

# Town of Rowe



## ANNUAL REPORT

2021

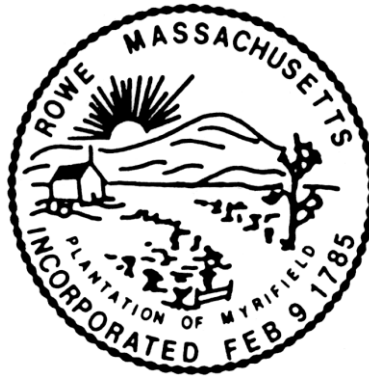
Two Hundred and Thirty-Fifth

# Annual Report

*of the*

# Town of Rowe

Massachusetts



for the Year Ending

December 31, 2021

## TOWN OF ROWE – TOWN INFORMATION & MEETING SCHEDULES

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<b>BOARD/COMMISSION</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Board of Selectmen	Every Other Thursday (6:00pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Assessors	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Hall
Board of Health	Twice Monthly (as posted) Wednesdays (6pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Cemetery Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Conservation Commission	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Council on Aging	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Finance Committee	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
Library Trustees	Monthly (as posted)	Rowe Town Library
Park Commission	First Monday Monthly – as posted (6:30pm)	Rowe Town Hall
Planning Board	As needed	Rowe Town Hall
School Committee	Monthly – (as posted)	Rowe Elementary School

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

*“Where there is no vision, there is no hope.”*

George Washington Carver

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TOWN EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	PHONE	WORKDAYS	HOURS
Executive Secretary	<a href="mailto:townadmin@rowe-ma.gov">townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 100	M/T/W/TH* *12:00pm – Select Board Meeting Nights (every other Thursday)	9:30am - 5:30pm Or by Appointment
Administrative Asst.	<a href="mailto:adminasst@rowe-ma.gov">adminasst@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 101	M/T/W/TH	9:00am – 3:00pm
Accountant:	<a href="mailto:accountant@rowe-ma.gov">accountant@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 102	Varies	By Appointment
Animal Control Officer	<a href="mailto:rsanchezinc@gmail.com">rsanchezinc@gmail.com</a>			On Call
Assessors' Clerk:	<a href="mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov">assessor@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 104	Wednesday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Board of Health Clerk:	<a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 105	Monday	8:00am – 1:00pm
Board of Selectmen:	<a href="mailto:townadmin@rowe-ma.gov">townadmin@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 100		by Appointment
Building Inspection:	<a href="http://www.fccip.org">www.fccip.org</a>	774-3167	M/T/W/TH/F	(Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)
<b>EMERGENCY</b>		<b>9-1-1</b>		
Emergency Mgt. Dir.	<a href="mailto:emd@rowe-ma.gov">emd@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-4001		On Call
Fire Chief	<a href="mailto:firechief@rowe-ma.gov">firechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-4001 or 339-5520 ext. 112		On Call
Highway Superintendent	<a href="mailto:dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov">dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 111	M/T/W/TH/F	6:30am- 4:30pm
Library Director	<a href="mailto:rowelibrary@gmail.com">rowelibrary@gmail.com</a>	339-4761 or 339-5520 ext. 114	T/W/TH/SAT	10:00 - 5:00 (Tues) 12:00 - 8:00 (Wed) 3:00pm- 7:00pm (Thur) 10:00am - 3:00pm (Sat)
Park Ranger	<a href="mailto:parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov">parkmanager@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-8554 or 339-5520 ext. 110	M/T/W/TH/F	6:30am – 2:30pm
Police Chief:	<a href="mailto:policechief@rowe-ma.gov">policechief@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-8340 or 339-5520 ext. 113	Wednesday Night	5:30-7:30pm & On Call
Rowe School	<a href="mailto:contact@roweschool.org">contact@roweschool.org</a>	413-512-5100	M/T/W/T/F	8:00am – 3:00pm
Tax Collector:	<a href="mailto:collector@rowe-ma.gov">collector@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 106	M/T/W	9:00am – 5:00pm
Town Clerk	<a href="mailto:townclerk@rowe-ma.gov">townclerk@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 103	M/T/TH/F	7:00am – 8:00am 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Town Nurse	<a href="mailto:nurse@rowe-ma.gov">nurse@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 107		by Appointment
Transfer Station	<a href="mailto:boh@rowe-ma.gov">boh@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-0216	W/SAT/SUN	7am -10am (Wed) 4pm -7pm (Wed) 8am -2pm (Sat) 8am-12pm (Sun)
Treasurer:	<a href="mailto:treasurer@rowe-ma.gov">treasurer@rowe-ma.gov</a>	339-5520 ext. 106	M/T/W	9:00am – 5:00pm

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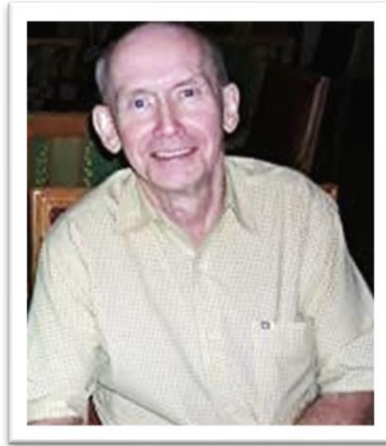
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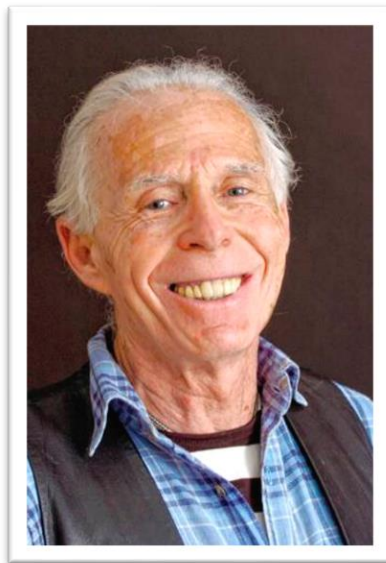


**IN FOND REMEMBRANCE - 2021**

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**Brian Donelson**  
October 27, 1936 – October 26, 2021



**Jean-Claude van Itallie**  
May 25, 1936 – September 9, 2021



**Annual Town Meeting May 2021**



**Annual Town Meeting May 2021**

Left: Board of Selectmen vote  
(L to R) Joanne Semanie, Chuck Sokol  
and Ed Silva  
Below: Town Moderator Bob Clancy  
Leads a social distanced Town  
Meeting on the School Grounds



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT - 2021**

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### **SELECT BOARD 2021**

The Board of Selectmen composition remained the same as Chuck Sokol was reelected and continued to serve as Chair and Joanne Semanie, in her second term, as Vice-Chair. Ed Silva is serving his third term.

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to be the dominant topic for the Board and many hours were devoted to meeting with our sub-group we called the "Covid Group" each week to discuss ongoing matters related to the keeping the community safe and informed. Policies were amended with the ever-changing conditions, in relation to employees, gatherings and events with the goal of prevention of the spread. Messages were crafted each week to inform and educate the public. Town Hall reopened in June after over a year of remaining closed to the public, seeing citizens one at a time by appointment and limiting person contact. The practice of wearing of masks continued through the rest of the year to contain spread of the virus.

In the fall, a video conferencing system was purchased and set up in Hearing Room 1 at Town Hall allowing a limited number of people to meet in person and allowing for others could join the meeting via video conferencing. Fully remote meetings were allowed to be held and in the fall a combination of remote and in person or hybrid continued. In the long term, the video conference system will allow the attendance of meetings at a distance and allowing training sessions for a variety of groups.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

We continue to focus on the town's infrastructure of bridges, culvert and roads to meet MassDOT safety standards. The King's Highway Bridge replacement was completed in 2021 paid for through MassWorks and Small Bridge Grant funding. Ford Hill Road Culvert replacement moves forward in the design phase through Gill Engineering funded through the Small Bridge Grant program.

After working with area legislators, we have been awarded \$600,000.00 through the MassWorks grant for Yankee Road repairs of subsidence and deterioration. Initial design work is underway through town funding for the engineering work by Lamson Engineering.

Discussion concerning improvement of the dirt roads continue due to the earlier mud seasons. The Board has had ongoing discussions about improving the unpaved roads and the Highway Department worked on improving Davenport and Davis Mine Roads. In addition, road plans are in the works addressing current and long-term planning with Chair Sokol and Paul McLatchy III putting together a Highway Plan and advocating for increasing funding in the future to improve on all the roads in Rowe.

### **PERSONNEL**

There was a significant change in the office staff at Town Hall as Administrative Assistant Paul McLatchy III left the position in July to take on a position in an area town. He contributed a great deal to the organizational efforts at Town Hall as well as digitization of records. Paul gave a much overdue overhaul to the Town Hall safe.

A great deal of time was spent over the course of the year to add and overhaul a number of employee policies to add and amend the Personnel Policy Handbook relating to overtime, documentation requirements and hiring. In addition, a complete review of all of the town positions and their wages and salaries were reviewed.

A 'Wage and Salary Chart' was developed and finalized for use as a toll when hiring to determine the appropriate wage for any given worker. Through standardization wages would be fair and a way to predict the future in each position. It prevents new hires from being overpaid. By increasing the wages with the cost-of-living adjustments and adding longevity, employees will be receiving a more equitable pay. It was up to the purview of the Board or Committee whether to use the chart, which is only a tool to aid in determining pay for a given position.

We thank all of the Committees, Board Members and Volunteers for their hard work, which often goes unnoticed, it is appreciated as through them for their efforts, commitment and dedication to community service. To those who get up, sometimes in the middle of a cold night, to answer a call for help we thank you. We also recognize the employees of the town, who through their efforts preserve the character, integrity and vitality of our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Sokol, Chair  
Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair  
Ed Silva

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 2021

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**Ellen Miller** was re-elected to the Board by voters at the annual town election on May 15, 2021. The Board reorganized following the election and **Rick Williams** was nominated and re-elected to serve as Chair.

**Colleen Avallone** resigned her Assistant Assessor position effective January 31, 2021 to pursue other opportunities. The Board would like to thank Colleen for her work in the Assessor's office this past year while learning the job and dealing with the restrictions and challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Assessors revised the job description and posted an Administrative Assistant position. Interviews were conducted and **Christine Bailey** was offered the job and formally started on March 31, 2021.

The Assessors continue to contract with Patriot Properties to utilize their *AssessPro* assessing software, with Mayflower Valuation for annual residential appraisal consulting services, with GESansoucy PE, LLC for power company appraisals, and with Cartographic Associates Inc (CAI) for mapping services and utilization of their web-based tax mapping platform—*AxisGIS*.

The *AxisGIS* online tax map 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](http://rowe-ma.gov), or may be accessed directly at [axisgis.com/rowema](http://axisgis.com/rowema).

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to place challenges on Board operations. Public access restrictions to the Town Hall through May necessitated the use of online (Zoom) meetings in compliance with suspension of Open Meeting Laws by Governor Charlie Baker. The Board held 18 regular and 4 executive session meetings. Following re-opening of the Town Hall for public access, hybrid meetings were held with the Board gathering in person at the Town Hall and the proceedings made available to the public via Zoom.

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

- Building permits received from FCCIP (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 resulting from survey plans and deeds are prepared by CAI during the 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/denied as allowed by law
- Abatement applications were reviewed and granted/denied as allowed by law

Per the new Department of Revenue (DOR) quintennial (5-yr) revaluation cycle Rowe's next reval year is FY23. 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 a joint 5-year contract with GESansoucy PE, LLC for interim year appraisal updates for the four years (FY19-FY22), followed by a revaluation appraisal in the fifth year (FY23).

Based on recent Appellate Tax Board (ATB) and Appellate Court decisions the DOR has accepted revised methodology for appraisal of electric utility transmission and distribution (T&D) assets using a methodology similar to that used by the DOR to centrally value telephone and telegraph assets. The Assessors entered into a 1-year contract with GESansoucy PE, LLC for T&D appraisal utilizing this methodology 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).

Following the appraisals of the various power companies for FY19, applications for abatement were filed and denied and subsequently appealed to the ATB. The same cycle occurred for FY20, FY21, and FY22. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic which shut down ATB in-person hearings in early 2020, these

appeals cases are still pending. In light of these appeals the Assessors appropriated \$100,000, \$200,000, \$200,000 and \$100,000 to the Overlay Account on the FY19, FY20, FY21, and FY22 tax recap sheets, respectively. This account would be used as the source of funding for any potential abatements resulting from these appeals cases. The Assessors also requested appropriations in the amount of \$50,000, \$50,000 and \$50,000 for legal and consulting support in preparation for the ATB appeals cases for FY20, FY21, and FY22, respectively.

The DOR-required interim year annual property sales analysis conducted for FY22 resulted in significant value adjustments for residential homes (+30%) and yard items (+50%). No valuation changes were made to land values (building lots and excess land). This resulted in an overall average increase of ~20% for residential parcel valuations. The interim year update appraisals for the hydroelectric facilities and T&D assets resulted in essentially unchanged values for FY22. The resulting FY22 total town valuation increased by ~1.9% to \$525,826,765.

The FY22 tax rates of \$5.33 for Residential (R) and \$8.69 for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set on September 27, 2021 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 \$8.64 for CIP.

According to the DOR's Municipal Databank records for FY22 (Fall 2021 tax bills), Rowe had the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest residential tax rate and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest average single family tax bill (\$1,397) in the state. [The lowest average single family tax bill was in Hancock (\$807), 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest was in Florida (\$1,501), 4<sup>th</sup> lowest was in Monroe (\$1,557) and 5<sup>th</sup> lowest was in Erving (\$1,736).]

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 used to be 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 valuations (and corresponding New Growth) resulted in 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. In subsequent years, Excess Levy Capacity was \$362,748 for FY20, \$796,927 for FY21 and \$889,565 for FY22.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2021

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The Cemetery Commission is grateful for the continued work being performed by Deerfield Valley Property Maintenance, LLC as they maintain cemetery grounds, mowing, trimming and raking through the seasons.

Hazard trees were removed at the East Cemetery this year by Jim's Tree Service. The commissioners are always looking for anything that may damage the headstones. Stone wall repairs are an ongoing project as well. Large maintenance projects are scheduled as needed and the budget will allow.

Commissioners Jim and Jay Williams continue to clear additional land to be added to the North Cemetery. 2022 should see finalization of the transfer of that property. Cemetery lots are currently available in the East and West Cemeteries. Please contact any member of the Cemetery Commission for additional information concerning the purchase of lots.

Respectfully submitted,

James Williams – 413-339-4731

Jay Williams – 413-339-8494

Joanne Semanie – 413-339-6667



Cemetery Commission planning out tree work to be done – Photograph by Joanne Semanie

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2021

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The Conservation Commission meets monthly (usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month) to address matters brought before it. Because of the pandemic, most of the meetings in 2021 were held via the ZOOM platform.

Various types of issues were brought before the Commission for their input, approval or determination to see if there were Wetland Protection Act (WPA) regulations which needed to be considered. As a general rule, the philosophy of Rowe's Conservation Commission has been to work with the applicants to achieve their goals within the constraints of the WPA. Most of the time it's a simple matter of taking extra precaution to ensure construction material is kept out of wetlands, streams or water resources near the work site. Other times an extensive review of the project is required to ensure compliance with the WPA.

The Conservation Commission was involved with various engineering projects during the 2021 calendar year. The most visible was the replacement of the bridge on Kings Highway over Pelham Brook. Another project completed was the culvert replacement at the Rowe Transfer Station.

A couple of projects are still ongoing or have had the necessary projects review started and will continue through 2022. These are the septic system replacement on Zoar Road and the culvert replacement on Ford Hill Road.

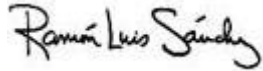
In addition, there were several opportunities to assist Rowe residents by reviewing building permits related to projects on their property to insure there were no WPA issues. These permits were in the following locations:

- Hazelton Road – garage installation
- Potter Road – a shed replacement and a deck installation
- County Branch Road – solar installation
- Middletown Hill Road – solar installation
- Leshure Road – deck expansion
- Newel Cross Road – barn installation

Members of the Commission participated in educational and training activities during the course of the year. These courses were provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners (MACC), and private consultants. The formats included classroom instruction, on-line classes and fieldwork. The training provided commissioners with the basic knowledge and practical tools essential to carry out the many responsibilities of administering the WPA and open space planning. The training promotes sound, consistent fact-based decision making and builds respect for conservation commission decisions.

The Conservation Commission is pleased to welcome Dana Williams as its newest member. There is still one position open. Individuals interested should contact the Commission with the understanding that if accepted they would be committing to participating in a one-year online program offered by MACC (at no cost to the participant) that will take them through the basic commissioner training.

Respectfully submitted,



Ramon Luis Sanchez, Chair

Virginia Gabert

Robert Clancy

Dana Williams

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2021**

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The Finance Committee serves in an advisory role in all matters of financial commitments to town meetings, Select Board, 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 for administrative support.

Among its accomplishments and processes were:

1. Were very fortunate to have a veteran and faithful committee made up of Dan Pallotta, Loretta Dionne, Christopher Hyytinen, and Wayne Zavotka.
2. Approved Line Item Transfers and Reserve Fund Transfers throughout the fiscal year
3. Sponsored an All Committee/Board night to begin the budget process.
4. Met with Select Board at times throughout the year to serve as consultant in matters impacting town financial decisions.
5. Worked as lead toward the development of the omnibus budget presented to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.
6. We processed the capital improvement plan titled CIRPP (Capital Improvement, Repair, and Property Plan).
7. Continue to develop a long-term Highway development plan.
8. We welcomed Dan Pallotta who came to our committee as a "new" Rowe resident with a rich history in Massachusetts government and business management
9. We continue to seek other members to fulfill our team of five.



Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Zavotka (on behalf of FinCom)  
Dan Pallotta (chair)  
Loretta Dionne  
Christopher Hyytinen

## **MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT - 2021**

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### **Broadband Municipal Light Plant (MLP)**

2021 was our second full year of operation. It's been a great success. Nearly 80 percent of residents use our Broadband service. We operate the network jointly with the WiredWest Coop, so bookkeeping and day to day operational matters are handled by the Coop. I attend regular monthly or bi monthly meetings to oversee finances and other matters. We contract with Whip City Fiber, a division of Westfield Gas and Electric, to handle ISP and Network Operation services. We receive monthly and annual shares of excess revenue from WiredWest. These have been enough to fund our Depreciation Reserve to make sure we have cash on hand when equipment needs replacing.

In March of 2021, there was a 6-town outage due to a line down in the state MB123 network that we use as "Backhaul" to connect our town network to the outside world. Currently, all of the adjacent towns: Charlemont, Heath, Colrain and Leyden, are also using the MB123 as our Backhaul, but we've found it to be a frail network. We've been working together on designing a shared backhaul network that would create multiple paths to multiple Backhaul services. That would protect us against whole towns going down from a single downed line. There are technical and contractual / cost sharing challenges. At the time of writing this, we have been in negotiations with the 4 other adjacent towns about bulk rate cost sharing, which would reduce our costs as well as provide more resilient backhaul. We are also working with Whip City Fiber on the technical details of building the necessary network. So far, it's looking like we still have enough balance in the Broadband construction funds to cover this, but also the Town's ARPA allocation can be used to reimburse these costs.

The other area of improvement that we've been working on is environmental monitoring for the equipment hut. We have been thinking about the need for this since we started up service nearly 3 years ago. In coordination with WCF and other towns, we have chosen a contractor and monitoring service. At the time of writing this, the equipment was being installed in the hut.

Once the above development projects are complete, we should be in good shape. Hopefully, things can settle down to routine ongoing operations.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Dvore, Broadband MLP Manager

## PLANNING BOARD - 2021

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### Membership/Elections

The Rowe Planning Board had some large changes in 2021. Due to a resignation and the passing of a member, there were two vacant seats on the Board. David Roberson also chose not to seek re-election, leaving three open seats on the ballot. Paul McLatchy III, Ben Werner, and Chuck Sokol ran for the 5-, 3-, and 1-year seats, respectively, and were elected at the annual election.

After the election, the Board met and reorganized. Paul was elected Chair, Ben was elected Vice-Chair, and Chuck was elected secretary/clerk (for which Ben and Paul are very grateful!)

### Meetings

The Board did not meet from the beginning of 2021 until after the election in May. Throughout the second half of the year, the Board met monthly. However, two members of the Board did not participate in any meetings in 2021, leaving only a bare minimum for quorum. This led to complications with a special permit as one can only be granted by a vote of four board members at a public hearing.

### Public Hearings

A special permit application was submitted by David Greg Poehlein of 61 Zoar Road to operate an Airbnb in October 2020. Due to the town's bylaws, the application is not considered accepted until the Planning Board meets. Once an application is accepted, it begins a two-part timeline during which the Planning Board needs to hold a public hearing and render a decision, otherwise the grant is automatically approved. The Planning Board did not meet from October until the following May, so the application was not considered submitted, and the timeline did not begin until after the election.

After the applicant and counsel identified a change in law the legislature made because of the pandemic, the application had to be *re-submitted* to the Board in September, starting the timeline over again. A public hearing was held in October, but due to a lack of four active members, the board was unable to approve a special permit. With no action able to be taken, the permit was constructively granted 65 days later under state law, with no ability to add conditions, limit the length of the permit, or restrict it to the current property owner.

### Zoning Bylaw Review

The Board worked on reviewing and making recommendations to the town's zoning bylaws beginning in the summer. Due to the complexity of zoning matters, review takes a considerable amount of time, and an item that seems relatively straightforward can wind up being a two-hour conversation. By the end of 2021, a handful of suggested changes were prepared, with the hope to pursue a public hearing and a vote at the annual town meeting in the spring. A complete review of the bylaws will take several years at a minimum.

