

TOWN of ROWLEY

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

From: The Rowley Board of Assessor's

Date: January 22, 2007

The Board of Assessors in fiscal year 2007 reviewed all calendar year 2005 arms-length property sales to ensure the property assessments continue to reflect full and fair market value. The Department of Revenue requires that all Cities and Town's now review property sales annually and adjust assessments accordingly before the tax rate can be certified. In fiscal year 2007 adjustments were made to the single family, condominium, two and three family classes of property. Where in the past the Board of Assessors strived to bring the assessments closer to 100% of fair market value, due to the current real estate market the assessments were brought in closer to 93% of fair market value. The Board feels it is important to note that January 1st annually is the assessment date and all assessments are determined using the arms-length property sales that occur the 12 months prior. Therefore, for fiscal year 2007 with the assessment date of January 1, 2006 the sales used to determine the assessments are those that occurred in calendar year 2005.

Below is a table of the fiscal year 2007 parcel counts, valuations and taxes for the main property classes in Town:

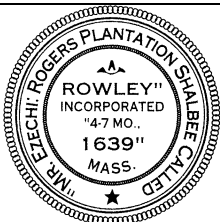
<i>FISCAL YEAR 2007</i>					
<u>Tax Classification</u>	<u>Parcel Count</u>	<u>Assessed Value by Class</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax by Class</u>	<u>% of Total Value by Class</u>
<i>Residential</i>	2213	818,105,840	9.78	\$8,001,075	87.7621%
<i>Open Space</i>	72	601,200	9.78	\$5,880	0.0645%
<i>Commercial</i>	250	65,913,410	9.78	\$644,633	7.0708%
<i>Industrial</i>	34	36,148,750	9.78	\$353,535	3.8778%
<i>Personal Property</i>	340	11,417,002	9.78	\$111,658	1.2248%
<i>Exempt</i>	187	40,670,900			
<i>Total</i>	3096	932,186,202		\$9,116,781	100.0000%

The Board reported \$32,498,970 in New Growth Value to the Department of Revenue, which was certified during the fiscal year 2007 tax rate setting process. The tax rate in the Town decreased from \$9.80 to \$9.78 for fiscal year 2007.

As always, the Board feels it is important for all taxpayers to remember that the Board of Assessors does not make the laws that affect property owners. The Massachusetts Legislature enacts tax laws. Various guidelines and regulations to implement the legislation are established by the Department of Revenue. The Board of Assessors, in short, follows the procedures established by others to set the value of property. Value is actually set by buyers and sellers as they establish the worth of comparable properties through their transactions in the real estate marketplace. The Assessors also do not determine taxes. The municipality itself determines property taxation, through its Town Meeting. Similarly, the Assessors do not decide who is entitled to relief on their property tax bills through exemptions; rather they follow the Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Di Mento, Chairman
Diane L. D'Angeli M.A.A., Assessor
Donald W. Thurston M.A.A., Assessor

		
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Report of the Personnel Board

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As we look forward to a new year – each of us, the citizens of Rowley, as well as Town Employees, should continue to make Rowley a better place to live. The Personnel Board, as part of the Town, must also strive to consistently improve Human Resource Policy to reflect the administrative needs of our Town. To this end, we submit the following:

Objectives:

Our principal objective will be to ensure that Human Resource policy is within acceptable standards and administered in a uniform manner to all employees. With this administration, Management, Unions and Employees alike should find a more acceptable work environment. An environment that will enhance job satisfaction and provide improvement in services to the taxpayer. Employee satisfaction is an important factor of any organization and frequently is found to be in indirect proportion to job performance. Employee performance normally increases self-confidence and should improve productivity. When such factors exist, an enhanced relationship between Employee and Employer becomes more achievable and allows for all parties to become winners; the Employee, the Town and the Taxpayer.

Goals:

The Personnel Board again this year will continue to review and improve all current policy. Such policy as defined in the Town's "Personnel Plan", provides day-to-day administrative guidelines to Supervisors and Employees alike. These guidelines identify: hours, wages and benefits, as well as, other conditions of employment.

Record keeping is also a major part of an accepted personnel system. Most records are retained for years, allowing the Employer the ability to re-establish employment history. Such retention of records also provides for the reconstruction of current history, which could assist in protecting the Town from liability claims. In recognition of these facts and other requirements, the Personnel Board will continue to review the need for new and improved record keeping forms and data sheets. This collection of data (as cited) not only assists recall for Town Officials, but also complies with State and Federal laws.

Accomplishments:

In addition to items listed above, the Town Department Heads have developed and written job descriptions for all Town Employees. Such job descriptions are then reviewed for format and content, and thereafter evaluated by the Personnel Board, for the assignment of a pay grade. To ensure that our pay grade system continues to be competitive and reflects cost-of-living (COL) adjustments which compare to similar towns; we annually survey and monitor other towns for wage and benefit comparisons. We also review the Boston Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) data. This data provides us with the average “percent change” for any proposed wage rate adjustments. With such processes we continue to be competitive in this ever-increasing Labor Market.

We have also developed and assembled “Personnel Policy and Procedure” manuals. These manuals were distributed to all Town Departments. Such manuals should assist in providing consistent and uniform administration for all Town Employees. As always, the Board is available to meet and assist Employees and/or Supervisors alike with any Personnel or Administrative questions or concerns.

During the past few years, our Board performed a Town Staffing Analysis. This process provides an overview of the Town’s workforce whereby, identifying skill and ability requirements of job descriptions. It also provides a manpower and workload analysis as it relates to each Town Department. Frequently, such information can assist Management with utilizing the workforce in a more effective manner, which can provide a financial cost savings.

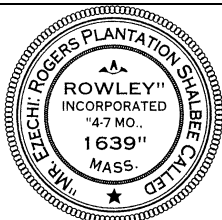
The Personnel Board frequently conducts wage surveys and employment/employee performance analysis. Such study findings could assist and provide us with information that may introduce a means of increased efficiency and productivity within our Town’s departmental and employment structure.

On-Going:

The coming years pose new and increasing challenges to the Personnel Board, as well as, to all Town Employees and Officials. Increased population, the requirement of additional Town services, the possibility of more employment needs, as well as budget concerns within our Town and throughout the State. All are indicators for the ever-increasing need for co-operation between Union, Management and Employees alike. For our continued success, we should find a common ground, whereby, building respect and understanding for each other. As with most organizations, the success of any function greatly depends on realistic goals, positive direction and adherence in the administration of equal and uniformly applied Town Policy.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald Perkins, Chairman
Jack DiMento
Thomas Moses

		
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Report of the Town Clerk

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Town Clerk's office was bee-hive of activity in 2006 issuing Dog Licenses, Shellfish Permits, Business Certificates, Ramp and Mooring Permits, processing Parking tickets, Marriage licenses, Birth and Death Certificates, and supervising Voter Registration, State and Town Elections and Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Each year I take this opportunity to thank my assistants – Barbara R. DiMento, Assistant Town Clerk and Jack E. Grundstrom, Volunteer, for their continued hard work. Although the position of Assistant Town Clerk is still only funded sufficiently to allow coverage when I am not able to be in the office, this does allow me the flexibility to attend conferences and workshops as well as the occasional vacation or sick day. Thank you, Barbara!

Jack Grundstrom of Railroad Ave. continues to volunteer his services as part of the Senior Tax Credit program. Jack addresses many 'special projects' within the office. He spent the spring and fall of 2006 working on a project to reproduce to manageable size the enormous Vital Records books which we've recently had restored. Completion of this project will allow us to keep the beautifully restored books in safekeeping while allowing access by genealogists to the photocopied binders.

