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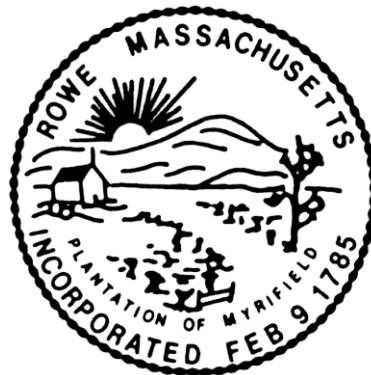
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Massachusetts



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TOWN OF ROWE – TOWN INFORMATION & MEETING SCHEDULES

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BOARD/COMMISSION	FREQUENCY	LOCATION
Board of Selectmen	Every Other Thursday (6:30pm)	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	Monthly - First Thursday (10:00am)	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

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in ”

Author Unknown

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TOWN EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	PHONE	WORKDAYS	HOURS
Administrative Asst.	adminasst@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 10	M/T/TH/F	8:00am – 4:30 pm
Accountant:	accountant@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 12	Varies	By Appointment
Executive Secretary	admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 11	M/T/W/TH* *12:00pm – Select Board Meeting Nights (every other Thursday)	9:30am - 5:30pm Or by Appointment
Animal Control Officer	ahsamuelson@gmail.com	917-209-0524		On Call
Assessors' Clerk:	assessor@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 15	Monday	3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Board of Health Clerk:	boh@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 16		
Board of Selectmen:	admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 10		by Appointment
Building Inspection:	www.fccip.org	774-3167	M/T/W/TH/F	(Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)
EMERGENCY		9-1-1		
Emergency Mgt. Dir.	emd@rowe-ma.gov	339-4001		On Call
Fire Chief	firechief@rowe-ma.gov	339-4001		On Call
Highway Superintendent	dpwhighway@rowe-ma.gov	339-5588	M/T/W/TH/F	6:30am- 4:30pm
Library Director	rowelibrary@gmail.com	339-4761	T/W/SAT	10:00 - 5:00 (Tu & Sat) 1:00 - 8:00 (Wed)
Park Ranger	roweparkdept@hotmail.com	339-8554	M/T/W/TH/F	6:30am – 2:30pm
Police Chief:	policechief@rowe-ma.gov	339-8340	Wednesday Night	5:30-7:30pm & On Call
Rowe School	contact@roweschool.org	413-512-5100	M/T/W/T/F	8:00am – 3:00pm
Tax Collector:	collector@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 19	Wednesday	8:00am – 2:00pm
Town Clerk	townclerk@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 14	M/T/TH/F	7:00am – 8:00am 4:30pm – 5:30pm
Town Nurse	nurse@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 20	M/W/F	9-5 or by Appointment
Transfer Station	boh@rowe-ma.gov	339-0216	W/SAT/SUN	7am -10am (Wed) 4pm -7pm (Wed) 8am -2pm (Sat) 8am-12pm (Sun)
Treasurer:	treasurer@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 12		By Appointment

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IN FOND REMEMBRANCE - 2019



Daureen Petersen
June 30, 1930 - July 9, 2019



Robin Reed
September 18, 1942 - October 9, 2019

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Annual Town Meeting May 2019



Board of Selectmen:

L to R: Dennis May, Jennifer Morse & Chuck Sokol
Far Right: Town Counsel Donna MacNicol



Municipal Light Plant Manger David Dvore



Fire Chief Dennis Annear



Rowe Finance Committee

L to R: Laurie Pike, Paul McLatchy III, Loretta Dionne, Wayne Zavotka & C. Selmi Hyytinen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT - 2019

There are many highlights that occurred in Rowe during 2019. The one that will stand out for many, is the successful near-completion of the town owned broadband installation project. It brought internet to many that were not served, increased speed and reliability to households. We are very appreciative to David Dvore for his tenacity, hard work and dedication to the project.

Other highlights of our work in 2019 include the following:

SELECT BOARD CHANGES

The May election added Ed Silva to the Board. We appreciate the time he takes out of his busy schedule to serve the town. We will miss outgoing Selectmen Dennis May for his candor, attention to detail and making sure everything is properly signed and dated. Chuck Sokol is now serving as Chair, taking the helm from Jennifer Morse who served as chair for two years and continues to serve as Vice-Chair.

BYLAW REVIEW

The Bylaw Review Committee has met the goal of proposing changes to the bylaws that bring them up-to-date with town practices. Following Town Counsel review, the Board approved the non-substantive changes to the bylaws. Substantive bylaw changes will be presented in 2020 for voter approval.

NEW WEBSITE

The new town website www.rowe-ma.gov has been working well and, now that broadband has reached the majority of households, citizens can go to the website to check up on events, meetings and news. In addition, town departments and committees are working to have their agendas, minutes and other materials posted to the website to keep citizens informed.

GRACY HOUSE

The Gracy House remained closed, by order of the Board of Health, throughout the year due to a serious mold problem that could potentially affect the health and wellbeing of immune compromised individuals. Taking the material gathered by Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau, a Gracy House Study Committee formed comprised of concerned citizens to review findings and conduct further research to gather enough information to determine the future of the building. The findings of the committee will be forthcoming early in 2020.

GRANTS

Through the efforts of Administrative Assistant Paul McLatchy III there were several grants opportunities that were realized this year:

- \$ 2,500 -awarded from the DEP to establish a "Library of Things"
 - \$12,500 -awarded from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) Grant for energy consulting services.
 - \$15,200 -awarded from the Housing Choice Small Town Capital Grant Program to replace the Library Ramp. Unfortunately, by the time the grant was awarded, the project had already been completed.
 - \$21,303 -awarded from the Community Compact IT Grant program to replace accounting software.
- \$51,503 GRANT TOTAL**

IMPROVEMENTS

Having an additional administrative position has afforded the opportunity to reorganize town records and digitize many, which will ultimately save time retrieving documents in storage. The town hall safe housing valuable historical documents is now well organized and sorted through. The town hall attic, storing many town documents, is in the process of a long overdue overhaul and organization. New shelving was added to ensure boards, committees and departments will be able to easily locate documents in the future.

INFRASTRUCTURE

We continue to focus on the bridges, culvert and roads to meet MassDOT safety standards. The Zoar Road Bridge close to town center had structural improvements this past summer. The King's Highway Bridge replacement continues to move forward with construction to occur in the Spring/Summer of 2020 paid for through MassWorks and Small Bridge Grant funding. A delay occurred when the decision was made to keep the road open to allow for the safety of the people and dwellings by installation of a temporary bridge. Designs for the temporary bridge and necessary permissions set the project back many months.

The future of Yankee Road has taken precedence as the road continues considerable subsidence and deterioration. Meetings, letters and phone calls to local, state and federal officials have been a focus of Administrative Assistant Paul McLatchy III to obtain funding for the road. State Rep. Paul Mark indicated he would advocate for funding from a Transportation Bond Bill.

The Board has had ongoing discussions about improving the road conditions for dirt roads, especially Davis Mine and Davenport Roads due to the unpredictability of the mud conditions occurring during winter months. In addition, road plans are in the works addressing current and long-term planning.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

There were many changes in personnel this year with the resignations of Town Clerk Kathy Sprague in May, Town Accountant Tracey Baronas resigning in the fall to take on a position in the private sector and Town Treasurer Joanne Semanie resigned in late summer. Sandy Daviau resigned as long time Assessors' Clerk. We thank them very much for their service.

Paul McLatchy III was appointed as Town Clerk to fill the vacated position until the next election. David Fierro Jr. was hired as Town Accountant and we are working with two area towns to work out a shared services arrangement. Beverly Cooper was hired as Town Treasurer.

Voters accepted our recommendation for the expansion of the Administrative Assistant position to focus on special projects, grants and areas that could not have adequate time to address. Paul McLatchy III also serves as Assistant Treasurer.

PERSONNEL REVIEW

The Board requested an administrative review from the Department of Revenue Division of Local Services to review Rowe's administrative structure. A team met with Town Hall Staff and conducted interviews. The scope of the report includes an examination of adding a town administrator position to the town's management structure. Their findings will be completed in early 2020. In the interim, the Board continues to discuss the needs of the town's administrative positions and whether a position 'point person' is necessary.

SHARED SERVICES

Due to the increase of training requirements and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations effective in February, it is difficult for small towns to individually pay for training and compliance. As a result, the Board worked with Charlemont to agree to share Fire Services and Fire Chief.

In conclusion, the Board thanks the many citizens that have come forward to donate their time and efforts to serve the town for the benefit of all. The town could not run without the aid of all of the countless hours they put in to serve on Boards, Committees or Departments, some for many years. Without you the town could not survive or thrive. It is often not an easy job, giving up time from home and family to come out and give of yourself. On behalf of the town, we thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Sokol, Chair
Jennifer Morse, Vice-Chair
Ed Silva

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 2019

The Board met jointly with the selectmen on February 20, 2019 and unanimously voted to appoint Herb Butzke of Leshure Road to the long vacant third Assessors seat. His appointment expired on May 18, 2019. He was elected by voters to a full three-year Assessors seat on May 18, 2019. The Board reorganized following the annual town election and Rick Williams was nominated and re-elected to serve as Chair.

Long-time Assessors' Clerk Sandy Daviau of Potter Road retired on June 30, 2019. The Assessors thanked her for her 24 years of faithful, gracious service to the Board, townspeople, and the public.

Due to a steady increase in the volume and technicality of the workload in the Assessors' office, the staff job description was upgraded from Assessors' Clerk to Assistant Assessor effective July 1, 2019. This new position was posted in July and was filled in October with the hiring of Colleen Avallone of Brittingham Hill Road.

The Assessors continue to contract with Patriot Properties' to utilize their *AssessPro* assessing software, with Mayflower Valuation for annual residential appraisal consulting services, and with Cartographic Associates Inc (CAI) for mapping services and utilization of their web-based tax mapping platform—*AxisGIS*—which 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 Assessor's page of the town's website rowe-ma.gov, or may be accessed directly at axisgis.com/rowema.

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

- **Building Permits** received from FCCIP (the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program) were reviewed and field verified, and property cards updated accordingly
- **Survey Plans, Deeds, Liens**, etc., received from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds were reviewed, compared to tax maps for verification of data, and property cards updated accordingly
- **Tax Map Changes** were documented and forwarded to the CAI for their annual update of our tax maps (CAI also provides these updates to MassGIS—the state's web-based mapping platform)
- **Form of List** (personal property declaration) returns received from property owners were reviewed and records updated accordingly
- **Commitments and Warrants for Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes** were reviewed and approved as necessary
- **Tax Exemption Applications** for seniors, veterans and non-profits were reviewed and granted as allowed by law
- **Tax Abatement Applications** were reviewed and granted as allowed by law. Several applications were denied, and several of those denials have been appealed to the Appellate Tax Board (ATB). In light of these appeals the Assessors raised \$100,000 in Overlay on both the FY19 and FY20 tax recap sheets for a total of \$200,000. The Assessors also received town appropriations in the amount of \$50,000 for legal and consulting support.

During calendar 2019 the Board held 24 regular and 13 executive session meetings, attended several Franklin County Assessors' Association meetings, and toured the hydro-electric generating facilities of both Bear Swamp and Great River Hydro.

Under the Department of Revenue’s quintennial revaluation cycle **Rowe’s next reval year is FY2023**; however, due to the volatile nature of the electricity market, the Boards of Assessors of Rowe, Monroe and Florida—who jointly contract for the appraisal of the Bear Swamp and Great River Hydro hydroelectric facilities—agreed, in consultation with the DOR, to appraise these facilities on an annual basis. The three Boards entered into joint 5-year contracts with **GESansoucy PE, LLC** for interim year updates for these facilities for the four years (FY19-FY22), followed by a revaluation in the fifth year (FY23).

A new initiative undertaken by the Board in 2018 was the appraisal of electric utility transmission and distribution (T&D) assets of National Grid—including power line easements—using a methodology similar to that used by the DOR for valuing telephone and telegraph assets. Although not formally involved in this initiative, the DOR has been supportive of the concept, and other western MA towns are considering similar appraisals. Initially the Assessors entered into a 1-year contract with **GESansoucy PE, LLC** for T&D appraisal for FY19. Subsequently the Assessors entered into a 4-year contract with **GESansoucy PE, LLC** for T&D interim year updates for three years (FY20-FY22), followed by a revaluation in the final year (FY23).

Based on the DOR’s requirement for interim year updates based on an annual analysis of property sales, the update conducted in 2019 for the FY20 tax year resulted in the values of residential homes, yard items and building lots being adjusted up by ~3%. Excess land values remained unchanged. The interim year update appraisals for the hydroelectric facilities and T&D assets also resulted in unchanged values for FY20.

The resulting FY20 total town valuation increased by 0.34% to \$515,427,089 which reflects ~\$1.985 million in New Growth.

The FY20 tax rates of \$5.33 for Residential (R) and \$8.53 for Commercial/Industrial/Personal Property (CIP) were set on October 24, 2019 at a Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of \$5.01 for Residential and \$8.02 for CIP.

According to MA DOR’s municipal databank records for FY20 (Fall 2019 tax bills), Rowe had the 6th lowest residential tax rate and the 2nd lowest average single family tax bill in the state (\$1,162).

Reminder...the so-called Proposition 2½ Levy Limit restricts the amount of money that Rowe can appropriate each year from taxation without approval of an override. By law the Levy Limit increases only 2.5% each year, plus an allowance for New Growth. Despite its relatively low tax rate and enviable low tax bills, Rowe was Levy Limit-restricted (i.e., bumping up against its Prop 2½ Levy Limit each year) from FY00 thru FY18. This required 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. With the large increase in New Growth last year, which yielded an Excess Levy Capacity of \$484,017, FY19 was the first year in almost 20 years that the town wasn’t Levy Limit-restricted in what it could raise from taxation. For FY20, the Excess Levy Capacity was \$362,748.

Respectfully submitted,

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

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2019

The Commission is receiving requests for additional lots in the North Cemetery and there are none left to sell. Commissioner Williams along with Jay Williams are working on clearing additional land to sell to the town for the purpose. A survey and purchase and sale agreement will be worked on in 2020.

We are grateful for the continuing work performed by Terry Veber and Al Morse as they maintain the cemetery grounds, mowing, trimming, and raking throughout the growing season.

Cemetery lots are available in the East and West cemeteries. Please contact any member of the Cemetery Commission for additional information concerning purchasing a lot(s).

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Williams, Chair (413-339-4731)

Earl P. Carlow (413-339-8595)

Jay Williams (413-339-8494)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2019

The Conservation Commission meets monthly (usually on the 2nd Wednesday of the month) to address matters brought before it.

Various types of issues were brought before the Commission for their input, approval or determination to see if there were WPA (Wetland Protection Act) 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 2019 calendar year. The most visible was the continuing work related to the installation of the Broad Band Internet. Through extensive cooperation and some creative interpretation of the WPA regulations the installation of new poles and underground conduits was accomplished.

Other projects completed were the bridge repair by the church on Zoar Road, the installation of a bat-friendly gate at a cave entrance along the Negus Mountain Trailhead, and the replacement of a distribution pole in a beaver impoundment just west of Tunnel Road.

Several projects are still ongoing. These are the culvert replacement at the Rowe Transfer Station, the replacement of the bridge on Kings Highway over Pelham Brook, and the installation of a driveway through the woods on Potter Road.

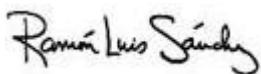
In addition, there were several opportunities to assist current or potential Rowe residents in clarifying wetland issues with respect to their property on Pelham Lake Drive, Potter Road and Cyrus State Road. Sometime the consultation of a professional wetland scientist was employed to ensure the proper decision was made with respect to the issue at hand.

The Conservation Commission also worked with the Board of Health to resolve health and wetland issues with respect to a property on Hazelton Road.

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 currently has two vacant positions. Individuals interested in applying for these openings 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
Robert Clancy
Virginia Gabert

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2019

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.

Among its accomplishments and processes were:

1. Had a steady and committed team of five: Loretta Dionne, Christopher Hyytinen, Paul McLatchy III, Laurie Pike and Wayne Zavotka.
2. Approved Line Item Transfers and Reserve Fund Transfers throughout the fiscal year
3. Sponsored an All Committee/Board night in November to begin the budget process.
4. Met with Select Board throughout the year to serve as consultant in matters impacting town financial decisions.
5. Worked jointly with Select Board in receiving budget requests and ultimately approving the omnibus budget presented to the 2020 Annual Town Meeting
6. Began work on a revised Capital Improvement Plan and long-term Highway development plan

Respectfully submitted,

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

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT - 2019

2019 was a momentous year for Rowe's Broadband effort. We went from the internet stone age to state-of-the-art Fiber-to-the-Premise Broadband throughout the town. In the previous year of 2018, we designed the network, completed the pole licensing process, and installed our equipment hut. In 2019, we built the fiber network, installed the necessary equipment in the hut, and installed service to 180 customers, the great majority of the town. We contracted with the WiredWest Coop to jointly operate our network with other member towns, and WiredWest subcontracted Whip City Fiber to be the service provider. The overwhelming majority of customers are thrilled with the service, a huge improvement over the DSL that was previously available to only part of the town.

We've had to work out some details about monitoring the system and arranging for repairs when needed. This is all new for Rowe, and we're the first WiredWest town to complete our network and provide service, so we're writing the book on how to get all this done. New Salem and Washington are mid-construction and should be up and running in 2020. Windsor and Becket are still on make-ready, but soon getting to construction. Heath and Goshen haven't committed yet, but are likely to sign on with WiredWest as well.

This has been a great success, and a model for other unserved towns to follow. We had the will and the resources to do it. Thanks go to the townspeople and Board of Selectmen for supporting the project, and the various Boards and Departments for their help. A special thanks to Chuck Sokol as my Deputy MLP Manager, Russ Jolly, Alternate Delegate to WiredWest, and Marilyn Wilson for her past efforts. Janice Boudreau deserves credit for dealing with the tedious paperwork and bureaucracy. Our collaboration with other towns in WiredWest has also been essential.

And we shouldn't forget the State for supplying about a third of the funds and helping to push the Utility companies to cooperate regarding preparing and licensing use of the poles.

In addition to the original grant from Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, we've applied for an additional grant to reimburse us for "Make-Ready" overruns, which they had promised. They also announced assistance with drops, ie service installations, in the form of a reimbursement of \$500 per drop for up to 70% of the town. When all is said and done, we'll have some leftover money to pay down some of the debt, and the whole project will come in under budget. We also have the CAF II grant to look forward to. This is a grant program by the FCC to provide grants to get Broadband to unserved areas. WG&E put together a consortium of towns to apply for a grant and won. However, the money is being held in escrow until all of the towns collectively cover 97% of the designated areas. So, it will be a couple of years before we start getting any of it, and the distribution is spread out over ten years. If we do get it, it will help pay down the debt or put toward reserves for replacing the electronics when needed.

Submitted by David Dvore, Broadband MLP Manager
Chuck Sokol, Deputy MLP Manager
Russ Jolly, Alternate Delegate to WiredWest

PLANNING BOARD - 2019

Planning Board Organization

Jodi Brown declined to run for reelection, and Paul McLatchy III was elected as a write-in candidate to a five-year term. The Planning Board thanks Jodi for her years of service on the board. The board then elected David Roberson to serve as chairman and as representative to the Franklin Regional Planning Board, and elected Douglas Wilson as secretary. The board also voted to reaffirm the duties of the secretary to include acting as editor of the *Goal Post* until the end of the fiscal year and under the same conditions as agreed in the previous year.

In July, Doug Wilson resigned from the board; the Planning Board thanks Doug for his many years of service. Jessica Albrecht was jointly appointed to this open seat by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen until the May 2020 elections, and Dan Burke was elected secretary.

Later in the year, Robin Reed became ill and subsequently passed away. Robin's long years of service are appreciated. No volunteers came forward for appointment to this seat, and the board finished the year with only four members.

The Planning Board continues to be advised and represented by Greenfield attorney Donna MacNicol, who until recently was also Town Counsel.

Permitting

Property owner Tara Mason applied for a Special Permit for short-term rentals at 23 Pelham Lake Drive. Following a public hearing the Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of granting the permit, subject to several conditions. The board signed off on an Approval Not Required (ANR) request by Tim Shuipis of Hilltown Land Surveys. No tree hearings were held by the Planning Board in 2019.