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,  
*Paul McLatchy III, Chair*  
Benjamin Werner, Vice-Chair  
Charles Sokol, Clerk/Secretary  
Jessica Albrecht and Daniel Burke

# TOWN CLERK – 2021

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## Town Clerk Personnel & Services

Terry Green, who also serves as Rowe’s treasurer, was appointed on July 1<sup>st</sup> to be the Assistant Town Clerk. The town clerk’s office offers notary services to town residents for no fee, though certain types of documents are not permissible (wills, real estate transactions, etc.). Justice of the Peace services are available at no cost for informal marriage ceremonies at Town Hall.

## Covid-19 Pandemic

While the Covid-19 Pandemic did continue to impact the workings of the world, there were fewer events and activities in the Town Clerk world for it to interfere with. Town Meeting was held around its normal time- Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This year the meeting was only delayed by a few days so it could be held outdoors on a Saturday, unlike in 2020 when it was delayed by over a month. The local elections were held on the same day, albeit later in the day. Thanks to the Elementary School for the use of the gymnasium for elections. There were no other elections or town meetings in 2021.

## Office Updates & 2022 Goals

The digitization of the office continues, with 98% of the office files completed. All files coming into the office are now scanned, which makes retrieval much quicker and reduces the need for long-term storage. Records from the vault continue to be worked on, with vital records (births, deaths, marriages) being the priority in the new year. Town meeting/election records that have not already been scanned will follow, and then I hope to continue chipping away at the decades of meeting minutes stored in there. It’s a slow process, but worth it in the long run.

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 in 2020. Quite a few people updated their records in 2021, but the battle still continues with many.

## Appreciation

Thank you to 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 Terry Green for stepping up as my assistant town clerk, which takes a load off my mind. Thanks to Janice Boudreau for helping with administrative tasks and ordering supplies.

## Statistics/Information

### Fees Collected

Dog Licenses.....	\$535.00	(90)
Vital Records .....	\$25.00	(5)
Marriage Intentions .....	\$100.00	(5)
Business Licenses .....	\$15.00	(3)
<u>Public Record Requests.....</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(13)</u>
Total Fees Collected .....	\$675.00	

## TOWN CLERK – APPOINTEES SWORN TO DUTY - 2021

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### **ACCOUNTANT**

David Fierro, Jr.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARDS**

Paul McLatchy III

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Arthur Samuelson

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Relief**

Henry Dandeneau

### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Paul McLatchy III – Head Registrar

Lisa Danek Burke

Kerri McLatchy

Brittani Sprague

### **BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Paul McLatchy III

Jim Lively

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Chuck Sokol

### **CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND REP**

Vacant

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Robert Clancy

Virginia Gabert

Ramon Sanchez

Vacant

Vacant

### **CONSTABLE**

Rob Beaumier

### **COOP PUB HEALTH OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Maggie Rice

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Marilyn Belval

Jo-ann M. Brown

Sandra P. Daviau

Doris Fensky

Christine A. Tower

Shirley Veber

### **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Susan Gleason

Kelle Quist

Paulette Roccio

BJ Roche

Vacant

### **DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

Lance Larned

### **ELECTION TELLERS/WORKERS**

Jessica Albrecht

JoAnn Brown

Myra Carlow

Brianna Demech

Loretta Dionne (Election Warden)

Deb Lively

Paul McLatchy Jr.

Ashton Morse (Election Clerk)

Marjorie B. Morse (Election Warden)

Christine Tower

Ramon Sanchez

Shirley Veber

Susan Williams

### **EMERGENCY MGT. DIRECTOR**

**Community Emergency Response Coord.**

**Hazardous Materials Control Officer**

Brandon Sprague

### **ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

Lance Larned

### **FIELD DRIVERS**

Chuck Sokol

Dennis May

**FIRE CHIEF**

Dennis Annear

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Brandon A. Sprague

**FC COOP INSPECTION PROGRAM REP**

Janice Boudreau

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVTS. REP**

Janice Boudreau

**FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD REP**

David Roberson

**FC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REP**

Dan Poplawski

**FC TRANSIT AUTHORITY REP**

Paul McLatchy III

Jasper Lapienski, Commuter Rep.

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

James Hawkins –FCCIP

**INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS – LOCAL INSPECTOR**

David Roberts

**KEEPER OF THE DAMS**

Henry Dandeneau

Julie Shippee (Alternate)

**MEASURER OF WOOD, BARK & LUMBER**

Thomas P. Danek, Jr

James H. Williams

Robert Rice

**MOHAWK WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP REP**

Hannah Poplawski

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT**

David Dvore, Manager

Chuck Sokol, Deputy Manager

**OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE**

Vacant

**POLICE/SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Austin Willis

Kyle Shippee – resigned

Francis Noyes

Henry Dandeneau

Holland Herzig

**POUND KEEPER**

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

Lance Larned

**TOWN NURSE**

Appointed by Board of Health

Chelsea Betsold (resigned)

**TOWN COUNSEL**

KP Law – Jeffrey Blake, Esq.

**TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS**

Appointed by Board of Health

**TREASURER**

Terry Green

**TREE WARDEN**

Lance Larned

**VETERANS' AGENT**

Brian Brooks – Veterans Service Officer

**WIREDWEST DELEGATE**

David Dvore

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Henry Dandeneau

Gail May

Ellynn Packard

Kim Gabert

Michael Bradley

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS 2021**

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**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS**

**Annual Town Election**

**Official Results**

Saturday, May 15, 2021

83 Voters/ 317 Total Registered Voters (26.2% Turnout)

**Warden:** Ramon Luis Sanchez  
**Clerk:** Loretta Dionne  
**Tellers:** Colleen Avallone, Margaret Rice  
**Constable:** Robert Beaumier  
**Town Clerk:** Paul McLatchy III

**Board of Assessors**

Ellen Miller ..... 65  
Colleen Avallone (WI)..... 2  
Marilyn Wilson (WI) ..... 1  
John Packard (WI) ..... 1  
Janet Cowie (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 13

**Board of Health**

Herbert Butzke ..... 67  
Morghan Jolly (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 15

**Board of Selectmen**

Charles Sokol ..... 70  
Pru Berry (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 12

**Cemetery Commission – 3 Years**

Jay Williams ..... 80  
Blanks ..... 3

**Cemetery Commission – 2 Years**

Joanne Semanie ..... 68  
Earl Carlow (WI) ..... 1  
Al Morse (WI) ..... 1  
Blanks ..... 13

**Finance Committee – 3 Years, 2 Seats**

Christopher Hyytinen ..... 73

Laurie Pike (WI) .....7  
Ellen Miller (WI) .....2  
Daniel Miller (WI) .....2  
Walter Quist (WI) .....1  
William Baker (WI) .....1  
Blanks .....80

**Finance Committee – 2 Years**

Laurie Pike (WI) .....15  
Donna Butzke (WI) .....3  
Ellen Miller (WI) .....3  
Marilyn Wilson (WI) .....2  
Dawn Valitsky-Beaumier (WI) .....1  
Kevin Sprague (WI) .....1  
Wayne Zavotka (WI) .....1  
Alan Bjork (WI) .....1  
Emma Poplawski (WI) .....1  
Daniel Pallotta (WI) .....1  
Lauren Werner (WI) .....1  
Blanks .....53

**Library Trustee**

Catherine Snyder .....61  
Lauren Werner .....19  
Blanks .....3

**Park Commission**

Hannah Poplawski .....74  
Marilyn Wilson (WI) .....1  
Rebecca Bradley (WI) .....1

Blanks ..... 7

**Planning Board – 5 Years**

Paul McLatchy III ..... 73

Barbara Roche (WI) ..... 1

David Roberson (WI) ..... 1

Blanks ..... 8

**Planning Board – 3 Years**

Benjamin Werner ..... 61

Kevin Sprague (WI) ..... 1

Walter Quist (WI) ..... 1

Blanks ..... 20

**Planning Board – 1 Year**

Charles Sokol ..... 68

Daniel Wessman (WI) ..... 1

Blanks ..... 14

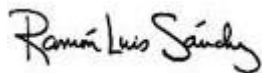
**School Committee**

Matthew Crowningshield ..... 70

Robin Booth (WI) ..... 1

Michael Kuehl (WI) ..... 1

Blanks ..... 11



Certified:

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Ramon Luis Sanchez, Warden

Date:

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May 20, 2021

A True Copy, Attest:

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# TOWN CLERK –/ ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Frederick Williams, Chair ..... 2023  
 Herbert Butzke ..... 2022  
 Ellen Miller ..... 2024

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Margaret Rice, Chair ..... 2022  
 Daniel Poplawski ..... 2023  
 Herbert Butzke ..... 2024

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Charles Sokol, Chair ..... 2024  
 Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair ..... 2023  
 Edward Silva ..... 2022

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

James Williams, Chair ..... 2022  
 Joanne Semanie ..... 2023  
 Jay Williams ..... 2024

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Dan Pallotta, Chair ..... 2021  
 Loretta Dionne ..... 2023  
 Christopher Hyytinen ..... 2024  
 Wayne Zavotka, ..... 2022

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

Rebecca Bradley ..... 2023  
 Catherine Snyder ..... 2024

Karen Soviecke ..... 2022

**PARK COMMISSION**

Laurie Pike ..... 2023  
 Christopher Hyytinen ..... 2022  
 Hannah Poplawski ..... 2021

**PLANNING BOARD**

Paul McLatchy III, Chair ..... 2026  
 Benjamin Werner, Vice-Chair ..... 2024  
 Chuck Sokol, Clerk ..... 2020  
 Jessica Albrecht ..... 2025  
 Daniel J. Burke ..... 2023

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Susan Zavotka, Chair ..... 2023  
 Matt Crowningshield ..... 2024  
 Mary Paige ..... 2022

**OFFICERS:**

**MODERATOR**

Robert Clancy ..... 2022

**CONSTABLE**

Henry Dandeneau ..... 2023

**TOWN CLERK**

Paul McLatchy III ..... 2023

*\*Appointed to fill a vacancy*

**Resignations:**

Susan Williams, Park Commission ..... (3/9/21)  
 Paul McLatchy III, Finance Committee ..... (5/14/21)  
 Sandra Daviau, Council on Aging ..... (6/29/21)

Joanne Brown, Council on Aging ..... (7/2/21, Declined Reappointment)  
 Shirley Veber, Council on Aging ..... (7/6/21, Declined Reappointment)



## PROSPECTIVE JUROR LIST - 2021

PROSPECTIVE JUROR LIST - Office of Jury Commissioner {M.G.L Chapter 234a}

<b>ALBRECHT, Jessica C</b>	122 DAVENPORT RD	F	
<b>ARNEY, Dave</b>	131 ZOAR RD		ENGINEER
<b>ASH, Brian S</b>	6 PINE HILL DR	M	MATERIALS HANDLER
<b>ASH, Laurie L</b>	6 PINE HILL DR	F	USPS CLERK
<b>ATWOOD, Kathleen A</b>	PO Box 272	F	TEACHER
<b>ATWOOD, Ronald</b>	48 Pond Rd.		RETIRED
<b>AVALLONE, Colleen C</b>	PO BOX 271		MARKETING
<b>AVALLONE, Robert J</b>	PO BOX 271	M	MUSICIAN
<b>AVERY, Linda E</b>	PO BOX 312	F	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
<b>BAILEY, Christine A</b>	29 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	F	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>BAILEY, Jeffrey A</b>	29 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	HEAD CUSTODIAN
<b>BAKER, Nicholas W</b>	65 STONE HILL RD	M	DEERFIELD ACADEMY
<b>BAKER, Roberta M</b>	65 STONE HILL RD	F	TEACHER
<b>BAKER, William J</b>	65 STONE HILL RD	M	BUSINESSMAN
<b>BEAUMIER, Christie</b>	2 CYRUS STAGE RD		
<b>BEAUMIER, Danielle R</b>	2 CYRUS STAGE RD		
<b>BEAUMIER, Robert P</b>	2 CYRUS STAGE RD		
<b>BJORK, Timothy J</b>	42 LESHURE RD M		
<b>BOOTH, Robin</b>	194 LESHURE RD	F	NURSE
<b>BOUTWELL, Rebecca S</b>	7 POTTER RD	F	RETAIL MANAGEMENT
<b>BOYD, Ashley M</b>	5 STONE RD	f	PHYSICAL THERAPY DOC.
<b>BOYD, IAN M</b>	5 STONE RD	M	EXECUTIVE CHEF
<b>BRADLEY, Kenneth F</b>	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	AUDIO ENGINEER
<b>BRADLEY, Michael F</b>	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	HEARING TESTER
<b>BRADLEY, REBECCA P</b>	51 MIDDLETOWN RD	F	B&B OWNER
<b>BRENNEMAN, Caleb D</b>	PO BOX 473		
<b>BRINES, Courtenay M</b>	189 POTTER RD		VETERINARIAN
<b>BROWN, Christopher M</b>	110 COUNTY RD	M	LOGGER
<b>BROWN, Craig W</b>	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	M	
<b>BROWN, Reed E</b>	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	COOK
<b>BURKE, Daniel T</b>	465 TUNNEL RD	M	STUDENT
<b>BURKE, Ryan P</b>	465 TUNNEL RD	M	STUDENT
<b>CHIOFALO, Thomas</b>	87 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
<b>CLANCY, Robert J</b>	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	M	RETIRED
<b>CLANCY, Sean M</b>	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	M	STUDENT
<b>COLUMBUS, Peter J</b>	PO BOX 825	M	WRITER
<b>COULOMBE, Dean R</b>	39 STONE HILL RD	M	TREE SERVICE
<b>COULOMBE, Mackenzi B</b>	39 STONE HILL RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>COUSINEAU, Bailey R</b>	17 POTTER RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>COUSINEAU, Heidi</b>	PO BOX 1001	F	CHHA/PCA
<b>COWIE, Bruce W</b>	487 TUNNEL RD	M	GRAPHIC DESIGNER
<b>COWIE, Janet L</b>	487 TUNNEL RD	F	DIRECTOR
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Andrea M</b>	245 ZOAR RD	F	
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Brian C</b>	245 ZOAR RD		
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Debra A</b>	450 TUNNEL RD	F	OFFICE MANAGER
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Jocelyn N</b>	245 ZOAR RDK	F	
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Matthew R</b>	16 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	
<b>CROWNINGSHIELD, Steven R</b>	450 TUNNEL RD	M	CARPENTER
<b>DANDENEAU, Evelyn L</b>	PO BOX 282	F	RETIRED

<b>DANDENEAU</b> , Henry J	PO BOX 282	M	RETIRED
<b>DANEK</b> , Helen E	39 CROSS RD	F	HOMEMAKER
<b>DANEK-BURKE</b> , Lisa A	465 Tunnel Rd	F	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
<b>DE MENOCA</b> L, Peter B	148 DAVENPORT RD		
<b>DECKER</b> , David J	54 FORD HILL RD		SELF EMPLOYED
<b>DEMAREY</b> , Matthew T	37 STEEL BROOK RD		
<b>DEMECH</b> , Brianna E	162 ZOAR RD	F	FINANCE
<b>DENOUDEN</b> , Nicole	34 STONE HILL RD	F	MANAGER
<b>DENSON</b> , Michael A	100 LESHURE RD	M	MECHANIC
<b>DENSON</b> , Norma L	100 LESHURE RD	M	DISABLED
<b>DERY</b> , Mollie R	32 SHIPPEE RD	F	
<b>DUVAL</b> , Mark A	65 POTTER RD	M	
<b>DVORE</b> , David	75 POTTER RD	M	COMPUTER SERVICE
<b>FISHER</b> , Barbara	17 LESHURE RD		
<b>FISHER</b> , Charles	17 LESHURE RD		
<b>FOBERG</b> , Kirsten E	160 HAZELTON RD	F	
<b>FREDERICKSON</b> , Marguerite S	42 FORD HILL RD		RETIRED
<b>GABERT</b> , Kimberly A	144 LESHURE RD	F	LIBRARIAN
<b>GALLAGHAR</b> , Enid E	97 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	STUDENT
<b>GALLO</b> , Raymond	33 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	DISABLED
<b>GARY</b> , Virginia P	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	F	RETIRED
<b>GOTTESMAN</b> , Barbara A	PO BOX 470	F	RETIRED
<b>GREICO</b> , Ann L	PO BOX 461	F	AT HOME
<b>GREICO</b> , Richard N	54 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	RETIRED
<b>HEILIGMANN</b> , Katherine S	71 CROSS RD	F	RETIRED
<b>HICKS</b> , Amy	86 FORD HILL RD	F	
<b>HOUGHTALING</b> , Melissa A	14 TUNNEL RD	F	UNEMPLOYED
<b>HOUGHTALING</b> , NEVIN T	14 TUNNEL RD	M	MOHAWK
<b>HOUGHTALING</b> , Thomas A	14 TUNNEL RD	M	CONSTRUCTION
<b>HUMBERT</b> , Anna J	530 TUNNEL RD	F	RETIRED
<b>HUMBERT</b> , Dennis A	530 TUNNEL RD	M	RETIRED
<b>HYTTINEN</b> , Christopher S	65 HAZELTON RD	M	POLICE OFFICER
<b>JACKSON</b> , Darlene A	88 HAZELTON RD	F	PELICAN
<b>JACKSON</b> , Lisa M	88 HAZELTON RD	F	TEACHER
<b>JACKSON</b> , Oral L	88 HAZELTON RD	M	MECHANIC
<b>JOHNSON</b> , Kristen L	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	F	ADMINISTRATION
<b>JOLLY</b> , Morgan W	19 STONE RD	M	WEB DEVELOPER
<b>JOLLY</b> , Russel W	19 STONE RD	M	CONSULTANT
<b>KATZ</b> , Rebecca	80 DAVENPORT RD	F	COUNSELOR
<b>KICHOROWSKY</b> , Roman M	78 HAZELTON RD		
<b>KUEHL</b> , Andrew	43 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	EMPLOYED
<b>KUEHL</b> , Mike W	36 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	HVAC/R TECH
<b>LAFFOND</b> , Erin L	208 HAZELTON RD	F	STUDENT
<b>LAFFOND</b> , Michael S	208 HAZELTON RD	M	AIRCRAFT MECHANIC
<b>LARNED</b> , Lance P	26 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
<b>LEVITRE</b> , Cristine	PO BOX 363	F	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>LIVELY</b> , Abigail R	64 DELL RD	F	COOK/FITNESS
<b>LIVELY</b> , Anne M	22 FORD HILL RD	F	PCA/HOMEMAKER
<b>LIVELY</b> , Christina A	11 PETRIE RD	F	COLLEGE STUDENT
<b>LIVELY</b> , Deborah L	64 DELL RD	F	FITNESS
<b>LIVELY</b> , Jason A	22 FORD HILL RD	M	TRUCK DRIVER
<b>LIVELY</b> , Jonathan A	11 PETRIE RD	M	BOILER OPERATOR
<b>LONG</b> , Barbara A	58 TATRO RD	F	UNKNOWN
<b>LOOMIS</b> , Leann Z	63 MIDDLETOWN RD	F	DIR PUPIL SVC
<b>LOOMIS</b> , Ruth E	63 TATRO ROAD	F	RETIRED
<b>LOOMIS</b> , Sean R	63 MIDDLETOWN RD	M	PARK MANAGER

<b>LOOMIS</b> , Taylor E	63 MIDDLETOWN RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>LOOMIS</b> , William A	108 HAZELTON RD	M	RETIRED
<b>MARKERT</b> , Karen	377 TUNNEL RD	F	UNEMPLOYED
<b>MAY</b> , Dennis F	22 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
<b>MAY</b> , Katherine E	68 CROSS RD	F	HOMEMAKER
<b>MCLATCHY III</b> , Paul	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ADMINISTRATIVE
<b>MCLATCHY Jr.</b> , Paul	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	RETIRED
<b>MCLATCHY</b> , Kerri L	20 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	TEACHER
<b>MILLER</b> , Clayton C	160 HAZELTON RD	M	WELDER
<b>MILLER</b> , Daniel J	P O BOX 417	M	RETIRED
<b>MILLER</b> , Ellen B	160 HAZELTON RD	F	TREASURER/ASSESSOR
<b>MILLER</b> , Lisa L	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	F	NURSE/PRACTITIONER
<b>MORAN</b> , Julie A	11 HAZELTON RD	F	DAYCARE
<b>MORANO</b> , Christopher	14 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	CARPENTER
<b>MORCEAU</b> , Aaron J	PO BOX 316	M	COOK
<b>MORSE</b> , Ashton P	162 ZOAR RD	F	MACHINE
<b>MORSE</b> , Jennifer A	PO BOX 295	F	MUNICIPAL
<b>NICHOLS</b> , Robin	58 TATRO RD	F	BAKER
<b>OSTROWSKI</b> , Jasmyne A	244 ZOAR RD		
<b>PAIGE III</b> , Clifford F	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	CUSTODIAN
<b>PAIGE</b> , Gianna M	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	STUDENT
<b>PAIGE</b> , Mary E	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	CAN/HOMEMAKER
<b>PAIGE</b> , Sara	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	GORDON COLLEGE
<b>PALLOTTA</b> , Daniel A	43 POTTER RD	M	PROJECT MANAGER
<b>PALLOTTA</b> , Margaret R	43 POTTER RD	F	ASST. TOWN CLERK
<b>PALMER</b> , Elizabeth	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD		NONE
<b>PARENT</b> , William M	39 STONE HILL ESTERDE	F	HR MANAGER
<b>PICKETT</b> , Felicity	PO BOX 273	F	DIRECTOR
<b>PIKE</b> , Laurie J	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	RETIRED
<b>PITTSLEY</b> , Carl J	20 NEWELL CROSS RD		MEDICAL
<b>PLANTE</b> , Nancy J	68 ZOAR RD		ADMINISTRATIVE
<b>PLANTE</b> , Thomas J	68 ZOAR RD	M	UNEMPLOYED
<b>POEHLEIN</b> , David G	PO BOX 17	M	SKI PATROL
<b>POLHEMUS JR</b> , Richard E	171 ZOAR RD	M	UNKNOWN
<b>POPLAWSKI</b> , Claudine M	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	SPED TEACHER
<b>POPLAWSKI</b> , Daniel P	37 SHIPPEE RD	M	ARBELLA INSURANCE
<b>POPLAWSKI</b> , Emma C	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	STUDENT
<b>POPLAWSKI</b> , Grace E	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	STUDENT
<b>QUIST</b> , Kelle J	4 FORD HILL RD	F	RETIRED
<b>REARDON</b> , Mary A	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	F	HOUSEWIFE
<b>REARDON</b> , William N	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	M	VERMONT YANKEE
<b>REED</b> , Lockwood L	48 HAZELTON RD	M	US NAVY
<b>REYNOLDS</b> , Danette L	30 POTTER RD	F	BUSINESS MANAGER
<b>RICE</b> , Dean T	85 FORD HILL RD	M	TRUCK DRIVER
<b>RICE</b> , Jennifer L	85 FORD HILL RD	M	HOMEMAKER
<b>RICE</b> , Jordon	85 FORD HILL RD	F	UMASS
<b>RICE</b> , Margaret E	88 DAVIS MINE RD	F	RN - RETIRED
<b>RICHARDSON</b> , Rebecca F	27 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	TEACHER
<b>ROBERSON</b> , David A	PO BOX 303	M	BUSINESS PERSON
<b>ROCCIO</b> , Morgan T	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	F	ROWE STUDENT
<b>ROCCIO</b> , Paulette A	10 KINGS HWY	F	FACILITIES MGR
<b>ROCHE</b> , Barbara J	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	F	RETIRED
<b>ROSE-FISH</b> , Benjamin C	32 SHIPPEE RD	M	
<b>ROSE-FISH</b> , John C	32 SHIPPEE RD	M	UNKNOWN
<b>SANCHEZ</b> , Ramon L	PO BOX 470	M	RETIRED
<b>SCHEIBER</b> , Michael L	63 DAVENPORT RD		