An achievement that this office is exceedingly proud of is our continuing commitment to preserve and restore many of the very old and fragile town records that are stored in our vault. Rowley is one of the oldest towns in the Commonwealth and as such, we attract many serious researchers as we are attributed to having one of the most complete sets of original records anywhere. Of this we are very proud but at the same time as conservators of the records, this office maintains a desire to do whatever is necessary to preserve and protect them for future generations. Thanks to grants from the Community Preservation program, we've been able to restore many valuable town records. The Birth, Death and Marriage (1909-1987) Ledgers and Indexes as well as Birth, Death and Marriages (1843-1909) and the companion Index and several ledgers of Town Records have been completely de-acified, preserved in mylar sleeves and rebound by Brown's River Preservations of Vermont. We are currently in the process of

selecting the next group of books to be sent out. Thank you Community Preservation Committee!

2006 Population Demographics (as of 12/31/06)

Age 100 and over	2
Age 85-99	86
Age 75-84	168
Age 65-74	300
Age 55-64	746
Age 45-54	1250
Age 35-44	1078
Age 25-34	656
Age 18-24	641
Age 12-17	460
Age 6 -11	431
Age 5 and under	339

Comparative Vital Statistics (as of 1/30/07)

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Births	52	60	64	68	60
Deaths	43	65	57	64	60
Marriages	23	15	22	24	26

Births: Of the sixty (60) births recorded in Rowley, 32 were males and 28 were female and two sets of twins.

Deaths: Of the sixty (60) deaths recorded, thirty-four (34) were women and twenty-six (26) were male, forty-four (44) are listed as being residents of Rowley and sixteen (16) were listed as being veterans – ten (10) World War II and five (5) Korean Conflict and one (1) Vietnam. The average age at time of death was 82 years, (85 for women and 79 for men).

Marriages: Twenty-six (26) Marriage Intentions were filed in 2006, twenty-five (25) marriages were registered, ten (10) of the weddings actually took place in Rowley, fifteen (15) elsewhere. Of the fifty(50) participants, thirty-nine (39) listed their residence as Rowley, others listed residences from as far away as Provo UT and Arlington VA.

Revenue Report for the Town Clerk's Office – 2006

Cemetery Lots Sold	3350.00
Dog and Kennel Licenses	4650.00
General Fees	5503.00
Parking Violations	440.00
Ramp and Mooring Permits	9280.75
Shellfish Permits	8240.00
Uniform Commercial Code	233.64
Wildlife – Hunting/Fishing Licenses	<u>2854.75</u>
	\$34,552.14

Cemetery Lots Sold – There were thirteen (13) lots sold altogether, all to Rowley residents.

General Fees – General Fees include a wide range of transactions including the sale of Rules and Regulations from various committees, Street List sales, Marriage Licenses, Business Certificates, certified copies of Vital Records and research and copying fees.

Shellfish Permits – There were seventy-five (75) shellfish permits issued:

- 24 Resident/Commercial Permits – 7 to residents over 60 (free)
- 49 Resident/Non-commercial Permits - 22 to residents over 60 (free)
- 1 Non resident/non-commercial permit
- 1 Summer resident/non-commercial permit
- plus 4 Aquaculture permits.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses - There were ninety-eight (98) 2006 Wildlife licenses sold by this office: twenty-five Hunting Licenses, twenty-four Sporting, forty-eight Fishing and one Trapping License. There were also sixty various conservation stamps sold.

Ramp and Mooring Permits - There were two hundred thirty-one (231) Ramp Permits and sixty-nine (69) Mooring permits issued in 2006.

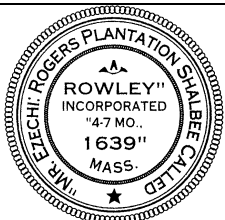
Uniform Commercial Code – Although the Commonwealth took over the filing of UCC documentation as of July 1, 2001, House Bill # 2111 allowed for reimbursement for lost revenue on a diminishing schedule.

In May of 2006, I was re-elected to serve a third term as Town Clerk – Thank you to all who voted for me. I continue to attend as many professional development opportunities as offered by the Mass Town Clerk's Association, the New England Clerk's Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks as possible as well as attending bi-monthly meetings of the North Shore City and Town Clerk's Association. On October 21, 2006, I was awarded my Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and became one of only 71 out of 351 clerks in Massachusetts to be so designated.

I still to love the job and, with your continued support, look forward to serving the Town of Rowley for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
January 30, 2007

		
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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Duties and Responsibilities: As directed by MGL, the Board of Registrars in each town is primarily responsible for maintaining an accurate voter registration list and presiding over recounts.

The voter registration list is the basis for the Street List and Census and is used to check qualified residents into Annual/Special Town Meetings and Federal, State and Local Elections. The primary vehicle for keeping this list up to date is the annual census/street list as maintained by the state hosted VRIS Computer System. Every year the registrars spend time compiling the Annual Census as well as working at the check-in table at Rowley's Town Meetings and providing office coverage for Voter Registration and various other extended hours as mandated by the Secretary of State. In 2006, the Secretary of the State's office updated the computer hardware upon which the VRIS system runs and installed new 'STATE' computers in offices of City and Town Clerks throughout the state.

Occasionally, as part of the democratic process, a recount is requested at the local level. It is the responsibility of the Board of Registrars to oversee the recount process. Their decision as to the disposition of a contested ballot is final. We have, on several occasions over the years, run a recount and 2006 was one of those years. The Board scheduled and then supervised the recount of Question #6 of the Annual Town Election of May 9, 2006. Although the final totals changed marginally – mostly with regard to blanks – the results remained the same and Question Six still failed but thanks to the dedication of our Registrars, the recount went without a hitch and everyone was confident and satisfied with the accuracy of the final total.

2006 Election/Town Meeting Schedule:

Special Town Meeting	Monday, May 1, 2006
Annual Town Meeting	Monday, May 1, 2006
Annual Town Election	Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Recount – Question #6	Friday, May 26, 2006
State Primary	Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006
State Election	Tuesday, November 7, 2006
Special Town Meeting	Monday, Nov. 13, 2006

Voter Registration as of 12/30/2006

Unenrolled	2366
Republican	644
Democrat	681
Libertarian	15
Other	6
Total Registration:	3712

Election Workers as appointed by the Board of Selectmen–

DEMOCRATS:

Winnifred Jarvis, 22 Bradford St., Rowley
Marion Madden, 136 Wethersfield St., Rowley
Enes Modini, 260 Dodge Rd., Rowley
Joan Carol Petersen, 25 Newbury Rd., Rowley

REPUBLICANS:

Maryann Appell, 43 Fenno Dr., Rowley
Mary Bright, 965 Haverhill St., Rowley
Martha Chase Geary, 563 Wethersfield St., Rowley
Lucinda Johnson, 28 Brook St., Rowley
Joan Lyons, 283 Haverhill St., Rowley
Ronald Perkins, 22 Warehouse Lane, Rowley
Helen Williams, 289 Haverhill St., Rowley

UNENROLLED:

Anita Atkinson-Drapeau, 81 Newbury Rd., Rowley
Elizabeth Dasch, 37 Bennett Hill Rd., Rowley
Doreen Glowik, 545 Newburyport Turnpike, Rowley
Robert Johnson, 28 Brook St., Rowley
G. Robert Merry, 40 Warehouse Lane, Rowley
Mary Ellen Mighill, 76 Central St., Rowley

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the residents who continue to take on the often thankless responsibility of being an election worker in spite of meetings and training sessions regarding new rules and regulations, Help America Vote Act/HAVA changes, and tightened security concerns. Equipment is set up and tested, voters processed and votes tabulated at elections in a timely and efficient manner due in large part to the training and professionalism of all involved in running an election.

We joke that the only perk the overworked election workers can look forward to is really fabulous meals provided to us by Doug Morris of Old Town Bread Co on Main Street who always supplies us with hot, delicious meals within our limited budget. We thank, as well, Constables Nat Dummer and Phil Collyer, Rowley Police Chief Kevin Barry and Rowley Fire Chief James Broderick for providing assistance in the areas of security and traffic control.

