	
	Town of Rowley Massachusetts 01969	
ROWLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 139 Main Street • PO Box 275 Rowley, MA 01969		

ANNUAL REPORT

To The Honorable Board Of Selectmen

During the year 2006, the Historic District Commission issued a total of thirteen (13) Certificates of Appropriateness to property owners for new construction or proposed renovation work on their property within the limits of the two (2) established Historic Districts.

Since the passage of the Historic District Bylaw in 1988 the Commission has assisted numerous property owners, within the district, with the application process as well as design review guidance for their proposed building additions, alterations, repairs, as well as new building construction. This assistance is provided upon request, or as necessary such that the rural character of our seventeenth century town is maintained, with various design considerations given to each project being reviewed.

The Commission regrettably lost the considerable knowledge and leadership of Doris Fyrberg as she found it necessary to step down, as a member, after many years on the District and Historical Commissions. We greatly appreciate Doris's services and contributions to the Town of Rowley.

The Historical Commission was fortunate to participate with an Eagle Scout candidate on a Community Service Project. Glen Anderson of Cross Street worked with the Commission on the restoration of the Metcalf Rock Pasture Small Pox Cemetery. Glen organized and coordinated the project, and along with his fellow Scouts cleared the cemetery of all underbrush, located and painted the boundary markers, located and marked eleven (11) graves, installed a new sign and created a pathway into the cemetery. The Historical Commission is very grateful to Glen and the Rowley Scouting program for a job well done, and wish him the very best in the future.

Any property owner who has questions or comments of any historical concern such as historical house documentation, house plaque acquisition, inventories of historical sites on file, or historical matters are invited to attend a regularly scheduled monthly meeting held at the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Robert Merry, Chairman
Sally J. Swartz, Secretary
Michael F. Harney

Frank P. Todd
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ROWLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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February 22, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rowley:

2006 was another very busy year at the Rowley Public Library. 2,543 new materials were added to the library collection, bringing our total holdings up to 35,115 items. These include books, magazines, DVDs and videocassettes, audiobooks and CD-ROMs, and cover all age levels, from baby to baby-boomer and beyond. Library materials were borrowed a total 32,894 times by our 3,733 registered patrons, who visited the library 31,121 times. The 14 public computer workstations were used an average of 92 times per week, and the meeting rooms were used by community organizations of all types a total of 473 times. Weekly story times were enjoyed by approximately 25 families per session. Special events numbered 187 and were attended by 4,189 people.

Some highlights were the annual fundraisers Some Like it Hot Chili-Cookoff and Spring Book Sale (always the first weekend in May—to be even larger in 2007—save the date!), both sponsored by the Friends of the Library. In addition there were several lectures, author visits and concerts, including the Triton Jazz Band's wonderful performance on the front lawn (look for a return engagement this May!) The Friends of the Library also funded our monthly book club, organic lawn care courtesy of PJC landscaping, yoga classes for children, a candidates' night before the annual town elections, and an extensive summer reading program in which 221 children participated. New and very successful this year was a partnership between the Library, the Council on Aging, the Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Council on Aging to provide basic computer skills classes to seniors.

This year we hosted a ceremony to dedicate the Ruth Lambert Cheney Memorial Garden, which honors Mrs. Cheney's gift of land to the Town of Rowley, with the stipulation that it house a library and a garden. We also purchased new furniture for the Childrens' Room with a bequest made in the name of the late Margaret Kneeland Smith, Rowley resident. The library was also awarded a grant this year from the EqualAccess program of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in the amount of \$5,000 to improve services to young people age 10 – 18. We look forward to a new gaming club for teens to be started in the coming year. We will soon be offering museum passes that can be checked out for discounted admission to several cultural institutions in the area, thanks to the Friends of the Library and funds awarded by the Local Cultural Council.

We would like to thank all town boards and commissions, our dedicated staff, and many tireless volunteers for all of their hard work and commitment. Thanks also to our many patrons for all of their support. We encourage all of you to speak out and get involved in your library!

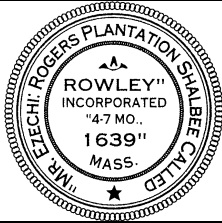
Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Jacobson, Library Director & The Board of Library Trustees:

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Janet Peabody, Secretary

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Mary-Clare Condon-Dalzell
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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE 39 Central Street • PO Box 275 Rowley, MA 01969		Phone (978) 948-5072 Fax (978) 948-2162 parksandrec@townofrowley.org

To the Residents of Rowley

The warm weather brought the first opportunity for the use of the improved playing fields at Eiras Park and the new softball field behind Pine Grove School. As mentioned in our 2005 report, the improvement projects were funded by the Community Preservation Act. We completed the projects under budget and on September 6, 2006, \$15,947.24 was returned to the CPA Fund.

In 2006 Town Meeting voted to fund the second stage of Parks and Recreation improvements in the amount of \$175,000. The scheduled projects include the construction of a multi-purpose playing field and parking area at Pine Grove School, and at Eiras Park, the construction of a walking track and improvements to the playground and parking areas. The Committee expects to start construction of the multipurpose field in the spring of 2007 with the remainder of the projects to be undertaken shortly thereafter.

The Parks and Recreation Committee with the help of Services Coordinator, John Price was responsible for following during 2006:

- Managing the mowing and landscape maintenance contracts for the town owned playing fields and common areas
- Planning and managing the Summer Youth Camp
- Coordinating, scheduling and monitoring the use of facilities by various user groups
- Planning and managing CPA funded improvement projects
- Annual Fourth of July Celebration
- Management and ongoing fund raising for the Rowley Flag Fund

I would like to personally thank the Committee members who give of their free time to make a difference, John Price for helping us manage the process and especially, the residents of Rowley who through their support make it all possible.

Sincerely,

Dan Szczepanski, Chairman
Richard Curran – Vice Chairman
Kurt Annen – Clerk
Patricia DiFiore
Kenneth Hunt
Michael Quinn
Timothy Southall



Rowley Housing Authority

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2006 Annual Report

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Rowley Housing Authority has once again had a busy and productive year. The twelve units of family housing located at Depot Way remain full with a lengthy list of families waiting for vacancies to occur. At the forty-two units of elderly housing located on Plantation Drive, the Authority is always looking for elderly Rowley residents to apply. If you are interested, please contact the office at 978-948-2371 for information.

The program to continue the modernization of units had been put on hold due to budget restrictions that have been put in place by the State. As an alternative, the Authority went to the November Special Town Meeting and requested \$20,000 for architectural fees from The Community Preservation Committee affordable housing set aside to update the forty two elderly apartment bathrooms at Plantation. The funds were voted by Town meeting and the architectural design work has begun. It is expected that the Authority will go to the 2007 annual town meeting for the actual rehabilitation funds from the Community Preservation Committee. State money is available only for repairs and needed maintenance at the present time.