In December the board met with a solar photovoltaic developer for preliminary discussion of a proposed project on Leshure Road. As of the close of the year no formal application has been received.

Planning

The board continued its review of Rowe's zoning bylaws, advancing our effort to create a comprehensive set of clear, legally defensible bylaws to protect Rowe's amenities and preserve and enhance property values and the quality of life for all residents. When complete, the Planning Board's recommendations will be thoroughly discussed at a public hearing prior to being presented to Town Meeting, where zoning bylaw changes must receive a super-majority of voter support, and finally to the Massachusetts Attorney General for approval. This work continues in 2020.

Goal Post

The *Rowe Goal Post* had been published by the Planning Board since the newsletter's inception in the 1970's as part of what was then known as the "Goals for Rowe" program, an early attempt to guide planning objectives. Since that time the *Goal Post* expanded to serve as the official town newsletter. Late in 2018, the board voted to discontinue publishing the *Goal Post* at the end of that fiscal year, so

the July 2019 issue was the final one published by the Planning Board. Subsequently, the Board of Selectmen began producing a monthly publication under the same name.

Other Business

The Planning Board was somewhat tangentially involved in an examination of various violations at a property on Hazelton Road. As most of these violations were under the purview of other boards, the Planning Board's involvement in this issue was minimal. A memo was sent to these other boards reminding them that it would not be appropriate to pursue remedies which were themselves in violation of Rowe's zoning bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

David Roberson, Chairman

Dan Burke, Secretary

Jessica Albrecht

Paul McLatchy III

TOWN CLERK – 2019

General Town Clerk

2019 was an interesting year for the Town Clerk's office. Incumbent Katherine Sprague resigned her position in May after serving two years in the position. A big thank you to Kathy for your service to the town and for leaving an instruction manual for future clerks to follow. After advertising locally for the position, Paul McLatchy III was chosen by the Board of Selectmen to serve out the rest of the year until the May 2020 annual town election, at which time voters will choose a town clerk for a full three-year term.

Digitization

During the latter half of 2019, a major push was made to transition the office towards a digitized filing system. All incoming documents for the office are now scanned and stored on the server, with paper copies being stored in the attic at the end of the year. Per the state archives, a department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office, these documents can be discarded in the future since the town has archived them electronically. Once we see how this system works after a year or so, we may be able to drastically reduce the amount of files that are kept in hard copy in future years. In addition, historic documents (i.e. board/committee minutes, election/town meeting records, etc.) will be digitized and placed on the website for those seeking these records in the future. These originals will not be discarded at any point, but making them easier to access will help improve government transparency.

Appreciation

A big thank you to all the election workers, registrars, and elected and appointed officials whom I have had the pleasure of working with these past six months. Thank you to Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau, who has been a wonderful source of information, guidance, and proofreader. Thank you to Danielle Larned for helping keep my office in tip-top shape (and dealing with my many rearrangements of furniture). Thank you to Lance Larned for helping me move said heavy furniture on multiple occasions- I'm sure by now I have literally become a pain in your backside. A special thank you to Ashfield Town Clerk Bridget Rodrigue for answering my many, MANY questions about what it takes to be a town clerk and for walking me through many firsts of my job.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul McLatchy III

TOWN CLERK – APPOINTEES SWORN TO DUTY / RESIGNATIONS - 2019

ACCOUNTANT

David Fierro, Jr.

Kerri McLatchy

Brittani Sprague

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARDS

Paul McLatchy III

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Paul McLatchy III

Jim Lively

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Chuck Sokol

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND REP

Vacant

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Arthur Samuelson

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Clancy

Virginia Gabert

Ramon Sanchez

Vacant

Vacant

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Relief

Henry Dandeneau

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Paul McLatchy III – Head Registrar

Lisa Danek Burke

CONSTABLE

Joanne Semanie

COOP PUB HEALTH OVERSIGHT BOARD

Maggie Rice

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marilyn Belval
Jo-ann M. Brown
Sandra P. Daviau
Doris Fensky
Christine A. Tower
Florence Veber
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

Jennifer Morse
Janice Boudreau (Alternate)

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

Walter J. Quist

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

Jennifer Morse

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

Lance Larned

TOWN NURSE

Appointed by Board of Health
Sheila Litchfield

TOWN COUNSEL

KP Law – Jeffrey Blake, Esq.

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

Appointed by Board of Health
James Lively
Kevin Sprague
Julie Shippee (Alternate)

TREASURER

Beverly Cooper

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
Vacant
Vacant

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS 2019

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Saturday, May 18, 2019

122 Voters/ 294 Total Registered Voters

Warden: Robin Reed
Clerk: Marjorie Morse
Election Workers: Brianna Demech, Ashton Morse, Shirley Veber and Christine Tower
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Town Clerk: Kathy Sprague

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Herbert Butzke 94
Blanks 28
All Others 0

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

Maggie Rice 97
Blanks 16
All Others 9

BOARD OF HEALTH (2 YEARS)

Herbert Butzke 91
Blanks 29
All Others 2

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Ed Silva (WI) 66
Marilyn Wilson (WI) 46
Blanks 5
All Others 5

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

Jim Williams (WI) 25
Blanks 78
All Others 19

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Wayne Zavotka 90
Blanks 24
All Others 8

FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 YEARS)

Laurie Pike 98
Blanks 21

All Others 3

FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 YEARS)

Blanks 84
Chris Hyytinen (WI) 30
All Others 8

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Karen Soviecke (WI) 43
Blanks 66
All Others 13

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

Chris Hyytinen (WI) 38
Blanks 73
All Others 11

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

Paul McLatchy III (WI) 23
Blanks 87
All Others 12

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Ellen Miller 53
Mary Paige 61
Blanks 8

MODERATOR (3 YEARS)

Robert Clancy 97
Blanks 17
All Others 8

(WI) = Write In

TOWN CLERK –/ ELECTED OFFICIALS

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 2020
Ellen Miller 2021
Herbert Butzke 2022

BOARD OF HEALTH

Daniel Poplawski 2020
Herbert Butzke 2021
Margaret Rice, Chair 2022

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jennifer Morse, Vice-Chair 2020
Charles Sokol, Chair 2021
Edward Silva 2022

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Earl Carlow 2020
Jay Williams 2021
James Williams, Chair 2022

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Loretta Dionne, Vice-Chair 2020
Paul McLatchy III 2020
Christopher Hyytinen 2021
Laurie Pike 2021
Wayne Zavotka, Chair 2022

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Rebecca Bradley 2020
Catherine Snyder 2021
Karen Soviecke 2022

PARK COMMISSION

Laurie Pike 2020
Susan Williams 2021
Christopher Hyytinen 2022

PLANNING BOARD

VACANT 2020
David Roberson, Chair 2021
Jessica Albrecht* 2020
Daniel J. Burke 2023
Paul McLatchy III 2024

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Susan Zavotka, Chair 2020
Matt Crowningshield 2021
Mary Paige 2022

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR

Robert Clancy 2022

CONSTABLE

Henry Dandeneau 2020

TOWN CLERK

Paul McLatchy III* 2020

**Appointed to fill a vacancy*

Resignations:

David Cousineau, Board of Health (1/1/19)
Katherine Sprague, Town Clerk (5/29/19)
Douglas Wilson, Planning Board (7/17/19)

PROSPECTIVE JUROR LIST - 2019

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

ALBRECHT, Jessica C	PO BOX 284	F	
ALBRECHT, Travis E	PO BOX 284	F	
ASH, Brian S	6 PINE HILL DR	M	LINEMAN/MA ELECTRIC
ASH, Laurie L	6 PINE HILL DR	F	VET ASSISTANT
AVALLONE, Colleen C	BOX 271	F	
AVALLONE, Robert J	BOX 271	M	MUSICIAN
AVERY, Linda E	BOX 312	F	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
BAILEY, Taylor S	14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD		
BAKER, Madison T	65 STONE HILL RD	M	COLLEGE
BAKER, Roberta T	65 STONE HILL RD	M	TEACHER
BAKER, William J	65 STONE HILL RD	M	BUSINESSMAN
BALDWIN, John D	30 POTTER RD	M	MANAGER
BAUER, Leslie A	131 ZOAR RD	F	UNKNOWN
BEAUMIER, Danielle R	2 CYRUS STAGE RD		
BJORK, Timothy J	42 LESHURE RD M		
BOOTH, Robin	194 LESHURE RD	F	NURSE
BOOTH, Will	194 LESHURE RD	M	
BOUTWELL, Rebecca S	7 POTTER RD	F	RETAIL MANAGEMENT
BRADLEY, Michael F	51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	HEARING TESTER
BRINK, Jaye M	163 HAZELTON RD #1	F	USPS/AUTHOR
BROWN, Craig W	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	M	CLASS TRUCK DR
BROWN, Reed E	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	COOK
BURKE, Daniel J	465 TUNNEL RD	M	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
BURKE, Daniel T	465 TUNNEL RD	M	STUDENT
BURKE, Daniel J	465 TUNNEL RD	M	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
BURKE, Ryan	465 TUNNEL RD	M	STUDENT
BUTZKE, Donna E	137 LESHURE RD	F	SUB TEACHER
BUTZKE, Herbert G	137 LESHURE RD	M	SALES
CHIOFALO, Thomas	87 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
CIRINNA, Geoffrey T	252 ZOAR RD	M	MECHANIC
CLANCY, Robert J	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	M	PRINCIPAL
CLANCY, Sean	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	M	STUDENT
COLUMBUS, Peter J	PO BOX 825	M	WRITER
COULOMBE, Dean R	39 STONE HILL RD	F	TREE SERVICE
COULOMBE, Mackenzi B	39 STONE HILL RD	F	MOHAWK
COUSINEAU, Heidi	PO BOX 1001	F	FIELD SALES REP
COWIE, Bruce W	487 TUNNEL RD	M	GRAPHIC DESIGNER
COWIE, Janet L	487 TUNNEL RD	F	DIRECTOR
CROWNINGSHIELD, Andrea M	245 ZOAR RD	F	
CROWNINGSHIELD, Debra A	450 TUNNEL RD	F	OFFICE MANAGER
CROWNINGSHIELD, Jocelyn N	245 ZOAR RD	F	TECH SCHOOL
CROWNINGSHIELD, Matthew R	16 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	
CROWNINGSHIELD, Steven R	450 TUNNEL RD	M	CARPENTER
DANDENEAU, Henry J	P O BOX 282	M	RETIRED
DANEK JR, Thomas P	39 CROSS RD	M	EXCAVATER
DANEK-BURKE, Lisa A	465 Tunnel Rd	F	ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
DAVIAU, Sandra P	17 POTTER RD	F	TAX COLLECTOR
DEMAREY, Matthew T	37 STEEL BROOK RD		
DEMECH, Brianna E	162 ZOAR RD	F	FINANCE
DEMECH, John W	162 ZOAR RD	M	STUDENT
DENOUDEN, Nicole	34 STONE HILL RD	F	MANAGER

DENSON, Michael A	100 LESHURE RD	M	MECHANIC
DENSON, Norma L	100 LESHURE RD	M	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
DUVAL, Jenalyn C	65 POTTER RD	F	
DUVAL, Mark A	65 POTTER RD	M	
DVORE, David	75 POTTER RD	M	COMPUTER SERVICE
DYKEMAN, Robert L	468 TUNNEL RD	M	RETIRED
FISHER, Stephen C	17 LESHURE RD	M	TREE EXPERT
FOBERG, Kirsten E	160 HAZELTON RD	F	
GALLAGHAR, Maeve P	97 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	VETERNARIAN TECH
GALLO, Raymond	33 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	DISABLED
GARY, Virginia P	141 CYRUS STAGE RD	F	TEACHER
GLEASON, Susan	PO BOX 307	F	RETIRED
GORDON, Rosemary R	49 HAZELTON RD	F	HOMEMAKER
GOTTESMAN, Barbara A	PO BOX 470	F	RETIRED
GREICO, Ann L	PO BOX 461	F	AT HOME
GREICO, Richard N	54 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	RETIRED
HADDOCK, Shannon M	163 HAZELTON RD	F	AUTHOR/EDITOR
HAMILTON, Richard A	34 STONE HILL RD	M	
HEILIGMANN, Carlos	71 CROSS RD	M	RETIRED
HEILIGMANN, Katharine S	71 CROSS RD	F	RETIRED
HICKS, Amy B	86 FORD HILL RD	F	
HOLBROOK, Rachel	127 COUNTY RD	F	PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
HOUGHTALING, Melissa A	14 TUNNEL RD	F	UNEMPLOYED
HUDSON, Sharon C	15 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	RETIRED
HUMBERT, Anna J	530 TUNNEL RD	F	RETIRED
HUMBERT, Dennis A	530 TUNNEL RD	M	
HYTTINEN, Christopher S	65 HAZELTON RD	M	POLICE OFFICER
HYTTINEN, Tabitha	65 HAZELTON RD	F	
JACKSON, Darlene A	88 HAZELTON RD	F	PELICAN
JOHNSON, Kristen L	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	F	ADMINISTRATION
JOLLY, Morgan W	19 STONE RD	M	WEB DEVELOPER
KATZ, Rebecca	80 DAVENPORT RD	F	COUNSELOR
KUEHL, Andrew	43 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	EMPLOYED
KUEHL, Mike W	36 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	HVAC/R TECH
KUEL, Heidi C	ROWE CENTER - 22 Kings HWY		
LAFFOND, Erin L	208 HAZELTON RD	F	STUDENT
LAFFOND, Michael S	208 HAZELTON RD	M	AIRCRAFT MECHANIC
LAFFOND, Spencer	208 HAZELTON RD	M	COLLEGE STUDENT
LAMORE, Lisa A	15 STONE HILL RD	F	NURSE
LARNED, Danielle M	26 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	CUSTODIAL
LARNED, Hailey G	39 CROSS RD	F	STUDENT
LARNED, Lance P	26 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
LIVELY, Abigail R	64 DELL RD	F	COOK/FITNESS
LIVELY, Anne M	22 FORD HILL RD	F	PCA/HOMEMAKER
LIVELY, Carol F	11 PETRIE RD	F	FARMER
LIVELY, Christina A	11 PETRIE RD	F	COLLEGE STUDENT
LIVELY, Deborah L	64 DELL RD	F	FITNESS
LIVELY, James W	64 DELL RD	M	SAWYER
LIVELY, Jason A	22 FORD HILL RD	M	TRUCK DRIVER
LIVELY, Jonathan A	11 PETRIE RD	M	BOILER OPERATOR
LOOMIS, Ruth E	63 TATRO ROAD	F	NURSE PRACTITIONER
MARKERT, Karen	377 TUNNEL RD	M	STUDENT
MARKERT, Robert T	377 TUNNEL RD	M	RETIRED
MAY, Dennis F	22 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
MAY, Gail	22 POTTER RD	M	RETIRED
MAY, Katherine E	68 CROSS RD	F	HOMEMAKER
MCLATCHY III, Paul	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ADMINISTRATIVE

MCLATCHY Jr., Paul	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	RETIRED
MCLATCHY, Kerri L	20 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	TEACHER
MCLATCHY, Leslie K	17 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	HOMEMAKER
MILLER, Clayton C	160 HAZELTON RD	M	WELDER
MILLER, Daniel J	P O BOX 417	M	RETIRED
MILLER, Ellen B	160 HAZELTON RD	F	TREASURER
MILLER, Lisa L	12 COUNTY BRANCH RD	F	NURSE/PRACTIONER
MORANO, Chris	14 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	M	CARPENTER
MORSE, Ashton P	162 ZOAR RD	F	MACHINE
MORSE, Jennifer A	PO BOX 295	F	ASSESSOR
NICHOLS, Robin	58 TATRO RD	F	BAKER
PAIGE, Gianna M	23 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	STUDENT
PARENT, Willian M	39 STONE HILL ESTERDE	F	HR MANAGER
PHELPS, Heidi F	36 PETRIE RD		BANKING SERVICE
PICKETT, Felicity	BOX 273	F	DIRECTOR
PIKE, Laurie J	PO BOX 321	F	TEACHER
PLANTE, Nancy J	68 ZOAR RD		ADMINISTRATIVE
PLANTE, Thomas J	68 ZOAR RD	M	UNEMPLOYED
POPLAWSKI, Claudine M	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	SPED TEACHER
POPLAWSKI, Hannah M	37 SHIPPEE RD	F	STUDENT
POSL-LUMBIS, Leah	43 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	EMPLOYED
PRENDIVILLE, KELLEY F	159 HAZELTON RD	F	
QUIST, Kelle J	4 FORD HILL RD	F	RETIRED
REARDON, Mary A	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	F	HOUSEWIFE
REARDON, William N	146 CYRUS STAGE RD	M	VERMONT YANKEE
REED, Lockwood L	48 HAZELTON RD	M	US NAVY
REYNOLDS, Danette L	30 POTTER RD	F	BUSINESS MANAGER
RICE, Bradley J	86 FORD HILL RD	M	DISABILITY
RICE, Dean T	85 FORD HILL RD	M	TRUCK DRIVER
RICE, Jennifer	85 FORD HILL RD	M	HOMEMAKER
RICE, Jordon	85 FORD HILL RD	F	MOHAWK
RICE, Tyler B	85 FORD HILL RD	F	UMASS
RICHARDSON, Rachel M	27 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	STUDENT
ROBERSON, David A	539 TUNNEL RD	M	BUSINESS PERSON
ROBERSON, Laura S	539 TUNNEL RD	F	BUSINESS PERSON
ROCCIO, Morgan	42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	F	ROWE STUDENT
ROCCIO, Paulette A	10 KINGS HWY	F	FACILITIES MGR
ROCHE, Barbara J	37 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	F	JOURNALIST
ROSE-FISH, Jill M	32 SHIPPEE RD	F	HOMEMAKER
ROSE-FISH, John C	32 SHIPPEE RD	M	UNKNOWN
SEMANIE, Caitlyn I	59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	THERAPIST
SHATTUCK, John-Paul D	131 ZOAR RD		
SHERMAN, Connie A	77 HAZELTON RD	F	PROGRAM MANAGER
SHIPPEE, Julie J	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	F	POLICE CHIEF
SHIPPEE, Kenneth R	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	ROWE HIGHWAY
SHIPPEE, Kurt W	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	STUDENT FCTS
SHIPPEE, Kyle K	21 NEWELL CROSS RD	M	LABORER
SHULDA, Lynne K	205 ZOAR RD	F	RETIRED
SHULDA, Philip W	205 ZOAR RD	M	RETIRED
SILVA, Robert A	PO BOX 294	M	CONSTRUCTION
SILVA, Sandra J	54 FORD HILL RD	F	RETIRED
SIMPSON, Eliakim H	24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	
SMITH, Sandra L	PO Box 226	F	NURSE
SNYDER, Catherine T	49 CROSS RD	F	REG NURSE
SNYDER, Timothy C	49 CROSS RD	M	INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN
SOUSA, James E	99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	M	
SOVIECKE, Mitchell	41 DAVENPORT RD	M	SELF EMPLOYED

SPRAGUE, Brandon A	162 ZOAR RD	M	WASTE WATER
SPRAGUE, Brittani M	40 SHIPPEE RD	F	TEACHER
SPRAGUE, Katherine D	242 FORD HILL RD	F	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.
SPRAGUE, Kevin D	242 FORD HILL RD	M	REFUSE ATTENDANT
SUTHERLAND, Jennie R	202 LESHURE RD	F	OUTREACH COORDINATOR
TANNER III, Robert H	40 SHIPPEE RD	M	PCA
TATRO, Brian R	36 PETRIE RD		LIFT OPERATOR
TEMPLE, Wendy M	99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD	F	
THANE, Joseph E	32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD	M	
TOMLINSON, Susan D	145 LESHURE RD	F	RETIRED
TRAVIS, Faith R	62 POND RD	F	RETIRED
TRAVIS, William	62 POND RD	M	PARAMEDIC
UPTON, Darline J	5 PINE HILL DR	F	
UPTON, Douglas	5 PINE HILL DR	M	MECHANIC
URENA, Divina	101 HAZELTON RD		
VALITSKY-BEAUMIER, Dawn M	2 CYRUS STAGE RD.		
VEBER, Terry	294 ZOAR RD	M	VP/RICE OIL
VEGA, Richard	14 POTTER ROAD	M	HVAC TECH
WERNER, Benjamin J	22 KINGS HWY		
WERNER, Lauren	22 KINGS HWY		
WHITE, Celia	19 STONE RD		STUDENT
WHITE, Gerrit C	65 POTTER RD	M	TEACHER
WHITE, Glenn M	245 LESHURE RD	M	BURNER TECH
WHITE, Susan M	65 POTTER RD	M	TEACHER
WILLIAMS JR, James R	101 HAZELTON RD	M	LANDLORD
WILLIAMS, Albert R	58 TATRO RD	M	LABORER
WILLIAMS, Frederick N	25 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	ENGINEER
WILLIAMS, Jay T	97 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	M	
WILLIAMS, MaryJo A	36 PETRIE RD	F	AGRI-BUSNSS WM
WILLIAMS, Robert O	36 PETRIE RD	M	RETIRED
WILLIAMS, Susan A	7 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD	F	
WILSON, Marilyn	37 POTTER RD	F	RETIRED
WOOD, Susan C	19 STONE RD 01367	F	MEDIATOR
WRISLEY, Nicole	14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD		
YORK, Jillian M	30 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD	F	UNKNOWN
ZAVOTKA, Kelly L	505 TUNNEL RD	F	TEACHER
ZAVOTKA, Susan L	505 TUNNEL RD	F	RETIRED

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS & PERMITS – 2019

BIRTHS

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

None

MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE

Eliakim Hall Lynsly Simpson
Kristen Lincoln Johnson
Intention Filed: November 16, 2019
Date of Marriage: December 21, 2019

DEATHS

Albert Francis Garrity Sr.
Birth: February 26, 1928
Death: April 25, 2019

Daureen Wrest Petersen
Birth: June 30, 1930
Death: July 9, 2019

Robin W. Reed
Birth: September 18, 1942
Death: October 9, 2019

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

The Cart Guy
Daniel T. Burke
465 Tunnel Road
May 29, 2019

Kenny B Frank
Kenneth Bradley
51 Middletown Hill Road
July 29, 2019

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2019

No applications for a zoning variance came before the Rowe Zoning Board of Appeals in 2019.