Thank you also to Roger Merry, Bob Merry, Joan and Dave Petersen and Charlie, Liz and Chuck Hazen for helping to set up, break down and move around all the voting booths, OPTECH machines, ballot boxes and related material.

Once again our thanks to Doug Morris of Old Town Bread for providing tasty sustenance to harried and hungry election workers, to Father James Carroll and St. Mary's Parish for allowing us to hold our elections in their hall, the custodial staff at Pine Grove School for setting up and taking down all the chairs at Town Meetings and to the Triton AV tech students who videotape each town meeting for us.

Upcoming Election and Town Meeting Information:

Tuesday, May 8, 20067	Annual Town Election Noon to 8 pm St. Mary's Hall, Main St., Rowley
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Monday, May 14, 2007	Special Town Meeting – 7:30 PM Annual Town Meeting – 7:30 PM Pine Grove School, Main St., Rowley
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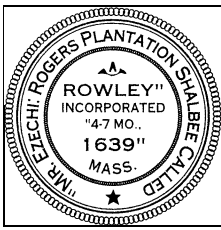
As we write this year's report, we are in the process of compiling the year 2007 CENSUS/STREET LIST information and we hope to have the 2007 Street List books ready early in the spring. Response has been excellent so far. Of the 2277 Census questionnaires mailed out, as of January 30, 2007, we have a return rate of approximately 80 %. Did you return your CENSUS form? We can't stress enough how important it is to keep these list accurate and up to date and respectfully request residents to return their census with the correct information as soon as they receive it.

We remind you that you may register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office or at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. You can request a registration form by calling 978 948 2081 or the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office at 1-800-462-VOTE. You need to register to vote only once, unless you change your name, address or affiliation. Please remember that response to the Annual Town Census/Street List questionnaire does NOT constitute Voter registration although failure to respond to it may result in removal from the Voter's List. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 978 948 2081 should you have any questions regarding your Voting Status.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Registrars

Barbara H. Collins
Barbara R. DiMento
Mildred L. Dummer
Susan G. Hazen

January 30, 2007



Town of Rowley

Conservation Commission

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2006 Annual Report of the Rowley Conservation Commission

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents:

The Town of Rowley Conservation Commission administers and enforces the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Commission also plays a key role in the application of the EPA's Phase II Storm Water Rule, which seeks to reduce and eliminate pollution entering our rivers, brooks, and streams from storm water runoff.

The Rowley Conservation Commission is composed of seven members appointed for staggered three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen. Members volunteer their time to help protect Rowley's natural resources.

Wetlands are important for the environmental functions they perform, in addition to their aesthetic and recreational values. These valuable functions include:

- protection of land containing shellfish
- protection of fisheries
- flood control
- storm damage prevention
- prevention of pollution
- protection of public and private water supply
- protection of ground water supply
- protection of vernal pools and other wildlife habitat

Where there are wetland areas involved, proper application of the Act and Bylaw allows individuals to develop land in Rowley while minimizing problems from storm, flood, and high groundwater damage, while also preventing pollution and protecting natural resources including wetlands, rivers, estuaries, salt marshes, drinking water, groundwater, fisheries, and wildlife.

In 2006 the Commission received 82 permit applications, a 19% increase from 2005.

- 30 Notices of Intent, which range from new homes to new subdivisions
- 4 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, to determine wetland boundaries
- 30 Requests to Determine Applicability, which allow simple projects such as additions or sheds, as well as setting soil testing locations for septic systems
- 18 Requests for Certificates of Compliance, the final declaration of project completion

The Conservation Department assists the Board of Selectmen by reviewing and providing professional input on special permit requests under the Flood Plain and Watershed Protection District, the Soil Suitability, and Earth Removal Bylaws. The office handled 57 building permit reviews, over 40 written information requests, and provided the Board of Health with input on soil evaluation site reviews. Along with the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission is one of the main boards involved in beaver management. Beaver issues continue to affect local residents, farms, businesses, and recreational land use in Rowley.

The Commission had the opportunity to guide Boy Scout Troop 15 in conducting Storm Drain Stenciling as an Eagle Scout Project. Approximately 90 storm drains throughout town were labeled with warnings such as “Dump No Waste, Drains to Stream,” while nearby homes were provided with door hangers offering residents ways to reduce various pollutants that storm water runoff might carry into our sensitive wetlands, streams, and ocean waters.

The Commission coordinated with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board to adopt a uniform requirement that donations of land as Open Space be accompanied by standard Baseline Reports. These reports provide important documentation and photographic records of the condition of the land at the time of donation that will assist in both protection as well as future management.

The Open Space Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, continued its efforts to preserve and protect open space in town. The Committee is currently providing support and assistance in the Town’s effort to acquire and protect the Bradstreet property on Main Street. The Committee extends an invitation to join them in planning for and protecting Rowley’s outstanding natural areas. The Conservation Commission is also represented on the Community Preservation Committee.

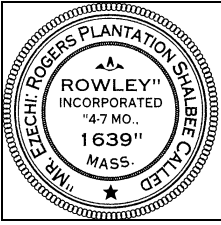
The Commission has one professional staff person, Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack, who has worked for Rowley since July 2004. The Conservation Commission’s office is located in Room 4 in the Town Hall Annex. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 12:30pm, and appointments are available. . The Commission can be reached at 978 948-2330 or conservation@TownofRowley.org. The Commission invites the public to peruse the Conservation Bulletin Board in the Annex hallway where a variety of articles and items of interest are posted regularly.

The Commission thanks the citizens and the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to serve the community in protecting Rowley’s natural resources now and for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lane Bourn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lane Bourn, Chairman
Doug Watson, Vice Chair
Kurt Annen
Judy Kehs
Sally Taylor
Curt Turner
Sam Streiff



Town of Rowley

Agricultural Commission
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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Agricultural Commission is pleased to submit our second annual report for the year 2006.

Last spring's floods were devastating to the farmers of New England including our local farmers. The rains forced farmers to replant their crops up to three times resulting in very late crops. The availability of hay and grain was affected, forcing the prices to skyrocket. A prolonged period of Red Tide sporadically closed the clam flats, negatively impacting Aquaculture. Plans for a community garden at the Plantation were postponed until this year because the land was too wet to turn over. Many rainy Sundays put a damper on the Farmer's Market but also showed the commitment of the vendors and customers who braved the elements to participate.

During the past year, the Commission received four requests for assistance with farm-related issues. Resolutions to these issues reflected our mission to preserve and protect agricultural interests within the town and to foster positive relationships between the citizens of Rowley and its agricultural community.

Massachusetts Dairy Farmers are facing a unique "triple threat". Farm milk prices have collapsed at the same time production costs have skyrocketed. Last spring's weather also wreaked havoc with hay and forage planting and harvesting which continues to keep the farmers financially in the red. Massachusetts Dairy Farmers are receiving a lesser portion of the retail milk dollar than at any time in history. The New England states of Vermont, Connecticut, and Maine have reacted to this crisis and provided direct emergency funding to their farmers, while Massachusetts has not responded. Rowley is fortunate to have two family-owned dairy farms. It is the intention of this Commission to advocate for them.

Despite the obstacles of the past year, the Rowley Agricultural Commission is enthusiastically moving forward. Plans for this year include the completion of a community garden that many of our citizens have expressed an interest in. We hope to include members of the Scouts as well as students from both the Pine Grove School and Triton Regional in this project. We look forward to sponsoring our third season of Farmer's Markets, which has been successful in promoting local products, as well as provide a social atmosphere for our fellow residents. We will continue to offer presentations on agriculture and aquaculture to the schools and various organizations, which is essential in preserving our agricultural interests. Above all, the Rowley Agricultural Commission will continue to be available to the residents of Rowley who request our assistance.