Last year, the Septic System at Plantation was found to have serious problems. As the result of a state grant, combined with available Authority funds, a new system was designed and construction was started in the fall of 2005. Completion is expected in the spring of 2007 with final landscaping and finish-up of a punch list of minor problems.

At the family units on Depot Way, work was completed on replacing furnaces in the apartments and we continue to perform normal maintenance. As with all the other government agencies, budget constraints make for difficult times and allows only for funding of the most critical repairs and projects.

The Board would like to extend special thanks on behalf of both the Authority and the residents of Plantation, to the Rowley Council on Aging the service and cooperation it provides.

Finally, the Authority would like to thank all Town Boards and Officials for their assistance and cooperation during the past year, especially the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

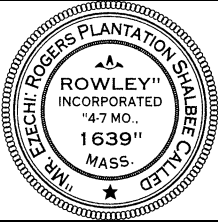
Katherine L. Dalzell, Chairperson

Jack Cook

Cheryl Todd Draper

Jacqueline Vigeant

Warren G. Appell

		
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CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE		

January 25, 2007

Report of Cable Television Advisory Committee

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

During the past year a new Cable Advisory Committee was appointed and began the process for cable television license renewal.

Comcast

Our current ten year contract with Comcast will expire in September of 2008. As of December 31, 2006, the Newburyport studio has been shut down by Comcast. On January 5, 2007, a letter was sent to Comcast notifying them that we consider this action to be in violation of our current contract. Under any new contract, Comcast will no longer provide a studio for local production of PEG access programming. We will negotiate terms to replace this PEG access capability for Rowley residents and government officials.

Verizon

A new entry into the field of cable television will be Verizon. They have begun the process of application for a license to operate in Rowley. The initial steps have been completed and negotiations have begun. It is our goal to provide "level playing field" competition for the cable television market. It is our desire to complete this process in an orderly and expedited manor.

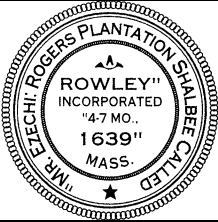
Members of our committee attended a forum during the past year to learn more about local programming and PEG access cable television. As a result of this seminar we recommended that the selectmen hire an attorney with expertise in this field to provide assistance during our negotiations with Comcast and Verizon. Attorney William Solomon was hired in January 2007 for this specific purpose. We intend to complete the Verizon process during 2007 and complete the Comcast renewal by September 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren G. Appell Chairman
Cable Advisory Committee
Thomas Moses, Vice Chairman
Vincent Pesaturo, Clerk

G. Robert Merry
Walter Hardy

Jack DiMento

		
	Town of Rowley Massachusetts 01969	
Brooks, Streams & Riverways Committee (978) 948-2372		

January 26, 2007

Report of Brooks, Streams and Riverways Committee

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

The Brooks, Streams and Riverways Committee was established by selectmen appointment on February 16, 2006. The first committee meeting took place on 8/17/2006. Up to this point no one had called a meeting and no instructions had been given to the committee concerning our duties or responsibilities. Those at the first three meetings agreed that we would begin a survey of streams in the town and report our observations. Minutes for each meeting have been forwarded to the members and Selectmen.

After the first three meetings, it has not been possible to get a quorum at our meetings. Four members are in Florida for the winter. One member has never been sworn in by the town clerk; one has never responded to the committee and has an unlisted phone; and one has been on business trips to New York on our meeting dates. An attendance report was provided to the selectmen.

On December 9th a five member work party walked the Tan House Brook from Central Street to School Street and on to Cross Street. Property Consent Forms were signed by 20 property owners which gave us access to the full length of the stream. Two owners requested to walk with us on their property. The work party attendees were: Warren Appell, Steve Comley, Sr, David Dalzell, Stu Dalzell, Peter Dalzell and Steve Comley II. The results of this work party were reported to the selectmen at a meeting on January 15, 2007.

Five specific requests for follow-up action or investigation were made of the selectmen. They included installation of catch basins to prevent road sand and salt from entering the stream, a reported failed septic system, pipes that discharge into the stream, specific water quality observations at Central Street and the need to clear brush and obstruction along the Central Street section of the stream. Photographs and an edited video of our walk were presented to the selectmen.

The committee intends to continue walking streams in town and making observations and recommendations. It is our intent to walk the section of the town brook from Central Street to Bradford Street and to walk the Mill River in the area of the washed out culverts. Volunteers will be needed to conduct these surveys.

General recommendations were made to the selectmen concerning the reappointment of members in June 2007.

Sincerely,

Warren G. Appell Co-Chairman
David Dalzell, Secretary
Scott Leavitt
William DiMento
Donald Savory
Robert Martineau

Steven Comley, Sr Co-Chairman
Brent Baeslack
Frank Marchegiani
Fredrick Hardy
John Grundstrom
Richard Bertelson

**EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**
Town Hall Ipswich, Massachusetts 01938

TERRANCE P HART
District Director

GEORGIA GADBOIS
Assistant

**EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors and dependents. Principal workload under state law includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which is subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to insure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year Rowley had two veterans/widows on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement. The VA sent approximately \$328,000 to eligible recipients in Rowley, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately \$115,000 dollars paid to or saved by those assisted in Rowley.

Additionally, the department interacts within the federal community to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 23 of the town's 315 *identified* veterans and 2 of the 66 *identified* veterans' widows during 2006. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director, Georgia Gadbois, advocate for veterans on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. Key state legislation passed in 2006 included an increase in the real estate tax abatements for service-connected disabled veterans. The department also provided information, assistance and guidance for senior citizens in determining their needs for Medicare D insurance.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, West Newbury and Wenham. A Board of Directors consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. Mr. Lane Bourn is the Rowley member of the Board of Directors.

Terrance P. Hart
District Director

Triton Regional School District

Town of Rowley

Rowley, Massachusetts

Annual Town Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Triton Regional School District, with a focus on student achievement, continues to look at ways to improve learning for all students. Although we currently have class sizes that are significantly larger than what we consider appropriate, our teachers and administrators continue to focus on ways to ensure that all students are encouraged to achieve at high levels. Students at the elementary schools are engaged in many learning opportunities that occur both in and out of the regular classroom. Schedules have been implemented so students can participate in small group learning projects and activities. Our math initiative, *Investigations in Numbers, Data, and Space*, has moved into grade four; both teachers and students continue to expand their understanding of high level thinking and reasoning. At the middle school, a literacy teacher works with students to develop their written communication skills, study skills, and higher level reading comprehension strategies. The high school continues to develop common formative assessments and scoring rubrics in order to provide on-going, relevant feedback to both staff and students. Parent volunteers are actively involved at all levels and play a key role in the success of our students.

We have continued to look for alternate ways to fund programs for our students. We have recently received a Department of Education grant to fund an initiative to identify, service, and assess our gifted and talented students. We have also been awarded a highly competitive After-School and Other Out-of-School Time program grant.