Henry Dandeneau

Gail May

Ellynn Packard

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - 2019

Over the past year, I responded to a complaint about a dog bothering a horse. Two complaints about dogs running free in the road. One bite and puncture wound. Investigated whether dog had been vaccinated. Advised one citizen who suspected she had been bitten by a bat she should get rabies shot and bring dead bat to a vet to be sent to the state for autopsy. Two calls for a lost dog; the first was resolved by a neighbor who returned the dog; the second by the dog appearing on the porch of the Rowe Conference Center with porcupine quills on its nose.

Arthur H. Samuelson

Animal Control Officer

917-209-0524



The Lost Dog with Quills

BOARD OF HEALTH - 2019

The Board re-appointed James Lively and Kevin Sprague as Transfer Station Attendants. Julie Shippee was reappointed as alternate attendant.

In 2019 the Refuse Gardens saw a number of changes that have dramatically reduced the amount of trash that the town was paying to dispose of. A tag program was introduced that required residents to use a numbered tag as well as stickers for a pay-per-throw program. This program was introduced to help reduce the amount of trash that was being brought into the town from other places. To date the amount of trash has been reduced by almost half. Along with the reduction in trash costs the town's part of the Recycling Dividends Program with the state and the MassDEP that pays each town based on their recycling and waste reduction programs. With the implementation of the sticker program there will also be an increase in the money awarded by the state and DEP. All of these funds are used to help reduce our overall costs at the Refuse Gardens.

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

Drinking water at the Avery Fountain, Town Hall, Pelham Lake Park and Rowe Elementary School continues to be tested monthly. The water at the beach at Pelham Lake Park is tested weekly from June until September.

The Town is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS), a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe and Shelburne. In 2019 the Regional Health Director Andrea Crete resigned. The district was fortunate to hire Randy Crochier as the Full Time Regional Health Agent and Rowe resident Lisa Danek-Burke as a part-time Health Agent. CPHS activities in Rowe during 2019 included:

- CPHS staff assisted with Title-5 (septic) related activities including 2 Soil Evaluations for septic systems, 3 septic system plan reviews (Including 2 Local Upgrade Approval) including site visits and final inspections of installations, and witnessing 5 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer.
- CPH staff conducted 4 retail food inspections, licensed and inspected 2 Temporary Food Vendors and 1 temporary lodging inspection.
- One Rowe resident received a low-cost tick tests in 2019 through a local Board of Health subsidy organized by the district – the tick tested positive for the Lyme pathogen. The Regional Public Health Nurse is always available to provide tick prevention materials and help residents access tick testing through the on-line system at www.tickreport.com.

- The Regional Public Health Nurse provided nursing services to attendees of 10 monthly “Good Neighbors” food distributions at the Charlemont Federated Church where 34 area residents made 78 visits with the nurse for health screening services.
- The Regional Public Health Nurse offered Files of Life, medication lock boxes, pill sorters, mercury thermometer collection and exchange, and sharps disposal and container exchange to residents. One hundred thirty-six (136) sharps containers were exchanged for CPHS residents over the year.
- The Regional Public Health Nurse completed state-mandated infectious disease surveillance and reporting for 283 CPHS district cases, 2 of which were from Rowe. CPHS serves as back up to the Rowe Town Nurse in this role.
- The Regional Public Health Nurse Staff coordinated vaccine, supplies and staff support for flu clinics held at community sites throughout the CPHS district with the help of Medical Reserve Corps members, GCC nursing students and community volunteers, serving a total of 1,083 area residents. Hawlemont and Mohawk Regional Flu Clinic/Emergency Dispensing Site Drills held at Heath School Building and Mohawk Trail Regional School served 124 adults and children.

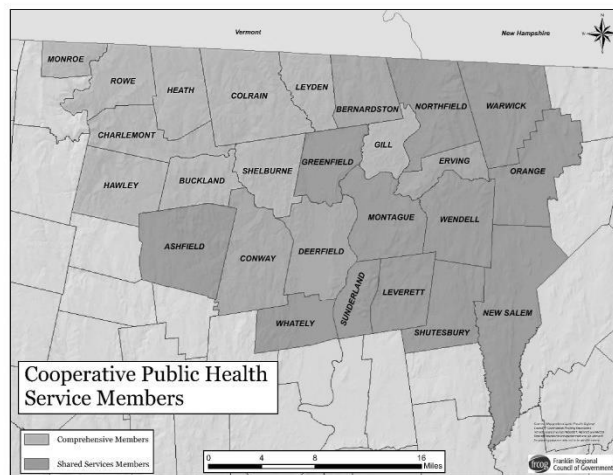
Rowe’s representative to the CPHS Oversight Board is Maggie Rice, Board of Health member.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Rice, Chairperson
 Herbert Butzke
 Dan Poplawski

Rowe Board of Health

more information: www.frcog.org



BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWN NURSE - 2019

The Rowe Health Services Office continues to serve Rowe residents each week by providing office visits, house calls, and telephone consultations. Rowe Health Services offers point-of-care testing (described below), wellness checks, health counseling, nursing assessment, triage, consultation, support and referral for clients of all ages.

Point-of-care testing offered includes blood testing for cholesterol, blood sugar, A1C (3-month blood sugar impact test) and INR (blood clotting factor), quantitative dipstick urinalysis testing, and strep throat tests. Test results are reported to clients' primary care practitioners for improved continuity of client care. All of the testing services are augmented with health education, encouragement and follow-up.

Services also include hearing and vision testing, monitoring of blood pressure and assistance with weight and fitness management, ear wax removal, foot care and much more. In addition we provide influenza vaccinations and tetanus vaccine when available.

Rowe Health Services and the Board of Health continue to participate in emergency preparedness activities with other area towns through the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS). The EDS would dispense emergency medications or antidotes to Rowe residents when necessary from the National Stockpile in response to public health threats. The EDS emergency response network is tested annually by a community-wide influenza clinic and emergency drill. Once again this year the clinic and drill were held at Heath School building, with participation from the various towns involved.

It has been a pleasure to have been able to provide another year of early intervention, illness prevention, health education and support to the residents of Rowe. The Health Services Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,



Sheila M. Litchfield RN, BSN, FAAOHN

FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2019

The Fire Department saw many changes in 2019. The first major change was the hiring of Dennis M. Annear to lead the department as Chief. Brandon Sprague stepped down to the position of Assistant Chief.

The second major change was the department and its operations came under the Occupational Health and Safety Administration Regulations as of February 1, 2019. This program is being administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development – Department of Labor Standards. This has added a large administrative burden to the department along with additional costs to comply with the regulations.

The third major change was in the vehicles that the department operates.

The 1987 Mack Tanker was evaluated and many discussions were had in regards to how many of the department personnel could actually operate this vehicle safely. Only 2 people on the department at the time of the discussions could safely drive the truck and one was going out on medical leave for approximately one year. It was also well past the recommended life of 25 years. In order to keep the vehicle we were going to have to expend \$9,800.00 to install an exhaust filter on it to comply with the new OSHA regulations. Due to its age, the cost to install the exhaust filter and the department's inability to actually use this vehicle, it was decided by the Board of Selectmen to remove it from service and sell it. It was sold to a private non-municipal fire department in Vermont for \$10,000.00. The 1993 Mack/3D Fire Engine continued to experience almost continual issues with both the chassis and the firefighting function of the apparatus. In the spring this vehicle failed a National Fire Protection Association standard fire pump test performed by a third party vendor. There were multiple valves that were leaking and issues with the foam system. It was estimated to cost at least \$5,000.00 to get this vehicle to pass this test. The National Fire Protection Association Standards recommend that fire apparatus be replaced when they reach 25 years of age. As this vehicle was 26 years old and difficult to keep it in service, it was decided by the Board of Selectmen to remove it from service and sell it. It was sold for \$15,000.00 to a private cement contractor through a National Vehicle Broker. At the Annual Town Meeting in May the voters approved the purchase of a 2003 International/Fort Gerry Engine with a 1250 gallon per minute pump and 1500 gallons of water. This vehicle was purchased from the Town of Charlemont. The Ford F550 Dump Truck that was received from the Highway Department was revamped and placed into service as a Rescue/Brush Truck. The dump body was removed, a used utility body was purchased and installed, the brakes were fixed and transmission cooler lines replaced. This vehicle carries water and a portable pump in the back during seasons we might experience wildland fires and regularly carries all of our medical equipment. The Ford Expedition that was being used for medical calls was removed from service due to a variety of engine issues and body rust issues. This vehicle will be sold in 2020. With the 2003 Mack/KME still in service the department can still respond to a reported fire with 3500 gallons of water on two vehicles. In the next year a committee will be formed to determine the needs of the department and to develop a long range vehicle replacement plan.

The department reviewed the amount of hose carried on each apparatus, the NFPA and Insurance Service Organizations requirements for spare hose. All of the hose necessary to meet the standards and

operational needs of the department was tested by a third party vendor. This left hundreds of feet of hose that needs to be removed from the station. Due to new NFPA Standards hose is not to be kept in service if it was manufactured prior to July of 1987 and the hose testing companies will not even test hose that old. We disposed of 400' of hose that failed the test and another 400 feet of hose that either had no identification of year manufactured or was manufactured prior to July of 1987. We are currently checking with area departments to see if they can use some of our excess hose. At \$.27/foot/year for testing we cannot afford to keep unneeded hose in the building. The hose company tested our large diameter, 4 inch, supply hose this past year, but they may refuse to do so in the future as a majority of it does not have locking couplings that are now required by the NFPA Standards. It is \$7.50/foot to replace this and we have 3000 feet.

All of the department's ladders were tested to comply with the new OSHA regulations. All of the ladders passed the inspection.

The Hydraulic Rescue Tools that were given to us by a neighboring department a few years ago were tested. The only thing that passed was the pump. All of the tools failed due to bad or insufficient hoses. Due to them being over 40 years old hoses from the manufacturer were only available for one of the tools. We are still researching availability of hoses and fittings made locally but so far have not been successful as they have a working pressure of 10,000 psi with a required burst pressure of 40,000 psi. The department received approval from the voters at the Annual Town Meeting to replace all of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus except the two that were purchased the prior year. We now have ten of these units in service. This has created a much safer environment for our firefighters due to the many new features and safety of these units compared to our old units.

The department continues to strive to have all of its members in NFPA compliant gear. With the regulations requiring that all protective gear is 10 years or newer this is an expensive struggle. We have identified different job classifications this past year. In the future we will only be providing full NFPA compliant structural gear to personnel who are trained and medically cleared to enter an "Immediate Dangerous to Life and Health" (IDLH) atmosphere. All of personnel will be provided with dual certified Rescue/Wildand Gear that is a third of the cost of the structural gear.

The department has implemented a very aggressive training program and now meets every Thursday evening of the month. We have seen some members leave the department and we have some new members this past year. We are striving to have 15 individuals on the roster with at least half of them able to participate in active firefighting. We have a good group of Junior members coming up to sustain our ranks in the future hopefully.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizens for supporting the department this past year. We will continue to move forward to have some of the best trained and operationally effective members of the department so that we can serve you in your time of need.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Annear, Rowe/Charlemont Fire Chief

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM - 2019

Dear Residents of Rowe:

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

In 2019 we issued 2,222 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. A total of 23 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 20,758 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 5,517 registered users. You can find it at www.frcog.org under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

In 2019, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Rowe:

Residential Building Permits	27
Commercial Building Permits	3
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	1
Electrical Permits	18
Plumbing Permits	4
Gas Permits	4
Certificates of Inspection	9
Solid Fuel	2
Fire Protection	0
Tents	1

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please feel free to call our office with any [building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 113.](#)

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Andy French
Plumbing/Gas Inspector
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POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2019

The Rowe Police Department has had a very good year. We finished up our detail work with National Grid, Verizon, Asplundh tree Service and Sertex crews all in preparation for the new internet service that came to town.

The Rowe Police Department also took delivery of a 2019 Chevy Tahoe Police Cruiser. The department wants to give out a big thank you to the Town of Rowe residents who voted for this new cruiser to be purchased and also a thank you to the following people and companies that help us equipped our new cruiser:

- Fire Chief Dennis Annear for donating a police/fire radio
- Leyden Police Department for a used radar system
- Procom Services/ Josh Little for installing our police/fire radio and town radio
- Galls for all our police/ems equipment

Also the Police Department welcomes a new officer to our department. Officer Kyle Sweeney started working for us around July 1, 2019. Officer Sweeney is not a stranger to some of Rowe's citizens, he has worked in the area for a while. We still have our annual drills with Rowe Elementary School, Yankee Atomic and Brookfield Power (Bear Swamp) Hydro Plant.

Submitted by,

Chief Julie Shippee



Police Detail Work on Broadband Project
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EDUCATION



Rowe Elementary School Graduates 2019

Left to Right : Owen Heilman, Michael Barnes, Maggie Danek, Emma Shippee, Sofiya Slocik-Gritzner

PRINCIPAL - MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - 2019

In January 2019, the Mohawk Trail Regional School (MTRS) was awarded a \$150,000 Implementation Grant from Mass IDEAS, a Massachusetts non-profit organization committed to “innovating design in education for all students.” This grant allowed MTRS to consider initiatives and curricular programming to redesign the school experience for all students. Over the course of the past year, students, staff, and community members have engaged in a series of conversations and working groups in order to design a school that meets the needs of 21st century learners. In doing so, we have determined that:

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

This January, we were invited to apply for a Mass IDEAS Implementation Grant for up to \$375,000 to implement the MTRS Trailblazer Model. This model will engage all stakeholders in a transformational school experience including:

- Internships and work study opportunities, on campus and off
- Interdisciplinary courses such as STEM, Bioethics, Artglish, and American Democracy
- Social Emotional Learning supports including: Advisory model for all grades 7-12, site based therapeutic services, and college and career planning
- Portfolio of student work and student led conferences
- Year-long Senior Capstone project culminating with a site based internship
- Community outreach including a monthly Trailblazer Community Group comprised of staff, parents, and community members

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

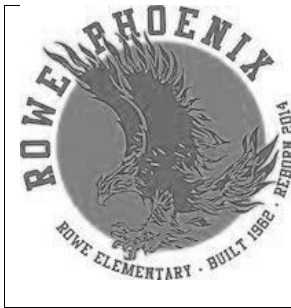
In addition to student-centered learning, co-teaching was implemented to support a diverse learning community as well as to support the social and emotional needs of students. Through co-teaching, classroom educators can plan lessons together, be more hands on and present with students, and provide stronger support for the diversity of their students. While most co-teaching occurs when a special education teacher is assigned to a general education classroom, we also have a few courses where general education teachers collaborate on a single course together. An example of this is our Bioethics course designed and co-taught by a biology and English teacher. Co-teaching has occurred in the following courses:

- Grade 7 STEM
- Grade 7 & 8 Math
- Grade 8 Social Studies
- Integrated Arts 9
- World History
- Geometry
- Algebra I and II
- Biology
- Bioethics
- English 10

Our Athletics Department had a successful 2019 Fall Sports season. MTRS hosted a co-op football team with Turners Falls, bringing together two football programs which would have been eliminated without the partnership due to a lack of numbers. Coach Doug McCloud worked hard to build a community both on and off the football field, and we were proud of their accomplishments! Additionally, our boy's soccer team was awarded the 2019 Sporting Conduct Award for their outstanding sportsmanship this season and made the post-season playoffs this year. We congratulate Coach Nick Brown and our athletes for this award. Lastly, former MTRS Field Hockey Coach Lynn Anderson was named one of the "Massachusetts Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award" winners. This award recognizes the contributions made by a select few women who have "devoted their time and energy to guide and nurture female athletes." We extend our deepest gratitude to Lynn for her many years of dedication to MTRS athletes!

At the mid-point of the 2019-2020 school year, student enrollment in grades 7-12 is 335. Current enrollment numbers for middle school include approximately 74 students in seventh grade and 68 students in eighth grade. Enrollment for ninth grade is 34 students; 10th grade with 49 students; 54 members of the junior class, and 51 MTRS seniors. We have five students enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Marisa Mendonsa
Principal



Rowe Elementary School

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2019 Annual Report of the Rowe Elementary School

It is our pleasure to submit the 2019 Annual Report for Rowe Elementary School. It was an exciting year, with some unexpected challenges, but the staff continues to strive to provide the most comprehensive and caring academic and social/emotional educational experience for all of our students.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- The Rowe School teaching staff continued its work with Project-Based Learning (PBL), at all grade levels and across different subject areas. PBL is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge. Students, families, and teachers have reported that students are more engaged in their learning. Teachers also expanded their efforts with outdoor education as well, with the 3/4 and 5/6 classes doing Forest Fridays, spending every Friday of the school year (if possible) learning at Pelham Lake Park. The Preschool and Primary classes also increased the amount of learning time they spent outside.
- Rowe School students achieved high MCAS test scores in both English Language Arts and Math, and Rowe is once again a level one school, with one being the highest level a school can attain.
- Three times during the school year, Rowe School teachers evaluated 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 the preschool classroom through the sixth grade.

- In October, Kindergarten through grade six students hiked Mt. Greylock in Adams, learning much about local flora and fauna, enjoying a beautiful day together.
- Other field trips included the Montshire Museum of Science, Mass MoCA, and a trip to Sage Hall at Smith College to learn to play Indonesian Gamelon instruments.
- Enrichment activities during and after school included our first soccer team, baseball team, hikes, skiing, a visit to the Kemp McCarthy Museum, Rowe Town Library and the use of Pelham Lake Park.
- Our after school activity program continued in 2019, which involved activities led by community members, family members or staff. The activities ranged from cooking to art to creative writing, with more planned for 2020.
- 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, and supported activities such as potluck dinners and an all-school dance.
- In March, the annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the fifth and sixth-grade field was held. It was a terrific success, raising money to support the fifth and sixth-grade trips to Washington, D.C. and Nature's Classroom.
- Volunteerism remains high as students worked for local, national, and international relief efforts. Locally, students collected food for the "Good Neighbors" pantry and money for "Adopt-A-Family," "Warm the Children", and "UNICEF."
- SCA/AmeriCorps volunteers worked with students two days a week for 4-months with projects in environmental science.
- Fifth and sixth-grade students visited Washington, D.C. for five days of intensive historical learning, sightseeing, community building, and fun.
- The School Committee at the end of 2019 consisted of Susie Zavotka, Chair, Mary Paige, and Matt Crowningshield, who worked hard to guide the school. Ellen Miller left the board after years of dedicated service.

