEHL, MICHAEL W	36 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	HVAC TECH
KUEHL, MIKE W	36 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	HVAC/R TECH
KUHL, HEIDI C	22 KINGS HWY	

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LAFFOND, ERIN L	208 HAZELTON RD	MOHAWK
LAFFOND, SPENCER M	208 HAZELTON RD	COLLEGE AZ
LARNED, DANIELLE M	26 NEWELL CROSS RD	CUSTODIAL
LARNED, HAILEY G	39 CROSS RD	HOME MAINT
LEVITRE, CRISTINE	PO BOX 296	SELF EMPLOYED
LIVELY, ABIGAIL R	64 DELL RD	COOK/FITNESS
LIVELY, ANNE M	22 FORD HILL RD	PCA/HOMEMAKER
LIVELY, CAROL F	11 PETRIE RD	FARMER
LIVELY, CHRISTINA	11 PETRIE RD	COLLEGE
LIVELY, JASON A	22 FORD HILL RD	TRUCK DRIVER
LIVELY, JONATHAN A	11 PETRIE RD	BOILER OPERATO
LONG, BARBARA A	58 TATRO RD 01339	UNKNOWN
LOOMIS, LEANN Z	63 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	DIR PUPIL SVC
LOOMIS, RUTH E	63 TATRO ROAD 01339	NURSE PRAC
LOOMIS, SEAN R	63 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	PARK RANGER
LOOMIS, WILLIAM A	108 HAZELTON RD	RETIRED
MARKERT, KAREN	377 TUNNEL RD	UNEMPLOYED
MAY, DENNIS F	22 POTTER RD	RETIRED
MAY, GAIL	22 POTTER RD	RETIRED
MAY, KATHERINE E	68 CROSS RD	HOMEMAKER
MCLATCHY III, PAUL	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	ADMINISTRATIVE
MCLATCHY JR, PAUL	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	RETIRED
MCLATCHY, KERRI L	20 NEWELL CROSS ROAD	TEACHER
MILLER, CLAYTON C	160 HAZELTON RD	WELDER
MILLER, DANIEL J	P O BOX 417	RETIRED
MILLER, ELLEN B	160 HAZELTON RD	TREAS/ASSESSO
MILLER, LISA L	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	NURSE/PRACTNER
MORANO, CHRIS	14 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	CARPENTER
MORSE, ASHTON P	162 ZOAR RD	MACHINE
MORSE, JENNIFER A	PO BOX 295	ASSESSOR
MYERS, KEVIN T	189 POTTER RD	SPEC ED TEAC
NICHOLS, ROBIN	58 TATRO RD	BAKER
PAIGE III, CLIFFORD	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	CUSTODIAL
PAIGE, GIANNA M	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	MOHAWK
PAIGE, NATHAN I	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	ST MICHAELS
PAIGE, SARA	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	GORDON COLLEGE
PALMER, EDWIN A	6 PALMER RD	MECHANIC
PARENT, WILLIAM M	39 STONE HILL ESTERDE	HR MANAGER
PHELPS, HEIDI F	36 PETRIE RD	BANKING SEVICE
PICKETT, FELICITY	300 ZOAR RD	RETIRED
PIKE, LAURIE J	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	RETIRED
PITTSLEY, CARL J	20 NEWELL CROSS RD	MEDICAL
PLANTE, NANCY J	68 ZOAR RD	ADMINISTRATIVE
PLANTE, THOMAS J	68 ZOAR RD	UNEMPLOYED
POEHLEIN, DAVID G	BX 17 01339	OFFICE MNGR/SK