As you know, due to budget constraints, the district was unable to fund extra-curricular activities, athletics, and visual and performing arts programs for the current school year. We are very thankful for the efforts of our parents, students, staff, and community members for their outstanding efforts to raise funds in order to support these programs for our students. Special recognition needs to be given to the Triton Heroes for their significant efforts in raising funds so that as many students as possible can participate in activities. I would also like to inform you that elementary and middle school students continue to have enrichment programs offered to them through our 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant and our after-school Explorations program.

A District Improvement Plan is being developed. Following multiple meetings involving parents, staff, students and community members, Core Values were identified, our Vision Statement was reviewed and revised and a Mission Statement was developed. These first three components of the District Improvement Plan were presented at the October, 2006 school committee meeting.

Core Values

1. Respect for Self and Others: *We will...*

- ♣ honor the inherent dignity of all people.
- ♣ promote a culture where individuals are appreciated for their uniqueness.

- ♣ work cooperatively to achieve mutual goals.
- ♣ take responsibility for words and actions.

2. Excellence for All: *We will...*

- ♣ support a learning environment in which continuous improvement is expected, measured, and demonstrated at all levels.
- ♣ instill a sense of school and community pride through traditions that honor accomplishments.
- ♣ develop skills to think critically, learn independently, and communicate effectively.
- ♣ provide opportunities where individuals are encouraged and supported to maximize their potential.

3. Integrity in Words and Actions: *We will...*

- ♣ consistently embrace high ethical standards.
- ♣ stand up for what we believe.
- ♣ demonstrate fairness in judgments and actions.
- ♣ hold true to our individual principles when facing peer pressure.

Vision

Triton Regional School District is recognized for excellence in education for all students. With student achievement as the overarching goal, teachers, parents and administrators share a common purpose: to create a safe learning environment in which all students are guided and supported to reach their highest potential.

The district is a dedicated partnership of three communities who, with the common goal of maximizing opportunities for learning, work together consistently in a spirit of respect and cooperation. Open and ongoing communication encourages high performance. Recognition, as well as appreciation of diverse backgrounds and talents, provides inspiration for collaboration among all.

As a result, our students are self-motivated, independent citizens who effectively communicate, collaborate and problem solve.

Mission

Triton Regional School District, unique in its ability to unify people and resources, inspires and empowers students to achieve high academic expectations, become

The Administrative Council (Central Office Administrators and Building Principals) is continuing to work on the plan during this school year. Goals have been identified and sub committee chairs have been selected. As we move forward, we are focusing on collecting data to inform our decisions in order to improve student learning. The district administrative team has been compiling demographic data for the District Improvement Plan. We have collected data that provides us with specific information regarding the students, staff, and communities that make up the Triton Regional School District. With this data we are answering the basic question, “Who are we?” The answers to the question, “Who are we?” set the context for the district, have huge implications for the direction the continuous district improvement plan will take, and can help explain how the district gets the results it is getting.

The second question in our continuous district improvement planning model is “How do we do business?” This question helps us understand organizational culture, shared assumptions, beliefs, and typical behavior. How the district does business can be ascertained through studying student, staff, and parent questionnaire results.

Questionnaires were developed for faculty, staff, students and parents based on *Using Data to Improve Student Learning*, a resource the district is using as a guide for data-driven decision making. Faculty and staff completed questionnaires during the month of December. Students in grades 3-8 completed the questionnaire from January 8th to January 18th. High school students participated in the survey from January 30th to February 9th. All students will be completed the questionnaire on line. A parent survey was conducted from February 6th to February 16th. The results of the surveys are being analyzed and will be incorporated into the District Improvement Plan.

I have been met with selectmen, finance/warrant advisory committee members and school committee members to review, revise, and update our current Regional Agreement. I am very pleased to inform you that the Amended Regional Agreement was presented to and approved at town meeting in Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury. Officials from all three towns worked in a collaborative manner to come to consensus on the agreement. We should all be thankful for their hard work and extraordinary amount of time that they gave freely to provide the district and the towns with an up-to-date Regional Agreement. Town officials, school committee members and I are continuing to meet on a regular basis as part of a newly formed District Communication Committee. The purpose of this committee is to share issues and concerns with each other in order to gain a better understanding of how the three towns and the district can work in a more collaborative and cooperative way.

A Superintendent’s Advisory Council has also been formed. Five representatives from each town meet with me on a bi-weekly basis. The purpose of the Council is to enhance communication between parents, community members, and me. Topics for discussion have been identified by the members and goals have been set:

Goal #1: Triton Regional High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Goal #2: The media is continually informed of the events, activities, awards, honors, etc., that occur throughout the Triton Regional School District.

Goal #3: The Triton Regional School District budget reflects the needs of our district to ensure continual student Improvement.

Recommendations and actions will be reviewed and implemented as appropriate. I am pleased to be working with this group and have high expectations for the work we will accomplish.

In closing, I again want to commend and thank all members of our school community for their commitment to the Triton Regional School District. Even though we are experiencing many challenges this year, I truly believe we are making meaningful strides to move our district forward. Everyone has come together to work in a collaborative way. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra J. Halloran
Superintendent of Schools

TRITON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The mission of the high school “is to guide our students in realizing their individual potentials by providing opportunities to be educated in a safe, academically challenging, and culturally rich environment.” Our expectations for student learning include specific benchmarks in eleven academic, four civic and six social areas. You can view these expectations on our website - www.trsd.net/high and click on “About TRHS.”

We are proud of the fact that the high school offers a rigorous curriculum which includes twelve Advanced Placement courses, including English, US and European History, Calculus, Computer Science, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish, French, Art Studio and Art History. Students take full advantage of these course offerings.

For the sixth year in a row, our grade 10 MCAS scores met or exceeded the state average MCAS scores in Mathematics and English Language Arts. But, we want to do better. We want to see an ever increasing proportion of our students achieving in the Proficient and Advanced categories. We believe that our students are capable of doing just that and we will continue to work hard to enable our students to perform to their highest potential. Incidentally, starting with our current freshman class, students will have to pass the new Science/Technology MCAS. The vast majority of our freshmen will fulfill this requirement by taking the Biology exam during their sophomore year.

During the summer, we ran a summer school program to meet the needs of students who required assistance in improving MCAS scores, as well as those students needing credits for promotion and graduation. We were also able to provide MCAS tutoring both in the spring and fall for students. We received some help from state grant funding for these important programs, but we also had to charge tuition to cover a portion of the summer school costs. Both programs are essential supports for those students who need them.

Without a doubt, I am sure all readers are familiar with the problems the high school has encountered due to budget cuts. We started this school year with a number of lost staff positions, as well as funding for athletics and performing arts. I feel it is essential to report to you on some major developments which resulted from this problem.