<b>SEMANIE, Caitlyn I</b>	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	THERAPIST
<b>SEMANIE, William M</b>	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD		MECHANIC
<b>SHATTUCK, RYAN A</b>	22 FORD HILL RD	M	GREENFIELD
<b>SHERMAN, Benjamin E</b>	77 HAZELTON RD	M	UNEMPLOYED
<b>SHERMAN, Connie A</b>	77 HAZELTON RD	F	PROGRAM MANAGER
<b>SHIPPEE, Julie J</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	POLICE CHIEF
<b>SHIPPEE, Kenneth R</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ROWE HIGHWAY
<b>SHIPPEE, Kurt W</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	DELIVERY DRIVER
<b>SHIPPEE, Kyle K</b>	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	LABORER
<b>SHULDA, Brooke E</b>	146 FORD HILL RD	F	UNKNOWN
<b>SHULDA, Lynne K</b>	205 ZOAR RD	F	RETIRED
<b>SHULDA, Philip W</b>	205 ZOAR RD	M	RETIRED
<b>SILVA, Carrie Y</b>	123 DAVIS MINE RD	F	CLERICAL/PARA
<b>SILVA, Robert A</b>	123 DAVIS MINE RD	M	CONSTRUCTION
<b>SIMPSON, Eliakim H</b>	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	SUPERVISOR
<b>SMITH, Sandra L</b>	PO Box 226	F	NURSE
<b>SNYDER, Catherine T</b>	49 CROSS RD	F	REG NURSE
<b>SOKOL, Charles L</b>	14 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	ENGINEER
<b>SOKOL, Meredith L</b>	14 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	BARTENDER
<b>SOUSA, James E</b>	99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	
<b>SOVIECKE, Karen</b>	41 DAVENPORT RD	F	RETIRED
<b>SOVIECKE, Mitchell</b>	41 DAVENPORT RD	M	SELF EMPLOYED
<b>SPRAGUE, Brandon A</b>	162 ZOAR RD	M	
<b>SPRAGUE, Brittani M</b>	40 SHIPPEE RD	F	TEACHER
<b>SPRAGUE, Julie E</b>	162 ZOAR RD	F	MOHAWK
<b>SPRAGUE, Katherine D</b>	242 FORD HILL RD	F	ADMIN.
<b>SPRAGUE, Kevin D</b>	242 FORD HILL RD	M	REFUSE ATTENDANT
<b>SUTHERLAND, Laurie</b>	131 ZOAR RD	F	PROGRAMMER
<b>SUTHERLAND, Wendy S</b>	202 LESHURE RD	F	RN
<b>TANNER III, Robert H</b>	40 SHIPPEE RD	M	PCA
<b>TATRO, Christopher</b>	186 POTTER RD	M	
<b>THANE, Joseph E</b>	32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	M	
<b>TOMLINSON, Susan D</b>	145 LESHURE RD	F	RETIRED
<b>TOTH, Ildiko A</b>	9 PINE HILL DR	F	RETIRED
<b>TOWER, Jonathan M</b>	234 ZOARD RD	M	DRFIELD VLLY SPP
<b>TRAVIS, William</b>	62 POND RD	M	PARAMEDIC
<b>UPTON, CAITLIN</b>	5 PINE HILL DR		
<b>UPTON, Darline J</b>	5 PINE HILL DR	F	
<b>UPTON, Douglas</b>	5 PINE HILL DR	M	MECHANIC
<b>URENA, Divina</b>	101 HAZELTON RD		
<b>VALITSKY-BEAUMIER, Dawn M</b>	2 CYRUS STAGE RD.		
<b>VEBER, Presley</b>	3 PINE HILL DR	M	WW BUILDER
<b>VEBER, Terry</b>	294 ZOAR RD	M	VP/RICE OIL
<b>VEGA, Richard</b>	14 POTTER ROAD	M	HVAC TECH
<b>WERNER, Benjamin J</b>	22 KINGS HWY		EXEC DIRECTOR
<b>WERNER, Lauren A</b>	22 KINGS HWY		ADMIN SUPPORT
<b>WESSMAN, Daniel O</b>	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	M	RETIRED
<b>WHEELER, Frank E</b>	19 STONE RD		
<b>WHITE, Glenn M</b>	245 LESHURE RD	M	BURNER TECH
<b>WHITE, Susan M</b>	65 POTTER RD	M	TEACHER
<b>WILLIAMS, Albert R</b>	58 TATRO RD	M	LABORER
<b>WILLIAMS, Dana M</b>	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	STUDENT
<b>WILLIAMS, Frederick N</b>	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	RETIRED
<b>WILLIAMS, James R</b>	101 HAZELTON RD	M	LANDLORD
<b>WILLIAMS, Jay T</b>	146 FORD HILL RD	M	
<b>WILLIAMS, MaryJo A</b>	36 PETRIE RD	F	AGRI-BUSNSS WM

<b>WILLIAMS</b> , Robert O	36 PETRIE RD	M	RETIRED
<b>WILLIAMS</b> , Susan A	7 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	
<b>WILSON</b> , REV, Douglass	144 LESHURE RD	M	MINISTER
<b>WILSON</b> , Marilyn	37 POTTER RD	F	RETIRED
<b>WOOD</b> , Jennifer Y	19 STONE RD	F	GUIDE/CHILD C
<b>WOOD</b> , Susan C	19 STONE RD 01367	F	MEDIATOR
<b>WRISLEY</b> , Nicole	14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD		
<b>ZAVOTKA</b> , Kelly L	505 TUNNEL RD	F	TEACHER
<b>ZAVOTKA</b> , Susan L	505 TUNNEL RD	F	RETIRED

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS & PERMITS – 2021

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### BIRTHS

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

2 births (parental permission was not provided by the submission deadline).

### MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE

Kara Lynn Kitchen

Jeremy Michael Wright

Intentions Filed: April 2, 2021

Date of Marriage: April 5, 2021

Married in: Rowe, MA

Reed Edwin Brown

Paulette Ann Roccio

Intentions Filed: June 4, 2021

Date of Marriage: June 19, 2021

Married in: Rowe, MA

Kerri Lynn McLatchy

Carl James Pittsley

Intentions Filed: June 17, 2021

Date of Marriage: July 10, 2021

Married in: Mashpee, MA

Terry Henery Veber

Mary Ellen Veber

Intentions Filed: October 1, 2021

Date of Marriage: October 8, 2021

Married in: Rowe, MA

Dean Robert Coulombe  
Alexis Loraine-Ann Deane  
Intentions Filed: September 25, 2021  
Date of Marriage: October 2, 2021  
Married in: Bernardston, MA

## **DEATHS**

Julian Robert Boyd  
Born: September 16, 2021  
Died: September 16, 2021

## **BUSINESS CERTIFICATES**

Steven Crowningshield  
DBA Steve Crowningshield Home Maint.  
450 Tunnel Road  
Issued April 5, 2021

Christine Levitre  
DBA Revisions Jewelry  
96 Ford Hill Road  
Issued June 15, 2021

Robert Boyd  
DBA West Branch Tree Service  
11 Hazelton Road  
Issued August 6, 2021

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2021**

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An application for a Variance was submitted for a Wireless Communications Facility in Rowe for County Road in Rowe. A Hearing will take place in 2022.

Henry Dandeneau  
Gail May  
Ellynn Packard  
Michael Bradley  
Kim Gabert

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - 2021**

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Ramon Sanchez: 413-339-4836  
Animal Control Officer  
Henry Dandeneau 413-339-4295  
Substitute

## **BOARD OF HEALTH - 2021**

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As the pandemic continued, 2021 kept the Board of Health busy with increased responsibilities in keeping our town safe. The previous Sub-committee, which included Selectboard members, Town Hall employees, and other town residents, continued to review weekly statistics presented from various State and Federal information sites. ROBO calls continued every week to keep town residents informed of testing and immunization sites. With information changing daily, we strived to get the most accurate information to our residents.

The BOH continues to work closely with our FRCOG partners to set up distribution sites for COVID-19 vaccines. Our Town Nurse, Chelsea Betsold, and Rowe School Nurse, Lydia Brisson, had frequent zoom calls with our district members to keep our town and school population healthy and safe.

A special thanks to the Rowe Elementary School community. They worked very closely with the Rowe BOH and were the only school within Franklin County to offer "in-person" learning throughout this pandemic. Toward the end of the year, the BOH was able to open the Town Hall and Library once more. Wearing masks continue to be a requirement by all persons working and entering public buildings.

The Board was excited about hiring town nurse Chelsea Betsold after the retirement of Sheila Litchfield. Chelsea was only with us for a brief time and was appreciated by the BOH for her dedication and caring of our Town residents. The BOH continues to be determined to fill this position for the town's well-being. We are a very isolated community with about 50% of our population over 50. A Town nurse is a needed position for the wellness of our town.

The BOH accepted with regret a letter of retirement from James Lively. After years of service, James kept the transfer station always running smoothly. We would like to also acknowledge Kevin Sprague for his years of service. Both will be missed.

Rob Beaumier was hired and began on July 1, 2021. He has been attending OSHA training and works closely with the contractors to install our new paper compactor. Rob has also helped clean out the swap shop and organize the area.

The recycling numbers have improved immensely, and Rowe is now 2nd in the County! Thank you to all of our residents that have made that possible.

With regret, the BOH received a resignation from Joanne Semanie, our Board of Health Secretary. Joanne did an excellent job balancing all the demands put on her by the Board during this pandemic and the agencies we work with daily. Joanne was a vital part of the Board of Health and she will be missed.

The Board wants to sincerely thank all our residents for their support during these trying times. The pandemic has put pressure on all of us as never before. We have been able to keep our Town safe by working together. As we move into 2022, we are looking forward and confident that everyone will continue to be vigilant in their care and the concern of their neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Rice, Chairperson

Herbert Butzke

Dan Poplawski

Rowe Board of Health

## **BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWN NURSE - 2021**

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The Rowe Board of Health hired Chelsea Betsold in November 2020 to replace Sheila Litchfield who retired. Chelsea was a great addition to the Town Hall and adjusting to the Covid 19 requirements and restrictions. She resigned in August to pursue a career in the field of psychology. Since her departure the Board continues to struggle with filling this valuable position.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2021**

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The Fire Department continues to adapt to the changing world we live in. The capabilities of the Department are directly related to our ability to learn new ways of performing our job, train on these new ideas and existing ways and then practice, practice, practice. This has been extremely difficult as the Covid 19 Pandemic continued throughout the past year. Everyone stepped up to the plate and continued to provide our services throughout this time.



The Department experienced a 9% increase in the number of calls that we were requested to respond to from 2020. The members of the department were called to respond 61 times this past year. The breakdown of calls was:

Medical – 67.2%

Mutual Aid – 9.8%

Tree/Wires/Weather – 6.6%

Alarms (Fire, CO etc)- 9.8%

The first week of the month, 1-8, is the busiest week of the month with a third of all calls occurring during this week. Our busiest times of day are 7 am to 9 am and then from 5 pm to 6 pm with 25% of our calls occurring during these time periods. This places a huge burden on the very few members that are available during the day.

This past year the department continues to review its capabilities and make the necessary changes to better serve you, our constituents. The radio system we have been operating with is changing from one managed by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to one operated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This will give us greater interoperability with the multitude of State Agencies but required us to purchase and install all new radios. The Commonwealth provided a financial break on this purchase and reimbursed a portion of the installation costs. We are still learning how to use this system, the spots in Town that it does not work in and what we need to do to overcome the deficiencies. The complete switch to this new system will take place in 2022. We will have to purchase new pagers in the summer of 2023.

We applied for as many grants as we could. The application process is usually fairly easy but the administration and paperwork to comply with the grant is extremely hard when we have no full-time personnel or even guaranteed part time people. We received an Emergency Management Preparedness grant for \$2500.00 that was used to update the departments Personal Flotation Devices, Helmets, Rescue Ropes, and Equipment for water related calls. We received a Firefighter Equipment Safety Grant of \$8500.00 that allowed us to purchase an Ice Rescue Sled, 2 cold water exposure suits and more rope. The Sled can be used in open water as well as on the ice. We are now much better equipped to handle an emergency at the lake. We applied in conjunction with the Police Department for a Commonwealth Security Grant to purchase a video conferencing system and upgrade both departments IT infrastructure. We only received \$9600.00 to equip the training room with the video conferencing equipment and install a new hardened computer in the Police Department's primary cruiser. The video conferencing equipment with a 75" monitor make it much easier to provide local training to groups of people as well as allows us to attend trainings, meetings, and seminars remotely.

The department was successful, thanks to your support, in receiving funding to purchase a new vehicle for the department. Much time was spent designing, putting the design out to bid, and then ordering the vehicle. Hopefully we will receive the vehicle in 2022 but due to worldwide shortages it may be 2023. The department currently operates a 2003 Mack Pumper/Tanker, a 2003 International Pumper/Tanker and a 2010 Ford 550 Utility Vehicle. We intend to sell the 2003 International next year in the spring. We continue to look at our requests for responses and our capabilities to meet those requests. In the last couple of years, we have gone from operating and maintaining two front line pumpers, a tanker, a utility/brush vehicle, medical response vehicle and cargo trailer for Hazardous Material response to two

pumper/tankers, the utility/brush and the cargo trailer. This reduced the financial liability for future replacement from over 2.2 million to 1.3 million.

I would like to thank the citizens of the Town for continuing to support the department and especially like to thank the members of the department and their families for committing to providing a great service.

Dennis M. Annear – Fire Chief



Rob Beaumier Training



Christie Beaumier Hose Training



## POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2021

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The Rowe Police Department has had another wonderful year even though Covid-19 is still putting a hold on some of our training opportunities.

Officer Christopher Hyytinen has started the new training requirements for all Police officers in the State of Massachusetts. He has attended 40 hours of Defense tactics training, 40 hours of EVOC training (cruiser driving) and 40 hours of weapons training. also has completed 80 hours of online courses. Chief Shippee and Officer Kyle Sweeney will be attending the same training in the year 2023.

The Rowe Police Department has had some donations and grant money given to then for equipment and other things. From the Commonwealth Security trust Fund a grant to be shared with the Rowe Fire Department amount of \$9960.00 with our portion going to a new computer to be installed into our Chevy police cruiser to be used in the field, \$500.00 anonymous donation used for new tables in the Rowe Fire Station training classroom, and \$20,000.00 donation given by the Florence Veber family in memory of Florence Veber to be shared with the Rowe Fire Department and Rowe EMS Department.

Rowe Police Department have switched to a new radio system that all of Franklin County Police Departments are now using. This system is allowing our department to have clearer communications with our dispatchers and other Police Departments in our area.

Julie Shippee, Police Chief

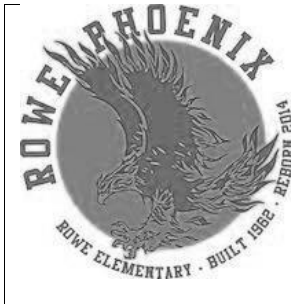


Left: Chief Shippee aids a stranded vehicle  
Right: Rowe Officers Annual Qualifying

## EDUCATION

### PRINCIPAL - ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 2021

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## Rowe Elementary School

*"Where children come first..."*

86 Pond Road  
Rowe, MA 01367  
www.rowschool.org

Bill Knittle, Principal  
Phone: 413-512-5100  
FAX: 413-339-8621

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It is our pleasure to submit the 2021 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.

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 2021 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, Office Manager Ronna Brandt, 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

## **ROWE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 2021**

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The Rowe School Committee members for 2021 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, Lauri Laffond, Recording Secretary.

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

**Monthly Meetings:** The Committee met monthly. Superintendent John Franzoni, Principal Bill Knittle, and Recording Secretary, Laurie Laffond attended each meeting. Business Administrator, Jennifer Macksay attended as needed. Due to COVID19 restrictions most meetings were held via meet.Google.com

**COVID19 School Protocol :** The School Committee and School Administration worked in cooperation with Rowe BOH to approve a plan for Rowe School to be fully open for the FY22 school year. Thanks to the cooperation and hard work of teachers, administrators and parents Rowe School has been able to have in-person education for the entire 2021 year.

**Classroom Reconfiguration:** The Rowe School Committee approved adoption of a new classroom configuration for the FY2022 school calendar year: Pre-School 1 – Age 3, Pre-school 2 - age 4 and Kindergarten, Grades 1/2, Grades 3/4, Grades 5/6.

**Physical Facilities:** The Physical Facilities Sub-committee met twice during the year to review the state of the building and grounds, making a list of items that need to be repaired or replaced.

**Employment:** A new 3 year contract was approved for Principal Bill Knittle. A new Custodian, James Bleau, and School Nurse, Lydia Brisson were hired.

**Retirements:** After 37 years of service to Rowe School, teacher Janiice LaPointe retired. We are grateful for her dedication to teaching and supporting Rowe students.

Rowe School Committee is particularly grateful for the outstanding faculty, staff, and administrators who have served Rowe School this past year. Maintaining a high level of excellence in education through in-person learning under very difficult circumstances due to COVID has been difficult to say the least. Thank you for your outstanding service and dedication.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES - MTRSD - 2021**

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The Mohawk Trail Regional and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Trail Regional Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, During the 2020-21 school year, The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont district have about 24.1% and 28% respectively of their student population receiving special education services. Those services are in several areas; speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling and academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher. The OT and PT spend about one day in each school. All schools have a full time Speech Language Pathologist vs sharing a SLP and an assistant. This model has increased consistency and support for our students, while being cost effective. With an increased need for counseling services for all students, each school has begun to increase this level of support. BSE, Colrain, and Sanderson have a full-time school psychologist. Hawlemont has a full-time School Psychologist, the Middle and High School have a full time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist. The level of services in each building is based on population, need and level of services legally required by an IEP.

During the school year 2020-21, all students with an IEP were offered their direct services and received them based on their in person or remote status. Students with higher needs were prioritized to receive in person learning from September of 2020. As IEP meetings occurred through the year, we were required to hold conversations with the caregivers and the IEP team as to whether a student demonstrated

substantial regression due to COVID and required compensatory services. We had a small number of students require compensatory services.

The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). A small core group of parents began the process in the spring of 2021 to reinvigorate the SEPAC. They have held monthly meetings with an average of 4 parents attending. We are grateful for their work and look forward to the continued progress.

The district continues to support several substantially separate programs for students

- Students requiring the support of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst): The program is located at BSE and currently serves seven 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 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, and focus on transition and vocational skills. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leann Loomis  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## **SUPERINTENDENT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021**

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It is a pleasure and honor to continue serving as your Superintendent of Schools. We have completed our strategic plan and are excited to move the work of both districts forward. Even though COVID 19 continues to dominate our landscape, shape our interactions, and sense of “normal”, we have worked together to make our schools and our community as safe as possible throughout the lingering pandemic. I am thankful for the empathy our community shares for each other as this has allowed us to traverse the many challenges of both districts while remaining focused on providing the most outstanding educational experience for our students.

We returned to part time in-person learning in the spring and full time in-person learning this fall. With additional protocols and safety measures, staff welcomed students and our collective enthusiasm was overwhelming! It was so amazing to have our students back in the buildings and hear their laughter and joy fill the hallways. The school districts have continued to focus on improving our technology infrastructure for in-person instruction. Our capital improvement projects have begun, including upgrades and repairs to ventilation and heating systems that have been long overdue. Thank you to the Capital Improvement Working Group for their time and thoughtful approach to ensuring our schools receive the needed attention and repairs, especially during COVID 19. We are extremely appreciative and thankful for this work and look forward to additional projects that will be completed this summer.