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POLHEMUS, RICHARD E	171 ZOAR RD	UNKNOWN
POPLAWSKI, DANIEL P	37 SHIPPEE RD	ARBELLA INS
POPLAWSKI, EMMA C	37 SHIPPEE RD	STUDENT
POPLAWSKI, GRACE E	37 SHIPPEE RD	MOHAWK
POPLAWSKI, HANNAH M	37 SHIPPEE RD	STUDENT
QUIST, KELLE J	4 FORD HILL RD	RETIRED
REARDON, MARY A	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	HOUSEWIFE
REARDON, WILLIAM N	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	VERMONT YANKEE
REED IV, LOCKWOOD L	48 HAZELTON RD	U S NAVY
REYNOLDS, DANETTE L	30 POTTER RD	BUSINESS MANAG
RICE, BRADLEY J	86 FORD HILL RD	DISABILITY
RICE, DEAN T	85 FORD HILL RD	TRUCK DRIVER
RICE, JENNIFER L	85 FORD HILL RD	HOMEMAKER
RICE, JORDAN S	85 FORD HILL RD	UMASS
RICE, MARGARET E	88 DAVIS MINE RD	RN- RETIRED
RICE, TYLER B	85 FORD HILL RD	UMASS
RICHARDSON, REBECCA F	27 NEWELL CROSS RD	ELMSTEACHER
ROCCIO, MORGAN T	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	STUDENT
ROCCIO, PAULETTE A	10 KINGS HWY	FACILITIES MGR
ROCHE, BARBARA J	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	PROFESSOR
ROSE-FISH, JILL M	32 SHIPPEE RD	HOME
ROSE-FISH, JOHN C	32 SHIPPEE RD	UNKNOWN
SANCHEZ, RAMON L	182 FORD HILL RD	RETIRED
SCHREIBER, MICHAEL L	63 DAVENPORT RD	
SEMANIE, CAITLYN I	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	THERAPIST
SEMANIE, JOANNE E	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	CLERK
SHERMAN, BENJAMIN E	77 HAZELTON RD	UNEMPLOYED
SHERMAN, CONNIE A	77 HAZELTON RD	PROGRAM MANAGE
SHIPPEE, JULIE J	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	POLICE CHIEF
SHIPPEE, KENNETH R	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	HGWAY
SHIPPEE, KURT W	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	DELIVERY DRIVE
SHIPPEE, KYLE K	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	LABORER
SHULDA, BROOKE E	146 FORD HILL RD	UNKNOWN
SHULDA, LYNNE K	205 ZOAR RD	RETIRED
SHULDA, PHILIP W	205 ZOAR ROAD	RETIRED
SILVA, CARRIE Y	123 DAVIS MINE RD	CLERICAL/PARA
SILVA, ROBERT A	123 DAVIS MINE RD	CONSTRUCTION
SILVA, SANDRA J	54 FORD HILL RD	RETIRED
SIMPSON, ELIAKIM H	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	SUPERVISOR
SMITH, SANDRA	PO BOX 226 01302	NURSE
SNYDER, TIMOTHY C	49 CROSS RD	INSTRUMENT TEC
SOKOL, CHARLES	14 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	ENGINEER
SOKOL, MEREDITH L	14 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	BARTENDER
SOUSA, JAMES E	99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	
SOVIECKE, KAREN	41 DAVENPORT RD	RETIRED

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SOVIECKE, MITCHELL	41 DAVENPORT RD	SELF EMPLOYED
SPRAGUE, BRANDON A	162 ZOAR RD	FARMER
SPRAGUE, BRITTANI M	40 SHIPPEE RD	TEACHER
SPRAGUE, JULIE E	162 ZOAR RD	MOHAWK
SPRAGUE, KATHERINE D	242 FORD HILL RD	ADMIN
SUTHERLAND, JENNIE R	202 LESHURE RD	OUTREACH COOR
SUTHERLAND, WENDY S	202 LESHURE RD	RN
TANNER III, ROBERT H	40 SHIPPEE RD	PCA
TATRO, BRIAN R	36 PETRIE RD	LIFT OPERATOR
TATRO, CHRISTOPHER	186 POTTER RD	
THANE, JOSEPH E	32 DAVENPORT BRANCH ROAD	
TOMLINSON, SUSAN D	145 LESHURE RD	RETIRED
TRAVIS, WILLIAM R	62 POND RD	PARAMEDIC
UPTON, CASSIDY J	5 PINE HILL DR	
UPTON, DARLINE J	5 PINE HILL DR	
UPTON, DOUGLAS M	5 PINE HILL DR	MECHANIC
URENA, DIVINA	101 HAZELTON RD	
VALITSKY-BEAUMIER, DAWN M	2 CYRUS STAGE RD	
VEBER, MARY E	294 ZOAR RD	ASST CUST MANA
VEBER, PRESLEY	3 PINE HILL DR	WW BUILDER
VEBER, TERRY	294 ZOAR RD	VP/RICE OIL
VEGA, RICHARD	14 POTTER RD	HVAC TECH
VON ROSENVINGE, SCOTT N	9 PINE HILL DR	CONTRACTOR
WERNER, BENJAMIN J	22 KINGS HIGHWAY	EXEC DIRECTOR
WERNER, LAUREN A	22 KINGS HWY	VOLUNTEER
WESSMAN, DANIEL J	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	DARK RM TECH
WHITE, CELIA	19 STONE RD	STUDENT
WHITE, GLENN M	245 LESHURE RD	BURNER TECH
WHITE, SUSAN M	19 STONE RD	TEACHER
WILLIAMS, ALBERT R	58 TATRO RD 01339	LABORER
WILLIAMS, DANA M	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	STUDENT
WILLIAMS, FREDERICK N	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	RETIRED
WILLIAMS, JAMES R	101 HAZELTON RD	LANDLORD
WILLIAMS, JAY T	146 FORD HILL RD	
WILLIAMS, SUSAN A	7 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	
WILSON REV, DOUGLAS	144 LESHURE RD	MINISTER
WILSON, MARILYN	37 POTTER RD	RETIRED
WOOD, JENNIFER Y	19 STONE RD	GUIDE/CHILD CA
WOOD, SUSAN C	19 STONE RD	MEDIATOR
WRISLEY, NICOLE	14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	
YORK, JILLIAN M	30 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	UNKNOWN
ZAVOTKA, KELLY L	505 TUNNEL RD	TEACHER
ZAVOTKA, SUSAN L	505 TUNNEL RD	RETIRED

Education



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

-Nelson Mandela

2020 Graduates

High School Seniors



Grace Poplawski



Cassidy Upton



Ryan Burke

Rowe Elementary School 6th Grade Graduating Class



Kay, Alex, Addie, Kiaya, Lilly, Beck, and Kameron

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Rowe School Committee

The Rowe School Committee members for 2020 were Matt Crowningshield, Mary Paige, and Susie Zavotka, Chair. Non-voting members of the Committee included John Franzoni, Superintendent, and Bill Knittle, Rowe School Principal. Laurie Laffond records the minutes.

