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BOARD/COMMISSION

FREQUENCY

LOCATION

Select Board	Wednesdays (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)	Gracy House
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

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart”

Elizabeth Andrew

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TOWN EMPLOYEE	EMAIL	PHONE	WORKDAYS	HOURS
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 Wed)	9:30am - 5:30pm Or by Appointment
Animal Control Officer	ahsamuelson@gmail.com	917-209-0524		On Call
Assessors' Clerk:	collector@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 19	M/T/W/Th	8:00am – 2:00pm
Board of Health Clerk:	boh@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 16		by Appointment
Board of Selectmen:	admin@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 10		by Appointment
Building Inspection:	www.fccip.org	774-3167		(Building, Wiring, Plumbing, Gas)
EMERGENCY		9-1-1		
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/S	10-5 (Tu Sat) 1-8 (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	5:30-7:30pm & On Call
Rowe School	contact@roweschool.org	413-512-5100	M/T/W/Th/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	Wed 4:30 – 8:00 Sat 9:00- 1:00	
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/S/S	7-10am & 4-7pm (Wed) 8-2 (Sat) 8-12 (Sun)
Treasurer:	treasurer@rowe-ma.gov	339-5520 ext. 16		By Appointment

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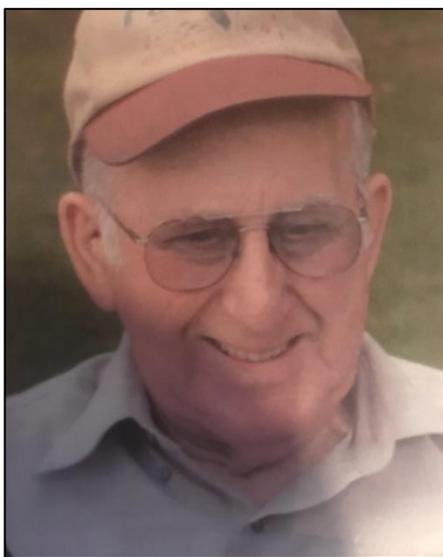
Henry "Hal" Dandeneau
September 10, 1974 – February 4, 2018



Norma Donaldson
September 24, 1936 – February 4, 2018



Rev. David Wayne
December 17, 1931 – January 10, 2018

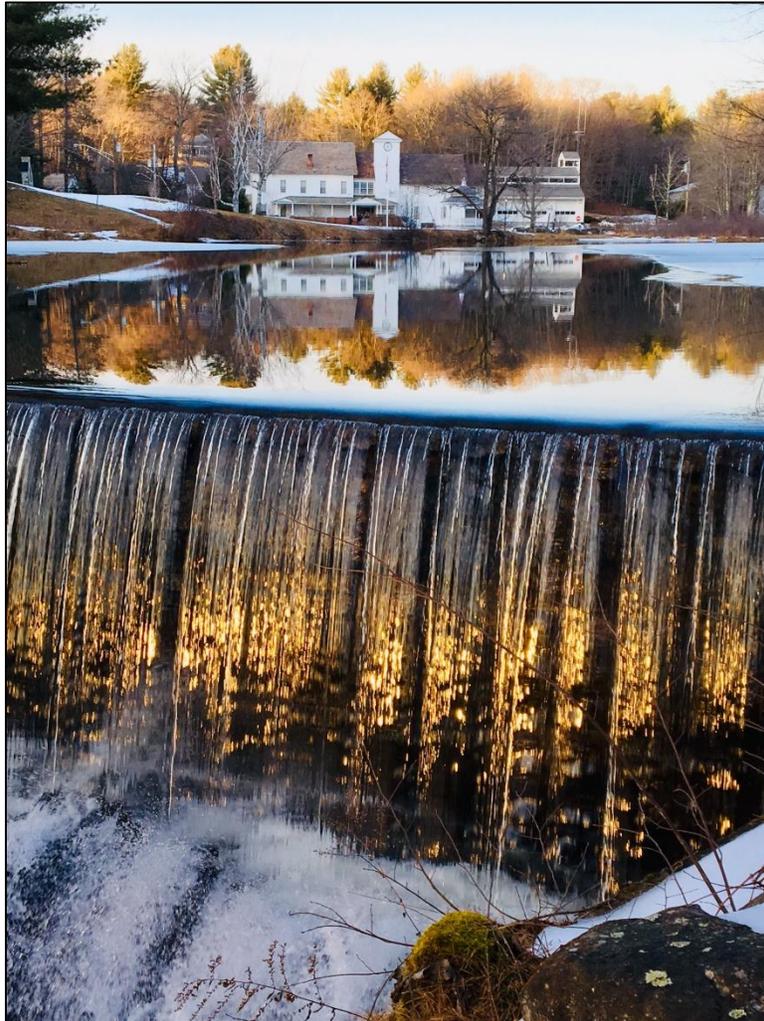


Howard Crowningshield
June 8, 1932 – January 22, 2018



Elizabeth "Betty" Vernes
November 21, 1932 - May 21, 2018

Not Pictured: **Barbara Stickney**
January 11, 1927- December 12, 2018



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SELECT BOARD REPORT - 2018

Winter months are an especially busy time of the year for the Select Board with meetings each week with various Dept. and Committee Heads/Chairs to discuss their upcoming fiscal year budget proposals and capital requests. In the end, a balanced budget was finalized and presented at the Annual Town Meeting. A new group, the Budget Advisory Group or “BAG”, is comprised of members from the Select Board, Finance Committee, Board of Assessors, Treasurer and Accountant and was formed to assist in the budget process.

Other highlights of our work in 2018 include the following:

COMMUNICATIONS

The Select Board hosted two All Boards Meetings, one in the spring and one in the fall. Its purpose is to foster improved communications between Depts. and Boards, inform each other about projects, plans and encourage a ‘team spirit’. The meetings were very well received and will continue. We encourage citizens to attend the meetings.

NEW WEBSITE

Rowe contracted with a local business, Montague Webworks, for a new website design with the purpose of improving communications with citizens and others. The hope is that once broadband is available, more citizens will be able to avail themselves to the website as a method of staying informed. In addition, each dept. and committee can post their agendas, minutes and other materials to the website to further transparency.

GRACY HOUSE

After the humid and rainy summer of 2018, in the fall we discovered that the Gracy House had a mold issue. Michael Feeney, Director of the Indoor Air quality Program from the Massachusetts Department of Health, conducted a free assessment of the Gracy House and recommended the Gracy House be closed to the public. Since elders and children with immune compromised issues could be severely impacted by exposure to mold, upon Mr. Feeney’s recommendation, the Board of Health decided to close the Gracy House. The Select Board worked through the fall and winter to gather information to adequately access the situation, make a plan to clean and make the building safe, consider moisture prevention and long-term maintenance.

GRANTS

Through the efforts of Chair Morse, a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant was awarded to the Town for the amount of a \$420,000.00, through the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (OEHD). The Board agreed to utilize the funds for the much needed King’s Highway Bridge replacement. Work began with Gill Engineering of Needham starting with the engineering study and developing plans that would allow the road to remain open during construction.

In addition, Chair Morse applied for a Municipal Small Bridge Program Grant through the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation for small bridge replacement or construction for the amount of \$500,000.00. We will be applying in the next round of Small Bridge grants which will should be awarded in late 2019.

INFRASTRUCTURE

We continue to focus on the bridges, culvert and roads to meet MassDOT safety standards.

King's Highway Bridge is our current focus, Ford Hill Bridge and Yankee Road in the future. The State will be replacing the Cyrus Stage Bridge in the near future. We obtained a proposal for Yankee Road from Lamson Engineering Corp. for the scope of work and preliminary design services and a boring location plan. DPW had set aside \$76,000.00 for the purposes.

IMPROVEMENTS

The long overdue painting of the Town Hall took place this Summer and completed through the Franklin County Sheriff's Office inmate work program, saving the town a great deal of money by paying only for materials and supplies. Workers scraped, caulked and painted Town Hall which took longer than expected due to the rainy weather throughout August as well as waiting for the birds residing on the soffits to adequately fledge and move on. We would like to give a special thank you to Highway Superintendent Lance Larned and Custodian Danielle Larned for all of their extra work to help see the project through.

A new Mini-split heat and air-conditioning unit was installed in the Fitness Room as the 30-year old air-conditioning system no longer functioned. It is designed to also supplement heating in the cold months and is a very energy efficient unit.

The Board will continue to work on reducing the number of streetlights in Rowe where it might be appropriate. The effort is to reduce the expense to the town and what some consider "light pollution". There will be an opportunity for input in the near future.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

The broadband project dominated the Board's attention throughout the year with the shift from the planning stage, to the design, licensing and what is termed the "make ready" stage. Municipal Light Plant Manager David Dvore and Deputy Manager Chuck Sokol spent much time

moving the project along and getting to the construction bid and award phase. The Board would like to make special mention and thank David Dvore for the immeasurable amount of time he has devoted to the project as a volunteer. We would not be as far along with the project without his incredible energy. We also would like to thank Russ Jolly for his efforts and support during the project and filling in when needed.

PERSONNEL

The Board's focus also included meeting with Dept. Heads and Personnel to update their job descriptions. Once the descriptions are finalized the employee reviews and signs an acknowledgement. In addition, amendments were made to the Bereavement Policy and Vehicle Use Policy and were added to the Personnel Policy Manual.

The topic of our town contribution to employee's health insurance was researched and due to the fact that records were unable to be located and missing, the Board met with Town Counsel to guide us to re-vote items wherever necessary.

REGIONALIZATION

There have been several areas the Board has researched whether regionalization was appropriate for Rowe. With the increase of training requirements and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations that are coming into effect in February 2019, it is difficult for small towns to individually pay for training and compliance. We looked into Sharing Police and a Police Chief, Animal Control Officer and Fire Services. Following discussions and meetings with area town officials, sharing Fire Services made the most sense for us to pursue at this time.

In conclusion, the Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that give up their precious time to volunteer for the

town. Without them, the town could not only not function, but would not continue to prosper and grow.

We would also like to give a special thanks to all the employees and volunteers that leave their

homes, sometimes in the middle of the night, to plow roads, answer our emergency calls and provide us with a sense of security that we have come count on.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Morse, Chair,
Dennis May, Vice-Chair
Chuck Sokol

BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 2018

Ellen Miller was re-elected to a three-year term at the annual town election on May 19, 2018. No one took out papers for the third seat on the board. A resident receiving the most write-in votes declined the position. **Rick Williams** was re-elected to serve as Chair.

The Board would like to thank **Sandy Daviau**, Assessors' Clerk, for her handling of the day-to-day tasks in the Assessors' Office. Sandy has a good deal of contact with the public and is always gracious and helpful to everyone.

The Assessors continue to utilize **Patriot Properties' AssessPro** assessing software, and contract with **Mayflower Valuation** to provide annual residential appraisal consulting services. Mapping services are provided by **Cartographic Associates Inc.** New for FY19, we implemented CAI's web-based 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 at the Town of Rowe 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 and deeds** recording property transfers 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 for** 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 taxpayers were reviewed and records updated accordingly
- **Real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise tax commitments and warrants** were reviewed and approved as necessary
- **Tax exemption applications** (senior and veteran) were reviewed and granted as allowed by law
- **Tax abatement applications** were reviewed and granted as allowed by law

During calendar 2018 the Board held 18 regular and 6 executive session meetings. Board

members attended several Franklin County Assessor’s Association meetings and attended FRCOG’s procurement training held at the Rowe Town Hall. The following exemptions and motor vehicle excise tax actions were approved during calendar 2018 meetings:

Personal Exemptions—FY18

Clause 17D—Seniors (1) \$ 175.00

Personal Exemptions—FY19

Clause 22A—Veterans (3) \$ 1,200.00

Clause 22E—Veterans (2) \$ 1,332.86

Clause 41C—Seniors (1) \$ 640.73

Motor Vehicle Excise—2017

Commitments/Warrants \$ 254.27

Abatements \$ 28.75

Motor Vehicle Excise—2018

Commitments/Warrants \$ 46,722.51

Abatements \$ 1,536.04

As part of the *Mass Modernization Law* enacted in Nov 2016 the Dept of Revenue (DOR) changed from a triennial (every 3 years) revaluation cycle to a quintennial (every 5 years) revaluation cycle. The Boards of Assessors of Rowe, Monroe, and Florida—who jointly contract for the appraisals of the hydroelectric facilities—felt that five years was too long to go between formal appraisals due to the volatile nature of the electricity market. As such, following consultation with the DOR, the three Boards entered into a 5-year contract with GE Sansoucy PE, LLC for interim year updates for these facilities for first 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—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

process and other western MA towns are considering similar appraisals. The Rowe Board of Assessors entered into a 1-year contract with GE Sansoucy PE, LLC for T&D appraisal for FY19.

Based on the **FY19** interim year update **sales analysis** for Rowe, residential property home values, building lot values, and excess land values were **unchanged**. However, the updated appraisals of the hydroelectric facilities resulted in significant increases in value. Brookfield’s Bear Swamp and Fife Brook facilities increased ~111%, and Great River Hydro’s Deerfield No. 5 and Sherman facilities increased ~92%. Appraisals of the T&D assets also resulted in significant increases in value (~138%) primarily due to the major upgrades to New England Power Company’s Bear Swamp Upper Switchyard. The resulting total town valuation for FY19 increased by approximately 81 % to \$5123,673,154 which reflects ~\$39.8 million in New Growth.

The **FY19 tax rates of \$5.01** for Residential (R) and **\$8.02** for Commercial/ Industrial/ Personal Property (CIP) were set on December 5 at a Classification Hearing with the Board of Selectmen. This contrasts to the previous fiscal year tax rates of **\$6.86** for Residential and **\$14.73** for CIP.

According to MA DOR’s municipal databank records for FY19 (Fall 2018 tax bills), Rowe had the 7th lowest residential tax rate and the 2nd lowest average single family tax bill in the state (\$1,062).

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 our relatively low tax rate and enviable low tax bills, Rowe has traditionally been bumping up against its Prop 2½ Levy Limit since FY2000. This has 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 for FY19, which yielded a levy limit increase of \$584,841, plus the normally allowed 2.5% increase (\$89,352), this was the first year in almost 20 years that the town wasn’t Levy Limit-restricted in what it could raise from taxation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick N. (Rick) Williams, Chair
Ellen B. Miller
[Vacant]

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 2018

The Commission is receiving requests for additional lots in the North Cemetery and there are none left to sell. Commissioner Williams will offer an acre of abutting land to sell to the town to expand the cemetery and would be willing to clear the land for the purpose.

We are grateful for the continuing work performed by Terry Veber and Al Morse, as they

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Williams, Chair (413-339-4731)
Earl P. Carlow (413-339-8595)
Jay Williams (413-339-8494)

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).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - 2018

The Conservation Commission met 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 applicant to achieve their goal within the constraints of the WPA.

Most of the time it's a simple matter of taking extra precaution to insure construction material is kept out of wetlands, streams or water resources near the work site. Other time an extensive review of the project is required to insure compliance with the WPA.

There were a couple projects at the Bear Swap reservoir and substation. One was related to the reservoir's east dike were improvements were needed for the measuring of water runoff at the base of the dike. Another was related to expanding the storm water system at the substation.

The Commission provided input to National Grid when trees were being tagged for removal or trimming due to their potential hazard to the power lines. Several trees were near or in wetlands and the Commission made recommendations on where to drop the trees to minimize impact to the wetlands.

Several "Certificate of Compliance" were issued to NEPC (New England Power Company) for the work at the Bear Swamp substation and to BSC Group for the decommissioning of an abandoned well along the power lines near Potter Road.

The Commission worked with Pan Am Railroad to verify their spraying plan was accurate with respect to the various wetlands in Rowe along the Deerfield River that their rail road crosses.

There exist an understand with the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP) that if a permit is being sought that requires a "shovel into the ground", the Commission would be notified to sign off on the permit. The installation of a new septic system on Pond Road and the construction of a new house on Zoar Road were reviewed with the determination that no WPA issues existed and the permits were signed off by the Commission.

The Commission worked with the Broadband Internet project in their need to install additional utility poles on Davis Mine Road, Cross Road and Ford Hill Road and the construction of the Broadband Equipment Hut by the Gracy House. It is currently working on the possibility of underground conduits being required at some residences that might impact existing wetlands.

Work at the Yankee Atomic site required the Commission's involvement in the expansion of a storage facility and the parking area. Currently the Commission is expecting to be involved with the plan to repair the Yankee Road from Monroe Hill Road to the Yankee Atomic Plant.

The Commission also work closely with the Forestry Department when logging permits are filed by landowners. All filings in 2018 were approved.

The Commission has reviewed the NOI submitted by the town for the culvert replacement at the Refuse Garden. The project has been approved provided various conditions are adhered to for the preservation and protection of the surrounding wetlands.

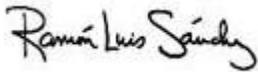
The Commission is currently involved with the bridge replacement project at the intersection of Kings Highway and Zoar Road. The complexity of the project has been compounded because the bridge is the sole egress from Kings Highway unto Zoar Road.

One of the Commission's responsibility is to respond to reported violations of the WPA. This year there were two incidents the Commission investigated, both on Potter Road. It was determined that both were clear violations of the WPA, one due to current activity by the land owner and the second due to ongoing actions over many years. On both occasions, the Commission met individually with the land owner and after extensive discussion concerning the violations a resolution was reached. For the

first violation, a NOI (Notice of Intent) was required from the land owner who then had to hire an engineering company to generate an acceptable resolution. The second violation was an ongoing alteration of the river front area going back several generations. Rather than require the landscape be returned to how it was before the violations occurred, the Commission decided that educating the land owner of the regulations and requiring adherences to them in the future was a more practical approach.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ramon Luis Sanchez, Chair
Prudence Berry
Robert Clancy
Virginia Gabert

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. This year two of the Commission members (Virginia Gabert and Ramon Luis Sanchez) have completed the requirements and have been certified

2018 saw the resignation of Michael Phillips because he was moving out of state. Consequently, there is an open position on the Conservation Commission. Individuals interested in applying for this opening 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2018

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. Saw an amendment to Town By-Laws at the 2018 ATM which changed the makeup of Finance Committee members; restricting eligibility of Select Board and School Committee members from serving, and permitting other town

- offices or positions to serve requiring such members to recuse themselves on all decisions affecting the positions they serve.
2. Received the appointment of two new members to fill unexpired terms: Christopher Hyytinen and Laurie Pike
 3. Began work on a revised Capital Improvement Plan under the consultation of Mr. Joe Markarian of FRCOG
 4. Approved Line Item Transfers and Reserve Fund Transfers throughout the fiscal year

5. Sponsored an All Committee/Board night in November to begin the budget process.
6. Met with Select Board throughout the year to serve as consultant in matters impacting town financial decisions.
7. Worked jointly with Select Board in receiving budget requests and ultimately approving the omnibus budget presented to the 2019 ATM
8. Developed a proposed bylaw to establish a Capital Improvement Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Zavotka, Chair
Loretta Dionne, Vice-Chair
Paul McLatchy III, Secretary

Christopher Hyytinen
Laurie Pike

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT - 2018

Broadband Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Review for Rowe FY19 Annual Report

This has been a landmark year for our Broadband effort. We have been working closely with Westfield Gas and Electric (WG&E) to design the network and manage the construction project. Separately, we have been working with the WiredWest Coop to plan for jointly operating our network regionally with other towns.

Network Construction

We applied to National Grid and Verizon for use of more than 900 poles. It's a long process that involves negotiating which poles need replacement or other "make-ready," ie

preparation. The applications were first made in January 2018 and it took until January 2019 for Verizon and National Grid to complete all of the make-ready work and give us all the necessary licenses to proceed.

While the pole licensing process was proceeding, we completed our Fiber to the Home (FTTH) design. To reach the southeast corner of town, we had to install 19 poles along Davis Mine Road and 1200 feet of underground conduit along Davenport Road. We also had to put up 2 new poles to get around existing poles on Cross Rd because they weren't tall enough and couldn't be replaced with taller poles because of the electric grid lines overhead. Those projects were all completed this past year.

A key element of the network is the central communications hut that will house the equipment that is the heart of the network. WG&E arranged for United Concrete to build prefabricated concrete huts with a standardized design custom for the needs of the networks being built by Rowe and other towns. These come with internal wiring and HVAC, and an option for a backup generator. Getting the site prepped and 20 ton building delivered was a challenge as it was just around the time of the first snowfall. Danek Excavating and Valley Crane did an excellent job on short notice.



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Broadband Hut Arrival in Rowe

We went out to bid to procure a construction contractor. Of four bids, the best was from Sertex, a reputable company based in Connecticut. Once the make ready was complete, and licenses, new poles and conduit, and equipment hut were all in place, we gave the go-ahead to Sertex to begin construction and WG&E to act as owner's project manager. By the time this is published, the construction should be well underway, if not complete.

Once the distribution network fiber is all installed, we'll connect up the equipment in the hut and test it all out. We can then begin connecting up customers, probably around April 2019.

Starting Up Operations

We have been working closely with our counterparts from other towns in the WiredWest coop to make plans for managing and operating our networks regionally. This will reduce cost and burden for each town. Having a much larger base of customers to spread administrative costs over will keep our prices for service lower than operating on our own. WiredWest has gone through an extensive planning process that we have participated in, to procure ISP and Network Operator services, as well as maintenance and repair. Putting together a complete plan that covers all aspects of running the business, managing assets, etc. is a big job that small towns shouldn't have to do individually. The WiredWest Coop allows us to do this collectively making use of a larger pool of expertise than any individual town has. The plan is now complete and contracts in place, so we'll be ready to provide service when the network construction is complete.

The WiredWest plan and other information is available on the website:
<https://wiredwest.net>

WiredWest has hired Westfield Gas and Electric to be the ISP and Network Operator. Among their responsibilities will be marketing and billing. They will be setting up a website for signing up and paying bills. If they haven't already started by the time this article is published, they will be contacting residents about signing up for service.

David Dvore
MLP Manager

PLANNING BOARD - 2018

Planning Board organization

In the May annual election, incumbent Dan Burke was elected to a five-year term. The board then elected David Roberson to serve as chairman and 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*, under the same conditions and for the same compensation as agreed in the previous year. The Planning Board was advised and represented by Greenfield attorney Donna MacNicol, who is also Town Counsel.

Permitting

There were no applications for Special Permits in 2018. There were no subdivision proposals or Approval Not Required (ANR) requests in 2018. No tree hearings were held by the Planning Board in 2018.

The chairman was contacted by a developer/consultant from a company expressing interest in building a utility-scale solar photovoltaic project at an unspecified location in Rowe, however, he never met with the board and later wrote that the proposal was on hold for now.

Planning

The board continued its review of Rowe's zoning bylaws, advancing our effort to create a comprehensive set of clear, legally defensible bylaws

David Roberson, Chairman
Doug Wilson, Secretary
Jodi Brown
Dan Burke
Robin Reed

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 2019.

Goal Post

The *Rowe Goal Post* has 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* has served as the official town newsletter.

Recent years have seen a succession of editors and, unfortunately, an increasing number of complaints. In 2018, after considerable deliberation and following notification from the chairman of the Board of Selectmen that she would instruct departments under their control to no longer submit material to the *Goal Post* for publication, the Planning Board decided that management of the newsletter had become an onerous distraction from its primary duties. Selectmen were consulted to confirm their previously-expressed support for taking over publication, and in December the Planning Board voted to cease publication at the end of the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted by David Roberson, for the Planning Board,

TOWN CLERK – 2018

It's been a busy year with beginning with the January mailing and 96% return of Rowe's Annual Town Census. Thanks everyone for taking the time to check, correct if necessary and most importantly return this vital information.

March brought us the Annual Rabies Clinic hosted by Rowe at the Fire Station. Dogs and cats from Rowe, Heath and surrounding towns took advantage of this wonderful service. Thank you Dr. Brody DVM, and your assistants for helping to provide this valuable service to keep our animals vaccinated and safe. Dog licenses were also available.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Sprague, Town Clerk

May is as always Annual Town Meeting and Town Elections month. Results of both are available at the Town Hall.

