

Town of Rowley 2007



Annual Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rowley was incorporated as a Town on September 4, 1639

LOCATION 32 miles north of Boston
AREA 19.03 square miles
ZIP CODE 01969
AREA CODE 978

POPULATION:

1960 Federal Census 2,783
1970 Federal Census 3,006
1980 Federal Census 3,860
1990 Federal Census 4,452
2000 Federal Census 5,500

REGISTERED VOTERS: as of December 31, 2007

Democrat 752
Green Rainbow 3
Libertarian 11
Republican 704
Other 3
Unenrolled 2623
Total Registered Voters 4096
Total Population 5959

ASSESSED VALUATION: as of January 1, 2007

Real Estate 950,019,100
Personal Property 12,050,141

TAX RATE FOR FY 08:

All classes of property 10.38

TOWN OFFICES:

The Town Hall and Town Hall Annex has offices for the Accountant, Town Administrator, Assessors, Board of Health, Selectmen, Inspection Department, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Parks & Recreation, Planning Board, Town Clerk and Treasurer/Collector
Mailboxes for departments, boards & committees are located at the Town Hall
The Fire Station is located on Hammond Street
The Highway Garage is located on Independent Street
The Rowley Free Public Library is located on Main Street next to Town Hall
The Pine Grove School is located on Main Street
The Municipal Light Department is located on Summer Street
The Police Department is located on Haverhill Street
The Water Department is located on Central Street

SENATORS IN CONGRESS: Edward M. Kennedy, 617-565-3170, John F. Kerry, 617-565-8519

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS: John Tierney 978-531-1669

STATE SENATOR: Bruce Tarr, Room 436, State House, 617-722-1600

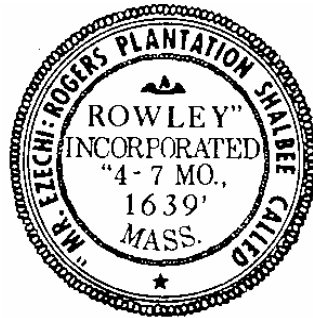
STATE REPRESENTATIVE: Harriett Stanley, 617-722-2676

1639

2007

Three Hundred Sixty-Eighth

*Annual Report
of the
Town of Rowley*



For the year ending December 31

2007

SelectPS
North Brookfield, MA 01535

(Cover photo courtesy of G. Robert Merry, Rowley, MA)

COVER PHOTO THE BRADSTREET FARM

The Bradstreet Farm, at 236 Main Street, pre-dates the Town of Rowley by four (4) years. For one hundred forty eight (148) years it lay within the Town of Ipswich. In 1784 a petition before the General Court was granted and the Town Line between Ipswich and Rowley was changed, and the Bradstreet and Cross farms became a part of Rowley. (See year 2000 Town Report)

Humphrey Bradstreet landed in Ipswich, from England, in April of 1635 on board the ship Elizabeth. In October of 1635 a King's Grant granted Humphrey, one hundred and thirty acres of outlying land in Ipswich part of which was north of the North River, so called, today known as the Rowley River.

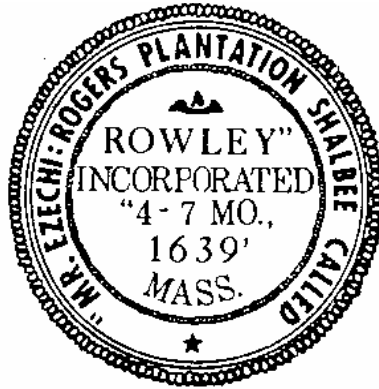
The Bradstreet Farm has descended from father to son, ten (10) generations, in unbroken succession from 1635 until 2001 and was thought to be the oldest farm in the same family in this country.

The house on the farm, today, was built in 1837. Being the third house on the property, some of the lumber used in its construction came from six (6) wind mill structures of the defunct Salt Works at Plum Island, that were discontinued in 1832. The barn on the property was built sometime in the 1700's.

George F. Bradstreet was the last son to own the farm. In 2006, under Article 23 of the November 13, Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to purchase the property.

The Town of Rowley graciously thanks George's widow, Doris, and the Bradstreet family for the unique ability to be able to use this land for multiple purposes, such as, preserving the historic Bradstreet home and barn, land for recreation and open space, and affordable housing.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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ALEXANDER S. GURCZAK JR.

1943 - JUNE 4, 2007



SHELL FISH COMMISSIONER

2002 to 2007

SHELL FISH ADVISORY BOARD

2001

U.S. ARMY VIETNAM VETERAN

V.F.W. POST 5707 PAST COMMANDER

**PAST COMMODORE
ROWLEY RIVER BOATING ASSOCIATION**

(Photo courtesy Barbara Gurczak, Rowley, MA)

JEANNE P. GROVER
1925 - JUNE 12, 2007



ROWLEY TOWN CLERK

1984 TO 1999

COUNCIL ON AGING

1991 TO 1995

350th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1984 to 1989

COMPUTER USE COMMITTEE

1984 TO 1986

ROWLEY TRIAD CHAIRPERSON

(Photo courtesy G. Robert Merry, Rowley, MA)

JOHN J. FENDERS JR.

1909 – April 7, 2007



ROWLEY SELECTMAN

1966 TO 1974

PLANNING BOARD

1953 TO 1960

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1961 TO 1966

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1977 TO 1979

COUNCIL ON AGING

1967 TO 1974

DAVID E. SMITH TRUST

1975 TO 1983

Photo courtesy G. Robert Merry, Rowley, MA)

PAUL H. LORD
1932 - March 8, 2007



WATER DEPARTMENT

1962 TO 1969

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

1969 TO 1971

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF

1963 TO 1966

DEPUTY FOREST WARDEN

1967 TO 1968

(Photo courtesy Robin Lord, Rowley, MA)

Elected Officials of the Town of Rowley

Board of Selectman

Jack L. Cook (2008)
Thomas R. Moses (2008)
Richard M. Cummings (2009)
David C. Petersen (2010)
Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr. (2010)

Moderator

Warren G. Appell (2008)

Town Clerk

Susan G. Hazen (2009)

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Jacqueline R. Vigeant (2009)

Highway Surveyor

A. Scott Leavitt (2009)

Board of Assessors

Donald Thurston (2008)
William DiMento (2009)
Diane L. D'Angeli (2010)

Regional School Committee

Rowley:

Darlene J. Doucot (2008)
Mary T. Murphy (2009)
Edward Mavragis (2010)

Newbury:

Diana L. Sullivan (2008)
Suzanne W. Densmore (2009)
Frank L. Chiaravalloti (2010)

Salisbury:

James Poulin (2008)
Susan C. Fish (2009)
Deborah A. Choate (2010)

Planning Board

Clifford Pierce (2008)
Curt Bryant, Associate (2008)
Jean Marie Pietrillo (2009)
Stuart W. Wells (2010)
Richard Bertelson (2011)
Robert Snow (2012)

Trustees of the Free Public Library

Janet Peabody (2008)
Mark Savory (2008)
Joseph Perry (2008)
Aldene Gordon (2009)
Mark Behringer (2009)
Nina Gynan (2009)
Scott Accomando (2010)
Peter Rooney (2010)
Adrienne Mavragis (2010)

Rowley Housing Authority

State Appointee: Warren G. Appell
Jack L. Cook (2009)
Cheryl T. Draper (2010)
Katherine L. Dalzell (2011)
Jacqueline R. Vigeant (2012)

Municipal Light Board

G. Robert Merry (2008) 1 yr term
Aldene Gordon (2009)
David Levesque (2010)

Municipal Water Board

Jack L. Cook (2008)
David A. Dalzell (2009)
Scott C. Martin (2010)

Shellfish Commissioners

John H. Grundstrom (2008)
Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2009)
Alexander S. Gurczak, Jr. (2010)
deceased
Charles G. Hazen/ appt'd (2008)

Tree Warden

A Scott Leavitt (2009)

Cemetery Commissioners

John H. Bradley (2008)
Jack L. Cook (2009)
Peter Dalzell (2010)

Constables

Philip Collyer (2009)
Nathaniel N. Dummer (2010)

Appointed Officials of the Town of Rowley**Accountant**

Susan W. Bailey

Agricultural Commission

John Eggleston (2009)
Jack Grundstrom (2010)
Deborah Streiff (2008)
Robert Martineau (2009)
Morna Unzer (2010)
Dianne Short (2008)
George Pacenka (2008)
Lane Bourn, Alternate (2008)
Joe Mirasolo, Alternate (2010)
Barry Moore, Alternate (2010)
Elizabeth Tucker, Alternate (2008)

Animal Control Officer

Reed Wilson (2008)

Animal Inspector

Reed Wilson (2008)

Principal Assessor

Sean McFadden

Bay Circuit Committee**Voting Members:****Ex Officio Members:**

Phyllis Poole (2008)
Don Savory (2008)
Janet Burek-Nuff (2007)

Board of Appeals, Ch. 41 Sec 81

Donald W. Thurston, Chairman (2008)
Nathaniel Dummer, Associate (2009)
Alfred G. Clifford (2010)
Thomas J. Potts, Jr. (2011)
Glenn A. Pyburn (2012)
David Levesque (2009)
Thomas W. Heidgerd, (2012)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Donald W. Thurston, Chairman (2008)
Nathaniel Dummer, Associate (2009)
Alfred G. Clifford (2010)
Thomas J. Potts, Jr. (2011)
David Levesque (2009)
Thomas W. Heidgerd, (2012)
Glenn A. Pyburn, Associate (2012)

Board of Health

Charles Costello (2010)
Susan Elwell (2009)
John Melcher (2008)

Board of Registrars

Barbara Collins (2007)
Barbara DiMento (2008)
Mildred Dummer (2008)
Gordon Densmore (2008)
Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2008)

Bradstreet Land Use Committee

Susan Jones Moses
Clifford Pierce
Thomas Heidgerd
G. Robert Merry
Sally Taylor
Chris Quigley (2008)
Mary Ellen Mighill (2008)
Martha Rausch (2008)
Richard Cummings, Sel. Rep.

Bridge Committee

Peter Koester
John Manning
Jessica Benjamin
Scott Leavitt, Highway Surveyor
Julie Nardon
Lyle Graham

Brooks, Streams, and Riverways Com

Stephen Comley (2007)
Frederick A. Hardy (2007)
Don Savory (2007)
Richard E. Bertelson (2007)
Frank Marchegiani (2007)
John H. Grundstrom (2007)
Robert Martineau (2007)
David Dalzell (2007)
Brent Baeslack (2007)
William DiMento (2007)
Scott Leavitt (2007)
Warren Appell (2007)

Building Inspector

Kenneth Ward (2008)
Glenn Clohecy, Alternate (2008)

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Warren Appell

Thomas Moses
John R. DiMento (2008)
Vincent Pesaturo (2008)
Walter Hardy (2008)
G. Robert Merry (2008)
Janet Morrissey (2008)

Cannoneer

G. Robert Merry (2008)

Community Preservation Committee

Curtis Turner, Con Com Rep
Frank Todd, Hist. Dist. Com Rep
Jean Pietrillo, Planning Bd Rep
Patricia DiFiore, Rec. Com Rep
Sally Taylor, Open Space Com Rep
David Petersen, Bd of Sel Rep

Conservation Commission

Judith H. Kehs (2008)
Sally Taylor (2008)
Douglas Watson (2008)
Kurt Annen (2009)
Curtis Turner (2009)
Sam Strieff (2010)
Brook Todd (2010)
Kurt Annen, Associate

Conservation Commission Agent

Brent Baeslack

Council on Aging Director

Mary Ellen Mighill

Council on Aging

Robert Kirshner (2009)
Mary Bright (2008)
Joan Lyons (2008)
Sumner Haley (2009)
Helen Williams (2009)
Robert Hagopian (2010)
Robert Todd (2010)

Fence Viewers

Lonnie Brockelbank (2007)
Richard Caram (2007)

Finance Committee

John DiMento, Chairman (2010)
Karen Muzi (2010)
Karen Summit (2010)

Sharon Emery (2008)
Lou Modini (2008)
Nicholas Taylor (2009)
Vincent Pesaturo (2009)
Diane Lally (2009)
Richard Ferrara (2007)

Fire Department

James C. Broderick, Chief (2008)
Mark Emery (2008)
James R. Merry (2008)

Fire Engineers

Roger Merry, 1st Asst. (2008)
Doug. Chadbourne, 2nd Asst. (2008)
Donald Merry, 3rd Asst. (2008)

Forest Fire Warden & Superintendent of The Fire Alarm

James C. Broderick, Chief (2008)
Mark Emery, Assistant (2008)

Harbormaster

William DiMento (2008)
Fred Hardy, Assistant (2008)
David S. Kent (2008)
William Jerome, Assistant (2008)
Frank Price, Assistant (2008)

Hazardous Material Coordinator

Timothy Toomey (2008)

Health Svcs & Regulatory Compliance

Frank Marchegiana

Historic District Commission/ Historical Commission

Richard Cummings (2008)
Robert Merry (2008)
Michael Harney (2008)
Nathaniel Dummer (2010)
Sara Bourque (2011)
Sally Swartz (2008)
Ann Clarke, Alternate

Housing Committee

David Petersen, Sel. Rep.
Thomas Heidgerd, ZBA Rep.
Sally Taylor,
Jean Pietrillo, Community Pres. Comm.

**Land Use Management Committee
(Hunsley Hills and Pingree Farm
Management Committee)**

Robert Pietrillo - Open Space
Jean Pietrillo - Board of Selectmen
Sally Taylor – Conservation Comm.
Richard Curran - Recreation Comm.
Pat Zarba - Taxpayer

Library Director

Pamela Jacobson

Limited Health Agents

Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2008)
David W. Roberts (2008)
Frank Roberts (2007)
Barbara DiMento (2008)

Limited Lighting Bylaw Enforcement Agent

Frank Marchegiani

Local Census Liason for Federal Census

Susan Hazen, Town Clerk

Local Emergency Planning Commission

Kevin Barry, Police Chief (2008)
Jim Broderick, Fire Chief (2008)
Scott Leavitt, Highway Dept. (2008)
Linda Soucy (2008)
Roger Merry (2008)
Frank Marchegiani (2008)
Mary Ellen Mighill (2008)
Deborah Eagan, Town Adm.(2008)
Brent Baeslack, Conv.Com. (2008)

MBTA Advisory Board

Richard Cummings, Sel.Rep.