Last summer, I was required to file two reports to our accreditation agency, the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The Commission requires the school to report any substantive changes which have a negative impact on the school's ability to meet any of the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. The reports were duly filed in the summer, including a “Special Progress Report,” also mandated by the Commission. You can see both documents on our website. Click on “About TRHS,” and then click on “New England Association of Schools and Colleges.”

In October, the Commission reviewed the school's accreditation status, and then informed us on November 13 that the school was placed on warning for concerns regarding its adherence to two of the seven Commission's Standards for Accreditation - Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning. Regarding the Curriculum Standard, they cited several concerns, including the school's inability to maintain the staffing ratios recommended in the School Improvement Plan, brought about by staff cuts, and the institution of actual cost user fees, brought on by the

elimination of funding for athletics and co-curricular activities. The Commission had serious concern that the budget reductions (including the high, actual cost user fees) would significantly compromise students' equitable access to programs and services at the high school. Regarding the Community Resources for Learning Standard, the Commission in particular cited the "lack of adequate revenue to provide and maintain appropriate programs, personnel and services."

Our warning status will be reviewed in October, 2007 by the Commission. At that point, the FY08 budget will be in place. It is my hope that the high school will have a FY08 budget that will enable us to restore that which was lost in this current budget, and prompt the Commission to lift our warning status.

The entire high school community is indebted to the Triton Heroes, a group of citizens who organized a fundraising campaign to lower user fees. It was feared last summer that without some sort of financial assistance, far too many students would be unable to play, putting in jeopardy the very existence of various teams. So the Heroes set out to get all user fees down to, or at least as close as possible to, \$250 for athletics and \$100 for performing arts. The result to date (3/1/07) has been impressive. For example, last summer the actual cost user fee for football was set at \$788. The Heroes reduced that to \$387. Hockey went from \$1530 to \$544, and the marching band went from \$220 to \$199. All figures were adjusted proportionately, according to each activity's percentage of the entire cost of all programs.

On behalf of the nearly 1,000 students who call Triton their school, I want to express a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of the Heroes for ensuring that the unthinkable (no sports or performing arts at the school this year) did not happen.

Our freshmen mentoring program, Ignite, continues to train upperclassmen to work with ninth graders. Nominated by a faculty member, mentors assume mentorship of ninth graders by attending freshman directed studies and interacting with them on a regular basis. They also provide tutoring. Their goal is to develop a supportive relationship, helping freshmen to deal with the sometimes difficult, and at times, overwhelming task of not only adjusting to, but also thriving, in the high school environment. We are indebted to TD Banknorth and the Newburyport Five Cent Savings Bank for their continuing financial support of this undertaking.

The School Council's "School Improvement Plan" identified four goals for this school year: the school will #1 -improve student achievement, #2 -improve curriculum, instruction and assessment, #3 -improve school climate and culture, #4 -promote communication among administration, staff, parents, and the community. The Council monitors progress in each of these goals. The plan can be viewed on our website by clicking on the School Council link.

We believe in the value of real world work experiences. Our school-to-career opportunities include students working in our school bank and running our school store, the "Viking Corner Store." Students are given the opportunity to job shadow an area worker for a day, experience a Career Exploration Fair, attend a Fall Career Day, attend the annual Alumni Career Day, and attend the Tech Prep Career Day. We have instituted a new course called "Financial Literacy" to meet the growing need for instruction in this critical, "real world" area.

Our Environmental Committee continues to maintain a paper recycling program. Students can be seen collecting used paper after school from throughout the building. The public is welcome to get involved. A green collection bin is kept behind the building, near the power plant. Interested individuals are welcome to place their used paper in that bin.

Parents continue to partner with the school and make major contributions via support groups such as BOOSTERS, GRADVENTURE, and TMPO. We are pleased a number of parents continue to serve in volunteer capacities at the school, such as after-school help in the library/media center, and we hope to find ways to encourage even more volunteerism in the future. We are indebted to Dina Sullivan, our volunteer program coordinator, for her help and encouragement.

Our students continue to receive noteworthy recognition, in a number of state and national academic, athletic, and artistic venues. For example, over sixty students were named to the John and Abigail Scholarship Program. To qualify, these students must rank in the top 25 percent of those taking the MCAS test. Students were offered four years of free tuition at the University of Massachusetts or at any of the state or community colleges.

Students continue to participate with energy and enthusiasm not only in athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities but also in community service programs. Again this year we hosted a number of events for our senior citizens including the Senior Citizen Prom, a spring breakfast, and the Holiday Tea. Various student groups sponsored a blood drive for the American Red Cross, participated in the Salisbury Santa's Helper Program, assisted physically challenged children at the Special Olympics, helped with fundraising for the Salvation Army, and visited needy children during Thanksgiving at the Lawrence Boys Club.

On behalf of the students, staff and administration of Triton High School, I would like to express our gratitude to the citizens of our district. In particular we appreciate the continuing and focused efforts of our School Council and the Triton Regional School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Manseau
Principal

TRITON REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Triton Regional Middle School continues to grow as a community committed to meeting the unique needs of young adolescents. The staff is knowledgeable about the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual characteristics of students at this age level and is skilled at addressing their needs. As a child-centered middle school, our school is committed to fundamental middle school practices

The student population has remained relatively stable; however enrollment projections for the next few years show a gradual decline stabilizing at approximately 500 students. As a result, class sizes will continue to be favorable. The school currently has 539 students enrolled in grades 7 and 8. Projected enrollment for next year is 525.

MCAS results indicate that our students are maintaining levels of performance at or about state averages in all areas. Teachers regularly review their curriculum scope and sequence to ensure the alignment of curriculum and instruction with the state curriculum frameworks. Ongoing subject area meetings focus on analysis of data and development on strategies to meet the identified areas for improvement. In the classroom, teachers prepare students using model questions similar to those found on the test. Summer school was again offered this year supported by grant funding. Students received instruction to improve their skills and prepare for the new school year. We continue to investigate new strategies to support learning. This year we implemented a Literacy class to further support students meeting curriculum standards, and improving proficiency and achievement.

Community service continues to be an important part of the middle school experience; it encourages students to grow and develop as valued community members. Our “homeroom reps” and Student Advisory Council play a lead role in making a difference. The annual canned food drive helped restock shelves prior to the holidays. With the cooperation of the PTA, students also participate in the Toys for Tots campaign. Student leaders also prepared and lead the annual Veteran’s Day Assembly which included thoughtful readings and musical performances by our band and select choir.

The PTA also completed a highly successful “Support Our Troops” campaign. Students and families wrote letters and donated chocolate that were delivered before Valentine’s Day.