MTRSD planned and facilitated the Rural Schools Round Table this fall. Senator Adam Hinds and Representative Natalie Blais, both key legislators on the Student Opportunity Act Rural Commission presented and participated. Our neighboring districts attended and shared with the rest of the Rural Commission the long-standing concerns and issues inherent in educating students in rural communities. Significant rural aid has been added to the state budget, however, we continue to pursue legislative changes to create permanent funding for schools in rural communities. Thank you to the community members who attended, participated, and advocated passionately and effectively during the Rural Round Table event. Our work 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.

In addition to continuing our implementation of the Bridges Math Program, literacy is a key focus for both districts. We are working with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to choose a scientifically, evidence-based literacy curriculum. Our District Literacy Leadership Team has been working hard to pilot curriculum, participate in professional development, and collaborate as a district to ensure literacy instruction is consistent throughout the district. We are very thankful for our partnership with the Mary Lyon Foundation in sharing our work with the community as well. Our partnership has included providing a literacy basket for any newborn in our towns as well as books for every preschool student in our district. These are exciting initiatives that bring our community together around the importance of literacy for everyone in our learning community.

A third key curriculum priority in all schools continues to be social-emotional learning. Our ESSER II and III funding has been allocated to additional support personnel and community engagement and enrichment programming. These are essential in developing and sustaining positive relationships with staff and peers as students return to in-person learning. Much of what students know about school has changed over the past year so now more than ever, it is critical that students know they are cared for and belong to a welcoming community.

Our [strategic plan](#) outlines four key priority areas to move our districts forward. These priority areas include building community, innovating, investing in our shared future, and fostering an inclusive community of learners. As trailblazers, we are unique and our educational paths are filled with exploration, curiosity, individualized learning, community involvement and deep connections. This is evident in so many areas of our districts. I encourage you to witness or reflect upon the work of our seniors and their amazing capstone projects, our community service-learning work at Colrain Central School, our HAY program at Hawlemont, the amazing mindfulness and outdoor learning at Sanderson Academy and



the inclusive work of our HUB staff and students at Buckland Shelburne Elementary. While the challenges of teaching and learning during COVID 19 have been ever-present, I continue to be extremely proud of our students, families, staff, and community as we have worked together to overcome them. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the years to come.

Sheryl L. Stanton  
Superintendent  
Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional School Districts

## **CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2021**

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

This year (2021) the Awards Subcommittee read 24 applications. 10 were from seniors and 14 were from graduates. We used 30% of our allotted monies 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 \$12,200.00 were awarded to seniors and 14 scholarships totaling \$28,150.00 were awarded to graduates.

From 1991 - 2021 a total of \$ 1,094,825.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$335,475.00 and \$759,350.00 has been awarded to graduates.

Applications were available either online or they could be obtained at Mohawk School.

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

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and 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 Student Services at Mohawk, 413-625-9811, Ext. 1503 for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion E Scott, Secretary

## FRED WELLS TRUSTEES - 2021

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This trust fund was established under the will of Fred W. Wells. Mr. Wells, a former resident of Greenfield directed that a portion of income from the fund be used for awarding scholarships in agricultural, mechanical or professional fields. Funds available for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 were \$227,977.00 (inclusive of unused scholarship money from previous years that was reallocated to be granted this year)

### EDUCATION

The Trustees received 168 applications and approved 167 of those received. Trustees awarded a total of \$166,550.00. This amount includes two \$1000.00 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees worked diligently throughout the year to provide all eligible applicants an award to assist in their education.

### HEALTH

Four applicants were provided grants totaling \$72,000.00:

The Care Collaborative	\$20,000.00
Community Action Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	\$10,000.00
Life Path Inc. for Meals on Wheels Program	\$30,000.00
NE Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT)	\$12,000.00

Eight applicants were provided COVID Support Grants totaling \$33,000.00:

Greenfield Senior Center/Council on Aging	\$15,400.00
Shelburne Falls Senior Center	\$ 5,000.00
Charlemont Senior Center	\$ 1,500.00
Conway Council on aging	\$ 1,800.00
South County Senior Center	\$ 4,600.00
Heath Council on Aging	\$ 1,000.00
Leyden Council on Aging	\$ 1,000.00
Northfield Council on Aging	\$ 2,700.00
Total Health Grants awarded were	\$105,000.00

### AGRICULTURE

Two applicants were provided grants totaling \$14,391.00

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 8,203.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$6,188.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dot Lyman  
(Rowe had 4 students receiving scholarships)

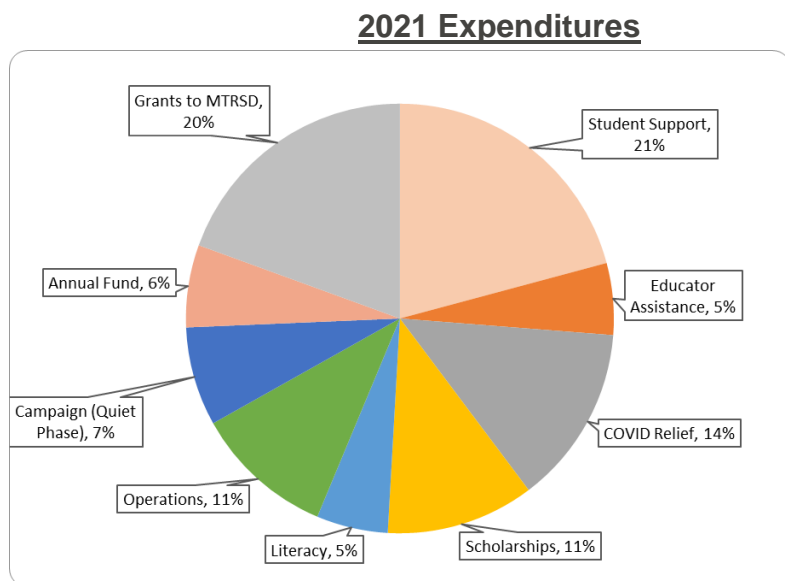
## MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC. - 2021

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FY 21 was a year of transition and expansion at the Mary Lyon Foundation. After thirty years, Sue Samoriski, Founding Executive Director, retired in December, and Kristen Tillona-Baker began her tenure as Executive Director in early January 2021.

While the Pandemic continued to impact the way we did our business in FY 21, the Foundation remained steadfast in its resolve to fulfill its vision that all students come to school ready to learn, succeed academically, socially, and emotionally, and thrive in the wider world.

The Foundation experienced 23% growth in FY 21, from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. The Foundation's total revenue for FY 21 was \$465,608, all of which supported our current programs, endowed funds, and expansion via newly created programs.



### New Programs:

A Grant Funding Agreement with the Mohawk Trail School District was created to develop and support funding for grants in the following areas:

- a. Before and after-school programming to help provide innovative learning and enrichment opportunities for students
  - b. Summer programming to provide innovative learning and enrichment opportunities for students
  - c. "Wrap-around" student services, i.e., a Health and Wellness Center, including but not limited to medical, psychological, optical, and dental services for students
  - d. Superintendent's Discretionary Fund in support of student and educator programs and services
- The Foundation also continued the implementation of its strategic priorities. One priority that is

underway is the creation of partnerships with our community to enhance the delivery of services and programs for our families and educators.

The Foundation partnered with the Ashfield Food Pantry in the spring of 2021 and began delivering groceries to our families in July. In 2021, we provided 74 people with fresh groceries every other Tuesday with the help of a strong corps of Foundation volunteer drivers. This partnership will continue to expand in 2022 as more families sign up for the delivery of groceries, which will continue to benefit our families and the community greatly.

During the summer of 2021, the Foundation partnered with the School District, It Takes a Village, and the CFCE to launch our first Literacy Night and clothing pop-up.

The evening targeted Pre-K-2nd graders, and families had the opportunity to select gently used clothing, engage in literacy activities and games, and bring home a new book. Before Thanksgiving, all Pre-K children in the district received a new book from the Foundation.

The Foundation partnered with the district to provide all families with newborn babies a gift supporting literacy.

In December, the Foundation partnered with the Shelburne Falls Branch of Greenfield Savings Bank to launch the Adopt-a-Child Program. Thirty-four children in the district received gifts under their tree through the generosity of community members who support the Foundation.

The Foundation supported the Capstone Students at Mohawk by awarding grants, which provided them with the funding to purchase the supplies for their projects.

Ongoing Programs:

In February, the Foundation supported Supper for Six through its partnership with the United Way by delivering twenty bags of canned goods, which fed multiple families in the district.

Through the Warm the Children Program, the Foundation secured funding to purchase winter coats, hats, and boots for 150 children in the district.

Our programming supported our youth, families, and educators through the Guardian Angel Fund, the Student Assistant Fund, the Educator Assistance Fund (mini-grants), the COVID Relief Fund, and our Scholarship Funds.

In FY 22, the Foundation will continue to expand its programming and services for our youth, families, and educators through community engagement and fundraising via our Comprehensive Campaign, *"Calling Our Community to Action for Student Success,"* which will go public in FY 22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Tillona-Baker  
Executive Director

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## ASSESSORS CHERRY SHEET 2021

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**C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2022  
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS  
General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A**

**Rowe**

**A. EDUCATION:**

**Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Chapter 70	141,065
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	39,493
Smart Growth	0

**Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:**

School Choice Receiving Tuition	239,075
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**Sub-Total, All Education Items: 419,633**

**B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

**Distributions and Reimbursements:**

Unrestricted General Government Aid	4,330
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans Benefits	0
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	2361
State Owned Land	17,293

**Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:**

Public Libraries	2,809
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**Sub-Total, All General Government: 26,793**

**C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: \$ 446,426**

**C.S. 1-EC Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2018  
 NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED CHARGES  
 General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21  
 Rowe**

**A. COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:**

County Tax	0
Suffolk County Retirement	0
Essex County Reg Comm Center	0
<b>Sub-Total, County Assessments:</b>	<b>0</b>

**B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:**

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution	523
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	320
<b>Sub-Total, State Assessments:</b>	<b>834</b>

**C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:**

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	2,139
<b>Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:</b>	<b>2,139</b>

**D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:**

Special Education	0
STRAP Repayments	0
Multi-Yr Repayment	0
<b>Sub-Total, Annual Charges Against Receipts:</b>	<b>0</b>

**E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:**

School Choice Sending Tuition	10,000
Charter School Sending Tuition	65,256
<b>Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:</b>	<b>75,256</b>

**F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES: 78,238**

## LEVY LIMIT - 2022

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### I. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2021 LEVY LIMIT

A.	FY 2020 Levy Limit	4,369,678	
A1.	Amended FY 2020 Growth	0	
B.	Add (IA +IA1) *2.5%	109,242	
C.	Add FY2021 New Growth	182,828	
C1.	Add FY2021 New Growth Adjustment	0	
D.	Add FY2021 Override	<u>0</u>	
E.	FY2021 Subtotal	<u>4,661,748</u>	
F.	FY2021 Levy Ceiling	12,903,238	<u><b>4,661,748</b></u>

**FY2021 Levy**

Limit

### II. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2021 LEVY LIMIT

A.	FY 2021 Levy Limit	From I	4,661,748	
A1.	Amended FY 2021 Growth		0	
B.	Add (IA +IA1) *2.5%		116,544	
C.	Add FY2022 New Growth		151,041	
C1.	Add FY2022 New Growth Adjustment		0	
D.	Add FY2022 Override		<u>0</u>	
E.	FY2022 Subtotal		<u>4,929,333</u>	
F.	FY2022 Levy Ceiling		13,145,669	<u><b>4,929,333</b></u>

**FY2022 Levy**

Limit

### III. TO CALCULATE THE FY 2022 MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY

A.	FY 2022 Levy Limit	From li	4,929,333
B.	FY 2022 Debt Exclusion		102,150
C.	FY 2022 Capital Expenditure Exclusion(s)		0
D.	FY2022 Stabilization Fund Override		211,944
E.	FY2022 Other Adjustment		0
F.	FY2022 Water/Sewer		<u>0</u>
G.	FY2022 Maximum Allowable Levy		<u><b>5,243,427</b></u>

## COMPARISON ROWE TAX RATE

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Town of Rowe - Tax Rate History					
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Open Space</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>
1993	\$5.98	\$0.00	\$9.81	\$9.81	\$9.81
1994	\$5.25	\$0.00	\$9.47	\$9.47	\$9.47
1995	\$5.61	\$0.00	\$11.75	\$11.75	\$11.75
1996	\$4.89	\$0.00	\$10.75	\$10.75	\$10.75
1997	\$5.34	\$0.00	\$11.70	\$11.70	\$11.70
1998	\$5.35	\$0.00	\$11.76	\$11.76	\$11.76
1999	\$5.36	\$0.00	\$11.82	\$11.82	\$11.82
2000	\$3.22	\$0.00	\$5.06	\$5.06	\$5.06
2001	\$3.36	\$0.00	\$5.28	\$5.28	\$5.28
2002	\$3.44	\$0.00	\$5.42	\$5.42	\$5.42
2003	\$3.49	\$0.00	\$5.52	\$5.52	\$5.52
2004	\$3.59	\$0.00	\$5.67	\$5.67	\$5.67
2005	\$3.59	\$0.00	\$5.79	\$5.79	\$5.79
2006	\$4.10	\$0.00	\$8.71	\$8.71	\$8.71
2007	\$4.11	\$0.00	\$8.84	\$8.84	\$8.84
2008	\$4.52	\$0.00	\$9.64	\$9.64	\$9.64
2009	\$4.56	\$0.00	\$9.74	\$9.74	\$9.74
2010	\$5.22	\$0.00	\$11.29	\$11.29	\$11.29
2011	\$5.33	\$0.00	\$11.56	\$11.56	\$11.56
2012	\$5.16	\$0.00	\$11.19	\$11.19	\$11.19
2013	\$6.30	\$0.00	\$14.08	\$14.08	\$14.08
2014	\$6.07	\$0.00	\$13.38	\$13.38	\$13.38
2015	\$5.90	\$0.00	\$13.01	\$13.01	\$13.01
2016	\$6.03	\$0.00	\$13.31	\$13.31	\$13.31
2017	\$6.19	\$0.00	\$13.67	\$13.67	\$13.67
2018	\$6.86	\$0.00	\$14.73	\$14.73	\$14.73
2019	\$5.01	\$0.00	\$8.02	\$8.02	\$8.02
2020	\$5.33	\$0.00	\$8.53	\$8.53	\$8.53
2021	\$5.33	0.00	\$8.64	\$8.64	\$8.64
2022	\$5.33	0.00	\$8.69	\$8.69	\$8.69



# TAX RATE RECAPITULATION – 2021

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
 DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES  
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

**Rowe**  
 TOWN

## TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2022

### I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from page 2, IIe)	\$ 5,759,934.26
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, IIIe)	1,406,072.00
Ic. Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 4,353,862.26
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	7.8553	342,008.94	64,158,430.00	5.33	341,964.43
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	0.0616	2,681.98	308,341.00	8.69	2,679.48
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	56.4183	2,456,375.07	282,670,400.00	8.69	2,456,405.78
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>64.3352</b>		<b>347,137,171.00</b>		<b>2,801,049.69</b>
Personal	35.6648	1,552,796.27	178,689,594.00	8.69	1,552,812.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0000</b>		<b>525,826,765.00</b>		<b>4,353,862.26</b>

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### Assessors

Herbert G Butzke, Assessor, Rowe, [assessor@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov) 413-339-5520 | 10/1/2021 9:26 AM

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Ellen B Miller, Assessor, Rowe, [assessor@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov) 413-339-5520 | 10/1/2021 9:20 AM

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Frederick N. Williams, Assessor Chair, Rowe, [assessor@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:assessor@rowe-ma.gov) 413-339-5520 | 9/30/2021 7:39 PM

Comment:

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Reviewed By: Bobbi Colburn  
 Date: 10/06/2021  
 Approved: Andrew Nelson  
 Director of Accounts: Deborah A. Wagner

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2022**

<b>II. Amounts to be raised</b>		
Ila.	Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)	<u>5,127,909.00</u>
Ilb.	Other amounts to be raised	
1.	Amounts certified for tax title purposes	<u>0.00</u>
2.	Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	<u>0.00</u>
3.	Final Awards	<u>0.00</u>
4.	Retained Earnings Deficit	<u>0.00</u>
5.	Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	<u>241,884.00</u>
6.	Revenue deficits	<u>0.00</u>
7.	Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	<u>0.00</u>
8.	CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	<u>0.00</u>
9.	Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	<u>0.00</u>
10.	Other : Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund	<u>211,944.00</u>
	TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)	<u>453,828.00</u>
Ilc.	State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)	<u>78,238.00</u>
Ild.	Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)	<u>99,959.26</u>
Ile.	Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)	<u>5,759,934.26</u>
<b>III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources</b>		
Illa.	Estimated receipts - State	
1.	Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	<u>446,426.00</u>
2.	Massachusetts school building authority payments	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL Illa	<u>446,426.00</u>
Illb.	Estimated receipts - Local	
1.	Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	<u>86,775.00</u>
2.	Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)	<u>0.00</u>
3.	Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	<u>0.00</u>
4.	Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL Illb	<u>86,775.00</u>
Illc.	Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes	
1.	Free cash (page 4, col (c))	<u>218,020.00</u>
2.	Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	<u>654,851.00</u>
	TOTAL Illc	<u>872,871.00</u>
Illd.	Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate	
1a.	Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2021	<u>0.00</u>
1b.	Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2021	<u>0.00</u>
2.	Municipal light surplus	<u>0.00</u>
3.	Other source :	<u>0.00</u>
	TOTAL Illd	<u>0.00</u>
IIIe.	Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total Illa through Illd)	<u>1,406,072.00</u>
<b>IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources</b>		
a.	Total amount to be raised (from Ile)	<u>5,759,934.26</u>
b.	Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	<u>1,406,072.00</u>
c.	Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	<u>4,353,862.26</u>
d.	Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)	<u>5,759,934.26</u>

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/6/2021

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2022**

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED \*

	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2021	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2022
==>	1. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	47,331.50	47,315.00
	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	2,337.72	2,260.00
==>	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	17,750.00
	10. FEES	2,085.00	2,085.00
	a.Cannabis Impact Fee	0.00	0.00
	b.Community Impact Fee Short Term Rentals	0.00	0.00
	11. RENTALS	6,635.46	6,300.00
	12. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
	13. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
	14. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
	15. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00
	16. OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	139.85	125.00
	17. LICENSES AND PERMITS	325.00	300.00
	18. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==>	19. FINES AND FORFEITS	140.00	140.00
==>	20. INVESTMENT INCOME	532.41	500.00
==>	21. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	12,479.43	10,000.00
==>	22. MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	0.00	0.00
	23. MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	3,585.60	0.00
	24. Totals	75,591.97	86,775.00

**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 413-339-5520 | 9/20/2021 5:02 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 2022 estimated receipts to FY 2021 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor (MRGF).

NOTE : The information was Approved on 10/6/2021

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2020**

==> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2020 estimated receipts to FY 2019 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor (MRGF).

**TAX RATE RECAPITULATION**  
**Fiscal Year 2022**

APPROPRIATIONS									AUTHORIZATIONS	
									MEMO ONLY	
City/Town Council or Town Meeting Dates	FY*	(a) Total Appropriations Of Each Meeting	(b) From Raise and Appropriate	(c) From Free Cash (See B-1)	(d) From Other Available Funds (See B-2)	(e) From Offset Receipts (See A-1)	(f) From Enterprise Funds (See A-2)	(g) From Community Preservation Funds (See A-4)	(h) *** Departmental Revolving Funds	(i) Borrowing Authorization (Other)
10/24/2020	2021	213,000.00	0.00	0.00	213,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/15/2021	2022	4,914,909.00	4,255,038.00	218,020.00	441,851.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	81,000.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,127,909.00</b>	<b>4,255,038.00</b>	<b>218,020.00</b>	<b>654,851.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		

\* 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.