Marine Resources Advisory Board

Fred Hardy (2008)
Vinson Lesinski (2008)

**Merrimac Valley Planning Commission
Representative**

Robert Snow

Mooring Clerk

Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2008)
Barbara DiMento (2008)

Oil Spill Response Team

James C. Broderick, Fire Chief (2008)
Kevin Barry, Police Chief (2008)
Scott Leavitt, Highway Dept. (2008)
Bill DiMento, Harbormaster (2008)
Brent Baeslack, Conv. Com. (2008)

Parking Clerk

Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2008)

Parks and Recreation Committee

Michael Quinn (2010)
Kenneth Hunt (2008)
Tim Southall (2009)
Mary Ann Levasseur (2008)
Patricia DiFiore (2010)
Kurt Annen (2010)
Glen Fougere (2010)

Personnel Board

Jack DiMento, Finance Comm. (2008)
Ronald Perkins, Reg. Voter (2008)
Thomas Moses, Sel. Rep. (2008)

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

David Leavitt (2008)
Richard Danforth, Alternate (2008)

Police Chaplain

Robert M. J. Hagopian (2008)

Police Department

Kevin Barry, Chief (2009)
Robert Barker, Deputy Chief (2009)
John Geibel, Det.Lt. (2008)
Joseph J. Gamache, Det.Sgt. (2008)
Dorothy M. Tobin, Adm.Asst.(2008)
R. Perry Collins, Ptlm. FT (2009)
Thomas M. Hills, Ptlm. FT (2009)
Scott P. Hirtle, Ptlm. FT (2009)
Stephen W. May, Sgt. FT (2009)
David MacMullen, Ptlm. FT (2009)
David P. Sedgwick, Ptlm. FT (2008)
Richard A. Johnson, ptlm FT (2008)
Robert J. Colby,Jr., Ptlm. Res. (2008)
Jeffrey C. French, Ptlm. Res. (2008)
David R. Leavitt, Ptlm. Res. (2008)
Dorothy M. Tobin, Ptlm. Res. (2008)
Sheri A. David, Disp.Reg. Res. (2008)
Michael Butler, Ptlm. Res . (2008)
Pamela A. Lutes, FT Disp. (2009)
Pamela A. Lutes, Matron (2009)

Lynne M. Neary, FT Disp.(2008)
Michael Butler, FT Disp. (2008)
Sheri A. David, Res. Ptlm. (2008)
Sheri A. David, Matron (2008)
Lynne M. Neary, Matron (2008)
Mark A. Ruggiero, Ptlm, FT (2009)
Matthew Serratore, Res. Disp. (2008)
Kenneth E. Belson, Ptlm. FT (2009)
Thomas Lantych, Res.Ptlm. (2008)
Matthew Ziev, Ptlm. Res. (2009)
Charles Hazen, Jr. Disp. (2008)
Charles Hazen, Jr. Res. Ptlm. (2008)
John J. Raffi, Ptlm, FT (2010)
Elaine Sferrazza, Res. Disp.(2008)

Keeper of the Rowley Police Station Lockup facility as required under MGL Ch. 40, Sec 35

Kevin Barry, Chief of Police (2008)

Rowley Bridges Project Proposal Evaluation Committee

Lane Bourn, Sel. Rep. (2007)
David Petersen, Sel. Rep. (2007)
Scott Leavitt, Highway Sur. (2007)
John Manning, Resident (2007)
Paul Beede, Resident (2007)

Rowley Cultural Council

Mary Murphy (2008)
Louise Mehaffey (2008)
Susab Esco Chandler (2008)
Mickie Atkinson-Drapeau (2008)

Rowley Emergency Management Agency — (REMA)

James Broderick, Director (2008)
Scott Leavitt, Assist Dir. (2008)
Shawn Roberts (2007)
Donald Williams (2007)
Roger Merry (2008)
Robert Barker (2007)
David Petersen, Sel. Rep.

Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant

Linda Soucy, Manager

Sandy Point Committee Member

William DiMento (2008)
John Manning (2008)

Sanitary Health Agent

Edward Gallagher

Shellfish Constable

Jack Grundstrom (2008)

Shellfish Constable (Deputies)

Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2008)
William DiMento (2008)
John H. Grundstrom (2008)
Fred Hardy (2008)
David S. Kent (2008)
Alex Gurczak (2007)
Charles Hazen ((2008)

Town Administrator/Personnel Officer

Deborah Eagan

Town Clerk, Assistant

Barbara R. DiMento (2008)

Town Counsel

Gary Brackett, Brackett & Lucas (2008)

Veteran's Agent

Terry Hart, Ipswich

Water Department Superintendent

John Rezza

Wiring Inspector

David Levesque (2008)
G. Roger Merry, Alternate (2008)

Wood, Lumber and Bark Surveyor

Floyd Maker, Jr. (2008)

Administrative Employees of the Town of Rowley

Assistant Accountant

John Price

Assessor's Clerk

Karen Milo

Conservation Commission

Administrator

Brent Baeslack

Council on Aging

Administrative Assistant

Carolyn Peabody

Activities Director/Trip Coordinator

Jack Flood

Assistant Health Agent

Wendelyn Hansbury

Inspection Department, Secretary

Paula Meagher

MIS/GIS Coordinators

Sue Bailey

Jackie Vigeant

Planning Board

Administrative Assistant

Maryann Waz

Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Anita Atkinson-Drapeau

Elizabeth Dasch

Louise Mehaffey

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Office Supervisor

Laura Hamilton

Treasurer/Collector

Administrative Assistant

Doreen Glowik

Water Department

Administrative Assistant

Marie Grover

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2007

Tellers appointed: John Price, 165 Main St.; Sandra Jervah, 28 Central St.; Paul Lees, 71 Wilson Pond Lane; John Robillard, 14 School St.; Joan C. Petersen, 25 Newbury Rd.; Donald Thurston, 237 Main St.; Darlene Doucot, 145 Glen St.; and Nicholas Taylor, 313 Dodge Rd. (Note: Extra Tellers were appointed due to the anticipation of a large turnout and several paper count articles).

Quorum certified by the Board of Registrars at 7:20 (prior to Special Town Meeting)
Annual Town Meeting Called to Order by Moderator Warren G. Appell at 8:00 pm.

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:

MOTION: Move to suspend further reading of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:00 pm

ARTICLE 1. Move to hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. Move to see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. Move the Town 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..

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:04 pm

ARTICLE 4. Move the Town vote to fix the annual compensation of elective officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 108 as follows.

Elective Officer	Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
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

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:06 pm

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.

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	100
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	10,729	11,155	11,155	11,155
3	Town Administrator/Personnel Officer Salary	70,451	73,960	76,466	76,466
4	Administrative Assistant Wages	20,794	23,256	23,593	23,593
5	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
6	Expenses	13,966	10,523	7,523	7,523
7	Copier/Fax Expenses	5,609	5,384	5,384	5,384
8	General Audit Expense	25,000	12,500	12,500	12,500
10	Sealer of Weights & Measures	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Finance Committee				
11	Secretary Wages	291	1,362	1,404	1,404
12	Expenses	369	379	379	379
	Town Accountant				
13	Accountant Salary	42,851	44,137	45,836	45,836

14	Asst. Accountant Wages	12,963	13,362	13,761	13,761
15	Expenses	3,946	4,659	4,659	4,659
	Board of Assessors				
16	Assessors Stipends	7,369	7,368	7,368	7,368
17	Principal Assessor Salary	66,960	68,872	70,067	70,067
18	Clerk Wages	16,242	20,193	20,871	20,871
19	Consultant	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
20	Professional Services	10,020	11,505	11,505	11,505
21	Expenses	5,474	6,055	6,055	6,055
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
22	Treasurer/Collector Salary	65,178	67,600	70,000	70,000
23	Assistant Treasurer Salary	43,127	44,412	45,910	45,910
24	Administrative Assistant Wages	24,363	29,664	30,352	30,352
25	Expenses	30,540	31,943	31,943	31,943
26	Tax Title	9,328	10,517	10,517	10,517
27	Debt Fees & Charges	3,380	5,000	5,000	5,000

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	52,600
29	Litigation	9,378	37,500	65,000	65,000
	Personnel Board				
30	Expenses	85	399	399	399
	IS Department				
31	Consultant Services	14,043	14,931	14,931	14,931
32	Expenses	3,844	4,491	4,491	4,491
	Town Clerk				
33	Town Clerk Salary	33,345	34,500	37,260	37,260
34	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	2,037	3,000	3,250	3,250
35	Expenses	3,042	3,250	3,972	3,972
	Elections				
36	Wages	1,086	2,600	2,350	2,350
37	Expenses	2,819	4,805	3,975	3,975
	Registrar of Voters				
38	Stipends	2,183	2,183	2,250	2,250
39	Expenses	1,870	2,093	2,500	2,500
	Conservation Commission				
40	Conservation Admin. Salary	34,971	42,536	43,891	43,891

41	Expenses	1,544	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Planning Board				
42	Planning/ZBA Administrative Assistant Wages	23,528	28,097	29,049	29,049
43	Planner Consultant	2,098	9,026	9,026	9,026
44	Merrimack Valley Planning Com.	1,726	1,800	1,800	1,800
45	Expenses	2,688	2,970	2,970	2,970
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
46	Expenses	1,064	1,764	1,680	1,680
	Town Hall				
47	Town Hall/Annex Custodian	10,858	12,239	12,542	12,542
48	Expenses	20,922	16,193	9,318	9,318
	Town Hall Annex				
49	Expenses	14,625	12,498	9,318	9,318
	Town Report				
50	Printing & Distribution	5,840	6,594	6,594	6,594
	Subtotal	724,164	807,595	839,136	839,136

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	127,630
52	Deputy Chief Salary & Other Earnings	84,808	87,780	90,703	90,703
53	Wages	930,429	952,048	970,905	970,905
54	Expenses	110,578	117,350	117,350	117,350
55	Police Cruiser	15,390	15,391	29,500	29,500
56	Police Modular Building Lease	0	28,098	30,312	30,312
	Rowley Block Program				
57	Expenses	200	200	200	200
	Constables				
58	Expenses	430	450	450	450
	Fire Department				
59	Fire Chief Salary	65,959	67,939	70,247	70,247
60	Firefighter Wages	89,436	92,410	95,532	95,532
61	Firefighter Overtime Wages	234,667	20,000	26,000	26,000
62	Expenses	8,708	9,404	9,404	9,404
63	Fire Alarm Maintenance	1,603	945	945	945
64	Red Base Telephone	608	640	640	640

65	Forest Fire Expense	272	525	525	525
	RVFPA Fire Protection				
66	Wages	81,500	83,945	86,463	86,463
67	Operating Costs	129,114	133,014	133,014	133,014
68	Capital Expenses	0	0	0	0
	Ambulance Service				
69	Service Contract	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Inspection Department				
70	Salaries	55,114	63,449	65,692	65,692
71	Wages	3,404	7,970	7,901	7,901
72	Expenses	5,521	5,065	5,065	5,065
	Emergency Management Svs.				
73	Expenses	1,821	1,970	1,970	1,970
	Animal Inspector				
74	Salary	2,303	2,374	2,455	2,455
75	Expenses	0	200	200	200
76	Rabid Animal Control	472	1,853	1,853	1,853

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	9,735
78	Expenses	72	1,320	970	970
	Tree Warden/Moth Control				
79	Salary	6,569	6,766	6,969	6,969
80	Expenses	10,987	8,193	8,193	8,193
	Harbormaster				
81	Salary	6,569	5,464	5,628	5,628
82	Wages	4,608	4,750	4,893	4,893
83	Pumpout Boat Wages	1,581	1,643	1,692	1,692
84	Expenses	2,999	4,000	4,000	4,000
	Shellfish Commission				
85	Commission Salaries	1,450	1,451	1,495	1,495
86	Commission Expenses	535	563	563	563
	Shellfish Constable				
87	Constable Salary	236	236	243	243
88	Constable Expenses	533	563	563	563

	Street Lighting				
89	Expenses	0	22,943	22,622	22,622
	Fire Hydrants				
90	Expenses	23,775	23,775	32,900	32,900
	Subtotal	1,828,056	1,938,015	2,005,422	2,005,422
	<u>Schools</u>				
91	Whittier Vocational Assessment	74,170	100,896	96,297	96,297
92	Triton Regional Assessment	5,993,230	6,292,892	7,031,397	7,031,397
93	Triton Capital Assessment	206,417	189,453	175,150	175,150
	Subtotal	6,273,817	6,583,241	7,302,844	7,302,844
	<u>Public Works</u>				
	Highway Department				
94	Snow & Ice Removal	124,887	40,000	40,000	40,000
95	Surveyor's Salary	58,634	60,393	62,869	62,869
96	Wages	86,080	137,361	150,137	150,137
97	Expenses	92,287	101,223	86,622	86,622
	Recycling				
98	Wages	2,833	3,602	3,712	3,712
99	Expenses	6,878	8,510	8,510	8,510
	Cemetery Commission				
100	Wages	15,272	15,731	15,731	15,731
101	Expenses	1,841	1,947	1,947	1,947
	Subtotal	388,712	368,767	369,528	369,528
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	45,898
103	Sanitary Health Agent	19,815	20,447	21,182	21,182
104	Administrative Assistant/Assistant Inspector Wages	22,100	22,673	23,456	23,456
105	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
106	Expenses	6,474	6,900	6,900	6,900
	Council on Aging				
107	Senior Director Salary	25,160	25,915	34,519	32,256
108	Wages	39,733	41,368	41,848	41,848
109	Elder Svcs. of Merrimack Valley	294	294	294	294
110	Expenses	11,293	12,779	12,779	12,779
	Veterans Affairs				

111	Eastern Essex Veterans District	15,563	17,000	16,779	16,779
112	Veterans Benefits	14,299	11,844	11,844	11,844
	Handicapped Commission				
113	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Subtotal	198,827	204,800	216,689	214,426
	<u>Recreation/Historic</u>				
	Rowley Public Library				
114	Library Director Salary	36,775	43,864	45,346	45,346
115	Wages	59,238	66,382	69,700	69,700
116	Expenses	61,388	57,441	79,035	79,035
	Recreation Committee				
117	Recreational Services Coordinator Wages	15,323	16,199	16,685	16,685
118	Expenses	1,772	1,864	1,864	1,864
119	Field Maintenance	14,341	15,078	15,078	15,078
	Town Common				
120	Expenses	4,880	10,720	7,461	7,461
	Historical				
121	Commission Expenses	250	332	332	332
122	Historic District Commission Exp.	0	70	70	70
	Other				
123	Bay Circuit Committee	0	200	200	200
124	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	669	1,000	1,000	1,000
125	Bradstreet Property Expense			5,000	5,000
126	Former Library Building Expense	3,300	1,682	800	800
	Subtotal	197,936	214,832	242,571	242,571

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	334,375
128	Landfill Capping Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
129	New Well Land Principal	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
130	Library Principal	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
131	Hunsley Hill Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
132	Fire Truck Principal FY02	60,000	60,000	0	0
133	Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal FY05	20,100	20,000	20,000	20,000
134	Highway Truck Principal FY06	0	20,400	16,000	16,000
135	School Building Interest	43,849	27,500	11,940	11,940
136	Landfill Capping Interest	26,280	24,443	22,605	22,605

137	New Well Land Interest	7,657	7,159	6,660	6,660
138	Library Interest	64,097	60,772	57,209	57,209
139	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	36,080	34,155	32,093	32,093
140	Fire Truck Interest FY02	4,350	2,250	0	0
141	Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest FY05	3,398	2,665	1,935	1,935
142	Highway Truck Interest FY06	2,069	3,710	2,800	2,800
143	Bridge Repair Interest			10,000	10,000
	Subtotal	840,818	826,617	710,117	710,117
	<u>Insurance</u>				
144	Unemployment	0	12,000	12,000	12,000
145	Blanket Insurance	69,240	78,858	83,160	83,160
146	Essex Regional Retirement	370,248	404,913	428,698	428,698
147	Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA	292,849	304,646	330,508	330,508
	Subtotal	732,337	800,417	854,366	854,366
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	11,184,665	11,744,248	12,540,673	12,538,410

HOLD: Hold placed on Line Item # 91 (Whittier Vocational Assessment)

MOTION: Move the Town vote to amend Line 91 of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007, Whittier Voc/Tech Assessment from \$96,297 to \$96,375, based on the final budget assessment by the Whittier Voc/Tech School Committee.

Amendment Motion made by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:25 pm.

HOLD: Hold place on Line Item #92 (Triton Regional Assessment)

MOTION: I, John E. Grundstrom, hereby offer the following amendment to Article 5 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 14, 2007, to be amended by reducing the amount requested on Line Item #92 by \$590,000 to \$6,441,397. This reduction in spending will eliminate the need for the requested \$590,000 assessment for the Triton Regional School District beginning fiscal year July 1, 2007.