Many varied exploratory and enrichment opportunities are available for middle school students. The intramural program is very popular with activities ranging from field hockey to basketball to track over three seasons. One of the most popular activities is the Bradford Ski Program with four bus loads of students “riding and gliding” every Thursday after school for six weeks. Students also participate in Drama Workshop, Select Choir, and Jazz Band after school. Cross country running in the fall continues to be a favorite activity for many students. The Viking Café and the Viking Boutique are entrepreneurial projects funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Grant. The Exploration program also provides students with many interesting activities after school such as The Producers and Karate..

The continued success of our school is due in part to the thoughtful participation of family and community members. The School Council provides us with valuable input and direction through the formulation of an annual School Improvement Plan. The PTA is a very supportive group of parents who are committed to helping teachers meet the needs of our

students. Our Volunteer program continues to grow under the leadership of Julie Languirand, Volunteer Coordinator.

Our school is in a strong position to meet the needs our students. Thanks to the continued support from our communities and families, we will continue to make every effort to make this facility and the learning within a source of pride for the Triton Regional School District.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter A. Gadd, Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT PINE GROVE SCHOOL

To the Citizens of the Town of Rowley:

This fall Pine Grove School opened with approximately 550 students. Two full day kindergarten classes have been successfully implemented and two half day sessions continue to be an option for families. Parents of full day students pay tuition for half of the day, with a sliding fee scale available for those who might need assistance.

Teachers in grades three through six met in their grade level teams to analyze MCAS data. A great deal was learned about what areas our students perform well in, and what areas seem to be more challenging. This information was presented to the entire faculty for consideration. Here is a breakdown of relevant statistics in each tested area:

Grade Subject	S	A	P	% im	V	Pla ov
3rd R						453
3rd M						531
4th E						301
4th M						594
5th E						164
5th M						275
5th S						256
6th E						18
6th M						95

Note: (1) "Placement overall" ranks schools by combining the percentage of students who were either "Advanced" or "Proficient" and comparing that number for each subject and grade with schools across the state. The Department of Education does not rank schools using MCAS.

(Parents can go to the Department of Education website (www.doe.mass.edu) to access questions from these exams if they are interested in gaining a better understanding of any of these exams.)

Balanced Literacy continues to be the model for reading and writing instruction at Pine Grove School. Teachers instruct students in reading for an hour and writing for an hour using the workshop model. This model provides teachers with the opportunity to differentiate the instruction in order to meet the needs of all learners. Teachers in grades K-4 have participated in professional development in the Investigations Math Program, which is currently being implemented in these grades. Grade 5 will

participate in training this school year in order to prepare them for the implementation during the 2007-2008 school year.

A Safety Committee has worked for five years to establish and review emergency protocols for potentially dangerous situations that could occur at Pine Grove School. The committee practiced numerous drills and met with staff to review these protocols. We continue to review protocols and make revisions based on the outcome of regular drills.

The Pine Grove School Student Council is an active group of fifth and sixth grade students. They successfully implemented a Pine Grove School Store and raised funds to send to various charitable organizations. Students also maintain a recycling program at Pine Grove School.

P.T.O helped purchase a variety of resources for PGS while continuing to fund field trips for students across all grade levels. R.P.E.F (Rowley Public Education Fund) continues to enrich the school by providing a wide array of cultural enrichment opportunities for all students. They also have been instrumental in providing necessary resources to support instruction at PGS. The school is grateful to both of these organizations for all that they do to support the school.

The Early Bird Program continues to provide before school daycare for families from 7:00AM to 8:10AM, while Kids Kaleidoscope offers after school daycare from 3:00-6:00PM.


A Mission Statement for Pine Grove School has been established. At Pine Grove School our mission is to be a respectful, safe and collaborative community of invested learners. We strive for academic excellence by celebrating the whole child, valuing diversity and fostering communication.

The Theme for the 2005-2006 school year was "Helping Hands". Our kick-off assembly was held in November where students were introduced to the theme. Parents reinforced this theme by having children help out at home. Children were celebrated in the Pine Times and during the morning announcement for helping others!

The musical production of Grease Jr. took place in the spring. Congratulations to the students of PGS for putting on such a fantastic musical production!

The Town of Rowley continues to support the Pine Grove School. The taxpayers of Rowley voted in favor of a debt exclusion to fund the purchase of 150 new computers, a new phone system, and access control for the front door. We are grateful for the support of the townspeople of Rowley. We also sincerely appreciate the assistance from all of the town departments in Rowley. The efforts of the central office administration and staff, the businesses and many organizations in Rowley, as well as the dedicated staff at Pine Grove School, help to provide the children of Rowley with a strong academic program and a safe learning environment.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer M. Roberts
Principal

July 1, 2005 — June 30, 2006

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Revenue	33,297,200	33,961,631
Expenditures	33,511,503	33,496,569
Excess of Revenues & Transfers	-0-	465,062
Over (under) Expenditures		
Fund Balance July 1, 2005		1,423,365
Fund Balance June 30, 2006		1,021,792

FY 2006 ASSESSMENTS

	Operating Budget	Capital Assessment
NEWBURY	\$6,739,989	\$220,086
ROWLEY	\$5,993,230	\$206,417
SALISBURY	\$6,972,193	\$671,674
Total	\$19,705,412	\$1,098,177

Statement of Revenues, and Expenditures
Budget and Actual – (Non GAAP)
General Fund

Year Ending June 30, 2006

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues		
Assessments to Member Towns	\$20,803,589	\$20,863,589
Intergovernmental	11,043,344	11,328,118
Medicaid	300,000	270,274
Investment Income	110,000	107,120
Miscellaneous (E & D)	984,079	984,079
Insurance and Retirement Contributions	270,491	393,321
Total Revenues	33,297,200	33,961,631
Expenditures		
Administration	977,368	945,167
Instruction	12,851,088	12,561,269
Special Needs Education	5,067,569	5,051,683
School Choice	1,525,825	1,601,912
Transportation	2,096,913	2,323,501
Other School Services	271,921	270,459
Student Activities	370,954	352,789
Operations and Maintenance	2,098,371	2,139,286
Fringe Benefits	4,552,606	4,551,615
Debt Service:		
Principal	2,085,000	2,085,000
Interest	1,613,888	1,613,888
Total Expenditures	33,511,503	33,496,569
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-0-	\$ 465,062

TOWN OF ROWLEY

Enrollments as of October 1, 2005

Pine Grove School

Elementary	Boys	Girls	Total
Early Childhood	20	24	44
Kindergarten	39	37	76
Grade 1	42	36	78
Grade 2	36	34	70
Grade 3	46	38	84
Grade 4	36	40	76
Grade 5	40	30	70
Grade 6	41	53	94
Total	300	292	592

<u>Triton Regional Middle School</u>	
Grade 7 Rowley Students	79
Grade 8 Rowley Students	77
Total	156

<u>Triton Regional High School</u>	
Grade 9 Rowley Students	75
Grade 10 Rowley Students	76
Grade 11 Rowley Students	82
Grade 12 Rowley Students	76
Total	309