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 - 2019

The Rowe School Committee members for 2019 were Matt Crowningshield, Ellen Miller (January-May), Mary Paige (June-December), and Susie Zavotka, Chair. Non-voting members of the Committee included Superintendent John Franzoni and Rowe School Principal Bill Knittle.

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

Monthly Meetings:

The Committee met monthly. Superintendent John Franzoni and Principal Bill Knittle attended each meeting. Business Administrators Carrie Burnett and Jennifer Macksay attended as needed. At most meetings either a teacher or staff member attended to report on activities of Rowe School.

Policy Manual:

The School Committee completed the review of the newly adopted MASC Policy Manual to align it with current policies and practices at Rowe Elementary School.

Payroll/Retirement Deductions:

The School Committee assisted the Board of Selectmen in investigating and resolving issues related to Social Security versus OBRA Retirement Plan as the retirement fund for non-union employees. The BOS voted in September that the Town of Rowe switch to OBRA from Social Security contributions as of January 2020.

Non-Union Staff Job Descriptions and Salary Schedule:

The School Committee has adopted a wage schedule for teaching assistants and began work on schedules for custodian and cafeteria manager.

Capital Expenditures:

The School Committee identified a list of physical building repairs and improvements that need to be completed in the next year. They include: surge protection equipment for the pump house, additional paving/extension of the parking area, security upgrades and garage for the tractor. The town generator and fuel oil tanks also need to be upgraded.

Rowe School Committee is grateful for the outstanding faculty and staff who serve Rowe School, the Superintendent and staff at Northern Berkshire School Union, members of the PTP and support of the Rowe community. The Committee also wishes to recognize Ellen Miller for her outstanding service to the Rowe School Committee as well as her service as President of the NBSU School Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Zavotka, Chair

Matt Crowningshield, Member

Mary Paige, Member

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES - MTRSD - 2019

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, The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont district have about 21.9% and 29.9% 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 of our schools now 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 and Sanderson have a full-time school psychologist, Colrain and BSE share an Adjustment Counselor, 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.

The district is legally obligated to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee). The meetings have not been well attended. The focus has been on providing workshops to parents such as: transition to middle school, internet safety and rights and responsibilities in special education. The district will continue to support workshops and informational sessions to parents.

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 six students. When the program began, students spent more than 50% of their time within the program. Currently those students are in their mainstream classes more than 80% of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School. The program supports students with social emotional needs. Students receive educational support both in the program and within the general education setting.
- Mohawk Vocational Program. Services students with Intellectual Disabilities who require a higher level of support. The program also supports those students who are eligible to remain in school until age 22. The focus is on transition and vocational skills. MVP students participate in community job sites such as Berkshire East, Charlene Manor and Aubuchon. We are grateful to the local businesses for supporting our students.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

SUPERINTENDENT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2019

No Report Submitted

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2019

No Report Submitted

MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC. - 2019

The Mary Lyon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) community-based, non-profit organization that provides innovative support for education in our nine West County towns. Named in honor of Buckland-born educator Mary Lyon (1797-1849), who founded Mount Holyoke College, the organization continues to provide programs and services that greatly enhance the quality of local education. We remain happily ensconced in our office at Mohawk Trail Regional School, appreciating the opportunity to work closely with students and staff.

It was a year of positive change and exhilarating growth. A Capacity Grant from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts allowed us to develop a strong strategic plan which is currently being implemented. From optimizing programs to executive transition, the strategic plan is all encompassing and will guide us far into the future.

Among the many highlights of 2019 was the 14th annual Community Spelling Bee held at Mohawk Trail Regional School on Thursday, November 14. Thirty teams of three adults competed for the highly coveted Grand Championship, ultimately won by the Boardvarks from the Academy at Charlemont. The team was co-sponsored by Smith Kelleher and Dillon Chevrolet. Their winning word was "xeric". The Best Dressed Team trophies were presented to Piti Theatre which was sponsored by Premier Bath Systems, LLC.

Another highlight of the year was a gala June event, the Lyonnaise, held at the Warfield House in Charlemont in celebration of excellence in local education. The George Needham Business Award was presented to Calvin and Joan Clark of Clark's Corvair for support of local education; the Spirit of Adventure Award was presented to Phil Lussier of Ashfield, Jon Van Guilder '76 received the Outstanding Mohawk Graduate Award, and the Pat Kerrins Career Award was presented to Angela Varilly, Branch Manager of the Greenfield Savings Bank in Shelburne Falls. Lynn Dole was recognized for

her 22 years of outstanding service to the school district and Senator Stanley Rosenberg received a standing ovation. Senator Adam Hinds along with Representatives Natalie Blais and Paul Mark provided updates on legislation for rural schools. The long anticipated launch of the newly established Guardian Angel Fund, “for children and their families in difficult circumstances” was announced.

The Board of Trustees joins us in thanking the many generous individuals and businesses in our community for making 2019 a highly successful year. We are especially appreciative of support from the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation as well as Mayhew Steel, Titan Roofing, Greenfield Savings Bank, the United Way of Franklin County, Bristol Myers Squibb, Greenfield Cooperative Bank and the many generous individuals and businesses that support the work of the foundation.

Members of the Board of Trustees in 2019 were Sylvia Orcutt (Past Chair), Laurie Benoit (Chair), Peter Stevens (Vice Chair), Katherine McKay (Recording Secretary), Karen Fairbrother (Treasurer), Marion Taylor, John Cornman, Joni Sessions and Mohawk Trail Regional School student representatives Ella Seward and Lillian VanVleet. Business Manager is Phil Gilfeather-Girton and Sandy Gilbert is the Office Manager. Rita Jaros is our treasured office volunteer.

Susan Samoriski and Sheila Damkoehler
Co-Executive Directors

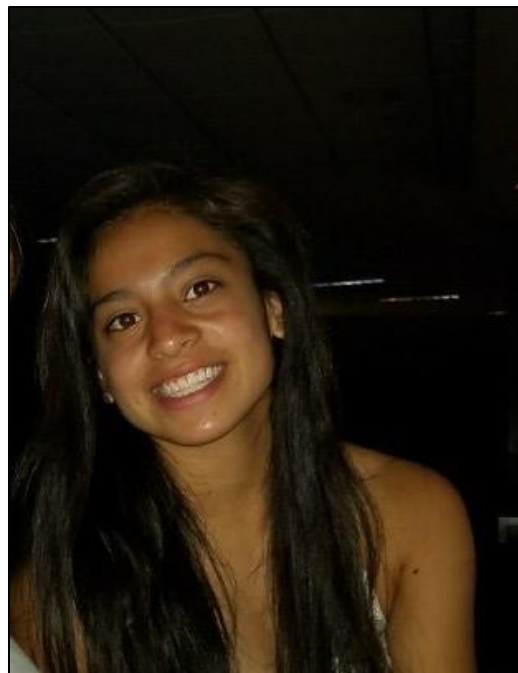
ROWE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - 2019



Morgan Roccio



Haley Danek



Erin Laffond

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ASSESSORS CHERRY SHEET 2019

**C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2020
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A**

Rowe

A. EDUCATION:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

Chapter 70	139,775
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	1,876
Smart Growth	0

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

School Choice Receiving Tuition	214,207
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Sub-Total, All Education Items: 355,858

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

Unrestricted General Government Aid	4,184
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans Benefits	0
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	3,377
State Owned Land	6,881

Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

Public Libraries	2,164
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Sub-Total, All General Government: 16,644

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: \$ 372,502

**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
Sub-Total, County Assessments:	0

B. STATE ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES:

Retired Employees Health Insurance	0
Retired Teachers Health Insurance	0
Mosquito Control Projects	0
Air Pollution	334
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	500
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	834

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	2,386
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:	2,386

D. ANNUAL CHARGES AGAINST RECEIPTS:

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

E. TUITION ASSESSMENTS:

School Choice Sending Tuition	10,000
Charter School Sending Tuition	67,314
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	77,314

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES: 80,534

COMPARISON ROWE TAX RATE

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

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION -

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2020

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from page 2, IIe)	\$ 5,448,674.14
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, IIIe)	1,226,062.37
Ic. Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib)	\$ 4,222,611.77
Id. Distribution of Tax Rates and levies	

CLASS	(b) Levy percentage (from LA5)	(c) Ic above times each percent in col (b)	(d) Valuation by class (from LA-5)	(e) Tax Rates (c) / (d) x 1000	(f) Levy by class (d) x (e) / 1000
Residential	6.8565	289,523.38	54,369,159.00	5.33	289,787.62
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	0.0618	2,609.57	306,349.00	8.53	2,613.16
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	56.8927	2,402,357.85	281,617,112.00	8.53	2,402,193.97
SUBTOTAL	63.8110		336,292,620.00		2,694,594.75
Personal	36.1890	1,528,120.97	179,134,469.00	8.53	1,528,017.02
TOTAL	100.0000		515,427,089.00		4,222,611.77

MUST EQUAL 1C

Assessors

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessors Chairman, Rowe, assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-5520 | 10/28/2019 10:20 AM

Comment: Signed on behalf of BOA.

Ellen B Miller, Assessor, Rowe, assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-5520 | 10/28/2019 10:23 AM

Comment:

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Reviewed By: Matthew Andre
 Date: 10/29/2019
 Approved: Deborah Wagner
 Director of Accounts: Mary Jane Handy

Mary Jane Handy

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II. Amounts to be raised		
Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)		<u>4,750,125.37</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	1,783.89	
3. Final Awards	0.00	
4. Total overlay deficit	0.00	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	216,371.00	
6. Revenue deficits	0.00	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	0.00	
8. CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	<u>0.00</u>	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	0.00	
10. Other : Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund	201,732.00	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		<u>419,886.89</u>
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		80,534.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		198,127.88
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)		<u>5,448,674.14</u>
III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources		
IIIa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	372,502.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	0.00	
TOTAL IIIa		<u>372,502.00</u>
IIIb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	<u>54,735.00</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 IIIb		<u>54,735.00</u>
IIIc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col (c))	<u>396,462.00</u>	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	<u>402,363.37</u>	
TOTAL IIIc		<u>798,825.37</u>
IIId. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2019	0.00	
1b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2019	0.00	
2. Municipal light surplus	0.00	
3. Other source :	0.00	
TOTAL IIId		<u>0.00</u>
IIIe. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (Total IIIa through IIId)		<u>1,226,062.37</u>
IV. Summary of total amount to be raised and total receipts from all sources		
a. Total amount to be raised (from Ile)		<u>5,448,674.14</u>
b. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from IIIe)	<u>1,226,062.37</u>	
c. Total real and personal property tax levy (from Ic)	<u>4,222,611.77</u>	
d. Total receipts from all sources (total IVb plus IVc)		<u>5,448,674.14</u>

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LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2019	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2020
==>	1. MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	49,595.37	45,000.00
	2. OTHER EXCISE		
==>	a.Meals	0.00	0.00
==>	b.Room	0.00	0.00
==>	c.Other	0.00	0.00
==>	d.Cannabis	0.00	0.00
==>	3. PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISES	1,509.70	1,200.00
==>	4. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	0.00	0.00
	5. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - WATER	0.00	0.00
	6. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SEWER	0.00	0.00
	7. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - HOSPITAL	0.00	0.00
	8. CHARGES FOR SERVICES - SOLID WASTE FEES	0.00	0.00
	9. OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES	0.00	0.00
	10. FEES	6,888.50	975.00
	a.Cannabis Impact Fee	0.00	0.00
	b.Community Impact Fee Short Term Rentals	0.00	0.00
	11. RENTALS	6,635.46	5,500.00
	12. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
	13. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
	14. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
	15. DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00
	16. OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	0.00	0.00
	17. LICENSES AND PERMITS	3,735.00	0.00
	18. SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
==>	19. FINES AND FORFEITS	60.00	60.00
==>	20. INVESTMENT INCOME	4,935.54	2,000.00
==>	21. MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	9,479.86	0.00
==>	22. MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	520.00	0.00
==>	23. MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (UPLOAD REQUIRED)	29,398.00	0.00
	24. Totals	112,757.43	54,735.00

I hereby certify that the actual receipts as shown in column (a) are, to the best of my knowledge correct and complete, and I further certify that I have examined the entries made on page 4 of the Fiscal 2020 tax rate recapitulation form by the City, Town or District Clerk and hereby acknowledge that such entries correctly reflect the appropriations made and the sources from which such appropriations are to be met.

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.

Tracey Baronas, Rowe , accountant@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-5520 | 9/10/2019 10:18 AM

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.

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==> 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).

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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2020

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)
03/12/2019	2019	178,137.37	0.00	175,128.00	3,009.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/13/2019	2019	51,105.98	0.00	51,105.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05/13/2019	2020	4,520,882.02	3,951,300.00	170,228.02	399,354.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00
	Total	4,750,125.37	3,951,300.00	396,462.00	402,363.37	0.00	0.00	0.00		

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 2019 or fiscal 2020.
 ** 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 413-339-5520 | 9/10/2019 10:15 AM
 Comment:

PROPERTY TRANSFERS - 2019

THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT of Washington DC, in consideration of \$65,000.00, grant to **DUVAL, MARK and JENALYN** of Rowe, MA, property located at 360 Zoar Road, (Map 203 Lot 24) [Book 7311 Page 93]

LIVELY, JAMES W. and DEBORAH L. of Rowe, MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **LIVELY, JAMES W. & DEBORAH L, Trustees of the LIVELY INVESTMENT TRUST**, property located at 64 Dell Road. (Map 403 Lot 60) [Book 7313 Page 336]

COUSINEAU, DAVID A. and HEIDI of Rowe, in consideration of \$212,000.00, grant to **YORK, JILLIAN MARIE** of Athol, MA, property located at 30 Old Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 403 Lot 40)[Book 7323 Page 70]

BERRY, PRUDENCE and WILSON, DOUGLAS of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$39,000.00, grant to **DUVAL, PAUL and KIMBERLY** of Chicopee, MA, property located on Stone Hill Road. (Map 402 Lot 051.1) [Book 7333 Page 30]

HARRIS, MARILYN SMITH, of Kensington, CT, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **BOUCHARD DEBORAH L.** of Lincoln, CT, property located on Cyrus Stage Road. (Map 201 Lot 34) [Book 7341 Page 206]

DONELSON, BRIAN A. of Rowe, for forgiveness of debt in the amount of \$613,990.93, grant to **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** of Des Moines, IA, property located at 43 Potter Road. (Map 403 Lots 10, 11) [Book 7342 Page 270]

URENA, DIVINA of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **WILLIAMS, JAMES and URENA, DIVINA** of Rowe, property located at 101 Hazelton Road. (Map 202 Lot 31) [Book 7345 Page 298]

BESGEN, K. PETER and ANNE E. of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **BESGEN, KARL PETER and ANNE E. Trustees of the Besgen Investment Trust**, property located at 198 Hazelton Road. (Map 404 Lot 12) [Book 7353 Page 145]

YORK, LAURENE L. of Shelburne, MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **YORK, LAURENE, Trustee of the York Investment Trust**, property located on Dell Road. (Map 408 Lot 2) [Book 7353 Page 182]

PVD, INC, of Greenfield, MA, for consideration of \$40,100.00, grant to **BANDONI, JOHN A.** of Providence, RI, property located on County Road. (Map 407 Lots 49, 50, 51, 52) [Book 7371 Page 205]

ROBERSON, DAVID of Rowe & **ROBERSON, LAURA** of Buckland, MA, grant to **ROBERSON, DAVID**, for consideration of \$1.00, property located at 539 Tunnel Road. (Map 404 Lot 5) [Book 7375 Page 293]

SILVA, EDWARD J. and SANDRA J. of Rowe, grant to **DECKER, DAVID JOHN** of Amherst, MA, for consideration of \$255,000, property located at 54 Ford Hill Road. (Map 201 Lots 19, 20) [Book 7383 Page 71]

WEST, ROBERT P. of Stamford, VT and **WEST, CHRISTINE M.** of Wakefield, MA & **WEST, EDWARD T.** of Las Vegas, NV, for consideration of \$150,000.00, grant to **PROVOST, STEPHEN R.** and **PARADIS, MARIA E.** of Paxton, MA, property located on 19-21 Pelham Drive. (Map 201, Lots 52 & 53) (Book 7391 Page 72)

FIELD, JR., FREDERICK D. Trustee of the Field Realty Trust of Littleton, MA, for consideration of \$100.00, grant to **FIELD, MATTHEW P.** and **SHEILA S. Trustees of the MEMS REALTY TRUST** of Littleton, MA, property located on Tunnel Road (Map 407 Lot 10) [Book 7392 Page 323]

CARLOW, EARL PHILIP and **CARLOW, MYRA F. BENNETT** of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant (1/2) interest to **CARLOW EARL PHILIP**, Trustee of the **EARL PHILIP CARLOW** Investment Trust and (1/2) interest to **CARLOW, MYRA F. BENNETT**, Trustee of the **MYRA BENNETT CARLOW** Investment Trust, property located at 42 Ford Hill Road (Map 201, Lots 14, 22) [Book 7409 Page 282]

SMITH, JEFFREY A. and SMITH, LEE A. of Holliston, MA, for consideration of \$10.00, grant to **SMITH, JEFFREY A. and SMITH, LEE A., Trustees of the JEFFREY A. SMITH FAMILY TRUST** and **LEE A SMITH and JEFFREY A. SMITH, Trustees of the LEE A. SMITH FAMILY TRUST**, property located at 120 County Road (Map 203 Lot 42) [Book 7427 Page 283]

HUDSON, GARY H. and HUDSON, SHARON C. of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$211,000.00, grant to **SHIPPEE, KYLE K.** of Rowe, MA, property located at 15 Newell Cross Rd. (Map 202 Lot 15) [Book 7473 Page 203]

FARRAR, ADRIENNE M. and MARCHEGANI, LEIGH N., Trustees of the NORMAN I. MARCHEGANI FAMILY REALTY TRUST for consideration of \$50,000 grant to **MARCHEGANI, ELLIOTT N. and MARCHEGANI, ELAINE M.,** property located at 5 Pelham Drive (Map 201 Lot 59) [Book 7473 Page 321]

FARRAR, ADRIENNE M. and MARCHEGANI, LEIGH N., Trustees of the NORMAN I. MARCHEGANI FAMILY REALTY TRUST for consideration of \$100,000 grant to **MARCHEGANI, ELLIOTT N. and MARCHEGANI, ELAINE M,** property located at 5 Pelham Drive (Map 201 Lot 42) [Book 7473 Page 334]

Survey Plans Recorded

SCOTT, MOLLY 2 Warner Hill Rd, Charlemont (Map 409 Lots 002 & 003) [Bk 146 Pg 18]

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR - 2019

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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	-503.76	0	0.00	50.63	0.00	0.00	-453.13
17 MVE	-200.73	-66.35	0.00	186.15	66.35	0.00	-14.58
18 MVE	5,428.59	5,096.73	520.00	8,948.65	-520.00	0.00	1,576.67
19 MVE	0.00	-45,610.25	940.93	41,177.22	180.93	0.00	3,673.03
17 RE	-581.18	0.00	0.0	581.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 RE	-7,604.31	0.00	0.00	6,100.27	0.00	0.00	-1,504.04
19 RE	0.00	-2,524,854.89	3,523.59	2,517,040.54	-175.00	82.66	-4,383.10
19 PP	0.00	-1,436,199.54	0.00	1,436,199.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
	-15,056.91	-4,011,827.76	4,984.52	4,010,284.18	-809.58	82.66	12,342.89