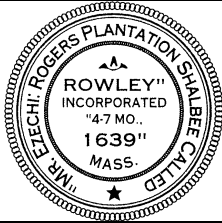
The Rowley Agricultural Commission would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their ongoing support throughout the past year. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Rowley Grange for their endless support. Although they will not be joining us on the Town Common for the Farmer's Market, we look forward to working with them to achieve our mutual goal. Lastly, we would like to

acknowledge our local farmers whose perseverance in their difficult professions is often overlooked and generally taken for granted.

Respectfully submitted,

George Pacenka, Chairman
Debbie Streiff, Vice Chairman
Dianne Short, Secretary
Jack Grundstrom

Morna Unczer
John Eggleston
Robert Martineau
Lane Bourn

		
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March 15, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We are pleased to report that the Town of Rowley received an excellent score from the State on its 2006 "Commonwealth Capital" application. A Commonwealth Capital score is a measure of the consistency of a community's land use rules and practices with "Smart Growth" development principles. The State will use a community's score as a factor in evaluating any funding request submitted by the city or town under a variety of State grant and loan programs.

The State awarded Rowley 95 points on its application (out of 140 possible points). Only 27 of the 242 cities and towns that submitted applications in 2006 scored higher than Rowley. Moreover, no town with a population lower than Rowley's received more than 95 points (Provincetown, with a population of 3431, also scored 95).

The Town received points in numerous specific areas evaluated by the State, such as preserving open space, having an effective Open Space Residential Development bylaw, implementing a Master Plan, allowing for mixed-use developments and accessory apartments, establishing an Agricultural Commission, and adopting water resource protection measures. The Town did not score well on criteria relating to the production of affordable housing. However, the Town has recently hired a planning consultant to assist in the development of an Affordable Housing Plan, and it is hoped we will see positive results from this effort in the future.

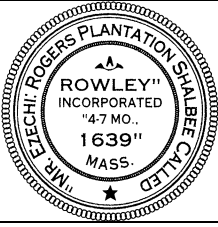
The Planning Board meets on Wednesday nights. To schedule an appointment, please call our Administrative Assistant, Maryann Tuxbury, at 978-948-5549, or come to the office at the Center Street School Building, 39 Central St., during office hours

(Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., and Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.).

We welcome questions or comments on the rules of development in Rowley, or on particular projects before the Board.

Sincerely,

Cliff Pierce, Chairman
Dick Bertelson, Deputy Chairman
Jean Petrillo, Clerk
Stuart Wells, Member
Bob Snow, Member
Curt Bryant, Associate Member

		
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Report of the Community Preservation Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Rowley Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was established by a bylaw passed at the May 7, 2001 Town Meeting. The CPC studies the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation, and is responsible for recommending projects for funding through the CPA in the areas of open space, recreation, historic preservation, and community housing. All projects that the CPC recommends must be approved by a majority Town Meeting vote.

The CPC met seven times in 2006 and held its annual public hearing on March 22, 2006. The CPC discussed project concepts regarding Community Housing, Historic Resources, Open Space and Recreation.

The following people comprised the seven-member committee: Sally Taylor, Chair (Open Space Committee); Curt Turner, Secretary (Conservation Commission); Dan Szczepanski, Treasurer (Recreation Committee); Jean Pietrillo (Planning Board); Attilio Paglia (Selectmen Appointee); Frank Todd (Historic Commission); Stephen White (Housing Authority). We would like to express our appreciation for the many contributions made to the work of the CPC by Stephen White, who stepped down as the Housing Authority representative.

The CPC recommended and the meeting approved three projects for the Spring 2006 Town Meeting:

- \$15,000 for document restoration by the Town Clerk;
- \$175,000 for a second stage renovation to Eiras Park playing fields, playground and parking improvements;
- \$2,500,000 for the acquisition of the Todd Farm Property.

For the Special November 2006 Town Meeting the CPC recommended and the meeting approved five projects:

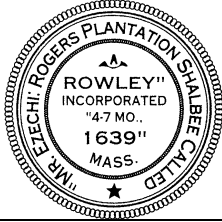
- \$20,000 additional funds for the restoration of Town Hall windows;
- \$1,800 for replacement signs designating the boundaries of the two historic districts;
- \$47,000 for the restoration of the Town Clock located in the First Congregational Church;
- \$20,000 for architectural plans for upgrading the bathrooms in the senior housing in Plantation Drive;
- \$2,750,000 for the acquisition of the Bradstreet Property.

Additionally, town meeting voted to revoke approval for the acquisition of the Todd Farm as that property was no longer up for sale.

Totaling \$509,826.91, the Town collected \$256,382 from the State to match the \$253,444.91 collected from the CP surcharge, interest and fees in fiscal year 2006. Thirty-four residents applied for and received an exemption from the surcharge in fiscal year 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Taylor, Chair

		
	Town of Rowley Massachusetts 01969	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 39 Central Street • PO Box 275 Rowley, MA 01969		Phone (978) 948-2657 Fax (978) 948-7196 zoning@townofrowley.org

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Rowley Zoning Board of Appeals performs two (2) functions:

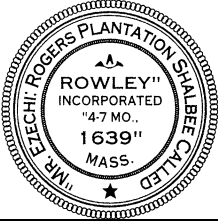
- 1. As a Zoning Board of Appeals under Chapter 40A, Section 40A, Section 12 and 15 MGL, and Chapter 40B, Sections 20 through 23 MGL; and**
- 2. As a Board of Appeals under Chapter 41, Section 81Z MGL.**

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets only when an Application for Board action has been received, a proper “Notice of Meeting” has been advertised and notices to Parties-In-Interest and Town Boards have been sent out as required under Massachusetts General Laws.

The 2006 calendar year there were a total of 10 applications received and acted upon by the Board. Of these, eight (8) applications were for Special Permits, which all eight (8) were granted; two (2) applications were for Variances, of which one (1) was withdrawn, and one (1) was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald W. Thurston, Chairman
Thomas J. Potts, Jr., Clerk
David L. Levesque
Glen A. Pyburn
Alfred G. Clifford
Nathaniel N. Dummer, Associate Member
Thomas W. Heidgerd, Associate Member

		
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ROWLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL 139 Main Street • PO Box 275 Rowley, MA 01969		Phone (978) 948-2372 Fax (978) 948-8202 cultural@townofrowley.org

Report of the Rowley Cultural Council For Year 2006

Council Members:

Mickie Atkinson-Drapeau – Co-Chairperson
Mary Murphy-----Co-Chairperson
Susan Esco Chandler-----Secretary
Barbara D’Antonio-----Publicity and Treasurer
Louise Mehaffey-----Member

The Mass. Cultural Council (MCC) increased the Rowley Cultural Council (RCC) grant money from \$2,500 to \$4,000 for the year 2007. This amount has allowed our Council to do more than we did in 2006. The RCC received a total of 21 applications. We were able to award 8 of those applicants grant money. The following is a list of recipients for 2007.

1. Triton Middle School-----Latino Dance and Instruments-----\$333.00
2. Bob E. Thomas-----When the Animals Danced-----\$450.00
3. Scott Jameson-----Magic and Juggling Performance-----\$425.00
4. Tim Van Egmond-----Hats off to Seniors-----\$425.00
5. Pine Grove School-----Passes to Strawberry Banke-----\$560.00
6. Amy Merluzzi-----Triton Glass Collaborative-----\$450.00
7. Rowley Free Public Library---Museum Passes-----\$750.00
8. Yellow School Center for the Arts-Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol-----\$500.00

The Rowley Cultural Council is looking forward to another exciting year. The Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,

Mickie Atkinson-Drapeau
Co-Chairperson



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Year 2006 Annual Report of the Rowley Police Department

Through the Community Policing Grant, which would not have been possible without the help of our State Representative Harriett Stanley, we ran our fifth “Citizens Academy” and are planning a sixth academy during the spring of 2007. This past year, 2006, was the first year we were able to conduct the entire academy training on the grounds of the Police Station. Also, with this grant we were able to continue to make strides towards entering the 21st century with several technological upgrades to our equipment without any cost to the Town.