<u>Other Enrollments as of October 2005</u>			
		SPED	6
		Private	15
		Parochial	14
		Public	36
		Total	71

Pine Grove School Enrollment	592
Triton Regional Middle School Enrollment	156
Triton Regional High School Enrollment	309
Other Enrollment	71
Total 2005/2006 Enrollment as of 10/05	1128

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NEWBURY REPRESENTATIVES

TERM EXPIRES

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13 River Street
(978) 465-2925

2007

Dina Sullivan
21 Coleman Road
(978) 463-0930

2008

Suzanne Densmore
32 School Street
(978) 465-5311

2009

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TERM EXPIRES

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2007

Darlene Doucot
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(978) 948-5536

2008

Mary Murphy
377 Wethersfield Street
(978) 948-7917

2009

SALISBURY REPRESENTATIVES

TERM EXPIRES

Deborah Choate
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2007

James Poulin
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2008

Susan Fish
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2009

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Triton Regional High School Principal

Robert Manseau
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NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

- 6:30 A.M. Warning Signal — Either schools are called off for a full day or delayed opening. (Radio or TV stations should be used to clarify.)
- 8:00 A.M. Signal only if decision has to be changed from a delayed opening to cancellation for a full day.

“NO SCHOOL” ANNOUNCEMENT

The “No School” announcement for the Pine Grove School (Triton Regional School District) is given over radio stations WBZ, WHDH, WNPB, as well as TV stations WBZ and WHDH.

TOWN OF ROWLEY TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Sandra J. Halloran, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen M. Willis, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
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Robert Manseau, Principal, Triton Regional High School
Peter Gadd, Principal, Triton Regional Middle School
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Whittier

Regional Vocational Technical High School

**Karen Sarkisian
Superintendent**

**115 Amesbury Line Road
Haverhill, MA 01830-1898
Tel: (978) 373-4101**

September 25, 2006

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: David Irving, Whittier Representative
Karen Sarkisian, Superintendent

Whittier offers 19 vocational technical career areas designed to provide the necessary training and skills for personal and work force success.

Whittier's academic program is designed to offer students a broad base in fundamental skills through its core curriculum in English, Math, Science and Technology, Social Studies, World Languages, Physical Education/Health, and Elective subjects and to afford students with varying abilities the opportunity to succeed.

Courses are designed in a sequential format and are integrated with the vocational-technical areas, wherever practicable and mutually beneficial. All academic courses offer advanced sections for students who desire to further their education. Moreover, a Tech Prep program is offered to eleventh and twelfth grade students which parallels the College Prep program and provides students with the opportunity for college credit and/or advanced college placement.

Since all programs are open to both females and males, we encourage our students to explore and to specialize in non-stereotyped, non-traditional vocational-technical areas and to strive for the maximum realization of their goals and potential.

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is entering its thirty-fourth year. To date we have graduated 8,156 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from Rowley: 8

Honorable Board of Selectmen
September 25, 2006
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The October 1, 2005 Day School Enrollment:

	Boys	Girls
Grade 9	2	1
Grade 10	2	1
Grade 11	0	0
Grade 12	0	1

Total – 7

2006 Graduates – 1

The cost to Rowley for the school year 2005-2006 was \$74,170.00.

Respectfully yours,

David Irving
Rowley Representative

Karen Sarkisian
Superintendent

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Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2007

Essex, ss.

To the Constables in the Town of Rowley in the County of Essex, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowley, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Pine Grove School, Route 1A, on Monday, the 14th day of May, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to suspend in the Town Meeting the application of Section 19 and Section 20 of the Town Meeting Bylaw pertaining to the reconsideration of all money articles, such suspension intended for the specific purpose to balance the total level of funds raised and appropriated within the limitations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C [Proposition 2-1/2, so-called] and to give blanket warning hereby that any money article may, at the end of the meeting and after all articles have been acted upon, be moved for reconsideration in order to balance the total level of funds raised and appropriated within the limitations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation of elective officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 108 as follows, or to take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Elective Officer</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommends</u>
Moderator	\$100	\$100
Board of Selectmen, (each member)	\$2,231	\$2,231
Board of Assessors, (each member)	\$2,456	\$2,456
Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes	\$70,000	\$70,000
Town Clerk	\$37,260	\$37,260
Planning Board, each member	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$6,969	\$6,969
Surveyor of Highways	\$62,869	\$62,869
Municipal Water Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Trustees of Free Public Library	\$0	\$0
Rowley Housing Authority	\$0	\$0
Municipal Light Board (each member)	\$0	\$0

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 5. General Omnibus Budget. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer and appropriate, from available funds including, stabilization, overlay, Notice of Intent fund, free cash and to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes, Interest, of which \$590,000 is subject to an override, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Finance Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Rec.
	<u>General Government</u>				
	Town Moderator				
1	Moderator Stipend	95	98	100	1
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	10,729	11,155	11,155	11,1
3	Town Administrator/Personnel Officer Salary	70,451	73,960	76,466	76,4
4	Administrative Assistant Wages	20,794	23,256	23,593	23,5
5	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,0
6	Expenses	13,966	10,523	7,523	7,5
7	Copier/Fax Expenses	5,609	5,384	5,384	5,3
8	General Audit Expense	25,000	12,500	12,500	12,5
10	Sealer of Weights & Measures	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,0
	Finance Committee				
11	Secretary Wages	291	1,362	1,404	1,4
12	Expenses	369	379	379	3
	Town Accountant				
13	Accountant Salary	42,851	44,137	45,836	45,8
14	Asst. Accountant Wages	12,963	13,362	13,761	13,7
15	Expenses	3,946	4,659	4,659	4,6
	Board of Assessors				
16	Assessors Stipends	7,369	7,368	7,368	7,3
17	Principal Assessor Salary	66,960	68,872	70,067	70,0
18	Clerk Wages	16,242	20,193	20,871	20,8
19	Consultant	0	1,000	1,000	1,0
20	Professional Services	10,020	11,505	11,505	11,5
21	Expenses	5,474	6,055	6,055	6,0
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
22	Treasurer/Collector Salary	65,178	67,600	70,000	70,0
23	Assistant Treasurer Salary	43,127	44,412	45,910	45,9
24	Administrative Assistant Wages	24,363	29,664	30,352	30,3
25	Expenses	30,540	31,943	31,943	31,9