Miscellaneous Collections

Lien Fees	\$ 525.00
Demand/Warrant/Misc. Fees	715.00
Deputy Collector Fees	252.00
Mark for Non-Renewal	320.00
Interest on Overdue Tax Payments	1,124.06
NSF Fees Collected	0.00
Bank Interest	331.27
<u>TT Fees/Postage Legal Ad</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,267.33

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

TOWN ACCOUNTANT REPORTS – 2019

TOWN OF ROWE – BALANCE SHEET FUND EQUITY

Town of Rowe Balance Sheet as of 06/30/2019	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-Term Debt
Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 93,094.37				
Reserved for continuing appropriations	345,759.36				
Reserved for appropriation deficit	323.10				
Undesignated fund balance	373,645.99				
Cultural Council		\$ 5,702.85			
School Project Revolving		910.02			
Recycling Revolving		5,000.00			
BOH Vaccine		3,014.57			
Emergency Dispensing Site Revolving		1,000.00			
Old Home Day		750.05			
School Lunch		21,439.26			
Big Yellow School Bus		450.00			
Rural Aid		609.85			
Reap Grant		(3,244.74)			
Field Trip		960.60			
SPED 274		89.00			
SPED 240		4,975.11			
School Choice		298,610.05			
After School Tuition		241.10			
Fire Department Grant		3,063.00			
RES Pump House		5,095.69			
COA Grant		2,264.07			
Library State Aid		4,080.77			
Sale of Lots		1,563.00			
Wetlands		2,911.96			
East Cemetery Gift Account		510.00			
West Cemetery Gift Account		25.00			
Park Gift		462.00			
Brian Vega Scholarship		4,500.48			
Library Gift		416.89			
Martha Henry				\$ 416.89	
Cemetery				21,181.00	
Library Trust				489.11	
Charles Wells Library Trust				3,520.49	

Preserved Smith Library Expendable				1,853.45	
Demonds/Gould Library Expendable				17,088.65	
Foster Donation Expendable				3,153.74	
AB White Expendable				5,559.49	
	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-Term Debt
L. Tower Jones Library Expendable				\$ 5,559.49	
Rowe Memorial				3,674.88	
General Stabilization				930,661.54	
Generator Stabilization				212.14	
Capital Stabilization				972,627.52	
State Grant			\$ (11,000.00)		
Broadband Construction			(291,619.15)		
B/A Regional Broadband					\$(360,000.00)
Unissued Regional Broadband					360,000.00
Total Fund Equity	\$ 812,822.82	\$ 365,400.58	\$(302,619.15)	\$ 1,974,448.85	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 812,822.82	\$ 365,400.58	\$ 197,380.85	\$ 1,994,421.16	

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT - 2019

Town of Rowe FY 2019 General Fund Expenditure Report

as of: 6/30/2019

General Government		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-114-100	Moderator Stipend		439.00		439.00	439.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-122-100	Selectboard Stipends		5,928.00		5,928.00	5,206.00	722.00	88%
01-5-123-110	Administrative Assist. Comp		7,086.00	6,500.00	13,586.00	13,398.76	187.24	99%
01-5-124-000	Executive Secretary		46,865.00		46,865.00	46,865.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-124-400	General Administration		117,500.00	-3,373.88	114,126.12	109,859.85	4,266.27	96%
01-5-124-401	Enc General Admin			864.51	864.51		864.51	
01-5-132-400	Reserve Fund		20,000.00	-14,970.00	5,030.00		5,030.00	
01-5-135-000	Town Accountant		16,368.00		16,368.00	16,368.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-135-430	Town Accounting Expenses		2,050.00		2,050.00	1,759.34	290.66	86%
01-5-141-000	Assessors Stipends/Wages		15,554.00	-1,000.00	14,554.00	8,397.31	6,156.69	58%
01-5-141-400	Assessors' Operation		9,400.00	1,000.00	10,400.00	9,441.35	958.65	91%
01-5-145-000	Treasurer Stipend		20,722.00		20,722.00	20,722.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-145-410	Treasurer's Operations		8,010.00		8,010.00	7,527.82	482.18	94%
01-5-146-100	Tax Collector Stipend		7,938.00		7,938.00	7,938.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-146-400	Tax Collector Operations		7,605.00		7,605.00	7,358.71	246.29	97%
01-5-151-400	Legal Expense		6,000.00	-1,500.00	4,500.00	3,562.00	938.00	79%
01-5-161-100	Town Clerk Stipend		13,497.00		13,497.00	13,497.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-161-440	Town Clerk Expenses		5,709.00		5,709.00	5,460.67	248.33	96%
01-5-171-400	Conservation Comm Operati		1,750.00		1,750.00	922.31	827.69	53%
01-5-175-400	Planning Board Operations		1,025.00		1,025.00	330.00	695.00	32%
01-5-175-410	Planning Board Consulting &		5,000.00		5,000.00	343.75	4,656.25	7%
01-5-175-420	PB Goal Post Operations		12,000.00	-158.29	11,841.71	9,215.74	2,625.97	78%
01-5-175-421	Enc. Goal Post Operations			158.29	158.29		158.29	
01-5-192-110	Town Hall Custodian Wages		18,034.00		18,034.00	17,903.55	130.45	99%
General Government Totals:			348,480.00	-12,479.37	336,000.63	308,516.16	29,484.47	

Public Safety		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-210-000	Police Salaries		52,351.00		52,351.00	47,493.36	4,857.64	91%
01-5-210-400	Police Department Operation		9,745.00		9,745.00	9,687.08	57.92	99%
01-5-220-000	Fire Department Stipends		32,793.00	-5,600.00	27,193.00	25,222.12	1,970.88	93%
01-5-220-120	Emergency Management Dir		3,864.00		3,864.00	3,864.00	0.00	100 %
01-5-220-217	Enc. Fire Dept Ops			965.40	965.40		965.40	
01-5-220-400	Fire Dept. General Operation		33,888.00	12,184.60	46,072.60	44,334.94	1,737.66	96%
01-5-220-430	Emergency Management		1,000.00		1,000.00	723.87	276.13	72%
01-5-292-000	Animal Control Stipends		2,189.00		2,189.00	1,157.00	1,032.00	53%
01-5-292-110	Reg Dog Control/ Adoption		350.00		350.00	350.00	0.00	100 %
Public Safety Totals:			136,180.00	7,550.00	143,730.00	132,832.37	10,897.63	

Education		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-300-100	School Committee Stipends		4,564.00		4,564.00	4,563.84	0.16	100 %
01-5-300-400	Rowe School Pre K-6		1,173,746.00	-91,042.92	1,082,703.08	1,081,298.56	1,404.52	100 %
01-5-300-401	Encumb. Summer Salaries			91,042.92	91,042.92		91,042.92	
01-5-320-400	Schools 7-12		410,598.00		410,598.00	410,598.00	0.00	100 %

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Education Totals:		1,588,908.00	0.00	1,588,908.00	1,496,460.40	92,447.60
Public Works and Facilities						
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-421-000	DPW Salary and Wages		300,110.00	278,774.27	21,335.73	93%
01-5-422-400	DPW Operations	-6,125.90	199,350.10	173,145.68	26,204.42	87%
01-5-423-400	Snow & Ice Removal (Winter	6,125.90	74,737.90	74,737.90	0.00	100%
01-5-424-400	Street lighting		5,500.00	5,823.10	-323.10	106%
01-5-424-410	Municipal Light Plant		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100%
01-5-433-110	Dam Maintenance/Repair		1,200.00	455.31	744.69	38%
01-5-491-400	Cemeteries-Maint/Repair		15,000.00	14,015.55	984.45	93%
Public Works and Facilities Totals:			596,898.00	547,951.81	48,946.19	
Human Services						
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-512-000	Health Dept. Stipends/Wages	355.52	76,547.52	75,982.54	584.98	99%
01-5-512-400	Board of Health Operations	5,881.23	67,557.23	63,025.97	4,531.26	93%
01-5-512-444	Enc BOH Ops	63.25	63.25		63.25	
01-5-541-400	Council on Aging Exp		3,800.00	3,566.19	233.81	94%
01-5-543-430	Veteran's Services		2,700.00	2,598.42	101.58	96%
Human Services Totals:		6,300.00	150,668.00	145,153.12	5,514.88	
Culture and Recreation						
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-610-000	Library Salaries/Wages		39,836.00	38,909.67	926.33	98%
01-5-610-400	Library Operations		29,664.00	25,148.03	4,515.97	85%
01-5-630-110	Pelham Lake Park Wages	-2,000.00	91,707.00	89,837.15	1,869.85	98%
01-5-630-400	Pelham Lake Operation & M	2,000.00	21,000.00	20,727.55	272.45	99%
01-5-634-400	Gracy House Operations	2,500.00	4,500.00	3,925.90	574.10	87%
01-5-634-410	Gracy House Materials/Suppl		500.00	180.99	319.01	36%
01-5-692-410	Beautification Committee		500.00	127.48	372.52	25%
01-5-692-430	Old Home Days Fireworks		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100%
Culture and Recreation Totals:		2,500.00	192,707.00	183,856.77	8,850.23	
Debt Service						
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-710-000	Interest on Indebtedness	3,920.00	3,920.00	3,920.00	0.00	100%
Debt Service Totals:		3,920.00	3,920.00	3,920.00	0.00	
Intergovernmental Expenditures						
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-820-640	Air Pollution District		374.00	374.00	0.00	100%
01-5-820-646	RMV Marking Surchg		480.00	480.00	0.00	100%
01-5-820-663	Reg Transit Authority		2,241.00	2,241.00	0.00	100%
01-5-820-701	School Choice Sending Tuiti		26,885.00	10,160.00	16,525.00	38%
01-5-820-702	Charter School Sending Tuiti		92,406.00	102,420.00	-10,014.00	111%
01-5-830-000	FRCOG Services		24,785.00	24,746.21	38.79	100%
Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:			146,971.00	140,421.21	6,549.79	

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<u>Miscellaneous</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
01-5-911-400	Franklin County Retirement		137,449.00		137,449.00	137,449.00	0.00	100%
01-5-912-110	Asses Clk/TC Acc. Time Buy			2,218.00	2,218.00	2,217.06	0.94	100%
01-5-913-400	Unemployment Insurance		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00	
01-5-914-400	Group Health/ Dental/Life In		600,976.00		600,976.00	549,725.44	51,250.56	91%
01-5-916-400	FICA/Medicare Tax		55,000.00	3,500.00	58,500.00	49,524.13	8,975.87	85%
01-5-920-400	Bills of Prior Year			1,009.37	1,009.37	1,009.37	0.00	100%
01-5-970-026	Transfer to Fund 26		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100%
01-5-970-029	Transfer to Fund 29			3,063.00	3,063.00	3,063.00	0.00	100%
01-5-970-961	Tr To Capital Stabilization		196,812.00		196,812.00	196,812.00	0.00	100%
01-5-970-962	Tr To Stabilization			67,919.02	67,919.02	67,919.02	0.00	100%
01-5-999-902	Encumb. Listed in 02	17,576.52			17,576.52	17,576.52	0.00	100%
01-5-999-903	Special Projects in 03	233,927.53	8,000.00	310,961.98	552,889.51	197,763.41	355,126.10	98%
Miscellaneous Totals:		251,504.05	1,001,237.00	388,671.37	1,641,412.42	1,225,058.95	416,353.47	
Grand Totals:		251,504.05	4,153,249.00	396,462.00	4,801,215.05	4,182,170.79	619,044.26	

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<u>Taxes and Excises</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-110-000	Personal Property Taxes		1,436,199.54		1,436,199.54	1,436,199.54	0.00
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes		2,524,854.80		2,524,854.80	2,523,546.99	1,307.81
01-4-130-000	Allow. for Abates & Exempts		-100,425.34		-100,425.34		-100,425.34
01-4-142-000	Tax Liens Redeemed				0.00	3,272.78	-3,272.78
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise		42,000.00		42,000.00	49,595.37	-7,595.37
01-4-170-000	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes		1,200.00		1,200.00	850.57	349.43
01-4-171-000	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes				0.00	261.36	-261.36
01-4-172-000	Int on Tax Liens				0.00	397.77	-397.77
Taxes and Excises Totals:			3,903,829.00		3,903,829.00	4,014,124.38	-110,295.38
<u>Fees</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-300-161	Town Clerk Fees				0.00	306.00	-306.00
01-4-300-192	Gracy House Rental				0.00	25.00	-25.00
01-4-300-210	Police Fees				0.00	5,672.50	-5,672.50
01-4-300-211	Police Gun Permit Fees to To		975.00		975.00	625.00	350.00
Fees Totals:			975.00		975.00	6,628.50	-5,653.50
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-400-512	Permits-Board of Health				0.00	25.00	-25.00
01-4-420-000	Liquor Licences				0.00	10.00	-10.00
01-4-433-000	Refuse Garden Permits				0.00	3,700.00	-3,700.00
Licenses and Permits Totals:					0.00	3,735.00	-3,735.00
<u>Federal Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-340-000	USPS Contract Revenue		5,500.00		5,500.00	6,635.46	-1,135.46
Federal Revenue Totals:			5,500.00		5,500.00	6,635.46	-1,135.46
<u>State Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-616-000	Exemp: VBS & Elderly State		3,379.00		3,379.00	3,426.00	-47.00
01-4-620-000	School Aid Chapter 70		138,335.00		138,335.00	139,935.00	-1,600.00
01-4-630-320	Recreation Park Program Fee				0.00	2,340.00	-2,340.00
01-4-661-000	Charter Tuition Reimburseme		21,615.00		21,615.00	36,143.00	-14,528.00
01-4-676-000	Unrestricted General Aid		4,074.00		4,074.00	4,074.00	0.00
01-4-679-000	State Owned Land		7,050.00		7,050.00	7,050.00	0.00
01-4-680-000	Extended Polling Hours				0.00	474.00	-474.00
01-4-681-000	Medicaid Reimb. School				0.00	9,479.86	-9,479.86
State Revenue Totals:			174,453.00		174,453.00	202,921.86	-28,468.86
<u>Other Intergovernmental Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-700-001	RMV Marking Fees		175.00		175.00	260.00	-85.00
01-4-772-000	Fines-RMV				0.00	60.00	-60.00

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Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:						
		175.00		175.00	320.00 -145.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue						
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-816-000	Sale of Surplus Equipment			0.00	5,520.00	-5,520.00
01-4-820-000	Earnings on Investments	1,000.00		1,000.00	4,935.54	-3,935.54
01-4-823-000	MIA Dividends			0.00	3,598.00	-3,598.00
01-4-840-000	Miscellaneous Revenue			0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4-841-000	Copies			0.00	46.00	-46.00
01-4-842-000	Prior Year Refund	9,154.00		9,154.00	754.00	8,400.00
01-4-843-000	K-6 Tuition Receipts			0.00	8,500.00	-8,500.00
01-4-843-001	PreK Tuition Receipts			0.00	6,611.00	-6,611.00
01-4-846-000	Rowe Camp Donation to To			0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
01-4-847-000	Tax Title Fees To Town			0.00	75.00	-75.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:						
		10,154.00		10,154.00	32,039.54	-21,885.54
Other Financing Sources						
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-970-026	Trans. From Fund 26			0.00	3,605.37	-3,605.37
01-4-970-028	Transfer from fund 28			0.00	9.52	-9.52
01-4-970-029	Transfer from Fund 29			0.00	765.30	-765.30
01-4-999-899	Overlay Srpls to Bal.Budg	58,163.00		58,163.00	58,163.00	0.00
01-4-999-901	Funded with "Free Cash"		396,462.00	396,462.00	396,462.00	0.00
01-4-999-902	Funded by Encumbrance	17,576.52		17,576.52	17,576.52	0.00
01-4-999-903	Funded by Carryovers	233,927.53		233,927.53	233,927.53	0.00
Other Financing Sources Totals:						
	251,504.05	58,163.00	396,462.00	706,129.05	710,509.24	-4,380.19
Grand Totals:						
	251,504.05	4,153,249.00	396,462.00	4,801,215.05	4,976,913.98	-175,698.93

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Fund: 21							
Cultural Council		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-218-003	Bates/Celtic/Senior Perf.	400.00			400.00	400.00	0.00
21-5-218-004	Cope/Libraries Rock	450.00			450.00	450.00	0.00
21-5-218-005	HAS/Heath Fair Music	200.00			200.00		200.00
21-5-218-006	Mohawk Trail Concerts	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-007	RES/China Study	1,099.00			1,099.00		1,099.00
21-5-218-008	RHS/Grey Whisker Pickers	600.00			600.00	600.00	0.00
21-5-218-009	RHS/Holiday Concert	300.00			300.00	300.00	0.00
21-5-218-010	Pothole Pix/Film Series	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-011	Franklin Land Trust/Bees	150.00			150.00	150.00	0.00
21-5-218-012	FCTS Drama/Theater	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-013	Charlemont Forum	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-014	Hilltown Families	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-218-015	Memorial Hall/"Our Town"	300.00			300.00	300.00	0.00
21-5-218-017	Double Edge Theatre	250.00			250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-218-018	The Art Garden/Exhibits	250.00			250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-218-019	RHS/Harp/Fashion/Tea	275.00			275.00	75.00	200.00
21-5-218-020	Piti Theatre/SYRUP	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-218-021	Ashfield Comm. Theater	100.00			100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-219-001	Ashfield Theater		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-002	Charlemont Forum		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-003	Collected Poets		150.00		150.00		150.00
21-5-219-004	Ed The Wizard		350.00		350.00		350.00
21-5-219-005	Double Edge Theater		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-006	Footlights at the Falls		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-007	Heath Fair Music		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-008	Hilltown Families		100.00		100.00		100.00
21-5-219-009	Mohawk Trail Concerts		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-219-010	Pothole Pix		250.00		250.00		250.00
21-5-219-011	Ragtime Jack Radcliffe		250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-219-012	RHS/Wedding Dresses		500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-219-013	RHS/K First Concert		500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-219-014	RHS/Grey Whiskers		500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-219-015	Rowe Park Health		400.00		400.00	137.94	262.06
21-5-219-016	Art Garden Exhibit		250.00		250.00		250.00
21-5-690-005	Cultural Council Available Fund	-30.31	50.00	122.10	141.79		141.79
Totals:		5,443.69	4,500.00	122.10	10,085.79	4,362.94	5,702.85

Fund: 23							
Highway Grants		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
23-5-422-090	Chapter 90	661,907.41	142,616.00	28,523.00	833,046.41	650,379.88	182,666.53
Totals:		661,907.41	142,616.00	28,523.00	833,046.41	650,379.88	182,666.53

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Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
26-5-300-555 School Programs	2,162.60	10,000.00	-324.45	11,838.15	10,928.13	910.02
26-5-433-001 Recycling Revolving Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	-1,394.63	8,605.37	3,605.37	5,000.00
26-5-512-001 BOH Vaccine Purchase	3,746.45	6,000.00	-5,488.09	4,258.36	1,243.79	3,014.57
26-5-512-002 Emergency Dispensing Site Rev.	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
26-5-690-003 Old Home Day	725.05	7,000.00	-5,000.00	2,725.05	1,975.00	750.05
Totals:	12,634.10	29,000.00	-13,207.17	28,426.93	17,752.29	10,674.64

Fund: 27

Available Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
27-5-999-000 Available Free Cash		396,462.00		396,462.00	396,462.00	0.00
Totals:		396,462.00		396,462.00	396,462.00	0.00

Fund: 28

School Grants & Special Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
28-5-300-002 School Choice	281,825.45		214,207.00	496,032.45	197,422.40	298,610.05
28-5-300-003 School Lunch	22,641.22		17,121.32	39,762.54	18,323.28	21,439.26
28-5-300-004 Field Trip/Act Scholarship Gif	1,006.60		2,254.00	3,260.60	2,300.00	960.60
28-5-300-007 SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303,94-1	1,107.71		20,126.00	21,233.71	16,258.60	4,975.11
28-5-300-293 DG School Library Grant	9.52			9.52	9.52	0.00
28-5-300-311 Big Yellow School Bus Grant	200.00		250.00	450.00		450.00
28-5-300-503 REAP Grant	14,116.21		36,095.00	50,211.21	53,455.95	-3,244.74
28-5-300-505 SPED Early Child 262			1,968.50	1,968.50	1,968.50	0.00
28-5-300-506 SPED Pr Improv 274-333	89.00			89.00		89.00
28-5-300-551 After School Programs	241.10			241.10		241.10
28-5-300-555 FY19 Rural Aid			3,912.41	3,912.41	3,302.56	609.85
Totals:	321,236.81		295,934.23	617,171.04	293,040.81	324,130.23