As I have reported for many years this Department continues to work out of the same facility since 1985 and due to the increases in staff and activity over the last 21 years, an office trailer and a storage trailer had been part of the back parking lot in order to accommodate staff and property. During the summer of 2005 we added a modular building attaching it to the current building resulting in a net increase of 2,000 square feet of space. The modular addition is being funded through a four year lease, the only cost to the Town being the monthly lease payment of \$2,526 or \$30,312 per annum. All additional funds that have been expended for installation, excavation, pavement, fencing, furnishings, wiring/cabling, communication equipment and computers were paid through grants and drug seizure funds for a total expenditure of \$133,860.28. *Most of these purchases can and will be used to furnish and equip the new public safety facility, which is part of the Town’s “Master Plan”, when it is funded.* Please realize that the lease for these modular buildings, (4 trailers), expire August 25, 2009. The lease is approaching the half way mark calling for future planning very soon.

In reference to future planning our current project to upgrade the communication center has been underway since early fall with a projected finish date of February 23, 2007. This is due to new space and equipment requirements required for the “Enhanced 911” upgrade that will allow us to receive wireless “911” calls with an approximate location of the caller when a cell phone is used to call 911. These wireless calls will continue to go to one of the three Massachusetts State Police Dispatcher Centers located around the state but they will now be able to transfer all pertinent data along with mapping locations. This will allow us to know at least what cell tower is being used to the exact location of the caller within thirty (30) meters. The cost of the “E911 Upgrade” is being funded by Verizon through charges passed onto the consumer. The costs for the radio equipment upgrades and renovations to the physical plant of the “Communication Center” will be \$106,000.00 which is being funded through drug seizure money and grants at no real cost to the taxpayers of Rowley. *Although this was included in the design of the new public safety facility our current limited space calls for a much reduced and less efficient design that unfortunately is more costly than new construction.*

The U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings recently wrote; “....., I know that there is nothing more important than keeping our children safe. Schools should be havens of safety and learning. Unless our students feel safe, they can’t learn. Parents, educators, community members, law enforcement officials.....all share the responsibility of protecting our children. By working together.....we can learn from these tragedies and improve the safety of schools.....”

The Pine Grove School Safety Committee regularly meets to discuss and plan for the safety of the students and staff. This committee’s input and dedication are critical to our past success and our future planning. So far this school year we have successfully completed three drills. We recently conducted a comprehensive drill that involved a complete lock-down of the school and an in school evacuation of an entire wing. The drill scenario involved an unwanted person who was armed and occupying a classroom.

We are way ahead of many other school districts in the Commonwealth in regards to safety planning. Just yesterday a school district, several communities south of Rowley, in a press release stated that they were planning a drill involving a school lock-down. We started planning a school lock-down two years ago and had two successful lock-down drills during the last school year. Through these drills we were able to test and evaluate our written protocols. It will also allow us to customize these protocols to the Pine Grove School facility, property and surroundings.

A conclusion of a study conducted by the Center for Collaborative Education, “What do Parents and Students Want?” is primarily “Safety” in our schools. Input from teachers, parents and my observations of other districts show that we are ahead of the curve and on the right track.

The chairperson of this committee is the Pine Grove School Principal Jennifer Roberts. Without her direction, guidance and foresight none of our accomplishments would have been possible. She accepted and appreciated the seriousness of the possibilities and concerns expressed by both myself and Fire Chief Broderick.

To close, I extend my sincere thanks for the tremendous support that the many people of Rowley continue to give to this department along with the Board of Selectmen and the Town’s Finance Committee. In turn I continue to make myself available at any time to anyone in need of my help.

REPORTED CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

2004 - 245	2005 - 243	2006 - 254
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REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES

2004 - 220	2005 - 239	2006 - 326
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BREAKING AND ENTERING

	2004	2005	2006
RESIDENTIAL	5	4	8
BUSINESS	4	0	6

DRUG/LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS

2004 - 43 2005 - 24 2006 - 16

RESPONSES TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

2004 - 270 2005 - 283 2006 - 302

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

2004 - 264 2005 - 235 2006 - 257

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

2004 - 219 2005 - 251 2006 - 203

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS/STOPS

2004 - 2,068 2005 - 1,959 2006 - 1,883

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS

2004 - 879 2005 - 407 2006 - 790

POLICE GRANTS RECEIVED

STATE COMMUNITY POLICING	56,145.00
GHSB TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT	9,562.70
DONATIONS/RESTITUTION	5,847.74
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	13,807.34
STATE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM	0.00
BODY ARMOR GRANT (DOJ)	1,868.00
TOTAL	\$87,230.78

POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE

2004 - \$115,946 2005 - \$140,012 2005 - \$175,663

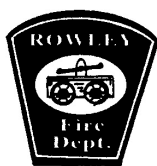
COMMUNICATION CENTER CALLS FOR SERVICE LOGGED

2002 - 21,595 2003 - 20,768 2004 - 19,573 2005 - 20,029 2006 - 21,844

Total 911 Calls

2003 - 1,351 2004 - 934 2005 - 1,052 2006 - 961

Kevin Barry
Chief of Police



James C. Broderick
Fire Chief

Town of Rowley *Fire Department*

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Town of Rowley
Board of Selectmen
Main Street
Rowley, MA 01969

RE: Annual Town Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

2006 was an eventful year for the Rowley Fire Department. The department graduated 3 call firefighters in June from the third countywide State sponsored FF I plus firefighter recruit class. These 3 firefighters then went on to be certified as Firefighters to the level II standard.

During 2006, the fire department was the recipient of 2 grants. One was from the U.S. Wildlife Service for \$4000.00 to purchase brush firefighting protective clothing. This was the second time the department received this kind of grant. This money was used to out fit the rest of the department in brush firefighting protective clothing. Finally, the

Department received the ultimate grant from the federal government the Department of Homeland Securities "Assistance to Firefighters Grant". This grant was in the amount of \$139,040.00. The Fire Department will be able to replace all Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with current standard equipment. In addition, the department will be able to replace a well worn out air compressor to refill these bottles.

The Fire Engineers and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the members of the RFD for their continued dedicated service to the community. The fire department could not do our job without you.

2006 was a busy year for the department, with the flooding that occurred during the Mothers Day flood in May. Even after you subtract the calls from that disaster, the Fire Department still had an increase in need for its services.

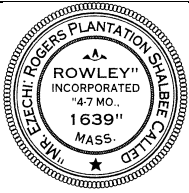
The department responded to a record 632 calls in 2006, the following is a list of calls for the years 2005 and 2006 as categorized by the Massachusetts fire incident reporting system.