In September we held the State Primary followed by the State Elections in November. I would like to thank the Members of the Board or Registrars; Lisa Danek Burke, Kerri McLatchy, and Brittani Sprague for the help certifying Local Nomination Papers and State Article Petitions. I would also like to thank Constable Henry Dandeneau, Warden Robin Reed, Election Clerk Marjorie Morse, and tellers Jody Brown, Myra Carlow, Brianna Demech, Loretta Dionne, Deb Lively, Ashton Morse, Ramon Sanchez, Christine Tower, and Shirley Veber for the help with all three Elections this year, working with you as always is a pleasure.

TOWN CLERK – APPOINTEES SWORN TO DUTY / RESIGNATIONS - 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sandra P. Daviau
Paul McLatchy III (as of 7/1/18)

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Susan Gleason

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Arthur Samuelson

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Relief

Henry Dandeneau

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Lisa Danek Burke
Kerri McLatchy
Brittani Sprague

CARL NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND REP

Laurie Pike

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Prudence Berry
Robert Clancy
Virginia Gabert
Michael Phillips
Ramon Sanchez

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
Laurie Pike
Paulette Rocci
BJ Roche
Karen Soviecke

DPW SUPERINTENDENT

Lance Larned

ELECTION TELLERS/WORKERS

JoAnn Brown
Myra Carlow
Brianna Demech
Daniel Burke
Deb Lively
Loretta Dionne
Marjorie B. Morse (Election Clerk)
Robin Reed (Warden)
Christine Tower
Ramon Sanchez
Shirley Veber

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

Brandon A. Sprague

FIRE DEPT. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer Morse resigned

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Brandon A. Sprague

FC COOP INSPECTION PROGRAM REP

Janice Boudreau

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVTS. REP

Jennifer Morse

FRANKLIN REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD REP

David Robertson

FC SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REP

Dan Poplawski

FC TRANSIT AUTHORITY REP

Jennifer Morse appointed

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

Loretta Dionne
Leanne Loomis
Claudine Poplawski
Robin Reed
Maggie Rice

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

Donna MacNichol

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS

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

TREASURER

Joanne Semanie

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

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS 2018

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Saturday, May 19, 2018

101 Voted/ 276 Total Registered Voters

Warden: Robin Reed
Clerk: Marjorie Morse
Election Workers: Deb Lively, Brianna Demech, Brittani Sprague, Joanne Brown, Christine Tower
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Town Clerk: Kathy Sprague

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 YEARS)

Ellen Miller	72
Blanks	21
All Others	8

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1 YEARS)

Blanks	83
Sharon Hudson (WI)	4
Bill Loomis (WI)	3
Bob Rice (WI)	3
All Others	8

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)

Blanks	76
David Cousineau (WI)	13
All Others	12

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YEARS)

Chuck Sokol	85
Marilyn Wilson (WI)	3
Blanks	9
All Others	4

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEARS)

Jay Williams	93
Blanks	8

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Blanks	45
Christopher Hyytinen (WI)*	21
Marilyn Wilson (WI)	17
Laurie Pike (WI)	17
All Others	1

FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Blanks	57
Laurie Pike (WI)*	23
Marilyn Wilson (WI)	10
Christopher Hyytinen (WI)	8
All Others	3

FINANCE COMMITTEE (2 YEARS)

Loretta Dionne	67
Blanks	20
Marilyn Wilson (WI)	6

(WI) = Write In

***Pending Bylaw Approval**

Appointed by Select Board until Bylaw Approval

Christopher Hyytinen (WI)*	3
All Others	5

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEARS)

Blanks	63
Cathy Snyder (WI)	32
All Others	6

PARK COMMISSIONER (3 YEARS)

Susan William	74
Blanks	21
All Others	6

PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)

Blanks	73
Daniel Burke (WI)	15
Jim Lively (WI)	3
All Others	10

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)

Matthew Crowningshield	71
Blanks	12
Michael Phillips (WI)	17
All Others	4

Ballot Question #1

Yes	60
No	38
Blanks	3

Ballot Question #2

Yes	79
No	17
Blanks	5

Results Submitted By:
Robin Reed, Election Warden
May 19, 2018

A true copy, Attest:
Kathy Sprague, Town Clerk
May 20, 2018

TOWN CLERK – DOG LICENSES - 2018

TOWN OF ROWE

DOGS LICENSED 2018
License Expires March 31, 2019

2018

OWNERS NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	DOGS NAME	SEX	BREED	COLOR	Tag #
Sharon Hudson	15 Newell Cross Road	339-4214	Stella	SF	Shih Tzu	Liver & Red	1
Jen Rice	85 Ford Hill Road	339-6625	Murphy	M	Lab Mix	Brown	2
Ramon Sanchez & Barbara Gottesman	182 Ford Hill Road	339-4836	Luna Luz	F	Port. Poodle	Black	3
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Road	339-5326	Snood	M	Doberman	Red	4
Arthur Samuelson	68 Zoar Road		Ziggy	M	Lab	Black	5
Wayne and Susie Zavotka	505 Tunnel Road	339-0135	Sweet Annie	SF	Lab Retriever	Black	6
Brittani Sprague	40 Shippee Road	339-4762	Halloween	F	Hound Mix	Black/Tan	7
Dennis & Anna Humbert	530 Tunnel Road	339-4757	Bandit	NM	Malti-Tzu	Tri-Color	8
Dennis & Anna Humbert	530 Tunnel Road	339-4757	Bella	SF	Lab	Black	9
Ellynn and Jack Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	337-4868	Bonnie	SF	Maltese	White and Black	
Walter and Kelle Quist	4 Ford Hill Road	339-4718	Teddy	NM	Schipperke	Black	10
Kristen Johnson	24 Brittingham Hill	337-4337	Hudson	NM	Brittany Spaniel	Orange/White	11
Ellynn & Jack Packard	47 Stone Hill Road	337-4868	Bonnie	SF	Maltese	White & Black	12
M. Arlene Andognini	163 Hazelton Road	339-8802	Misha	M	Terrier	Black/Tan	13
Al & Marge Morse	60 Shippee Road	339-4729	Dewey	NM	Terrier Mix	Black/Brown	14
Kathy Sprague	242 Ford Hill Road	339-4936	Kody	M	Choc Lab	Chocolate	15
Sue Wood	19 Stone Road	339-4446	Tessi	SF	Beagle Mix (Rescue)	Tri-Color	16
Robert & Carrie Silva	123 Davis Mine Road	339-4249	Camo	M	Choc Lab Retriever	Chocolate (Brown)	17
Stanley Zielonka	48 Old Cyrus Stage Road	339-5359	Lollipop	SF	Poodle, Miniature	Apricot	18
Deb & Steve Crowningshield	450 Tunnel Road	337-5561	Charley	SF	Choc Lab	Chocolate	19
Steve Fisher	17 Leshure Rd.		Luan	SF	Setter Mix	Black/White	20
Brittani Sprague	40 Shippee Road	339-4762	Moose	M	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	21
Brandon Sprague & J. Morse	162 Zoar Road	339-4945	Daisy	F	Siberian Husky	White/Black	22
Pete Brown	16 Shumway Road	339-4707	Spike	M	Pug	Brown	23
Pete Brown	16 Shumway Road	339-4707	Rebel	M	Beagle	Tri-Color	24
Jeanette & Howard Crowningshield	106 Zoar Road	339-4406	Rubin	SF	Chihuahua	Brown/White	25
Robert & Karen Markert	377 Tunnel Road	337-4268	Shatzi	SF	Great Pyrennes	Cream	26
Danette Reynolds & John Baldwin	30 Potter Road	339-4870	Ali	SF	Pit Bull/Lab mix	Black	27
Jim Williams & Kris Swenson	106 Middletown Hill Rd.	339-4949	Miss T	SF	Shepherd Mix	Yellow/White	28
Jon & Carol Lively	11 Petrie Road	339-0252	Skittles	SF	Lab Mix	Red/Brown	29
James Sousa	99 Brittingham Hill Rd.	337-4999	Milo	M	Border Collie	Black & White	30
Laurie Pike	25 Middletown Hill Rd.	339-4232	Calusa	SF	Lab/Dalmatian	Brown/White	31
Stephen Cadarette	11 Hazelton Road	339-	Oliver	NM	Jack Russell	Brown/White	32
Buster Reed	48 Hazelton Road	339-4752	Little Lucy	SF	Siberian Husky	Cinnamon/White	33
Buster Reed	48 Hazelton Road	339-4752	Meko	NM	Siberian Husky	Brown/White	34
Billy and Leonda Hardison	22 Tunnel Road	664-1032	Ivy	SF	Lab	Yellow	35
Glenn White	245 Leshure Road	339-4734	Cosmo	NM	Schitzoo	White	36
Glenn White	245 Leshure Road	339-4734	Bailey	NM	Schitzoo	White	37
Glenn White	245 Leshure Road	339-4734	Marley	NM	Schitzoo	White	38
Jennie & Wendy Sutherland	202 Lesure Rd.	337-5795	Sparky	SF	Terrier Mix	Black	39
Jennie & Wendy Sutherland	202 Lesure Rd.	337-5795	Teenie	NM	Poodle Mix	White/Tan	40
Ellen B. Miller	160 Hazelton Road	339-5746	Toby	M	Beagle Mix	Tri-Color	41
Dan Wessman	37 Davenport Branch	339-4886	Yula	SF	Collie	Black/White	42
Laura Roberson	539 Tunnel Road	Not listed	Honey	SF	Belgian Malinois Mix	Fawn w/Black Face	43
Sandy Daviau	17 Potter Road	339-8343	Shakira	SF	Chihuahua	Tri-color	44
Ken and Doris Fensky	93 Brittingham Hill Rd	337-4829	Daisey Mae	SF	Border Collie	Black/White	45
Robin Booth	194 Leshure Road	339-5549	Bailey	SF	Golden Retriever	Yellow	46
Lance & Danielle Larned	26 Newell Cross Road	339-4461	Lia	SF	Australian Shepard	Black/White	47

Robin Reed	48 Hazelton Road	339-4752	Benji	NM	Shih Tzu Mix	Grey	48
Jill Rose-Fish	32 Shippee Road	339-5714	Bella	SF	Chocolate Lab	Brown	49
Jim Lively	64 Dell Road	339-4943	Chief	M	Aust. Shepherd	Brown/White	50
Deb Lively	64 Dell Road	339-4943	Red	F	Red Heeler	Red	51
Regina & Mike Phillips	62 Pond Rd.		Nick	NM	Cav. King Charles	Red/White	52
Christine Tower	234 Zoar Road	339-4736	Emma	SF	Pug	Fawn	53
Maeve Gallagher	146 Ford Hill Road	339-5206	Cinder	SF	Mixed Breed	Black/White	54
Maeve Gallagher	146 Ford Hill Road	339-5206	Zoe	SF	Mixed Breed	Tan/Brindle	55
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Road	339-5326	Chara	M	Mixed Breed	Black/Tan	56
Loretta Dionne	21 Hazelton Road	339-5326	Peebles	SF	Shih Tzu Mix	White/Black	57
Joanne Semanie	59 Middletown Hill Rd	339-6667	Chester	NM	Lab Mix	Black/White	58
Rebecca Bradley	51 Middletown Hill Rd	339-0107	Jolie	SF	Australian Blue Heeler	Blue Merle	59
Robert Clancy/Lisa Miller	12 County Branch Road	339-9918	Scout	NM	Dalmatian Mix	Black/White	60
Herbert Butzke	137 Leshure Road	339-0102	Ellie	SF	Collie Mix	Black/White	61
Reed Brown	42 Old Cyrus Stage Rd.	339-5567	Reggie	SF	Golden Retriever	Yellow	62
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Road	337-5306	Cassie	SF	Bichon Frise	White	63
Marilyn Wilson	37 Potter Road	339-5713	Tommy	M	Bichon Frise	White	64
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	337-5566	Diesel	M	Black Silver Lab	Black/Silver	65
Jenna & Matt Crowningshield	16 Newell Cross Road	337-5566	Dozer	M	Chihuahua	White/Black/Brown	66
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	339-8587	Kodei	SF	Shiba Innu	Black/Tan	67
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	339-8587	Kasey	M	Shiba Innu	Red/White	68
Heidi Cousineau	30 Old Cyrus Stage Rd	339-8587	Mollie	SF	Shiba Innu	Black/Tan	69
Sean & Leann Loomis	63 Middletown Hill Rd	339-8573	Parker	SF	Golden Lab Mix	Golden	70
Sean & Leann Loomis	63 Middletown Hill Rd	339-8573	Dexter	NM	Mixed Breed	Black	71
Ken & Julie Shippee	Newell Cross Road	339-4382	Chevy	SF	Lab Mix	Yellow	72
Henry Dandeneau	272 Zoar Road	339-4295	Kate	F	Brittany Spaniel	White/Orange	73
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	339-4399	Snoopy	M	Boston Terr Mix	Black and White	74
Virginia Gary	141 Cyrus Stage Road	339-4399	Cocoa	SF	Peke Mix	Buff	75
Brian and Andrea Crowningshield	245 Zoar Road	339-0149	Izzy	F	Great Pyrenees		76
Brian and Andrea Crowningshield	245 Zoar Road	339-0149	Duke	M	Husky Mix	Black	77
Brian and Andrea Crowningshield	245 Zoar Road	339-0149	Lilly	F	Chihuahua	Tan	78
Kerri McLatchy	17 Newell Cross Road	339-6667	Tucker	M	Chocolate Lab	Chocolate	79
Susan Williams	7 Middletown Hill Rd.	339-6647	Sybie	SF	Mixed Breed	Tan	80
Chuck Sokol	14 Middletown Hill Rd.	218-1100	Addy	SF	Pitt Bull	Black/White	81
Joe Thane	Davenport Branch Rd.	339-5562	Milo	M	Chocolate Lab	Brown	82
Brian and Laurie Ash	Pine Hill Drive	339-0267	Fargus	NM	Lab	Yellow	83
Robert Tanner	40 Shippee Road	339-4762	Rukus	M	Red Bone	Red	84
Darlene and Oral Jackson	88 Hazelton Road	339-8607	Cody	NM	German Shepard	Black/Red	85
Deb Katz	80 Davenport Road	339-4374	Feathers	NM	Mixed Breed	Black	86
Deb Katz	80 Davenport Road	339-4374	Juno	NM	Great Pyrenes	White	87
Dan & Claudine Poplawski	37 Shippee Road	337-4349	Shadow	SF	Lab/Retriever	Black	88
Jessica Albrecht	122 Davenport Road	503-867-1322	Miya	F	Chihuahua	Tri-Color	89
Jessica Albrecht	122 Davenport Road	503-867-1322	Mack	M	Austrailian Shepherd	Black/White	90
Travis Albrecht	122 Davenport Road	503-867-1322	Penelope	SF	Mix	Black	91

PROSPECTIVE JUROR LIST - 2018

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

ASH, Brian S 6 PINE HILL DR M LINEMAN/MA ELECTRIC
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, William J 65 STONE HILL RD M BUSINESSMAN
BAUER, Leslie A 131 ZOAR RD F UNKNOWN
BJORK, Timothy J 42 LESHURE RD M
BOOTH, Robin 194 LESHURE RD F NURSE
BOUTWELL, Raymond 7 POTTER RD M
BOUTWELL, Rebecca S 7 POTTER RD F RETAIL MANAGEMENT
BOUTWELL-SWOPE, Kristah R 32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD F CNA
BOYD, Ian M 5 STONE RD M COOK
BRADLEY, Michael F 51 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD M HEARING TESTER
BRINK, Jaye M 163 HAZELTON RD #1 F USPS/AUTHOR
BROWN, Christopher M 110 COUNTY RD M LOGGER
BROWN, Reed E 42 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD M COOK
BURKE, Daniel j 465 TUNNEL RD M ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
BUTZKE, Donna E 137 LESHURE RD F SUB TEACHER
BUTZKE, Herbert G 137 LESHURE RD M SALES
CADARETTE, Stephen A 11 HAZELTON RD M RETIRED
CAREY, Colleen M Box 271
CARSON, Melissa J 171 ZOAR RD F STUDENT
CIRINNA, Geoffrey T 252 ZOAR RD M MECHANIC
COLUMBUS, Peter J PO BOX 825 M WRITER
COULOMBE, Mackenzi B 39 STONE HILL RD F MOHAWK
COUSINEAU, Brianne M 30 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD F STUDENT
COUSINEAU, David A 30 OLD CYRUS STAGE ROAD M NUCLEAR SECURITY
COWIE, Bruce W 487 TUNNEL RD M GRAPHIC DESIGNER
COWIE, Diane C 506 TUNNEL RD F AT HOME
COWIE, Janet L 487 TUNNEL RD F DIRECTOR
CROCKWELL, Kendra M 14 TUNNEL RD F MTRHS
CROWNINGSHIELD, Andrea M 245 ZOAR RD F
CROWNINGSHIELD, Brian C 245 ZOAR RD M
CROWNINGSHIELD, Debra A 450 TUNNEL RD F OFFICE MANAGER
CROWNINGSHIELD, Jeanette 106 ZOAR RD F HOMEMAKER
CROWNINGSHIELD, Matthew R 16 NEWELL CROSS RD M
CROWNINGSHIELD, Steven R 450 TUNNEL RD M CARPENTER
DANDENEAU, Evelyn L J P O BOX 282 M RETIRED
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/ASSESSORS' CLERK
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
DVORE, David 75 POTTER RD M COMPUTER SERVICE
DYKEMAN, Robert L 468 TUNNEL RD M RETIRED

FOBERG, Kirsten E 160 HAZELTON RD F
GALLAGHAR, Maeve P 30 POTTER 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
HEILIGMANN, Carlos 71 CROSS RD M RETIRED
HEILIGMANN, Katharine S 71 CROSS RD F RETIRED
HICKS, Amy B 86 FORD HILL RD F
HOBBS, David L 23 NEWELL CROSS RD M MOHAWK
HOBBS, Geneva E 23 NEWELL CROSS RD F MOHAWK
HOLBROOK, Rachel 127 COUNTY RD F PHARMACY TECHNICIAN
HOUGHTALING, Melissa A 14 TUNNEL RD F UNEMPLOYED
HOUGHTALING, Thomas A 14 TUNNEL RD M CONSTRUCTION
HUDSON, Gary H 15 NEWELL CROSS RD M RETIRED
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
JACKSON, Darlene A 88 HAZELTON RD F PELICAN
JACKSON, Oral L 88 HAZELTON RD M MECHANIC
JOHNSON, Kristen L 24 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD F ADMINISTRATION
JOLLY, Russell W 19 STONE RD M CONSULTANT
JOYNER, Crystal J 146 CYRUS STAGE RD F
KATZ, Rebecca 80 DAVENPORT RD F COUNSELOR
KUEHL, Andrew 43 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD M
KUEHL, Mike W 36 OLD CYRUS STAGE RD M
KUEL, Heidi C ROWE CENTER 22 Kings HWY
LAFFOND, Erin L 208 HAZELTON RD F STUDENT
LAFFOND, Laurie L 208 HAZELTON RD F SECRETARY
LAFFOND, Michael S 208 HAZELTON RD M AIRCRFT MECHANIC
LAMORE, Lisa A 15 STONE HILL RD F NURSE
LAMORE, William 15 STONE HILL RD M CARPENTER
LARNED, Hailey G 39 CROSS RD F STUDENT
LARNED, Lance P 26 NEWELL CROSS RD M HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
LEVITRE, Christine PO BOX 296 SELF EMPLOYED
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 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, Robert T 377 TUNNEL RD M RETIRED
MAY, Dennis F 22 POTTER RD M RETIRED
MAY, Katherine E 68 CROSS RD F HOMEMAKER
MCLATCHY III, Paul 17 NEWELL CROSS RD M ADMINISTRATIVE
MCLATCHY, Kerri L 20 NEWELL CROSS RD F HOMEMAKER
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 OPERARTOR
MILLER, Ellen B 160 HAZELTON RD F TREASURER
MILLER, Lisa L 12 COUNTY BRANCH RD F NURSE/PRACTITIONER
MORSE, Ashton P 162 ZOAR RD F MACHINE

MORSE, Jennifer A PO BOX 295 F ASSESSOR
MURPHY, Liam ROWE CENTER 22 KINGS HWY
NICHOLS, Robin 58 TATRO RD F BAKER
PAIGE, Isaac 23 NEWELL CROSS RD M STUDENT
PAIGE, Joshua M 23 NEWELL CROSS RD M STUDENT
PAIGE, Mary E 23 NEWELL CROSS RD M F CNA/HOMEMAKER
PAIGE, Sara 23 NEWELL CROSS RD F STUDENT
PALMER, Edwin A 6 PALMER RD M MECHANIC
PARENT, Willian M 39 STONE HILL ESTERDE F HR MANAGER
PICKETT, Felicity BOX 273 F DIRECTOR
PIKE, Laurie J PO BOX 321 F TEACHER
POPLAWSKI, Claudine M 37 SHIPPEE RD F SP ED TEACHER
POPLAWSKI, Emma C 37 SHIPPEE RD F STUDENT
POPLAWSKI, Hannah M 37 SHIPPEE RD F STUDENT
POSL-LUMBIS, Elena A 36 CYRUS STAGE RD F PCA
QUIST, Kelle J 4 FORD HILL RD F RETIRED
REARDON, Mary A 146 CYRUS STAGE RD F HOUSEWIFE
REED, Lockwood L 48 HAZELTON RD M US NAVY
REYNOLDS, Danette L 30 POTTER RD HOMEMAKER
RICE, Bradley J 86 FORD HILL RD M DISABILITY
RICE, Dean T 85 FORD HILL RD M TRUCK DRIVER
RICE, Jordan S 85 FORD HILL RD M STUDENT
RICE, Robert R 88 DAVIS MINE RD M RETIRED
RICE, Dean T 85 FORD HILL RD M UMASS
RICHARDSON, Rachel M 27 NEWELL CROSS RD F STUDENT
RICHARDSON, Rebecca F 27 NEWELL CROSS RD F ELMS TEACHER
ROBERSON, David A 539 TUNNEL RD M BUSINESS PERSON
ROBERSON, Laura S 539 TUNNEL RD F BUSINESS PERSON
ROCCIO, Paulette A 10 KINGS HWY F FACILITIES MGR
ROCHE, Barbara J P O BOX 34 F JOURNALIST
ROSE-FISH, Benjamin 32 SHIPPEE RD M
ROSE-FISH, Jill M 32 SHIPPEE RD F HOMEMAKER
ROSE-FISH, John C 32 SHIPPEE RD M UNKNOWN
ROSE-FISH, Mollie 32 SHIPPEE RD F
SANCHEZ, Ramon L 182 FORD HILL RD M
SEMANIE, Caitlyn I 59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD F THERAPIST
SEMANIE, Joanne E 59 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD F CLERK
SHATTUCK, John-Paul D 131 ZOAR RD
SHATTUCK, Ryan A 22 FORD HILL RD M STUDENT
SHERMAN, Benjamin E 77 HAZELTON RD M UNEMPLOYED
SHERMAN, Connie A 77 HAZELTON RD F ASST. PRO DIR.
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 CONSTRUCTION
SHULDA, Lynne K 205 ZOAR RD F RETIRED
SHULDA, Philip W 205 ZOAR RD M RETIRED
SILVA, Carrie Y PO BOX 294 F CLERICAL/PARA
SILVA, Robert A PO BOX 294 M CONSTRUCTION
SILVA, Sandra J 54 FORD HILL RD F RETIRED
SIMPSON, Eliakim H P O BOX 296 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 TEC
SOUSA, James E 99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD M
SOVIECKE, Karen 41 DAVENPORT RD F RETIRED
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
SWENSON, Kristen C 106 MIDDLETOWN HILL RD F ADMNST ASST
TANNER III, Robert H 40 SHIPPEE RD M PCA
TEMPLE, Wendy M 99 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD F
THANE, Joseph E 32 DAVENPORT BRANCH RD M
UPTON, Darline J 5 PINE HILL DR F
UPTON, Douglas 5 PINE HILL DR M MECHANIC
VEBER, Mary 292 ZOAR RD F MEAT WRAPPER
VEBER, Presley 3 PINE HILL DR M WW BUILDER
VEBER, Samantha L 294 ZOAR RD F SKI INDUSTRY
VEBER, Terry 294 ZOAR RD M VP/RICE OIL
VEGA, Richard 14 POTTER ROAD M HVAC TECH
WEIGER, Wendy ROWE CENTER – 22 KINGS HWY F
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, 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, Rev. Douglas 144 LESHURE RD M MINISTER
WILSON, Marilyn 37 POTTER RD F RETIRED
WOOD, Jennifer 19 STONE RD 01367 F GUIDE/CHILD CARE
WOOD, Susan C 19 STONE RD 01367 F MEDIATOR
WRISLEY, Nicole 14 BRITTINGHAM HILL RD
ZAVOTKA, Kelly L 505 TUNNEL RD F TEACHER
ZAVOTKA, Susan L 505 TUNNEL RD F RETIRED

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – VITAL STATISTICS & PERMITS – 2018

BIRTHS

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

Zoe Anne Tatro

Born: August 15, 2018
 Parents: Heidi Phelps & Brian Tatro

Io Lena Sokol

Born: November 4, 2018
 Parents: Meredith & Charles Sokol

Slade Archer Tanner

Born: November 12, 2018
 Parents: Brittani Sprague & Robert Tanner

Ronan Gilbert Russell Tanner

Born: November 12, 2018
 Parents: Brittani Sprague & Robert Tanner

MARRIAGES & INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE

Marcus William Dery

Mollie Ruth Rose-Fish
 Intention Filed: June 9, 2018
 Date of Marriage: June 23, 2018

Daniel Nathan Clark
Shauna Marie Laurin

Intention Filed: August 4, 2018

Date of Marriage: September 15, 2018

DEATHS

Howard C. Crowningshield

Date of Birth - June 8, 1932

Date of Death – January 22, 2018

Barbara Stickney (Resident – North Adams)

Date of Birth – January 11, 1927

Date of Death – December 12, 2018

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

2018 – None

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 2018

No applications for a zoning variance came before the Rowe Zoning Board of Appeals in 2018.