Below is a brief summary of the major activities of the committee:

Monthly Meetings: The Committee met monthly. Due to COVID guidelines all meetings were held via Google Meets. Superintendent John Franzoni and Principal Bill Knittle attended each meeting. Business Administrator Jennifer Macksey attended as needed.

COVID: The majority of business for 2020 centered on responding to MA State requirements to submit plans for safely providing education for Rowe students. Options included meeting in person, remote learning, and hybrid (remote and in-person learning). The Committee voted to use remote learning through June 2020 and began total in-person learning beginning in September.

The Committee was actively involved in helping the administration and staff make related changes in the teacher contract, budget, school calendar, as well as developing policies related to safe practices for in-person learning approved by the Board of Health.

Due to required safe practices, the School Committee voted to not offer Pre-School for the FY2020 school year.

Teacher Contract: A new 3-year contract was negotiated for Rowe School Teachers (2020-2022). Several MOA's were also negotiated for this school year due to changes in the school day and calendar necessary for COVID protocol.

Non-Union Staff Job Descriptions and Salary Schedule: The School Committee adopted a wage schedule for the custodian, cafeteria workers, and secretary.

Capital Expenditures: The School Committee requested and received money from the town for the

following: surge protection equipment for the pump house, additional paving/extension of the parking area, security upgrades, dishwasher repair, and a tractor.

Rowe School Committee is especially grateful this year for the amazing faculty and staff who serve Rowe School, and the Superintendent and staff at Northern Berkshire School Union. Their creativity and perseverance has made it possible for Rowe School students to continue to receive an outstanding education under very difficult circumstances. Thanks also to parents and family members who were diligent in following COVID safe practices. The Committee also wishes to recognize Dwight Beebe on his retirement after many years of service to the Rowe School as teacher of the 5/6 grade class.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Zavotka, Chair
Matt Crowningshield, Member
Mary Paige, Member

Rowe Elementary School

It is our pleasure to submit the 2020 Annual Report for Rowe Elementary School. It was an unprecedented year, with unexpected challenges and exciting rewards, but the staff continues to strive to provide the most comprehensive and caring academic and social/emotional educational experience for all of our students. So much has changed, but many things have not. What has changed is that last year's report talked about all the activities the students at the school were involved in. What has also changed is how different life is at the school due to the ongoing pandemic. This includes extensive personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfecting supplies, making sure everyone is wearing a mask, being physically distant, and maintaining proper hygiene, as well as delivering more outdoor-based education.

The 3/4 class at Rowe School in their outdoor classroom on a rainy day.



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What hasn't changed is the commitment of all of the staff to doing whatever needs to be done to offer every student the best education possible, as well as the cooperation between school staff and families to keep us all learning in-person.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- The Rowe School teaching staff continued its work with Outdoor, Place-Based, and Project-Based Learning (PBL), at all grade levels and across different subject areas at varying levels. 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.
- While not possible during our time spent learning remotely in the spring, once back in-person Rowe School teachers evaluated the reading abilities of all students with the Benchmark Assessment System, with most students showing appropriate gains. This assessment provides meaningful information about both instructional and independent reading levels and supports the Guided Reading program.
- The Guided Reading program that is employed at the school allows the teachers to target reading instruction directly at a student's instructional reading level. For those students who test below grade level, we have reading intervention programs for grades K-6, Leveled Literacy Intervention, Read Naturally and Wilson, that allow teachers to work with small groups of students to help them progress toward reading at grade level.
- Students continue to learn and speak Spanish from kindergarten through the sixth grade.
- The Rowe Parent-Teacher Partnership continued their fundraising efforts for the school, including selling Rowe School branded coffee and mugs, new t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats, as well as many delicious and useful fundraising projects.
- The School Committee at the end of 2020 consisted of Susie Zavotka, Chair, Mary Paige, and Matt Crowningshield, who worked hard to guide the school.
- The North Berkshire School Union Central Office, including Superintendent John Franzoni, Business Administrator Jennifer Macksey, and Director of Pupil Services Stephanie Pare, as well as a number of others, provided invaluable support to the students, staff, and families of the Rowe School.

Once again the learning adventure continues thanks to the 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,
John Franzoni, Superintendent
Bill Knittle, Principal



Mr. Crean leading the all-school chorus on the last day of in-person learning in March.



The third grade class at Rowe School gets in-person and remote learners working together during an activity.



Students at the Rowe School in a winter outdoor learning activity.

Education - Mohawk Trail Regional High School

Superintendent of Schools

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. Beginning July 1, 2020, I have been learning as much as possible about our Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts, our towns, and our community. While the COVID 19 global pandemic has certainly changed how we have been introduced to each other, I am extremely grateful for the enthusiastic and warm welcome I have received. It is clear that we share a common vision and commitment to our children, and even more so, during these challenging times.