Type of Situation	2005	2006	Type of Situation	2005	2006
Building Fire	8	14	Service Call	1	5
Cooking Fire	4	9	Person in Distress	3	0
Burner/boiler malfunc.	2	2	Lock-out	3	4
Fire Camper/motor home	0	0	Ring/jewelry removal	0	0
Passenger Vehicle fire	7	2	Water evacuation	6	42
Road Freight/Transport	1	2	Water/Steam Leak	6	1

Forest/woods/wildland	1	1		Smoke removal	0	1
Brush/grass fires	8	4		Public Assist	1	6
Outside Fire	1	1		Assist Police	4	3
Overpressure rupture	1	1		Assist invalid	9	7
Medical assist EMS	29	50		Unauthorized burning	13	7
EMS call	219	204		cover assignment	5	9
EMS MVA	31	18		Good Intent other	3	4
EMS MVA Ped	3	1		Dispatched canceled	31	28
Missing Person Search	1	0		Smoke Scare	10	17
EMS standby	0	0		Steam Vapor Fog	0	1
MedFlight landing	0	0		Hazmat release invest.	0	4
Hazardous condition	1	1		Phone malicious false	0	7
Flammable liquid spill	6	4		System Malfunction	1	1
Natural gas leak	6	3		Smoke Det. Malf.	20	16
Chemical Hazard no spill	6	0		Heat Det Malfunction	2	1
Chemical spill or leak	1	0		System activation	20	25
Light Ballast breakdown	2	1	1	Co Detector malfunc	3	3
Power line down	3	3		Unintentional alarm	18	10
Arcing equipment	8	14		detector activation	11	61
MVA general cleanup	54	34		Carbon Monoxide	1	7
Citizens Complaint	0	0		Lightning strike	1	0
				Severe weather standby	1	2

Respectfully Submitted,

James Broderick
Chief



TOWN OF ROWLEY

Inspection Department

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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Annual Report of the Inspection Department

Building Department for Calendar year 2006

New Construction permits for 10 single-family dwellings and 1 duplex/triplexes were issued. The estimated value for construction was \$2,712,400.00, which gives an average for each single family home at \$271,240.00 and the duplex/triplex valued at \$72,000.

Commercial construction accounts for 12 permits with an estimated value of \$4,339,767.00.

<u>TYPE OF PERMIT ISSUED</u>	<u># OF PERMITS</u>	<u>CONSTR. VALUE</u>
Addition/Garage	9	635,717.15
Chimney/Woodstove	4	4,800.00
Commercial	12	4,339,767.00
Demolition	2	38,000.00
Duplex/Triplex	1	72,000.00
Greenhouse/Sunroom	1	38,000.00
Home	10	2,712,400.00
Outbuilding	10	134,712.70
Pool	6	84,545.00
Porch/Deck	12	104,900.00
Renovation/Alteration	36	688,798.00
Roofing/Siding	26	244,475.00
Sign	2	5,525.00

Total number of building permits issued ----- 131

Fees received from permits \$62,708.10

Inspections and reports were carried out as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kenneth A. Ward,
Inspector of Buildings*

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTIONS

<i>Plumbing permits issued for 2006</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>Gas permits issued for 2006</i>	<i>87</i>
<i>Total permits issued for 2006</i>	<i>159</i>
 <i>Total fees collected</i>	 <i>\$16,040.00</i>

Respectfully submitted,

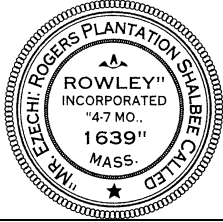
*David Leavitt,
Plumbing & Gas Inspector*

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

<i>Electrical permits issued for 2006</i>	<i>172</i>
 <i>Total fees collected</i>	 <i>\$22,013.70</i>

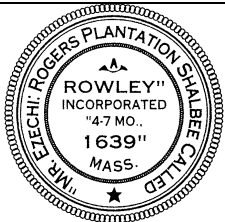
Respectfully submitted,

*David Levesque,
Electrical Inspector*

		
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5 lost live stock calls
 25 hit by car (including wild life)
 63 wildlife calls (questions and complaints)
 15 dogs P/U and returned to owners
 12 cats reported missing
 13 barking dog complaints

53 barns inspected
 no positive cases of rabies in 2006

		
	Town of Rowley Massachusetts 01969	
TREE AND MOTH DEPARTMENT 40 Independent Street • PO Box 314 Rowley, MA 01969		Phone (978) 948-2441

2006 ANNUAL TREE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Maintenance and repairs of all the departments' equipment and tools had been performed throughout the year as scheduled or needed. Selective pruning and trimming of shade trees throughout the town had been performed during the appropriate season.

A count of 358 Christmas trees had been dropped off by residents at the collection point at Eras Park and chipped up in the spring after all the snow and ice had melted. Just a note, please if you do drop off your tree make sure that the tree is cleaned of all decorations and anything metal or plastic bags, its not good for the equipment and very dangerous for the workers, most of you do clean them: thank you

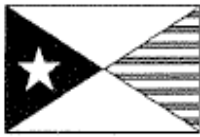
Hazardous trees were removed and the stumps were ground from Bowlerly Drive, Central Street, Railroad Ave and Wethersfield St. Also on these same streets and including Kittery Ave, Mansion Drive, Cross Street and Jellison Road other trees were trimmed of their dead wood. Dutch elm disease took the life the large elm tree behind Town Hall it had been taken down and removed.

A much needed new brush chipper was purchased through CH 90 at 100% reimbursable money.

The Tree Warden wishes to thank the Rowley Municipal Light Department, Police, and Fire Departments management and staff members for their tremendous efforts in assisting the Tree Warden during emergencies. Thank you to some unknown residents for your help in picking up debris from the roadways during and after storms.

Respectfully Submitted:

Scott Leavitt
Tree Warden



Harbormaster
Bill DiMento
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or 978-948-7125

OFFICE OF
HARBORMASTER
ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS 01969



Deputy Harbormaster
Dave Kent

Assistant Harbormaster
Fred Hardy
Bill Jerome
Frank Price

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The 2006 boating season was a safe and enjoyable one. One of the rainiest Spring seasons of all time was followed by a beautiful July and August. The Perley Family land swap process is now complete.

43 navigational aids were placed along the Rowley River Channel this year. The stationary pole "Solar Powered" flashing unit (1 FPS-white - visibility 1 mile) will be located at the end of the river on Hog Island again this year. All of the Buoys received a new coat of paint and were equipped with a new "high tech" reflective tape for improved visibility at night. Many boaters have requested that launch ramp users extend courtesy, whenever possible, to fellow users that would facilitate simultaneous launches. Our existing ramp is wide enough to accommodate simultaneous launches.

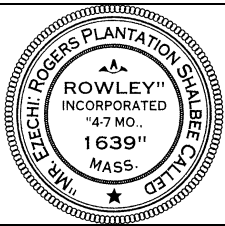
Mooring/ slip/ launch permits issued in 2006 generated \$9,595.75. Fees for the Launch ramp are \$40/ permit for 2007, commercial clammers included. Mooring/ Slip permits are \$2.50 per foot for all boats. Parking fines are \$75 per violation to help preserve the launch area for town residents only.

The Town of Rowley Harbor Master department continues to operate a Pumpout boat on the Rowley River and Plum Island Sound including Ipswich and Newbury waters thanks to grant money awarded by the state in December 1996. 75% of all operating and capital costs were covered by this grant. The Dept. of Fisheries continues to allow "In-kind" expenses to be reimbursed as well. This has allowed for total reimbursement to the Town for the new Pumpout boat and its operating costs. The Pumpout boat is in operation for the months of May through October. The Pumpout boat pumped a total of 6,450 gallons of waste during the 2006 boating season.

As always, we welcome boaters who wish to help marking the river this Spring. An announcement will be placed in the Daily News! Hip boots and gloves a must!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Di Mento, Harbor Master
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	Town of Rowley Massachusetts 01969	
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT		

2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROWLEY SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

There was again a plentiful harvest of both steamer clams and razor clams for both commercial and non-commercial clammers this year. Again, only a few of the commercial permit holders took full advantage of the abundance of clams, but many non-commercial diggers took full advantage.

We again suffered a red tide closure that the clammers thought would never end. As a result the flats were open only one hundred and fifty days during the year and most of these open days were during the off peak season. At a recent meeting with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries they have agreed to retest the areas to determine if the closure time after a rainfall can safely be shortened. The preliminary information is very encouraging.

The closing and opening of flats has been rotated several times this Summer in an effort to prevent the depletion of the clams on any one flat. This has worked quite well, and there are now many brood clam beds available to seed the flats that are still barren of clams. The effort of using mobile scareducks to keep the multitude of black ducks from badly damaging the clam beds seemed to have worked. Inspection determined that there was very little actual damage done.