Ellynn Packard

Gail May

Russ Jolly

Henry Dandeneau



Fire Chief Brandon Sprague

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ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER - 2018

I went on four calls regarding dogs, including one that was lost (who I returned), two that were bothering a neighbor, one that was harassing a horse, and a call about a horse in the middle of the road. I attended the Animal

Control Officer Academy for twelve Friday 8am-5pm sessions at the Boylston Police Academy and am now fully certified as an Animal Control Officer.

Arthur H. Samuelson
Animal Control Officer
917-209-0524

BOARD OF HEALTH - 2018

Transfer Station/Solid Waste Disposal

The board re-appointed James Lively and Kevin Sprague as Transfer Station Attendants. Julie Shippee was reappointed as alternate attendant. The Vehicle Sticker Program continues. 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

Even though reports continue to show improvement, Rowe continues to be ranked at the bottom of the list of the FCSWMD nineteen towns for the expected amount of recycling for our population. Earnings from recycling are added to the Revolving Account that is voted on yearly at the Annual Town Meeting. These funds can be used for the implementation of recycling programs, to promote recycling, FCSWMD invoices, membership fees and to offset part of our annual assessment for membership in the FCSWMD.

Permits, Inspections, Training

The Town of Rowe is a comprehensive member of the Cooperative Public Health Service health district. Other neighboring towns sharing the same public health staff include Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Rowe, Monroe, Leyden, Gill, and as of November 2018, the Town of Shelburne. In 2018 the district marked the retirement of longtime Health Director Glen Ayers, and welcomed new Director Andrea Crete. CPHS activities in Rowe during 2018 included:

-The Regional Health Director assisted with Title-5 (septic) related activities including 2 Soil Evaluations for septic systems, 3 septic system plan reviews (Including 1 Local Upgrade Approval) including site visits and final inspections of installations, and witnessing 5 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer.

-The Regional Health Director and Food Safety Agent conducted 4 retail food inspections, and 1 temporary lodging inspection.

-Five (5) Rowe residents received low-cost tick tests offered through a Board of Health subsidy, a savings of \$875. Forty percent (40%) of tick tests locally tested positive for the Lyme pathogen. The Public Health Nurse provided tick prevention materials and helped residents access grant funded tick testing through the on-line system.

-The Regional Public Health Nurse provided nursing services to attendees of 10 monthly “Good Neighbors” food distributions at the Charlemont Federated Church where 37 area residents made 70 visits with the nurse for health screening services.

-The Regional Health Director conducted three recreational camp inspections to ensure compliance with state codes for camps for children.

- The Regional Public Health Nurse offered 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 and 5 thermometers were exchanged over the year.

-The Regional Public Health Nurse coordinated vaccine and staffing for a flu clinic and Regional Emergency Response Drill for Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, and Rowe at the former Heath Elementary School. A total of 16 area residents were vaccinated.

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

Cooperative Public Health Service (CPHS) Health District

Rowe is a comprehensive member of CPHS health district, sharing health agents and a public health nurse.

- Assisted with Title-5 (septic) related activities including 2 Soil Evaluations for septic systems, 3 septic system plan reviews (with 1 Local Upgrade Approval) including site visits and final inspections of installations, and witnessing 5 Title-5 Inspections prior to property transfer.
- Conducted inspections: 4 retail food and 1 temporary lodging.
- Five residents received low-cost tick tests through a Board of Health subsidy, saving \$875. Forty percent of ticks tested positive for Lyme. CPHS provided prevention materials and on-line system help.
- Provided health screening services at 10 food distributions; 37 area residents made 70 nurse visits.
- Coordinated vaccine and staffing for a flu clinic and Hawlemont Regional Emergency Response Drill for Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, and Rowe. A total of 16 area residents were vaccinated.
- Offered medication lock boxes, pill sorters, mercury thermometer collection and exchange and sharps disposal and container exchange. Exchanged 136 sharps containers and 5 thermometers.

David Cousineau, Chairman
Maggie Rice
Dan Poplawski

BOARD OF HEALTH – TOWN NURSE - 2018

The Rowe Health Services Office continues to serve between 20-25 residents each week. In addition to office visits, occasional 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.



Nurse Sheila Litchfield and Fitness Trainer Deb Lively lead a workshop for seniors to strengthen balance

Point-of-care testing we offer included 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.

Sincerely,



Sheila M. Litchfield RN, BSN, FAAOHN

Services offered 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 provided 167 influenza vaccinations to date during the 2018-19 influenza season; and currently have tetanus vaccine available free for Rowe residents.

The Rowe Health Services and the Board of Health continues 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. This year the clinic and drill were held at Heath School building, with participation from the Rowe Fire Department and Select Board.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2018

In 2018 the Fire Department responded to:

- Mutual Aid - - Readsboro (Structure Fires), 2- Monroe (Medical & Structure Fire), 1- Heath (Structure Fire) and 1- Charlemont (Search/Rescue Medical Assist).
- Flood Basement/Structure - 4
- Fire Alarm – 3
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm – 3
- Smoke Investigation – 1
- Trees on Wires – 4
- Motor Vehicle Accident – 4
- Medical Call – 27
- Community Service – 4

The Fire Fighters/Medical Responders train at least two times per month often weekly throughout the year. Trainings include: Extrication Training, Medical Response Training, Ladder Training, Radio Communication Training, SCBA training, Hydrant and Drafting Training. Monthly Inspections of all equipment in conducted including truck inspections, rescue/medical inspections and SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) inspections.

Rowe Fire Continues to work with surrounding towns, hosts and takes advantage of joint trainings. The Town is very fortunate to work with Northern Berkshire Ambulance Service formerly North Adams Ambulance and their highly qualified paramedics and EMT's. The Fire Department works very closely with Amalio Jusino (AJ) from Emergency Response Consulting to provide Emergency Medical Training and Supplies.

The Fire Department purchased two new SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) and received the Ford 550 from the Highway Department which was used as a brush truck but will be used in the future as a Rescue/Brush truck. We also purchased two new AED units one which is in-service on Fire Rescue 1 and one on the Police Cruiser. The AED unit are compatible with units used by Northern Berkshire Ambulance Service.

On Old Home Day the Fire Department with Northern Berkshire Ambulance Service held a touch a truck event. In 2018 we welcomed new Junior Fire Fighters Dennis Simmons and Bailey Cousineau. Cliff Paige, Heidi Cousineau, Brianne Cousineau, Eric Dean and Robert Tanner also joined the department in July 2018. If you would like to join the Fire Department as a Fire Fighter, Volunteer or Medical Responder please reach out.

Fire Department Personnel as of December 31, 2018.

- Fire Chief: Brandon Sprague
- Deputy Chief: Brad Furlon
- Captain: Gary Singley
- Fire Fighters: Kerri McLatchy, Daniel Burke, Jeff Simmons, Eric Dean, Cliff Paige, Steve Fisher, Chuck Fisher, Heidi Cousineau, Brianne Cousineau, Robert Tanner
- Junior Fire Fighters: Dennis Simmons, Bailey Cousineau

As I write this report, I want to thank the residents in the Town of Rowe for your support over the past several years as your Fire Chief.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve my neighbors and brothers in fire service for the Town of Rowe.

Submitted by:

Chief Brandon Sprague



Jaws of Life Training



FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM - 2018

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-three 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 2018 we issued 2,461 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. A total of 24 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 18,425 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 5,066 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 2018, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Rowe:

Residential Building Permits	16
Commercial Building Permits	3
Sheet Metal/Duct Permits	0
Electrical Permits	9
Plumbing Permits	1
Gas Permits	1
Certificates of Inspection	10
Solid Fuel	2
Fire Protection	0
Tents	0

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.](tel:774-3167)

James D. Hawkins
Building Commissioner
jhawkins@frcog.org

David Roberts
Building Inspector
droberts@frcog.org

Tom McDonald
Electrical Inspector
electric@frcog.org

Andy French
Plumbing/Gas Inspector
plumbing@frcog.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2018

This year has been busy for the Rowe Police Department; the department spent most of the summer doing detail work getting ready for the high-speed fiber optic lines to come into town. The companies we have worked for are Nelson Tree, Asplundh Tree, Verizon, National Grid and Phoenix Communications. The work still will continue into 2019 with Sertex Utility Services who will be installing the high-speed fiber optic lines. Also the Department spent some time with the paving of, Cross, Stone Hill, Hazelton, Tunnel, Petrie and Brittingham Hill Roads.

The Rowe Police Department has also been going to a lot of trainings this year with a new computer system that the department will be using more when we get a computer in the Police cruiser, also drills with the Rowe Elementary School involving the Mass State

Chief Julie Shippee

Police, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and some with the Rowe Fire Department. Brookfield Power (Bear Swamp) had their annual drill; Yankee Atomic had their annual drills.

The Rowe Police Department has been busy with a lot of weather related calls this year, multiple tree calls, rain related calls, and snow related calls.

The Department also has lost 3 officers, Officer Melinda Herzig resigned due to other obligations to other jobs, Officer Kyle Shippee took the full time position for the Rowe Highway Department and Officer Austin Willis went back to Special Police officer for Rowe Police department due to other obligations with a new full time job.

EDUCATION



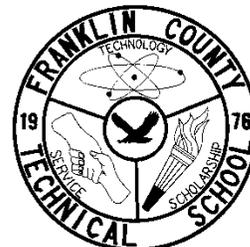
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Rowe Elementary School Graduates 2018

Left to Right : Reese Danek, Emily Crowningshield, Rock Weiss, Haley vonRosenvinge, Emily Sisum, Weston denOuden, William Cowie, Blaize Wei, Evan Graham, and Sepp Zammuto

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL - 2018

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Richard J. Martin
Superintendent

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2017 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2017 was 446 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	29	Erving	30	Montague	85	Sunderland	6
Buckland	8	Gill	11	New Salem	7	Warwick	7
Colrain	23	Greenfield	96	Northfield	28	Wendell	12
Conway	6	Heath	9	Orange	68	Whately	9
Deerfield	15	Leyden	5	Shelburne	7		

Franklin County Technical School (FCTS) awarded 112 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2018. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability. FCTS was placed in the Not Requiring Support category, which would be equivalent to being classified as a Level 2 school in past accountability ratings. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

On June 23, 2015 FCTS District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond authorization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof

and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the 15 year bond is in its second year, which will impact member towns in FY20. FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 on the projects. Additionally, Automotive and Collision Repair shop programs maintain our school vehicle fleet, which reduces costly vehicle maintenance. Many of our school vehicles are used for our various constructions jobs within Franklin County and also provide for athletic transportation, which significantly reduces our overall transportation costs.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). There are more than 56% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs and internships related to their vocational field of study.

On December 12, 2018, FCTS's Advanced Placement (AP) test scores, were recognized by National Advanced Placement Center as one of the Commonwealth's top 18 school districts. The AP District Honor Roll recognizes school districts who have demonstrated significant increases with their AP scores for all areas. Franklin County Technical School's AP students were honored for the percentage of students which scored 3 or higher on their AP exams. FCTS was also recognized for their diverse student population and overall participation of students taking the AP exams. Franklin County Tech offers AP courses in Computer Science, Statistics, and English Language and Composition.

FCTS has been busy with community-based projects that act as learning opportunities for our students. Every year the shop programs, with instructors and students, embrace the authentic work that is done in our communities. The instructional nature of our work may cause the duration of a project to increase, but costs associated with a project are significantly decreased for our member communities. Following is a list of just some of the many projects completed by FCTS students and instructors within Franklin County over this past year: In Bernardston, the Carpentry program has begun working with the town to build a new transfer station building. In Buckland, Landscaping students have installed a playground and rehabilitated a ballfield for the recreation department. Electrical students completed an annual clean up and placement of flags at Colrain's Farley Cemetery. In Gill, Landscaping students worked the Source to Sea

Watershed cleanup; and built raised garden beds and an outdoor classroom at the Gill Elementary School. The Culinary Arts program once again assisted the Sheriff's Department at the "Senior Safety Expo" at Schuetzen Verein by preparing and serving food to participants. Landscaping students conducted a fall cleanup and pruning at the North Cemetery in Leyden, as well as refurbishing a wishing well at the cemetery, with our CAD/CAM students creating a plaque for the well.

In Greenfield, students in the Pre-Employment Program visit clients at the Greenfield Adult Day services each month to make crafts and play games with the clients. The Cosmetology program visits GVNA HealthCare, Charlene Manor and Poet Seat Health Care to provide hand massage and nail painting for the clients, and Health Tech students offer chair yoga, relaxation, nail care and aroma touch hand therapy to adult health care clients, as well. Health Tech students also work with the faculty at the Parent Child Development Center (PCDC) to create and teach health and safety topics to preschoolers and parents in Greenfield and Turners Falls; and also volunteer at the annual YMCA Girls Day Out event. Plumbing and Electrical students have completed work on the Habitat for Humanity house on Smith Street. Electrical students continue to volunteer at the Relay for Life with wiring and setup help. Carpentry and Landscaping were involved in work on a new cabin for Camp Keewanee. They also built and installed six ADA accessible picnic tables for the Poet Seat Health Care Center. Future Farmers of America (Landscaping students) donated generously to this year's annual food drive that is conducted school wide, with the food being donated to the Family Inn in Greenfield.

Within the Millers Falls/Turners Falls/Montague area, Electrical has installed a new paddle fan and security lighting at the Turners Falls airport

and updated the pilots lounge. The Landscaping program is contracted to grow naturalizing plants and bushes for the airport, and have installed temporary irrigation. The Electrical program students are involved in the electrical wiring of the new Ja'Duke Performing Arts Center.

In Orange, Landscaping worked on a Memorial garden in town. Carpentry students worked on the Athol/Orange Regional Animal Shelter and worked with our Electrical students at the Respectfully,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Orange Municipal Airport. In Shelburne, Landscaping did a fall cleanup of the Hill Cemetery; and Collision and Repair provided major renovations to the Bridge of Flowers donation box. Landscaping rehabilitated Cricket Field and installed sod at the ballfield.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2018

Bernardston-Bradley Stafford; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski; Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-David Thiel; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown; Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark M. Maloney, Donna M. Woodcock; Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson; Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Bryan Camden; Northfield-Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier, Secretary; Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas; Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter

CO-PRINCIPALS - MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - 2018

Reflecting on this year, we can see how efforts over years are being recognized and honored. An excellent example is the outstanding leadership of Coach Joe Chadwick, who began coaching at Mohawk in 1982. On December 14, 2018 Mohawk Coach Joe Chadwick broke the state record for the most wins of any coach in any sport in Massachusetts history. Joe has coached boys and girls cross-country, track, and indoor track over the years.

To date, Mohawk teams Joe has coached have won 39 Western Massachusetts Championships and 5 State Championships. This year senior Meghan Davis broke the girls school course record in cross country; this was just one highlight of a season that saw the girls cross-country team with a record of 9 wins and no losses for the league championship. We congratulate Coach Chadwick on his record of inspirational leadership and appreciate the

generations of Mohawk runners who have contributed to this success.

This year Mohawk was awarded two substantial grants to support initiative and innovation as we bring together students, staff, families, and community members to reimagine how our school can better meet the needs of all students. In October a team of five, comprised of Mohawk Co-Principal Marisa Mendonsa, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) teachers Drue Johnson and Travis Minnick, Art teacher Rachel Silverman, and Mohawk parent representative Tim Shearer, participated in the Mass IDEAS School Design Institute, a weekend opportunity for educators and other key stakeholders to come together to “rethink school within their communities.” This work served as the springboard for the two successful grant applications.

Mohawk was awarded a \$14,800 Mass IDEAS School Design Institute mini-grant to host a weekend school design institute in January 2019 to reimagine Mohawk’s graduation requirements. Students, parents, staff, and community members convened to envision alternative pathways for innovative learning experiences. Mohawk Mass IDEAS team member Rachel Silverman explained how instrumental this process will be in helping the team to move forward with their original project ideas. “Being chosen for this grant is an honor,” said Silverman. “It acknowledges the strength of our school community and the potential we have to move education forward with bold ideas. Our redesign process is rooted in the reality that one school path doesn’t work for every student. We are creating a model that allows each learner to customize their trail through high school.”

Mohawk also received a \$150,000 Mass IDEAS planning grant to further its work in redesigning Mohawk’s student experience. As one of five schools in the state to be awarded

this competitive grant, Mohawk will use the planning grant to work with educational consultants and school stakeholders to create a comprehensive plan, which includes revised academic programming, professional development, and new opportunities for students to engage in internships and innovative coursework. Funding will be rolled-out during 2019. Both grants are funded by Mass IDEAS, an initiative of Next Generation Learning Challenges at EDUCAUSE, with generous support from the Barr Foundation and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.

Several innovations this year have expanded opportunities for student learning and collaboration, while increasing equitability and access to resources for all students. This year Mohawk launched a Design Lab, repurposing space that had been used for storage and maintenance into a light-filled Makerspace where teachers can bring their classes for creative collaborative work, including using 3-D printers and other tools. The Design Lab is an example of how educators, like Arts Integration teacher Whitney Brooks and STEM teacher Travis Minnick, could float an idea in January that was embraced by the school leadership team and brought to fruition for the beginning of the school year in August, through the support of the school community, including generous donors who helped to provide resources and tools. This year Mohawk began offering a Robotics course, taught by Mohawk teacher Downey Meyer, that students can take for college credit through Greenfield Community College (GCC). For years Mohawk students have been able to take college level courses at GCC while still in high school, but this is the first time such a course has been available in the Mohawk school building. In the fall, Mohawk issued Chromebooks to all students in grades 7-12, greatly increasing student access to online tools and resources for research and collaboration.

At the mid-point of the 2018-2019 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 359. The seventh grade has 68 students and the eighth grade has 54 students. There are 65 students in grade 9, 51 in 10th grade, 50 juniors,

and 66 seniors. Five students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole and Marisa Mendonsa
Co-Principals

PRINCIPAL - ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 2018



Rowe Elementary School

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2018 Annual Report of the Rowe Elementary School

It is our pleasure to submit the 2018 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 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 are also exploring the concept of outdoor education as well, with the 3/4 class doing Forest Fridays, spending every Friday of the school year (if possible) learning at Pelham Lake Park.

- Rowe School students achieved high MCAS test scores in both English Language Arts and Math, and Rowe is once again a level one school, with one being the highest level a school can attain.
- Three times during the school year, Rowe School teachers evaluated reading abilities of all students with the Benchmark Assessment System, 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 Negus Mountain in Rowe, learning much about local flora and fauna, enjoying a beautiful day together.
- Other field trips included The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, Mass MoCA. The Preschool visited Pine Hill Orchard.
- Enrichment activities during and after school included sports, 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 2018, which involved activities led by community members, family members or staff. The activities ranged from hiking to art to gymnastics, with more planned for 2019.
- The Rowe Parent Teacher Partnership continued their fundraising efforts for the school, including selling Rowe School branded coffee and mugs, t-shirts and sweatshirts, as well as pizza and other fund raising projects, and supported activities such as potluck dinners and an all school dance.
- In March, the annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for the 5th and 6th grade field was held. It was a terrific success, raising money to support the 5th and 6th grade trips to Washington, D.C. and Nature's Classroom.
- Volunteerism remains high as students worked for local, national, and international relief efforts. Locally, students collected food for the "Good Neighbors" pantry and money for "Adopt-A-Family," "Warm the Children", and "UNICEF."
- SCA/AmeriCorps volunteers worked with students two days a week for 4-months with projects in environmental science.
- Fifth and sixth grade students visited Nature's Classroom for days of intensive academic and social learning.
- The School Committee consisted of Susie Zavotka, Chair, Ellen Miller and Matt Crowningshield, who worked hard to guide the school. Janet Cowie stepped down from the board after two years of dedicated service upon the graduation of her son, William.
- Superintendent Jon Lev retired on June 30, 2018 after ten years of dedicated service and leadership in this position for the North Berkshire School Union #43. The Rowe School Committee welcomed the new NBSU superintendent, John Franzoni, to start the school year.

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 - 2018

The Rowe School Committee members for 2018 were Matt Crowningshield, Ellen Miller, and Susie Zavotka, Chair. Non-voting members of the Committee included Jon Lev and John Franzoni, Superintendents, and Bill Knittle, Rowe School Principal

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

Monthly Meetings: The Committee met monthly. Superintendent John Lev, Superintendent John Franzoni and Principal Bill Knittle attended each meeting. Business Administrator Carrie Burnett attended as needed. At each meeting either a teacher or staff member attended to report on activities of Rowe School.

New Superintendent Hire: Rowe School Committee members participated in the interviewing and hiring of a new superintendent for the Northern Berkshire School Union following the retirement of Superintendent John Lev. In July 2018, John Franzoni was hired to be the new Superintendent of NBSU.

New Tuition Agreement between Rowe and Mohawk Trail Regional School District: At the

Annual Meeting in May, 2018 the residents of Rowe voted to amend the MTRSD Regional Agreement in regards to the tuition agreement. The amended regional agreement continues to protect the tuition arrangement for all students in grades 7-12, but allows the specifics of the tuition arrangement (including tuition calculation) to be handled via a separate tuition agreement document to be agreed upon by the Rowe School Committee and the Mohawk Trail Regional District School Committee. The Rowe School Committee, Finance Committee, Rowe BOS and MTRSD School Committee were instrumental in developing this new tuition arrangement.

New Policy Manual: The School Committee voted to adopt a new policy manual created by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. This manual provides a comprehensive set of policies required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We then began a process of reviewing the individual manual policies to align them with current policies and practices at Rowe Elementary School.

Non-Union Staff Job Descriptions and Salary Schedule: The School Committee has approved

a set of new job descriptions for the following positions: School Custodian, Teaching Assistant, School Nurse, School Secretary, and Cafeteria Manager. We also have been working on the development of a wage schedule for these positions.

Retirements: Laurie Pike and Barbara Griffin, two devoted and long term members of Rowe Elementary School Staff, retired in June 2018.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan Zavotka, Chair
Matt Crowningshield, Member
Ellen Miller, Member

We are extremely grateful for their many years of service, dedication and leadership to all at Rowe School.