Clerk  
 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 | 9/17/2021 6:30 PM  
 Comment:

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS - 2021

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### DEEDS RECORDED:

**BERNHARDT, JEAN** of West Salisbury, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **GOODRIDGE, GEORGE L.** a Transfer of Convenience, property located at 143 County Road. (Map 202 Lot 35) (Book 7698 Page 320)

**GOODRIDGE, GEORGE L.** of Greenfield, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **BERNHARDT, JEAN** a Transfer of Convenience, property located at 143 County Road. (Map 202 Lot 35) (Book 7698 Page 324)

**BERNHARDT, WILLIAM J.** of Ridgefield, CT, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **BERNHARDT TRUSTEES OF ZOAR ROAD TRUST** property located at 332 Zoar Road (Map 204 Lot 1) (Book 7707 Page 291)

**BERSHOF, NANCEE J.** of Greenfield MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **BERSHOF LIVING TRUST** property located at 2 Dell Road (Map 408 Lot 2) (Book 7719 Page 28)

**GRAZIANO, JOHN M. & ROBERTA K.** of Flushing, NY, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **GRAZIANO REVOCABLE TRUST** property located at 58 Pond Road (Map 201 Lots 6, 7, 8 & 8.1) (Book 7723 Page 170)

**BOSTON MAINE CORPORATION & VERMONT AND MASSACHUSETTS RAILROAD COMPANY** of North Billerica, MA, in consideration of \$0, grants a Transfer of Convenience to **PAN AM SOUTHERN** property located at Tunnel Road (Map 411 Lots 13, 20, 23, 27, 28 & Map 412 Lots 2 & 3) (Book 7723 Page 175)

**HUMBERT, DENNIS A. & ANNA J.** as **TRUSTEES OF THE ANNA J. HUMBERT TRUST** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **HUMBERT, DENNIS A. & ANNA J.** property located at 530 Tunnel Road (Map 407 Lot 33) (Book 7724 Page 93)

**HUMBERT, DENNIS A. & ANNA J.** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grants to **ANNA J. HUMBERT TRUST** property located at 530 Tunnel Road (Map 407 Lot 33) (Book 7724 Page 120)

**MARDER, DONNA GERARD, representative of the ESTATE OF JAMES P. CARSE** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$430,000.00, grants to **ZELAZO, SIMON J.** property located at 228 Zoar Road (Map 205 Lots 5 & 17) (Book 7727 Page 317)

**HAGEMAN, ALICE** of Jamaica Plain, MA, in consideration of \$100.00, grants to **CUPPLES, JOHN E. & L. ADRIENNE,** property located at 15 Kings Highway (Map 204 Lot 41) (Book 7730 Page 130)

**THANE, JOSEPH E.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$200,000.00, grants to **COASTLINE PROPERTY RENOVATIONS, LLC,** property located at 32 Davenport Branch Road (Map 408 Lot 39) (Book 7753 Page 218)  
**LOOMIS, RUTH E.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$82,000.00, grants to **STINE, MATTHEW AND SARAH,** property located at Hazelton Road (Map 202 Lot 37) (Book 7773 Page 69) (See Plan Bk 148 Pg 70)

**VANITALLIE, J.C.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$40,000.00, grants to **MA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME,** property located at Tatro Road (Map 408 Lot 34) (Book 7793 Page 197) (See Plan Bk 148 Pg 69)

**BROWN HALL, JOCELYN GAYDEN & STEWART, ROSALIND WHITING** of Washington, DC, in consideration of \$10.00, grants to **BROWN HALL, JOCELYN GAYDEN**, property located at 21 King's Highway (Map 204 Lot 40) (Book 7837 Page 255)

**ADELT, LINDALEE, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE WOODWARD INVESTMENT TRUST** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$160,000.00, grants to **O'LEARY, THOMAS E. & APRIL R.**, property located at 15 Stone Hill Road (Map 402 Lot 62) (Book 7839 Page 180)

**BOYD, JOHN M. & DEBRA A.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$193,000.00, grants to **BOYD, IAN & ASHLEY**, property located at 5 Stone Hill Road (Map 402 Lot 50) (Book 7839 Page 257)

**BROWN, JO-ANN M.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$150,000.00, grants to **RICHARDSON, REBECCA**, property located at 27 Newell Cross Road (Map 202 Lot 010) (Book 7862 Page 121)

**HICKS, BETTY, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCIS R. SLAUNWHITE**, late of Charlemont, MA, in consideration of \$60,000.00, grants to **LaGRASSA, CARLA, DE MENOCA, PETER & LOOMIS, RUTH ELAINE** property located on Tatro Road (Map 409 Lot 006 & 017) (Book 7842 Page 69) (See Old Plan Bk 125 Pg 41)

**ANNEAR, DENNIS M. & TINA** of Halifax VT, in consideration of \$40,000.00, grants to **TIMMINS, DANIEL AND HART, OONA** property located on 13 Pelham Drive (Map 201 Lot 055) (Book 7865 Page 114)

**SLOWINSKI, JUDITH A. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF VERBER, FLORENCE M.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$0, grants to **SLOWINSKI, JUDITH A.** property located on 124 Zoar Road (Map 407 Lot 005) (Book 7883 Page 6)

**MEKRUT FAMILY LLC, f/k/a/ THE MEKRUT FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF** Lincoln, RI, in consideration of \$100,000, grants to **BERKSHIRE SWEET GOLD MAPLE FARM, LLC** property located on Route 8A – land situated partly in the Town of Heath and partly in the Town of Rowe (Map 408 Lot 007) (Book 7888 Page 144)

**MARINO ELLEN C. ADMINISTRATOR C.T.A. OF THE ESTATE OF GIROUX, BERTRAND** of Heath, MA, in consideration of \$10,000.00, grants to **NOYES, FRANCIS G.**, property all located in Heath due to 2008 Rowe/Heath town line adjustment (Map 006 Lot 45) (Book 7908 Page 168) (See Old Plan Bk 26 Pg 18)

**SURVEY PLANS RECORDED:**

**MA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME** of Boston MA, (Map 408 Lot 34) property located off Tatro Road (Book 148 Page 69)

**STINE, MATTHEW AND SARAH** of Southampton, MA (Map 202 Lot 37) property located on Hazelton Road (Book 148 Page 70)

**FRANKLIN LAND TRUST** of Shelburne Falls, MA (Map 408 Lots 32/35) property located on Davenport Road (Book 149 Page 1)

**NOYES, FRANCIS G.** of Heath, MA (Map 403 Lots 57/59) property located on Dell Road (Book 149 Page 93)

**CROWNINGSHIELD, JEANETTE** of Rowe, MA, (Map 410 Lot 033) and (Map 407 Lot 005) property located at 106 and 124 Zoar Road (See Plan Bk 150 Pg 10)

**AGREEMENTS RECORDED:**

**CROWNINGSHIELD, JEANETTE** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$5,000, grants to **SLOWINSKI, JUDITH A.**, property located at 106 and 124 Zoar Road (Map 410 Lot 033) and (Map 407 Lot 005) (Book 7916 Page 017) (See Plan Bk 150 Pg 10)

**EASEMENTS RECORDED:**

**VANITALLIE, J.C.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$17,880.00, grants to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST, INC.**, a permanent trail easement for the public benefit, for property located on Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 32) (Book 7795 Page 187)

**SHANTIGAR FOUNDATION INC.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$13,270.00, grants to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST, INC.**, a permanent trail of easement for public benefit, for property located on Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 30/31) (Book 7795 Page 275)

**CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS RECORDED:**

**VANITALLIE, J.C.** of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$250,000.00, grants to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST, INC.**, a conservation restriction for property located on Davenport Road (Map 408 Lot 32/35) (Book 7795 Page 79) (See Plan Bk 149 Pg 1)

**TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR - 2021**

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July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7-1-18	Commitments	Abatements	Payments	Refunds	Adjust- ments *	Outstanding 6-30-18
11 MVE	-180.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-180.83
12 MVE	-169.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-169.38
13 MVE	-34.38	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	-33.75
15 MVE	-320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-320.00
16 MVE	-382.50	0.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	192.50
17 MVE	-14.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-14.58
18 MVE	72.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-46.25
19 MVE	636.93	0.00	0.00	627.55	0.00	0.00	-9.38
18 RE	57.62	0.00	0.00	57.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 RE	-976.80	0.00	0.00	976.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 RE	11,850.10	0.00	0.00	11,381.83	-80.02	0.00	-548.28
21 RE	0.00	-2735226.43	4121.38	2729663.59	-1810.55	0.00	-3143.95
21 PP	0.00	-1543559.26	0.00	1543559.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>-62,004.27</b>	<b>-4,281,740.22</b>	<b>4,924.72</b>	<b>4,332,974.99</b>	<b>2,632.78</b>	0.00	<b>-8,389.60</b>

**Miscellaneous Collections**

Lien Fees	\$ 475.00
Demand/Warrant/Misc. Fees	1060.00
Deputy Collector Fees	399.00
Mark for Non-Renewal	400.00
Interest on Overdue Tax Payments	1,126.00
NSF Fees Collected	0.00
Bank Interest	541.61
TT Fees/Postage Legal Ad	0.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,001.61</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry I. Green, Tax Collector



## TOWN ACCOUNTANT REPORTS – 2021

### Combined Balance Sheet – All Fund Types and Account Groups As of June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust & Agency	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,347,443.57	(112,209.93)	90,521.44	2,199,926.09	3,525,681.17
Investments					0.00
Receivables:					
Personal property taxes	0.00				0.00
Real estate taxes	3,692.23				3,692.23
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(507,958.60)				(507,958.60)
Tax liens	3,304.40				3,304.40
Deferred taxes					0.00
Motor vehicle excise	4,697.37				4,697.37
Total Assets	<u>851,178.97</u>	<u>(112,209.93)</u>	<u>90,521.44</u>	<u>2,199,926.09</u>	<u>3,029,416.57</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>					
Liabilities:					
Warrants payable					0.00
Accounts payable					0.00
Accrued payroll	62,999.68	4,076.64			67,076.32
Withholdings	9,284.99				9,284.99
Deferred revenue:					
Tax liens	3,304.40				3,304.40
Deferred taxes	(504,266.37)				(504,266.37)
Motor vehicle excise	4,697.37				4,697.37
Tailings	1,654.32				1,654.32
IBNR					0.00
Agency Funds				789.90	789.90
Notes payable			500,000.00		500,000.00
Bonds payable					0.00
Vacation and sick leave liability					0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>(422,325.61)</u>	<u>4,076.64</u>	<u>500,000.00</u>	<u>789.90</u>	<u>82,540.93</u>
Fund Equity:					
Reserved for encumbrances					0.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	266,136.65				266,136.65
Reserved for expenditures	122,520.00				2,558,218.99
Undesignated fund balance	884,847.93	(116,286.57)	(409,478.56)	2,199,136.19	
Unreserved retained earnings					0.00
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,273,504.58</u>	<u>(116,286.57)</u>	<u>(409,478.56)</u>	<u>2,199,136.19</u>	<u>2,946,875.64</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>851,178.97</u>	<u>(112,209.93)</u>	<u>90,521.44</u>	<u>2,199,926.09</u>	<u>3,029,416.57</u>

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General Fund	Department	Account Description	Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	
01 - General Fund	000 - Unassigned	Registry Markings- Fees	0.00	260.00	260.00	
		USPS Rental	-5,500.00	6,635.46	1,135.46	
		Exempt VBS & Elderly State Reimbursement	0.00	2.00	2.00	
		School Aid Chapter 70	-139,775.00	139,775.00	0.00	
		Charter Tuition Reimbursement	-938.00	938.00	0.00	
		Unrestricted General Aid	-4,184.00	4,184.00	0.00	
		State Owned Land	-6,831.00	7,059.00	228.00	
		Medicaid Reimbursement School	0.00	12,479.43	12,479.43	
		Earnings on Investments	-2,000.00	576.27	-1,423.73	
		MIA Dividends	0.00	1,607.00	1,607.00	
		Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	1,617.97	1,617.97	
				Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance
				175,134.13	215,000.00	15,906.13
				-215,000.00	215,000.00	0.00
				Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance
				0.00	45.00	45.00
				Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance
				0.00	0.00	0.00
		Department 123 - Administration	125 - Goal Post	2020 Personal Property Tax	0.00	0.00
2021 Personal Property Tax	0.00			0.00	0.00	
2018 Real Estate Tax	-1,543,559.26			1,543,559.26	0.00	
2019 Real Estate Tax	0.00			57.62	57.62	
2020 Real Estate Tax	0.00			976.80	976.80	
2021 Real Estate Tax	0.00			11,301.62	11,301.62	
Married for Renewal	-2,735,226.34			2,727,853.04	-7,373.30	
2011 Motor Vehicle Exhise	-1,000.00			140.00	-860.00	
2016 Motor Vehicle Exhise	0.00			0.00	0.00	
2018 Motor Vehicle Exhise	0.00			140.00	140.00	
2019 Motor Vehicle Exhise	0.00			26.56	26.56	
2020 Motor Vehicle Exhise	0.00			627.55	627.55	
2021 Motor Vehicle Exhise	0.00			7,534.17	7,534.17	
Penalties & Int. on Property Taxes	-45,000.00			38,265.39	-6,734.61	
Penalties & Int. on Excise Taxes	-1,400.00			1,617.68	217.68	
Tax Collector-Miscellaneous	0.00			720.04	720.04	
				Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance
				(4,326,185.60)	4,333,160.56	6,994.96
				0.00	5.00	5.00
				Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance
		-700.00	586.00	-114.00		
Department 161 - Town Clerk	192 - Town Hall	Town Clerk-Licenses and Permits	(700.00)	591.00	(109.00)	
		Town Hall-Miscellaneous	-1,000.00	24.75	-975.25	
Department 210 - Police	220 - Fire	Police-Fees	(1,000.00)	24.75	(975.25)	
		Police Gun Permit Fees to Town	-1,300.00	964.00	-336.00	
Department 230 - Fire	300 - School	Police-Fees	0.00	325.00	325.00	
		Fees-Fire Department	0.00	40.00	40.00	
Department 300 - School	610 - Library	Schools-Miscellaneous	(1,300.00)	1,329.00	29.00	
		Library-Fees	(1,100.00)	185.00	-915.00	
Department 610 - Library	640 - unnamed	Library-Miscellaneous	(1,100.00)	98.00	-1,002.00	
		Cultural Council Interest	-500.00	30.00	-470.00	
21 - Cultural Council	422 - DPN	Library-Miscellaneous	0.00	11.85	11.85	
		Cultural Council State Funds	Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		(500.00)	41.85	(458.15)		
		-4,706,113.60	4,725,629.29	19,515.69		
		0.00	11.95	11.95		
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		0.00	4,800.00	4,800.00		
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		0.00	4,811.95	4,811.95		
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		0.00	161,434.25	161,434.25		
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		0.00	161,434.25	161,434.25		
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		
		Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
		0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		

Department	Account	Description	Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance			
28 - School Grants	Department 433 - Relise Garden	Relise Garden Revolving-Charges for Services	0.00	385.04	385.04			
		Relise Garden Revolving-Licenses and Permits	0.00	5,796.00	5,796.00			
		Recycling Revolving Expense-Misc. Revenue	0.00	1,608.22	1,608.22			
		Relise Garden Revolving-Misc. Revenue	0.00	191.48	191.48			
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	7,970.74	7,970.74	
	Department 300 - School				Expended	Ending Balance	9,170.74	9,170.74
		MAPHCO Grant-Charges for Services	0.00	-	-	-	-	
		School Lunch-Charges for Services	0.00	1,412.03	1,412.03	1,412.03		
		SPED Pr Improv 274-333-Charges for Services	0.00	968.00	968.00	968.00		
		SPED-IDEA Grant 2-40-396H9	0.00	30,024.00	30,024.00	30,024.00		
		FY20 258 Grant SD/IG-Charges for Services	0.00	-1,500.00	-1,500.00	-1,500.00		
		Rowe School Capital Campaign-Charges for Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		Title I (905) Grant-Charges for Services	0.00	55.96	55.96	55.96		
		REAP Grant-Charges for Services	0.00	19,044.00	19,044.00	19,044.00		
		SPED Early Child 262-Charges for Services	0.00	-887.00	-887.00	-887.00		
		Kindergarten Grant 701-Charges for Services	0.00	-149.00	-149.00	-149.00		
		Title 11A Improving Ed Quality-Charges for Services	0.00	77.00	77.00	77.00		
		Early Childhood 298 FY 16-Charges for Services	0.00	1,198.00	1,198.00	1,198.00		
		School Lunch-Licenses and Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		School Cares Act Federal Revenue	0.00	19,900.00	19,900.00	19,900.00		
		Title IV Expenses-Federal Revenue	0.00	19,022.00	19,022.00	19,022.00		
		Title I (905) Grant-Federal Revenue	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00		
		SPED Early Child 262-Federal Revenue	0.00	4,306.00	4,306.00	4,306.00		
		Title 11A Improving Ed Quality-Federal Revenue	0.00	701.00	701.00	701.00		
		Grant 258	0.00	7,145.00	7,145.00	7,145.00		
		IDEA-Individuals with Disabilities Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		MAPHCO Grant-State Revenue	0.00	14,081.00	14,081.00	14,081.00		
		School Choice-State Revenue	0.00	239,075.00	239,075.00	239,075.00		
		School Lunch-State Revenue	0.00	20,625.16	20,625.16	20,625.16		
		SPED-IDEA Grant 2-40-30394-142-State Revenue	0.00	1,883.00	1,883.00	1,883.00		
		Title IV Expenses-State Revenue	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
		FY20 258 Grant SD/IG-State Revenue	0.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00		
		Title I (905) Grant-State Revenue	0.00	113.00	113.00	113.00		
		Kindergarten Grant 701-State Revenue	0.00	149.00	149.00	149.00		
		CvRF School Reopening Grant Revenue	0.00	10,374.00	10,374.00	10,374.00		
		School Cares Act Revenue FY21 ESSER 113-388962	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		Connaught Prevention Fund Program Revenues	0.00	3,650.00	3,650.00	3,650.00		
		FY21 Rural State Ad Revenue	0.00	5,536.31	5,536.31	5,536.31		
		REAP Grant-Misc. Revenue	0.00	20,956.00	20,956.00	20,956.00		
		SPED Early Child 262-Misc Revenue	0.00	1,036.00	1,036.00	1,036.00		
		Other Financing Sources	0.00	2,627.99	2,627.99	2,627.99		
		Other Financing Sources	0.00	2,789.53	2,789.53	2,789.53		
		Other Financing Sources	0.00	4,307.69	4,307.69	4,307.69		
				Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	417,659.27	417,659.27
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	417,659.27	417,659.27	
29 - Grants and Donations	Department 161 - Town Clerk	State General Election Grant Revenue	0.00	780.45	780.45	780.45		
	Department 433 - Relise Garden	Recycling Revolving-Misc. Revenue	0.00	1,195.26	1,195.26	1,195.26		
	Department 500 - unnamed	DEP Recycling Grant-Charges for Services	0.00	3,530.52	3,530.52	3,530.52		
		DEP RDP-Grant Revenue	0.00	17,859.98	17,859.98	17,859.98		
		County on Aging Grant-Licenses and Permits	0.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00		
		Library State Aid-Misc. Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	Department 580 - unnamed	Mary Lyon Grant-Misc. Revenue	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		
	Department 610 - Library	Library of Things-State Revenue	0.00	1,303.75	1,303.75	1,303.75		
	Department 192 - Town Hall	Last Mile State Grant-Charges for Services	0.00	11,153.75	11,153.75	11,153.75		
			Expended	Ending Balance	1,200.00	1,200.00		
			Expended	Ending Balance	3,530.52	3,530.52		
			Expended	Ending Balance	17,859.98	17,859.98		
			Expended	Ending Balance	11,000.00	11,000.00		
			Expended	Ending Balance	11,000.00	11,000.00		
			Expended	Ending Balance	11,000.00	11,000.00		

50 - Rowe Broadband M.P. Department	650 - Broadband	Revenue	0.00	1,630.00	1,630.00		
		Wind West Distributions	0.00	18,598.09	18,598.09		
		WindWest Excess Revenue Distribution	0.00	2,610.00	2,610.00		
		Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00		
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	22,838.09	22,838.09
82 - Expendable Trust	Department 123 - Administration	Interest on OPEB Trust	0.00	2.75	2.75		
		OFS OPEB Trust	0.00	47,750.00	47,750.00		
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	47,752.75	47,752.75
		Rowe Memorial Scholarship Earned Interest	0.00	2.08	2.08		
		Martha Henry Memorial - Earned Interest	0.00	5.02	5.02		
		Perpetual Care Cemeteries - Earned Interest	0.00	12.00	12.00		
		Rowe Library Fund - Earned Interest	0.00	0.26	0.26		
		Charles Wells Mem. Library - Earned Interest	0.00	2.02	2.02		
		Preserved Smith Library - Earned Interest	0.00	1.06	1.06		
		Demora/Gould Mem. Library - Earned Interest	0.00	9.72	9.72		
		Foster Donation - Earned Interest	0.00	1.78	1.78		
		A.B. White Mem. Library - Earned Interest	0.00	3.16	3.16		
		L.Tower Jones Mem. Library - Earned Interest	0.00	3.16	3.16		
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	40.26	40.26
83 - Stabilization	Department 000 - Unassigned	Stabilization Interest	0.00	1,562.41	1,562.41		
		Transfers from General Fund 01	0.00	47,750.00	47,750.00		
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	49,312.41	49,312.41
84 - Capital Stabilization	Department 000 - Unassigned	Capital Stabilization Interest	0.00	1,450.22	1,450.22		
		Transfer from GF	0.00	206,775.00	206,775.00		
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	208,225.22	208,225.22
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	208,225.22	208,225.22

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01 - General Fund	Department	Account	Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
	114 - Moderator	Moderator-Salaries	439.00	-439.00	(439.00)	0.00
	122 - Select Board	Selectboard-Salaries	5,928.00	-5,928.00	(5,928.00)	0.00
	123 - Admin	Admin-Salaries	42,640.00	-42,313.86	(42,207.22)	326.14
		Admin-Supplies	0.00	106.64		106.64
	124 - General Administration	Salaries	49,238.00	-49,238.00		0.00
		Contractual Services	0.00	-68.00		-68.00
		Fuel	4,300.00	-3,670.05		629.95
		Electricity	4,200.00	-3,669.05		530.95
		Print Town Reports	1,000.00	-68.94		931.06
		Gen. Admin-Supplies	14,000.00	-16,549.79		-2,549.79
		Elevator Maintenance	3,500.00	-1,809.00		1,691.00
		Town Officer Expenses	3,500.00	-1,620.55		1,879.45
		Town Wide Notification	1,000.00	-900.00		100.00
		Operations and Maintenance	18,567.00	-10,029.23		8,537.77
		Bonding/Insurance	63,444.00	-60,592.00		2,852.00
		Goal Post-Salaries	6,150.00	-6,150.00	(148,314.61)	14,434.39
		Goal Post-Supplies	0.00	-950.09		-950.09
		Goal Post Operations	4,500.00	-382.17		4,117.83
	132 - Reserve Fund	Reserve Fund	18,500.00	0.00	(7,482.26)	3,167.74
	135 - Town Accountant	Town Accountant-Salaries	18,500.00	0.00		18,500.00
		Town Accountant-Contractual Services	29,245.00	-20,854.79		8,390.21
		Software License	0.00	-100.00		-100.00
		Accountant Expenses	3,572.00	-1,579.50		1,992.50
		Assessor-Salaries	400.00	-43.32		356.68
		Assessor Clerk	5,354.00	-5,354.04	(22,577.61)	0.00
		Assessor-Miscellaneous	12,000.00	-4,945.35		7,054.65
		Assessor Operations	0.00	0.00		0.00
		Treasurer-Salaries	9,600.00	-9,201.19		398.81
		Treasurer-Supplies	27,592.38	-27,592.38	(19,500.58)	7,453.42
		Treasurer-Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00		0.00
		Treasurer Operations	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
	146 - Tax Collector	Tax Collector-Salaries	37,592.38	-6,494.29	(34,086.67)	3,505.71
		Tax Collector Operations	8,528.00	-7,409.31		1,118.69
	150 - IT	IT-Contractual Services	18,792.00	-15,491.00	(15,937.31)	3,301.00
		IT Hardware/Software	13,235.32	-3,933.96		9,301.36
	151 - Legal	Legal-Salaries	8,000.00	-4,749.10	(19,424.96)	3,250.90
	161 - Town Clerk	Town Clerk-Salaries	13,835.00	-13,835.00	(4,749.10)	0.00
		Asst. Town Clerk Stipend	70.15	0.00		70.15
		Registrar/Census Comp	400.00	-300.00		100.00
		Election/Teller Expenses	4,650.00	-3,956.16		693.84
		Town Clerk-Miscellaneous	0.00	4.00		4.00
		Town Clerk Ops	725.00	-1,388.41		-663.41
		Association Dues & Educ	650.00	-175.50		474.50
			20,330.15	Expended	(19,651.07)	679.08