26	Tax Title	9,328	10,517	10,517	10,5
27	Debt Fees & Charges	3,380	5,000	5,000	5,0

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Rec.
	Town Counsel				
28	Professional Fee	37,023	52,600	52,600	52,6
29	Litigation	9,378	37,500	65,000	65,0
	Personnel Board				
30	Expenses	85	399	399	3
	IS Department				
31	Consultant Services	14,043	14,931	14,931	14,9
32	Expenses	3,844	4,491	4,491	4,4
	Town Clerk				
33	Town Clerk Salary	33,345	34,500	37,260	37,2
34	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	2,037	3,000	3,250	3,2
35	Expenses	3,042	3,250	3,972	3,9
	Elections				
36	Wages	1,086	2,600	2,350	2,3
37	Expenses	2,819	4,805	3,975	3,9
	Registrar of Voters				
38	Stipends	2,183	2,183	2,250	2,2
39	Expenses	1,870	2,093	2,500	2,5
	Conservation Commission				
40	Conservation Admin. Salary	34,971	42,536	43,891	43,8
41	Expenses	1,544	1,622	1,622	1,6
	Planning Board				
42	Planning/ZBA Administrative Assistant Wages	23,528	28,097	29,049	29,0
43	Planner Consultant	2,098	9,026	9,026	9,0
44	Merrimack Valley Planning Com.	1,726	1,800	1,800	1,8
45	Expenses	2,688	2,970	2,970	2,9
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
46	Expenses	1,064	1,764	1,680	1,6
	Town Hall				
47	Town Hall/Annex Custodian	10,858	12,239	12,542	12,5
48	Expenses	20,922	16,193	9,318	9,3
	Town Hall Annex				
49	Expenses	14,625	12,498	9,318	9,3
	Town Report				
50	Printing & Distribution	5,840	6,594	6,594	6,5
	Subtotal	724,164	807,595	839,136	839,1

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Rec.
	<u>Public Safety</u>				
	Police Department				
51	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	119,129	123,912	127,630	127,6
52	Deputy Chief Salary & Other Earnings	84,808	87,780	90,703	90,7
53	Wages	930,429	952,048	970,905	970,9
54	Expenses	110,578	117,350	117,350	117,3
55	Police Cruiser	15,390	15,391	29,500	29,5
56	Police Modular Building Lease	0	28,098	30,312	30,3
	Rowley Block Program				
57	Expenses	200	200	200	2
	Constables				
58	Expenses	430	450	450	4
	Fire Department				
59	Fire Chief Salary	65,959	67,939	70,247	70,2
60	Firefighter Wages	89,436	92,410	95,532	95,5
61	Firefighter Overtime Wages	234,667	20,000	26,000	26,0
62	Expenses	8,708	9,404	9,404	9,4
63	Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,603	945	945	9
64	Red Base Telephone	608	640	640	6
65	Forest Fire Expense	272	525	525	5
	RVFPA Fire Protection				
66	Wages	81,500	83,945	86,463	86,4
67	Operating Costs	129,114	133,014	133,014	133,0
68	Capital Expenses	0	0	0	
	Ambulance Service				
69	Service Contract	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,0
	Inspection Department				
70	Salaries	55,114	63,449	65,692	65,6
71	Wages	3,404	7,970	7,901	7,9
72	Expenses	5,521	5,065	5,065	5,0
	Emergency Management Svs.				
73	Expenses	1,821	1,970	1,970	1,9
	Animal Inspector				
74	Salary	2,303	2,374	2,455	2,4
75	Expenses	0	200	200	2
76	Rabid Animal Control	472	1,853	1,853	1,8

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Rec.
	Animal Control Officer				
77	Salary	9,140	9,416	9,735	9,7
78	Expenses	72	1,320	970	9
	Tree Warden/Moth Control				
79	Salary	6,569	6,766	6,969	6,9
80	Expenses	10,987	8,193	8,193	8,1
	Harbormaster				
81	Salary	6,569	5,464	5,628	5,6
82	Wages	4,608	4,750	4,893	4,8
83	Pumpout Boat Wages	1,581	1,643	1,692	1,6
84	Expenses	2,999	4,000	4,000	4,0
	Shellfish Commission				
85	Commission Salaries	1,450	1,451	1,495	1,4
86	Commission Expenses	535	563	563	5
	Shellfish Constable				
87	Constable Salary	236	236	243	2
88	Constable Expenses	533	563	563	5
	Street Lighting				
89	Expenses	0	22,943	22,622	22,6
	Fire Hydrants				
90	Expenses	23,775	23,775	32,900	32,9
	Subtotal	1,828,056	1,938,015	2,005,422	2,005,4
	<u>Schools</u>				
91	Whittier Vocational Assessment	74,170	100,896	96,297	96,2
92	Triton Regional Assessment	5,993,230	6,292,892	7,031,397	7,031,3
93	Triton Capital Assessment	206,417	189,453	175,150	175,1
	Subtotal	6,273,817	6,583,241	7,302,844	7,302,8
	<u>Public Works</u>				
	Highway Department				
94	Snow & Ice Removal	124,887	40,000	40,000	40,0
95	Surveyor's Salary	58,634	60,393	62,869	62,8
96	Wages	86,080	137,361	150,137	150,1
97	Expenses	92,287	101,223	86,622	86,6
	Recycling				
98	Wages	2,833	3,602	3,712	3,7
99	Expenses	6,878	8,510	8,510	8,5
	Cemetery Commission				
100	Wages	15,272	15,731	15,731	15,7
101	Expenses	1,841	1,947	1,947	1,9

	Subtotal	388,712	368,767	369,528	369,5
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Rec.
	<u>Health & Human Services</u>				
	Board of Health				
102	Coordinator of Health Services & Regulatory Compliance Salary	43,096	44,390	45,898	45,8
103	Sanitary Health Agent	19,815	20,447	21,182	21,1
104	Administrative Assistant/Assistant Inspector Wages	22,100	22,673	23,456	23,4
105	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,0
106	Expenses	6,474	6,900	6,900	6,9
	Council on Aging				
107	Senior Director Salary	25,160	25,915	34,519	32,2
108	Wages	39,733	41,368	41,848	41,8
109	Elder Svcs. of Merrimack Valley	294	294	294	2
110	Expenses	11,293	12,779	12,779	12,7
	Veterans Affairs				
111	Eastern Essex Veterans District	15,563	17,000	16,779	16,7
112	Veterans Benefits	14,299	11,844	11,844	11,8
	Handicapped Commission				
113	Expenses	0	190	190	1
	Subtotal	198,827	204,800	216,689	214,4
	<u>Recreation/Historic</u>				
	Rowley Public Library				
114	Library Director Salary	36,775	43,864	45,346	45,3
115	Wages	59,238	66,382	69,700	69,7
116	Expenses	61,388	57,441	79,035	79,0
	Recreation Committee				
117	Recreational Services Coordinator Wages	15,323	16,199	16,685	16,6
118	Expenses	1,772	1,864	1,864	1,8
119	Field Maintenance	14,341	15,078	15,078	15,0
	Town Common				
120	Expenses	4,880	10,720	7,461	7,4
	Historical				
121	Commission Expenses	250	332	332	3
122	Historic District Commission Exp.	0	70	70	
	Other				
123	Bay Circuit Committee	0	200	200	2
124	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	669	1,000	1,000	1,0
125	Bradstreet Property Expense			5,000	5,0