The school districts have responded to COVID 19 by preparing remote learning for all students. Educators spent 10 days of professional development preparing new curriculum, lessons, and instruction for this new model of education. The school districts improved the technology infrastructure and provided upgraded devices for teachers and students. Significant testing and improvements to the ventilation systems in all school buildings was needed to ensure safe learning environments for all students and staff. Increased COVID 19 mitigation and health and safety protocols were developed which allowed our most vulnerable students to attend school in-person and prepare for in-person learning for January 2021. Additional personal protective equipment was also necessary for our staff and students. We could not have done this work without collaborating with our towns and the combination of school district and municipal CARES grant funding. We are extremely appreciative and thankful for this partnership as we worked together to meet the demands of educating our children during the pandemic.

We continue to participate in the Rural Schools Coalition. Thanks to the work of the coalition, our school committees, and our legislators, we were able to secure and increase rural aid to small and rural districts throughout Massachusetts. The work of the coalition is essential in supporting the unique needs of students, families, schools, and our communities to ensure and sustain high quality, equitable education for small and rural districts.

This is our second year of implementing our Bridges Math Program at the elementary schools. The COVID 19 pandemic did not slow us down! We provided students with at home hands-on resources aligned to the math program, implemented digital math practice and

support programs, and continued to provide professional development and coaching for teachers in re-thinking math teaching and learning. Our students are showing strong growth in math and perhaps more importantly about how they see themselves as capable and confident mathematicians.

A key curriculum priority in all schools is social-emotional learning - more important than ever in the context of the pandemic. We are focused on keeping students engaged in learning while building relationships with teachers and peers. We provide explicit instruction on important skills such as self-awareness, managing emotions, and responsible decision-making. And we have dedicated time in each child's day for enriching activities, individual advising and social connection, so that in these uncertain times, students know they are cared for and belong to a welcoming community.

The challenges of schooling in a pandemic have catalyzed the learning of students and all staff. There has been remarkable adaptation, particularly around technology. This shared experience has accelerated the innovation supported by the Mass Ideas grant at Mohawk Trail Regional School. Educators have taken on key leadership roles in curriculum design, professional development, and decision-making under the new Trailblazer Model. Students and community members have become integral parts of the leadership teams. With all hands on deck, we've rolled out an advisory program, mapped a school wide focus on equity and anti-racism, and offered new interdisciplinary courses and internship opportunities. And we are just getting started. These changes and the distributed-leadership approach have been professionally rewarding for educators and have grown staff morale. Moreover, students are benefiting from individualized attention, engaging academics, and meaningful learning with application beyond the "walls" of high school.

I am extremely proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to solve the unique challenges of this year. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

Sheryl L. Stanton

Superintendent

Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

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Principal- Mohawk Trail Regional School

In April 2020, the Mohawk Trail Regional School (MTRS) was awarded a \$375,000 Implementation Grant from Mass IDEAS, a Massachusetts non-profit organization committed to “innovating design in education for all students.” This grant allowed MTRS to implement new initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. Over the course of the past year, students, staff, and community members have engaged in professional development and working groups in order to implement the new Trailblazer Model:

Mohawk Trail Regional School is tailoring the most innovative work in the field of education to fit our rural district as we design the Trailblazer Model. We are building on the best of what we have while challenging the status quo to make education relevant and meaningful for our students. They will acquire 21st century skills while pursuing their individual passions, as they blaze a trail to graduation. Students will lead their own learning, break down the boundaries of traditional classes, and learn by doing. Experiences at MTRS will move our students beyond textbook knowledge. They will use research to solve real problems, intern at local businesses, design independent projects, and take courses at local colleges. In return, our community will flourish from the increased partnership with our school. MTRS graduates will be curious, adaptable, independent, and motivated citizens who seek to do good work in the world.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, much of our 2020-2021 school year occurred remotely. However, our redesign efforts were not hindered and we continued to engage teachers in professional development and to implement our new model. The Trailblazer Model has six key focus areas: high quality instruction, advisory and social emotions learning, communications and community outreach, distributed leadership, portfolios and equity. This model engages all stakeholders in a transformational school experience including:

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Interdisciplinary courses such as STEM, Bioethics, Artglish, and American Democracy
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Portfolio of student work

- Senior Capstone project culminating with a site based internship
- Community outreach including a Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, students, and community members that meets several times a year
- Community equity group comprised of staff, parents, community members, and students that will support the development of anti-racism strategic plan with a focus on: curriculum, communication, and policy

Through the Mass IDEAS Planning Grant, we partnered with national education organizations: Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) and EL Education. NGLC and EL Education have been working with MTRS teachers and administrators to transform classrooms to be more student-centered and to develop rigorous and diverse ways in which students can demonstrate their learning. In addition, EL Education will assist teachers in the development of interdisciplinary, hands-on activities that will engage students in rigorous community-based projects. NGLC will support our Instructional Leadership Team and Portfolio Working Group to develop a comprehensive portfolio model. Teachers will help to guide students through the compilation of an individualized portfolio that demonstrates who they are as a learner and goals they set for themselves. NGLC will also work with teachers to develop assessments that connect to 21st century skills and the real world.