Department	Description	Allocated	Expended	(93.00)	Ending Balance
Department 171 - Conservation Comm.	Conservation Comm.-Contractual Services	0.00	0.00		0.00
	Conservation Comm.-Supplies	1,600.00	-93.00		1,507.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 175 - Planning Board	Planning Board-Contractual Services	0.00	-156.25		-156.25
	Planning Board Operations	2,000.00	-540.22		1,459.78
	Planning Board Revolving Transfer.	5,000.00	0.00		5,000.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 192 - Town Hill	Town Hill-Salaries	16,946.00	-16,750.32		197.68
	Custodian Expenses	3,775.00	-2,269.18		1,505.82
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 193 - Bonding & Insurance	Bonding & Insurance-Miscellaneous	0.00	22.00		22.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 210 - Police	Police Chief Stipend	25,526.00	-25,526.00		0.00
	Police Officer Salaries	26,374.00	-26,656.50		-282.50
	Constable	549.00	0.00		0.00
	Police OHD Presence	500.00	0.00		500.00
	Police Operations	11,800.00	-11,297.07		502.93
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 220 - Fire	Emergency Management Dir.	3,864.00	-1,449.00		2,415.00
	Fire Chief Stipend	10,250.00	-10,250.00		0.00
	FD/EMS Personnel Payroll	24,600.00	-26,918.46		-2,318.46
	Fire Dept. Shift Work	6,542.15	0.00		6,542.15
	FD Heating Oil	4,440.00	-3,257.49		1,182.51
	FD Electricity	1,800.00	-2,381.50		-581.50
	Generator Maintenance	4,085.00	-3,762.41		302.59
	Consultant	2,500.00	-1,257.51		1,242.49
	Fire-Supplies	0.00	-585.00		-585.00
	FD General Operations	27,450.00	-24,707.03		2,742.97
	Emergency Management Operations, Management Q	1,000.00	-1,044.59		-44.59
	Shared Chief Vehicle	5,500.00	0.00		5,500.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 292 - Animal Control	Animal Control/Officer Stip.	649.00	-1,298.00		-649.00
	Relief ACO Stipend	508.00	0.00		508.00
	Animal Inspector Stipend	532.00	0.00		532.00
	Animal Control-Contractual Services	0.00	0.00		0.00
	Regional Dog Kennel	350.00	-350.00		0.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 300 - School	School Salaries	0.00	-105,410.97		-105,410.97
	School Committee Stipend	4,564.00	-4,563.54		0.16
	School-Supplies	0.00	-592,061.08		-592,061.08
	School-Miscellaneous	0.00	-632.52		-632.52
	"Rowe School, Pre-K-6"	1,020,262.00	-874,832.59		145,429.41
	Schools 7-12	552,675.00	0.00		552,675.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 421 - unnamed	DPW Superintendent	78,983.00	-78,983.00		0.00
	DPW Workers	206,902.00	-185,098.74		21,803.26
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 422 - DPW	Heat	6,500.00	-2,536.14		3,963.86
	Annual DPW Projects	41,820.00	-37,585.08		4,234.92
	Summer Youth Expenses	1,500.00	0.00		1,500.00
	Fuel for Vehicles	44,957.00	-21,605.13		23,351.87
	Road Surface Maintenance	83,640.00	-89,278.80		-5,638.80
	DPW Operations	31,761.00	-21,527.98		10,233.02
	Roadside Mowing	15,000.00	-896.00		14,104.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 423 - Snow & Ice	Snow & Ice-Contractual Services	0.00	-7,855.00		-7,855.00
	Snow & Ice-Supplies	68,612.00	-50,792.78		17,819.22
	Winter Roads	0.00	0.00		0.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 424 - Street Lighting	MLP Broadband-Salaries	6,800.00	0.00		6,800.00
	Street Lighting Operations	5,900.00	-5,774.45		125.55
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
Department 433 - Release Garden	Dem. Maintenance/Repair	1,200.00	-7,800.00		-6,600.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
		1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00
		Allocated	Expended		Ending Balance
		1,200.00	0.00		1,200.00

Department	171 - Conservation Comm.	Conservation Comm - Contractual Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,507.00	1,507.00
		Conservation Comm - Supplies <td>1,600.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-93.00</td> <td>(93.00)</td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,507.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,600.00	Expended	-93.00	(93.00)	Ending Balance	1,507.00				
Department	175 - Planning Board	Planning Board - Contractual Services <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated									
		Planning Board Operations <td>2,000.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-156.25</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,843.75</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	2,000.00	Expended	-156.25		Ending Balance	1,843.75				
		Planning Board Revolving Transfer. <td>5,000.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-540.22</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>4,459.78</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	5,000.00	Expended	-540.22		Ending Balance	4,459.78				
Department	192 - Town Hall	Town Hall Salaries <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>5,000.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>6,303.53</td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	5,000.00			6,303.53	
		Custodian Expenses <td>16,948.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-18,750.32</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>197.68</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	16,948.00	Expended	-18,750.32		Ending Balance	197.68				
		Bonding & Insurance-Miscellaneous <td>3,775.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-2,269.18</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,505.82</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	3,775.00	Expended	-2,269.18		Ending Balance	1,505.82				
Department	193 - Bonding & Insurance	Bonding & Insurance-Miscellaneous <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>22.00</td> <td></td> <td>22.00</td> <td>22.00</td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	22.00		22.00	22.00	
		Police Chief Stipend <td>25,526.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-25,526.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	25,526.00	Expended	-25,526.00		Ending Balance	0.00				
		Police Officer Salaries <td>28,374.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-28,656.50</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-282.50</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	28,374.00	Expended	-28,656.50		Ending Balance	-282.50				
		Constable <td>549.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-549.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	549.00	Expended	-549.00		Ending Balance	0.00				
		Police OHJ Presence <td>500.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>500.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	500.00	Expended	500.00		Ending Balance	0.00				
		Police Operations <td>11,800.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-11,297.07</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>502.93</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	11,800.00	Expended	-11,297.07		Ending Balance	502.93				
Department	220 - Fire	Emergency Management Dir. <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>(66,028.57)</td> <td></td> <td>720.43</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	(66,028.57)		720.43		
		Fire Chief Stipend <td>3,864.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-1,449.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>2,415.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	3,864.00	Expended	-1,449.00		Ending Balance	2,415.00				
		FDEMS Personnel Payroll <td>10,250.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-10,250.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	10,250.00	Expended	-10,250.00		Ending Balance	0.00				
		Fire Dept. Shift Work <td>24,600.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-26,918.46</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-2,318.46</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	24,600.00	Expended	-26,918.46		Ending Balance	-2,318.46				
		FD Heating Oil <td>6,542.15</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>6,542.15</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	6,542.15	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	6,542.15				
		FD Electricity <td>4,440.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-3,257.49</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,182.51</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	4,440.00	Expended	-3,257.49		Ending Balance	1,182.51				
		Generator Maintenance <td>1,800.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-2,381.50</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-581.50</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,800.00	Expended	-2,381.50		Ending Balance	-581.50				
		Consultant <td>4,085.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-3,762.41</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>302.59</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	4,085.00	Expended	-3,762.41		Ending Balance	302.59				
		Fire-Supplies <td>2,500.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-1,257.51</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,242.49</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	2,500.00	Expended	-1,257.51		Ending Balance	1,242.49				
		FD General Operations <td>27,450.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-985.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>26,465.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	27,450.00	Expended	-985.00		Ending Balance	26,465.00				
		Emergency Management Operations, Management Q <td>1,000.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-24,707.03</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-23,707.03</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,000.00	Expended	-24,707.03		Ending Balance	-23,707.03				
		Shared Chief Vehicle <td>5,500.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-1,044.99</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>4,455.01</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	5,500.00	Expended	-1,044.99		Ending Balance	4,455.01				
Department	292 - Animal Control	Animal Control Officer Stip. <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>5,500.00</td> <td></td> <td>16,397.76</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	5,500.00		16,397.76		
		Relief ACO Stipend <td>649.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-1,296.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-646.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	649.00	Expended	-1,296.00		Ending Balance	-646.00				
		Animal Inspector Stipend <td>508.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>508.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	508.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	508.00				
		Animal Control-Contractual Services <td>532.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>532.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	532.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	532.00				
		Regional Dog Kennel <td>0.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	0.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	0.00				
Department	300 - School	School Salaries <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>2,039.00</td> <td></td> <td>391.00</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	2,039.00		391.00		
		School Committee Stipend <td>4,564.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-105,410.97</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-100,846.97</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	4,564.00	Expended	-105,410.97		Ending Balance	-100,846.97				
		School Supplies <td>0.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-4,963.54</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-4,963.54</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	0.00	Expended	-4,963.54		Ending Balance	-4,963.54				
		School-Miscellaneous <td>0.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-592,061.08</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-592,061.08</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	0.00	Expended	-592,061.08		Ending Balance	-592,061.08				
		"Rowe School, Pre-K-6" <td>0.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-632.52</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-632.52</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	0.00	Expended	-632.52		Ending Balance	-632.52				
		Schools 7-12 <td>1,020,262.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-874,832.59</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>145,429.41</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,020,262.00	Expended	-874,832.59		Ending Balance	145,429.41				
		DPW Superintendent <td>582,675.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>582,675.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	582,675.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	582,675.00				
Department	421 - unnamed	DPW Workers <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>1,577,501.00</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	1,577,501.00		-		
		Heat <td>78,983.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-78,983.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	78,983.00	Expended	-78,983.00		Ending Balance	0.00				
		Annual DPW Projects <td>206,902.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-185,098.74</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>21,803.26</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	206,902.00	Expended	-185,098.74		Ending Balance	21,803.26				
		Fuel for Vehicles <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>265,885.00</td> <td></td> <td>21,803.26</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	265,885.00		21,803.26		
		Road Surface Maintenance <td>6,500.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-2,536.14</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>3,963.86</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	6,500.00	Expended	-2,536.14		Ending Balance	3,963.86				
		DPW Operations <td>41,820.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-37,555.08</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>4,264.92</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	41,820.00	Expended	-37,555.08		Ending Balance	4,264.92				
		Roadside Mowing <td>1,500.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,500.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,500.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	1,500.00				
		Snow & Ice-Contractual Services <td>44,957.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-21,605.13</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>23,351.87</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	44,957.00	Expended	-21,605.13		Ending Balance	23,351.87				
		Snow & Ice-Supplies <td>83,640.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-89,278.80</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-5,638.80</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	83,640.00	Expended	-89,278.80		Ending Balance	-5,638.80				
		Winter Roads <td>31,761.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-21,527.98</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>10,233.02</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	31,761.00	Expended	-21,527.98		Ending Balance	10,233.02				
		MLP Broadband-Salaries <td>15,000.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-596.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>14,404.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	15,000.00	Expended	-596.00		Ending Balance	14,404.00				
		Street Lighting <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>(173,428.13)</td> <td></td> <td>51,748.87</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	(173,428.13)		51,748.87		
		Operations <td>68,612.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-7,855.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>60,757.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	68,612.00	Expended	-7,855.00		Ending Balance	60,757.00				
		Dem Maintenance/Repair <td>0.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-50,792.78</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-50,792.78</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	0.00	Expended	-50,792.78		Ending Balance	-50,792.78				
Department	424 - Street Lighting	MLP Broadband-Salaries <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>68,612.00</td> <td></td> <td>9,984.22</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	68,612.00		9,984.22		
		Street Lighting <td>6,800.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>6,800.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	6,800.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	6,800.00				
		Operations <td>5,900.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-5,774.45</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>125.55</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	5,900.00	Expended	-5,774.45		Ending Balance	125.55				
		Dem Maintenance/Repair <td>1,000.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>-7,800.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>-6,800.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,000.00	Expended	-7,800.00		Ending Balance	-6,800.00				
Department	433 - Refuse Garden	Dem Maintenance/Repair <td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>13,700.00</td> <td></td> <td>125.55</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	13,700.00		125.55		
		<td>1,200.00</td> <td>Expended</td> <td>0.00</td> <td></td> <td>Ending Balance</td> <td>1,200.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	1,200.00	Expended	0.00		Ending Balance	1,200.00				
		<td>Allocated</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Expended</td> <td>1,200.00</td> <td></td> <td>1,200.00</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Allocated				Expended	1,200.00		1,200.00		

Department 491 - Cemeteries	Cemeteries-Contractual Services	0.00	-13,065.00		-13,065.00		
	Cemeteries-Supplies	0.00	-66.53		-66.53		
	Cemetery	15,000.00	13,900.00		13,900.00		
		Allocated	Expended	(14,251.53)	Ending Balance	748.47	
Department 510 - Board of Health	Board of Health-Contractual Services	0.00	-45.00		-45.00		
Department 512 - Health Services	Transfer Station Attendants	17,980.00	-19,237.41		-1,257.41		
	Board of Health Stipends	4,935.00	-5,274.32		-339.32		
	Board of Health Clerk Wage	7,969.00	-7,757.01		211.99		
	Town Nurse Wages	45,150.00	-26,815.93		18,334.07		
	Physician Stipend	500.00	0.00		500.00		
	Snow Removal Hours	500.00	-498.32		1.68		
	Hazardous Waste Collection	500.00	0.00		500.00		
	FCSWMD Assessment	5,205.00	-3,903.60		1,301.40		
	Mosquito Control District	5,000.00	-5,000.00		0.00		
	Health Services-Miscellaneous	0.00	-160.83		-160.83		
	Board of Health Operations	17,250.00	-12,306.92		4,943.08		
	Health Services Operations	7,390.00	-5,458.43		1,931.57		
	Refuse/Garden Operations	31,500.00	-31,683.98		-183.98		
	FROOG Health Serv. Assess.	5,205.00	-5,205.08		-0.08		
Department 541 - Council on Aging	Council on Aging-Supplies	Allocated	Expended	(123,301.83)	Ending Balance	25,785.17	
Department 543 - Veterans	Veterans-Contractual Services	3,800.00	-24.99		3,775.01		
	Administrative Ops	Allocated	Expended	(24.99)	Ending Balance	3,775.01	
	Veteran's Benefits	0.00	0.00		0.00		
		2,546.00	-2,545.55		0.45		
		100.00	0.00		100.00		
Department 610 - Library	Library Director	Allocated	Expended	(2,545.55)	Ending Balance	100.45	
	Library Staff Wages	23,997.00	-24,096.00		-99.00		
	Library Heat	18,905.00	-16,655.10		2,249.90		
	Library Electricity	1,000.00	-628.15		371.85		
	Library-Supplies	2,800.00	-2,462.63		337.37		
	Library-Miscellaneous	0.00	-1,046.05		-1,046.05		
	Library Ops & Maintenance	0.00	-4,877.15		-4,877.15		
	CWMAWS Membership	23,535.00	-12,772.56		10,762.44		
		985.00	-988.00		0.00		
Department 630 - Recreation	Park Ranger Compensation	Allocated	Expended	(63,695.64)	Ending Balance	7,539.36	
	Park Wages	50,361.00	-50,361.00		0.00		
	Operations & Maintenance	44,824.00	-39,708.38		5,115.62		
		19,700.00	-19,612.36		87.64		
Department 634 - Gacy House	Gacy House Operations	Allocated	Expended	(109,681.74)	Ending Balance	5,203.26	
	Beaufication	1,000.00	-898.45		101.55		
		500.00	-212.61		287.39		
Department 751 - Interest on Long Term Debt	Broadband Interest	Allocated	Expended	(1,111.06)	Ending Balance	368.94	
Department 820 - unnamed	State Assessments-School Choice Sending Tuition	7,190.00	-7,189.97		0.03		
	State Assessments-Charter School Sending Tuition	10,000.00	-10,000.00		0.00		
	State Assessments-Air Pollution District	33,358.00	-26,697.00		6,661.00		
	State Assessments-RMV Marking Surcharge	343.00	-343.00		0.00		
	State Assessments-Reg Transit Authority and Permits	320.00	-320.00		0.00		
Department 830 - FROOG	FROOG Regional Services	2,651.00	-2,651.00		0.00		
	FROOG Statutory Assess.	15,469.00	-15,469.00		0.00		
	FC Emergency Comm.	847.00	-847.00		0.00		
	FROOG REPC	1,491.00	-1,490.51		0.49		
	FCCIP Inspection Program	150.00	-150.00		0.00		
	FROOG Purchasing	4,600.00	-4,600.00		0.00		
Department 911 - Franklin County Retirement	Franklin County Retirement	1,391.00	-450.00		941.00		
Department 913 - Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance	Allocated	Expended	(23,006.51)	Ending Balance	941.49	
Department 914 - MTRSD Shared Services Benefits	Group Health/Dental/Life Ins.	140,839.00	-140,839.00		0.00		
Department 916 - FICA/Medicare Tax	FICA/Medicare Tax	Allocated	Expended	(140,839.00)	Ending Balance	-	
		20,000.00	-19,655.68		344.32		
		634,000.00	-580,788.97		53,211.03		
		43,000.00	-22,590.93		20,409.07		
		Allocated	Expended	(22,590.93)	Ending Balance	20,409.07	



03 - Articles	Department	Description	Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	Expended	Ending Balance
	Department 900 - Unclassified	Transfer to Capital Stabilization	206,775.00	-206,775.00	0.00	(206,775.00)	0.00
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance	Expended	Ending Balance
	Department 122 - Select Board	Update Website/Hosting	3,180.00	0.00	3,180.00	(3,948,143.82)	312,193.18
		GASB 34 Asset/Infs Inventory	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00		
	Department 123 - Admin	Oil Tank Removal (School) 05.15.21 ATM	6,180.00	Expended	Ending Balance	-	6,180.00
		Oil Tank Replacement & Oil Removal 05.15.21 ATM	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00		
		Replenish Funds Appropriated 05.15.21 ATM	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00		
		CPEB Funding 05.15.21 ATM	12,500.00	0.00	12,500.00		
	Department 124 - Gen. Admin	Transfer to Stabilization 05.15.21 ATM	47,750.00	-47,750.00	0.00	(95,500.00)	37,500.00
		Open Meeting Law Email Compliance	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		Open Meeting Law Email Compliance	6,080.00	-5,100.00	980.00	(5,100.00)	980.00
	Department 135 - Town Accountant	Municipal Audit	32,000.00	Expended	Ending Balance		32,000.00
		Assessor Consulting and Legal Work FY21 Art. 24	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	Department 141 - Assessor	Consultant/Legal Support 05.15.21 ATM	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00		
		Asses. Cons. Legal Support	50,119.11	-37,771.29	12,347.82		
		Asses. Quin Revital/Ann Updates	0.00	0.00	0.00		
		Quint Revital-RES/CIIP	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00		
		Quint Revital - Y/AEC	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00		
		Quint Revital/Annual Updates - Hydros	14,000.00	-14,000.00	0.00		
		Quint Revital/Annual Updates TSD/ROW	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.00		
	Department 146 - Tax Collector	New Town Collector Training 20	960.00	Expended	Ending Balance	(96,771.29)	73,147.82
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
	Department 192 - Town Hall	Town Server Replace/Upgrade	1,719.61	0.00	1,719.61	(963.06)	6.94
		Septic Systems Pumping	20.00	0.00	20.00		
	Department 220 - Fire	FD Lighting/Radio/Starling	4,001.96	Expended	Ending Balance	-	1,739.61
		Filter for Engine 1-OSHA Req.	1,260.94	-350.00	3,651.96		
		Keyless entry System Fire Department	10,000.00	-3.00	1,257.94		
		Fire Pump Controller FY21 Art. 24	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00		
		Equipment Rack 05.15.21 ATM	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00		
		Wilderness Rescue Equip. 05.15.21 ATM	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00		
	Department 300 - School	RES Lighting Prod. System	375.00	Expended	Ending Balance	(10,353.00)	24,409.92
		HVAC Variable Speed Drive	99.80	0.00	375.00		
		Surge Protection Equipment School	7,900.00	-887.00	7,013.00		
		Dish Washer Booster FY21 Art. 24	3,050.00	0.00	3,050.00		
	Department 422 - DPW	Yankee Rd/Shippee Bridge Engineering	26,024.95	Expended	Ending Balance	(887.00)	10,537.80
		Front End Loader FY21 Art. 24	200,000.00	-134,500.00	65,500.00		
		Bridge Rehab Program	20,464.75	-1,857.80	18,606.95	(136,357.80)	110,131.90
	Department 439 - FC Solid Waste Mgmt	Compressor Ramp Repair	1,500.00	Expended	Ending Balance	(1,500.00)	0.00
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
	Department 491 - Cemeteries	North Cemetery Wall Repair 05.15.21 ATM	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00		
		North Cemetery Land Purchase	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00		
	Department 512 - Health Services	Paper Compactor FY21 Art. 25	8,600.00	Expended	Ending Balance	-	8,600.00
	Department 610 - Library	Library Restroom	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00	(15,000.00)	-
	Department 630 - Recreation	Tree Removal 05.15.21 ATM	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00		
		Trail Assessment 05.15.21 ATM	4,420.00	0.00	4,420.00		
	Department 634 - Gracy House	GH Repair & Mold Mitg.	57,673.04	Expended	Ending Balance	-	13,920.00
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
	Department 692 - Old Home Day	Fireworks 2022 05.15.21 ATM	5,000.00	Expended	Ending Balance	-	57,673.04
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
	Department 913 - Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Assistance Invoice	300.56	Expended	Ending Balance	-	5,000.00
			Allocated	Expended	Ending Balance		
			300.56	0.00	300.56		300.56
			711,105.74	Expended	Ending Balance	(322,422.15)	368,683.59