126	Former Library Building Expense	3,300	1,682	800	8
	Subtotal	197,936	214,832	242,571	242,5

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Rec.
	<u>Debt</u>				
127	School Building Principal	378,438	369,063	334,375	334,3
128	Landfill Capping Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,0
129	New Well Land Principal	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,5
130	Library Principal	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,0
131	Hunsley Hill Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,0
132	Fire Truck Principal FY02	60,000	60,000	0	
133	Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal FY05	20,100	20,000	20,000	20,0
134	Highway Truck Principal FY06	0	20,400	16,000	16,0
135	School Building Interest	43,849	27,500	11,940	11,9
136	Landfill Capping Interest	26,280	24,443	22,605	22,6
137	New Well Land Interest	7,657	7,159	6,660	6,6
138	Library Interest	64,097	60,772	57,209	57,2
139	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	36,080	34,155	32,093	32,0
140	Fire Truck Interest FY02	4,350	2,250	0	
141	Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest FY05	3,398	2,665	1,935	1,9
142	Highway Truck Interest FY06	2,069	3,710	2,800	2,8
143	Bridge Repair Interest			10,000	10,0
	Subtotal	840,818	826,617	710,117	710,1
	<u>Insurance</u>				
144	Unemployment	0	12,000	12,000	12,0
145	Blanket Insurance	69,240	78,858	83,160	83,1
146	Essex Regional Retirement	370,248	404,913	428,698	428,6
147	Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA	292,849	304,646	330,508	330,5
	Subtotal	732,337	800,417	854,366	854,3
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	11,184,665	11,744,248	12,540,673	12,538,4

ARTICLE 6. Water Department Budget. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$728,676** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 08, or take any action relative thereto.

	Description	Expended FY 2006	Appropriated FY 2007	Requested FY 2008
	Operating Service			
148	Superintendent Salary	50,796	52,121	54,217
149	Water Department Wages	146,381	173,099	178,292
150	Maintenance & Expenses	215,615	230,248	249,155
	SUBTOTAL	412,792	455,468	481,664
	Debt Service			
151	Water Loop Principal	16,563	15,938	15,625
152	Water Loop Interest	1,757	1,046	348
153	Pingree Well Principal	55,500	55,500	55,500
154	Pingree Well Interest	41,228	38,315	35,401
155	New Water Building Principal	15,000	15,000	15,000
156	New Water Building Interest	8,848	8,060	7,273
157	Corrosion Control Principal	65,000	65,000	65,000
158	Corrosion Control Interest	18,103	15,828	13,390
159	Loader, SCADA, Motor/Surge, Well #3 Redevelopment Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000
160	Loader, SCADA, Motor/Surge, Well #3 Redevelopment Interest	4,900	3,500	2,100
161	Water Garage Rehabilitation Interest			2,375
	SUBTOTAL	261,899	253,187	247,012
	TOTAL	674,691	708,655	728,676
	Plus Article 7 - Indirect Costs	43,523	46,229	41,489
	GRAND TOTAL	718,214	754,884	770,165

(Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of **\$41,489** for the following items and that any other moneys spent by the General Government on behalf of the Water Department be reimbursed to the General Fund from the Water Department Enterprise Fund in Fiscal Year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual Transferred FY 2006</u>	<u>Anticipated Transferred FY 2007</u>	<u>Requested FY 2008</u>
162	County Retirement	19,094	21,271	15,823
163	Employee Health Insurance	10,820	10,555	10,891
164	Life Insurance Premiums	59	267	214
165	Accountant's Fee	3,000	3,090	3,090
166	Treasurer/Collector's Fee	6,270	6,458	6,458
167	Audit	1,650	1,650	1,650
168	Medicare	2,630	2,938	3,363
	TOTAL	43,523	46,229	41,489

(Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

	<u>Actual FY 2006</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2007</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2008</u>
<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
Water Bills	732,219	646,667	686,933
Permits	58,400	50,000	25,000
Merchandising & Jobbing	26,886	22,000	22,000
Special Services	2,744	4,000	3,332
Hydrant Rentals	23,775	23,775	32,900
Subtotal	844,024	746,442	770,165
STARTING BALANCE	258,256	398,774	398,774
REVENUE	844,024	746,422	770,165
EXPENSE	(718,364)	(754,884)	(770,165)
ARTICLES GASB 34	14,858	8,442	0
ANNUAL EXCESS/DEFICIT	140,518	0	0
AVAILABLE BALANCE	398,774	398,774	398,774

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, municipal street lighting or for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year to the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of the municipal lighting plant under the direction and control of the municipal light board for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, upon condition that, if said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the municipal light board.

(Inserted by the Municipal Light Board)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Articles 8 – 11 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to an account for use by the Harbormaster in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5G, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Harbormaster)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Articles 8 – 11 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Cemetery Commission from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account to be used for the care of graves in the Town Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Articles 8 – 11 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to Article 30 of the May 6, 1996 Annual Town Meeting (Recertification Fund) for the purpose of completing the State mandated triennial recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Assessors)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Articles 8– 11 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the following revolving funds and their uses for Fiscal Year 2008:

	Name of Account	Expenditure Cap
1	Council on Aging - into which receipts from rental of the Council's van shall be deposited and which may be used by said Council for payment of wages, expenses and maintenance of said van. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$190]	Expenditures not to exceed \$5,000
2	Board of Health -into which one-half (1/2) of the septic disposal construction fees charged by said Board of Health shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board or its agents to finance special waste disposal and technical expertise beyond the health agent's scope of responsibility. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$19,859]	Expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.
3	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from the Summer Programs fees shall be deposited and which may be used by said Committee and Board to pay for the operation of said programs. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$4,522]	Expenditures not to exceed \$9,000.
4	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from donations, advertising and rental of the Parks & Recreation Committee's facilities shall be deposited and which may be used by said Committee and Board to pay for the management and operations of improvements and maintenance of said facilities. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$100]	Expenditures not to exceed \$17,000.
5	Board of Selectmen - into which revenue collected from the sale of Home Composting bins shall be used to purchase additional compost bins and to advertise the availability of such bins. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$752]	Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.
6	Highway Department – into which receipts from the rental of Highway Department equipment may be used by said Department for the purchase, repair and maintenance of Department equipment. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$4,615]	Expenditures not to exceed \$12,000.
7	Shellfish Department – into which receipts from one-half (1/2) of the shellfish permits sold shall be deposited and used by the Shellfish Department for the propagation of shellfish. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$4,335].	Expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.
8	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals – into which all receipts from filing and associated application fees shall be deposited, and may be used by said Boards to defray Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandated expenses related to said Board's hearings and meetings, and professional assistance or engineering, legal and other case related items. [The balance of the account on 3/20/07 is \$2,828].	Expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.

or take any other action relative thereto.