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenues

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-210-003 PD Cruiser Accident 2018	536.23			536.23	536.23	0.00
29-5-220-215 Vol. Fire Assist. Grant			3,063.00	3,063.00		3,063.00
29-5-300-005 School Flooding Ins. Reimb. 201			1,747.66	1,747.66	1,747.66	0.00
29-5-300-006 RES Pump House Damage		5,095.69		5,095.69		5,095.69
29-5-500-002 Council on Aging Grant	3,283.45		2,716.55	6,000.00	3,735.93	2,264.07
29-5-500-413 DEP Small Scale			500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
29-5-500-414 Library State Aid	4,450.22		2,040.32	6,490.54	2,409.77	4,080.77
29-5-560-001 Wetlands Protection	2,816.96		95.00	2,911.96		2,911.96
29-5-560-002 Cemetary Sale of Lots	1,263.00		300.00	1,563.00		1,563.00
29-5-580-272 East Cemetary Gift Account	510.00			510.00		510.00
29-5-580-273 West Cemetary Gift Account	25.00			25.00		25.00
29-5-580-274 Park Gift Account	462.00			462.00		462.00
29-5-580-276 Brian Vega Scholarship Gift Ac	4,525.48			4,525.48	25.00	4,500.48

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29-5-580-277	Library Gift Account	416.89		416.89		416.89
29-5-630-000	Rowe Camp Park Damage Reim		700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
Totals:		18,289.23	5,095.69	11,162.53	34,547.45	9,654.59

Fund: 33

Capital Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
33-5-192-000	Broadband Start Up Borrowing	860,000.00	-500,000.00	360,000.00		360,000.00
33-5-192-001	Town Share BB Construction	557,849.10		557,849.10	557,849.10	0.00
33-5-192-002	Last Mile State Grant	241,922.32		241,922.32	241,922.32	0.00
33-5-192-003	Borrowed for BB Construction		500,000.00	500,000.00	291,619.15	208,380.85
Totals:		1,659,771.42	0.00	1,659,771.42	1,091,390.57	568,380.85

Fund: 81

NonExpendable Trusts

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

Fund: 82

Expendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
82-5-281-000	Rowe Memorial Scholarship Exp	3,896.46	28.42	3,724.88	50.00	3,674.88
82-5-281-001	Martha Henry Memorial Expend	5,566.19	67.65	5,653.84		5,653.84
82-5-281-002	Perpetual Care Cemeteries Expe	21,019.40	161.60	21,181.00		21,181.00
82-5-281-003	Rowe Library Fund Expendable	349.31	3.72	353.03		353.03
82-5-281-004	Charles Wells Mem. Library Exp	2,993.64	26.85	3,020.49		3,020.49
82-5-281-005	Preserved Smith Library Expend	839.32	14.13	853.45		853.45
82-5-281-006	Demonds/Gould Mem Lib Expend	11,958.28	130.37	12,088.65		12,088.65
82-5-281-007	Foster Donation Expendable	3,129.69	24.05	3,153.74		3,153.74
82-5-281-008	A.B. White Mem Library Expen	4,113.08	42.41	4,155.49		4,155.49
82-5-281-009	L. Tower Jones Mem Library Exp	4,113.08	42.41	4,155.49		4,155.49
Totals:		57,798.45	541.61	58,340.06	50.00	58,290.06

Fund: 83

Regular Stabilization

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
83-5-000-000	Available Stabilization	823,360.01	88,557.71	911,917.72		911,917.72
83-5-000-001	Temporary Loan to Gen Fund		0.00	0.00		0.00
83-5-123-800	Fireproof File Cabinets	1,020.01		1,020.01		1,020.01
83-5-192-003	Town Hall Cement Sidewalk Rep	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.00		0.00
83-5-192-450	Town Hall Generator Stab.	207.24	4.90	212.14		212.14

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83-5-217-001	School Technology	2,286.11		2,286.11	2,114.65	171.46
83-5-217-004	EMS Updating Supplies	1,300.00		1,300.00	404.54	895.46
83-5-217-005	EMS Training	7,100.00		7,100.00	850.00	6,250.00
83-5-217-008	FD First Resp. Immunizations	2,300.00		2,300.00		2,300.00
83-5-231-001	Future Ambulance Services	7,985.95		7,985.95		7,985.95
83-5-630-002	Park Fitness Center Equip	120.94		120.94		120.94
Totals:		849,180.26	85,062.61	934,242.87	3,369.19	930,873.68

Fund: 84

Capital Stabilization Accounts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance	
84-5-000-000	Unallocated Capitalization Stabil	711,803.80	196,812.00	-237,426.22	671,189.58	671,189.58	
84-5-000-001	Temporary Loan to Gen Fund			0.00		0.00	
84-5-217-002	Municipal Buildings Painting	30,000.00		30,000.00	10,241.60	19,758.40	
84-5-217-003	FD-2 SCBA's	18,000.00		18,000.00	17,986.00	14.00	
84-5-218-001	FD Heating System Repair	17,500.00		17,500.00	3,145.46	14,354.54	
84-5-219-001	DPW Truck 2019	31,000.00		31,000.00	31,000.00	0.00	
84-5-219-002	DPW Lawn Tractor	17,000.00	-1,825.80	15,174.20	15,174.20	0.00	
84-5-219-003	Library-Ramp Replacement	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00	
84-5-219-004	Town Hall 2nd Floor HVAC	10,000.00		10,000.00	7,100.00	2,900.00	
84-5-219-005	Town Hall Front Doors	6,000.00		6,000.00		6,000.00	
84-5-220-001	Police Cruiser		49,000.00	49,000.00		49,000.00	
84-5-220-002	New Physical Server		8,695.00	8,695.00		8,695.00	
84-5-220-003	Fire Station Generator		15,500.00	15,500.00		15,500.00	
84-5-220-004	Fire Engine		72,000.00	72,000.00		72,000.00	
84-5-220-005	SCBA Equipment		75,016.00	75,016.00		75,016.00	
84-5-220-006	Library ADA Ramp		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
84-5-220-007	BOH TS Drainage Repair		12,000.00	12,000.00		12,000.00	
84-5-220-008	RES Technology Equip.		10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00	
84-5-220-009	RES Parking Lot Improv.		5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Totals:		842,503.80	196,812.00	17,958.98	1,057,274.78	84,647.26	972,627.52

Report Totals: 4,692,926.81 782,485.69 737,059.87 6,212,472.37 2,766,449.46 3,446,022.91

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – OTHER FUNDS REVENUE REPORT - 2019

Town of Rowe FY 2019 Other Funds Revenue Report

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Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
21-4-690-005 Cultural Council Interest			122.10	122.10	122.10	0.00
21-4-690-006 Cultural Council State Fund		4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
21-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	5,443.69			5,443.69		5,443.69
Totals:	5,443.69	4,500.00	122.10	10,065.79	4,622.10	5,443.69

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000 rChapter 90 Revenue		142,616.00	28,523.00	171,139.00	650,379.88	-479,240.88
23-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	661,907.41			661,907.41		661,907.41
Totals:	661,907.41	142,616.00	28,523.00	833,046.41	650,379.88	182,666.53

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-300-555 School Programs			9,675.55	9,675.55	9,675.55	0.00
26-4-433-001 Recycling Revolving Reven			3,605.37	3,605.37	3,605.37	0.00
26-4-512-001 BOH Vaccine Purchase			511.91	511.91	511.91	0.00
26-4-970-001 Transfer from Gen Fund		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
26-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	12,634.10			12,634.10		12,634.10
Totals:	12,634.10	2,000.00	13,792.83	28,426.93	15,792.83	12,634.10

Fund: 27

Available Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-999-000 Offset to Free Cash		396,462.00		396,462.00	396,462.00	0.00
Totals:		396,462.00		396,462.00	396,462.00	0.00

Fund: 28

School Grants & Special Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
28-4-300-002 School Choice			214,207.00	214,207.00	214,207.00	0.00
28-4-300-003 School Lunch			17,121.32	17,121.32	17,121.32	0.00
28-4-300-004 Field Trip/Scholarship			2,254.00	2,254.00	2,254.00	0.00
28-4-300-007 SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303			20,126.00	20,126.00	20,126.00	0.00
28-4-300-311 Big Yellow School Bus Gra			250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
28-4-300-503 REAP			36,095.00	36,095.00	36,095.00	0.00
28-4-300-505 SPED Early Child 8-135			1,968.50	1,968.50	1,968.50	0.00
28-4-300-555 rFY19 Rural Aid			3,912.41	3,912.41	3,912.41	0.00
28-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	321,236.81			321,236.81		321,236.81
Totals:	321,236.81		295,934.23	617,171.04	295,934.23	321,236.81

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenue

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-220-218 rFFY 2017 EMPG				0.00	2,220.00	-2,220.00
29-4-300-005 School Flooding Ins. Reimb			1,747.66	1,747.66	1,747.66	0.00

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29-4-300-006	rRES Pump House Damage	5,095.69		5,095.69	5,095.69	0.00
29-4-500-002	Council on Aging Grant		2,716.55	2,716.55	2,716.55	0.00
29-4-500-413	DEP Small Scale		500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
29-4-500-414	Library State Aid		2,040.32	2,040.32	2,040.32	0.00
29-4-560-001	Wetlands Protection		95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
29-4-560-002	Cemetary Sale of Lots		300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
29-4-630-000	Rowe Camp Park Damage		700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
29-4-970-001	Trans from Gen Fund		3,063.00	3,063.00	3,063.00	0.00
29-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	18,289.23		18,289.23		18,289.23
Totals:		18,289.23	5,095.69	11,162.53	34,547.45	18,478.22

Fund: 33

Capital Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
33-4-192-002	rLast Mile State Grant			0.00	77,000.00	-77,000.00
33-4-192-003	rBorrowed for BB Construc			0.00	500,000.00	-500,000.00
33-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	1,659,771.42		1,659,771.42		1,659,771.42
Totals:		1,659,771.42		1,659,771.42	577,000.00	1,082,771.42

Fund: 81

NonExpendable Trusts

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

Fund: 82

Expendable Trusts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
82-4-281-000	Rowe Memorial Scholarshi		28.42	28.42	28.42	0.00
82-4-281-001	Martha Henry Memorial Int		67.65	67.65	67.65	0.00
82-4-281-002	Perpetual Care Cemeteries I		161.60	161.60	161.60	0.00
82-4-281-003	Rowe Library Fund Interest		3.72	3.72	3.72	0.00
82-4-281-004	Charles Wells Mem. Librar		26.85	26.85	26.85	0.00
82-4-281-005	Preserved Smith Library Int		14.13	14.13	14.13	0.00
82-4-281-006	Demons/Gould Mem Lib In		130.37	130.37	130.37	0.00
82-4-281-007	Foster Donation Interest		24.05	24.05	24.05	0.00
82-4-281-008	A.B. White Mem Library In		42.41	42.41	42.41	0.00
82-4-281-009	L.Tower Jones Mem Librar		42.41	42.41	42.41	0.00
82-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	57,798.45		57,798.45		57,798.45
Totals:		57,798.45	541.61	58,340.06	541.61	57,798.45

Fund: 83

Regular Stabilization

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-919-000	Stabilization Interest		17,138.69	17,138.69	17,138.69	0.00
83-4-919-003	Int. TH Generators		4.90	4.90	4.90	0.00
83-4-970-001	Transfers from General Fun		67,919.02	67,919.02	67,919.02	0.00
83-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	849,180.26		849,180.26		849,180.26

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Totals:						
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Fund: 84						
<u>Capital Stabilization Accounts</u>						
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
84-4-919-001 Capital Stabilization Interes			17,958.98	17,958.98	17,958.98	0.00
84-4-970-001 Transfers from General Fun		196,812.00		196,812.00	196,812.00	0.00
84-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	842,503.80			842,503.80		842,503.80
Totals:	842,503.80	196,812.00	17,958.98	1,057,274.78	214,770.98	842,503.80
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Report Totals:	4,441,422.76	747,485.69	453,097.89	5,642,006.34	2,259,044.46	3,382,961.88

TREASURER REPORT - 2019

General Fund Cash	\$ 1,326,386.92
School Agency Account	387.29
Arts Lottery	\$6,090.79
Trust Funds	\$70,997.65
Stabilization Accounts	\$1,971,420.22
Total All Cash 6/30/2019	\$3,375,282.87

Trust Funds FY2019

Name of Fund	Balance 6/30/2018
M. Wells Memorial Library	\$8,867.35
Cemetery	\$21,181.00
Rowe Library Gift	\$489.11
Charles Wells Library	\$3,520.49
Preserved Smith Library	\$1,853.74
Gould Library	\$17,088.65
Foster Donation	\$3,153.74
White Memorial Library	\$5,559.49
L. Tower/Jones Library	\$5,559.49
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	\$3,724.88
TOTALS	\$70,997.65

Stabilization Funds FY2019

General Stabilization	\$998,580.56
Capital Stabilization	\$972,627.52
Town Hall Complex Stabilization	\$212.14
Road Reclamation Stabilization	00.00

Balance as of June 30, 2018 **\$ 3,375,282.87**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Semanie
Treasurer

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - 2019

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 not much for rain until the fall. The Town Garage and fuel tanks were washed scraped and painted from top to bottom by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and their workers. Paving was completed on Cyrus Stage Rd. this mid-summer by Warner Bros. Gravel was hauled to Davis Mine Rd., Tunnel Rd, County Rd., Potter Rd. and Line Painting. A new Liberty flag and pole was installed on Potter Rd. Lettering of Town Vehicles, Bridge Repair Main Rd.

Thank you to Tracey Baronas, Janice Boudreau, Paul McLatchy III, Police Dept., Highway crew, Fire Dept , Town Hall Custodian and Board of Selectmen for all of your help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance P. Larned
DPW Superintendent

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM - 2019

The “Grasshopper” program, under the direction of Summer Youth Employee (SYE) Supervisor Spencer Laffond , Assistants Christina Lively and Carrie Silva did a great job with the crew this past Summer. This is very hard work under hot and humid conditions which made some days off for their health safety.

The crew/ Jillian Crowningshield, Nathan Paige, Cassidy Upton, Catie Silva, Gabriella Larned, Caitlin Upton, Keagan Sicotte, Ryan Burke, Cameron Compo.

There are 36 miles of roads in Rowe. When you double that for each side of the road that needs trimming...that adds up to 72 miles that need mowing, trimming and cleaning in(usually very hot) weeks. At the same time the crew also pays particular attention to saving certain ferns, flowers and shrubs and as they try to keep up with road side trash clean up. Thankyou, Great job everyone!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lance P. Larned
DPW Superintendent

TREE WARDEN - 2019

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 2019

The Rowe Council on Aging would like to acknowledge the passing of our seniors, Albert F. Garrity Sr. (Sandy's dad), Daureen Petersen, and Robin W. Reed. They will be truly missed but not forgotten.

Sadly, in September of 2019 the Gracy House was closed for all public use due to mold issues and continues to be unavailable for town use. Even though we don't have the use of the Gracy House, the Rowe COA continues to service the seniors in our community with out of town events and luncheons, that we try to hold monthly. We have continued to support important services that are funded by the Formula Grant and Big Y. The Formula Grant is applied for and renewed buy the Rowe COA annually, through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston. With this grant, we are able to subsidize busing is provided by the Shelburne Falls Senior Center for senior rides to Shelburne Falls and Greenfield for shopping, banking, prescription pickup, medical appointments and seasonally, to the farm stands for fresh fruits and vegetables. We also subsidize personal medical rides for seniors that need medical appointments to areas beyond Franklin County. These rides are provided by FRTA.

We would like to thank Rosie and Ronnie Gordon for their welcomed assistance with helping some of our seniors on and off the bus and carrying their packages for them to their door. These little tasks mean a lot.

In March, the seniors had an enjoyable lunch at the Crazy Horse Grill at Berkshire East, followed by entertainment by Jack Radcliffe, which was sponsored by the Rowe Cultural Council. We would like to thank the Cultural Council committee for considering us. An invitation was also extended to seniors in our neighboring communities.

In May, we planned a trip to the Pine Hill Orchard to enjoy the apple blossoms and of course an enjoyable luncheon.

Pine Hill Orchard has been a popular spot for our seniors. In September, we were invited to the Pine Hill Orchard by the Friends of Franklin County and the Colrain Senior Center. The seniors were taken on a tractor ride up to the orchard where they were able to pick a peck of apples. We also enjoyed a delicious lunch.

In December, our seniors ventured out to Williamsburg to the Brew Master Tavern for a Christmas Party. The luncheon was enjoyed by all. We even had a little snow to add to the festivity. It did make the trip home a little slick but we all made it home safe and sound.

During the year our Co-Chairman, Sandy Daviau, handles the extensive paperwork involving Elder Services provided by the EOEA (Executive Office of Elder Affairs) and submits the budgets for the year

and keeps close watch over the spending. She is also responsible for coordinating events and getting the word out to our seniors through posters and the Rowe Goal Post.

Once again, we would like to thank Sheila Litchfield (our town nurse) for maintaining our large supply of medical equipment that is lent out to the townspeople and seeing that it is properly utilized to those that may be in need of this equipment. Thanks to Debby Lively (exercise monitor and trainer/instructor) for her assistance in helping to keep our seniors fit.

The Rowe COA would like to thank the town for supporting our budget, making it possible for us to bring all of these activities and services to our senior community, and a thank you to all our seniors who join us during the year. Our committee strives to feature “good time” gatherings for our seniors.

Thank you, committee secretary, Jodi Brown for keeping a great record of our monthly Minutes. A special thank you to all the COA Committee members for making this all possible.

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sandy Daviau, COA Co-chair, COA Treasurer

Christine Tower, COA Co-chair

Jodi Brown, COA Secretary

Marilyn Belval, Member

Doris Fensky, Member

Shirley Veber, Member

Florence Veber, Member





Council on Aging Trips 2019

CULTURAL COUNCIL - 2019

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.

2019 Grant Recipients were as follows:

Charlemont Forum	Humanities	Charlemont Forum Speaker Series 2020	\$240
Davis Bates,	Arts	Halloween Harvest: Ghosts, Goblins & More	\$450
Ed the Wizard (Ed Cope),	Humanities	Magic for Seniors	\$450
Footlights at the Falls	Arts	Footlights at the Falls 2020 Season	\$100
Franklin County Pride, Inc.	Arts	Franklin County Pride 2020	\$250
Heath Agricultural Society	Arts	Heath Fair Music	\$200
Hilltown Families	Humanities	Hilltown Families Suggests	\$250
Kate Peppard,	Arts	Chair Yoga for Rowe Seniors	\$400
Laurie Pike, Park Commissioner	Science	May/June Early Morning Bird Walk for Adults	\$305
Laurie Pike, Park Commissioner	Science	Summer Pond Creature Exploration for Families	\$305
Makerspace Workshops	Arts	Virtual Reality and Robotics Workshop	\$400
Marie Gauthier	Arts	Collected Poets Series 2020 Season	\$100
Mohawk Trail Concerts	Arts	Summer Festival 2020	\$300
Pothole Pictures	Arts	Pothole Pictures' 2020 season	\$200
Racial Justice Rising	Arts	Monthly Racial Justice Program Series	\$100
Rowe Elementary School	Arts	Cultural Study	\$600
Rowe Elementary School	Arts	Author Visit	\$400
The Art Garden	Arts	Community Exhibits at The Art Garden	\$250
The Art Garden	Arts	The Hilltown Draw-Around	\$200

Respectfully submitted,

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEES - 2019

2019 was a productive year at the library. The library hosted new presenters and held a variety of programs for the public, received a new ramp, was awarded a grant and continued to grow a diverse collection of books, movies, magazines, and audios.