Amendment Motion made by John E. Grundstrom, second by Diane P. Short, failed by paper ballot 83 YES, 308 NO.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,924,311, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$537,877 from Free Cash, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 from Overlay Reserve and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,300 from Bond Premiums for a total of \$12,538,488 to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes and Interest.

Motion made by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:25 pm

ARTICLE 6. Water Department Budget. Move the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$728,676** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 08.

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>FY 2006</u>	<u>Appropriated</u> <u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Requested</u> <u>FY 2008</u>
	<u>Operating Service</u>			
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
	<u>Debt Service</u>			
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

HOLDS: Holds placed on Line Items #148, 150 and 153.

Motion from the floor to eliminate these line items and use the resulting funds towards the Triton School Budget. Motion ruled out of order as they were not submitted on paper and no one seconded with a further explanation that Water Enterprise Funds may only be spent on Water Department.

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice voice unanimous at 9:05 pm.

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town 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.

Line Item	Description	Actual Transferred FY 2006	Anticipated Transferred FY 2007	Requested FY 2008
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

	Actual FY 2006	Estimated FY 2007	Estimated FY 2008
Operating Revenue			
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

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:06 pm

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

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town 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

ARTICLE 9. Move the Town 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.

Inserted by the Harbormaster

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 10. Move the Town 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.

Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners

Finance Committee

Recommends

ARTICLE 11. Move the Town 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.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee

Recommends

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 9:08 pm

ARTICLE 12. Move the Town 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.
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Inserted by the Council on Aging, Board of Health, Parks & Recreation Committee, Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Shellfish Department, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The above article consolidates eight standard revolving fund annual renewal authorizations. Article 12 will be taken up and voted under one consent motion.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:10 pm

ARTICLE 13. Move the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the use of a revolving fund by the Rowley Public Library for fiscal year 2008 into which receipts from services provided by the library to the public including photocopying, faxes sent and received, and laser printing from public computer stations shall be deposited and which may be used by said Library to purchase supplies related to these services, such as paper and toner, and service contracts for and maintenance of said office equipment, such expenditures not to exceed \$2,500 during said fiscal year.

Inserted by the Board of Library Trustees

Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

Explanatory Note: The Library provides photocopy, fax, and computer printing services to the public.

Motion by Janet B. Peabody, seconded by Timothy Young, passed voice unanimous at 9:13 pm

ARTICLE 14. Move the Town vote pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the use of a revolving fund by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for fiscal year 2008 into which one half (1/2) of cemetery plot grave digging and footings installation fees shall be deposited and which may be used by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery Department operations, such expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.

Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:15 pm

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 out of the Sales of Lots account to be used by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for expansion of Sections G & H of the Rowley Cemetery.

Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:20 pm

ARTICLE 16. Move the Town vote to adjust the exemption amount and eligibility factors for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, in accordance with Section 51 of the Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2008.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This vote would adjust the property tax exemption for senior citizens (Clause 41C), as follows: by increasing the amount of the exemption to \$750 (from \$500); by increasing the allowable income for applicants to \$20,000 if single and \$30,000 if married (from \$13,000 if single and \$15,000 if

married); by increasing the allowable assets for applicants to \$40,000 if single and \$55,000 if married (from \$28,000 if single and \$30,000 if married).

Motion by Donald Thurston, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed by voice unanimous vote at 9:21 pm

ARTICLE 17. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,150.14 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Betterment Loan Program to pay the debt service on the Town's loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Inserted by the Board of Health

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town received \$274,026 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Loan funds for taxpayer's repair and/or upgrade of failed septic systems. This appropriation is to pay the debt on the Town's loans from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Motion by Susan L. Elwell, seconded by Charles T. Costello, passed voice unanimous at 9:23 pm

ARTICLE 18. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used to by the Board of Selectmen to hire actuarial consultants for the Town's compliance with the General Accounting Standards Board Statement #45 Post Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town must comply with the General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #45 Post Retirement Benefits in 2008. GASB #45 requires cities and town to have actuarial reports showing the town's future obligations for post retirement benefits, such as retiree health insurance and life insurance costs.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:24 pm.

ARTICLE 19. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,125 to be expended by the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of purchasing a new 17,500 GVW 4X4 Dump Truck with plow to replace the existing 1993 F-350 dump truck with plow and to authorize the Highway Surveyor to trade the existing 1993 F-350 dump truck with plow in part payment for the replacement vehicle.

Inserted by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The 1993 F-350 truck is 14 years old with over 143,000 miles. This truck is used daily in Highway Department operations, including snowstorms. This truck has had too many repairs for the Highway Department to continue to rely on its performance.

Motion by Scott Leavitt, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed by Paper Ballot VOTE: YES 337, NO 15 at 10:15 pm

ARTICLE 20. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000, to be expended by the Police Chief for the purchase and installation of an electrical generator for emergency power for the police station.

Inserted by the Police Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The current (5.0 KW) electrical generating equipment was purchased "used" by the then Civil Defense Department during the early 1970s. It is only capable of generating electricity for the most basic operations or less than seven percent of the station, which does not include heat, ventilation or air conditioning. The required output to generate enough electricity to electrify the police station is approximately 110 KW. The Board of Health is contributing \$10,000 from the Board of Health Septic Revolving Fund towards the cost of the emergency generator. Please see article Article 21.

Motion by Kevin Barry, seconded by Robert Barker, passed by Paper Ballot Vote YES 352, NO 17 at 10:15 pm.

ARTICLE 21. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Board of Health Septic Disposal Construction Fee revolving fund, contingent upon the passage of Article 20 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, to be used by the Police Chief for the purchase and installation of an electrical generator for emergency power for the police station.

Inserted by the Board of Health

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Health supports the purchase of a new emergency generator for the Police Station.

Motion by Charles T. Costello, seconded by Susan L. Elwell, passed voice unanimous at 9:50 pm.

ARTICLE 22. Move the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2008 annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

PURPOSE

RECOMMENDED AMOUNT

Appropriations

Community Administrative Expenses	\$22,000
Debt Service for Pingree Farm land acquisition	\$99,500
Debt Service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition	\$263,750

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley expects to realize approximately \$500,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$250,000) and matching funds from the state (\$250,000) in fiscal year 2008. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected for each of the following areas: open space, historic resources, and community housing, equaling approximately \$50,000 for each area. The Bradstreet Farm acquisition project incorporates all three areas and this appropriation will satisfy the statutory minimums for each of the required three categories (\$50,000 each). This article also appropriates the statutory maximum to be available for Community Preservation Committee expenses including appraisals, land surveys, postage, copying and other administrative costs for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation Fund. All funds realized above those appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA Funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2008 or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2009.

Motion by Sally Taylor, seconded by Daniel Sczepanski, passed voice unanimous at 9:51 pm

ARTICLE 23. Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, to draft and adopt written procedures on the disposal of public property having an estimated net value of less than \$5,000.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, the Town should have written procedures in place that allow departments to dispose of property, such as computers, desks or vehicles, (not including real estate) estimated to be less than \$5,000. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to adopt written procedures on the disposal of public property. Such procedures may include seeking informal quotes, yard sales and auctions, including online auctions.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:52 pm

ARTICLE 24. Move the Town vote to accept as a Town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of the private way known as **Mill River Lane**, as shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan Mill River Lane Rowley, Mass.”, dated November 4, 2005, Revisions October 3, 2006, October 4, 2006, to be recorded herewith, this being a portion of the roadway shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Plan Mill River Lane Rowley, Mass.” dated July 2, 1998, Revisions 10-9-1998, 12-4-1998, 1-20-1999, recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 342, Plan 59; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or deed, the land, easements, and rights therein, including all right, title, and interest in water mains and drainage systems, manholes, pipes, appurtenances thereto located with the above-referenced Mill River Lane.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Explanatory Note: Both the Planning Board and the Rowley Highway Surveyor recommend that this road be accepted by the Town.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:54 pm.

ARTICLE 25. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by John R. DiMento, seconded by Susan W. Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:55 pm

ARTICLE 26. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the Stabilization Fund.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Passage requires two-thirds vote.

Motion by John R. DiMento, seconded by Susan W. Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:55 pm.

MOTION - UNDER ARTICLE 2:

Move the Town vote to direct the Selectmen, Board of Health and Conservation Commission to seek private, State and Federal funds to assess and if necessary clean-up the streams in Rowley, The Selectmen are to take the lead and co-ordinate this effort. The objective is to identify any potential pollution sources and flow restrictions to insure free flowing clean streams which promote a healthy environment and fishing.

Motion by Peter Passias, seconded by Stanley Slepoy, failed by Hand count YES 35, NO 228 at 10:08 pm

ARTICLE 27. And to meet in Saint Mary’s Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 12 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectmen	three years
One Moderator	one year
One Constable	three years
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Light Board Member	one year
One Municipal Water Board	three years
One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
One Rowley Housing Authority Member	five years
Three Trustees for the Public Library	three years
For Regional School District Committee	
One Newbury Member	three years

One Rowley Member	three years
One Salisbury Member	three years

Referendum

Question #1

Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to assess an additional \$590,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the assessment for the Triton Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 10:15 pm

And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given under our hands this 4th day of April in the year two thousand seven.

Lane Bourn, Chairman

Thomas R. Moses, Vice Chairman

David C. Petersen, Clerk

Jack L. Cook, Member

Richard Cummings, Member

I, Nathaniel N. Dummer, Constable for the Town of Rowley, have served this Warrant by posting in at least seven public places in the Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting and have made the return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before the time of said meeting.

Notices posted at Town Hall, Veterans Garage, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Skip's Country Store.

Nathaniel N. Dummer

4/26/07

Certification: I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above regarding the May 14, 2007 Town of Rowley Annual Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

*Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
June 27, 2007*

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2007

Tellers appointed: John Price, 165 Main St.; Sandra Jervah, 28 Central St.; Paul Lees, 71 Wilson Pond Lane; John Robillard, 14 School St.; Joan C. Petersen, 25 Newbury Rd.; Donald Thurston, 237 Main St.; Darlene Doucot, 145 Glen St.; and Nicholas Taylor, 313 Dodge Rd. (Note: Extra Tellers were appointed due to the anticipation of a large turnout and several paper count articles).

Quorum certified by the Board of Registrars at 7:20.

Special Town Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm by Moderator Warren G. Appell.

Invocation by Rev. Robert M. J. Hagopian of the First Congregational Church.

Selectman Thomas Moses lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:

MOTION: Move to suspend further reading of the May 14, 2007 Special Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:40 pm

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. Move the Town 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

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:43 pm

ARTICLE 4. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from Line 148 (Unemployment), of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006, to be added to Line 6 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to pay for the expenses incurred to hold this Special Town Meeting, for a total appropriation of \$14,497.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:43 pm

ARTICLE 5. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from Line 148 (Unemployment), of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to be added to Line 29 (Litigation Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 for a total appropriation \$40,500.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This budget line was reduced at the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting. These funds are needed to cover costs through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:44 pm

ARTICLE 6. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 from Line 148 (Unemployment) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to be added to Line 48 (Town Hall Expenses) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 for a total appropriation of \$20,993.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Extraordinarily high heating oil costs this past winter have led to a shortfall in this account.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:45 pm

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 from Line 99 (Recycling Expenses) of Article 5 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting to be added to Line 49 (Annex Expenses) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to cover a budget shortfall for a total appropriation of \$16,29.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Extraordinarily high heating oil costs this past winter have led to a shortfall in this account.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:46 pm

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be added to Line 61 (Firefighter Overtime Wages) of Article 5 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$25,000.

Inserted by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Firefighters' Overtime Wage Account was not funded adequately in fiscal 2007 and does not reflect the true overtime costs incurred during the year.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:47 pm

ARTICLE 9. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 from Line 71 (Inspection Department Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to be added to Line 72 (Inspection Department Expenses) for a total appropriation of \$6,565.

Inserted by the Building Inspector

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Inspection Department is transferring funds from the wages account to the expense account to cover an expense line shortfall.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:48 pm

ARTICLE 10. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500 from Line 148 (Unemployment) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to pay for maintenance costs associated with the Bradstreet Farm, upon the Town's ownership of said property.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen has a purchase and sales agreement with the Bradstreet Family Trust for the purchase of the Bradstreet Farm, approximately 102 acres of land, including a house and barn. These funds will be used to cover the cost of utilities and maintenance of the property.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:49 pm

ARTICLE 11. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from Line 148 (Unemployment) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to be added to Line 149 (Blanket Insurance) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 for a total appropriation of \$81,858, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These funds will be used to cover a shortfall in this budget line. A recent payroll audit has resulted in an increase in the workers' compensation premium and anticipated insurance costs associated with the Bradstreet Farm

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:50 pm

ARTICLE 12. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from the FEMA Account to be used by the Board of Selectmen for building repairs and maintenance of the Town Hall Annex.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:51 pm

ARTICLE 13. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Line 96 (Highway Department Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 to be used by the Surveyor of Highways for the first year payment of a three-year lease purchase of a 2007 C25HT Chevrolet 4 x 4 pick-up truck to replace the existing 1996 Chevrolet 2500, which has been condemned.

Inserted by the Surveyor of Highways

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Scott Leavitt, seconded by Scott C. Martin, passed voice unanimous at 7:54 pm

ARTICLE 14. Move the town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Account and/or the Undesignated Account the sum of \$300,000 to be used by the Rowley Housing Authority to fund the rehabilitation of bathrooms in the 42 units located in the Senior Housing on Plantation Drive (Map 24, Lot 30).

Inserted by the Rowley Housing Authority and the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This is an estimated cost for the renovations. The Housing Authority will renovate a sample bathroom. Based upon that renovation, additional funds may be requested at a later town meeting.

Motion by Curtis L. Turner, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:55 pm

ARTICLE 15. Move the town vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c.44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve Account the sum of \$10,000 to continue preservation of historic Town documents.

Inserted by the Town Clerk and the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This is the third stage of the document restoration project undertaken by the Town Clerk.

Motion by Curtis L. Turner, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:55 pm

ARTICLE 16. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen for costs associated with the purchase of and future planning for land known as the Bradstreet Farm (Map 26, Lot 26).

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This article is to cover costs such as legal fees, surveys, title search and insurance, registry filings and engineering fees associated with the purchase of the Bradstreet Farm and the planning of future uses.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:56 pm

ARTICLE 17. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Water Department Enterprise to be added to Line 153 (Water Department Wages) of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006 for a total appropriation of \$181,099.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners **No Finance Committee Recommendation**

Explanatory Note: Due to more than anticipated number of water breaks and call-outs this year, the Water Department overtime account needs additional funds.

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Scott C. Martin, passed voice unanimous at 7:58 pm

ARTICLE 18. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum \$45,000 from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to be added to Line 154 (Water Department Maintenance and Operations) of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2006, for a total appropriation of \$268,806.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners **No Finance Committee Recommendation**

Explanatory Note: This article covers unanticipated expenses relating to the replacement and repair of Water Department equipment.

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Scott C. Martin, passed voice unanimous at 7:58 pm

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 14, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by Jack L. cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 7:59 pm.

And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given under our hands this 23rd day of April in the year two thousand seven.

Lane Bourn, Chairman

Thomas R. Moses, Vice Chairman

David C. Petersen, Clerk

Jack L. Cook, Member

Richard Cummings, Member

I, Nathaniel N. Dummer, Constable for the Town of Rowley, have served this Warrant by posting in at least seven public places in the Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting and have made the return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before the time of said meeting.