Department	610 - Library	Library of Things-Supplies	0.00	Allocated	-2,226.85	Expended	(2,226.85)	Ending Balance	-2,226.85	(2,226.85)
33 - Capital Outlay	Department 192 - Town Hall	Broadband Start Up Borrowing-Supplies	0.00	Allocated	-	Expended	(661,884.89)	Ending Balance	(661,884.89)	
		Last Mile State Grant-Supplies	0.00	Allocated	-	Expended		Ending Balance		
		Borrowed for BB Construction-Supplies	0.00	0.00	-929.69	-929.69		-2,816.16		
			0.00	0.00	-31,104.07	-31,104.07				
83 - Stabilization	Department 300 - School	School Security Equipment Art 3 STM 10.24.20	0.00	Allocated	-	Expended	(34,849.92)	Ending Balance	(34,849.92)	(34,849.92)
	Department 422 - DPW	Ford Hill Culvert Project	0.00	Allocated	-	Expended	(34,849.92)	Ending Balance	(34,849.92)	
	Department 491 - Cemeteries	Cemetary Land Fees Art 4 STM 10.24.20	0.00	Allocated	3,500.00	Expended		Ending Balance	3,500.00	3,500.00
			0.00	Allocated	142,500.00	Expended		Ending Balance	142,500.00	142,500.00
84 - Capital Stabilization	Department 000 - Unassigned	Transfer To GF	215,000.00	Allocated	-215,000.00	Expended	(215,000.00)	Ending Balance	0.00	
	Department 218 - unnamed	FD Heating System Repair-Supplies	0.00	Allocated	0.00	Expended		Ending Balance	14,354.54	14,354.54
	Department 219 - unnamed	Town Hall 2nd Floor HVAC-Supplies	2,900.00	Allocated	14,354.54	Expended		Ending Balance	2,900.00	
		Town Hall Front Doors-Supplies	6,000.00	Allocated	0.00	Expended		Ending Balance	6,000.00	8,900.00
	Department 220 - Fire	New Physical Server-Supplies	8,695.00	Allocated	8,600.00	Expended		Ending Balance	95.00	
		Fire Station Generator-Supplies	15,500.00	0.00	-4,147.50			Ending Balance	15,500.00	
		Fire Engine-Supplies	3,260.94	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	3,260.94	
		SCBA Equipments-Supplies	48.00	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	48.00	
		BOHYS Draining Repair-Supplies	7,150.00	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	7,150.00	
		RES Technology Equip-Supplies	2,694.76	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	2,694.76	
		RES Parking Lot Improve-Supplies	5,000.00	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	5,000.00	
		Emergency Communications Equipment Art 6 STM 1C	15,000.00	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	15,000.00	
		FY22 ATM Art 22 Fire Utility Vehicle (\$300,000.00)	300,000.00	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	300,000.00	
	Department 300 - School	School Tractor Art 2 STM 10.24.20	29,500.00	Allocated	357,338.70	Expended	(4,147.50)	Ending Balance	353,191.20	353,191.20
	Department 630 - Recreation	Replace Park Structure and Sand Art 5 STM 10.24.20	26,000.00	Allocated	29,500.00	Expended	(26,459.04)	Ending Balance	3,040.96	3,040.96
			26,000.00	0.00	0.00			Ending Balance	26,000.00	26,000.00
			0.00	Allocated	26,000.00	Expended		Ending Balance	0.00	26,000.00
			0.00	Allocated	651,093.24	Expended	(245,606.54)	Ending Balance	405,486.70	405,486.70

## TREASURER REPORT - 2021

Financial Institution	Purpose Interest - Bearing Checking Accounts	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
UNIBANK	GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL	0.03%	\$ (72,095.58)	
UNIBANK	DEBIT ACCOUNT	0.00%	\$ 72.30	
				(\$72,023.28)
Financial Institution	Purpose - Liquid Investments	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
UNIBANK	GENERAL FUND	0.03%	\$ 1,262,759.49	
UNIBANK	STUDENT ACTIVITY	0.03%	\$ 619.33	
UNIBANK	TAX COLLECTOR ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 114.76	
UNIBANK	LAST MILE - ACCOUNT CLOSED	0.00%	\$ -	
				\$1,263,493.58
Financial Institution	Purpose - Trust Funds	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
MMDT	STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 1,160,206.80	
MMDT	CAPITAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 1,045,208.99	
MMDT	TOWN HALL COMPLEX STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.00%	\$ 215.05	
MMDT	CULTURAL COUNCIL OF ROWE ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 9,491.56	
MMDT	OPEB STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ 47,752.75	
MMDT	HIGHWAY STABILIZATION ACCOUNT	0.03%	\$ -	
UNIBANK	MARTHA WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 8,915.84	
UNIBANK	CEMETERY	0.03%	\$ 21,296.80	
UNIBANK	ROWE LIBRARY GIFT	0.03%	\$ 491.75	
UNIBANK	CHARLES WELLS LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 3,539.77	
UNIBANK	PRESERVED SMITH LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 1,863.60	
UNIBANK	GOULD LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 17,182.13	
UNIBANK	FOSTER DONATION	0.03%	\$ 3,170.98	
UNIBANK	WHITE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 5,589.90	
UNIBANK	L.TOWER/JONES LIBRARY	0.03%	\$ 5,589.90	
UNIBANK	ROWE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	0.03%	\$ 3,695.05	
				\$2,334,210.87
All Cash and Investments			\$ 3,525,681.17	

TREASURER BOND - MASSACHUSETTS INTERLOCAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION MIIA  
 I hereby certify that the bank statements have been reconciled through the date of this report, that the cash on hand and other items were verified by actual counts.

Terry I. Green  
 Treasurer 06.30.2021

Respectfully submitted,

Terry I. Green  
 Treasurer

# **PUBLIC WORKS**

## **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - 2021**

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The Rowe Highway Department.

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 and traffic islands/Transfer station lawn. Building maintenance.

This year was a hot summer and a lot of rain. Paving Leasure Rd. went on end-summer by LANE. Gravel was hauled to Davis Mine Rd. ,Tunnel Rd, County Rd, Potter Rd. Cleaning of Ditches, Fixing wash outs from the hurricanes, Lots of wind kept tree debris on the roads to keep us very busy.

Thank you to Janice Boudreau, Police Dept., Highway crew, Fire Dept , and Board of Selectmen for all of your help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent



DPW Kyle Shippee taking care of the new Loader



Deer Visiting Highway Garage

## HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM 2021

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## TREE WARDEN 2021

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As your Tree Warden I’d like to remind everyone that if they are going to remove any roadside trees it is important to read our Town By-laws. Our roads have been declared Scenic Roads by a Town Meeting vote. More information about what this means can be found in Section 10: of the By-laws and Section 15C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Anyone with questions or concerns about roadside trees please contact me at 413-339-5588.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lance P. Larned  
DPW Superintendent

## **CULTURE & RECREATION**

### **COUNCIL ON AGING 2021**

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Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Council had one gathering in December hosted by Rowe Center. The Holiday Party had a small but enthusiastic turnout. A great meal and dessert was provided to accompany a presentation by Ed the Wizard.

The Council on Aging needs volunteers and energy. If you would like to participate, please contact Sue Tomlinson for more information.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sue Tomlinson  
Christine Tower  
Ashley Manners Boyd  
BJ Roche

## CULTURAL COUNCIL - 2021

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The Local Cultural Council is charged with awarding State Grant money to promote rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen. The Council awarded grants to promote culture in Rowe, as a priority, and to other events, exhibits, music and theater in the area for residents to enjoy and benefit from.

2021 Grant Recipients were as follows:

Charlemont Forum	Charlemont Forum Speaker Series 2021	\$1300
Edward Wirt Sax and Winds	Concert	\$ 595
Franklin County Pride, Inc.	Franklin County Pride 2020	\$ 250
Heath Agricultural Society	Heath Fair Music	\$1000
Hilltown Families	Activities Newsletter	\$ 300
Hilltown Youth Theater	Summer Production	\$1419
Kate Peppard,	Summer Yoga Series	\$ 500
Kate Peppard,	Five Elements Yoga Series	\$ 500
Matt York	Highwaymen Concert	\$ 650
Racial Justice Rising	Monthly Racial Justice Program Series	\$ 200
The Art Garden	Community Exhibits at The Art Garden	\$ 200
Tim Van Egmond	Seniors Production	\$ 465
The Town of Rowe	Owls of Vermont and other programs	\$ 675

Respectfully submitted,

B.J. Roche, Chair  
Susan Gleason  
Laurie Pike  
Paulette Roccio  
Karen Soviecke

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES - 2021

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2021 was a quieter year at the library, as we still felt the effects of COVID in our community. The library was able to be open to the public but with continued masks and limited ability for large indoor programming. We always continued to grow a diverse collection of books, movies, magazines, and audios.

In 2021 the library hours were still limited and the public was able to use the building and browse the collection by appointment. Curbside services were still being offered. Early in the year the library offered "Take and Make" bags. Things such as Hygge Bags, WasiWasa Craft bag, Hot chocolate bomb bags, and a couple other craft bags. In July monthly adult programs resumed but with registrations required to keep the number of people to a minimum and hours for the library were extended with no appointments required. August, Roberta Baker taught a group of adults to weave baskets. November, Dawn Beaumier helped patrons create beautiful and delicious Charcuterie boards. Roberta helped us learn how to make Kissing Balls in December and again in February. Both with full attendance. During the summer a 6 weeks children's program where a different community member taught the group something new each week, was hosted outdoors at the library. The 8 kids learned about counted cross stitch, electricity, leaf printing, and mushrooms.

Other programs throughout the year included in May the 4th Annual Plant Swap was put on and 16 + people participated in trading plants from their gardens. October the library provided pumpkins and patrons could carve or decorate them and placed them on our stone wall and lit on Halloween night. 4 different prizes were awarded to children and adults. The annual Summer Reading Program was attended by a few kids with prizes donated by the MBLC.

We continue to discard worn and outdated items to make way for new materials with our limited shelf space. In 2021 the library held a collection of 12,454 items including books, movies, audios, music CDs, The Recorder, Heath Herald and magazines as well as "The Library of Things" and "The Tool Lending Library". 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 of digital books, magazine, audio books and streaming videos available through the CWMARS digital catalog. The library offers Hoopla as well giving patrons access to additional E-content including music, movies, books, audios and magazines.

The Trustees continue to meet monthly at the Library 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: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Thursday: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

## **PARK COMMISSION - 2021**

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### Pelham Lake Park

The Park Department had another successful year with many of the Covid-19 restrictions from 2020 rescinded and the beach and picnic area returning to more normal levels of usage. For those who may be new to the town of Rowe, Pelham Lake Park is a tax-payer funded, town-owned park consisting of 1300 plus acres of diverse habitat including forest, fields, streams, a lake, and wetland environments. There are approximately 20 miles of trails for all to enjoy! . The Park also includes a fitness center upstairs in the Town Hall and a skateboard park in the town center. The Park is overseen by a Park Manager and three elected Park Commissioners. We are truly grateful to the taxpayers of Rowe and voters for their continued support of this important and vital resource for our residents and wildlife. The Park continues to see an increase in usage as people take advantage of the great outdoors to hike, bike, swim, picnic, boat, fish, ice fish, snowshoe, cross-country ski, play tennis, explore, etc. 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.

Having completed a grant funded Forest Stewardship Plan in 2020, the Park has been seeking additional grant funding to implement the various parts of the plan. To date the Park has received \$60,000 in grant money from the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership for the completion of numerous projects in the plan. (The Forest Stewardship Plan can be accessed on the town website under the Park Department's page.) In addition, the Park has received grant funding for an update to the Stewardship Plan to include additional climate resiliency actions. A trails assessment was conducted in the fall and when completed will provide a plan for the maintenance and upgrade of our 20 miles of trails as well, as an updated map of the trails and a digital map application.

This summer the Park took on additional summer staff from the Grasshopper Program which enabled the Park Staff to accomplish even more trail work over the summer of 2021. Some of the work that was

completed included 15 new trail signs as part of an ongoing project to replace all 92 trail signs within the Park. The new signs and posts are/will be made out of cedar and routed and then installed at the various trail heads and junctions. A new trail called the **Cliffside Trail** was  $\frac{3}{4}$  completed. The trail leaves the new Adams Mt. Trail at .25 miles and ascends a steep, rocky outcrop over countless boulders (a great place to look for porcupines along the way) and continues along a precarious cliff face and eventually connects at the junction of the Adams Mt. Trail and Todd Mt. Trails. The new **Cliffside Trail** will be one quarter mile long when completed. This trail is fun and challenging and we invite those interested to come and check it out if you are up for some scrambling! Another completed project was the replacement of bog bridges on the **Beach Trail**. The bridges have been replaced with a boardwalk which will greatly improve ones' hiking experience as your feet will now stay dry! The **Northwest View Trail** continuation was completed. This extension trail starts at the Northwest view and climbs gradually to the ridge southwest of the Adams Mt. summit on the White Tail Trail. This extension adds an easier, more gradual way to the top of Adams Mountain. The **Northwest View Trail** is .6 miles from the junction with the Adams Mt. Trail to the White Tail Trail.

Additional drainage work was added to the Davenport Trail. This trail has been very challenging to keep dry and so hopefully, all of the work completed over the last two summers will improve the sustainability of this trail in the future. Some minor invasive species control was done by hand at the meadow and directly behind the park headquarters of some Japanese Knotweed and Bittersweet plants. The Park Staff will continue to monitor for invasive species within the park. **Come hike and admire the great trail work our Summer Youth employees have accomplished over the summer!**

**The Park Staff would like to thank Clayton Miller for the completion of a new paddleboard trailer.** This will allow for easier storage and access to the boards.

Numerous pine trees and some deciduous trees were removed from Percy Point Picnic Area in the fall of 2021. Lattrell Ecological Consulting LLC concluded in a report from January 2016 that the pines were suffering from either white pine decline or white pine root decline neither of which is reversible. The trees were slowly dying and becoming hazardous. The report can be viewed on the Town's website under the Park Department's page. After consulting with several sources a decision will be made on suitable species of trees for replacement. Replacement will begin in 2022.

This fall a **new playground** was installed at the Park by Bears Playground from New York State. The Park decided to go with a beautiful wooden structure to blend in aesthetically with the surrounding view and to reduce the cost significantly over a metal and plastic structure. The new playground is made out of native white cedar and should last for years of enjoyment. This spring we will be purchasing new beach sand to raise and soften the ground around the structure. **Thirteen new (grant funded) kiosks** will be installed by Park staff in the spring of 2022 and will display a map of the trails, rules and regulations for use of the park, as well as information on flora and fauna to be found within the different habitats.

The Rowe and MA Cultural Council graciously funded a successful **Adult Birding Program** Saturday morning, May 15, 2021. Nine enthusiastic birders joined Photographer and Naturalist, John Green for a successful morning of learning about birds and bird sightings. Mr. Green gave us a wonderfully well-rounded introduction to the world of the birds in our backyard. He covered everything from taxonomy and recent phylogenetic changes in family arrangement, strange naming patterns, and, of course,

identification of birds by their songs, visual field markings and habitat preferences. He entertained us with an uncanny ability to mimic specific bird calls from amongst a cacophony of sounds, mnemonics to help better remember species, and was quick with his field guide to show pictures of each bird not familiar to members of the group. A total of 30 different species were sighted.

On September 4, 2021, 20 plus participants enjoyed a free **Wildlife Tails Program** at the Park presented by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. The Wildlife Tails Program was an engaging and entertaining event recounting animal stories from around the world with live animals to help bring these stories to life. Participants were able to learn about the natural history of each animal and ask questions about these animals that may be seen in their own backyards. The live animals included a bunny, owl, turtle, snake and more.

The Park held two senior picnics over the summer. Orders were taken prior to the event and seniors were able to drive down and pick up their lunch to go or stay and enjoy a picnic lunch at the beach with friends. Park staff also delivered lunch to those seniors who were unable to drive down.

Lastly, the Fitness Center at the town hall was finally opened in the fall after a year plus of closure due to Covid restrictions. Two new air purifiers were installed before opening to ensure the safety of participants. Mask were required and additional cleaning measures were administered. The Fitness Center is currently open during the day Monday through Friday (when the town hall is open for business 9 AM to 5 PM). Our Fitness Instructor, Deb Lively, is available for fitness instruction and consultation on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM for the fall through spring months. Free yoga class continued throughout the year either outdoors at the beach during the summer months or Zoom online every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 AM. Our instructor, Kate Peppard, also offered the recording of the Zoom classes to all residents of Rowe to do at their convenience throughout the week. **We are grateful and fortunate to have Deb and Kate to motivate us to be healthy throughout the year.**

**The Park Commission would like to give a special thank you to our Summer Youth employees!** The Park was exceptionally well cared for and much was accomplished through their hard work and commitment to a job well done!

**The Park Commission would like to give a very special thank you to our hard working, knowledgeable, and indispensable Park Manager, Sean Loomis.** Each year the job continues to grow in the amount of responsibilities as we work to improve the resiliency of this valued resource in the face of extreme weather and climate change. We are so grateful for his continued expertise and dedication in managing this special town resource.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Town of Rowe Park Commissioners  
Laurie Pike  
Chris "Selmi" Hyytinen  
Hannah Poplawski

# REGIONAL AGENCIES & PARTNERS

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGIONAL DOG SHELTER - 2021

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TO THE SELECT BOARD AND RESIDENTS OF ROWE:

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter has been in operation since 2012. The shelter was started by Sheriff Christopher Donelan who saw the need in the community for a dog sheltering facility. As of this date, the dog shelter provides services to 22 of the 26 Franklin County towns.

During the course of 2021, the Regional Dog Shelter logged 157 canine intakes.

*104 where brought in as strays, and 53 where Surrendered, Transferred or Returned adoptions to our facility.*

### What happened to the dogs?

- 🐾 80 where returned to their owners.
- 🐾 50 where adopted into new fur-ever homes.
- 🐾 9 where transferred to another facility to better meet their specific needs.
- 🐾 10 where sadly euthanized by an attending veterinarian. Euthanasia is not something we take lightly and we do our best to explore all available options before choosing this course of action. Of these 10, (4) where owner intended euthanasia; (2) where medically compromised; (4) where euthanized for severe aggression towards people and other animals.

While we are primarily a dog facility with the addition of the Sheriff's Office Regional Animal Control Position the shelter assisted in the holding and transfer of 33 cats. At this time, the shelter does not have the capability to process cat adoptions, therefore all cats are transferred to an appropriate agency.

**Food Pantries:** During the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Shelter has worked to supply pet food into local food pantries for residents who are in needed. If you are struggling to feed your pet, or know of a food pantry that could use dog/cat food please let us know!

**Rabies Clinics:** In 2021, the shelter partnered with (2) local veterinarians to sponsor rabies clinics in Turners Falls, Heath, and Shelburne Falls. Between these (3) clinics, a total of 86 pets where vaccinated against rabies.

**Dog Licensing:** Some Town Clerks have granted the ability for the shelter to issue a dog license for a dog that was brought in and not licensed. As Massachusetts General Law requires every dog be licensed and vaccinated for rabies before it can be released from the shelter. This ability has drastically reduced the time that an owned dog must stay at the shelter, if it was unlicensed upon intake.

**Volunteers:** Volunteers are essential to the smooth operation of the shelter, without them, we would not have the success that we have today, during 2021 our volunteers logged 4,777 volunteer hours! Our volunteers assist the operation of the shelter by helping with Daily Kennel Chores, Foster Homes, Event Staffing and providing Enrichment specific to each dog's needs. We are always in need of new volunteers, if you are interested in joining our volunteer team; please check out the volunteer application on our website.

**Did you know?** The overall average length of stay for a dog at our kennel is 30 days?

During this time, all their costs and care are covered by the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - 2021

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To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2021 shows a decrease of 100 tons of recycling compared to 2020. District residents recycled just over 2,700 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for recycling primarily to domestic companies. For six months, the market revenue exceeded the processing fee so towns received revenue for their recycling tonnage.

The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of both 2021 Clean Sweep collection events.

We did hold our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2021. 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 420 households participated in this event.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$94,000 for District towns. This grant funding is a result of a town's successful waste management infrastructure.

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

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*  
Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*

Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – *Chair*  
MA Swedlund, Deerfield – *Treasurer*

# FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - FRCOG - 2021

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## Franklin Regional Council of Governments Services to Rowe in 2021

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 continued to shape the ways we did business in 2021, and while the attention of some staff remained focused on 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. We've included some of that work here, and *FRCOG's 2021 Annual Report*, published this spring, will further summarize our regional efforts. The following pages list services specific to Rowe.