In 2019 there was a real push for more programming for both children and adults at the library. Monthly the library held a variety of presenters and craft programs. Some programs included Zentangle® drawing with Cyndie Stetson, paint pouring with Bailey Cousineau, glass garden flowers with Becky Bradley, herbal discussion with Clare Pearson of Wilder Brook Botanicals, and quite a few others. The Summer Reading Program had 32 kids signed up and reading for chances to win prizes and Big E tickets. Kids participated in weekly crafts. Kids at the Pelham Lake recreation program also had a chance to enjoy some reading and craft time with librarians with the weekly summer craft and reading program that traveled to the lake.

School early release days continue to be popular at the library. Each event entertains a growing number of children with decorating eggs for Easter, tie dying t-shirts, apple stamping, leaf printing, carving pumpkins and many more fun activities.

New this year is the display of local artist's artwork with a reception for town's people to meet the artist. New artwork is displayed every 2 to 3 months. So far the library has had artwork by Lisa Chattin, Karen Soviecke, Deb and Abby Lively, Carlos and Kathy Heiligmann, and Billy Hardison. Book group continues to meet monthly and new members are always welcome.

Also new this year the library received capital money from the town to replace the aging handicap ramp on the parking lot side of the building. Hilltown Demolition did a beautiful job tearing out the old ramp and installing a new ADA handicap ramp with Trex decking.

We continue to discard worn and outdated items to make way for new materials with our limited shelf space. In 2019 the library held a collection of 12,334 items including books, movies, audios, music CDs, The Recorder, The Independent, Heath Herald and magazines. New on loan this year is "Library of Things." Within this area of the library there are items such as a ukulele, carpet cleaner, cake pans, a soil tester and many other fun items that are being added to regularly. To build on this "Library of things," the library also received a \$2500 "reduce, reuse, recycle" micro grant from the MassDEP. This grant money will be used in 2020 to create a small "Tool Lending Library." The library also purchases museum passes for patrons to use. Currently the library has Mass Moca, The Clark, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, Springfield Quad and Massachusetts State Parks pass. Patrons have access to books from other libraries through the CWMARS network and delivery system, as well as the always growing collection, now more than 65,000 items, of digital books, magazine, audio books and streaming videos

available through the CWMARS digital catalog. The Trustees continue to meet monthly at the Library and citizens are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

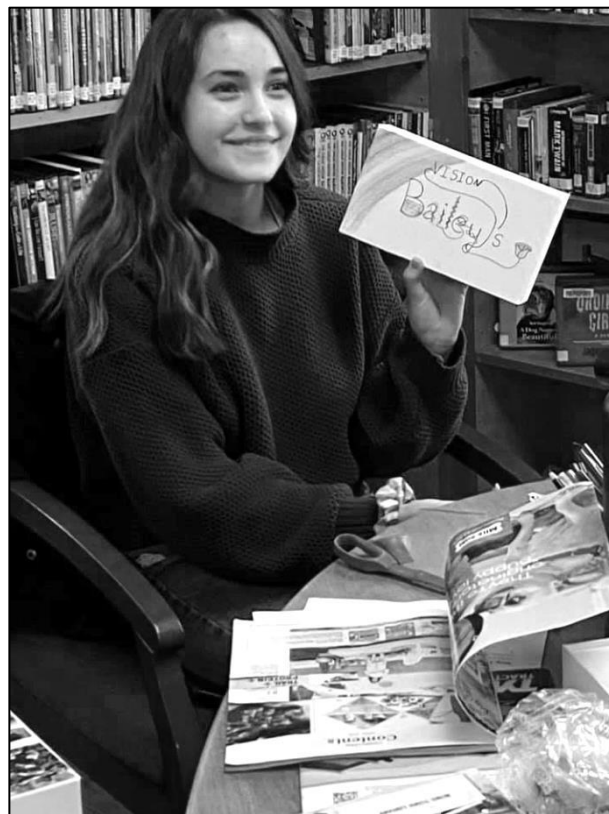
Library Trustees:
Catherine Snyder, Chair
Rebecca Bradley
Karen Soviecke

Library Hours are:

Tuesday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



Bobbie Gottesman leading cooking classes



Bailey Cousineau creates a "Vision Box"

PARK COMMISSION - 2019

Pelham Lake Park Annual Report

Pelham Lake Park is a town-owned treasure consisting of 1300 + acres of pristine forest, field, and aquatic environments. The Park offers a plethora of recreational and educational opportunities for the townspeople of Rowe and their guests to enjoy. Townspeople are encouraged to engage in the many activities the park offers throughout the year. People can enjoy a spectacular foliage hike in autumn, a refreshing swim on a hot summer day, first tracks on sparkling fresh powder, the beauty of the flowers adorning the meadows and forests in spring, and the quiet casting for bass in a fog-shrouded cove. Each season offers something unique to be enjoyed by Rowe townspeople of all ages.

Pelham Lake Park is overseen by three town-elected Park Commissioners and a full-time Park Manager. This past year at the park we saw children engaged in a fun four-week Summer Nature Program where they played games, participated in swimming lessons, created art, and explored their natural surroundings. The Park Commissioners would like to thank Beth Flaherty, Program Director, for her expertise and organization in executing this program for us. We would also like to thank Sara Paige, Program Assistant, and Julie Sprague, Gianna Paige, and Bailey Cousineau, Program Workers, for their help in making this a successful summer program. In addition, we thank Erin Laffond, our certified swim instructor and her two helpers, Emma Poplawski and Nick Baker for providing two weeks of important swim instruction.

A one-week Adventure Program for 8-12 year olds was lead by Park Manager, Sean Loomis during the month of August. Activities included the Berkshire East Aerial Park and Mountain Coaster, Ramblewild Adventure Park, a hike to the top of Mt. Monadnock, a raft trip with Zoar Outdoor, and rock climbing at Central Rock Climbing Gym. Participants for this program and the Summer Nature Program are charged a small fee which is used to offset the cost of future programs and park expenses.

The Park Commission would like to thank our hardworking trail crew and park workers. The park was exceptionally well cared for and park trails well maintained this year. The summer 2019 park staff included Emma Poplawski (AR Class 1), Erin Laffond (AR Class2, Lifeguard, and Swim Instructor), Taylor Loomis and Nick Baker (AR Class 3), Grace Poplawski and Sean Clancy (AR Class 4), Madison Baker (Part-time Ranger), and Danielle Beaumier and James Harrison (Lifeguards). We very much appreciated their hard work and cooperation in assuring a safe, clean, and pristine environment for the enjoyment of our townspeople.

Some of the notable trail work that took place this past year included two new bridges on the Babbling Brook Trail, two new bridges on the Beach Trail, one re-decking of a bridge on the Beach Trail, and one new bridge on the 1792 Trail. In addition, the new Adams Mountain Trail from the junction of Williams and Saddle Brook Trails to the junction of Adams Mt. and Todd Trails was completed. New cedar sign posts for all trail signs were installed, six new Wood Duck boxes were built for the park by the Rowe School 3/4 class and a shelter was built in cooperation with the school for the use of the students participating in the Forest Fridays Program at the park throughout the school year. In addition, regular

trail maintenance took place of all water bars and drainages, poison ivy was removed along the Babbling Brook Trail, and grooming of ski and snowshoeing trails as weather permitted. Two new fire pits will be completed in time for the next summer season. These are being built by Levin Hardison at the two pavilions in the beach area.

The fitness center located on the second floor of the Town Hall is open Monday through Friday during regular Town Hall hours. Deb Lively (Fitness Center Trainer) is present during regularly scheduled hours and is always eager to use her expertise to help Rowe residents with their health and fitness goals. In addition, Kate Peppard, our yoga instructor, offers (free to Rowe residents) yoga class at the Rowe School on Tuesdays from 5-6 PM. In the summer, weather permitting, yoga classes are held in the peaceful setting at beautiful Pelham Lake beach (hours may change for this class). We thank Deb and Kate for sharing their expertise and providing these valuable health resources for our towns people.

The park sponsored two fascinating programs from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. One program on the topic of Turtles and the other on Owls and Raptors. Ed Popielarczyk entertained us with his comedy magic show which included balloon twisting and a flea circus. There were three senior picnics throughout the summer and an Easter Egg Hunt in the spring.

The Park Commissioners would like to give a special thank you to our dedicated, hard working, and knowledgeable Park Manager, Sean Loomis, without whom all of this would not be possible.

Sincerely,
Rowe Town Park Commissioners
Laurie Pike
Susan Williams
Chris Hyytenin

Summer Youth Program at Pelham Lake Park



Poison Ivy "Busters"

L to R: Taylor Loomis, Emma Poplawski,
Sean Clancy and Gracie Poplawski



Erin Laffond and Emma Poplawski opening up "Rob's View"

REGIONAL AGENCIES & PARTNERS

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - 2019

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 2019 shows a decrease in recycling tonnage compared to 2018. 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 reuse at domestic and international mills. Towns continued to be paid \$6 per ton of recyclables through calendar year 2019.

In 2019, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 66 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 664 households participated in these collection events. That is 6% more participation than in 2018.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2019. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 380 households participated in this event. 44% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$123,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

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

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

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



The Franklin Regional Council of Governments was created in 1997 with the dissolution of county government. The founders of the FRCOG envisioned a municipal voluntary membership organization that uses a membership fee model to provide regional and municipal services to the small governments of Franklin County and to the region as a whole. **But what does the FRCOG actually do?**

The FRCOG provides two broad categories of service to Franklin County: **municipal service delivery**, and **planning, prevention and preparedness**. The programs and services we provide are developed in response to needs expressed by municipal officials or boards and/or to take advantage of a funding source that benefits Franklin County. Most programs, projects and services are optional; municipalities choose the services they need and want.

All **municipal service delivery** programs but two have voluntary municipal participation, where the town “buys into” work that is difficult to fill with part time expertise. Each program develops a service fee that sensibly and equitably covers the cost of the program. Internally, the COG manages municipal service programs like a municipal enterprise fund, in that revenues and expenses for the program are tracked separately from our general fund.

The FRCOG’s Municipal Service Programs

<i>Program</i>	<i>Description of Service</i>	<i>Participating Towns</i>
Collective Purchasing and Procurement	Bidding, bulk purchase and contracting of products and services including highway products and services; fuel; dog tags; elevator and other maintenance. Procurement assistance to ensure compliance with Chap 30b.	All Franklin County municipalities and, as of 2019, most Hampshire County municipalities.
Cooperative Public Health Service	Public health services including community sanitation, food safety, Title 5 work, private well water safety, communicable disease control, and public health nursing.	Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Rowe, Shelburne.
Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program	Building, plumbing, gas, and electrical inspection services and zoning enforcement.	Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Whately.

Town Accounting	Comprehensive municipal accounting services and shared software.	Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Conway, Gill, Leverett, New Salem, Shelburne, Sunderland, Wendell, Whately, and Williamsburg in Hampshire Co.
Franklin County Emergency Communication System	At the request of all Franklin County communities, the FRCOG owns and maintains the emergency communication equipment for Franklin County.	All emergency response units in and/or serve Franklin County municipalities.
Regional Emergency Planning Committee	Fulfills the federal mandate that all communities have a hazardous material response plan; all hazards planning and training for emergency responders.	All Franklin County municipalities.

The FRCOG’s **planning, prevention and preparedness** work is varied, and evolves as the needs of the region and its municipalities change and funding sources become available. All of the work in this category is grant funded.

The FRCOG is the state-designated Regional Planning Agency for Franklin County. **Planning**, as a discipline, is the work of ensuring that the region’s, and each town’s, land use and infrastructure will meet future housing, environmental protection, economic development, and quality of life needs.

Sample Projects by Planning Discipline

<i>Planning Discipline</i>	<i>Example of Local Project</i>	<i>Example of Regional Project</i>
Economic Development	Brownfields assessment and cleanup	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Franklin Cty
Land Use	Zoning, Open Space & Recreation Plans	Analysis of regional housing needs
Natural Resources	Hazardous response plans, climate vulnerability planning	Watershed-based climate resiliency plan
Transportation	Complete Streets analysis; culvert and drainage analysis	Expansion of north-south passenger rail
GIS (computerized data analysis and mapping)	Municipal zoning maps	Franklin County Bikeway maps

Most of the FRCOG’s emergency preparedness work is on the regional scale, which includes all of Franklin County, and, in a few cases, the four counties of western Massachusetts. The FRCOG is the fiduciary for Homeland Security funding allocated to western Massachusetts on behalf of the **Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (WRHSAC)**. In this capacity, the FRCOG

prioritizes and manages the expenditure of funds for emergency response equipment and other capital and for small and large-scale training events. The FRCOG also serves as the sponsoring organization of the **Western Massachusetts Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition (HMCC)**. The HMCC coordinates public health and medical emergency preparedness in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties. And the FRCOG coordinates the **Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO)**, a public health emergency preparedness coalition serving 24 Franklin County towns and two Hampshire County towns.

The final service in this category area is the **Partnership for Youth (PFY)**. The mission of the Partnership for Youth is to prevent substance use and other risky behaviors, and increase healthy eating and active living to improve young people’s ability to reach their full potential and thrive. PFY collaborates with school and community partners to establish and support effective youth development and health-promotion programs, provide training and technical assistance with emphasis on evidence-based practices, and involve and empower youth. PFY works closely with the Opioid Task Force to reduce addiction and death by overdose.

Beyond the services described above, the FRCOG represents Franklin County at state and federal levels through advocacy and by serving on boards and commissions, organizes training and workshops for municipal officials, and tries to respond to municipal needs when called upon. To learn more about FRCOG 2019 regional projects and services in your town, look for the *FRCOG 2019 Annual Report* at frcog.org.



FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 2019

Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2018

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 580 retirees, 53 beneficiaries, 1,023 active employees, and 604 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 2018, we are 73.2% funded at 30 years (75%) 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.

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.

Dale Kowacki
Executive Director
Franklin Regional Retirement System

	CY 2018	CY 2017	CY 2016
Balances			
Cash	1,548,623	1,208,508	927,926
Investments	137,212,980	144,523,227	124,166,637
Receivables	99,508	207,894	333,708
Payables	2,460,693	2,019,479	1,622,175
Annuity Savings (members)	30,591,939	30,005,767	28,830,926
Retirement Reserves	105,808,479	113,914,384	98,219,520

Revenues			
Member's contributions	3,754,462	3,682,424	3,671,628
Towns, Schools, Agencies	6,506,893	6,162,964	5,875,582
Retirement Cost Sharing	531,674	474,821	460,054
Miscellaneous Revenue	17,971	13,725	9,928
Investment Income (net)	(4,375,884)	19,547,767	10,744,197

Expenses			
Retirement Benefits	10,451,458	9,802,088	9,113,301
Operating Expenses	542,267	495,399	498,301
Investment Expenses	802,542	763,190	703,498
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,714,774	1,636,665	1,289,229
Refunds to Members	443,808	314,654	316,759

Investment Performance

Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.21%	8.57%	8.36%
10 years	9.60%	6.57%	6.17%
5 years	5.99%	10.59%	10.20%
Current Year	-3.13%	15.41%	9.16%

Demographics

	1/1/2018	1/1/2016	1/1/2014
Members' Average Age	48.30	48.30	48.30
Members' Average Service	10.10	10.50	10.50
Members' Average Salary	37,651.00	35,966.00	33,249.00
Retirees' Average Age	72.60	72.30	72.10
Retirees' Average Pension	16,433.00	15,274.00	14,164.00
Disabled Members' Average Age	58.30	58.00	56.40
Disabled Members' Average Pension	28,790.00	26,353.00	26,052.00

MOHAWK TRAIL WOODLANDS PARTNERSHIP - 2019

In August 2018, the State Environmental Bond Bill established the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership (MTWP) in the 21-Town Mohawk Trail region of north-western Massachusetts. This designation was enacted to bring financial and technical resources to the region specifically to: increase sustainable economic development related to forestry and natural resource based tourism; support forest conservation on private lands and use of sustainable forestry practices; and improve fiscal stability and sustainability of the municipalities.

The Mohawk Trail region has great biological diversity due to the convergence of different forest types. However, these communities are among the most economically distressed in the state and many are experiencing a decline in population, loss of business, and low wages. The goals of this partnership aim to address these issues and revitalize the area through natural resource-based programs.

The MTWP will conserve the region's forests and bring new sources of funding and assistance to landowners, communities, and businesses. Five programmatic priorities were chosen: forest land conservation, municipal financial stability, sustainable forestry practices, forest based economic development, and natural resource-based tourism.

Involvement in the partnership is voluntary for each town. To be a part of the program, each town had to opt-in through a vote of the Selectboard. As of June 2019, 14 of the 21 municipalities have opted in allowing for the formation of the MTWP Board (Rowe opted in by a unanimous vote of the Select Board in April, 2019). The Board shall coordinate the development and implementation of programs and activities and will pursue Federal legislation base on the State legislation.

On November 21, 2019, the Commonwealth and the USDA Forest Service signed a Shared Stewardship Agreement. Through this agreement, they will partner with communities to advance the goals of the MTWP to conserve forests and enhance economic development in the region. This is the first Shared Stewardship Agreement in the Eastern Region (of the Forest Service) and the first in the ten states that do not have a National Forest.

This entire effort resulting in the passage of the Environmental Bond Bill and thus the establishment of the MTWP Board, took over five years and involved the 21 towns, several non-profit organizations, the Franklin Regional Council of Governments, the Berkshire Planning Commission, the Franklin Land Trust and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As Rowe's appointed representative both during the planning process and now as a MTWP Board member, I will periodically update the Select Board of the Partnership's activities and be the contact for Rowe's forest landowners.

Respectfully submitted

Walter J. Quist

Rowe Representative to the MWTP Board
(mohawktrailwoodlandspartnership.org).

VETERANS SERVICES DISTRICT - 2019

Department of Veteran Services

294 Main Street

Greenfield, MA 01301

Phone 413-772-1571

Fax 413-772-1401

UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS' SERVICES DISTRICT

Veteran Resource and Referral Center located in Greenfield, satellite locations throughout the district

Our district has now been in operation for 4 ½ years. We are the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans' and their dependents with:

- M.G.L. Ch 115 benefit – Needs based program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents
- Assistance to veterans and dependents to help file for VA health care, pensions, and service-connected disabilities
- Homeless prevention assistance to veterans and their families
- Employment help with job searches, resumes, and job interview skills
- Burial assistance to include government markers, flag holders, internment, and VA burial reimbursement
- Veterans records retrieval and storage
- Referral to other public and private agencies to include housing, fuel assistance, employment, training, education
- Attend area outreach events(fairs, festivals, health care expos)

We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Rowe now has around \$2012.77 in monthly Federal VA payments being paid to approximately 4 Rowe residents. This is tax-free income paid due to service-connected injuries, low-income or survivor status.

We forecast Rowe's M.G.L. Ch115 caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future. This is the states low income assistance program for veterans' and their dependents. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state.

For the coming year we will continue to assist veterans, and will emphasize programs for the dependents of veterans, particularly the elderly population. Our long-term goals include up dated hardware and expanding satellite hours in the district.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District

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

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TOWN OF ROWE - GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Rowe

County of Franklin
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Population:	393 (2010 U.S. Census)
Population:	394 (2018 Town Census)
Total Area:	24.07 Square Miles
Land Area:	23.55 Square Miles
Public Roads:	36.32 Miles
Elevation:	1,396 Feet
Longitude:	W 072 53 55
Latitude:	N 42 41 42

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:	Board of Selectmen; Open Town Meeting
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:	Second Monday in May
ANNUAL ELECTION:	First Saturday following Annual Town Meeting

Fiscal Year 2020 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>	<u>LEVY</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
Residential	\$ 5.33 per thousand	\$ 54,369,159.00	\$ 289,788.00	9.5965%
Commercial	8.53 per thousand	306,349.00	2,613.00	0.1804%
Industrial	8.53 per thousand	281,617,112.00	2,402,194.00	44.8261 %
Personal Property	8.53 per thousand	179,134,469.00	1,528,017.00	45.3970 %
Total		\$ 515,427,089.00	\$4,222,612.00	100.00 %

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – March 12, 2019

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Town of Rowe Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town Clerk: Kathy Sprague
Moderator: Robert Clancy
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Town Counsel: Donna MacNicol
Select Board: Jennifer Morse, Dennis May and Chuck Sokol

The Special Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Rowe Elementary School, 86 Pond Road. The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Moderator Clancy. There were approximately 34 registered voters and 1 audience member present at the beginning of the meeting.