Notices posted at Town Hall, Veterans Garage, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Skip's Country Store.

Nathaniel N. Dummer

4/16/07

Certification: *I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above regarding the May 14, 2007 Town of Rowley Special Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.*

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT & MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 5, 2007

Quorum certified by the Board of Registrars at 8:27 pm

The Town of Rowley November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Susan G. Hazen at 8:30 pm.

Tellers appointed were: John Robillard, 14 School St., Charles Hazen, 4 Central St., Lisa Nestor, 67 Hillside St. and Mary Ann Graham of 124 Hillside St.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Board of Selectmen Chairmen David Petersen

Due to the Absence of Elected Moderator Warren G. Appell, the Town Clerk announced that according to MGL, nominations would be sought for the position of Moderator for this one meeting.

Nomination: I nominate Joan Carol Petersen of 25 Newbury Rd. for temporary or interim moderator for the Special Town Meeting of November 5, 2007.

Nomination by Mary Ellen Mighill, seconded by Jacqueline R. Vigeant, passed voice unanimous at 8:31 pm

Additional nominations were sought, as none were forthcoming, nominations were closed

So voted by voice unanimous vote: Joan Petersen of 25 Newbury Rd as temporary or interim moderator of this STM Nov. 5, 2007 — Mrs. Petersen was sworn in by Town Clerk Susan Hazen at 8:32

Motion: I move to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting: Elaine Lucas, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent; James Broderick, Fire Chief; and John Rezza, Water Superintendent.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:34 pm

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 5th day of November 2007 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Motion: Madame Moderator, I move to suspend further reading of the Naovember 5m 2007, Special Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:33 pm

ARTICLE 1. Move the Town hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Planning Board Report, regarding Article 22, read and submitted by Planning Board Chairman, Cliff Pierce.

ARTICLE 2. Move to see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. Move 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. Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Richard Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:36 pm.

ARTICLE 4. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be added to Line 6 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007 to pay for the expenses incurred to hold this Special Town Meeting and for the development of the Town's website, for a total appropriation of \$11,523.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town has a new website, www.townofrowley.net, offering news and information on the town government.

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 8:37 pm.

ARTICLE 5. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$12,143 to be used to fund fiscal 2007 wages and benefits as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement with the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, Local 360.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires a nine-tenths approval of town meeting because it is retroactive to the prior fiscal year. Passage of the article is necessary to fund the new collective bargaining agreement with the police union.

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 8:40 pm

ARTICLE 6. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$18,718 to be added to Line 53 (Police Department Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007 for a total appropriation of \$989,623 for the purpose of funding wages and benefits as stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement with the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, Local 360.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of the article is necessary to fund the new collective bargaining agreement with the police union.

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 8:42 pm

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be added to Line 145 (Blanket Insurance) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007 for a total appropriation \$89,160.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Property schedule changes, including the purchase of the Bradstreet property, and an increase in workers' compensation premiums have led to a shortfall in this account.

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 8:43 pm

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,953 from the Stabilization Fund to Line 4 (Administrative Assistant) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007 for a total appropriation of \$26,546.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Executive Secretary position has not been funded since 2003. Passage of this article increases the staffing level of the administrative assistant position by eight hours per week.

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 8:45 pm

ARTICLE 9. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund to be added to Line 7 (Copier/Fax Expenses) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007, for a total appropriation of \$7,384 to be used towards replacement costs for a leased Town Hall copier.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town Hall copier, which was purchased in 2001, needs to be replaced. Continued maintenance of this machine is not economical. This machine presently has made more than 694,000 copies. These funds will cover lease payments for a replacement copier at the Town Hall, which is used by town departments located at the Town Hall.

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:46 pm.

ARTICLE 10. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be added to Line 48 (Town Hall Expenses) of Article 5 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$11,318.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This increase is for projected heating oil expenditures at the Town Hall. These funds were set aside in the Stabilization Fund last year to cover these anticipated costs.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:47 pm.

ARTICLE 11. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be added to Line 49 (Town Hall Annex Expenses) of Article 5 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$12,318.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This increase is for projected heating oil costs at the Town Hall Annex. These funds were set aside in the Stabilization Fund last year to cover these anticipated costs.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:48 pm.

ARTICLE 12. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,825 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund to be used by the Fire Chief to purchase and install a reconditioned Gamewell Form-4 for the municipal fire alarm system.

Inserted by the Fire Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The current municipal fire alarm circuit system, which is more than 25 years old, is need of repairs. This expenditure will cover the cost of the replacement of a major component of the system.

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:50 pm

ARTICLE 13. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from Sale of Real Estate Fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen to prepare a storm water system map as required by the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town of Rowley is required to produce a storm water system map to fulfill requirements under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program (NPDES). The Environmental Protection Agency administers the NPDES Permit Program, which was established under the federal Clean Water Act. The town must produce a storm water system map depicting outfalls, or potentially face sanctions from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Motion by Thomas Moses, seconded by Richard Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:51 pm.

ARTICLE 14. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen for a study of fire department services.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Fin Com Recommends (five yes – two no)

Explanatory Note: This study would focus on current staffing levels and response levels at the Rowley Fire Department and the Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association. The goal of this study is to provide a long-range plan of firefighting services that will meet the present and future needs of the Town.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 8:59 pm.

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum \$24,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund to be used to replace the Town Hall roof.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town Hall roof is need of repair. The Auditorium ceiling has sustained water damage from roof leaks.

Motion by Stuart Dalzell, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:00 pm

ARTICLE 16. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum \$16,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Fund to be used to replace the Police Station roof.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The poor condition of the Police Station roof was cited in the insurance company's annual inspection.

Motion by Stuart Dalzell, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:01 pm

ARTICLE 17. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$46,000 from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to be added to Line 149 (Water Department Wages) Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007 for a total appropriation of \$224,292.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners **Finance Committee Recommends**

Motion by Scott Martin, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:03 pm

ARTICLE 18. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to be added to Line 150 (Water Department Maintenance and Operations) of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 14, 2007 for a total appropriation of \$286,155.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners **Finance Committee Recommends**

Motion by Scott Martin, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:05 pm.

ARTICLE 19. Move the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate \$58.08 from the Stabilization Fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen to pay two fiscal 2007 Veteran's Benefits charges.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Eastern Essex Veterans District recently received two invoices relating to medical services provided to a beneficiary in May 2007, each in the amount of \$29.04 for a total of \$58.08. Because this expenditure is for services in a prior fiscal year, a nine-tenths vote is required for passage.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed voice unanimous at 9:06 pm.

ARTICLE 20. Move the Town will vote to adopt a Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw, in accordance with the Town's requirement under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, as part of the Clean Water Act, to read as follows:

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL BYLAW

Town of Rowley

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

A. Increased volumes of stormwater, contaminated stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces, and soil erosion and sedimentation are major causes of:

1. Impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater;
2. Contamination of drinking water supplies;
3. Erosion of stream channels;
4. Alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat;
5. Flooding; and
6. Overloading or clogging of municipal catch basins and storm drainage systems.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has identified sedimentation from land disturbance activities and polluted stormwater runoff from land development and redevelopment as major sources of water pollution, impacting drinking water supplies, natural habitats, and recreational resources. Regulation of activities that result in the disturbance of land and the creation of stormwater runoff is necessary for the protection of the water resources within the Town of Rowley, to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and protect the natural resources of the Town.

B. The objectives of this Bylaw are to:

1. Protect water resources;
2. Require practices that minimize and manage soil erosion and sedimentation;
3. Control the volume and rate of stormwater runoff resulting from land disturbance activities in order to minimize potential impacts of flooding;
4. Require practices to manage and treat stormwater runoff generated from new development and redevelopment;
5. Protect groundwater and surface water from degradation;
6. Promote infiltration and the recharge of groundwater;
7. Maximize recharge of groundwater in the Municipal Water Supply Protection District as defined by Section 4.11 of the Town of Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw, as amended;
8. Prevent pollutants from entering the municipal storm drain system;
9. Ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation control measures and stormwater runoff management practices are incorporated into the site planning and design process and are implemented and maintained;
10. Ensure adequate long-term operation and maintenance of structural stormwater best management practices;
11. Require practices to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at construction sites that may cause adverse impacts to water quality;
12. Comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
13. Establish the Town of Rowley's legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Bylaw through inspection, monitoring and enforcement.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

This Bylaw is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34 published in the Federal Register on December 8, 1999, as amended and as authorized by the residents of the Town of Rowley at Special Town Meeting, dated November 5, 2007.

SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY

This Bylaw shall apply to all new land-disturbing activities within the jurisdiction of the Town of Rowley. All persons shall be required to obtain a Stormwater Management Permit from the Conservation Commission subject to the following:

A. Regulated Activities. Regulated activities shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Land disturbance of greater than 20,000 square feet or a land disturbance that will alter an area of 10,000 square feet or more on existing or proposed slopes steeper than 15 %, unless exempt pursuant to Subsection 3 C. Exempt Activities.
2. Development or redevelopment involving multiple separate activities in discontinuous locations or on different schedules if the activities are part of a larger common plan of development that all together disturbs 20,000 square feet or more of land,

3. Any development or redevelopment of land involving any of the following uses identified by Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy as having higher potential pollutant loads: vehicle salvage yard, vehicle fueling facility, fleet storage yard, commercial parking lot, road salt storage area, garden center and landscaping facility, outdoor storage and loading area of hazardous substances, or marina,
4. Paving or other change in surface material over an area of 20,000 square feet or more causing a significant reduction of permeability or increase in runoff,
5. Construction of a new drainage system or alteration of an existing drainage system or conveyance serving a drainage area of more than 20,000 square feet,
6. Any other activity altering the surface of an area exceeding 20,000 square feet that will, or may, result in increased stormwater runoff flowing from the property into a public way, the municipal storm drain system, an adjacent or abutting parcel of land, or
7. Construction or reconstruction of structures where more than 20,000 square feet of roof drainage is altered.

B. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Requirement

A project which includes land disturbance of less than 20,000 square feet or a land disturbance that will alter an area of less than 10,000 square feet on existing or proposed slopes steeper than 15 % shall be considered to be in conformance with this Bylaw if soils or other eroded matter have been and will be prevented from being deposited onto adjacent properties, rights-of-ways, public storm drainage systems, or wetlands or watercourses. These projects do not need to apply as long as appropriate sedimentation and erosion control measures are implemented. The design, installation, and maintenance of erosion and sediment control operations and facilities shall adhere to the standards specified in the Regulation to the Bylaw.

C. Exemptions

No person shall alter or disturb land within the Town of Rowley without having obtained a Stormwater Management Permit (SMP) for the property with the following exceptions:

1. Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetland Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, § 40 and its implementing regulations at 310 CMR 10.04;
2. Repair of septic systems when required by the Board of Health for the protection of public health and in compliance with Section 3, Paragraph B;
3. Normal maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens or lawn areas associated with a single family dwelling; construction of patios, walkways, driveways less than the minimum square foot thresholds, swimming pools below the minimum square foot thresholds, or replacement of wells or septic systems on lots having an existing dwelling;
4. The construction of any fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
5. Construction of utilities (gas, water, electric, telephone, cable, etc.) other than drainage, which will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns, the reconstruction of or resurfacing of any public way; the construction and associated grading of a street that has been approved by the Planning Board;

6. Any activity that will alter an area of less than 10,000 square feet on existing or proposed slopes steeper than 15 %. This exception may not be applied for contiguous properties held in common ownership at the time of adoption of this Bylaw that may have been previously subdivided and/or are attributed to multiple separate owners;

7. Emergency repairs to any utilities (gas, water, electric, telephone, etc.), stormwater management facility or practice that poses a threat to public health, safety, or the environment or as deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission;

8. Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits have been issued before the effective date of this Bylaw.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Bylaw, the following shall mean:

ABUTTER: The owner(s) of land abutting the activity.

AGRICULTURE: The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act MGL c. 131 § 40 and its implementing regulations 310 CMR 10.00.

ALTERATION OF DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS: Any activity on an area of land that changes the water quality, or the force, quantity, direction, timing or location of runoff flowing from the area. Such changes include: change from distributed runoff to confined, discrete discharge; change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area.

APPLICANT: Any "person" as defined below requesting a soil erosion and sediment control permit for proposed land-disturbance activity.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): Structural, non-structural and managerial techniques that are recognized to be the most effective and practical means to prevent and/or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and flows, reduce point source and nonpoint source pollution, and promote stormwater quality and protection of the environment. "Structural" BMPs are devices that are engineered and constructed to provide temporary storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. "Nonstructural" BMPs use natural measures to reduce pollution levels, do not require extensive construction efforts, and/or promote pollutant reduction by eliminating the pollutant source.

CONSTRUCTION AND WASTE MATERIALS: Excess or discarded building or site materials, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at a construction site that may adversely impact water quality.

CHANNEL: An open conduit either naturally or artificially created which periodically, or continuously contains moving water, or forms a connecting link between two bodies of water.

CLEARING: Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover. Clearing activities generally include grubbing activity as defined below.

DEVELOPMENT: The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.

DISTURBANCE OF LAND: Any action, including clearing and grubbing, that causes a change in the position, location, or arrangement of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.

ENVIRONMENTAL SITE MONITOR: A registered professional engineer (PE) or other trained professional acceptable to the Conservation Commission and retained by the holder of a Stormwater Management Permit to periodically inspect the work and report to the Conservation Commission.

EROSION: The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN: A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a registered professional engineer (PE) or a professional land surveyor (PLS), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.

ESTIMATED HABITAT OF RARE WILDLIFE; and CERTIFIED VERNAL POOLS: Habitats delineated for state-protected rare wildlife and certified vernal pools for use with the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations (304 CMR 11.00) as defined by these state regulations.

GRADING: Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.

GRUBBING: The act of clearing land surface by digging or grinding up roots and stumps.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops. Impervious surface also includes soils, gravel driveways, and similar surfaces with a runoff coefficient (Rational Method) greater than 85.

LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY or LAND DISTURBANCE: Any activity, including without limitation: clearing, grubbing, grading, digging, cutting, excavation of soil, placement of fill, and construction that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.

LOT: A single parcel of land held in identical ownership throughout and defined by metes, bounds, or boundary lines in a recorded deed on a recorded plan.

MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT: (M.G.L. c. 131A) and its implementing regulations at (321 CMR 10.00) which prohibit the "taking" of any rare plant or animal species listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern.

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY: The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act MGL c. 131 § 40 and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act MGL c. 21, § 23-56. The Policy addresses stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.

MUNICIPAL STORM DRAIN SYSTEM or MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4): The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Rowley.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN: A plan describing the functional, financial and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a stormwater management system to ensure that it continues to function as designed.

OUTFALL: The point at which stormwater flows out from a discernible, confined point source or discrete conveyance into waters of the Commonwealth.

OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS (ORW): Waters designated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as Outstanding Resource Waters. These waters have exceptional sociologic, recreational, ecological and/or aesthetic values and are subject to more stringent requirements under both the Massachusetts Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00) and the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards set forth in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. Outstanding Resource Waters include vernal pools certified by the Natural Heritage Program of the Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, all Class A designated public water supplies with their bordering vegetated wetlands, and other waters specifically designated.

OWNER: A person with a legal or equitable interest in property.

PERMITTEE: The person who holds a Stormwater Management Permit and therefore bears the responsibilities and enjoys the privileges conferred thereby.

PERSON: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

POINT SOURCE: Any discernible, confined, and discrete means of conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION: All activity in preparation for construction.