There has been serious talk lately of doing whatever is necessary to save one of our historically most productive flat, Hog Island Point. This flat has been slowly washing away for several years now due to a dramatic change in the direction of flow of the tide from around the Inner Middle Ground to through the Hole In The Wall into Nelson's Island Creek. This task can be completed by placing nets on the flat to capture and protect free floating seed. Hog Island Point has, in the past, been designated as a prime prospect for aquaculture licensing due to it's strategic location at the mouth of The Rowley River and at the Southern end of Plum Island Sound. If there are no applicants interested in licensing this area, the Town should do the propagation.

The private culturists now have six acres of flats with mature clams, and the earlier licensees did harvest limited crops this past fall. The final acre of flat available for lease on Club Head Sands has been applied for licensing. If, and when, all of the eight licensed acres have a moderate set of

mature clams available to produce spat, they will have the propensity to provide forty trillion clam spat (seed) to the surrounding areas.

Rowley Shellfish Commissioners

Rowley Shellfish Constable



TOWN OF ROWLEY
Municipal Lighting Plant
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Linda Soucy, Manager

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROWLEY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Light Commissioners and Manager are pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant for the year 2006.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: One of the more visible projects in 2006 has been the upgrade of the aging overhead system along Route 1 from the traffic lights at the intersection of Route 133 to the Ipswich line. The project involved replacing the wire and transferring all overhead facilities to the connected customers along that section of Route 1.

A major step was taken this year on the multi-year project to convert the town's distribution system from 4kv to 13kv. The purpose of converting to a higher voltage is for improved efficiency and reliability. The town is supplied at 23kv which is transformed to 13kv at the Daniels Rd. substation. The 13kv circuits out of the Daniels Rd. substation are reduced to 4kv when transformed at the Haverhill Street substation. Work was done during 2006 to eliminate the Haverhill Street substation. This work involved extending and converting areas previously fed at 4kv to the higher 13kv voltage on Central, Bradford and Jellison Streets where stepdown transformers were installed to replace the Haverhill St. substation. This work will facilitate future efforts to convert the town's distribution system to 13 kv.

NEW SERVICES: 42 electric services were added to the distribution system for a total of 2,708 meters in service at year's end.

POLE REPLACEMENT/REMOVAL: 45 poles were replaced and 23 poles were added to the system during the year for various upgrades and new service attachments. 31 poles were removed.

RECORD ENERGY CONSUMPTION YEAR: Each year the town of Rowley's kilowatt usage and demand surpasses the previous year - and 2006 was no exception. Extreme heat during the end of July and the first part of August created a new all time record for energy demand and consumption. Peak demand for energy climbed to 11,631 kW on August 2nd at 3:00PM, surpassing the peak of 11,090 set in 2005. Energy consumption also climbed to a record 44,463,157 kWh surpassing last year by 3.5%.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TOWN: RMLP funded the cost of energy used for streetlighting for a savings to the town of \$22,787. Additionally RMLP funded the maintenance expense of the streetlighting at a cost of \$8,021. A payment of \$8,001 was made to the Town for reimbursement of services.

BOARD APPROVED: The Board of Commissioners approved measures to initiate changes to the Light Plant's energy audit program. Those changes which become effective in 2007 will include offering rebates to customers for certain energy efficient appliances.

The Commissioners also approved the funding of a comprehensive energy audit for both the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex in an effort to assist the town in gaining better control of their energy cost.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: RMLP continues to work with the Town of Rowley and its ratepayers to provide services to the commun-

ity that benefit everyone. This past year the Light Plant invited town departments to participate in a Safety Saturday. Residents of all ages were present for a day filled with safety demonstrations, food and activities.

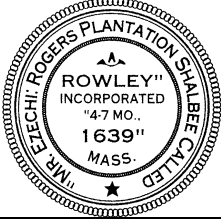
The Light Plant is also involved in the annual Christmas tree lighting held at the Town Common. Each year the Department's linecrew meticulously decorates the Common with Christmas lights, a tradition that has been ongoing for years.

As a service to the town's office of Veteran's Affairs, the Department's linecrew utilizes the bucket truck to hang American flags along Main Street.

The Board of Commissioners wish to thank the employees of the Light Department and all other Town Departments for their dedicated service to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Levesque, Chairman
Aldene E. Gordon, Commissioner
G. Robert Merry, Commissioner
Linda J. Soucy, General Manager

		
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2006 ANNUAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents

The Highway Department equipment and facilities were serviced and repaired throughout the year as scheduled or as needed. Due to the failure of the overrides for new replacement trucks, down time for repairs consisted of approximately seven weeks throughout the year, and many man-hours and money had been spent to keep the vehicles running.

The May floods caused many problems throughout the town. Three main culverts/bridges were heavily damaged; two are beyond repair and are closed until they can be replaced; (Dodge Road Bridge and Taylor Bridge on Wethersfield Street). The Batchelder Bridge also on Wethersfield Street had been temporarily secured with two 10'x 8'x 1" steel road plates for the deck until replaced, the crossing has a one lane and weight limit of 2 1/2 ton. Many roadway shoulders and curbing were washed out and also causing catch basins and culvert pipes to collapse. Localized street flooding throughout the town caused many detours; making it difficult to travel within the town and from town to town until the water subsided and that section of roadway could be inspected and/or repaired for safe travel.

The flood rains in May washed most of the winter sand and debris into the catch basins so only a few select streets were swept this year. All catch basins and a few pipes were extensively cleaned in the summer throughout the town almost doubling the normal time and cost to clean them. A total of nine catch basins were repaired, two of them were completely rebuilt. All catch basins were maintained during rainstorms to help prevent street flooding.

Routine pothole patching, rut filling, and shoulder work had been performed throughout the year as needed. Gravel roads were graded throughout the year at the request of the residents. The highway crew performed roadside mowing and trimming throughout the season. Brushing the roadsides had also been performed in the fall. Trial Court Community Service Workers logged in 92 hours of work for the highway department relieving the highway of some of its back logged work. Some of the duties included

roadside brushing and weed whacking, removal of excessive dirt from shoulders, raking, picking up trash along the roadsides, washing trucks, painting, sweeping.

Street line painting, stop bars and crosswalks had been painted during the mid-summer. Twenty-seven signs consisting of regulatory street names, stop, and speed limit signs and other regulatory had been repaired or replaced throughout the town most were due to motor vehicle accidents and vandalism and some were replaced due to weathered conditions.

The 2005 & 2006 winter season was snowy and cold, plowing and sanding eight snowstorms with some consisting of two days straight and also sanding many non plowing storms and black ice created a very busy season for the Highway Department. The season consisted of plowing and sanding of streets, Town Building parking areas, walkways, and steps. Plowing and sanding of the Pine Grove School parking and playground areas. Distributed sand barrels throughout the town and maintaining them as needed. Plowing of the major sidewalks leading to the school had been accomplished. We recognize and appreciate some of the residents clearing the sidewalks in front of their property and beyond, we thank you.

The Highway Department wishes to thank all Town Officials, Boards, Committees, and Departments, and for most of all the residents for their continued support and teamwork that makes Rowley a great community to live in.

The Highway Department staff wishes everyone to have a safe and happy new year.

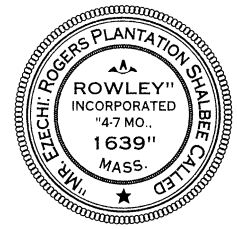
Respectfully submitted:

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Board of Water Commissioners
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Jack Cook: Member

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Rowley Water Department is pleased to submit the following report:

Maintenance Report – 01/01/06-12/31/06
147,260,535 gallons of water produced
11 New metered services
12 new hydrants added to the system
57 hydrants serviced
3 water breaks
40 meter upgrades

The Water Department began an extensive water meter change out program this year. Older meters not compatible with our current electronic reading system are being replaced. This also provides greater accuracy of water use.