In addition to EL Education and NGLC, MTRS has partnered with Firefly Worldwide Inc and their founder and CEO Cheyenne E. Batista. Ms. Batista is working with the MTRS Equity Council in their development of an anti-racism strategic plan with a focus on curriculum, communication and policy. Additionally in the fall of 2020, Ms. Batista led sixteen educators through a “Laying the Foundation” training to support our anti-racism and equity work. These educators will participate in a second session in March of 2021.

Our Athletics Department had a successful 2020 fall sports season. Field Hockey, Golf, and Cross-Country teams competed against Franklin County schools. The Franklin County “sports bubble” was created to allow for competitions to take place within a limited travel zone and kept our schools from having to travel to other parts of western-mass. Coaches were able to successfully navigate daily COVID modifications and we were able to hold our athletes to the rigorous standards put forth by

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the state and local athletic and health associations. All three teams had enjoyable seasons and feedback from athletes was very positive, and families reported back that they were very happy that we were able to offer a fall sports season even though usual routines were modified. Our soccer and volleyball programs also held fall practices with sights on competition in the newly formed Fall II sports season which is slated to start at the beginning of March. Our football coop with Greenfield sent a handful of MTRS student-athletes to Greenfield High School for successful twice a week skills/drills workouts. Football is also scheduled to be a Fall II sport.

Since our last report 2020 spring athletics were cancelled due to the closing of school, however we did complete our 2020 winter sports season. Highlights included League Championships for our Girls Alpine Skiing team and for the first time our Girls Nordic Skiing team! Our basketball programs also had successful seasons and our wrestling program flourished with solid participation numbers and our first full season with our brand new custom wrestling mat. Our indoor track teams also competed at a high level and saw several athletes compete at the top of their events on a weekly basis at Smith College.

As we begin to navigate the current 2021 winter sports season, we have our Alpine teams out at Berkshire East with races on Thursdays which include our newly formed co-op with Frontier Regional athletes coming to MTRS to join our program. Our defending League Champion Nordic team continues its third year of a successful co-op with Hampshire Regional, and our basketball teams recently began practices with competitions beginning the week of 2/2. Other traditional winter sports have been pushed back with Indoor Track moved to Fall II and Wrestling now moved to the Spring Sports season.

At the mid-point of the 2020-2021 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 288. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 56 students in seventh grade and 68 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 38 students; 10th grade with 27 students; 42 members of the junior class, and 53 MTRS seniors. We have 4 students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisa Mendonsa
Principal

Special Education and Pupil Services Report

What a year. Considering this report runs from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 - we spent only two and a half months learning by what we now refer to as in-person. School buildings were shuttered in March of 2020, but that didn't stop the learning or the support students receive from this department. We serve students with the highest need and students who receive services to support their learning. Just like everyone, we panicked a little, and wondered how we would ever do this. It didn't take the Special Education and English Language Learner staff long to start getting creative. While there was a great deal of fear and uncertainty, folks didn't let it stop them from trying out new ways to reach students. I have to thank every one of our Special Education teachers, providers, and paraprofessionals.

We spent the months of April and May trying to establish routines and consistency. The special education liaisons and I worked tirelessly on mandates that continued to come from the state. We created new digital forms, new protocols, and procedures. We worked with families to offer a full level of support and supported family decisions to hold off on services.

During the Spring of 2020, we did not hold any IEP meetings, complete evaluations, or provide in person learning.

During the summer months, once we received guidance from the state and were able to purchase and plan for safe and effective programs, we invited in DESE defined high needs students for in-person learning. Staff and students learned in various settings including outdoor tents, outdoor classrooms in courtyards, meeting in local parks, and outdoors at students' homes. We extended the number of days and time we typically serve students in order to reduce the amount of potential regression.

We soon realized that the fall was not going to be typical. August was a month of planning for remote IEP meetings and identifying which students would require more in-person learning. The state provided some guidance on how to support students, but left it up to individual districts to make ends meet. The district worked hard to identify what students required additional technology support and what students we would

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prioritize for in-person instruction. Families were permitted to make their own decision for their students even if they were invited to come for in-person. Outdoor learning continued into October, as long as the weather permitted.

Regardless of COVID and remote learning, the district maintained the following district level programs and Services:

- Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). The program is located at BSE and currently serves six students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80% of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School. The program supports students with academic and social emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- Mohawk Vocational Program. Services students with Intellectual Disabilities who require a higher level of support. The program also supports those students who are eligible to remain in school until age 22. The focus is on transition and vocational skills. MVP students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East, Charlene Manor, and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.
- Services provided by: Counselors, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, School Psychologists, Special Education Teachers, and Paraprofessionals.

Positive Outcomes from this year:

- Our students, staff, and families are resilient and learned A LOT of new technology.
- Remote-Virtual IEP meetings work and may be more convenient for families in the future.
- The amount of paperwork generated by this department may now be allowed, by DESE standards, to utilize more digital forms instead of hard copy.