Rowe School Committee is also 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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES - MTRSD - 2018

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk 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% and 24% 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. Mohawk has a full-time Speech Language Assistant and a part-time Speech Language Pathologist, BSE, Colrain and Sanderson transitioned to having one full-time Speech Pathologist versus a part-time Speech Pathologist and an assistant. This

model has increased consistency and support for our students, while being cost effective. Sanderson continues to have a Speech Pathologist. 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 and Hawlemont has a four-day per week 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 and the need and level of services legally required by an IEP.

The districts are 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

districts will continue to support workshops and informational sessions to parents.

- 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 70% of the time.
- Mohawk Supported Classroom, located in the Middle and High School. The program supports students with social

The districts continue to support several substantially separate programs for students.

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, focusing on transition and vocational skills.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

SUPERINTENDENT MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018

During 2018, Mohawk and Hawlemont continued to lead the Massachusetts Rural Schools Coalition, which has been advocating on behalf of rural public schools across the Commonwealth since 2016.

2018 marked a major progress milestone for the coalition with the establishment of Rural School Aid within the Massachusetts FY19 budget at a funding level of \$1.5 million. Of these funds, Mohawk received \$132,932 and Hawlemont received \$23,096.

Both districts used the new Rural School Aid to fund the purchase of Chromebooks in order to support an increased educational focus on our students' digital literacy. Mohawk implemented a 1:1 program so that all of its students in

grades 7-12 are now equipped with a Chromebook as part of their educational resources. In both Mohawk and Hawlemont, a sufficient number of Chromebooks were purchased so that students in grades 3-6 would have access to a Chromebook in their classrooms.

By the end of 2018, Mohawk and Hawlemont were again leading the charge to support educational equity in Massachusetts' rural public schools. The MA Rural Public Schools Coalition proposed the introduction of a rurality factor in the Massachusetts Chapter 70 educational funding formula, which would be a more permanent fix to the current financial crisis in rural public schools within the

Commonwealth. Our rural story includes the following major elements.

FINANCIAL – EDUCATIONAL CRISIS - While Massachusetts is among the least rural states in the U.S., according to the National Center for Education Statistics, nearly 10% of its 950,000 public school students attend school in rural communities. Within the natural beauty of these rural communities, an educational funding crisis that began during the late 1990s, has been quietly reaching epidemic proportions throughout much of Western Massachusetts and Cape Cod. In many ways, the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and the Hawlemont Regional School District, located within Franklin County in northwestern Massachusetts, have become the poster child of the unique challenges facing rural public schools within the Commonwealth.

DECLINING ENROLLMENT - At the center of the crisis is a severe drop in student enrollment. In the late 1990s, Mohawk’s student enrollment exceeded 1,700 students in grades K-12. Today, Mohawk’s enrollment has dipped below 1,000 including its pre-school students. Similarly, Hawlemont’s K-6 enrollment exceeded 200 in the late 1990s and dipped below 100 in 2011. More recently, Hawlemont’s enrollment has exceeded 150 with the introduction of Heath students following the closure of Heath Elementary School.

FLAT STATE EDUCATIONAL AID - Because the Massachusetts public education funding formula, Chapter 70, is based largely on enrollment, rural public school districts experiencing enrollment decline such as Mohawk and Hawlemont, have been receiving

essentially flat state education funding for nearly 20 years.

LACK OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE - During this time, Mohawk and Hawlemont have struggled mightily to reduce costs. In 2008, in a desperate effort to contain runaway health care costs, Mohawk and Hawlemont were among the first regional school districts in Massachusetts to join the state’s Group Insurance Commission (GIC). Additionally, in 2017, Mohawk closed one of its elementary schools (Heath Elementary). Despite such concerted efforts to reduce costs, both Mohawk’s and Hawlemont’s operating expenditures have slowly but persistently increased over time, which highlights a characteristic unique to rural public schools—lack of scale.

HIGH FIXED COSTS - Whether in Massachusetts or the Midwest, rural public school districts have higher fixed costs on a per pupil basis compared to urban and suburban districts. The reason for these higher fixed costs is their fundamental lack of scale. Take Colrain Central School within the Mohawk district as an illustration. Like many rural elementary schools in Massachusetts, Colrain is comprised of one class per grade. One kindergarten class. One first grade class. One second grade class... and so on through grade 6. Let us imagine that enrollment in Colrain’s first grade class drops from 20 to 15. While enrollment may have declined 25%, the staffing requirement cannot be reduced proportionately. Colrain’s first grade class requires a full-time teacher.

HIGH TRANSPORTATION COSTS - Beyond fixed staffing costs, rural public school districts often face uniquely expensive transportation costs. Mohawk serves nine towns and encompasses an

area greater than 250 square miles. Many of its secondary students already endure bus rides in excess of one hour to and from school. More than two hours per day on a school bus. The bottom line is that rural Massachusetts public school districts like Mohawk and Hawlemont are financially and thus, educationally, unsustainable. On the front lines of this crisis are the superintendents of schools serving these rural school districts.

ESTABLISHING RURAL VOICE – ADVOCATING - In the spring of 2016, a group of these superintendents established the Massachusetts Coalition of Rural Schools and have been advocating for changes in the Commonwealth’s educational funding formula that factor in the unique operating conditions of rural public schools. **At the heart of our advocacy is the introduction of a rurality factor in the Chapter 70 formula that would enable rural Massachusetts public school districts to provide an adequate and equitable education for our students.**

The Massachusetts Coalition of Rural Schools points to the state of Wisconsin’s Sparsity Aid Program as a model for the Commonwealth. Wisconsin currently provides \$400 per student to its rural public school districts. If Massachusetts were to fund its more economically disadvantaged rural public school

THANK YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Buoniconti

Superintendent of Schools, Mohawk Trail Regional School District - Hawlemont Regional School District
Chairman, MA Rural Schools Coalition

districts at a similar level, the total cost would be approximately \$15 million annually.

CALL TO ACTION - Because the Massachusetts state legislature will be addressing the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission during 2019, the time to address the needs of its rural public school students is now. While the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission would increase the state’s educational funding by more than one billion dollars, none of this huge increase would address the financial unsustainability of rural Massachusetts public schools.

The time is now for Massachusetts political and educational leadership to do right by our rural public school students. It is imperative that a rurality factor be introduced into the Commonwealth’s Chapter 70 educational funding formula. Rural Massachusetts public school students deserve an adequate and equitable education!

On behalf of our students, I thank the entire Mohawk and Hawlemont school communities for your dedicated support of our children’s education. We need your support as we continue to lead the efforts of the MA Rural Schools Coalition to achieve a level of state education funding that supports an adequate and equitable education for all rural students.

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2018

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

This year the Awards Subcommittee read 60 applications, 20 were from seniors and 40 were from graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 19 scholarships totaling \$9,100 were awarded to seniors, 38 scholarships totaling \$21,000 were given to graduates.

From 1991 until 2018 a total of \$974,225 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$299,875 and \$674,350 has been awarded to graduates.

Once again, the applications are available online for the graduates and senior can pick up their application at Mohawk.

Press releases were published in both the *Independent* and *Greenfield Recorder* in March containing information about the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund.

There are fifteen members on the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund, one from each of the nine member towns in the district; Sheila

Respectfully Submitted,

Marion E. Scott, Secretary

Graves (Ashfield), Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Michelle Hillman (Colrain), Eric Sumner (Heath), Alice Parker Pyle (Hawley), Allen Irvine (Plainfield), Marion Taylor (Shelburne), and Laurie Pike (Rowe); three at large members appointed by the School Committee; Hussein Hamdan, David Engle and Gloria Fisher; a past School Committee member; Robin Hartnett; current School Committee member; Suzanne Crawford; and the chairman of the School Committee; Martha Thurber.

Officers are: Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett, Co-Chairs, and Marion Scott is Secretary. Subcommittees are Finance: Marion Taylor, Robin Hartnett and Eric Sumner; Scholarship: Marge Porrovecchio, Sheila Graves, Michelle Hillman, Marion Scott and Allen Irvine.

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

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

MARY LYON FOUNDATION, INC. - 2018

Innovative Support for Local Education

Highlights of the year include the launch of the Guardian Angel Fund to benefit children and their families in difficult circumstances. An anonymous matching pledge of \$5,000 was received in memory of Anna Marie Townsend who was a student at the BSE school in the 1960's. The Mary Lyon Foundation received a Capacity Grant from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts to develop a Strategic Plan. Also, in memory of Carlton Roberts, well-known local contractor, \$2,880 was donated to benefit the Mohawk wood shop.

The most successful annual Community Spelling Bee to date was held November 29 at Mohawk Trail Regional School. There were 30 teams of three participants vying for the coveted Grand Championship won in the final round by Jim Kessler, Jackie Walsh and Rick Leskowitz as the Pothole Pixies. Major Queen Bee sponsors of the event were the Greenfield Savings Bank and Clark's Corvair Parts. The spelling bee raises money for the Mary Lyon Foundation's popular Mini-Grant program which awards competitive grants to school district staff for educational, replicable, innovative school-based projects.

The Mary Lyon Foundation is always busy during the holiday season, and this year was no different. We are very fortunate to have so many supportive individuals and organizations right here in western Massachusetts helping us do our work. One such outstanding person is UMass track star Heather MacLean who organized our Track for Success program. Through her sponsorship with New Balance, Heather and fellow graduate student Sam Downes delivered a dozen pair of brand new sneakers that were distributed to

Mohawk students by coaches Joe Chadwick and Tim Shearer.

For many years an anonymous local donor has brought two truckloads of Christmas trees for the Mary Lyon Foundation to distribute to families with children who need a little extra boost during the holiday season. Early in December the freshly cut trees were delivered to Mohawk where our office is located. With the help of the Mohawk Vocational Program the trees were decorated with paper snowflakes. The Betty Allen DAR chapter in Northampton provided brand new warm hats, mittens and scarves to also adorn the trees, so when families came to make their selection, they could take advantage of the colorful, wearable decorations.

Other agencies also provided unique support. Warm jackets were donated by the Knights of Columbus through St. Joseph's church in Shelburne Falls, a project spearheaded by Deacon Tom Rabbit and parishioner Larry Wells. The Greenfield Lodge of Elks brought baskets of Thanksgiving turkey dinners with all the trimmings for needy families, and the United Way of Franklin County donated brand new toys. Families were invited to the office to select toys for their children, then wrap and tag the presents. The festive occasion was organized by volunteer Sandy Gilbert, and everyone left with gifts ready to be placed under the tree.

We thank our many generous supporters including the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, United Way of Franklin County, Mayhew Steel, Greenfield Savings Bank, Greenfield Northampton Cooperative Bank, Bristol Myers Squibb, Titan Roofing, Blackmer Insurance Agency and the countless individuals and

businesses that support our work. We are especially grateful to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for office space at the high school.

Members of the board during 2018 were Brenda Parrella, Nancy Eisenstein, Emily Willis, Marion Taylor, Sylvia Orcutt, Karen Fairbrother, Katherine McKay, Peter Stevens, and Laurie Benoit. Longtime board member Susan

Susan Samoriski and Sheila Damkoehler
Co-Executive Directors

Schuman succumbed to a battle against cancer and will be remembered for her dedication to excellence in education. Student representatives to the board are Grace Poplawski and Mae Rice-Lesure. Bruce Willard, Sharon Hudson and Hugh Knox are Lifetime Honorary Board Members. Sandy Gilbert and Rita Jaros volunteer in the office; Phil Gilfeather-Girton is our Business Manager who replaces Gina Sieber.



Noah Sprague & Addie Loomis
MA State Championship Game



Rowe Elementary School May Nature Hike at Pelham Lake

ROWE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - 2018



2018 GRADUATES
Top Row: Left to Right - Emma Poplawski, Kurt Shippee, David Hobbs
Bottom Row: Geneva Hobbs, Mackenzi Coulombe, Brianne Cousineau

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ASSESSORS CHERRY SHEET 2018

**C.S. 1-ER Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue FY2018
NOTICE TO ASSESSORS OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 25A**

Rowe

A. EDUCATION:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

Chapter 70	136,715
School Transportation	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	1,786
Smart Growth	0

Offset Items - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

School Choice Receiving Tuition	139,232
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Sub-Total, All Education Items: 277,733

B. GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Distributions and Reimbursements:

Unrestricted General Government Aid	3,936
Local Share of Racing Taxes	0
Regional Public Libraries	0
Urban Revitalization	0
Veterans Benefits	0
Exemp: VBS and Elderly	0
State Owned Land	6,407

Offset Item - Reserve for Direct Expenditure:

Public Libraries	1,987
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Sub-Total, All General Government: 12,330

C. TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS: 290,063

**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	366
Metropolitan Area Planning Council	0
Old Colony Planning Council	0
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	480
Sub-Total, State Assessments:	846

C. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES:

MBTA	0
Boston Metro. Transit District	0
Regional Transit	2,340
Sub-Total, Transportation Assessments:	2,340

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	23,471
Charter School Sending Tuition	60,584
Sub-Total, Tuition Assessments:	84,055

F. TOTAL ESTIMATED CHARGES: 87,241

16-YEAR COMPARISON ROWE TAX RATE

Municipality	Fiscal Year	Residential Tax Rate	Open Space Tax Rate	Commercial Tax Rate	Industrial Tax Rate	Personal Property Tax Rate
Rowe	2003	3.49	0.00	5.52	5.52	5.52
Rowe	2004	3.59	0.00	5.67	5.67	5.67
Rowe	2005	3.59	0.00	5.79	5.79	5.79
Rowe	2006	4.10	0.00	8.71	8.71	8.71
Rowe	2007	4.11	0.00	8.84	8.84	8.84
Rowe	2008	4.52	0.00	9.64	9.64	9.64
Rowe	2009	4.56	0.00	9.74	9.74	9.74
Rowe	2010	5.22	0.00	11.29	11.29	11.29
Rowe	2011	5.33	0.00	11.56	11.56	11.56
Rowe	2012	5.16	0.00	11.19	11.19	11.19
Rowe	2013	6.30	0.00	14.08	14.08	14.08
Rowe	2014	6.07	0.00	13.38	13.38	13.38
Rowe	2015	5.90	0.00	13.01	13.01	13.01
Rowe	2016	6.03	0.00	13.31	13.31	13.31
Rowe	2017	6.19	0.00	13.67	13.67	13.67
Rowe	2018	6.86	0.00	14.73	14.73	14.73
Rowe	2019	5.02	0.00	8.01	8.01	8.01

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION - 2018

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

Rowe
 TOWN

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2019

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

Ia. Total amount to be raised (from page 2, IIe)	\$ 4,840,191.34
Ib. Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources (from page 2, IIIe)	879,137.00
Ic. Tax Levy (Ia minus Ib)	<u>\$ 3,961,054.34</u>
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	6.6677	264,111.22	52,692,477.00	5.01	263,989.31
Net of Exempt					
Open Space	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Commercial	0.0579	2,293.45	286,316.00	8.02	2,296.25
Net of Exempt					
Industrial	57.0176	2,258,498.12	281,617,112.00	8.02	2,258,569.24
SUBTOTAL	63.7432		334,595,905.00		2,524,854.80
Personal	36.2568	1,436,151.55	179,077,249.00	8.02	1,436,199.54
TOTAL	100.0000		513,673,154.00		3,961,054.34

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Assessors

Frederick N. Williams, Board Of Assessors Chairman , Rowe , assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-338-6620 | 12/6/2018 10:06 PM

Comment: Signed on behalf of BOA.

Ellen B Miller, Assessor , Rowe , assessor@rowe-ma.gov 413-338-6620 | 12/8/2018 9:31 AM

Comment:

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Reviewed By: Matthew Andre
 Date: 12/07/2018
 Approved: Deborah Wagner
 Director of Accounts: Mary Jane Handy

Mary Jane Handy

NOTE : The Information was Approved on 12/7/2018

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION - 2018

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TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2019

II. Amounts to be raised		
Ila. Appropriations (col.(b) through col.(g) from page 4)		<u>4,247,323.00</u>
Ilb. Other amounts to be raised		
1. Amounts certified for tax title purposes	<u>0.00</u>	
2. Debt and interest charges not included on page 4	<u>0.00</u>	
3. Final Awards	<u>0.00</u>	
4. Total overlay deficit	<u>0.00</u>	
5. Total cherry sheet offsets (see cherry sheet 1-ER)	<u>173,445.00</u>	
6. Revenue deficits	<u>0.00</u>	
7. Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	<u>0.00</u>	
8. CPA other unappropriated/unreserved	<u>0.00</u>	
9. Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44, Sec. 31D	<u>0.00</u>	
10. Other : Muni Capital Stabilization Fund Override	<u>198,812.00</u>	
TOTAL Ilb (Total lines 1 through 10)		<u>370,257.00</u>
Ilc. State and county cherry sheet charges (C.S. 1-EC)		122,186.00
Ild. Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		<u>100,425.34</u>
Ile. Total amount to be raised (Total Ila through Ild)		<u>4,840,191.34</u>
III. Estimated receipts and other revenue sources		
Illa. Estimated receipts - State		
1. Cherry sheet estimated receipts (C.S. 1-ER Total)	347,898.00	
2. Massachusetts school building authority payments	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL Illa		<u>347,898.00</u>
Illb. Estimated receipts - Local		
1. Local receipts not allocated (page 3, col (b) Line 24)	<u>60,004.00</u>	
2. Offset Receipts (Schedule A-1)	<u>0.00</u>	
3. Enterprise Funds (Schedule A-2)	<u>0.00</u>	
4. Community Preservation Funds (See Schedule A-4)	<u>0.00</u>	
TOTAL Illb		<u>60,004.00</u>
Illc. Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes		
1. Free cash (page 4, col (c))	<u>200,256.00</u>	
2. Other available funds (page 4, col (d))	<u>212,816.00</u>	
TOTAL Illc		<u>413,072.00</u>
Illd. Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate		
1a. Free cash..appropriated on or before June 30, 2018	0.00	
1b. Free cash..appropriated on or after July 1, 2018	0.00	
2. Municipal light surplus	0.00	
3. Other source : Overlay Surplus	<u>58,163.00</u>	
TOTAL Illd		<u>58,163.00</u>

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION - 2018

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 TOWN

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2019

LOCAL RECEIPTS NOT ALLOCATED *

	Receipt Type Description	(a) Actual Receipts Fiscal 2018	(b) Estimated Receipts Fiscal 2018
1.	MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	45,870.91	42,000.00
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	1,569.18	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	1,263.50	975.00
	a.Cannabis Impact Fee	0.00	0.00
11.	RENTALS	5,614.62	5,500.00
12.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00
13.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - LIBRARIES	0.00	0.00
14.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - CEMETERIES	0.00	0.00
15.	DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE - RECREATION	0.00	0.00
16.	OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	0.00	0.00
17.	LICENSES AND PERMITS	0.00	0.00
18.	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	0.00	0.00
19.	FINES AND FORFEITS	225.00	175.00
20.	INVESTMENT INCOME	1,604.38	1,000.00
21.	MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT	12,038.30	0.00
22.	MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	58.00	0.00
23.	MISCELLANEOUS NON-RECURRING (PLEASE SPECIFY)	24,540.63	9,154.00
24.	Totals	92,784.52	60,004.00

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 2019 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 Barones, Town Accountant, Rowe, accountant@rowe-ma.gov 413-338-6620 | 10/17/2018 1:03 PM

Comment:

* Do not include receipts in columns (a) or (b) that were voted by the City / Town / District Council or Town Meeting as offset receipts on Schedule A-1, enterprise funds on Schedule A-2, or departmental revolving funds per Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2. Written documentation should be submitted to support increases / decreases of estimated receipts to actual receipts.

---> Written documentation should be submitted to support increases/ decreases of FY 2019 estimated receipts to FY 2018 estimated receipts to be used in calculating the Municipal Revenue Growth Factor (MRGF).

NOTE: The information was Approved on 12/7/2018

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION - 2018

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 DIVISION OF LOCAL SERVICES
 BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS

Rowe
 TOWN

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION Fiscal Year 2019

APPROPRIATIONS									AUTHORIZATIONS	
									MEMO ONLY	
City/Town Council or Town Meeting Date	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)
05/14/2018	2019	4,247,323.00	3,834,251.00	200,256.00	212,816.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,000.00	0.00
Total		4,247,323.00	3,834,251.00	200,256.00	212,816.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		

* Enter the fiscal year to which the appropriation relates, i.e., fiscal year 2018 or fiscal 2019.
 ** 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.
 Katherine Sprague, Town Clerk , Rowe , townclerk@rowe-ma.gov 413-339-6523 | 12/5/2018 7:38 PM
 Comment:

PROPERTY TRANSFERS - 2018

HUMBERT, DENNIS & ANNA JEAN of Rowe MA, for consideration of \$100.00, grant to **HUMBERT, ANNA J.** of Rowe MA, property located at 530 Tunnel Road. (Map 407 Lot 33)
[Bk 7150—Pg 286]

HUMBERT, ANNA J. of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$100.00, grant to **HUMBERT, ANNA J. & DENNIS A.** of Rowe MA, Trustees of the **HUMBERT, ANNA J. TRUST**, property located at 530 Tunnel Road. (Map 407 Lot 33)
[Bk 7150—Pg 292]

PACKARD, JOHN & ELLYNN of Rowe, and **PACKARD, MATTHEW** of Marietta GA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **PACKARD, JOHN & ELLYNN** of Rowe, property located at 47 Stone Hill Road. (Map 402 Lot 59)
[Bk 7152—Pg 325]

MUNROE, CARL A & CYNTHIA, of Somerset MA, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **MUNROE, CHRISTOPHER A.** of Somerset MA, property located at 76 Tatro Road. (Map 409 Lot 9)
[Bk 7155—Pg 323]

VAN ITALLIE, JEAN-CLAUDE, of Rowe, MA, for consideration of \$33,500.00, grant to **deMENOCA, PETER B.** of New York NY, property located on Davenport Road. (Map 409 Lot 5)
[Bk 7164—Pg 95]

DESOURDY, CHARLES N. of West Boylston, MA, for consideration of \$50,000.00, grant to **MUNROE, CHRISTOPHER A.** of Somerset MA, property located on Tatro Rd. (Map 409 Lot 10.1)
[Bk 7159—Pg 335]

VAN AKEN, WENDY A, f/k/a Wendy A Shephard of Charlemont MA, for consideration of \$130,000.00, grant to **ALBRECHT, JESSICA C.** of New Haven, VT, property located at 122 Davenport Road. (Map 409 Lot 15)
Bk 7174—Pg 128]

WILLIAMS, FREDERICK N., WILLIAMS, ROBERT O and POLLOCK, SUSAN E, Trustees of the Rowe Land Trust for no consideration, this conveyance being a gift, grant to **FRANKLIN LAND TRUST** of Shelburne, MA, property located on Tunnel Road. (Map 411 Lots 19, 34)
[Bk 7177—Pg 27]

CROWNINGSHIELD, STEVEN R & DEBRA A of Rowe, for consideration of \$171,000.00, grant to **CROWNINGSHIELD, BRIAN C** of Rowe, property located 245 Zoar Road. (Map 205 Lots 3, 4)
[Bk 7190—Pg 1]

BUCHANAN, DEBRA L, of Thousand Oaks CA, for consideration of \$138,000.00, grant to **UPTON, DOUGLAS M** of Charlemont MA, property located at 5 Pine Hill Dr. (Map 202 Lot 27)
[Bk 7192—Pg 124]

SOVIECKE, MITCHELL P and KAREN C of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **SOVIECKE, MITCHELL P and KAREN C, Trustees of the Soviecke Investment Trust** of Rowe, property located on 41 Davenport Road. (Map 408 Lot 29)
[Bk 7191—Pg 70]

WOOD, SUSAN C, JOLLY, RUSSELL W and WOOD, JENNIFER Y of Rowe, for consideration of \$1.00, grant to **WOOD, SUSAN C, JOLLY, RUSSELL W, WOOD, JENNIFER Y and JOLLY,**

MORGHAN W of Rowe, property located on 19 Stone Road. (Map 402 Lots 48, 49 & 51)
[Bk 7191—Pg 235]

SILVA, EDWARD J SR of Rowe, **SILVA, EDWARD J JR** of Wilmington, MA and **WRIGHT, STEPHEN** of Wilmington MA, for consideration of \$45,000.00, grant to **YARNELL, MICHAEL J & DEBRA A** and **YARNELL, PATRICK M** all of Billerica MA, property located at 40 Monroe Hill Road. (Map 404 Lot 14)
[Bk 7199—Pg 257]