Moderator Clancy began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Moderator Clancy read the Greeting and opened the meeting for articles.

FRANKLIN, SS.

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet at the Rowe Elementary School in said Rowe on **TUESDAY, the TWELFTH of MARCH, at 7:00 P.M.** and to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to TRANSFER from FY19 General Administrations Account the sum of \$1,009.37 for a bill of prior year consisting of supplies purchased in FY18, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: These funds are needed to pay for bills received after the deadline to submit FY18 invoices and due to a new billing system.

NOTE: 9/10 vote is required to pay a prior year bill.

Article 1 passed Unanimously by Show of Hands.

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to TRANSFER from the **Park Wages Account** to the **Park Operations Accounts** the sum of \$2,000.00, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: Due to the resignation of a fitness instructor the park commission have now elected to hire a replacement instructor as a subcontractor not as a town employee, so we are paying from Park Operations rather than from Park Wages account.

Article 2 passed Unanimously by Show of Hands.

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$2,218.00 for the purpose of paying out accrued sick time to the retiring Tax Collector/Assessors' Clerk, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: The current Tax Collector/Assessors' Clerk will be retiring and is entitled to a payout of her accrued sick time.

**Article 3 passed by Show of Hands.
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$960.00 for the purpose of training a new tax collector, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: The current tax collector will be retiring as of June 30, and a new tax collector will need to be trained and in place prior to this.

**Article 4 passed by Show of Hands.
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$58,000.00 for Gracy House Repairs and Mold Mitigation, or take any action in relation thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to table the Article 5 until the Annual Town Meeting.

The motion to table Article 5 was Defeated

Explanation: The town has received multiple reports detailing mold issues at the Gracy House. Funding will be needed to remove the mold and make certain upgrades to prevent it from growing back.

**Article 5 passed by Show of Hands.
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded to table Article 6 until Annual Town Meeting. To see if the Town will vote to AMEND the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, Article II §5, by replacing the following wording:

"The annual Town Report shall be delivered to the voters not less than seven (7) days before the date of the annual meeting."

with

"The annual Town Report shall be made available to the voters not less than seven (7) days before the date of the annual meeting."

or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: This will eliminate the need to have the annual report delivered to all voters whether they want it or not. Last year the town spent approximately \$1,000 to have the report mailed to all voters.

**The motion to Table Article 6 was Passed by Show of Hands.
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$3500.00 for the purpose of reimbursing incorrectly withdrawn Social Security deductions, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: Social Security has been improperly deducted from school personnel who are, or have been, enrolled in a qualifying public retirement system. These funds will be used to reimburse those individuals for the amounts incorrectly removed from their earnings that cannot otherwise be refunded by the Federal Government.

Article 7 Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands.

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Road and Bridge Engineering Special Project Account for the final design costs of engineering Yankee Road and Zoar Road Bridge over Shippee Brook, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: Yankee Road is in poor condition and will need to be replaced. Funds will be used to pay for the final design costs from Lamson Engineering Corporation before work can be done. The bridge over Shippee Brook has been reduced to a one-lane bridge as one side has become structurally unsound.

Article 8 Passed By Show of Hands.

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$6,500.00 to the **Administrative Assistant Compensation Account** for the purpose of funding additional hours for the remainder of FY19, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: These funds will be used to provide for 40 hours each week for the Administrative Assistant from April to the end of the Fiscal Year.

Article 9 Passed by Show of Hands.

Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to APPROPRIATE from **Free Cash** the sum of \$3,950.00 for a Direct Strike Grounding and Bonding Lighting Protection System for the Rowe Elementary School's water well pump, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: Repair costs to date for lightning strikes to the Rowe Elementary School's water well pump have cost \$15,000.00.

Article 10 was Unanimously Passed by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 22F:

“ Any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, may, from time to time, fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits, or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with such issuing city or town, and may fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the city or town or any department thereof, for any person or class of persons; provided, however, that in the case of a board or officer appointed by an elected board, the fixing of such fee shall be subject to the review and approval of such elected board.

A fee or charge imposed pursuant to this section shall supersede fees or charges already in effect, or any limitations on amounts placed thereon for the same service, work, license, permit or certificate; provided, however, that this section shall not supersede the provisions of sections 31 to 77, inclusive, of chapter 6A, chapter 80, chapter 83, chapter 138, sections 121 to 131N, inclusive, of chapter 140 or section 10A of chapter 148. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any certificate, service or work required by chapters fifty to fifty-six, inclusive, or by chapter sixty-six. The fee or charge being collected immediately prior to acceptance of this section for any license, permit, certificate service or work will be utilized until a new fee or charge is fixed under this section.”

or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: We have been advised by Town Counsel to adopt this local option statute to issue permits with fees can be issued.

**Article 11 was Passed by Show of Hands.
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded to transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

There was no other business.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Motion to Adjourn Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

Respectfully Submitted:

Katherine Sprague
Rowe Town Clerk
March 13, 2019

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – May 13, 2019

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town of Rowe

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town Clerk: Kathy Sprague

Moderator: Robert Clancy

Town Counsel: Donna MacNicol

Teller: Lisa Danek Burke, Mary Pagie, Burke, Robin Reed, Ramon Sanchez

FRANKLIN, SS.

The Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Rowe Elementary School, 86 Pond Road. The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Clancy. There were approximately 60 registered voters and 10 audience members present at the beginning of the meeting. Moderator Clancy swore in the following registered voters as tellers for the meeting; Lisa Danek Burke, Mary Paige, Robin Reed and Ramon Sanchez.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** Account the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Board of Assessors' Consulting/Legal Support, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$7,305.98 for the Fire/Rescue Lighting, Radio Installation and Emergency Striping, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 2 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$6,500.00 for the purpose of removal of an existing oil tank at Town Hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 3 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of services related to the preparation of Emergency Action Plans for the Town owned significant hazard dams as required by law by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 4 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **FREE CASH** to the **Fire Department Operations Account** the sum of \$5,300.00 for the purchase of radio equipment and hose testing, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 5 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous

ARTICLE 6: To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

- Russ Jolly spoke of all the work David Davore had put in as MLP Manager and wanted to thank him and was happy to see that there was an item on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the MLP.
- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:
Katherine Sprague, Rowe Town Clerk
May 15, 2019

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – May 13, 2019

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – FY2020

Town of Rowe

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Town Clerk: Kathy Sprague

Moderator: Robert Clancy

Town Counsel: Donna MacNichol

Tellers: Lisa Danek Burke, Mary Paige, Robin Reed and Ramon Sanchez

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Rowe Elementary School, 86 Pond Road. The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Clancy. There were approximately 60 registered Voters and 10 audience members present at the start of the meeting.

Moderator Clancy asked for a moment of silence for the Rowe residents who had passed in 2018; Howard Crowningshield, Elizabeth Vernes, Hal Dandeneau and Barbara Stickney.

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

**Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous**

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to see if the Town will vote to set the salary compensation for all elected officials of the town as provided by M.G.L. c. 41, section 108, to be made effective from July 1, 2019 as contained in the budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous**

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to transfer the authority over printing, publishing, and distribution of the Goal Post from the Planning Board to the Board of Selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Article 3 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous**

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Administration

General Administration	\$116,809.00
Municipal Audit	8,000.00
Executive Secretary	48,037.00
Administrative Assistant to the Boards	41,600.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	18,485.00
Custodian Expenses	3,775.00
Moderator Stipend	439.00
Select Board Stipends	5,928.00
Legal	6,000.00
Town Collector Stipend	8,320.00
Town Collector Operations	9,186.00
Treasurer Stipends and Wages	21,240.00
Treasurer Operations	10,590.00
Town Clerk Stipend	13,835.00
Town Clerk Expenses	4,675.00
Conservation Commission	1,477.00
Council on Aging	3,800.00
Goal Post Editor Wages	6,000.00
Goal Post Operations	6,000.00
Veteran's Services	2,795.00
FRCOG Services	23,574.00
Town Accountant	18,119.00
Town Accounting Expenses	2,075.00

Subtotal General Government \$380,759.00

Assessor's Office

Assessors' Stipends and Wages 17,354.00
Assessors' Operations 32,200.00

Subtotal Assessors \$49,554.00

Planning Board

Planning Board Operations 2,000.00
Planning Board Consulting and Legal Expenses 5,000.00

Subtotal Planning Board \$7,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION \$ 437,313.00

*Article 4 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous*

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be used as a **Reserve Fund** pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6 for the extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Article 5 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous*

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Highway Department

DPW Salary and Wages \$ 306,912.00
DPW Operations 210,408.00
Winter Roads 68,612.00
Subtotal Highway Department \$ 585,932.00

Other Public Works & Facilities

Street Lighting \$5,500.00
Municipal Light Plant 7,800.00
Dam Maintenance/Repair 1,200.00
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities \$14,500.00

Cemetery \$15,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION \$615,432.00

*Article 6 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous*

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **Appropriate** from available funds the sum of **\$142,143.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 90, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90, or take any action in relation thereto.

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

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Police Department

Police Salaries	\$53,634.00
Police Operations	9,450.00
Subtotal Police Department	\$63,084.00

Fire Department

Fire Department Stipends	\$34,000.00
Fire Department General Operations	40,028.00
Subtotal Fire Department	\$74,028.00

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director	\$3,864.00
Emergency Management Operations	4,000.00
Subtotal Emergency Management	\$7,864.00

Animal Control and Inspection

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

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION \$ 147,015.00

**Article 8 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 48 § 42:

“Towns accepting the provisions of this section, or which have accepted corresponding provisions of earlier laws may establish a fire department to be under the control of an officer to be known as the chief of the fire department. The chief shall be appointed by the selectmen, and shall receive such salary as the selectmen may from time to time determine, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount annually appropriated therefor. He may be removed for cause by the selectmen at any time after a hearing. He shall have charge of extinguishing fires in the town and the protection of life and property in case of fire. He shall purchase subject to the approval of the selectmen and keep in repair all property and apparatus used for and by the fire department. He shall have and

exercise all the powers and discharge all the duties conferred or imposed by statute upon engineers in towns except as herein provided, and shall appoint a deputy chief and such officers and firemen as he may think necessary, and may remove the same at any time for cause and after a hearing. He shall have full and absolute authority in the administration of the department, shall make all rules and regulations for its operation, shall report to the selectmen from time to time as they may require, and shall annually report to the town the condition of the department with his recommendations thereon; he shall fix the compensation of the permanent and all members of the fire department subject to the approval of the selectmen. In the expenditure of money the chief shall be subject to such further limitations as the town may from time to time prescribe. The appointment of the chief of the fire department in any town or district having a population of five thousand or less may be for a period of three years.”

Or take an action in relation thereto.

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

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 41, § 97A:

“Section 97A. In any town which accepts this section there shall be a police department established by the selectmen, and such department shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the chief of police. The selectmen of any such town shall appoint a chief of police and such other officers as they deem necessary, and fix their compensation, not exceeding, in the aggregate, the annual appropriation therefor. In any such town in which such appointments are not subject to chapter thirty-one, they shall be made annually or for a term of years not exceeding three years, as the selectmen shall determine, and the selectmen may remove such chief or other officers for cause at any time after a hearing. The chief of police in any such town shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing the police department, and the officers thereof, subject to the approval of the selectmen; provided, that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of the selectmen to take action thereon within thirty days after they have been submitted to them by the chief of police. The chief of police in any such town shall be in immediate control of all town property used by the department, and of the police officers, whom he shall assign to their respective duties and who shall obey his orders. Section ninety-seven shall not apply in any town which accepts the provisions of this section. Acceptance of the provisions of this section shall be by a vote at an annual town meeting.”

or take any action in relation thereto:

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

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Health Department Stipends and Wages	\$83,565.00
Board of Health Operations	\$56,676.00

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION **\$ 140,241.00**

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

ARTICLE 12: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year 2020 to accept receipts related to the Town’s **Board of Health**, for the operation of the Refuse Gardens, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2021, or take any action in relation thereto.

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

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will to vote to authorize, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44 § 53 E ½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, the following sums for **Revolving Funds**, or take any action in relation thereto:

Revolving Fund	Entity Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges, or Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	Fiscal Years
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 2020
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 2020
Vaccine Services	Board of Health	Receipts from Insurance Billing	Vaccine Services	Limit of \$6,000.00	Fiscal Year 2020
School Programs	School Committee	Fees for School Programs	Offset Department Costs of School Programs	Limit of \$10,000.00	Fiscal Year 2020
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 2020

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

ARTICLE 14: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will to vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Schools** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

School Committee Stipend	\$4,564.00
Rowe School Budget	
Rowe School Pre K-6 Operating Budget	\$ 1,040,483.00
Rowe School Secondary 7-12	\$515,344.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION **\$ 1,560,391.00**

*Article 14 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous*

ARTICLE 15: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Library Salaries and Wages	\$41,887.00
Library Operations	\$28,478.00

TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY FROM TAXATION **\$ 70,365.00**

*Article 15 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous*

ARTICLE 16: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Park Wages	\$92,454.00
Operation and Maintenance	\$22,000.00

TOTAL PARK FROM TAXATION **\$ 114,454.00**

*Article 16 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous*

ARTICLE 17: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Commission, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½ and the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year 2020 to accept receipts related to the Town's **Pelham Lake Park**, for the operation of the Park Programs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2021, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Article 17 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous*

ARTICLE 18: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Culture and Recreation** items for 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Gracy House Operations	\$ 4,500.00
Beautification	\$ 500.00

TOTAL GRACY HOUSE and BEAUTIFICATION FROM TAXATION **\$ 5,000.00**

***Article 18 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous***

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$5,000.00 for Old Home Day Fireworks for 2020 for **Old Home Day**, or take any action in relation thereto:

***Article 19 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous***

ARTICLE 20: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE to the Old Home Day Revolving Fund** the sum of \$2,000.00 for 2020, or take any action in relation thereto:

***Article 20 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous***

ARTICLE 21: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	\$144,357.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00
Group Health/Dental/Life Insurance	621,565.00
FICA/Medicare Tax – Town Share	55,000.00

TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE FROM TAXATION **\$ 821,922.00**

***Article 21 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous***

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$ \$12,167.00 for **Interest on borrowing related to the Municipal Broadband network construction** for the 2020 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

***Article 22 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous***

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the 2020 fiscal year pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, section 53F, or take any action in relation thereto.

***Article 23 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous***

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020 with the qualified vendor selected by Mass DEP through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Board of Selectmen’s determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval in the Spring of 2020 for funding for these services and/or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

**Article 24 Passed by Show of Hands
Unanimous**

ARTICLE 25: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the following sums:

POLICE – Radar Speed Limit Sign	\$ 2,500.00
POLICE – Police Vests	\$ 5,600.00
CEMETERY COMMISSION - Land purchase to enlarge North Cemetery	\$ 5,000.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - Fund an Unemployment Assistance Bill	\$ 38,000.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - Update and Replace Town Server	\$ 11,846.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT – Septic Systems Pump Out	\$ 1,300.00
BOARD OF ASSESSORS - Assessors Consulting and Legal Support	\$ 25,000.00
FIRE DEPT. – OSHA Required Filter for Engine 1	\$ 10,000.00

TOTAL FREE CASH PROJECTS **\$99,246.00**

**Article 25 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 26: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$3,063.00** to be used funding a Department of Conservation and Recreation a Volunteer Fire Association 50% Grant Match for the purchase of six (6) new sets of Forest Fire Personal Protection Equipment and five hundred (500) Feet of Forestry Fire Hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Article 26 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 27: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums for **capital repairs and improvements**, or take any action in relation thereto:

POLICE – Police Cruiser	\$ 49,000.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT - New Physical Server	\$ 8,695.00
FIRE DEPT. - Fire Station Generator	\$15,500.00
FIRE DEPT. – Fire Engine from Town of Charlemont	\$72,000.00
FIRE DEPT. – Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Equip.	\$75,016.00
LIBRARY – ADA Specified Handicap Ramp	\$10,000.00
BOH – Transfer Station Drainage Repair	\$12,000.00
SCHOOL – Tech Equipment	\$10,000.00
SCHOOL – Parking Lot Improvements	\$5,000.00

TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND

\$257,211.00

***Article 27 Passed by Show of Hands with a Two-Thirds
Not Unanimous***

ARTICLE 28: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to AMEND the Town of Rowe General Bylaws, Article II §5, by replacing the following wording:

“The annual Town Report shall be delivered to the voters not less than seven (7) days before the date of the annual meeting.”

With:

“The annual Town Report shall be made available to the voters not less than seven (7) days before the date of the annual meeting.”
or take any action in relation thereto.

***Article 28 Passed by Show of Hands
Not Unanimous***

ARTICLE 29: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizen’s petition:

Citizen’s petition to the Rowe Board of Selectmen: To see if the town will vote to adopt the following Resolution:
Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

Whereas the naked Colonial broadsword brandished above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is modeled over Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Euro-Colonial encroachment; Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a “fine specimen of an Indian,” though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called “praying Indians” on

Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, their subsequent enslavement in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members legally considered incompetent wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self-rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Euro-Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, is approaching in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to a new awareness of a better relationship between the descendants of the Euro-Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of the Commonwealth;

And whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols for public schools and sports teams, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the citizens of Rowe hereby adopt this resolution in support of HD.2968 and SD.1495, a Resolve Providing for the creation of a Special Commission relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth,” and request that Senator Adam G. Hinds, and Representatives Paul W. Mark, representing Rowe, co-sponsor, support and vote for the aforementioned Resolve (HD.2968 and SD.1495) in the General Court, and that the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, after holding a public hearing on the Resolve report it out favorably, and if he legislation shall pass that the governor shall sign it and work with members of the General Court to ensure its enactment.

Article 29 Passed by Count of Hands

28 – Yes

21 – No

ARTICLE 30: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$67,919.02** to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 30 Passed by Show of Hands

Unanimous

ARTICLE 31: A motion was made and seconded 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.

Article 31 Passed by Show of Hands

Unanimous

ARTICLE 32: A motion was made and seconded to transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

- A Sense of the meeting with regards to the direction the Town should take regarding the Gracy House. \$58,000 was appropriated at the last Special Town Meeting to address the mold issue and the request to form a committee to discuss the issues with regards to the future of the Gracy House. In addition, there may also be an issue with the current septic system. At this time only one person had come forward to be on the committee, Mary Paige volunteered to be an additional member on the committee.

- **A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
The motion to Adjourn Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted:
Katherine Sprague, Rowe Town Clerk
May 14, 2019

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – December 19, 2019

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

Town of Rowe Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Rowe Elementary School

Moderator: Robert Clancy

Town Clerk: Paul McLatchy III

Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Jennifer Morse, Edward Silva

The Special Town Meeting was held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at the Rowe Elementary School, located at 86 Pond Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately twenty-two (22) voters and three (3) guests. Moderator Clancy opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the reading of the warrant greetings. Tellers were not appointed.

ARTICLE 1: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from the FY20 General Administrations Account the sum of \$176.15 for a bill of prior year consisting of services purchased in FY19.

Article 1 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 2: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from the Town Accountant Wages Line Item the sum of \$13,465.51 to the Accountant Accounting Expenses Line Item.

Article 2 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 membership fee to become a member in the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 252 §5A and other applicable sections of said law.

Article 3 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to the Fire Department to purchase a keyless entry control security system and lock change.

Article 4 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 5: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$5,500.00 to the Fire Department for unexpected vehicle repairs.

Article 5 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 6: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Fire Department for a broker's fee for the sale of the 1993 Mack Fire Truck.

Article 6 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 7: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$6,080.00 to Install Office 365 Software to all stations and add third-party spam filtering, encryption and archiving for Open Meeting Law email compliance.

Article 7 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,400.00 for Interest on Borrowing related to the Municipal Broadband Network Construction for the 2020 fiscal year.

Article 8 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 9: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3,200.00 to replace a variable speed drive equipment to the HVAC at Rowe Elementary School.

Article 9 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 10: A motion was made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$7,900.00 for surge protection equipment for the pump house water supply system at Rowe Elementary School.

Article 10 Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

- Town Clerk Paul McLatchy III informed voters that nomination papers, dog licenses, and the annual street listing would be available after January 2nd.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III, Town Clerk
December 20, 2019