Here's hoping 2021 will bring in-person learning for all and we carry forward the new learning and new experiences while remembering that the relationships we have with our students are what carry us through hard times.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Education - Mary Lyon Foundation

2020 Annual Report of the Mary Lyon Foundation

Innovative Support of Education 1990-2020

This was not a year we will want to remember, yet it is one we will never forget. The world-wide pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus not only interrupted the lives of everyone in the community, but it had a significantly disruptive effect on local education. We salute and truly admire the teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators who valiantly provided services and delivered the best possible educational outcomes under the circumstances. To the parents, grandparents and guardians who supervised remote learning, we applaud you for your enduring patience and diligence.

Despite the ravages of the pandemic, our generous and loyal donors provided unparalleled support during these unprecedented times. Of special note is the generosity of the Myrtle L. Atkinson Foundation, the Shelburne Falls Academy, the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, and the United Way of Franklin County as well as countless individuals, businesses and organizations. We greatly appreciate our many volunteers including Sandy Gilbert and Rita Jaros; all our treasured volunteers are important assets to the organization.

It was a year that tested the strength and resiliency of the foundation, but we persevered and were able to provide unique support in unprecedented ways. Anonymous donations such as funding for home internet access for students, basic school necessities, a new mural for the Mohawk gymnasium, and an improved air quality system for Hawlemont were generous, unsolicited highlights of the year.

The close of 2020 marks the beginning of our 30th anniversary. Established in the Fall of 1990 and incorporated on March 8 of 1991, the Mary Lyon Foundation has seen three decades quickly pass, but not without significant accomplishments:

- 84 Members of the community have served on the Board of Trustees. 104 Members of the community have served as volunteers
- 2,040 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed

- \$54,000 worth of food vouchers was distributed
- \$168,233 was awarded for educational grants and special projects
- \$500,000 was received in pass-through, in-kind contributions for the schools
- \$2,476,256 was invested in school science equipment, playgrounds, computer labs, a new track, furniture & opening day library collections

It is with great pleasure that we, the new incoming executive director, Kristen Tillona-Baker of South Deerfield, and Susan Samoriski, the retiring executive director, plan and execute a seamless transition. Kristen, an experienced educator and highly successful leader, is an ideal match for this organization, and it is our pledge to work together to provide a platform for even stronger programs and services. We are pleased to introduce Martha Potyrala of Easthampton as the new and highly capable Administrative Assistant. Sue will remain as a volunteer for the upcoming comprehensive campaign and serve as a mentor while Kristen and Martha will conduct business as usual and explore new avenues for the foundation.

It is also our distinct pleasure to thank the partners that have helped us maintain 30 years of unparalleled success supporting the Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund. They are Hager's Farm Market, Keystone Market, Avery's Store, The Optician, and Bootlegger's. We are a community-based non-profit organization devoted to the support of excellence in local education in the schools and in the West County community. Thank you one and all for an incredible three decades of tremendous support. We are sure that the outpouring of community generosity will not only continue but will flourish in perpetuity.

Members of the Board of Trustees for 2020 were Marion Taylor (Past President), Sylvia Orcutt (Past President), Laurie Benoit (Board Chair), Peter Stevens (Board Vice Chair), Katherine McKay (Secretary and Chair of the Putnam Hill Legacy Society), Joni Sessions (Treasurer), Karen Fairbrother (Assistant Treasurer), Max Fripp, John Cornman (Chair of the Search Committee), and we welcome two new incoming board members - Karen Blom from Buckland and Jana Standish of Colrain. Honorary Lifetime Board members are Sharon Hudson, Hugh Knox, and former superintendent, Dr. Bruce Willard.

Education - Carl Nilman Scholarship

Our Honorary Advisory Board consists of Jane Yolen, Cady Coleman, Josh Simpson, Donald and Grace Friary, Fiona Hill, Tracy Kidder, Paul Reville, Julie Upton Wang, Willie Hill, and Stanley Rosenberg.

This annual report is dedicated to Marion Taylor, whose wise guidance and amazing 30-year tenure on the Board of Trustees has helped us secure a firm foundation for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan B. Samoriski, Ed.D. - Retiring Executive Director
Kristen Tillona-Baker - Incoming Executive Director

2020 Annual Report Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund

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

Due to COVID-19 in 2020 our usual meetings were cancelled.

Our Awards Subcommittee met earlier in the year and they were able to accept and read scholarship applications and award applicants with funds that Bartholomew indicated was available.

The Awards Subcommittee received and read 36 applications. 11 were from seniors and 25 were from graduates. We used 30% of the money available for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 10 scholarships totaling \$11,800.00 were awarded to seniors and 25 scholarships totaling \$29,450.00 were given to graduates.

From 1991-2020 a total of \$1,054,475.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have been awarded \$323,275.00 and \$731,200.00 has been awarded to graduates.

Applications were available on line for graduates and the seniors could acquire theirs at Mohawk.

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

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Please call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion E Scott, Secretary

Regional Reports

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

-Henry Ford

Regional Reports - Franklin Regional Council of Governments

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

The FRCOG provides planning services, programming, and advocacy to all County municipalities. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. Partnership For Youth provides substance use and chronic disease prevention; The Planning Department assists with local planning and larger regional projects; and the Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs prepare and train first responders and health officials.