PRIORITY HABITAT OF RARE SPECIES: Habitats delineated for rare plant and animal populations protected pursuant to the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (M.G.L. c. 131A) and its regulations at (321 CMR 10.00).

REDEVELOPMENT: Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface or increase the impervious area on previously developed sites.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES: owner(s), persons with financial responsibility, persons with operational responsibility, and persons with administrative responsibility.

RUNOFF: Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

SEDIMENT: Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

SEDIMENTATION: The process or act of deposition of sediment.

SITE: Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where land-disturbing activities are, were, or will be performed.

SLOPE: The vertical rise divided by the horizontal distance and expressed as a fraction or percentage, e.g. one-fifth (1/5) or twenty (20) percent.

SOIL: Any earth, sand, rock, gravel, or similar material.

STABILIZATION: The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods, to prevent or retard erosion.

STORMWATER: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

STORMWATER AUTHORITY: The Town of Rowley Conservation Commission or its authorized agent(s). The Rowley Conservation Commission or its authorized agent(s) are responsible for coordinating the review, approval and permit process as defined in this Bylaw.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT (SMP): A permit issued by the Conservation Commission, after review of an application, plans, calculations, and other supporting documents, which is designed to protect the environment of the Town from the deleterious affects of uncontrolled and untreated stormwater runoff.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: A document containing narrative, drawings and details prepared by a registered professional engineer (PE) or a professional land surveyor (PLS), which includes structural and non-structural best management practices to manage and treat stormwater runoff generated from regulated development activity. A stormwater management plan also includes an Operation and Maintenance Plan describing the maintenance requirements for structural best management practices.

STRIP: Any activity which removes the vegetative ground surface cover, including tree removal, clearing, grubbing, and storage or removal of topsoil.

TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS (TSS): Material, including but not limited to trash, debris, and sand suspended in stormwater runoff.

VERNAL POOL: A confined basin depression which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, and which are free of adult fish populations. These areas are essential breeding habitat, and provide other extremely important wildlife habitat functions during non-breeding season as well, for a variety of amphibian species such as wood frog (*Rana sylvatica*) and the spotted salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*), and are important habitat for other wildlife species.

WATERCOURSE: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows, including a river, brook, stream, underground stream, pond or lake.

WATER QUALITY: Systematic application of standards to describe water pursuant to the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards (314 CMR 4.00).

WETLAND RESOURCE AREA: Area specified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, § 40 and in the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

WETLANDS: Tidal and non-tidal areas characterized by saturated or nearly saturated soils most of the year that are located between terrestrial (land-based) and aquatic (water-based) environments, including freshwater marshes around ponds and channels (rivers and streams), brackish and salt marshes; common names include marshes, swamps and bogs. Wetlands are defined in M.G.L. c. 131, § 40, and are collectively known as vegetated wetlands.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION

A. The Conservation Commission shall administer, implement and enforce this Bylaw. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Conservation Commission through this Bylaw may be delegated in writing by the Conservation Commission to its employees or agents.

B. Stormwater Management Policy. The Conservation Commission will utilize the policy, criteria and information including specifications and standards of the latest edition of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy, for execution of the provisions of this Bylaw. This Policy includes a list of acceptable stormwater treatment practices, including the specific design criteria for each stormwater practice. The Policy may be updated and expanded

periodically, based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring, and local maintenance experience. Unless specifically altered in the Stormwater Regulations, stormwater management practices that are designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with these design and sizing criteria will be presumed to be protective of Massachusetts's water quality standards.

SECTION 6. REGULATIONS

The Conservation Commission may adopt, and periodically amend, rules and regulations relating to the terms, conditions, definitions, enforcement, fees (including application, inspection, and/or professional review fees), procedures and administration of this Stormwater Management Bylaw by majority vote of the Conservation Commission, after conducting a public hearing to receive comments on any proposed rules and regulations, or revisions thereto. Such hearing dates shall be advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date. The Conservation Commission may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Bylaw. Failure by the Conservation Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.

SECTION 7. PERMITS

Stormwater Management Permit (SMP) issuance is required prior to any activity disturbing 20,000 or more square feet of land or a land disturbance that will alter an area of 10,000 square feet or more on existing or proposed slopes steeper than 15 %. The site owner or his or her agent shall apply to the Conservation Commission for the SMP. While application may be made by a representative, the permittee must be the owner of the site or legal successor.

A. Applications: An application shall be made to the Conservation Commission in a form and containing information as specified in this Bylaw and in the Regulations adopted by the Conservation Commission and shall be accompanied by payment of the appropriate application and review fees. Projects within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and requiring an Order of Conditions need not submit a separate SMP application.

B. Fees: Fees shall be established by Conservation Commission to cover expenses connected with administration, for application review, and monitoring permit compliance. An additional fee shall be paid to cover professional review. The Conservation Commission is authorized to retain a registered professional engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Commission on any or all aspects of these plans. Applicants must pay review fees before the review process may begin. The applicant for a Stormwater Management Permit may be required to cover the costs of said consultant through an account established pursuant to GL. c. 44 § 53G.

C. Information Requests: The Conservation Commission may request such additional information as is necessary to enable the Conservation Commission to determine whether the proposed land disturbance activity will protect water resources and comply with the requirements of this Bylaw.

D. Determination of Completeness: The Conservation Commission shall make a determination as to the completeness of the application and adequacy of the materials submitted. No review shall take place until the application has been found to be complete.

E. Coordination with Other Boards: On receipt of a complete application for a Stormwater Management Permit the Conservation Commission shall distribute one copy each to the Planning Board, Highway Department, and other appropriate Board(s) for review and comment. Said agencies shall, in their discretion, investigate the case and report their recommendations to the Conservation Commission.

F. Entry: Filing an application for a Stormwater Management Permit grants the Conservation Commission or its agent, permission to enter the site to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions, to the extent permitted by law.

G. Hearing: Within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application for a Stormwater Management Permit, the Conservation Commission shall hold a public hearing and shall take final action within thirty (30) days from the close of the hearing unless such time is extended by agreement between the applicant and the Conservation Commission. Notice of the public hearing shall, at least seven (7) days prior to said hearing, be given by publication in a local paper of general circulation, at the applicant's expense and by posting. The Conservation Commission shall prepare the notice for publishing in the local newspaper and posting the notice at the Town Hall. The Conservation Commission shall make the application available for inspection by the public during business hours at the Town of Rowley Conservation Office.

H. Abutter Notification: Concurrent with the filing of an application for a Stormwater Management Permit, the applicant also shall provide notification to all abutters and any property owner within 100 feet of the property line of the land where the activity is proposed including if separated from that land by a public or private street or a body of water and not unreasonably distant from the project site. The applicant shall provide notification at the mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list from the municipal assessor. Notification shall be at the applicant's expense. The notification shall state where copies of the application for a Stormwater Management Permit may be examined or obtained and where information on the date, time, and location of the public hearing may be obtained. To ensure compatibility with local procedures, applicants must comply with any rules of the Conservation Commission on the location for examining or obtaining the application for a Stormwater Management Permit and information about the hearing. The applicant shall notify abutters by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by certificates of mailing. Mailing at least seven days prior to the public hearing shall constitute timely notice. The applicant shall present either the certified mail receipts or certificate of mailing receipts for all abutters at the beginning of the public hearing. The presentation of the receipts for all abutters identified on the tax list shall constitute compliance with abutter notification requirements. The Conservation Commission shall determine whether the applicant has complied with abutter notification requirements.

I. Action: The Conservation Commission may:

1. Approve the Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and complies with the requirements of this Bylaw;

2. Approve the Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Conservation Commission determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and complies with the requirements of this Bylaw; or

3. Disapprove the application and deny a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives of and to comply with the requirements of this Bylaw. If the Conservation Commission finds that the applicant has submitted insufficient information to describe the site, the work, or the effect of the work on water quality and runoff volume, the Conservation Commission may disapprove the application, denying a permit. A denial shall be provided in written form.

J. Duration of Permit: Except at the discretion of the Commission, no activity governed by a Stormwater Management Permit shall be performed unless such Stormwater Management Permit has been recorded or registered at the Essex South District Registry of Deeds or in the Land Court, within the chain of title of the affected property and all applicable appeal periods have expired. Proof of recording shall be submitted to the Commission in written form bearing the stamp of the Registry of Deeds, prior to the commencement of work. The Commission shall have the right to record or register its Stormwater Management Permit with said Registry or Land Court at the expense of the applicant. All Stormwater Management Permits shall expire three (3) years after the date of issuance. At the discretion of the Commission a Stormwater Management Permit may be extended for one (1) year at a time upon the request of the applicant in writing. The request for an extension of a Stormwater Management Permit shall be made to the Commission at least 30 days prior to expiration of the Stormwater Management Permit.

K. Project Changes: The permittee, or his or her agent, must notify the agent of the Conservation Commission in writing of any change or alteration of a planned land-disturbing activity before the change or alteration occurs. If the agent of the Conservation Commission determines that the change or alteration is significant, based on the design requirements listed in the Regulations adopted by the Conservation Commission under this bylaw, the agent of the Conservation Commission may require that an amended application or a full application be filed in accordance with this Section. If any change or alteration from the Stormwater Management Permit occurs during land disturbing activities, the agent of the Conservation Commission may require the installation of interim erosion and sedimentation control measures before approving the change or alteration.

L. Revocations: The Commission shall have the power (on its own motion or upon petition of any abutter) to initiate a revocation of a Stormwater Management Permit, for causes specified. The Commission shall notify the applicant or owners and abutters by certified mail of its intent to consider revocation and shall hold a public hearing within 21 days of the notification date.

SECTION 8. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Stormwater Management Plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, and proposed best management practices for the permanent management and treatment of stormwater. The Stormwater Management Plan shall contain sufficient information for the Conservation Commission to evaluate the environmental impact, effectiveness, and acceptability of the measures proposed by the applicant for reducing adverse impacts from stormwater. The

Plan shall be designed to meet the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards set forth in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy and DEP Stormwater Management Handbook Volumes I and II. The Stormwater Management Plan shall fully describe the project in drawings, and narrative. The applicant shall submit such material as is required by the Regulations adopted by the Conservation Commission for the administration of this Bylaw.

A. Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan

The Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan shall contain sufficient information to describe the nature and purpose of the proposed development, pertinent conditions of the site and the adjacent areas, and proposed erosion and sedimentation controls. The applicant shall submit such material as is necessary to show that the proposed development will comply with the design standards and contain the information listed in the Regulations adopted by the Conservation Commission for administration of this Bylaw.

B. Operation and Maintenance Plan

1. An Operation and Maintenance Plan (O&M Plan) for the permanent stormwater management system is required at the time of application for all projects. The maintenance plan shall be designed to ensure compliance with this Bylaw and that the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards contained in 314 CMR 4.00 are met in all seasons and throughout the life of the system. The Operation and Maintenance plan shall include any requirements deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission to insure compliance with said plan, including without limitation, a covenant. The Conservation Commission shall make the final decision of what maintenance option is appropriate in a given situation. The Conservation Commission will consider natural features, proximity of site to water bodies and wetlands, extent of impervious surfaces, size of the site, the types of stormwater management structures, and potential need for ongoing maintenance activities when making this decision. Once approved by the Conservation Commission the Operation and Maintenance Plan shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds by the permittee, shall run with the land, shall remain on file with the Conservation Commission and shall be an ongoing requirement. The Operation and Maintenance Plan shall conform to the requirements listed in the Regulations adopted by the Conservation Commission for the administration of this Bylaw. Stormwater management easements shall be provided by the property owner(s) in areas and as necessary to carry out the required maintenance.

2. Changes to Operation and Maintenance Plans

a. The owner(s) of the stormwater management system must notify the Conservation Commission or its agent of changes in ownership or assignment of financial responsibility.

b. The maintenance schedule in the Maintenance Agreement may be amended to achieve the purposes of this Bylaw by mutual agreement of the Conservation Commission and the Responsible Parties. Amendments must be in writing and signed by all Responsible Parties. Responsible Parties shall include owner(s), persons with financial responsibility, persons with operational responsibility, and persons with administrative responsibility. Once the amended Plan is signed the owner(s) shall file it at the Registry of Deeds at their expense and provide written proof of recording to the Commission.

SECTION 9. INSPECTION AND SITE SUPERVISION

A. Preconstruction Meeting. Prior to clearing, excavation, construction, or any land disturbing activity requiring a permit, the applicant, the applicant's technical representative, the general contractor, pertinent subcontractors, and any person with authority to make changes to the project, shall meet with the Conservation Commission or its designated agent to review the permitted plans and proposed implementation.

B. Commission Inspection. The Conservation Commission or its designated agent shall make inspections as hereinafter required and shall either approve that portion of the work completed or shall notify the permittee wherein the work fails to comply with the approved plans and any conditions of approval. One copy of the approved plans and conditions of approval, signed by the Conservation Commission shall be maintained at the site during the progress of the work. In order to obtain inspections, the permittee shall notify the agent of the Conservation Commission at least three (3) working days before each of the following events:

1. Erosion and sediment control measures are in place and stabilized;
2. Rough Grading has been substantially completed;
3. Final Grading has been substantially completed;
4. Bury Inspection: prior to backfilling of any underground drainage or stormwater conveyance structures;
5. Close of the Construction Season; and
6. Final landscaping (permanent stabilization) and project final completion.

C. Permittee Inspections. The permittee or his or her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the control plan, and the need for maintenance or additional control measures. The permittee or his or her agent shall prepare and may be required to submit monthly reports to the Conservation Commission or designated agent in a format approved by the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission may require, as a condition of approval, that an Environmental Site Monitor, approved by the Conservation Commission, be retained by the applicant to conduct such inspections and prepare and submit such reports to the Conservation Commission or its designated agent.

D. Access Permission. To the extent permitted by law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Conservation Commission, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this Bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Conservation Commission deems reasonably necessary to determine compliance with the permit.

SECTION 10. SURETY

The Conservation Commission may require before the start of land disturbance activity the permittee to post a surety bond, cash, or other acceptable security. The form of the bond shall be approved by Town Counsel, and be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Conservation Commission to insure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. If the project is phased, the Conservation Commission may release part of the bond as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit but the bond may not be fully released until the Conservation Commission has received the final report as required by Section 11 and issued a Certificate of Completion.

SECTION 11. FINAL REPORTS

Upon completion of the work, the permittee shall submit a report (including certified as-built plan prepared and signed by a registered professional engineer (PE) or professional land surveyor (PLS), showing grading, stormwater facilities, and structures in areas subject to this Stormwater Management Permit. This as-built may be the originally submitted site plan with changes highlighted and explained.) from a registered professional engineer (PE) or registered professional land surveyor (PLS) certifying that all erosion and sedimentation control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter.

SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT

A. The Conservation Commission or an authorized agent of the Conservation Commission shall enforce this Bylaw, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

B. Orders.

1. The Conservation Commission or an authorized agent of the Conservation Commission may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw or the regulations hereunder, which may include:

a. A requirement to cease and desist from the land-disturbing activity until there is compliance with the Bylaw and provisions of the land-disturbance permit;

b. Maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sedimentation control measures;

c. Monitoring, analyses, and reporting; and

d. Remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity.

2. If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate

or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Rowley may, at its option, undertake such work, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town's expenses.

a. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Rowley, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Conservation Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Conservation Commission affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in G.L. Ch. 59, § 57, after the thirty-first day following the day on which the costs were due.

C. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town of Rowley may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40, §21D in which case the Conservation Commission or authorized agent shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the first violation shall be \$75.00, the second violation shall be \$150.00, and for the third and all subsequent violations shall be \$300.00 per violation. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

D. Appeals. All decisions or orders of the Conservation Commission shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

E. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies listed in this Bylaw are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

SECTION 13. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The Conservation Commission will issue a Certificate of Completion upon receipt and approval of the final reports and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this Bylaw. The Certificate of Completion shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds by the owner(s). Proof of such recording shall be provided to the Commission in written form bearing the stamp of the Registry.

SECTION 14. SEVERABILITY

If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this Bylaw or the application thereof to any person, establishment or circumstance shall be held invalid for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect to the extent permitted by law.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Explanatory Note: The Town is in the final year of a five-year plan to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Storm water Permit Program. Compliance with NPDES is a mandate of the federal Clean Water Act. Passage of this bylaw by May 2008 is crucial to meet the federal requirements under NPDES.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Thomas Moses, passed by voice unanimous vote at 9:22 pm

Warrant (below) and thirdly by enacting a new section 6.6 to read as printed in Article 22 on pages 23 and 24 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting Warrant (below)

4.2.2(e) Accessory [*in-law*] apartments subject to the provisions of section 6.6 (“Accessory [*In-Law*] Apartments”).

(2) deleting existing section 6.6, which states as follows:

~~6.6—Accessory In-Law Apartments in the Central, Outlying and Residential Districts~~

~~6.6.1—Purpose and Intent:~~ It is the specific intent of this section to allow apartments, including kitchens, within single family properties in the Central, Outlying, and Residential Districts for the purpose of meeting the special housing needs of parents, and children, and their respective spouses of families of owner occupants of properties in the Town of Rowley. To achieve this goal and to promote the other objectives of this by law, specific standards as set forth below for such accessory in-law apartment use.

~~6.6.2—~~ Accessory In Law Apartments may be created only by Special Permit issued by the Board of Appeals and only within single family dwellings and located on lots, both in existence prior to January 1, 1990. In addition, accessory in-law apartments shall only be located on lots meeting the minimum lot area in the District which it is located on the date of the filing of the application for the Special Permit.

~~6.6.3—Owner Occupancy Required.~~ The owner(s) of the single family lot upon which the accessory in-law apartment is located shall occupy at least one (1) of the dwelling units on the premises. The Special Permit shall be issued to the owner of the property. Should there be a change in ownership or a change in the residence of the owner, the Special Permit and the Occupancy Permit for the Accessory In Law Apartment shall become null and void, and the property shall revert to single family status. The owner applicant shall be required to file a declaration of covenants on the subject property prior to the issuance of a Special Permit for an Accessory In Law Apartment. This declaration shall be in favor of the Town of Rowley and state that:

~~a.~~ The special Permit for the Accessory In Law Apartment shall terminate upon transfer of title of said premises or upon the undersigned no longer occupying the premises as their principal residence.

~~b.~~ The new owner of the premises shall have to apply to the Board of Appeals for a Special Permit and prove compliance with Section 6.6.1 (Purpose and Intent) to continue the Accessory In Law Apartment.

~~6.6.4—~~ An accessory Apartment shall be located within the principal dwelling, within an addition to the principal dwelling, or within an accessory structure that is attached to the principal structure provided that such dwelling, addition, or attached accessory structure conforms to all other requirements of this bylaw unless an approval therefore shall have been granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

~~6.6.5 The minimum floor size for an accessory apartment shall be three hundred (300) square feet, but in no case shall it exceed twenty five (25) percent of the habitable area of the principal dwelling, unless in the opinion of the Board of Appeals a greater or lesser amount of floor area is warranted by specific circumstances of the particular building.~~

~~6.6.6 There shall be no more than one (1) accessory in-law apartment for a total of two (2) dwelling units permitted per lot.~~

~~6.6.7 The Accessory In-Law Apartment must be determined to comply with current health, safety, and construction requirements before occupancy and at every change in occupancy.~~

~~6.6.8 Applicant shall receive written Board of Health approval, relative to sewage disposal, prior to submission of Application for Special Permit to the Board of Appeals. Applicant shall conform to all Board of Health Rules and Regulations, unless waived by said Board, to obtain Board of Health approval.~~

~~6.6.9 Applications for Special Permits shall be subject to approval by the Board of Appeals. Applications for Special Permit shall contain such information to determine compliance with the bylaw sections herein and with any regulations of the Board of Appeals. If the accessory in-law apartment is to be located within the Historic District, then the applicant must comply with the Rowley Historic District Bylaws of the Town of Rowley General Bylaws.~~

~~6.6.10 Prior to approval and receipt of a Building Permit, the applicant must submit to the Building Inspector a copy of the notification of Special Permit Approval as granted by the Board of Appeals and a copy of the declaration of covenants as stamped by the Registry of Deeds.~~

~~6.6.11 Occupancy Permit for Accessory In-Law Apartments shall be renewed annually by the Building Inspector. For the purposes of annual occupancy permit renewal, the Building Inspector shall have the right to inspect the premises to determine compliance per requirements of this bylaw and the Special Permit.~~

and (3) enacting the following new section 6.6:

6.6 Accessory Apartments

6.6.1 Application

6.6.1.1 The Board of Appeals may issue a special permit authorizing an accessory apartment within, or as an attached addition to, a single family dwelling, subject to the conditions and requirements specified in this section.

6.6.2 General Requirements

6.6.2.1 The principal dwelling must be located in the Central District, the Residential District, the Outlying District, or the Coastal Conservation District.

6.6.2.2 Except as provided by section 6.6.2.3, the apartment shall be a complete housekeeping unit that functions as a separate unit from the principal dwelling. The apartment shall contain a kitchen, and shall not have more than one bedroom and one bathroom. The floor area of the apartment may not exceed seven hundred (700) square feet. Occupancy of the apartment shall be limited to a maximum of two persons. Only one apartment is allowed per principal dwelling.

6.6.2.3 Utilities for the apartment shall be extensions of the existing utilities that serve the principal dwelling. No new utility service or meter may be installed for the use of the apartment. The apartment shall be served by the same driveway as the principal dwelling.

6.6.3 Ownership and Use Requirements

6.6.3.1 The apartment shall not be held in separate ownership from the principal dwelling, under a condominium form of ownership or otherwise.

6.6.3.2 The special permit shall be issued to the record owner of the lot, and shall specify that one or more of the record owners (if title is held by a natural person, or by natural persons in joint tenancy or other form of common ownership), or one or more of the natural persons who are beneficiaries (if title is held by a trust), or the natural person owning fifty percent (50%) or more of the entity (if title is held in any other form of ownership), must occupy either the principal dwelling or the apartment as his or her primary residence.

6.6.3.3 The record owner shall file the special permit and a declaration of covenants with the Registry of Deeds. The declaration shall be in favor of the Town, and shall include the following statement: "The special permit for an accessory apartment shall terminate upon a transfer of ownership of the subject premises, or upon the undersigned's termination of his/her use of the subject premises as a primary residence, except that, in the case of a transfer of ownership, the new owner may continue to exercise the permit, but only if he/she submits to the Building Inspector, within thirty (30) days after the date of transfer, a notarized statement that he/she will occupy the principal dwelling or the apartment as his/her primary residence, and will otherwise comply with the accessory apartment requirements and conditions contained in section 6.6 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw."

Inserted by the Planning Board

Explanatory Note: This article would amend the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw to revise the criteria for the approval of accessory apartments. Currently, the Bylaw permits accessory apartments only on lots and within single family dwellings that existed prior to January 1, 1990, and only if the occupants of the accessory apartment and the principal dwelling are related. This article would make the Bylaw more equitable and flexible by eliminating these restrictions.

Motion by Clifford Pierce, seconded by Jean Pietrillo

Amendment: Amendment to Motion under Article 22: Move the Town amend the motion so that the following section 6.6.1.2 is added after section 6.6.1.1:

The purpose of this bylaw is to facilitate a homeowner's ability to stay in his/her home by allowing the rental of a portion of a single family dwelling so as to generate a source of income and to permit relatives, caregivers or others to live therein.

Amendment Motion by Clifford Pierce, seconded by Jean Pietrillo

Amendment Vote: Passed by voice unanimous vote at 9:37 pm

Article Vote: Defeated by paper ballot vote 54 YES to 28 NO (Zoning Bylaw changes require a 2/3 majority vote) at 9:50 pm.

Motion: Move the Town vote to adjourn the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by Stuart Dalzell, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:50 pm

And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given under our hands this 18th day of October in the year two thousand seven.

David C. Petersen, Chairman

Thomas R. Moses, Vice Chairman

Richard M. Cummings, Clerk

Jack L. Cook

Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr.

I have served this Warrant by posting in at least seven public places in the Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting and have made the return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before the time of said meeting.

Notices posted at Town Hall, Veterans Garage, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Skip's Country Store.

Nathaniel N. Dummer, Constable of Rowley

10/19/07

Certification: *I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above regarding Town of Rowley November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.*

*Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
November 9, 2007*

Selectman - Three year term**Vote for TWO**

Lane Bourn	760
David C. Petersen	944
Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr.	887
Write-ins	4
Blank	721

Moderator - One year term

Warren G. Appell	1246
Write-ins	15
Blank	397

Constable - Three year term

Nathaniel N. Dummer	1303
Write-ins	6
Blank	349

Board of Assessors-Three year term

Diane L. D'Angeli	1219
Write-in	4
Blank	435

Planning Board - Five year term

Robert L. Snow	1214
Write-ins	10
Blank	434

Municipal Light Board - Three year term

David L. Levesque	1270
Write-ins	6
Blank	382

Municipal Light Board - One year term

G. Robert Merry	1324
Write-ins	4
Blank	330

Municipal Water Board - Three year term

Scott C. Martin	762
Jason A. Caram	710
Write-ins	2
Blank	184

Shellfish Commissioner - 3 years

Alexander S. Gurczak, Jr.	1284
Write-ins	13
Blank	361

Cemetery Commissioner – 3 years

Peter M. Dalzell	1276
Write-ins	6
Blank	376

Rowley Housing Authority - 5 years

Jacqueline R. Vigeant	1319
Write-ins	4
Blank	335

Regional School District Committee**NEWBURY member - Three year term**

Joan M. Weyburn	491
Frank A. Chiaravalloti	906
Write-ins	4
Blank	257

ROWLEY member - Three year term

Edward P. Mavragis	1240
Write-ins	15
Blank	403

SALISBURY member - Three year term

Deborah A. Choate	1030
Write-ins	14
Blank	614

Trustees for The Library**Three year term - Vote for Three**

Write-ins:	
Scott Accomando	90
A. Mavragis	52
Peter Rooney	58
Write-in - other	171
Blank	4603

REFERENDUM

Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to assess an additional \$590,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the assessment for the Triton Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning 7/1/2007?

YES	827
NO	792
Blank	39

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Tax Report 2007

Real Estate:	Taxes Committed	9,005,484.58
	Taxes Collected	(8,886,102.51)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(45,782.54)
	Subsequent Tax Taking	(73,280.83)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2007	318.70
Personal Property:	Taxes Committed	111,658.28
	Taxes Collected	(110,938.76)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(714.36)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2007	5.16
Motor Vehicle:	Taxes Committed	847,699.43
	Taxes Collected	(797,721.64)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(22,672.20)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2007	27,305.59

**Salary and Wages – Town Employees
January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**

	Base Pay & Other Earnings		Base Pay & Other Earnings
Accounting		Conservation Department	
Susan Bailey	44,774.00	R. Brent Baeslack	43,074.00
John Price	13,761.00		
Administration		Town Clerk	
Warren Appell	98.00	Susan Hazen	36,173.00
Lawton Bourn III	930.00	Barbara DiMento	2,381.00
Jack Cook	2,417.00		
Richard Cummings	2,417.00	Board of Registrars	
Stuart Dalzell	1,487.00	Barbara Collins	562.00
Thomas Moses	2,417.00	Barbara DiMento	562.00
David Petersen	2,417.00	Mildred Dummer	414.00
Deborah Eagan	75,046.00	Gordon Densmore	141.00
Anita Atk-Drapeau	13,905.00		
Elizabeth Dasch	5,403.00	Elections	
Beth Liffers	1,156.00	Philip Collyer	149.00
Richard Caram	17,082.00	Nathaniel Dummer	144.00
Calvin Cockman	1,409.00	Winnifred Jarvis	97.00
Wendelyn Hansbury	1,152.00	Robert Johnson	92.00
John E. Grundstrom	358.00	Marion Madden	80.00
John H. Gundstrom	400.00	Enes Modini	80.00
Alexander Gurczak, Jr.	320.00		
Linda Parker-Tuxbury	627.00	Fire Department	
Reed Wilson	11,935.00	James Broderick	68,778.00
		Mark Emery	58,272.00
		James R. Merry	59,044.00
Assessor			
Diane D'Angeli	2,251.00	Harbor Master	
William DiMento	2,251.00	William DiMento	5,546.00
Donald Thurston	2,251.00	Frederick Hardy	1,826.00
Sean McFadden	69,812.00	Jacquelyn Mishel	5,044.00
Karen Milo	17,106.00	Steven Monteiro	229.00
		Frank Price	2,055.00
Board of Health			
Frank Marchegiani	45,111.00	Highway Department	
Edward Gallagher	20,746.00	A. Scott Leavitt	72,576.00
Wendelyn Hansbury	23,457.00	Jeffrey Bolduc	12,330.00
		Charles Carter	47,856.00
Cemetery Department		William Cheney	635.00
Jack Cook	5,394.00	Edward Duncan	7,261.00
Peter Dalzell	5,179.00	Ronald Keefe	45,469.00
David Mogielnicki	1,438.00	Brenda Mastrangelo	2,963.00
James Prime	4,294.00	Ronai Lorant	18,997.00
		James Taylor	4,153.00
Council on Aging			
Mary Ellen Mighill	31,809.00	Inspections	
Denise Gilman	20,682.00	Kenneth Ward	44,903.00
Carolyn Peabody	14,541.00	Glenn Clohec	532.00
Lucia Picanso	7,381.00	David Leavitt	8,611.00
Henry Wilson	3,285.00	David Levesque	11,118.00
		Eric Levesque	92.00
		Paula Meagher	2,409.00
		Robert Merry	348.00