ALLISON, EDITH A, Trustee of the Hillwater Realty Trust of Amherst MA, for consideration of \$279,500.00, grant to **MASON, TARA and WHITAKER, EDWARD** of Charlemont MA, property located at 23 Pelham Dr. (Map 201 Lots 47, 50 and 51—previously known as Plan Bk 6, Pg 48 as Lots 11, 12, 14 and 15)
[Bk 7231—Pg 72]

MINER, CINDY, f/k/a Cindy Jean Smart of Rowe, and **STANFORD, TAMMY J** of Warwick MA, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **MINER, CINDY** of Rowe and **STANFORD, TAMMY J** of Warwick, MA, Trustees of the Pete Brown Real Estate Trust, property located at 16 Shumway Rd. (Map 402 Lot 4)
[Bk 7243—Pg 14]

WHITE, GERRIT C & SUSAN M of Rowe, for consideration of \$298,500.00, grant to **DUVAL, MARK A & DUVAL, JENALYN CAPINPIN** of FPO AE, property located at 65 Potter Rd. (Map 403 Lot 9)
[Bk 7247—Pg 225]

CHIOFALO, THOMAS of Rowe, in consideration of \$245,000.00, grant to **PLANTE, THOMAS** and **NANCY** of Springfield, MA, property located at 68 Zoar Road. (Map 410 Lot 30)
[Bk 7260—Pg 265]

PHILLIPS, MICHAEL J & REGINA L of Rowe, in consideration of \$351,500.00, grant to **TRAVIS,**

WILLIAM & FAITH of Shelburne Falls, MA, property located at 62 Pond Rd. (Map 201 Lot 9)
[Bk 7266—Pg 63]

BORAS-PROFETA, CAROLE, f/k/a Carole Boras of Stratford CT, in consideration of \$184,000.00, grant to **URENA, DIVINA** of Rowe, property located at 101 Hazelton Road. (Map 202 Lot 31)
[Bk 7269—Pg 60]

AMAZING FACTS, INC. Successor Trustee of **NINE PINE HILL DRIVE REALTY TRUST** of Rowe MA, in consideration of \$23,000.00, grant to **TOTH, IDIKO A & vonROSENVINGE, SCOTT N** of Lunenburg MA, property located at 9 Pine Hill Dr. (Map 202 Lot 28)
[Bk 7269—Pg 257]

PETERSEN, DAUREEN W & CIRINNA, GEOFFREY T of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **PETERSEN, DAUREEN W**, of Rowe, property located at 252 Zoar Road. (Map 203 Lots 7 & 10)
[Bk 7290—Pg 195]

LAFFOND, MICHAEL S & LAURIE of Rowe, in consideration of \$1.00, grant to **LAFFOND, MICHAEL S** of Rowe, property located at 208 Hazelton Road. (Map 404 Lot 9)
[Bk 7296—Pg 286]

EASEMENT PLANS RECORDED - 2018

EDITH A. ALLISON, Trustee of the Hillwater Realty Trust Pelham Drive, (Map 201 Lots 47, 50 & 51) Recorded 7/24/2018
[Bk 143—Pg 53]

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT – FISCAL YEAR - 2018

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Year/Tax	Outstanding 7-1-17	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	-239.69	0.00	0.00	70.31	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	-440.00	0.00	0.00	120	0.00	0.00	-320.00
16 MVE	-988.35	0	0.00	484.59	0.00	0.00	-503.76
17 MVE	-10,214.63	0.00	403.74	10057.22	-447.06	0.00	-200.73
18 MVE	0.00	-42077.98	1143.54	36259.39	-753.54	0.00	-5,428.59
15 RE	-375.59	0.00	0.00	9.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
16 RE	-2,282.36	0.00	0.00	1524.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
17 RE	-5,608.24	0.0	0.0	4249.60	0.00	0.00	-581.18
18 RE	0.00	-2054851.93	6785.91	2040887.26	-	0.00	-7,604.31
17 PP	-706.66	0.00	0.00	706.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 PP	0.00	-1708540.52	0.00	1708540.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
	-21,104.48	-3,805,470.43	8,333.19	3,802,910.04	2,552.93	0.00	-15,056.91

Miscellaneous Collections

Lien Fees	\$ 350.00
Demand/Warrant/Misc. Fees	780.00
Deputy Collector Fees	399.00
Mark for Non-Renewal	540.00
Interest on Overdue Tax Payments	1,595.28
NSF Fees Collected	11.42
Bank Interest	.00
<u>TT Fees/Postage Legal Ad</u>	<u>293.08</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,968.78

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra P. Daviau, Tax Collector

TOWN ACCOUNTANT REPORTS – 2018

TOWN OF ROWE – BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

ASSETS - JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Cash	\$740,770.68	\$1,067,155.25	\$1,778,051.44	
Personal Property Taxes				
Real Estate Taxes	8,266.19			
Allowance for Abatements	(18,080.15)			
Tax Titles	6289.04			
Motor Veh Excise Tax Receipts	6871.42			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$744,036.48	\$1,067,155.25	\$1,778,051.44	

TOWN OF ROWE – BALANCE SHEET LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES - JUNE 30, 2018

LIABILITIES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
County Retirement	(168.73)			
Medicare/SS/OBRA	125.60			
Life Insurance	31.47			
Dental Insurance	330.75			
Disability Insurance	\$7.10			
Medical Insurance W/H	6133.62			
Mass Teacher's Retirement	9,846.07			
Aflac Withholding	106.12			
403B Withholding	150.00			
Deferred Rev- Property Tax	(9894.66)			
Deferred Rev – Tax Title	6,289.04			
Def.Rev- Motor Vehicle Excise	6871.42			
Off Duty Police				
Retiree Health Ins Payable			15,657.20	
Due to Deputy Tax Collector			(10.00)	
Firearms Permits			150.00	
School Activity Agency			114.14	
Total Liabilities	\$19,827.80		\$15,911.34	

TOWN OF ROWE – BALANCE SHEET FUND EQUITY

Town of Rowe, Balance Sheet

June 30, 2018

Fund Equity	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust and Agency	Long-Term Debt
FB Res for Encumbrances	\$17,576.52			
Overlay Srpls to Bal.Budg	\$58,163.00			
FB Res Carryovers	\$233,927.53			
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$414,541.63			
Cultural Council		\$5,443.69		
Fschool Programs Revolving		\$2,162.60		
fRecycling Revolving Program		\$5,000.00		
BOH Vaccine Purchase Revolving		\$3,746.45		
fEmergency Dispensing Site Revolving		\$1,000.00		
Old Home Day		\$725.05		
School Lunch		\$22,641.22		
Dollar General School Grant		\$9.52		
Big Yellow School Bus Grant		\$200.00		
REAP Grant		\$14,116.21		
Field Trip/Act Scholarship Gif		\$1,006.60		
SPED PR Improv 274-333		\$89.00		
SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303,94-142		\$1,107.71		
School Choice		\$281,825.45		
After School Tuition		\$241.10		
PD Cruiser Accident 2018		\$536.23		
fFFY2017 EMPG		(\$2,220.00)		
Council on Aging Grant		\$3,283.45		
Library State Aid		\$4,450.22		
Wetlands Protection		\$2,816.96		
Cemetary Sale of Lots		\$1,263.00		
East Cemetary Gift Account		\$510.00		
West Cemetary Gift Account		\$25.00		
Park Gift Account		\$462.00		
Brian Vega Scholarship Gift Ac		\$4,525.48		
Library Gift Account		\$416.89		
fTown Share BB Construction		\$557,849.10		
fLast Mile State Grant		\$153,922.32		
Martha Henry Memorial Non-Expe			\$3,213.51	
Rowe Library Fund Non-Expendab			\$136.08	
Charles Wells Mem. Library Non			\$500.00	
Preserved Smith Library Non-Ex			\$1,000.00	
Demons/Gould Mem Lib Non-Expe			\$5,000.00	
A.B. White Mem Library Non-Exp			\$1,404.00	
L.Tower Jones Mem Library Non-			\$1,404.00	
Rowe Memorial Scholarship Expendable			\$3,696.46	
Martha Henry Memorial Expendable			\$5,586.19	
Perpetual Care Cemetaries Expendable			\$21,019.40	
Rowe Library Fund Expendable			\$349.31	
Charles Wells Mem. Library Expendable			\$2,993.64	
Preserved Smith Library Expendable			\$839.32	
Demons/Gould Mem Lib Expendable			\$11,958.28	
Foster Donation Expendable			\$3,129.69	
A.B. White Mem Library Expendable			\$4,113.08	
L.Tower Jones Mem Library Expendable			\$4,113.08	
fTH Generator Stab.			\$207.24	
fStabilization			\$848,973.02	
fCapital Stabilization			\$842,503.80	
B/A Regional Broadband				(\$860,000.00)
Unissued Regional Broadband				\$860,000.00
Total Fund Equity	\$724,208.68	\$1,067,155.25	\$1,762,140.10	\$0.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$744,036.48		\$1,778,051.44	

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT - 2018

Town of Rowe FY 2018 General Fund Expenditure Report

as of: 6/30/2018

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	Selectmen Stipends		5,928.00	-684.00	5,244.00	3,570.77	1,673.23 68%
01-5-123-110	Administrative Assist. Comp		6,947.00		6,947.00	4,359.76	2,587.24 63%
01-5-124-000	Executive Secretary		45,946.00		45,946.00	45,946.00	0.00 100%
01-5-124-400	General Administration		120,460.00	575.54	121,025.54	109,988.41	11,037.13 91%
01-5-124-401	Enc General Admin			44.85	44.85		44.85
01-5-132-400	Reserve Fund		20,000.00	-4,250.00	15,750.00		15,750.00
01-5-135-000	Town Accountant		16,047.00		16,047.00	16,047.00	0.00 100%
01-5-135-430	Town Accounting Expenses		2,115.00		2,115.00	1,762.66	352.34 83%
01-5-141-000	Assessors Stipends/Wages		15,354.00		15,354.00	12,451.39	2,902.61 81%
01-5-141-400	Assessors' Operation		8,200.00		8,200.00	7,379.60	820.40 90%
01-5-145-000	Treasurer Stipend/Wages		20,722.00		20,722.00	18,209.94	2,512.06 88%
01-5-145-001	Treasurer's Consultant			1,000.00	1,000.00	400.00	600.00 40%
01-5-146-100	Tax Collector Stipend		7,782.00		7,782.00	7,782.00	0.00 100%
01-5-146-400	Tax Collector Operations		7,290.00	190.00	7,480.00	7,468.94	11.06 100%
01-5-151-400	Legal Expense		6,000.00		6,000.00	2,575.30	3,424.70 43%
01-5-161-100	Town Clerk Stipend		13,232.00		13,232.00	13,232.00	0.00 100%
01-5-161-440	Town Clerk Expenses		5,350.00		5,350.00	2,092.81	3,257.19 39%
01-5-171-400	Conservation Comm Operati		1,000.00		1,000.00	827.03	172.97 83%
01-5-175-400	Planning Board Operations		1,000.00		1,000.00	436.38	563.62 44%
01-5-175-410	Planning Board Consulting &		5,000.00		5,000.00	468.75	4,531.25 9%
01-5-175-420	PB Goal Post Operations		12,000.00	-317.59	11,682.41	9,154.83	2,527.58 78%
01-5-175-421	Enc. Goal Post Operations			317.59	317.59		317.59
01-5-192-110	Town Hall Custodian Wages		13,262.00	339.50	13,601.50	13,600.00	1.50 100%
01-5-192-440	Energy Committee Operation		500.00		500.00		500.00
General Government Totals:			334,564.00	-2,784.11	331,779.89	278,192.57	53,587.32
Public Safety		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-210-000	Police Salaries		51,344.00		51,344.00	51,296.33	47.67 100%
01-5-210-400	Police Department Operation		8,850.00	130.00	8,980.00	8,975.79	4.21 100%
01-5-220-000	Fire Department Stipends		32,150.00		32,150.00	28,777.48	3,372.52 90%
01-5-220-120	Emergency Management Dire		3,864.00		3,864.00	3,864.00	0.00 100%
01-5-220-400	Fire Dept. General Operation		30,917.00	-38.98	30,878.02	28,415.30	2,462.72 92%
01-5-220-430	Emergency Management		1,000.00	470.00	1,470.00	1,430.07	39.93 97%
01-5-291-100	EMS Coordinator Stipend		2,221.00		2,221.00	2,221.00	0.00 100%
01-5-291-400	EMS Operations/Maintenanc		1,500.00		1,500.00	98.50	1,401.50 7%
01-5-292-000	Animal Control Stipends		1,657.00		1,657.00	1,157.00	500.00 70%
01-5-292-110	Reg Dog Control/ Adoption		350.00		350.00	350.00	0.00 100%
Public Safety Totals:			133,853.00	561.02	134,414.02	126,585.47	7,828.55
Education		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-300-100	School Committee Stipends		4,564.00		4,564.00	4,563.82	0.18 100%
01-5-300-400	Rowe School Pre K-6		1,161,424.00	81,417.51	1,242,841.51	1,135,752.77	107,088.74 91%
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GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT 2018 – (Continued)

Town of Rowe FY 2018 General Fund Expenditure Report

as of: 6/30/2018

01-5-300-401	Encumb. Summer Salaries		17,189.08	17,189.08		17,189.08
01-5-320-400	Schools 7-12	478,640.00	-98,608.59	380,033.41	380,033.41	0.00 ^{100%}
Education Totals:		1,644,628.00	0.00	1,644,628.00	1,520,350.00	124,278.00

Public Works and Facilities

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-421-000	DPW Salary and Wages	289,275.00		289,275.00	268,617.38	20,657.62 ^{93%}
01-5-422-400	DPW Operations	201,609.00	-1,745.13	199,863.87	125,176.65	74,687.22 ^{63%}
01-5-423-400	Snow & Ice Removal (Winter	68,612.00	1,745.13	70,357.13	70,357.13	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-424-400	Street lighting	4,000.00	1,720.11	5,720.11	5,720.11	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-424-410	Municipal Light Plant	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-491-400	Cemeteries-Maint/Repair	15,000.00		15,000.00	11,853.00	3,147.00 ^{79%}
Public Works and Facilities Totals:		579,496.00	1,720.11	581,216.11	482,724.27	98,491.84

Human Services

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-512-000	Health Dept. Stipends/Wages	74,804.00	516.00	75,320.00	74,920.11	399.89 ^{99%}
01-5-512-400	Board of Health Operations	59,884.00	-1,137.69	58,746.31	53,197.62	5,548.69 ^{91%}
01-5-541-400	Council on Aging Exp	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,681.25	318.75 ^{89%}
01-5-543-430	Veteran's Services	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,563.13	136.87 ^{95%}
Human Services Totals:		140,388.00	-621.69	139,766.31	133,362.11	6,404.20

Culture and Recreation

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-610-000	Library Salaries/Wages	39,055.00		39,055.00	36,892.34	2,162.66 ^{94%}
01-5-610-400	Library Operations	29,535.00	-25.00	29,510.00	24,475.48	5,034.52 ^{83%}
01-5-610-401	Enc Library Ops		25.00	25.00		25.00
01-5-630-110	Pelham Lake Park Wages	89,839.00	800.00	90,639.00	90,391.29	247.71 ^{100%}
01-5-630-400	Pelham Lake Operation & M	19,830.00	-800.00	19,030.00	18,845.50	184.50 ^{99%}
01-5-634-400	Gracy House Operations	2,000.00	400.00	2,400.00	2,217.19	182.81 ^{92%}
01-5-634-410	Gracy House Materials/Suppl	500.00		500.00	307.46	192.54 ^{61%}
01-5-692-420	Old Home Days	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-692-430	Old Home Days Fireworks	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 ^{100%}
Culture and Recreation Totals:		187,759.00	400.00	188,159.00	180,129.26	8,029.74

Intergovernmental Expenditures

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-820-640	Air Pollution District	366.00		366.00	366.00	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-820-646	RMV Marking Surchg	480.00		480.00	480.00	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-820-663	Reg Transit Authority	2,340.00		2,340.00	2,340.00	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-820-701	School Choice Sending Tuiti	23,471.00		23,471.00	26,929.00	-3,458.00 ^{115%}
01-5-820-702	Charter School Sending Tuiti	60,584.00		60,584.00	60,728.00	-144.00 ^{100%}
01-5-830-000	FRCOG Services	24,204.00		24,204.00	23,715.61	488.39 ^{98%}
Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:		111,445.00		111,445.00	114,558.61	-3,113.61

Miscellaneous

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-911-400	Franklin County Retirement	132,439.00		132,439.00	132,439.00	0.00 ^{100%}
01-5-913-400	Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00

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01-5-914-400	Group Health/ Dental/Life In	542,432.00		542,432.00	529,012.50	13,419.50	98%
01-5-916-400	FICA/Medicare Tax	55,000.00		55,000.00	40,263.21	14,736.79	73%
01-5-920-400	Bills of Prior Year		7,499.67	7,499.67	7,499.67	0.00	100%
01-5-970-026	Transfer to Fund 26			0.00	0.40	-0.40	4000 000%
01-5-970-961	Tr To Capital Stabilization	192,012.00		192,012.00	192,012.00	0.00	100%
01-5-970-962	Tr To Stabilization		164,656.00	164,656.00	164,656.00	0.00	100%
01-5-999-902	Encumb. Listed in 02	92,420.00		92,420.00	91,420.00	1,000.00	99%
01-5-999-903	Special Projects in 03	213,670.40	12,500.00	155,931.34	382,101.74	136,555.46	245,546.28 96%
Miscellaneous Totals:		306,090.40	935,383.00	328,087.01	1,569,560.41	1,293,858.24	275,702.17
Grand Totals:		306,090.40	4,087,516.00	327,362.34	4,700,968.74	4,129,760.53	571,208.21

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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		1,708,540.52		1,708,540.52	1,709,247.18	-706.66
01-4-120-000	Real Estate Taxes		2,054,851.79		2,054,851.79	2,045,319.02	9,532.77
01-4-130-000	Allow. for Abates & Exempts		-74,915.31		-74,915.31		-74,915.31
01-4-150-000	Motor Vehicle Excise		42,000.00		42,000.00	45,758.41	-3,758.41
01-4-151-000	Post Abated Motor Vehicle				0.00	112.50	-112.50
01-4-170-000	Pen & Int on Prop Taxes		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,002.10	497.90
01-4-171-000	Pen & Int on Excise Taxes				0.00	562.77	-562.77
01-4-172-000	Int on Tax Liens				0.00	4.31	-4.31
Taxes and Excises Totals:			3,731,977.00		3,731,977.00	3,802,006.29	-70,029.29
<u>Fees</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-300-161	Town Clerk Fees				0.00	416.00	-416.00
01-4-300-210	Police Fees				0.00	95.00	-95.00
01-4-300-211	Police Gun Permit Fees to To		975.00		975.00	237.50	737.50
01-4-300-220	Fees-Fire Department				0.00	75.00	-75.00
Fees Totals:			975.00		975.00	823.50	151.50
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-400-512	Permits-Board of Health		50.00		50.00		50.00
Licenses and Permits Totals:			50.00		50.00		50.00
<u>Federal Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-540-000	USPS Contract Revenue		5,500.00		5,500.00	5,614.62	-114.62
Federal Revenue Totals:			5,500.00		5,500.00	5,614.62	-114.62
<u>State Revenue</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-616-000	Exemp: VBS & Elderly State				0.00	3,443.00	-3,443.00
01-4-620-000	School Aid Chapter 70		136,715.00		136,715.00	136,715.00	0.00
01-4-630-320	Recreation Park Program Fee				0.00	1,440.00	-1,440.00
01-4-661-000	Charter Tuition Reimburseme		1,786.00		1,786.00	1,515.00	271.00
01-4-676-000	Unrestricted General Aid		3,936.00		3,936.00	3,936.00	0.00
01-4-679-000	State Owned Land		6,407.00		6,407.00	6,407.00	0.00
01-4-681-000	Medicaid Reimb. School				0.00	12,038.30	-12,038.30
01-4-682-000	eRate Reimburse				0.00	844.04	-844.04
State Revenue Totals:			148,844.00		148,844.00	166,338.34	-17,494.34
<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	440.00	-265.00
01-4-770-000	CMVI fines				0.00	125.00	-125.00
01-4-772-000	Fines-RMV				0.00	100.00	-100.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:			175.00		175.00	665.00	-490.00

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Miscellaneous Revenue		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-820-000	Earnings on Investments		600.00		600.00	1,604.38	-1,004.38
01-4-821-000	Goal Post Subscriptions				0.00	24.00	-24.00
01-4-823-000	MIA Dividends				0.00	572.00	-572.00
01-4-841-000	Copies				0.00	34.00	-34.00
01-4-842-000	Prior Year Refund		1,650.00		1,650.00	5,222.59	-3,572.59
01-4-845-000	K-6 Tuition Receipts		1,500.00		1,500.00	17,902.00	-16,402.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:			3,750.00		3,750.00	25,358.97	-21,608.97
Other Financing Sources		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-970-026	Trans. From Fund 26				0.00	3,291.92	-3,291.92
01-4-970-029	Transfer from Fund 29				0.00	1,095.29	-1,095.29
01-4-970-083	Trans. From Fund 83			127,106.34	127,106.34	127,106.34	0.00
01-4-999-899	Overlay Srpls to Bal.Budg		13,997.00		13,997.00	13,997.00	0.00
01-4-999-900	Free Cash to Bal.Budget		162,248.00		162,248.00	162,248.00	0.00
01-4-999-901	Funded with "Free Cash"			200,256.00	200,256.00	200,256.00	0.00
01-4-999-902	Funded by Encumbrance	92,420.00			92,420.00	92,420.00	0.00
01-4-999-903	Funded by Carryovers	213,670.40			213,670.40	213,670.40	0.00
Other Financing Sources Totals:		306,090.40	176,245.00	327,362.34	809,697.74	814,084.95	-4,387.21
Grand Totals:		306,090.40	4,067,516.00	327,362.34	4,700,968.74	4,814,891.67	-113,922.93

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Fund: 02

Encumbrances

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
02-5-220-400 Enc. FD General Operations	1,000.00			1,000.00		1,000.00
02-5-300-217 Rowe School Salary Enc. 2017	91,420.00			91,420.00	91,420.00	0.00
Totals:	92,420.00			92,420.00	91,420.00	1,000.00

Fund: 03

Special Projects - Carryovers

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
03-5-122-400 Microfilm Town Records	5,000.00			5,000.00		5,000.00
03-5-122-500 Update Website/Hosting			5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
03-5-122-505 GASB 34 Asset/Infra Inventory			3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
03-5-122-510 GASB 45 OPEB Study			3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
03-5-135-410 Municipal Audit	14,000.00	8,000.00		22,000.00	14,000.00	8,000.00
03-5-141-800 Assessor's FY 18 Triennial Reva	28,689.31	4,500.00		33,189.31	33,069.00	120.31
03-5-141-805 Assess. Quintennial Reval/Ann U			17,600.00	17,600.00		17,600.00
03-5-141-810 Asses. Utility Valuation Project			7,000.00	7,000.00		7,000.00
03-5-141-900 Assess. Full Measure & List	4,402.50			4,402.50	2,949.50	1,453.00
03-5-192-004 TH/Highway Generators			50,531.96	50,531.96	50,531.96	0.00
03-5-192-860 Gazebo Replacement	7,401.42			7,401.42		7,401.42
03-5-210-810 Fire LED Exterior Lighting	599.92			599.92		599.92
03-5-422-218 Yankee Rd. Engin./Repairs			76,574.38	76,574.38		76,574.38
03-5-422-219 DPW Truck Purchase			5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00
03-5-422-840 Bridge Rehab Program	113,852.50		-6,775.00	107,077.50	21,055.00	86,022.50
03-5-439-002 TS Permanent Repairs	6,568.75			6,568.75		6,568.75
03-5-439-018 Compactor Ramp Repair	1,500.00			1,500.00		1,500.00
03-5-610-018 Window Repair-Library	15,000.00			15,000.00	14,950.00	50.00
03-5-610-810 Library Restroom	6,556.00			6,556.00		6,556.00
03-5-630-017 Park Vehicle Repair Fund	5,000.00		-5,000.00	0.00		0.00
03-5-630-018 Park Headquarters Siding	5,100.00			5,100.00		5,100.00
Totals:	213,670.40	12,500.00	155,931.34	382,101.74	136,555.46	245,546.28

Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-216-003 Zack Arfa-Potter Musical	200.00		-200.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-216-007 Jon Diamond-Theatre	100.00		-100.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-216-011 Rowe Elem-Cultural Study	800.00			800.00	800.00	0.00
21-5-216-012 Rowe Elem-Science Museum	800.00			800.00	800.00	0.00
21-5-217-001 Maichack-House that Jack Built	455.00			455.00	455.00	0.00
21-5-217-003 Root-Trees for Every Purpose	450.00		-450.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-217-006 Mohawk Trail Concerts-Summer	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-217-009 Poplawski-Pelham Lake Concert	400.00			400.00	400.00	0.00
21-5-217-010 HAS-Heath Fair Music	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-217-011 Charlemont Forum 2017	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-217-012 Mem. Hall Assoc.-"Rumors"	200.00			200.00	200.00	0.00

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21-5-217-013	The Art Garden-Exhibits	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00	
21-5-217-016	Ashfield Comm. Theater-Play	169.00	-169.00	0.00		0.00	
21-5-217-017	RES-Rowe School Cultural Stud	2,000.00	-500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
21-5-217-018	RES-Rowe School Passion for Bi	400.00	-400.00	0.00		0.00	
21-5-217-019	Piti Theatre-Just This	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00	
21-5-217-020	Collected Poets-2017 Season	150.00	-150.00	0.00		0.00	
21-5-218-001	Lively/SPLAT Circus	800.00		800.00	800.00	0.00	
21-5-218-002	Root/Songbirds	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00	
21-5-218-003	Bates/Celtic/Senior Perf.	400.00		400.00		400.00	
21-5-218-004	Cope/Libraries Rock	450.00		450.00		450.00	
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	
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	
21-5-218-009	RHS/Holiday Concert	300.00		300.00		300.00	
21-5-218-010	Pothole Pix/Film Series	200.00		200.00		200.00	
21-5-218-011	Franklin Land Trust/Bees	150.00		150.00		150.00	
21-5-218-012	FCTS Drama/Theater	200.00		200.00		200.00	
21-5-218-013	Charlemont Forum	200.00		200.00		200.00	
21-5-218-014	Hilltown Families	100.00		100.00		100.00	
21-5-218-015	Memorial Hall/"Our Town"	300.00		300.00		300.00	
21-5-218-016	The Art Garden/Hilltown Draw	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00	
21-5-218-017	Double Edge Theatre	250.00		250.00		250.00	
21-5-218-018	The Art Garden/Exhibits	250.00		250.00		250.00	
21-5-218-019	RHS/Harp/Fashion/Tea	275.00		275.00		275.00	
21-5-218-020	Piti Theatre/SYRUP	200.00		200.00		200.00	
21-5-218-021	Ashfield Comm. Theater	100.00		100.00		100.00	
21-5-690-005	Cultural Council Available Fund	241.55	-271.86	-30.31		-30.31	
Totals:		7,415.55	6,724.00	-2,240.86	11,898.69	6,455.00	5,443.69

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
23-5-422-090 Chapter 90	518,679.41	143,227.00		661,906.41		661,906.41
Totals:	518,679.41	143,227.00		661,906.41		661,906.41

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
26-5-300-555 School Programs	1,559.28	10,000.00	477.45	12,036.73	9,874.13	2,162.60
26-5-433-001 Recycling Revolving Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00	-1,708.08	8,291.92	3,291.92	5,000.00
26-5-512-001 BOH Vaccine Purchase	1,747.21	6,000.00	-3,724.91	4,022.30	275.85	3,746.45
26-5-512-002 Emergency Dispensing Site Rev.	555.24	1,000.00	-555.24	1,000.00		1,000.00
26-5-690-003 Old Home Day	906.09	5,000.00	-5,000.00	906.09	181.04	725.05
Totals:	9,767.82	27,000.00	-10,510.78	26,257.04	13,622.94	12,634.10

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Fund: 27

Available Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
27-5-999-000 Available Free Cash		200,256.00		200,256.00	200,256.00	0.00
Totals:		200,256.00		200,256.00	200,256.00	0.00

Fund: 28

School Grants & Special Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
28-5-300-002 School Choice	163,811.98		171,423.00	335,234.98	53,409.53	281,825.45
28-5-300-003 School Lunch	12,007.16		17,013.84	29,021.00	6,379.78	22,641.22
28-5-300-004 Field Trip/Act Scholarship Gif	526.60		1,780.00	2,306.60	1,300.00	1,006.60
28-5-300-007 SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303,94-1	1,688.81		11,729.00	13,417.81	12,310.10	1,107.71
28-5-300-293 DG School Library Grant	708.10			708.10	698.58	9.52
28-5-300-300 After School Program	120.00			120.00	120.00	0.00
28-5-300-311 Big Yellow School Bus Grant		200.00		200.00		200.00
28-5-300-503 REAP Grant	4,116.21		10,000.00	14,116.21		14,116.21
28-5-300-505 SPED Early Child 262			735.49	735.49	735.49	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
Totals:	183,308.96	200.00	212,681.33	396,190.29	74,953.48	321,236.81

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenues

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-210-003 PD Cruiser Accident 2018		1,071.44		1,071.44	535.21	536.23
29-5-220-218 FFY 2017 EMPG		2,220.00		2,220.00	2,220.00	0.00
29-5-300-001 School Grant Expense	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
29-5-300-005 School Flooding Ins. Reimb. 201		1,747.60		1,747.60		1,747.60
29-5-500-002 Council on Aging Grant	1,924.21		3,075.79	5,000.00	1,716.55	3,283.45
29-5-500-413 DEP Small Scale		498.66		498.66	498.66	0.00
29-5-500-414 Library State Aid	3,570.24		1,966.48	5,536.72	1,086.50	4,450.22
29-5-560-001 Wetlands Protection	2,932.81		262.50	3,195.31	378.35	2,816.96
29-5-560-002 Cemetary Sale of Lots	863.00		400.00	1,263.00		1,263.00
29-5-580-171 PB Seaboard Solar Escrow	1,358.38			1,358.38	1,358.38	0.00
29-5-580-272 East Cemetary Gift Account	500.00		10.00	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	4,550.48			4,550.48	25.00	4,525.48
29-5-580-277 Library Gift Account	416.89			416.89		416.89
29-5-580-284 Lib-FWMLA Bks/Periodicals Gr	12.45			12.45	12.45	0.00
29-5-580-286 Greenfield Garden Club Grant	79.94			79.94	79.94	0.00
Totals:	17,695.40	5,537.70	5,714.77	28,947.87	8,911.04	20,036.83

Fund: 33

Capital Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
33-5-192-000 Broadband Start Up Borrowing	860,000.00			860,000.00		860,000.00

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33-5-192-001	Town Share BB Construction	559,000.00	559,000.00	1,150.90	557,849.10
33-5-192-002	Last Mile State Grant	440,000.00	440,000.00	198,077.68	241,922.32
Totals:		1,859,000.00	1,859,000.00	199,228.58	1,659,771.42

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 No	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	3,710.40		11.06	3,721.46	25.00	3,696.46
82-5-281-001	Martha Henry Memorial Expend	5,560.00		26.19	5,586.19		5,586.19
82-5-281-002	Perpetual Care Cemeteries Expe	20,757.05		262.35	21,019.40		21,019.40
82-5-281-003	Rowe Library Fund Expendable	347.88		1.43	349.31		349.31
82-5-281-004	Charles Wells Mem. Library Exp	2,983.24		10.40	2,993.64		2,993.64
82-5-281-005	Preserved Smith Library Expend	833.88		5.44	839.32		839.32
82-5-281-006	Demonds/Gould Mem Lib Expend	11,907.83		50.45	11,958.28		11,958.28
82-5-281-007	Foster Donation Expendable	3,120.38		9.31	3,129.69		3,129.69
82-5-281-008	A.B. White Mem Library Expen	4,096.69		16.39	4,113.08		4,113.08
82-5-281-009	L.Tower Jones Mem Library Exp	4,096.69		16.39	4,113.08		4,113.08
Totals:		57,414.04		409.41	57,823.45	25.00	57,798.45

Fund: 83

Regular Stabilization

		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
83-5-000-000	Available Stabilization	647,360.04		175,999.97	823,360.01		823,360.01
83-5-123-800	Fireproof File Cabinets	2,302.00			2,302.00	1,281.99	1,020.01
83-5-192-003	Town Hall Cement Sidewalk Re	3,500.00			3,500.00		3,500.00
83-5-192-450	Town Hall Generator Stab.	50,580.89		-50,373.65	207.24		207.24
83-5-217-001	School Technology	4,610.23			4,610.23	2,324.12	2,286.11
83-5-217-004	EMS Updating Supplies	3,000.00			3,000.00	1,700.00	1,300.00
83-5-217-005	EMS Training	7,800.00			7,800.00	700.00	7,100.00
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
83-5-422-000	DPW Road Reclamation Stab.	76,574.38		-76,574.38	0.00		0.00
83-5-630-002	Park Fitness Center Equip	5,200.00			5,200.00	5,079.06	120.94
83-5-970-000	Trans. To General Fund			127,106.34	127,106.34	127,106.34	0.00
Totals:		811,213.49		176,158.28	987,371.77	138,191.51	849,180.26

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<u>Capital Stabilization Accounts</u>		Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
84-5-000-000	Unallocated Capitalization Stabil	679,167.15	192,012.00	-159,375.35	711,803.80		711,803.80
84-5-217-001	DPW-Truck	383.00		-198.00	185.00	185.00	0.00
84-5-217-002	Municipal Buildings Painting	30,000.00			30,000.00		30,000.00
84-5-217-003	FD-2 SCBA's	18,000.00			18,000.00		18,000.00
84-5-218-001	FD Heating System Repair			17,500.00	17,500.00		17,500.00
84-5-218-002	2018 Highway Truck			90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00
84-5-219-001	DPW Truck 2019			31,000.00	31,000.00		31,000.00
84-5-219-002	DPW Lawn Tractor			17,000.00	17,000.00		17,000.00
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		10,000.00
84-5-219-005	Town Hall Front Doors			6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00
Totals:		727,550.15	192,012.00	13,126.65	932,688.80	90,185.00	842,503.80
Report Totals:		4,510,792.81	587,456.70	551,270.14	5,649,519.65	959,804.01	4,689,715.64

TOWN ACCOUNTANT – OTHER FUNDS REVENUE REPORT - 2018

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Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
21-4-690-005 Cultural Council Interest			83.14	83.14	83.14	0.00
21-4-690-006 Cultural Council State Funds		4,400.00		4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00
21-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	7,415.55			7,415.55		7,415.55
Totals:	7,415.55	4,400.00	83.14	11,898.69	4,483.14	7,415.55

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000 Chapter 90 Revenue		143,227.00		143,227.00		143,227.00
23-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	518,679.41			518,679.41		518,679.41
Totals:	518,679.41	143,227.00		661,906.41		661,906.41

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-300-555 School Programs			10,477.05	10,477.05	10,477.05	0.00
26-4-433-001 Recycling Revolving Revenue			3,291.92	3,291.92	3,291.92	0.00
26-4-512-001 BOH Vaccine Purchase			2,275.09	2,275.09	2,275.09	0.00
26-4-512-002 Emergency Dispensing Site			444.76	444.76	444.76	0.00
26-4-970-001 Transfer from Gen Fund			0.40	0.40	0.40	0.00
26-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	9,767.82			9,767.82		9,767.82
Totals:	9,767.82		16,489.22	26,257.04	16,489.22	9,767.82

Fund: 27

Available Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-999-000 Offset to Free Cash		200,256.00		200,256.00	200,256.00	0.00
Totals:		200,256.00		200,256.00	200,256.00	0.00

Fund: 28

School Grants & Special Funds

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
28-4-300-002 School Choice			171,423.00	171,423.00	171,423.00	0.00
28-4-300-003 School Lunch			17,013.84	17,013.84	17,013.84	0.00
28-4-300-004 Field Trip/Scholarship			1,780.00	1,780.00	1,780.00	0.00
28-4-300-007 SPED-IDEA Grant 240-303,			11,729.00	11,729.00	11,729.00	0.00
28-4-300-311 Big Yellow School Bus Grant		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
28-4-300-503 REAP			10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
28-4-300-505 SPED Early Child 8-135			735.49	735.49	735.49	0.00
28-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	183,308.96			183,308.96		183,308.96
Totals:	183,308.96	200.00	212,881.33	396,190.29	212,881.33	183,308.96

Fund: 29

Miscellaneous Special Revenue

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-210-003 rPD Cruiser Accident 2018		1,071.44		1,071.44	1,071.44	0.00
29-4-220-216 rFFY2016 EMPG				0.00	2,199.50	-2,199.50

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29-4-220-218	rFFY 2017 EMPG	2,220.00		2,220.00		2,220.00
29-4-300-005	School Flooding Ins. Reimb	1,747.60		1,747.60		1,747.60
29-4-500-002	Council on Aging Grant		3,075.79	3,075.79	3,075.79	0.00
29-4-500-413	DEP Small Scale	498.66		498.66	498.66	0.00
29-4-500-414	Library State Aid		1,966.48	1,966.48	1,966.48	0.00
29-4-560-001	Wetlands Protection		262.50	262.50	262.50	0.00
29-4-560-002	Cemetary Sale of Lots		400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00
29-4-580-272	East Cemetary Gift Account		10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00
29-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	17,695.40		17,695.40		17,695.40
Totals:		17,695.40	5,537.70	5,714.77	28,947.87	9,484.37

Fund: 33

Capital Projects

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
33-4-192-002	rLast Mile State Grant			0.00	132,000.00	-132,000.00
33-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	#####		1,859,000.00		1,859,000.00
Totals:		1,859,000.00		1,859,000.00	132,000.00	1,727,000.00

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 Scholarship		11.06	11.06	11.06	0.00
82-4-281-001	Martha Henry Memorial Inter		26.19	26.19	26.19	0.00
82-4-281-002	Perpetual Care Cemeteries In		262.35	262.35	262.35	0.00
82-4-281-003	Rowe Library Fund Interest		1.43	1.43	1.43	0.00
82-4-281-004	Charles Wells Mem. Library		10.40	10.40	10.40	0.00
82-4-281-005	Preserved Smith Library Inter		5.44	5.44	5.44	0.00
82-4-281-006	Demons/Gould Mem Lib Inte		50.45	50.45	50.45	0.00
82-4-281-007	Foster Donation Interest		9.31	9.31	9.31	0.00
82-4-281-008	A.B. White Mem Library Inte		16.39	16.39	16.39	0.00
82-4-281-009	L.Tower Jones Mem Library		16.39	16.39	16.39	0.00
82-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	57,414.04		57,414.04		57,414.04
Totals:		57,414.04	409.41	57,823.45	409.41	57,414.04

Fund: 83

Regular Stabilization

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-919-000	Stabilization Interest		11,107.06	11,107.06	11,107.06	0.00
83-4-919-002	int. DPW Road Reclamation		236.91	236.91	236.91	0.00
83-4-919-003	Int. TH Generators		158.31	158.31	158.31	0.00
83-4-970-001	Transfers from General Fund		164,656.00	164,656.00	164,656.00	0.00
83-4-999-901	Funded by Carryovers	811,213.49		811,213.49		811,213.49

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Totals:	811,213.49	176,158.28	987,371.77	176,158.28	811,213.49
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Fund: 84

Capital Stabilization Accounts

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
84-4-919-001 Capital Stabilization Interest			13,126.65	13,126.65	13,126.65	0.00
84-4-970-001 Transfers from General Fund		192,012.00		192,012.00	192,012.00	0.00
84-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	727,550.15			727,550.15		727,550.15
Totals:	727,550.15	192,012.00	13,126.65	932,688.80	205,138.65	727,550.15

Report Totals:	4,204,702.41	545,632.70	424,662.80	5,174,997.91	957,300.40	4,217,697.51
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TREASURER REPORT - 2018

General Fund Cash	\$1,811,341.67
School Agency Account	\$7,026.91
Arts Lottery	\$5,443.69
Trust Funds	\$70,481.04
Stabilization Accounts	\$1,691,684.06
Total All Cash 6/30/2018	\$3,585,977.37

Trust Funds FY2018

Name of Fund	Balance 6/30/2018
M. Wells Memorial Library	\$8,799.70
Cemetery	\$21,019.40
Rowe Library Gift	\$485.39
Charles Wells Library	\$3,493.64
Preserved Smith Library	\$1,839.32
Gould Library	\$16,958.28
Foster Donation	\$3,129.69
White Memorial Library	\$5,517.08
L. Tower/Jones Library	\$5,517.08
Rowe Memorial Scholarship	\$3,721.46
TOTALS	\$70,481.04

Stabilization Funds FY2018

General Stabilization	\$848,973.02
Capital Stabilization	\$842,503.80
Town Hall Complex Stabilization	\$207.24
Road Reclamation Stabilization	

Balance as of June 30, 2018 **\$ 3,585,977.37**

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Semanie

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - 2018

The Rowe Highway Department every year we do the best we can to serve the town.

Routine maintenance during the year included:

- Cleaning and repair of shoulders and catch basins/blowing leaves out of ditches/cleaning out bleeders for water to run off roadside/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 moving
- 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. There is a new pickup truck added to the fleet and a new lawn tractor. The town hall was scraped and painted from top to bottom from the Sheriffs Office and there workers. There was a pad that was installed for the fiber wire hut. Paving went on towards the end of this summer by Warner Bros. The Old Home day went smooth as always Thanks to the Parks Dept. for the help.

Thank you to Tracey Baronas, Janice Boudreau, Police Dept., Highway crew, 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 - 2018

The “Grasshopper” program, under the direction of Summer Youth Employee (SYE) Supervisor Abby Lively and Assistant 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 safety for health.

The crew/David Hobbs, Jocelyn Crowningshield, Nathan Page, Julie Sprague, Catie Silva, Emily Silva, Caitlin Upton.

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. Super Great job everyone!
Thank you to Ted Palmer for poison ivy control around town.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance P. Larned
DPW Superintendent

TREE WARDEN - 2018

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.

This year there was one hearing for the National Grid to remove trees along Zoar Rd/Pond Rd/Petrie Rd. The work was recommended to remove hazard trees and prune for additional clearance in order to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance P. Larned
DPW Superintendent

CULTURE & RECREATION

COUNCIL ON AGING 2018

The Rowe Council on Aging would like to acknowledge the passing of our seniors, Howard Crowningshield, Barbara Stickney and Betty Vernes. They will be truly missed but not forgotten.

The Rowe Council on Aging is hoping that our seniors had as much fun as we did in 2018. We continue to service our seniors with the Senior Bus once again. The bus is provided by the Shelburne Falls Senior Center. The cost of the bus, which is subsidized by the Formula Grant and Big Y, provides trips every Tuesday morning to Greenfield and Shelburne Falls for banking, shopping and trips to the Pharmacy and during the summer stops at local farm stands for fresh produce. We again, would like to send a big thank you to Rosie and Ronnie Gordon for their assistance helping their fellow seniors entering and exiting the bus and taking their packages to their doors. We also, have FRTA out of Greenfield that provides Medical Rides for seniors that need to go to medical appointments that are outside the territory and is not covered by the Shelburne Falls Senior Center. Several seniors have taken advantage of this service that is also subsidized by the COA Formula Grant.

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. Sandy is also the chief shopper for the food, Bingo Prizes and supplies for our events. 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 and seeing that it is distributed to all the townspeople that may be in need of this equipment. Thanks to Debby Lively (exercise monitor) and Jodi Fontaine (exercise trainer and instructor) for their assistance in helping to keep our seniors fit.

The Gracy House Recreational Center is the center of senior get-togethers, featuring a monthly Birthday Cake in celebration of our seniors. A variety of senior functions are held at the Gracy House, including Bingo (with our caller Bob Dykeman), BBQ's (with Bob Dykeman as our Chef). Thank you so much for your assistance Bob. We also hold Luncheons and Christmas Party sing-a-longs. We always have the coffee on and of course, good conversation is had as well. We have a variety of games and puzzles available to play. Unfortunately we were not able to have our in-house Christmas Party this year due to mold issues at the Gracy House. We hope that the problem will be resolved soon so we can continue to enjoy the Gracy House. We appreciate the attention that the Selectmen and Executive Secretary have been giving to the problems surrounding the issues at hand.

This year we revisited some of the more popular events: In January, a good game of Bingo was featured and prizes were given out to the lucky winners. We would like to thank Chris Tower

and her lovely daughter, Nancy for donating Bingo supplies to the COA. These supplies were very much appreciated. Our seniors were also offered and took advantage of a free program from Life Path regarding FALL PREVENTION. Many of our seniors attended this program and found it to be very useful.

In February our seniors were served 7 different homemade soups made by our 7 member committee. Artisan breads were also served along with the soups.

In March we ventured out to the Crazy Horse Grill at Berkshire East where a delicious lunch was served and we were entertained by the very talented DAVID BATES who was sponsored by the Rowe Cultural Council.

In April and May Pizza was featured for these two events.

In June, we held (2) BBQ's accompanied by different varieties of salads. We had a great attendance for these two events and seemed to be well enjoyed by all who came.

In May we had two events lunch at the Bennington Depot Restaurant then on to a very interesting visit to "The Covered Bridge Museum" Our 1st barbeque was held in May followed by another BBQ in September with Bob Dykeman as our Chef.

The COA Committee featured an ice cream social with all the fixings in August. The seniors also experienced a trip to the Hancock Shaker Village Museum in Lenox and a delicious lunch at Zucchini's.

In September, we had our last BBQ to finalize the summer season. We also were invited to

the Pine Hill Orchard by the Friends of Franklin County and the Colrain Senior Center. The seniors were taken by a tractor ride up to the orchard where we were able to pick a peck of apples. We also enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Pine Hill Orchard restaurant.

In October we took an autumn ride out to the Four Leaf Clover Restaurant for lunch. We also served Cider and Donuts at the Rowe Fire Station that was held later on in the month.

In November we had a pie social with delicious homemade pies provided by Atkins Farm. This was also held at the Rowe Fire Station. We would like to thank the Rowe Fire Fighters for the use of their facility while the Gracy House has been out of commission.

To complete the year, the seniors celebrated with a Christmas Party at the Water Street Grill in Williamstown where we enjoyed a delicious meal and good company.

Once more we would like to thank the town for supporting our budget, making it possible for us to bring all of these activities 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

CULTURAL COUNCIL - 2018

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.

2017 Grant Recipients were as follows:

Ashfield Community Theater	Arts	Ashfield Community Theater's Spring Play	\$200
Charlemont Forum	Humanities	Charlemont Forum	\$200
Collected Poets Series	Arts	Collected Poets Series 2019 Season	\$150
Cope, Ed the Wizard	Arts	Alien Balloon Twisting	\$350
Double Edge Theatre	Arts	The Summer Spectable-Subsidized Tickets Program	\$200
Footlights at the Falls	Arts	Footlights at the Falls Spring Play	\$200
Heath Agricultural Society	Arts	Heath Fair Music	\$200
Hilltown Families, Inc.	Humanities	Weekly Suggested Events	\$100

Mohawk Trail Concerts	Arts	50 th Anniversary Summer Festival	\$200
Pothole Pictures	Arts	Pothole Pictures	\$250
Radcliffe, Jack	Arts	'Ragtime' Jack: A Musical Journey from Appalachia	\$250
Rowe Historical Society, Inc.	Humanities	Wedding Dresses – mid 1800s to 1930s	\$500
Rowe Historical Society, Inc.	Arts	Grey Whisker Pickers (concert)	\$500
Rowe Historical Society, Inc.	Arts	Katherine First Concert	\$500
Rowe Park Department	Science	Health and Fitness Fair	\$400
The Art Garden	Arts	Community Exhibits at the Art Garden	\$250

Respectfully submitted,

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEES - 2018

2018 was a fun year at the library. The library hosted many new presenters and programs, welcomed new staff and continued to grow an outstanding collection of books, movies, magazines, and audios.