The COVID-19 pandemic modified the ways we did business in 2020, and while the attention of some staff shifted towards pandemic response, our typical work did not stop, nor did our mission to serve the interests of citizens, municipalities, and the region as a whole. While we've included some of that work here, FRCOG's 2020 Annual Report, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages primarily list services specific to Rowe.

COVID Response and Recovery

The FRCOG was active in regional and municipal COVID response and recovery in numerous ways, including:

- Advocated for changes to laws and regulation needed to run municipalities remotely
- Conducted a business impact survey to understand how to allocate emergency funding to protect the regional economy
- Monitored active cases and conducted contact tracing for 19 towns
- Opened the Multi-Agency Coordination Center to disseminate situation reports to municipalities, responders and other stakeholders
- Launched a weekly newsletter of resources and support for parents & guardians of school-aged children
- Facilitated the distribution of PPE to area hospitals and responders, and facilitated a collective purchase of PPE for municipalities, non-profits and businesses
- Managed and distributed emergency funding to local Boards of Health
- Assisted the Board of Health in identifying contact tracing support for COVID case management

- Secured \$2,492 in COVID emergency management funds to cover the cost of COVID case management
- Provided mask order and social distancing signage for use at town facilities and businesses
- Served on the Mohawk Trail Regional School District COVID-19 Task Force

Climate Resilience

- Began the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) planning process so that the town can become a MVP-designated community.

Economic Development

- Inventoried and mapped the recreational assets in the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership area.
- Coordinated a group of stakeholders to begin discussions on issues and opportunities related to outdoor recreation on the Deerfield River.

Finance and Municipal Services

- Rowe contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment and drone services; heating and vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; fire alarm services; and dog tags and licenses. Staff assisted the town with a construction bid the King's Highway Bridge Replacement and a bid for a new highway loader.
- The Cooperative Inspections program issued 19 building permits, 7 electrical permits and 10 plumbing/gas permits for Rowe in 2020. Eight (8) Certificates of Inspection were issued.

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

- Assisted in production of a regional IT network and shared cybersecurity systems feasibility study.
- Secured funding for a series of capacity building workshops, to be conducted in 2021.

Land Use and Natural Resources

- Assisted Rowe and other towns with the formation of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) Board that will be responsible for future activities of the MTWP in accordance with the State legislation.
- Assisted the town with grant writing, administration and procurement to complete a Forest Stewardship Plan for the town-owned Pelham Lake

Park. The project will address climate change and habitat protection, and will be funded through a \$20,000 MTWP town implementation grant, if successful.

- Assisted with the preparation of a grant application for another \$20,000 MTWP grant to construct signage at the Pelham Lake Park, and provided procurement and grant administration services for this MTWP town implementation grant.

Public and Community Health

Rowe is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the FRCOG. See the COVID section above for information specifically related to COVID work. In other initiatives, programs staff:

- Provided nursing services to attendees of 2 monthly “Good Neighbors” food distributions and 2 “Second Tuesday” walk-in wellness clinics at the Charlemont Federated Church. Residents visited with the nurse, and those who could not were visited at home. This work paused during the pandemic.
- Assisted with low-cost tick tests for 2 Rowe residents through a local Board of Health subsidy. One (1) of the ticks tested positive for the Lyme pathogen. Staff provided tick prevention materials and helped residents access tick testing through an online system.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for 332 communicable disease cases in district member towns. Six (6) were from Rowe.
- Coordinated vaccine availability, supplies, and staff support for flu clinics held at community sites throughout the CPHS district with the help of Medical Reserve Corps members, GCC nursing students, and community volunteers. All told, CPHS flu clinics vaccinated 2,045 Franklin County residents. For Rowe, a Flu Clinic/Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Drill held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds served 246 local residents. An additional EDS drill/clinic held in partnership with the Rowe and Heath Town Nurses at the former Heath Elementary School served 164 local residents.
- Designed a handbook outlining relevant codes and the roles and responsibilities of BOH members.
- Assisted with Title-5 (septic) related activities including one (1) Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests, one (1) septic system plan review, including site visits and final inspections of installations, and witnessing one (1) Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer.
- Conducted Title-5 (septic) public health code enforcement for the town, including the following: witnessed one (1) Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer; witnessed one (1) Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests; completed two (2) septic system plan reviews; issued three (3) Disposal System Construction Permits conducted site visits and final inspections of installations; and assembled final paperwork and issued Certificates of Compliance.
- Conducted 1 retail food inspection, and reviewed two (2) well permit applications.
- Conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 103 Mohawk students, representing 61% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant writing and program planning.
- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the evidence-based LifeSkills substance use prevention curriculum in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Provided materials and guidance on vaping prevention and intervention and a list of resources for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.
- Organized a community showing and discussion of the documentary “I’m Not Racist....Am I?” at which Mohawk Trail students and staff participated.
- Compiled/distributed Coalition Connections, providing info and resources for families, human service providers and educators during the pandemic to support health and prevent youth substance use.