**Salary and Wages – Town Employees
January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007**

	Base Pay & Other Earnings		Base Pay & Other Earnings	
Library		Water Department		
Pamela Jacobson	44,492.00	John Rezza	52,871.00	
Mary Bright	5,188.00	Thomas Cusick	36,039.00	
Xenda Casavant-Laramie	14,421.00	Garry Dini	23,234.00	
Barbara Collins	5,322.00	Marie Grover	31,707.00	
Annemarie Hanrahan	1,110.00	Jason Kneeland	40,713.00	
Catherine Hawkins	172.00	Jason Masse	28,864.00	
Muriel Herd	911.00	Matthew McDonnell	18,314.00	
Joan Lyons	5,007.00	Robert Swiniarski	13,605.00	
Brendan McConaghy	1,589.00			
Megan McCormick	167.00	Police Department		Detail
Alfred McGrath	5,223.00	Kevin Barry	128,709.00	
Annamarie McGrath	3,419.00	Robert Barker	88,699.00	
Veronica O'Leary	103.00	Kenneth Belson	34,257.00	592.00
Lisa Pelletier	21.00	Michael Butler	43,062.00	882.00
Brad Byle	1,364.00	Kristen Chamberlain	1,905.00	
Zachary Roy	81.00	Robert Colby, Jr.	6,466.00	1,848.00
Amelya Sabatini	415.00	Perry Collins	68,738.00	18,249.00
Rebecca Shea	17,826.00	Sheri David	29,003.00	
Hilary Sherratt	165.00	Jeffrey French	21,808.00	12,167.00
Carolyn Waite	3,426.00	Joseph Gamache	66,542.00	3,491.00
Jessica Walsh	253.00	John Geibel	78,791.00	
Catherine Woodall	1,510.00	Charles Hazen, Jr.	32,646.00	1,690.00
		Thomas Hills	63,336.00	3,030.00
Light Department		Scott Hirtle	61,665.00	
Linda Soucy	94,726.00	Richard Johnson	63,130.00	
Mark Anderson	102,072.00	David Kent	4,350.00	1,168.00
Mark Bixby	102,807.00	Thomas Lantych	10,456.00	5,004.00
Matthew Brown	4,558.00	David R. Leavitt	3,258.00	
Eric Grover	65,827.00	Pamela Lutes	31,336.00	
Kenneth Keyes	51,733.00	David MacMullen	61,465.00	3,980.00
Linda Libert	751.00	Stephen May	113,195.00	10,121.00
Dennis Morrison	69,145.00	Lynn Neary	36,138.00	
Patrick Snow	56,764.00	John Raffi	2,021.00	
Nancy Teel	56,901.00	Mark Ruggiero	41,115.00	3,348.00
Frederick Underwood	16,372.00	David Sedgwick	85,587.00	2,835.00
		Matthew Serratore	3,778.00	
Planning/ZBA		Elaine Sferrazza	2,826.00	
Maryann Waz	23,598.00	Dorothy Tobin	53,200.00	858.00
		Matthew Ziev	41,903.00	3,524.00
Recreation Department				
John Price	19,043.00	Total Detail		72,787.00
Emma Hunt	1,312.00	Total In Town Detail		56,957.00
Charles Loring	1,317.00	Total Out of Town		15,830.00
Daniel McGrath	1,317.00	Detail		
Meghan Orencole	1,312.00			
Elizabeth Robert	1,414.00	Grand Total	3,569,679.00	
Treasurer/Collector				
Jacqueline Vigeant	68,625.00			
Doreen Glowik	30,436.00			
Laura Hamilton	48,450.00			

TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SALARIES

	POSITION	NAME	FTE	SALARY ADJ. BASE
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	N-DINA SULLIVAN	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	N-SUZANNE DENSMORE	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	N-JOAN WEYBURN	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	R-EDWARD MAVRAGIS	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	R-DARLENE DOUCOT	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	R-MARY MURPHY	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	S-DEBBIE CHOATE	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	S-SUSAN FISH	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	COMM. MEMB.	S-JAMES POULIN	1.0	\$ 1,000
DISTRICT	SUP'T.	SANDRA HALLORAN	1.0	\$ 125,000
DISTRICT	ASST. SUP'T.	KATHLEEN WILLIS	1.0	\$ 102,485
DISTRICT	SBA	BRIAN FORGET	1.0	\$ 88,000
DISTRICT	APS	CHRISTINE KNEELAND	1.0	\$ 92,000
DISTRICT	COOR. EARLY CHLD.	KATHLEEN MURPHY	0.6	\$ 38,374
DISTRICT	COOR. HEALTH	SUSAN FALLON	0.6	\$ 40,985
DISTRICT	MUSIC	JAMES BRAUNEK	1.0	\$ 58,206
DISTRICT	ELL	JEANNE ARANGO	1.0	\$ 58,206
DISTRICT	SPEC. PROG.COOR.	CARLA COLLINS	0.8	\$ 52,221
DISTRICT	TECHNICIAN	GEORGE HOUGHTON	1.0	\$ 46,734
DISTRICT	MAN. FAC./GRDS	CHRISTOPHER WALSH	1.0	\$ 50,340

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen thanks you, the residents, visitors, and businesses of Rowley, for allowing us to serve you over the past year.

2007 has been a very positive year for the Town. Following a competitive search, the Board of Selectmen hired the engineering firm of Jacobs Edwards & Kelcey of Boston in March of 2007 to prepare engineering design plans for the three town bridges that were destroyed in the May 2006 Floods. The bridges, Bachelder Brook and Taylor Bridges on Wethersfield Street and the Dodge Road Bridge, sustained serious damage causing the Taylor Bridge and Dodge Road bridges to be closed, and the Bachelder Brook bridge to be opened for one-lane traffic. The Rowley Bridges Project is part of the federal emergency disaster declaration. Because the Town is eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds and state Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency funds, engineering design and construction standards must be in compliance with FEMA standards. By the end of 2007, we are pleased to report several technical permit applications were completed and accepted.

The Parker River Bridge on Route 1A in Newbury was closed by the state Massachusetts Highway Department in October 2007 because of structural concerns. We worked closely with Massachusetts Highway Department officials and our legislative delegation, Representative Harriett Stanley and Senator Bruce Tarr, on finding ways to reduce the impact of the bridge closure. Several local businesses on Route 1A are affected by the bridge closure. The state has expedited this bridge repair project.

The Town faced yet again, another difficult budget year. The development of the fiscal 2008 budget was difficult. We placed a general operating override question on the Annual Town Election ballot. We sought an additional \$590,000 in taxes from you to fund the FY 08 Triton Regional School District annual assessment. We are grateful and thankful for the passage of this override.

The Town purchased the historic Bradstreet property in May of 2007. We formed a committee consisting of a cross-section of representatives from town boards and committees. This committee, named the Bradstreet Land Use Committee, worked diligently throughout the year developing a land use plan that reflects the varied multi-purposes earmarked for this unique property. By the end of the year, the Committee was nearing completion of a subdivision plan of this property. The historic Bradstreet family home and barn will be preserved. Large tracts of the property will remain as open space, and a portion of the land will earmarked for affordable housing. We look forward to seeing the vision for this property come to fruition.

In 2007, the Town's railway crossing on Railroad Avenue became an official "Quiet Zone." At the request of a majority of residents who reside near the MBTA Commuter Railway Station, the Board of Selectmen pursued the establishment of a Quiet Zone at this railway crossing with the Federal Railway Administration. In late November 2007,

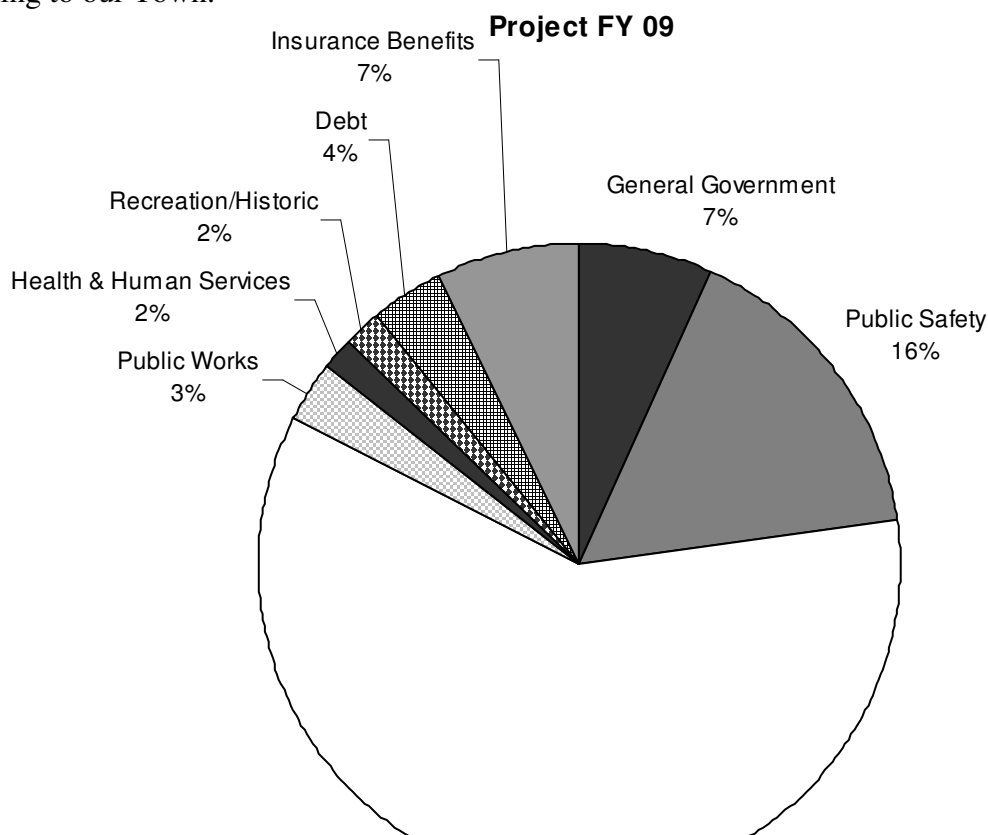
we were pleased to announce that the Rowley Railroad Avenue train crossing became an official Quiet Zone.

We are pleased to report that two key capital purchases were made in 2007 – the purchase of an emergency generator for the Police Station and the purchase of a new Highway Department dump truck. The Police Department's emergency generator was purchased in the early 1970s and was not capable of providing sufficient back-up energy for the Police Station. The new generator provides sufficient backup to the Police Station. The Highway Department was using a 1993 dump truck that was in constant need of repair. We are grateful to our townspeople for support and approving the funding for these purchases at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting.

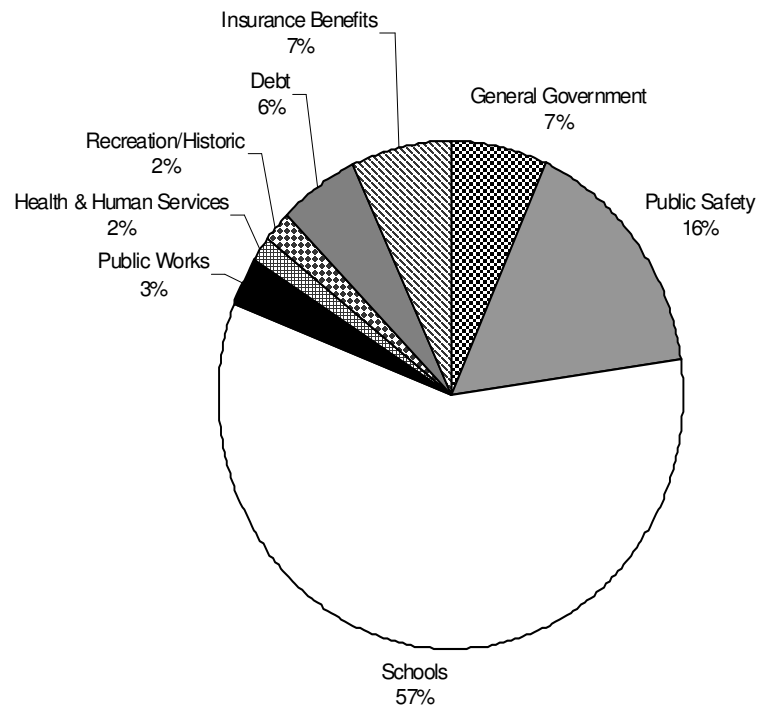
We are pleased to announce that in December 2007 we signed a cable license agreement with Cable television customers in Rowley now the ability to choose their cable television service provider. Also in 2007, the Cable Television Advisory Committee began the process of renewing the Town's cable license agreement with Comcast.

The Town met an important goal in the compliance of the federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) upon the passage of the Stormwater Bylaw at the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting. The Town is in the final year of a five-year plan to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Storm Water Permit Program. Compliance with NPDES is a mandate of the federal Clean Water Act. The Town also became members of Greenscapes North Shore. Greenscapes is a coalition of cities and towns on the North Shore that provides education and outreach to residents on the protection of the region's waterways. The Town's participation in this program achieves another NPDES goal – public outreach.

We face another tight budget year and hope that the state government will increase funding to our Town.



Budgeted FY 08



Rowley Finance Committee
Omnibus Budget Distribution FY 06 – FY 09

Department	Expended FY 06	% of	Expended FY 07	% of	Budgeted FY 08	% of	Projected FY 09	% of
General Government	\$ 720,784	6%	\$ 784,433	7%	\$ 853,089	7%	\$ 849,781	7%
Public Safety	\$ 1,828,056	16%	\$ 1,911,172	16%	\$ 2,024,140	16%	\$ 1,997,381	16%
Schools	\$ 6,273,817	56%	\$ 6,582,443	56%	\$ 7,302,922	58%	\$ 7,532,051	60%
Public Works	\$ 388,712	3%	\$ 436,747	4%	\$ 369,528	3%	\$ 379,037	3%
Health & Human Services	\$ 198,826	2%	\$ 197,917	2%	\$ 214,426	2%	\$ 216,779	2%
Recreation/Historic	\$ 197,935	2%	\$ 211,998	2%	\$ 242,571	2%	\$ 233,448	2%
Debt	\$ 848,098	8%	\$ 831,614	7%	\$ 710,117	6%	\$ 452,374	4%
Insurance Benefits	\$ 731,908	7%	\$ 785,476	7%	\$ 860,366	7%	\$ 913,512	7%
TOTAL	\$ 11,188,136		\$ 11,741,800		\$ 12,577,159		\$ 12,574,363	

TOWN OF ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2007
UNAUDITED

	Governmental Fund Types			Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water	Light	Trust and Agency	Long- Term Obligation s Group	(Memoran dum Only) Combined Totals
ASSETS								
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	1,401,347	2,139,550	391,684	427,479	3,272,138	192,702		7,824,901
Investments in Corporate Bonds						313,188		313,188
RECEIVABLES								
Real Estate and Personal Property	35,252	294,938						330,189
Tax Liens	347,737							347,737
Excise Taxes	85,197							85,197
Other	24,438	19,553		104,050	160,302			308,343
OTHER ASSETS	213,164	8,500		7,304,679	4,239,808			11,766,151
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RET. OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS								3,699,400
TOTAL ASSETS	2,107,134	2,462,541	391,684	7,836,208	7,672,249	505,890	3,699,400	24,675,106
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Deferred Revenues	492,616	3,017						495,633
Other Liabilities	193,935	119,418	11,063	79,151	1,740,721	138,372		2,282,660
Notes Payable		2,750,000	300,000					3,050,000
Bonds				1,200,251	550,000			5,449,651
TOTAL LIABILITIES	686,551	2,872,435	311,063	1,279,402	2,290,721	138,372	3,699,400	11,277,944
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for:								
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	743,987	(1,257,419)		45,742				(467,691)
Nonexpendable Trust						49,317		49,317
Unreserved	676,597	847,526	80,621	6,511,065	5,381,527	318,201		13,815,537
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,420,583	(409,894)	80,621	6,556,807	5,381,527	367,518	-	13,397,163
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	2,107,134	2,462,541	391,684	7,836,208	7,672,249	505,890	3,699,400	24,675,106

TOWN of Rowley
STATEMENT OF BUDGET VS. ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
UNAUDITED

	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	CARRIED FORWARD	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:				
Real estate and personal property net of reserve for abatements	8,987,281	9,002,488		15,207
Excise taxes	638,750	794,299		155,549
Intergovernmental	1,155,686	1,177,985		22,299
Departmental fees, fines and charges	538,000	550,097		12,097
Interest	6,739	77,507		70,768
 Total Revenues	 11,326,456	 11,602,376		 275,920
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	966,417	814,776	100,957	50,684
Public Safety	1,950,599	1,926,810	13,418	10,372
Public Works	643,236	546,993	26,805	69,439
Human Services	208,044	197,919	3,944	6,180
Culture and Recreation	274,107	242,364	27,559	4,184
Education	6,600,502	6,591,783	7,921	798
Pension	383,642	343,109		40,533
Debt Service - Principal	672,863	672,863		0
Debt Service - Interest	167,654	167,651		3
State and County charges	131,679	131,399		280
Employee Benefits	291,586	240,968		50,618
Other expenditures	82,108	80,272	0	1,836
 Total Expenditures	 12,372,437	 11,956,907	 180,603	 234,926
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,045,981)	(354,531)	(180,603)	510,846
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in	144,665	144,665		0
Transfers out	(50,000)	(50,000)		0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	94,665	94,665		0
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 (951,316)	 (259,866)	 (180,603)	 510,846
 BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	 1,599,776	 1,599,776		
 BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of Year	 648,460	 1,339,910		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In fiscal year 2008 the Board of Assessors with the assistance of Vision Appraisal Technology Inc. of Northborough, Mass, completed the state mandated triennial revaluation that resulted in valuation adjustments to all classes of property. The fiscal year 2008 assessed values were certified by the Department of Revenue in September 2007. 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 the fiscal year 2008 triennial revaluation with the assessment date of January 1, 2007 the sales used to determine the assessments are those that occurred in calendar year 2006.