Hydrant service and repair has been another focus point this year. There are still many original system hydrants in use that require service or replacement as parts are no longer available. Almost all hydrants were repainted as the weather and road chemicals take their toll.

Most importantly, we have experienced a decrease in raw water quality at Wells #3 and #5. This is a result of geological changes and the effects of increased demand for the town. While the water still meets state standards, it is becoming aesthetically unpleasing and will require enhanced filtration/treatment facilities to improve. We ask the water users to bear with us as we embark on this complicated and extensive project.

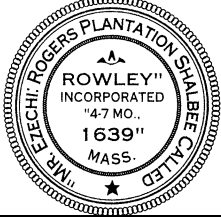
As always, we would like to thank town officials, boards and residents for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Water Commissioners

Scott Martin, Chairman

David Dalzell, Clerk

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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The work performed in the Cemetery Department in 2006 has been carried out in the usual manner. We have performed the following:

Dug and filled 46 graves
Graded and filled 110 graves
Raised and reset 45 headstones
Removed trees and shrubs from 40 lots

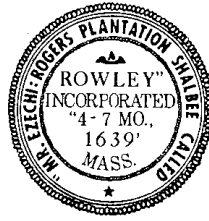
Our sincere thanks to other Town Departments for their help and co-operation this past year. We will continue to make room for additional burial lots, and we will be starting a new section known as H Section for additional burial plots.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack L. Cook, Chairman

Peter Dalzell, Clerk

John Bradley, Member



**Rowley Board of Health
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Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents:

The Board of Health is pleased to inform you of our activity during this past year, implementing and overseeing the laws, policies and regulations of the Town, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The Board of Health Department issues permits and licenses in addition to conducting inspections for septic installers, sewage haulers, solid waste haulers, retail/wholesale food establishments, mobile food, food service establishments, public swimming pools, motels, children's recreational camps, private drinking water wells, funeral directors, portable toilets, body massage, and body tanning. Additionally, the Board of Health stores, distributes and administers vaccines, addresses concerns of public nuisances, air quality, noise control, indoor air quality, limited animal/insect control including beaver and mosquito management concerns, food protection, housing complaints, Title 5 compliance, and communicable disease reporting, or any other issues affecting the public health.

The Septic Loan Program continues to be a success using the competitive rate of two percent for new loans. As of December 2006, 26 loans have been approved totaling \$465,275.53 loaned out. Thirteen loans have been paid in full totaling \$216,048.05 received back into the program. A total of \$249,227.48 is currently outstanding for the 13 active loans. The Board successfully borrowed additional funding totaling \$300,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust to provide funds for residents to participate in the program to repair failed septic systems.

The Board of Health sponsored the second Household Hazardous Waste Day held in the Town on November 18, 2005. The turnout of 157 cars, approximately 8 percent of the households, was very responsive for second-year event in a town the size of Rowley. Clean Harbors was hired to remove the following hazardous waste materials: oil based paint; waste fuels; aerosols; acid, base, and oxidizer type chemicals; liquid and solid pesticides; mercury; household batteries; and fluorescent bulbs. In addition, the Board of Health contracted the removal of 53 televisions and 59 computer monitors; 50 propane tanks; 36 car batteries; and 121 automobile tires. Due to the success of this event and overwhelming public response, the Board of Health plans to hold another event in the fall of 2007.

The Board of Health is continuing to work at the local and regional level on emergency response planning relative to infectious disease emergencies, bioterrorist events, and natural disasters. The local area Boards of Health have increased participation in the Regional Emergency Planning Committee, a cooperative effort with area Police and Fire Departments, through joint training and planning. Rowley participates in a coalition of 14 surrounding cities and towns working together to develop emergency plans and mutual aid. The Board of Health Members and staff have completed trainings required for emergency response planning. The Board of Health has actively begun working with the residents to establish a Medical

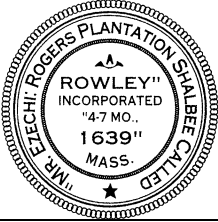
Reserve Corps, a volunteer organization for emergency preparedness. The positive response from residents will allow the Board of Health to begin volunteer recruiting and training in 2007.

The Health Department has increased outreach to the community by providing a sharps program to collect and properly dispose of lancets, needles and medical sharps. This innovative program is being used as a model by other Towns. The Board of Health continues to provide accessible flu clinics for residents and to adjust flu and childhood preventative vaccine allotments to reflect Rowley's rising population. The Board of Health sponsored an anti-choking course from the American Red Cross for the restaurant establishments in the Town. A Youth Access to Tobacco Regulation was adopted to curb underage sales of tobacco in Rowley. The regional tobacco prevention coordinator has been awarded funds to run compliance check at the local retail level in the upcoming year.

Goals for calendar year 2007 include providing quality service and professionalism in the office and in the field. We will continue to meet high expectations for communication with residents on public health issues. The Board of Health will continue to address public health concerns at the local level. The Members of the Board and staff wish to thank the residents and various Boards for their support and will continue to expand the capacity in which the Town is served.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles T. Costello, Chairman
Susan Elwell, Clerk
John Melcher, Member

		
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To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Rowley:

The year 2006 was a busy and productive year for the Council on Aging. Our various holiday events and trips were very successful and well attended, and the business aspect of the Council conducted flu clinics, wellness clinics, and spent many hours with seniors sorting out the very confusing maze of “Part D” insurance, mandated by the federal government.

The Council recently acquired a new software package, made especially for senior centers, which allows us to create a data base of seniors in the Town of Rowley. We are then able to create lists and address labels from the data base as well as statistics which are needed by the State and for Grant Requests.

2006 brought changes to the Council staff with the retirement of our van driver/activity director, Jack Flood. Jack retired to enjoy camping and relaxing with his family. His wit and ability to make all his trips special, for those that attended, will be long remembered at the Council. We were fortunate to have Denise Gilman join the Council staff as Van Driver/ Activity Coordinator. Denise resides in Rowley with her husband and two daughters.

In partnership with the Board of Health, the COA offered Flu Clinics on several different day at different times in an effort to accommodate everyone. We were fortunate this year to have enough vaccine to supply all our scheduled clinics. We were also able to offer pneumonia vaccine to those who needed it.

The “Meals on Wheels” program, which is funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, client contributions, and citizens donations, served approximately 2,500 meals in Rowley. The program remains viable due to the dedication of faithful volunteers who give their time every week to pack the meals at Anna Jaques Hospital and drivers who deliver them to the clients door five days a week. Without this volunteer component the program could not exist.

A Monday meal served at the council is also staffed by volunteers, directed by Ann McKenney, our dessert specialist. The estimated value of volunteer services in 2006 at the Council was over \$47,000.

The Council on Aging is also an active part of the TRIAD Program in Rowley. TRIAD has completed several projects in Rowley, the more recent the “Is Your Number Up” campaign conducted with the help of the Boy Scouts, and Hunter Thoen who spearheaded the project, and

attained his Eagle Scout status by completing the project and presenting the results to the TRIAD committee and the Board of Selectmen. An assignment very well done! Congratulations Hunter!

The Council now has the ability to print their own newsletter, and with the help of the “Volunteer Newsletter Team,” the newsletters are folded and labeled in a matter of hours and all 750 copies reach Rowley seniors by the beginning of each month.

The council wishes to thank the Town for its unfailing support, and all the volunteers who are the backbone and support of all our ventures. We also thank the Friend’s Organization for their help and support with all our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ellen Mighill, Director

Council on Aging Board:

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Helen Williams	Treasurer
Robert Todd	Member
Joan Lyons	Member
Sumner Haley	Member
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