### COVID Response and Recovery

FRCOG engaged in regional and municipal COVID response and recovery in numerous ways, including:

- Maintained up-to-date regional websites; developed and distributed community education messages; provided mask order and social-distancing signage for use at town facilities, non-profits, and businesses.
- With partners in the Franklin County Regional Vaccination Collaborative, coordinated 140 regional vaccination clinics administering nearly 32,000 doses of vaccine.
- Advocated for the needs of rural communities and local public health; facilitated information sharing on COVID case trends, new state guidance and initiatives, and sharing of best practices.

### Climate Resilience

- Completed the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) planning process so that the town is now an MVP-designated community and is eligible for resiliency-related grants.

### Economic Development

- Completed an inventory and map of recreational assets in the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership area.
- Assisted with developing the Shelburne Falls/West County Initiative grant program for businesses, nonprofits, artists and farmers.
- Continued to coordinate a group of stakeholders to discuss issues and opportunities related to outdoor recreation on the Deerfield River. Received a state earmark from Sen. Hinds to conduct planning related to outdoor recreation on the Deerfield River corridor.

### Finance and Municipal Services

- Rowe contracted with the FRCOG to receive collective bid pricing for highway products and services, including rental equipment; heating and vehicle fuel; elevator maintenance; fire alarm

services; and dog tags and licenses. Staff assisted the town with a bid for a playground structure, kiosk, and a fire truck.

- The Cooperative Inspections program issued 29 building permits, 12 electrical permits and 13 plumbing/gas permits for Rowe in 2021. Seventeen (17) Certificates of Inspection were issued.

### **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 state legislation.
- Assisted the town with preparing a grant application to implement recommendations from their Forest Stewardship Plan for Pelham Lake Park. Funded through a \$20,000 MTWP town implementation grant awarded in 2021, the project will address climate change and habitat protection.
- Assisted the town to complete their 2020 MTWP town grant (\$20,000 award) to construct signage at the Pelham Lake Park, including procurement and grant administration services.

### **Public and Community Health**

Rowe is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the FRCOG. CPHS received a Public Health Excellence grant and an Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Info Systems grant in 2021. These grants funded a program manager and increased a part-time health agent position to full-time, bringing the number of district agents to 3. The grants also afforded the district a second, full-time nurse to serve our communities, and a full-time contact tracer. As the region moves past the pandemic, this ladder position will help analyze data to better understand our district response to COVID-19. CPHS Staff:

- Held 2 monthly walk-in wellness clinics at which 16 residents visited with CPHS nurses for health screening services, assistance with management of chronic illnesses, and flu vaccination.
- 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 on-line system.
- Completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for communicable disease cases in district member towns, including 3 Rowe cases.
- Gave 897 Flu and 77 COVID vaccinations at CPHS flu clinics, COVID pop ups, and home visits, at which 14 Rowe residents received flu vaccines and 8 received COVID vaccines.
- Provided support for the Age- and Dementia-Friendly community initiative, including planning for a needs assessment survey to be distributed early in 2022.
- Assisted businesses with the on-line permitting system, and provided technical support for applications of annual permits. Processed 36 annual permits for Rowe (including Regional Permits).
- Organized two low-cost food safety training for town residents or business employees.
- Conducted 4 retail food inspections, and permitted 2 wells.
- Attended all regular Board of Health meetings.
- Conducted Title-5 (septic) code enforcement for the town. This included: witnessing 2 soil

evaluation/percolation tests; reviewing 5 septic system plans, visiting these sites, conducting final installation inspections and preparing Certificates of Compliance; witnessing 8 Title-5 inspections prior to property transfer and assembling final paperwork; and issuing 2 local upgrade approvals.

- Permitted and inspected 3 recreational camps for children as well as the bathing beaches.
- 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 117 Mohawk students, representing 79% 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 resources for advancing racial justice in school districts/schools to the school district.
- Provided training, materials, and technical assistance for the new, evidence-based PreVenture substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District.

### **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.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic Support:**

Bi-Weekly Coordination Roundtables – 1-3 /wk

#### **Municipal Officials' Continuing Education:**

Town Administrators Meeting-1

Cybersecurity – 1

#### **Public Health & Community Awareness:**

Orientation to Local Public Health - 1

Three-In-One Food Safety Training Certification - 7

#### **Planning, Conservation & Development:**

Diversifying Rural Housing Opportunities - 1

Rental Zoning, Building & Sanitary Codes -2

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**

- Consulted and provided guidance on electric vehicle charging station funding programs and resources.



## FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 2021

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Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 611 retirees, 55 beneficiaries, 1,066 active employees, and 625 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 2020, we are 85.6% funded at 32 years (80%) into the 40-year mandate.

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

What follows is a synopsis of our annual report, as filed with our state oversight commission, PERAC. The full PERAC report can be read on the “Finances” page of our website.

	CY 2020	CY 2019	CY 2018
<b>Balances</b>			
Cash	1,492,254	1,579,892	1,548,623
Investments	174,179,165	155,459,951	137,212,980
Receivables	101,506	73,637	99,508
Payables	2,209,591	2,988,090	2,460,693
Annuity Savings (members)	32,662,132	31,675,249	30,591,939
Retirement Reserves	140,901,202	125,438,231	105,808,479
<b>Revenues</b>			
Member's contributions	3,955,793	4,368,605	3,754,462
Towns, Schools, Agencies	7,268,256	6,871,971	6,506,893
Retirement Cost Sharing	565,436	516,330	531,674
Miscellaneous Revenue	11,867	10,781	17,971
Investment Income (net)	20,436,491	24,332,594	(4,375,884)
<b>Expenses</b>			
Retirement Benefits	12,010,238	11,329,395	10,451,458
Operating Expenses	590,757	567,347	542,267
Investment Expenses	820,937	837,388	802,542
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,956,450	2,262,262	1,714,774
Refunds to Members	409,606	390,827	443,808
<b>Investment Performance</b>			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.59%	8.47%	8.21%
10 years	9.31%	9.57%	9.60%
5 years	10.14%	7.79%	5.99%
Current Year	12.65%	17.92%	-3.13%
<b>Demographics</b>			
	1/1/2020	1/1/2020	1/1/2018
Members' Average Age	47.50	47.50	48.30
Members' Average Service	9.20	9.20	10.10
Members' Average Salary	37,982.00	37,982.00	37,651.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.80	72.80	72.60
Retirees' Average Pension	17,171.00	17,171.00	16,433.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	60.30	60.30	58.30
Disabled Members' Average Pension	29,998.00	29,998.00	28,790.00

Dale Kowacki  
 Executive Director  
 Franklin Regional Retirement System

## MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP - 2021

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the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) was established in 2018 to bring financial and technical resources to the 21 Town Mohawk Trail Region of north-western Massachusetts. The MTWP encourages sustainable economic development related to forestry, supports forest conservation on private lands and improves fiscal stability and sustainability of the municipalities.

The MTWP conserves the region's forests and provides sources for funding and assisting landowners, communities and businesses. In 2020, the Rowe Park Manager and Rowe Park Commissioners worked diligently to pick a project that would benefit trail users at the park. With the grant money awarded from the MTWP, the Park was able to begin the construction and installation of trail kiosks. The kiosks will display a trail map and the Park Rules and regulations, provide information about the flora and fauna found at the park, and will exhibit the Elementary School students' artwork and projects. The kiosks were completed in the fall of 2021 and will be installed during the summer of 2022. In August the Town was awarded grant funding for a third time to install hemlock wooly adelgid monitoring plots, map an old growth site, inoculate ash trees and plant oak saplings at Pelham Lake Park.

With other MTWP representatives, the Rowe Board of Selectmen submitted a letter of support for the expansion of a Forest Legacy Area (FLA) into the MTWP region. A FLA is an area that recognizes the importance of retaining healthy forests along with agricultural bases economic opportunities, which includes the growing and harvesting of forest products. By showing our support for the designation of the FLA, additional funding opportunities become available through the Forest Legacy Program for landowners who wish to protect their land from conversion to non-forest uses and keep them as forestlands.

There were two major webinars this year through the MTWP. The first was a "Grants For Good" webinar which highlighted regional projects. Town representatives and committee members shared what they have been able to accomplish with funding provided by the MTWP and provided insight for others who were interested in completing similar projects. The second was a webinar hosted by the MTWP Research, Education and Outreach Committee titled "Oaks in New England Forests: Keystone Trees for Biodiversity and Resilience". Local experts Dr. Desiree Narango and Logan Johnson shared valuable information about the importance of Oak species in our forests and how they can mitigate climate change.

As the MTWP Rowe Representative, I will continue to provide updates of MTWP activities and events of the Town of Rowe.

Respectfully submitted  
Hannah Poplawski  
Rowe Representative to the MWTP Board  
(mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org).

## VETERANS SERVICES DISTRICT - 2021

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### Department of Veteran Services

294 Main Street  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
Phone 413-772-1571  
Fax 413-772-1401

**Mission Statement:** To advocate for veterans, their spouses, dependants, widows or widowers for Veterans' Benefits on the Local, State and Federal levels

2021 was a trying year for many. Our office remained fully open and fully staffed during all of 2021. We felt we would see more veterans and their dependents due to other services being closed or restricted and this proved true. We filed more VA claims and more VA health care applications than any other year that we have been in existence. The following are some brief highlights for the district during the past year:

- District now brings in \$1793282.18 in Federal and State money **per month** from all sources (VA, State Reimbursements, State Annuities and sales). Compare this to \$58000 in expenses per month.
- Our office requested and sponsored a COVID vaccine clinic courtesy of the VA and Kringle Candle in Bernardston
- We created the State's first dedicated VA Telehealth center for veterans to use for their Telehealth appointments if they do not wish to travel far or do not have the skill set or technology to do at home. This is being emphasized by the VA after lessons learned from COVID.
- VSA Laura Thorne has maintained her SHINE certification and is helping veterans and their dependents, taking some of the load off the Senior Centers. Deputy Chris Demars is now a Certified National Service Officer, allowing us to directly submit VA paperwork, helping to speed up these claims. Finally, Brian Brooks, Veteran Service Officer, is currently the Massachusetts Marine Corps League Commandant, representing Marine Veterans across Massachusetts.
- As District Town Halls and Senior Centers are slowly re-opening we are returning to our normal outreach locations (call for latest times and places)
- We project a level funded Fiscal Year 23 budget while continuing to expand services in 2023

Timothy Niejadlik, Director  
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services Distric

**Member Towns:** Ashfield-Bernardston-Buckland –Charlemont- Colrain-Conway-Deerfield-Erving-Gill-Greenfield-Hawley-Heath- Leverett-Leyden- Monroe- Montague- New Salem- Northfield- Plainfield –Rowe- Shelburne- Shutesbury- Sunderland Warwick -Wendell –Whately

# REFERENCE & INFORMATION

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#### The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

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#### The Honorable Charlie Baker - R

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – May 15, 2021

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### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – RESULTS

Town of Rowe  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM  
Rowe Elementary School

**Moderator:** Robert Clancy  
**Town Clerk:** Paul McLatchy III  
**Board of Selectmen:** Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Edward Silva  
**Town Counsel:** Nicole Costanzo, Esq. – KP Law

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Rowe Elementary School, located at 86 Pond Road. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the meeting had been delayed from May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 thirty-two (32) voters and six (6) guests. Moderator Clancy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those who had passed in 2020: John “Jack” Williams, James “Jim” Carse, and Florence Veber.

Moderator Clancy read out a brief greeting welcoming voters to the town meeting. He thanked members of the town employees and officials for their work during the pandemic and the Municipal Light Plant for ensuring high-speed internet availability during the pandemic. Both groups received a round of applause. He then informed voters of the rules of the meeting. Tellers were not appointed.

Assessors Chair Rick Williams spoke to the impact on FY22 taxes. If all articles were approved as presented on the warrant, taxes will increase approximately \$0.25 per thousand, or 4.7%. This will represent a \$54 increase on the average home tax bill.

Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for comments. No comments were made at this time. Moderator Clancy then read out the warrant greeting.

**MOTION:** A motion was made and seconded to consider and approve Articles 1-5 collectively as a consent agenda.

*Motion to Consider and Approve Articles 1-5 Collectively as a Consent Agenda  
Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**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 authorize, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, the following sums for revolving funds, or take any action in relation thereto:

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Entity Authorized to Spend from Fund</b>	<b>Fees, Charges, or Receipts Credited to Fund</b>	<b>Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund</b>	<b>Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Years</b>
Emergency Dispensing Site	Board of Health	Receipts Related to the Emergency Dispensing Site Operations	Dispensing medicines or medical supplies during an emergency	Limit of \$1,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022
Recycling Program	Board of Health	Receipts Related to the Recycling Program	Operation of solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products	Limit of \$5,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022
Vaccine Services	Board of Health	Receipts from Insurance Billing	Vaccine Services	Limit of \$6,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022
School Programs	School Committee	Fees for School Programs	Offset Department Costs of School Programs	Limit of \$10,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022
Old Home Day	Old Home Day Committee	Receipts Generated by Old Home Day Activities and Programs	Expenses of Old Home Day	Limit of \$2,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022
Refuse Garden	Board of Health	Receipts Related to the Refuse Garden Operations	Operation of the town Refuse Garden	Limit of \$5,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022 and Subsequent Years
Planning Board Legal/ Consulting	Planning Board	Receipts Related to Fees for Special Permits and Other Work of the Planning Board	Legal consultation and representation	Limit of \$50,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022 and Subsequent Years
Park Programs	Park Commission	Receipts Related to Park Programs	Operation of programs run by the Pelham Lake Park	Limit of \$2,000.00	Fiscal Year 2022 and Subsequent Years

*Passed as Part of Consent Agenda*

**ARTICLE 3:** 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 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the 2022 fiscal year, pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 §53F, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Passed as Part of Consent Agenda*

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums and to set the stipends/salary compensation for all elected officials of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41 §108, to be made effective from July 1, 2021, as follows or take any action in relation thereto:

**Elected Boards & Committees:**

Board of Assessors (3) .....	\$5,354
Board of Health (3) .....	\$4,938
Board of Selectmen (3) .....	\$5,928
School Committee (3) .....	\$4,564

**Elected Town Officers**

Constable.....	\$549
Moderator.....	\$439
Town Clerk .....	\$13,835

**TOTAL ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES FROM TAXATION ..... \$35,607**

*A question was raised by Ramon Sanchez as to the status of a Stipend Review Committee which was approved at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Moderator Clancy reported that no one had expressed interest in being appointed. Mr. Sanchez volunteered to be appointed to said committee.*

*Passed as Part of Consent Agenda*

**ARTICLE 6:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,150 for interest on indebtedness for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 7:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for the conduct of general government, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Administration**

General Administration.....	\$135,752
Municipal Audit .....	\$8,000
Executive Secretary.....	\$50,469
Administrative Assistant to the Boards.....	\$43,706
Town Hall Custodian Wages .....	\$19,422
Custodian Expenses .....	\$4,775



Legal.....	\$8,000
Tax Collector Salary .....	\$8,528
Tax Collector Operations .....	\$7,997
Treasurer Salary .....	\$28,397
Treasurer Operations .....	\$10,000
Assistant Town Clerk Stipend.....	\$1,200
Town Clerk Expenses .....	\$2,960
Conservation Commission .....	\$1,180
Council on Aging .....	\$3,800
Goal Post Editor Wages .....	\$6,304
Goal Post Operations .....	\$3,000
Veteran’s Services.....	\$4,869
FRCOG Services.....	\$23,044
Town Accountant Salary.....	\$44,373
<u>Town Accountant Expenses.....</u>	<u>\$3,972</u>
Subtotal Administration .....	\$419,748

**Board of Assessors**

Assessors’ Clerk Wages.....	\$12,000
Assessors’ Reval/Annual Updates .....	\$22,600
<u>Assessors’ Operations .....</u>	<u>\$9,900</u>
Subtotal Board of Assessors.....	\$44,500

**Planning Board**

Planning Board Operations .....	\$2,000
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**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION..... \$466,248**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**ARTICLE 8:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to the Planning Board Legal/Consulting Revolving Fund for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 9:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be used as a reserve fund, pursuant to M.G.L. c.40, §6 for the extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 10:** 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 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Highway Department**

DPW Salaries and Wages.....	\$296,033
Roadside Work.....	\$5,000
DPW Operations .....	\$215,038

<u>Winter Roads.....</u>	<u>\$68,612</u>
Subtotal Highway Department.....	\$584,683

**Other Public Works & Facilities**

Street Lighting.....	\$5,500
Municipal Light Plant Operations.....	\$1,000
Municipal Light Plant Manager Stipend.....	\$6,800
<u>Dam Maintenance/Repair.....</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities.....	\$14,500

**Cemetery Commission**

Cemetery Operations.....	\$15,000
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**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION ..... \$614,183**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**ARTICLE 11:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from any available fund the sum of \$141,851 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 12:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for public safety for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Police Department**

Police Salaries.....	\$57,347
<u>Police Operations.....</u>	<u>\$10,200</u>
Subtotal Police Department.....	\$67,547

**Fire Department**

Fire Department Stipends & Wages.....	\$35,722
<u>Fire Department Operations.....</u>	<u>\$43,392</u>
Subtotal Fire Department.....	\$79,114

**Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Stipends.....	\$3,864
Emergency Management Operations.....	\$1,000
<u>Generator Maintenance.....</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
Subtotal Emergency Management.....	\$8,364

**Animal Control and Inspection**

Animal Control Stipends.....	\$1,157
Animal Inspector Stipend.....	\$532
<u>Regional Dog Kennel.....</u>	<u>\$350</u>
Subtotal Animal Control.....	\$2,039

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION..... \$157,064**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 13:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for public health for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Public Health**

Health Department Stipends and Wages..... \$77,394  
Board of Health Operations ..... \$66,085

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH FROM TAXATION..... \$143,479**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**ARTICLE 14:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for public schools for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Education**

Rowe School PreK-6 Operating Budget ..... \$1,146,527  
Rowe School Secondary 7-12 ..... \$503,453

**TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION ..... \$1,649,980**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 15:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for Rowe Town Library for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Rowe Town Library**

Library Wages..... \$43,975  
Library Operations ..... \$28,150

**TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY FROM TAXATION ..... \$72,125**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 16:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for management and operation of Pelham Lake Park for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Pelham Lake Park**

Park Wages..... \$110,962  
Park Operations ..... \$23,500

**TOTAL PELHAM LAKE PARK FROM TAXATION..... \$134,462**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**ARTICLE 17:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for culture and recreation for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Culture and Recreation**

Gracy House Operations .....	\$1,000
Beautification .....	\$500

**TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION FROM TAXATION..... \$1,500**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 18:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for pensions and insurance for the 2022 Fiscal Year:

**Pensions and Insurance**

Franklin County Retirement Assessment.....	\$151,240
Unemployment Insurance .....	\$20,000
Group Health/Dental/Life Insurance.....	\$655,000
Medicare Tax – Town Share .....	\$27,000

**TOTAL PENSIONS AND INSURANCE FROM TAXATION ..... \$853,240**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**ARTICLE 19:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from free cash the following sums for special projects:

<b>ADMIN</b>	Oil Tank Removal from School .....	\$20,000
<b>ADMIN</b>	Oil Tank Replacement & Oil Removal.....	\$5,000
<b>PARK</b>	Tree Removal .....	\$9,500
<b>PARK</b>	Trail Assessment .....	\$4,420
<b>ASSESSORS</b>	Consultant/Legal Support .....	\$50,000
<b>CEMETERY</b>	North Cemetery Wall Repair .....	\$3,600
<b>FIRE</b>	Equipment Rack.....	\$8,000
<b>FIRE</b>	Wilderness Rescue Equipment.....	\$4,500
<b>OHD</b>	Fireworks- 2022 .....	\$5,000

**TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS FROM FREE CASH ..... \$110,020**

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (1 No Vote)*

**ARTICLE 20:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$12,500 to replenish funds appropriated from the Stabilization Fund in October 2020.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 21:** A motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of paying down principal on the broadband debt.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 22:** A motion was made and seconded to appropriate from the Capital Stabilization Fund the following sums for Capital Improvements, Repairs, and Property:

**FIRE**                      Utility Vehicle..... \$300,000

*Note: Town counsel clarified that this vote would be to purchase and equip a utility vehicle.*

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

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 23:** A motion was made and seconded to create and establish a new Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding retiree benefits, including, but not limited to health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, and pension assessments.

*Note: Articles creating new stabilization funds require a 2/3 majority vote.*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (3 No Votes)  
Moderator Declared 2/3 threshold met*

**ARTICLE 24:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$47,750 from Free Cash to the OPEB Stabilization Fund.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Not Unanimous (4 No Votes)*

**ARTICLE 25:** A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$47,750 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 26:** A motion was made and seconded to create and establish a new Highway Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of funding infrastructure repairs and improvements, including, but not limited to: paved roads, dirt roads, bridges, culverts, and drains.

*Note: Articles creating new stabilization funds require a 2/3 majority vote.*

*Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous*

**ARTICLE 27:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting:

- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III wanted to remind voters that elections would take place later in the day from 1-5 PM at the school gym and encouraged people to vote.

- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III wanted to acknowledge Town Hall Custodian Danielle Larned for her work in keeping the building clean and safe during the pandemic. A round of applause was given for Ms. Larned.
- Principal Bill Knittle announced that teacher Janice Lapointe would be retiring at the end of this year and wanted to thank her for her 38 years of service. Ms. Lapointe received a large round of applause.
- Ramon Sanchez requested information on when the gym at town hall would be reopening. Board of Health Chair Margaret Rice stated that the ventilation in the gym area is poor, and that it could only be reopened during nicer weather when the windows could all be open. She also stated vaccinations would be required to use the gym.
- Park Commissioner Laurie Pike encouraged voters to spread the word that there were open spots in the summer youth Grasshopper Program (run by the Park for FY22).

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk  
May 15, 2021

A True Copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rowe Town Clerk