Many programs were held at the library throughout the year. John Root returned with a power point presentation about songbirds of the northeast that was very well attended. Many kids' programs were held during the year. A few of the presenters included Karen Eldrid, STEM bird adaptation fun for preschool age, Ed the Wizard creating air powered rockets and planes, and Lui Collins with music and movement for young children.

The Summer Reading Program had 26 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.

Popular at the library are craft days for kids on school early release days. Each event entertains a handful of children with making slime, bouncy balls, holiday crafts, playing ultimate hide n' seek, creating with legos, engineering marshmallow towers, carving pumpkins and many more fun activities.

New programs this year were the first annual plant swap and first annual cookie swap.

Both were fun and will continue for years to come. Book group and the knitters group continue to meet monthly and new members are always welcome.

We were very sad to goodbye to Library Assistant Tara Herzig who moved to Florida this fall. Hired to fill her position in October was Donna Butzke. Donna is a welcome addition bringing her experience of working with young children, program planning, Reiki training and knowledge of herbs and natural medicine.

We continue to discard worn and outdated items to make way for new materials with our limited shelf space. In 2018 the library added 777 new books, dvds, audios and other materials for kids and adults. We hold a collection of 11,987 items including books, movies, audios, music CDs, The Recorder, The Independent, Heath Herald and magazines. The library also purchases museum passes for patrons to use Currently the library has Mass Moca, The Clark, Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory, Hancock Shaker Village, 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 30,426 items, of digital books, magazines and audio books available through the CWMARS digital catalog.

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

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

Library Hours are:

Respectfully Submitted,

Library Trustees:
Catherine Snyder, Chair



Sip and Paint Event at the Library in October



Summer Reading Stories & Crafts the Lake

OLD HOME DAY - 2018

The heat wave broke just in time for Old Home Day on Saturday, July 7; a gorgeous day to be at the beach. Old Home Day 2018 started with an early morning 7 mile race at the Pelham Lake Park for all ages. Later in the morning, the very popular “Raptors” program put on by the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, took place where experts bring live raptors for a face-to-face exploration.

The Rowe Historical Society opened the Browning Bench Tool Factory for

demonstrations and exhibits as well as the main building on Zoar Road.

The afternoon featured a Beach Volleyball Tournament in honor of Hal Dandeneau. Park Staff and Residents of Rowe faced off. A climbing wall and bouncy house were popular activities. At 4:00 p.m. the Annual popular Pie Eating Contest took place.

The Grey Whisker Pickers and DJ Bobby C provided the musical entertainment performing during the famous Chicken BBQ sponsored by

the Historical Society and put on by the Readsboro Lions Club.

The Rowe Fire Department, EMS and North Adams Ambulance opened their doors for the afternoon for the “Touch a Truck” event.



Pie Eating Contest



Natural History Museum for the raptors, and the Rowe Fire Associations for the bounce house. Thanks also to the Rowe Fire Department and Northern Berkshire (North Adams) Ambulance for “Touch a Truck,” Kerri Mclatchy for organizing the volleyball tournament. Thank you to the Rowe Historical Society for opening your doors at both locations and for hosting the Readsboro Lions Club Chicken dinner, the Grey Whisker Pickers and DJ Bobby C for musical entertainment. This year was a smaller event than past years, but the overall feeling of the event was relaxed and enjoyable. As always, any organizations and groups will be welcome to participate in the Old Home Day next year on July 13, 2019. Contact the Select Board with any ideas and/or suggestions; they are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you to Sean Loomis and the Staff at Pelham Lake Park, the Southern Vermont

PARK COMMISSION - 2018

Pelham Lake Park, consisting of over 1300 acres, is owned by the town of Rowe and is operated for the benefit of all townspeople and their guests by the town’s Park Commission, subject to Town Meeting appropriation of funds. In addition, over half of the park is maintained as a game sanctuary. Recreational facilities include a beach and swimming area, children’s playground, picnic area, boating facilities, fishing, tennis courts, horse-riding ring, skate

park, many miles of hiking and ski trails, and a fitness center at the Town Hall. The Park is open seven days a week, 365 days a year for four-season use. Each season offers something unique to be enjoyed by residents of all ages from the sun-filled days on the beach, to the spectacular fall foliage hikes in autumn, to the serenity of skiing and snowshoeing in winter, to the enjoyment of newly sprouted flowers in springtime.

This year the Park Commission voted to change the title of our full-time employee from Park Ranger to Park Manager to better encompass the vast variety of responsibilities the job entails.

The following is a summary of the major Park activities overseen by the Park Manager, staff, and commissioners this year:

- Four-week Summer Recreation Program which had 28 participants. Activities included swimming, boating, field games, hiking, and craft projects. Special programs included a presentation by a biologist from the Caterpillar Lab in Marlborough, NH using a variety of different caterpillar species that the children were able to handle. Another program was presented on turtles by a scientist from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. A nominal fee was charged to participants to help offset the program cost. The staff for this program included: Beth Flaherty (Program Director), and Claudine Poplawski (Program Assistant). Helpers included Park workers Bailey Cousineau, Grace Poplawski, Nick Baker and Sean Clancy.
- Two-week Swim Lessons Program was offered for the participants in the Recreation Program and other community members. The program was led by Swim Instructor Erin Laffond and assisted by Park workers Taylor Loomis and Emma Poplawski.
- One-week Adventure Program for 8-12 year olds was led by Park Manager Sean Loomis. Activities included the Berkshire East Aerial Park and Mountain Coaster, fishing on Pelham Lake, a hike to the summit of Mt Greylock (the tallest mountain in Massachusetts), a raft trip down the Deerfield River with Zoar Outdoor, rock climbing at Central Rock Climbing Gym, and a Game Day with an outdoor movie. A nominal fee was charged to participants to help offset the program cost.
- Three Senior Picnics were hosted by the Park staff over the course of the summer season.

The 2018 Summer Park Staff included: Emma Poplawski (AR Class 1), Erin Laffond (AR Class 2, Lifeguard, and Swim Instructor), Taylor Loomis, Nick Baker, Grace Poplawski, and Sean Clancy (AR Class 4 and Recreation Program Helpers). Madison Baker served as the part-time Ranger. Additional lifeguards included Danielle Beaumier, Ashley Walker, and James Harrison.

Park maintenance activities and special projects performed this year included:

- All 17 miles of the Park trails were pruned.
- Old bridge material in the woods was removed and properly disposed of.
- Three new bridges were built on the Sibley Trail.
- Two new bridges were built on the Beach trail.
- The dam was cleared of brush/tree debris to comply with state regulations.
- An improved trail was planned out to ascend from the junction of Williams and Saddle Brook Trails to the junction of Adams and Todd Mountain Trails.
- Extensive thinning/clean up was done in The Glen (left of the Park access road).

- Routine maintenance was done to all water bars and drainage ditches.
- Fall and early winter maintenance included removal/clean-up of the many downed limbs resulting from extensive tree damage due to high winds and heavy, wet snow fall.
- Winter grooming of trails for skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking.
- New cedar siding was put on the Park Headquarters building.

The Park Manager also oversees the Town Fitness Center located on the second floor of the Town Hall and is open to town residents. Hours for use are posted on the door and in the monthly Goal Post. Deb Lively, Fitness Center Attendant, was promoted to Fitness Instructor and is available for classes and exercise instruction Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-12 PM and 5-7 PM. Our longtime fitness instructor Jody Fontaine left us in August to devote more time to her own yoga studio. We cannot thank her enough for her many years of devotion to the Town of Rowe and sharing her years of expertise in the fitness field with our residents. Kate Peppard of Highland Studio is

our new yoga instructor and is currently leading a one hour class on Tuesdays starting at 5:30 PM.

The Park Commissioners would like to sincerely thank all of the summer staff for helping to make this a successful year at Pelham Lake Park. The Park Commissioners would also like to thank our Park Manager, Sean Loomis, for his many years of devotion and hard work in ensuring that the Park and its facilities are well-maintained, preserved, and made available for the year round enjoyment and recreation of the townspeople of Rowe and their guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowe Park Commissioners
 Laurie Pike
 Susan Williams
 Chris Hyytinen



Park Adventure Program River Rafting Trip



Brendon Rose-Fish - Park Adventure Program

PARK ACTIVITIES 2018



New Siding at Park



Remodeled Fitness Room – New Equipment Added



Old Home Day Trail Race Winners – Megan Davis



Dennis Simmons 7.25 Mile Course



New Fire Pit at Pelham Lake



Sean Loomis with 3 & 4th Graders Building Duck Boxes



Gavin Hyytinen at Nature Caterpillar Lab Park Program



Addie Loomis Fishing during Summer Park Program

REGIONAL AGENCIES & PARTNERS

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - 2018

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

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

A review of recycling tonnage for 2018 shows an increase in the amount of recycling tonnage compared to 2017. District residents recycled just over 3,000 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for reuse at domestic mills. Because of a long-term contract, town recycling programs have not been directly affected by the market disruptions in China.

In 2018, 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 60 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 627 households participated in these collection events. That is 8% more participation than in 2017.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2018. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 300 households participated in this event. Forty-one percent of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$90,000 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
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - Chair
Chris Boutwell, Montague - Vice-Chair
MA Swedlund, Deerfield- Treasurer
Robbie Chiodo, Wendell – Clerk

FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - FRCOG - 2018

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services, programming and advocacy to the municipalities of Franklin County. Our Planning Department assists with local planning issues like zoning and hazard mitigation and also works on larger regional projects. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. We provide substance use and chronic disease prevention through our Partnership for Youth. And our Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs provide a variety of aid and assistance to our first responders and health emergency officials. The FRCOG’s 2018 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2019 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. FRCOG provided the following specific services to Rowe in 2018:

Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Contracted with Rowe to deliver collective bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY19 is \$674,520.
- Assisted the Town with the Heating Fuel, Gasoline, and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Assisted the Town with the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.
- Assisted the Town with the Elevator Maintenance Program.
- Assisted the Town with Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance Program.
- Issued bid for conduit installation for the fiber internet project.
- Issued bids for engineering services for Cyrus Stage Rd. improvements.
- Contracted by the Town to provide procurement training to department heads.

Emergency Preparedness Program

- Provided technical assistance and facilitated Select board members and police from 4 towns discussing shared police services. This process produced a draft policing agreement, and a steering committee.
- Helped health board members and the emergency management director participated in a tabletop exercise to test the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Plan.

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

- Issued 10 Certificates of Inspection; and 21 building, 9 electrical, and 2 plumbing/gas permits.

Partnership for Youth

- Conducted a Teen Health Survey assessing student attitudes and behaviors. Reported to Mohawk District on results from 173 students, representing 88% of students. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.
- Provided a consultant to the Mohawk District for technical assistance on school nutrition best practices.

- Trained, assisted with tech, and evaluated the District’s substance use prevention curriculum.

Planning and Development Department

- Prepared a building permit report on behalf of Rowe for the Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- Updated and distributed the Walk Franklin County Map.
- Assisted with the passage of state legislation in 2018 to create a special designation for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership region covering 11 West County towns, including Rowe, to bring additional financial and technical resources to support natural resource based economic development, forest conservation & municipal financial sustainability.

Special Projects

- Assisted the Town in developing a framework for identifying, prioritizing and funding its long-range capital needs, a Community Compact Best Practice. On completion of the plan, Rowe will be well positioned to establish and maintain an ongoing capital program to preserve and protect its buildings, rolling stock, roads, equipment and infrastructure.
- Organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of Town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.
- Staff worked with Town officials to research and develop a regional Animal Control Officer program shared by six towns.

Workshops & Training

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

Collective Purchasing

Procurement Training – 17

Cooperative Public Health Service

ServSafe/Choke Saver Training – 2

Vaping and Marijuana Use – 2

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Chemical Safety in Emergency Plans – 1

Deerfield River Tabletop Exercise – 1

Managing Disaster Volunteers – 1

Emergency Preparedness Tabletop – 1

County State of Preparedness– 1

Municipal Official Continuing Education

Municipal Financial Management – 4

Select Board 101 – 1

FRANKLIN REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 2017

278 MAIN STREET, SUITE 311
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01301-3230

Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2017

To the reader:

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 549 retirees, 52 beneficiaries, 972 active employees, and 614 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 2017, we are 84.7% funded at 29 years (72.5%) into the 40 year mandate.

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

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

	CY 2017	CY 2016	CY 2015
Balances			
Cash	1,208,508	927,926	1,027,504
Investments	144,523,227	124,166,637	115,356,788
Receivables	207,894	333,708	448,896
Payables	2,019,479	1,622,175	1,376,958
Annuity Savings (members)	30,005,767	28,830,926	28,029,622
Retirement Reserves	113,914,384	98,219,520	90,180,524
Revenues			
Member's contributions	3,682,424	3,671,628	3,513,770
Towns, Schools, Agencies	6,162,964	5,875,582	5,645,116
Retirement Cost Sharing	474,821	460,054	472,213
Miscellaneous Revenue	13,725	9,928	20,122
Investment Income (net)	19,547,767	10,744,197	1,259,131
Expenses			
Retirement Benefits	9,802,088	9,113,301	8,432,951
Operating Expenses	495,399	498,301	469,365
Investment Expenses	763,190	703,498	687,629
Retirement Cost Sharing	1,636,665	1,289,229	2,884,282
Refunds to Members	314,654	316,759	368,098
Investment Performance			
Target	7.75%	7.75%	7.75%
Since 1984	8.57%	8.36%	8.34%
10 years	6.57%	6.17%	6.57%
5 years	10.59%	10.20%	8.49%
Current Year	15.41%	9.16%	1.11%
Demographics			
	01/01/2018	01/01/2016	01/01/2014
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

Dale Kowacki
Executive Director
Franklin Regional Retirement System

VETERANS SERVICES DISTRICT - 2018

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 3 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:

- Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 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
- 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 \$9,966.17 in monthly Federal VA payments being paid to approximately 7 Rowe residents. This is tax-free income paid due to service-connected injuries, low-income or survivor status.

We forecast the MGL Chapter115 caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future. This is the state's 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 updating 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 Myrifiel)
Incorporated February 9, 1785

Population:	393 (2010 U.S. Census)
Population:	383 (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 2018 Tax Rates and Assessed Valuations:

CLASS	TAX RATE	VALUATION	LEVY	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$ 5.01 per thousand	\$ 52,692,477.00	\$ 263,989.00	9.5965%
Commercial	8.02 per thousand	286,316.00	2,296.00	0.1804%
Industrial	8.02 per thousand	281,617,112.00	2,258,569.00	44.8261 %
Personal Property	8.02 per thousand	179,077,249.00	1,436,200.00	45.3970 %
Total		\$ 513,673,154.00	\$3,961,054.00	100.00 %

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – May 14, 2018

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – FY2019
Town of Rowe
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Monday, May 14, 2018

Town Clerk: Kathy Sprague
Moderator: Robert Clancy
Constable: Henry Dandeneau
Town Counsel: Donna MacNicol
Tellers: Marge Morse, Rebecca Richardson, Joann Semanie, Susan Williams

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2017 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 70 registered voters and 15 audience members present at the beginning of the meeting.

Moderator Clancy asked for a moment of silence for Rowe Residents who had passed in 2017/2018; Norma Brown, Charles Stetson, Howard Crowningshield, David Wayne and Hal Dandeneau.

Moderator Clancy swore in the following registered voters as tellers for the meeting Marge Morse, Rebecca Richardson, Joann Semanie, and Susan Williams.

After the reading of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Greeting Moderator Clancy opened the meeting for articles.

A motion was made and seconded to take Article 35 out of order. Motion Passed by Show of Hands

A motion was made and seconded to table Article 35. Motion Defeated by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 35: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the Town of Rowe by removing Article VII Section 5, and replacing that section with the following, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. Special Events

(A) For purposes of this section, the term "Special Event" shall mean

- i. any gathering, event, or performance occurring outdoors to which 30 or more persons attend where the nature of the gathering, event, or performance may impact the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, or may impact traffic or public safety
- ii. any gathering, event, or performance occurring indoors where the nature of the gathering, event, or performance may impact the peace and quiet of the neighborhood,
- iii. any reproduction of audio through amplified means, or the playing of any musical instrument(s) including vocal music, regardless of number of persons in attendance,
- iv. municipal functions or other approved activities occurring on town property are excluded from this definition

(B) No Special Event shall be held within the Town without a permit issued by the Selectmen or designee.

- (C) An application for such a permit shall be submitted to the Selectmen or designee twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Special Event in question. Said application must include three residents of the Town of Rowe as signatory sponsors, and must detail the reasonably expected activities related to the Special Event.
 - (D) The Selectmen, Police Chief, and Fire Chief and other town officials as the Selectmen shall deem appropriate shall meet jointly to consider each application for such a permit. At the joint meeting, the Selectmen shall have the authority to:
 - i. Prescribe public safety and health regulations for the Special Event.
 - ii. Prescribe the hours during which the Special Event may be held.
 - iii. Require a bond or other security as compensation to the Town or its citizens for damage, which may result from the Special Event.
 - iv. Determine the amount of a fee to be charged for the permit; said fee to be based on and not to exceed the anticipated expense to the Town of Rowe.
 - v. Choose to deny the permit if the application was submitted fewer than twenty-eight (28) prior to the Special Event in question, or if fewer than three Town of Rowe resident signatories are listed on the application.
 - vi. Approve the permit, listing on said permit restrictions or conditions as deemed appropriate by the Selectmen
 - vii. Special Events occurring on town property or at town facilities are also subject to the rules and policies that apply to that property or facility.
 - (E) If a Special Event occurs without an approved permit, or if the activities of that Special Event violate the conditions or restrictions listed on an approved permit, violators may be fined provided in Town of Rowe By-Laws or General Laws.
2. Disturbing and Unnecessary Noise
- (A) Except as otherwise provided herein, the creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise in the Town is prohibited unless permitted as described in this section.
 - (B) The following acts, among others, are declared to be unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessarily noisy and in violation of this section, but said examples shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
 - i. The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching apparently out of control, or if in motion as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of a vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound, including unmuffled vehicles, and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
 - ii. Construction, excavation, or other work performed outdoors using heavy machinery or power tools before sunrise or after sunset. The Selectmen may approve exceptions to this provision if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the town.
 - iii. A Special Event, as defined in this section, without an approved permit or in violation of the conditions or restrictions of an approved permit
3. Emergency response personnel, when acting in response to a state of emergency or when in performance of their duties, are exempt from the provisions outlined in this section. Any person may be exempt from a provision outlined in this section when such a situation arises that, for safety of that person or others against immediate and apparent harm, loss of property, or loss of life, would require action in violation of the provisions stated herein.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board

Article 35 Defeated Unanimously by a Show of Hands.

The proposed bylaw amendment will be reviewed by the bylaw committee and presented at public hearings prior to resubmission for Town approval.

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

Article 1 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

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

Article 2 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 3: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to 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, 2018 as contained in the budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 4: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section I of the General by-Laws by changing the Tax Collector’s position from Elected to Appointed, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Article 4 Passed By Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

ARTICLE 5: 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Administration

General Administration	\$117,500.00
Municipal Audit	8,000.00
Executive Secretary	46,865.00
Administrative Assistant	7,086.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	18,034.00
Moderator Stipend	439.00
Select Board Stipends	5,928.00
Legal	6,000.00
Tax Collector Stipend	7,938.00
Tax Collector Operations	7,605.00
Treasurer Stipends and Wages	20,722.00
Treasurer Operations	8,010.00
Town Clerk Stipend	13,497.00
Town Clerk Expenses	5,709.00
Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Council on Aging	3,800.00
Energy Committee	00.00
Veteran’s Services	2,700.00
FRCOG Services	24,785.00
Town Accountant	16,368.00
Town Accounting Expenses	<u>2,050.00</u>
Subtotal General Government	\$324,786.00

Assessor’s Office

Assessors’ Stipends and Wages	15,554.00
Assessors’ Operations	<u>9,400.00</u>
Subtotal Assessors	\$ 24,954.00

Planning Board

Planning Board	1,025.00
Planning Board Consulting and Legal Expenses	5,000.00
<u>Planning Board Goal Post</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
Subtotal Planning Board	\$ 18,025.00

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION **\$ 367,765.00**

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 5 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 6: 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 6 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 7: 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Highway Department

DPW Salary and Wages	\$ 300,110.00
DPW Operations	205,476.00
<u>Winter Roads</u>	<u>68,612.00</u>
Subtotal Highway Department	\$574,198.00

Other Public Works & Facilities

Street Lighting	\$ 5,500.00
Municipal Light Plant	1,000.00
<u>Dam Maintenance/Repair</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>

Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities \$ 7,700.00

Cemetery \$ 15,000.00

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION **\$ 596,898.00**

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

**Article 7 Passed By Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 8: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **Appropriate** from available funds the sum of **\$142,616.00** for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 90, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90.

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 8 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 9: 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Police Department

Police Salaries	\$52,351.00
Police Operations	<u>9,745.00</u>
Subtotal Police Department	\$62,096.00

Fire Department

Fire Department Stipends	\$ 32,793.00
Fire Department General Operations	<u>33,888.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	\$66,681.00

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director	\$ 3,864.00
Emergency Management Operations	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Management	\$4,864.00

Animal Control and Inspection

Animal Control Stipends	\$1,657.00
Animal Inspector	532.00
Regional Dog Kennel	<u>350.00</u>
Subtotal Animal Control	\$2,539.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION **\$136,180.00**

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 9 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 10: 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Health Department Stipends and Wages	\$76,192.00
Board of Health Operations	\$ 61,676.00

TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION **\$ 137,868.00**

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 10 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 11: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$1,000.00 for fiscal year 2019 to accept receipts related to the Town’s **Emergency Dispensing Site**, for the operation of the Town’s Emergency Dispensing Site in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health
Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 11 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

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, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for fiscal year 2019 to accept receipts **related to the Town’s recycling program and expenditures** for the operation of the Town’s solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services in the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products, to be under the authority of the Board of Health, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health
Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 12 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 13: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$6,000.00** for the 2019 fiscal year to accept receipts from the Insurance Billing for the purpose of **providing vaccine services**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health
Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 13 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

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 2019 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	\$ 1,173,746.00
Rowe School Secondary 7-12	\$ 410,598.00

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION **\$ 1,588,908.00**

A request was made from the floor to allow Principal Bill Knittle and Superintendent Jon Lev to answer questions pertaining to the FY19 School Budget. Request was granted by show of hands.