Training and Education

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Rowe public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Emergency Prep & Homeland Security

American Sign Language/First Responders – 1
Radio System Migration Vendor Expo – 1

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Municipal Officials' Continuing Education

Finance Committee 101 – 3

Moderators' Roundtable – 1

OSHA Compliance – 1

Safety Planning for Libraries & Town Offices – 1

Pandemic Support

Emergency Dispensing Site Exercise – 3

Vaccine Info Sessions for First Responders – 1

Public Health & Community Awareness:

Food Safety Training Certification – 7

Additionally, staff organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.

Transportation

- Conducted town-requested traffic counts at two locations on Zoar Road.
- Conducted a safety analysis for Zoar Road and presented recommendations to the Select Board.

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-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

As many residents were home-bound there was an increase in trash and recycling tonnage. A review of recycling tonnage for 2020 shows an increase of 100 tons of recycling compared to 2019. District residents recycled just over 2,800 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for recycling primarily to domestic companies. This is the first year in which towns had to pay a recycling processing fee to the facility operator. However, recycling markets have rebounded at the end of 2020 and some commodities are selling at record amounts. This helps offset or reduce

the processing fee for all towns.

The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of both 2020 Clean Sweep collection events.

We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2020. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. We adjusted our collection protocol to account for health and safety requirements during the pandemic. A total of 440 households participated in this event. This is over a 15% increase from 2019 and most likely due to the pandemic and residents being home.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$115,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 117 Main St., 2nd Floor in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – *Chair*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

M.A. Swedlund, Deerfield – *Treasurer*



Cooperative Public Health Service Activities in Rowe -- 2020



The Town is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, and Shelburne, plus the nursing-only towns of Conway, Deerfield, Erving, and Northfield. The Town's regional staff include Health Agents Randy Crochier and Lisa Danek Burke and Lisa White, Public Health Nurse. During the pandemic the district scaled up significantly to meet the need for additional COVID case management and Flu and COVID vaccine clinic planning. Public Health Nurse Lisa White was joined by two additional nurses, Meg Burch and Melanie Zamojski, Contact Tracer Jeanette Voas, and flu and COVID vaccine clinic administrator Barbara Wroblewski.

- Before the pandemic began, the Regional Public Health Nurse provided nursing services to attendees of 2 monthly "Good Neighbors" food distributions and 2 "Second Tuesday" walk-in wellness clinics at the Charlemont Federated Church. Residents visited with the nurse, and those who could not were visited at home. This work paused during the pandemic.
- CPHS Staff managed COVID Case management for the Town during the Coronavirus pandemic. 5 residents were diagnosed with COVID during 2020, and received support and isolation guidance from the public health nursing team. Many additional people were identified as close contacts of cases and were supported to quarantine. Staff notified the Board of Health and Emergency Dispatch about each case.
- FRCOG secured \$2,492 in state and federal funds to cover the costs of the additional COVID case management for Rowe.
- Two Rowe residents received a low-cost tick tests in 2020 through a local Board of Health subsidy organized by the district – one of the ticks tested positive for the Lyme pathogen. The Regional Public Health Nurse is always available to provide tick prevention materials and help residents access tick testing through the on-line system at www.tickreport.com.
- In addition to the COVID work, the Public Health Nurse completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for 332 communicable disease cases in the district member towns, 6 which were from Rowe.
- The Regional Public Health Nurse coordinated vaccine, supplies and staff support for flu clinics held at community sites throughout the CPHS district with the help of Medical Reserve Corps members, GCC nursing students, and community volunteers. A Flu Clinic/Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Drill serving Rowe residents held at the Charlemont Fairgrounds served 246 local residents. An additional EDS drill/clinic held in partnership with the Rowe and Heath Town Nurses at the former Heath Elementary School served 164 local residents. Total residents vaccinated at CPHS member town flu clinics this year was a record 2,045.
- CPHS staff attended Board of Health meetings, as requested by the Board.
- Staff assisted with implementation of digital on-line permitting system and provided tech support with the application for annual permits to all businesses coming online with the regional permitting program for the first time.
- Through a FDA Food Safety Grant the district provided low-cost 4-in-1 ServSafe, Allergens Awareness, Choke-Saver and Narcan Administration classes for Rowe residents and business owners.
- CPHS staff designed a Board of Health (BOH) Handbook which contains needed information on BOH responsibilities and procedures and copies of twelve of the relevant Codes Boards of Health are responsible for and provided them to the BOH.
- CPHS staff assisted with Title-5 (septic) related activities including one (1) Soil Evaluation/Percolation Tests, one (1) septic system plan review, including site visits and final inspections of installations, and witnessing one (1) Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer.
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Rowe's representative to the CPHS Oversight Board is Maggie Rice, Board of Health member. For more information: www.frcog.org

Regional Reports - Franklin Regional Retirement System

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Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 578 retirees, 55 beneficiaries, 1,044 active employees, and 611 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). We contract with an independent auditor to do a full audit of our system each year. We also contract with an actuary to perform a complete actuarial valuation every two years. PERAC audits our operations and financial records every three 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 2019, we are 74.4% funded at 31 years (77.5%) 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.

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