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (2-0-1)*

**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 authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2019 fiscal year to accept fees for **School Programs** for the purpose of offsetting department costs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Requested by the Rowe School Committee
Recommended by the Finance Committee (2-0-1)*

**Article 15 Passed By Show of Hands
Not 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 **Rowe Town Library** for the 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Library Salaries and Wages	\$ 39,836.00	
Library Operations	\$ 29,664.00	
TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY FROM TAXATION		\$ 69,500.00

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 16 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 17: 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Park Wages	\$93,707.00	
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 19,000.00	
TOTAL PARK FROM TAXATION		\$ 112,707.00

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

**Article 17 Passed By Show of Hands
Not 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 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Gracy House Operations	\$ 2,000.00
Gracy House Materials	\$ 500.00
Beautification Committee	\$ 500.00

TOTAL GRACY HOUSE and BEAUTIFICATION FROM TAXATION \$ **3,000.00**

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 18 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 19: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$5,000.00 for Old Home Day Fireworks for 2019 for **Old Home Day**, or take any action in relation thereto:

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

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 2019, or take any action in relation thereto:

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

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 authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2019 fiscal year to accept departmental receipts generated by Old Home Day activities and programs for the purpose of **defraying expenses of Old Home Day**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2020, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 21 Passed By Show of Hands
Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 22: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2019 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	\$137,449.00
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00
Group Health/Dental/Life Insurance	600,976.00
FICA/Medicare Tax – Town Share	55,000.00

TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE FROM TAXATION **\$794,425.00**

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (2-0-1)*

**Article 22 Passed By Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 23: A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 23 to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$29,010.00** to be used to reduce the FY2019 Tax Rate, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board

The motion to Table Article 23 Passed Unanimously by Show of Hands

ARTICLE 24: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **Overlay Surplus Account** the sum of **\$58,163.00** reduce the FY2019 Tax Rate, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*

Article 24 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 25: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be used to Update Town Website & Hosting, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (2-1-0)*

**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 **\$3,000.00** to be used to establish GASB 34 Capital Asset and Infrastructure Inventory, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)*
Article 26 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 27: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$ 3,000.00** to be used to establish a GASB 45 OPEB, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 27 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 28: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$17,600.00** to be used for the Assessor's Quintennial Revaluation/Annual Update, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 28 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 29: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$7,000.00** to be used for an Assessor's Utility Transmission & Distribution Valuation Project, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 29 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 30: 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:

DPW – Truck	\$ 31,000.00	
DPW – Lawn Tractor 54" cut diesel	\$ 17,000.00	
LIBRARY – Replace Handicap Ramp	\$ 1,200.00	
TOWN HALL – Heating/Cooling 2 nd Floor	\$ 10,000.00	
TOWN HALL – ENERGY EFFICIENT FRONT DOOR	\$6,000.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND		\$65,200.00

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

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article30 Passed By Show of Hands

Not Unanimous, Moderator declared 2/3 majority

ARTICLE 31: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** from **PARK VEHICLE REPAIR FUND** the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be used for a new account, the DPW Truck Purchase Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee

Article 31 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 32: A motion was made and seconded to see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** the sum of **\$164,656.00** to the Stabilization Fund, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 32 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendments to the Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement (note: the amendments below are to be effective July 1, 2018):

Strike the following language in Section I(A):

A member appointed by the Rowe School Committee would serve as a non-voting member of the Committee as described in Section IX (G) of this Agreement.

Strike the following language in Section III(F):

The Committee shall accept for enrollment in the District High School, pupils from the Town of Rowe on a tuition basis and upon such terms as are set forth in Section IX of this Agreement. The Committee may accept for enrollment in the regional district schools pupils from towns other than the member towns and the Town of Rowe on a tuition basis and upon such terms as it may determine. In either case, income received by the District from tuition pupils shall be deducted from the total operating costs in the next annual budget to be prepared after the receipt thereof, prior to apportionment under Section IV of this Agreement to the member towns.

and replace said language with the following:

Pursuant to Chapter 371 of the Acts of 1993, the Committee shall accept for enrollment in the District Middle/High School, all pupils from the Town of Rowe in grades seven through twelve on a tuition basis and upon such terms as are set forth in the tuition agreement entered into by the Committee and the Rowe School Committee. Such pupils shall include all Rowe pupils who are entitled to attend the District Middle/High School irrespective of the specific and particular educational needs of any pupil from said Town of Rowe, and irrespective of whether such education for any pupil from said Town of Rowe is provided at the District High School or at any other school as may be approved by said Committee (note: Rowe shall be financially responsible for resident pupils who choose to attend a vocational school). The Committee may accept for enrollment in the regional district schools pupils from towns other than the member towns and the Town of Rowe on a tuition basis and upon such terms as it may determine. In either case, income received by the District from tuition pupils shall be deducted from the total operating costs in the next annual budget to be prepared after the receipt thereof, prior to apportionment under Section IV of this Agreement to the member towns.

Strike the entirety of Section IX as follows, and renumber the remaining Sections:

SECTION IX

EDUCATION OF PUPILS FROM THE TOWN OF ROWE

(A) Special Education Pupils from the Town of Rowe

The Committee shall provide for the education of all pupils from the Town of Rowe in grades seven through twelve who are entitled to attend the District High School irrespective of the specific and particular educational needs of any pupil from said Town of Rowe, and irrespective of whether such education for any pupil from said Town of Rowe is provided at the District High School or at any other school as may be approved by said Committee.

(B) Transportation of Pupils from the Town of Rowe

The Committee shall provide for the transportation of pupils from the Town of Rowe who are entitled to attend the District High School, to and from said District High School to the extent that such transportation is provided for pupils from member towns who are entitled to attend said District High School. The Committee shall provide for the transportation of pupils from the Town of Rowe who are entitled to attend the District High School, to and from any other school as may be approved by said Committee to the extent that such transportation is provided for pupils from member towns who are entitled to attend said District High School, to and from any other school as may be approved by said Committee.

The Town of Rowe shall bear the cost of transportation for elementary pupils attending the Rowe elementary school.

(C) Tuition Basis for Pupils Grades 7-12 from the Town of Rowe

The cost of tuition to the District High School for each pupil in grades seven through twelve who attends the District High School or any other school as may be approved by the Committee, and who resides in the Town of Rowe shall be paid by said Town of Rowe to the District during the fiscal year when each such pupil is actually in attendance. The basis of the cost of tuition to the District High School or any other school as may be approved by said Committee for each fiscal year shall be established as follows: The total Maintenance and Operating Budget for said District High School as defined in Subsection VI(D) of this Agreement, for that fiscal year, reduced by the anticipated amounts of receipts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be used by the Committee to defray such budgeted maintenance and operating charges for that fiscal year, and further reduced by the anticipated amounts of surplus revenue from the District treasury to be used by the Committee to defray such budgeted maintenance and operating charges for that fiscal year, and further reduced by the amounts received from towns paying tuition to the district, consistent with the terms of Subsection III(F) of this Agreement; the balance (viz. the net operating and maintenance budget for said fiscal year) to be divided by the total enrollment of pupils in the District High School from member towns as of October 1 of the previous fiscal year and the resulting balance further divided by one and one-tenth (1.1); the final balance to equal the cost of tuition for one pupil for one complete school year.

(D) Reduction of the Cost of Tuition for Pupils Resident in the Town of Rowe

In the event the Committee reduces the net operating and maintenance costs assessed to the member towns for any fiscal year, by reduction of the Operating and Maintenance Budget for said fiscal year or by the application of additional amounts of revenue, irrespective of the source thereof, to reduce the net operating and maintenance costs assessed to said member towns for that fiscal year, the cost of tuition to the Town of Rowe for the education of its pupils during said fiscal year shall be likewise reduced in accordance with the provisions of Subsection IX(D).

(E) Schedule of Payment of Tuition Costs by the Town of Rowe

The Town of Rowe shall pay for the tuition of its pupils to the District High School, or any other school as may be approved by the Committee, such amounts as are in accordance with the provisions of Subsection IX (D), and shall make such payments twice each fiscal year at the following time: 1) not later than January 31 of each fiscal year; 2) not later than June 30 of each fiscal year.

(F) Payment of Capital Costs by the Town of Rowe

The Town of Rowe shall have the opportunity to pay a portion of capital costs as defined in Subsection IV (B) for capital projects at District High School. The Committee shall negotiate the rate of a voluntary contribution with the Rowe School Committee at the time of each capital project.

(G) Representation on the Committee

The School Committee of the Town of Rowe may appoint one of its members to represent the Town of Rowe at meetings of the Committee. The Committee shall allow such representative all powers of discussion, debate and deliberation including, but not limited to, participation in such meetings of the Committee while in executive session, but such representative shall not have the power to vote on any matter which comes before the Committee.

(H) Administrative Support Services for Rowe Pupils Grade K-6

The Town of Rowe shall have the opportunity to utilize the services of the Superintendent of Schools and central administration, and Director of Pupil Services who also directs special education, for administration of the Rowe Elementary School and bear the costs thereof.

(I) Distribution of Assets in the Event of Dissolution of the District

In the event of the dissolution of the District, its assets shall be distributed to the member towns and the Town of Rowe on the basis of each town's respective aggregate payment of capital cost to the District.

Recommended by the School Committee
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)
Recommended by Rowe Select Board

**Article 33 Passed By Show of Hands
Not Unanimous**

ARTICLE 34: 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 for the purposes of bridge repair and construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 34 Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

ARTICLE 36: A motion was made and seconded to see if the town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Rowe Article III Section 11 or take any other action relative thereto:

In accordance with Chapter 39 §16 of General Laws there shall be a Finance Committee consisting of five members which shall consider all municipal questions relating to appropriations and may consider any municipal question for the purpose of making reports and recommendations to the Town. This committee shall submit its recommendations and report to each town meeting, annual or special. Two members of said committee shall be elected on each of two consecutive years and one on the third year by ballot at each annual town election. No member of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee shall be eligible to serve on said committee. Members of the Finance Committee holding other town offices or positions must recuse themselves on all matters pertaining to that department. The Finance Committee shall have the powers and duties delegated to it by said Section 16 and other applicable laws including the duty of submitting a budget with the approval of the Selectmen for the Omnibus article at the annual Town Meeting and such recommendations shall be printed on the annual Town Meeting warrant.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Article 36 Passed By Show of Hands
Not Unanimous

ARTICLE 37: A motion was made and seconded to **TABLE** Article 37 to see if the Town will adopt the following Non Substantive Bylaw, or take any action relative thereto: The Town Clerk is authorized, only after consultation with the Select Board for purposes of clarity, to assign appropriate numbers or letters to bylaw sections, subsections, paragraphs, and sub-paragraphs, and also to make non-substantive editorial revisions to the bylaw for the purpose of ensuring consistent, appropriate sequencing, numbering, and non-substantive edits, provided that such editorial revisions shall be identified by a footnote or other convention without Town Meeting Approval.

Recommended by Rowe Select Board
Recommended by the Finance Committee (3-0-0)

Motion to TABLE Article 21 was defeated by a Show of Hands

Article 37 Passed by Teller Count
Yes – 22
No - 21

ARTICLE 38: A motion was made and seconded to transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

- Board of Selectmen Chair, Jennifer Morse reminded people of the following upcoming events:
 - Annual Town Election this Saturday, May 19th. Polls open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
 - Rowe Fire, Police and North Adams Ambulance will be having an open house at the Station on Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Touch a Truck, File of Life Folders, Smoke Detector Information and More.
- Mr. Paul McLatchy Jr. requested that consideration be given to the poor acoustics of the school gym when planning future Town Meetings.
Jean Claude VanItalie volunteered his services in helping to plan a more acoustically friendly seating arrangement for future meetings.

- Paul McLatchy III, Bylaw Committee Representative, requested, a Sense of the Meeting regarding the mailing of Town Reports as the current cost ranges between \$700 - \$1000. Show of hands indicated leaning towards continued mailing of Annual Town Reports.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Passed Unanimously By Show of Hands

Respectfully Submitted:

Katherine Sprague
Rowe Town Clerk
May 14, 2018

A true copy, Attest:

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION Fiscal Year 2019



ARTICLE 5

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	FY18 APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
General Administration Town Hall	\$20,000.00	17,000.00	-15.00%
Town Officer Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Print Town Reports	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
IT Consultant	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%
IT Hardware/Software	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%
Town-wide Notification System	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	\$14,000.00	15,000.00	7.14%
Town Hall Fuel Oil	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	0.00%
Town Hall Electricity	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	\$1,600.00	2,000.00	25.00%
Bonding and Insurance	\$49,100.00	52,000.00	5.91%
<u>Harper's Payroll - (in Treasurer's Budget in FY19)</u>	<u>\$4,250.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>	-100.00%
Subtotal Administration	\$120,450.00	\$117,500.00	-2.45%
Municipal Audit	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	0.00%
Executive Secretary	\$45,946.00	\$46,865.00	2.00%
Administrative Assistant Compensation	\$6,947.00	\$7,086.00	2.00%
Town Hall Custodian Wages	\$13,262.00	\$18,034.00	35.98%
Moderator Stipend	\$439.00	\$439.00	0.00%
<u>Selectmen Stipends</u>	<u>\$5,928.00</u>	<u>\$5,928.00</u>	0.00%
Subtotal Wages and Stipends	\$72,522.00	\$78,352.00	8.04%
Legal Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	0.00%
Tax Collector's Operations			
Tax Collector Stipend	\$7,782.00	\$7,938.00	2.00%
<u>Tax Collector Operations</u>	<u>\$7,290.00</u>	<u>\$7,605.00</u>	4.32%
Tax Collector Total	\$15,072.00	\$15,543.00	3.13%
Treasurer			
Treasurer Stipend	\$13,669.00	\$20,722.00	51.60%
<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>	<u>\$7,053.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	-100.00%
<u>Treasurer's Operations (includes Harper's Payroll)</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$8,010.00</u>	8010.00%
Treasurer Total	\$20,722.00	\$28,732.00	38.65%
Town Clerk			
Town Clerk Stipend	\$13,232.00	\$13,497.00	2.00%
Town Clerk Operations	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	\$350.00	\$350.00	0.00%
<u>Election/Teller Expenses</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$3,859.00</u>	10.26%

Town Clerk Total	\$18,582.00	\$19,206.00	3.36%
Conservation Commission Operations	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00	75.00%
Council on Aging	\$3,000.00	\$3,800.00	26.67%
Energy Committee Operations (No active members)	\$500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
	FY18 APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
Veterans' Services			
Veterans' Administrative Operations	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	0.00%
Veterans' Benefits	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.00%
Veterans' Services	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	0.00%
FRCOG Services			
FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	\$15,627.00	\$16,320.00	4.43%
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	\$1,240.00	\$1,105.00	-10.89%
Franklin County Emergency Communications System	\$1,296.00	\$1,319.00	1.77%
FRCOG Cooperative Purchasing Program	\$1,391.00	\$1,391.00	0.00%
FRCOG Regional Emergency Planning Committee	\$150.00	\$150.00	0.00%
FCCIP Inspection Program	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	0.00%
FRCOG Total	\$24,204.00	\$24,785.00	2.40%
Accountant			
Town Accountant	\$16,047.00	\$16,368.00	2.00%
Accounting Expenses	\$400.00	\$400.00	0.00%
Software License	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	0.00%
Consultant	\$515.00	\$450.00	-12.62%
Accounting Total	\$18,162.00	\$18,418.00	1.41%
Assessor's Office			
Assessors' Stipends	\$5,354.00	\$5,354.00	0.00%
Assessors' Clerk	\$10,000.00	\$10,200.00	2.00%
Assessors' Operations	\$8,200.00	\$9,400.00	14.63%
Assessors' Office Total	\$23,554.00	\$24,954.00	5.94%
Planning Board			
Planning Board Operations	\$1,000.00	\$1,025.00	2.50%
Planning Board Consulting Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
Planning Board Goal PostOperations	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	0.00%

Planning Board Total	\$18,000.00	\$18,025.00	0.14%
GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION	\$352,468.00	\$367,765.00	4.34%
ARTICLE 6			
	FY18 APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0.00%
ARTICLE 7			
	FY18 APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
DPW Superintendent's Salary	\$73,703.00	\$75,177.00	2.00%
DPW Heavy Equipment Operator's Wages	\$193,072.00	\$196,933.00	2.00%
Summer Youth Employment Program Wages	\$22,500.00	\$28,000.00	24.44%
DPW Wages Total	\$289,275.00	\$300,110.00	3.75%
ARTICLE 7	PUBLIC WORKS		
DPW Operations & Maintenance	\$30,379.00	\$30,986.00	2.00%
Summer Youth Operations & Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
DPW Heating	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	0.00%
DPW Electricity	\$230.00	\$230.00	0.00%
Fuel for Town Vehicles	\$43,000.00	\$43,860.00	2.00%
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	\$80,000.00	\$81,600.00	2.00%
Annual DPW Projects	\$40,000.00	\$40,800.00	2.00%
Snow & Ice Removal (Winter Roads)	\$68,612.00	\$68,612.00	0.00%
DPW Operations Total	\$270,221.00	\$274,088.00	1.43%
Street Lighting	\$4,000.00	\$5,500.00	37.50%
Municipal Light Plant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Cemeteries – Maintenance/Repair	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
Dam Maintenance/Repair	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	
Other Public Works & Facilities Total	\$20,000.00	\$22,700.00	13.50%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION	\$579,496.00	\$596,898.00	3.00%

ARTICLE 8

APPROPRIATE CHAPTER 90

Appropriate Chapter 90 Funds	\$143,227.00	\$142,616.00	-0.43%
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ARTICLE 9

PUBLIC SAFETY

	FY18 APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
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Police Chief Stipend	\$23,819.00	\$24,295.00	2.00%
Police Officers Compensation	\$26,477.00	\$27,007.00	2.00%
Constable Stipend	\$549.00	\$549.00	0.00%
<u>Police Old Home Day Presence</u>	<u>\$499.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	0.20%
Police Salaries	\$51,344.00	\$52,351.00	1.96%
Police Dept. Operations	\$8,850.00	\$9,745.00	10.11%
Police Dept. Total	\$60,194.00	\$62,096.00	3.16%
Fire Chief Stipend	\$7,782.00	\$7,938.00	2.00%
Fire Dept./EMS Personnel Payroll	\$16,616.00	\$16,948.00	2.00%
<u>Fire Dept./EMS Admin Assistant</u>	<u>\$7,752.00</u>	<u>\$7,907.00</u>	2.00%
Fire Dept. Stipends	\$32,150.00	\$32,793.00	2.00%
Fire Dept. General Operations (Note: EMS Consulting added in FY19)	\$24,917.00	\$27,888.00	11.92%
Fire Station Heating Oil	\$4,440.00	\$4,440.00	0.00%
<u>Fire Station Electricity</u>	<u>\$1,560.00</u>	<u>\$1,560.00</u>	0.00%
Fire Dept. Operations Total	\$30,917.00	\$33,888.00	9.61%
Fire Dept. Total	\$63,067.00	\$66,681.00	5.73%
Emergency Management	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
<u>Emergency Management Director</u>	<u>\$3,864.00</u>	<u>\$3,864.00</u>	0.00%
Emergency Management Total	\$4,864.00	\$4,864.00	0.00%
	FY18		%
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	CHANGE
EMS Emergency Consulting (added to FD Operations new in FY 19)	\$2,221.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
EMS Operations and Maintenance (added to FD Operations)	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	-100.00%
Emergency Medical Service Total	\$3,721.00	0.00	-100.00%
Animal Control Officer Stipend	\$649.00	\$649.00	0.00%
Animal Control Officer – Relief Stipend	\$508.00	\$508.00	0.00%
Regional Animal Control Officer	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
Regional Dog Control/Adoption Center Membership	\$350.00	\$350.00	0.00%
Animal Inspector	\$0.00	\$532.00	100.00%
Animal Control and Inspection Total	\$2,007.00	\$2,539.00	26.51%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION	\$133,853.00	\$136,180.00	1.74%

ARTICLE 10**PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION**

	FY18		
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
Transfer Station Attendants Compensation	\$16,300.00	\$16,626.00	2.00%
Board of Health Stipends	\$4,938.00	\$4,938.00	0.00%
Board of Health Clerk Wages	\$7,436.00	\$7,585.00	2.00%
Town Nurse Wages	\$45,630.00	\$46,543.00	2.00%
<u>Physician's Stipend</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	0.00%
Health Dept. Wages Total	\$74,804.00	\$76,192.00	1.86%
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%
Refuse Garden Operations	29,000.00	\$30,500.00	5.17%
Franklin County Solid Waste Mgt. District Assessment	4,594.00	\$4,786.00	4.18%
Board of Health Operations	13,500.00	\$13,500.00	0.00%
FRCOG Health Agent Assessment	4,900.00	\$5,000.00	2.04%
<u>Health Services Operations</u>	<u>7,390.00</u>	<u>\$7,390.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Board of Health Operations Total	\$59,884.00	61,676.00	2.99%
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION FROM TAXATION	\$134,688.00	\$137,868.00	2.36%

ARTICLE 14**EDUCATION**

	FY18		
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
School Committee Stipend	\$4,564.00	\$4,564.00	0.00%
Rowe School K-6 Operating Budget	\$1,165,918.00	\$1,173,746.00	0.67%
<u>Rowe School Secondary 7-12</u>	<u>\$485,884.00</u>	<u>\$410,598.00</u>	<u>-15.49%</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION	\$1,644,628.00	\$1,588,908.00	-3.39%

ARTICLE 16**LIBRARY**

	FY18		
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
Library Director Salary	\$21,384.00	\$21,812.00	2.00%
<u>Library Staff Wages</u>	<u>\$17,671.00</u>	<u>\$18,024.00</u>	2.00%
Library Staff Wages Total	\$39,055.00	\$39,836.00	2.00%
Library Operations and Maintenance	\$21,430.00	\$21,458.00	0.13%
Library Heating Oil	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00	0.00%
Library Electricity	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
<u>CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership</u>	<u>\$3,055.00</u>	<u>\$3,156.00</u>	<u>3.31%</u>
Library Operations Total	\$29,535.00	\$29,664.00	0.44%
TOTAL LIBRARY FROM TAXATION	\$68,590.00	\$69,500.00	1.33%

ARTICLE 17		PARK OPERATIONS & MGT.		
	FY18			
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	
Park Ranger Compensation	\$46,995.00	\$47,935.00	2.00%	
<u>Park Wages</u>	<u>\$42,844.00</u>	<u>\$45,772.00</u>	<u>6.83%</u>	
Subtotal Park Wages	\$89,839.00	\$93,707.00	4.31%	
Park Operations and Maintenance	\$19,830.00	\$19,000.00	-4.19%	
TOTAL PARK FROM TAXATION	\$109,669.00	\$112,707.00	2.77%	

ARTICLE 18		GRACY HOUSE & BEAUTIFICATION		
	FY18			
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	
Gracy House Operations	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%	
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00	0.00%	
<u>Beautification Committee</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>		
TOTAL GRACY HOUSE & BEAUTIFICATION FROM TAXATION	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	20.00%	

ARTICLE 19		OLD HOME DAY		
	FY18			
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	
Old Home Day Fireworks	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%	

ARTICLE 20		OLD HOME DAY	REVOLVING FUND	
	FY18			
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	
Old Home Day Revolving Funds	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%	

ARTICLE 22		PENSION & INSURANCE		
	FY18			
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	
Franklin County Retirement Assessment	\$132,439.00	137,449.00	3.78%	
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%	
Group Health Insurance	\$542,432.00	\$600,976.00	10.79%	
<u>FICA/Medicare Tax – Town Share</u>	<u>\$55,000.00</u>	<u>\$55,000.00</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	
TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE FROM TAXATION	\$730,871.00	\$794,425.00	8.70%	

ARTICLE 23		FREE CASH TO REDUCE TAX RATE		
	FY18			
	APPROPRIATED	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE	
Appropriate from Free Cash to Reduce FY18 Tax Rate	\$98,432.00	\$29,010.00	-70.53%	

ARTICLE 24		APPROPRIATE TO REDUCE TAX RATE		
		FY18	FY19 PROPOSED	% CHANGE
		APPROPRIATED		
Appropriate from Overlay Surplus Account To Reduce Tax Rate		\$13,997.00	\$34,022.27	143.07%
ARTICLE 25		Update Town Website & Hosting		
Appropriate \$5,000 from Free Cash for Updating Town Website			\$5,000.00	
ARTICLE 26		GASB 34		
Appropriate \$3,000.00 from Free Cash for GASB 34			\$3,000.00	
ARTICLE 27		GASB 45		
Appropriate \$3,000.00 from Free Cash for GASB 45 OPEB			\$3,000.00	
ARTICLE 28		ASSESSORS' VALUATION PROJECT		
Appropriate \$17,600.00 from Free Cash for Assessor's Quintennial Revaluation/Annual Update			\$17,600.00	
ARTICLE 29		ASSESSORS' VALUATION PROJECT		
Transfer \$7,000.00 from Free Cash to be used for an Assessor's Utility Transmission & Distribution Valuation Project			\$7,000.00	
ARTICLE 30				
DPW – Truck		\$31,000.00		
DPW – Lawn Tractor 54” cut diesel		\$17,000.00		
LIBRARY – Replace Handicap Ramp		\$1,200.00		
TOWN HALL – Heating/Cooling 2 nd Floor		\$10,000.00		
TOWN HALL – ENERGY EFFICIENT FRONT DOOR		\$6,000.00		
TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND			\$65,200.00	

ARTICLE 31**TRANSFER TO**

Transfer from Park Vehicle Repair Account
to be used for new Vehicle Fund

\$5,000.00

ARTICLE 32**TRANSFER TO**

Transfer from FREE CASH the sum of \$135,646.00 to

STABILIZATION FUND