Below is a table of the fiscal year 2008 parcel counts, valuations and taxes for the main property classes in Town:

<i>FISCAL YEAR 2008</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>	2241	829,065,772	10.38	\$8,605,703	86.1753%
<i>Open Space</i>	72	261,200	10.38	\$2,711	0.0271%
<i>Commercial</i>	229	78,170,468	10.38	\$811,409	8.1252%
<i>Industrial</i>	34	42,521,660	10.38	\$441,375	4.4198%
<i>Personal Property</i>	348	12,050,141	10.38	\$125,080	1.2525%
<i>Exempt</i>	192	38,064,600			
<i>Total</i>	<u>3116</u>	<u>962,069,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$9,986,279</u>	<u>100.0000%</u>

The Board reported \$14,271,401 in New Growth Value to the Department of Revenue, which was certified during the fiscal year 2008 tax rate setting process. The tax rate in the Town increased from \$9.78 to \$10.38 for fiscal year 2008. It is important to note that within that increase there is a \$590,000 school override that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May of 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.

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

As we look forward to a new year, 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.

Accomplishments:

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.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As always, the Town Clerk's office is kept busy throughout the year issuing Dog Licenses, Shellfish Permits, Business Certificates, Ramp and Mooring Permits, processing Parking tickets, Marriage licenses, Birth and Death Certificates, as well as supervising Voter Registration, Town Elections, Annual and Special Town Meetings.

This year, we were saddened the death of former Town Clerk Jeanne P. Grover. Jeanne and her late husband and predecessor Town Clerk Warren G. Grover loved this town and its residents. Together they fiercely cared for, preserved and protected the records and documents reflecting the long history of this town for a quarter of a century. Jeanne's sudden passing came as a shock to all of us and she is missed by all who knew her.

Once again, I take this opportunity to thank my assistants – Barbara R. DiMento, Assistant Town Clerk and Volunteers John E. (Jack) Grundstrom and G. Robert (Bob) Merry for their continued hard work. The Senior Tax Credit program allows this office to work on preservation projects that I wouldn't be able to address on my own.

'Jack' Grundstrom of Railroad Ave. continues to volunteer his services in this office. Jack addresses many 'special projects' within the office. He continues to work his way through original records, sorting, labeling and indexing so that information contained within may be more accessible in the future. Bob, with his background on the Historical Commission, has worked tirelessly cataloging the many, many volumes of town records we have in our vault and making suggestions as to which are in the most immediate need of preservation. Thanks to grants from the Community Preservation program, we've been able to restore many valuable town records. We are currently in the process of selecting the next group of books to be sent out for restoration and preservation. . Completion of this project will keep the beautifully restored books stable and readable for the next hundred years. 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 1/30/08)

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Births	60	64	68	60	55
Deaths	65	57	64	60	47
Marriages	15	22	24	26	22

Births: Of the fifty-five (55) births recorded in Rowley, 23 were female and 32 were males (exactly the same as last year!) with two sets of twins.

Deaths: Of the forty-seven (47) deaths recorded, seventeen (17) were male and thirty (30) were women, including Boston Post Cane Holder, Anna Kent, who passed away at the age of 104. Thirty-two (32) are listed as being residents of Rowley and nine (9) as being veterans – six (6) World War II and one (1) Korean Conflict and two (2) Vietnam. The average age at time of death was 80.

Marriages: Twenty-two (22) Marriage Intentions were filed in 2007, only eight (8) of the weddings actually took place in Rowley, fourteen (14) elsewhere. Of the forty-four (44) participants, thirty-two (32) listed their residence as Rowley.

Revenue Report for the Town Clerk's Office – 2007

Cemetery Lots Sold	2000.00
Dog and Kennel Licenses	9450.00
General Fees	5400.60
Parking Violations	2365.00
Ramp and Mooring Permits	9663.50
Shellfish Permits	9815.75
Wildlife – Hunting/Fishing Licenses	<u>3279.25</u>
	\$41,972.50

Cemetery Lots Sold – There were eight (8) lots sold altogether, all to Rowley residents.

Dog Licenses – We purchased in 2007 a wonderful new Dog Licensing Program which allows us to better track current dog information by being able to input the information that Veterinarians send us regarding Rabies Vaccinations.

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 a total of eighty-seven (87) shellfish permits issued:
27 Resident/Commercial Permits – 8 were free to residents over 60
56 Resident/Non-commercial Permits - 21 were free to residents over 60
3 Non resident/non-commercial permit
1 Non-resident/non-commercial permit /1 day permit
plus 11 Aquaculture permits.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses - There were eighty-four (84) 2007 Wildlife licenses sold by this office: Forty-three Sporting/Hunting Licenses, forty-three Fishing/Trapping. There were also seventy-one various conservation stamps sold.

Ramp and Mooring Permits - There were two hundred fifty-eight (258) Ramp Permits and sixty (60) Mooring permits issued by this office in 2007.

In November 2007 I received my re-certification as Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk (CMMC) by the Mass Town Clerk's Association. 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. I still to love the job and, with your continued support, look forward to serving the Town of Rowley for many years to come.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

As directed by MGL, the Board of Registrars in each town is responsible for maintaining accurate voter registration lists 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. Each year the registrars spend considerable 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.

On August 10, 2007, the Board of Selectmen voted to re-appoint Barbara R. DiMento, 75 Bennett Hill Rd, Mildred L. Dummer, 34 Wethersfield St., and Town Clerk Susan G. Hazen, 4 Central St. to serve on the Board of Registrars and to appoint new Registrar Gordon R. Densmore of 249 Wethersfield St. to replace long time Registrar Barbara Collins of 25 Hammond St. who decided not to seek for re-appointment. We thank Barbara for her many, many years of service as a Registrar and welcome Gordon on board.

Voter Registration as of 12/30/2007

Unenrolled	(U)	2623
Democrat	(D)	752
Republican	(R)	704
Libertarian	(L)	11
Green-Rainbow	(J)	3
Other		3
Total Registration:		4096 *

** Our voter lists now exceeds 180 pages and we anticipate the need for a second precinct in the next few years as we creep closer and closer to the state mandate of no more than 4200 registered voter per precinct. At this point in time, we foresee dividing the town basically right down Route One – the East Side and the West Side and given the lack of large*

rooms on the west side of town, are anticipating running both precincts out of our existing polling place – St. Mary's Hall on Main St.

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 equipment, 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 our dedicated election workers.

We joke that the only perk the underpaid and often overworked election workers can look forward to is the 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. Our thanks as well 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.

In anticipation of a busy election season and the Presidential Election looming in November, we have purchased new Optical Scanner Voting Machines. Beginning at the February Primary, brand new ACCU-VOTE scanners will have replaced the OPTECH machines that we have used since 1989. We are confident that voters will be pleased with the new equipment. The ACCU-VOTE machines are not computer touch-screen technology and actual paper ballots will still be used. They are simply scanning/counting machines, as were the OPTECHs, but incorporate new technology. The most significant difference to the voter will be that instead of ‘completing the arrow,’ we will now be ‘filling in the oval’.

2008 Election and Town Meeting Information:

Presidential Primary St. Mary’s Hall, Main St	Tuesday, February 5, 2008 7 AM to 8 PM
Annual Town Election St. Mary’s Hall, Main St.	Tuesday, May 13, 2008 Noon to 8 pm
Special/Annual Town Meeting Pine Grove School, Main St.	Monday, May 19, 2008 7:30 PM
State Primary St. Mary’s Hall, Main St.	Tuesday, September 16, 2008 7 AM to 8 PM
State Election St. Mary’s Hall, Main St.	Tuesday, November 11, 2008 7 AM to 8 PM

As we write this year’s report, we are in the process of compiling the year 2008 CENSUS/STREET LIST information and we hope to have the 2008 Street List books ready early in the spring. Did you return your CENSUS form? We can’t stress enough how important it is to keep these lists 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.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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. In the fall of 2007 the Commission became the administering body for the Town's new Stormwater and Erosion Control Bylaw, which seeks to reduce and eliminate erosion and sedimentation from land disturbance activities.

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 2007 the Commission received 73 permit applications, an 11% decrease from 2006 possibly linked to the real estate market down turn.

- 26 Notices of Intent, which range from new homes to new subdivisions
- 2 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, to determine wetland boundaries
- 23 Requests to Determine Applicability, which allow simple projects such as additions or sheds, as well as setting soil testing locations for septic systems
- 22 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 Soil Suitability, and Earth Removal

Bylaws. The office handled 86 building permit reviews, over 32 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. The Conservation Department assisted the Board of Health with a town wide assessment of locations where beaver activity had been noted in 2007.

The Commission guided two scouts from Boy Scout Troop #15 in successful completion of their Eagle Service Projects. One project resulted in the construction of a natural log footbridge that crosses an intermittent stream on the Hunsley Hills Conservation Area. The other project resulted in a complete digital photo survey of the perimeter boundaries of two Town owned Open Space parcels.

The Open Space Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, continues its efforts to preserve and protect open space and maintain existing conservation lands. The OSC assisted and supported the acquisition of the Bradstreet property and will continue efforts to maintain existing trails and clear new trails on this property and other conservation lands, notably Hunsley Hills, with the help of dedicated citizens and groups such as the Boy Scouts. Additionally, Rowley's current Open Space and Recreation Plan requires updating. This plan inventories existing lands designated for open space and active and passive recreation, and sets goals for improving these lands over the next five years. If anyone is interested in working on this project or other open space initiatives, we are always looking for additional volunteers. 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.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

During the past year, the Agricultural Commission received two requests for assistance with farm-related issues. Resolution 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.

Rowley is very fortunate to have two family-owned dairy farms. Massachusetts dairy farmers continue to struggle with the rising costs of grain, hay and production costs. Massachusetts dairy farmers, although this year receiving a larger portion of the retail milk dollar, continue to

function in the red. Last spring, the Agricultural Commission along with our local dairy farmers, lobbied our local and state officials to heighten the awareness of the crisis happening to our farmers. In July 2007, Governor Patrick declared a “state of crisis” and in September financial relief was allotted to the farmers based on their milk production. Although helpful, this relief only covered a fraction of their losses. Rowley Grange #204 has been very active in advocating for our dairy farmers. The Grange sponsored a dinner and silent auction with the proceeds going to the Massachusetts Dairy Farmers Association. The Agricultural Commission worked with the Grange to secure a grant from Ben and Jerry’s of Vermont to be used to educate the public about the realities of present day dairy farming. A portion of this grant money was used for the Grange’s exhibit at the Topsfield Fair. In addition to winning first place, the exhibit provided a large forum to bring attention to this issue. Plans for the coming year will include a joint venture effort with the Grange and local dairy farmers to help educate and enlighten school children about “Milk – from Dairy Farm to Your Table, and An Average Day at a Dairy Farm”.

The Rowley Farmer’s Market was again a great success. Our third year attracted more local vendors with a wide variety of produce, plants and goods. Our diverse vendors are young, old, commercial growers and backyard gardeners and they are all committed to the success of Rowley’s Farmer’s Market. We are pleased to report that collectively, our vendors, won over 100 awards at last falls Topsfield Fair. We look forward to sponsoring our fourth season of our Farmer’s Market that has promoted our local products and has been a very pleasant atmosphere for all of our fellow residents.

Since the Agricultural Commissions inception, we have scoured the town for suitable land to sponsor a community garden. We are very pleased with the Towns purchase of the Bradstreet Farm. We look forward to making this concept a reality in an effort to preserve part of this historic agricultural entity.

In the coming months, the Agricultural Commission looks forward to working with our fellow Town officials and citizens to implement manure management guidelines. We are optimistic that guidelines can be devised to protect our environment, our struggling farming community and ensure that there is no encroachment of “The Right To Farm Bylaw”.

The Agricultural Commission would like to thank you for your support. We look forward to continuing our efforts to serve the citizens of Rowley. We would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our local farmers in their production of high quality products despite continued financial adversity.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Due to a downturn in the real estate market, which became particularly apparent by mid 2007, the Planning Board experienced a significant decline in its workload last year. The Board had only one new filing – an application for a common driveway special permit – in the second half of the year.

Nevertheless, the Board approved some significant new developments in 2007. The Board approved a major expansion of the Ipswich Bay Glass complex, consisting of four new buildings that will create a total of 166,000 sq. feet of new light manufacturing/industrial space.

The Board also approved an Open Space Residential Development consisting of 54 townhouse units to be located on the grounds of the Rowley Country Club, and a related mixed-used development, consisting of ten dwelling units and four commercial/retail stores, to be located on Main Street in our Town Center. The Town Center development is the first development approved under Rowley's New England Village Development Bylaw. Shortly after the Board approved the Country Club and Town Center developments, the developer for both projects, Windover Development, announced that the projects were on hold due to the deteriorating market conditions.

The Planning Board meets on Wednesday nights. To schedule an appointment, please call our Administrative Assistant, Mary Ann Tuxbury, at 978-948-5549, or come to our office at the Center Street School Building, during office hours (10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays).

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

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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 five times in 2007 and held its annual public hearing on March 15, 2007. 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); David Peterson (Selectmen Appointee); Frank Todd (Historic Commission); We would like to express our appreciation for the many contributions made to the work of the CPC by Atillio Paglia, who stepped down as the Selectmen Appointee representative. The position representing the Housing Authority is currently open. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact the Rowley Housing Authority.

The CPC recommended and the meeting approved three projects for the Spring 2007 Town Meeting:

- \$10,000 for restoration of historic town records by the Town Clerk
- \$55,000 for costs associated with the purchase of and future planning of the Bradstreet Farm
- \$300,000 for the renovation of bathrooms for senior housing at the Rowley Plantation.

In Fiscal Year 2008, the Town collected \$256,382 from the State to match the \$262,215 collected from the CP surcharge, interest and fees in fiscal year 2006, totaling \$ 518,597. Thirty-eight residents applied for and received an exemption from the surcharge in fiscal year 2008.

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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 2007 calendar year there were a total of 13 applications received and acted upon by the Board. Of these, 12 applications were for Special Permits, which seven (2) were granted, and two (2) were appealed to the Court; three (3) were withdrawn without prejudice; and 2 applications are still pending before the Board. There were no Variance applications. There was one (1) Appeal of the Building Inspector’s decision, which was upheld by the Board, and then appealed to the Court.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL

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 Rowley Cultural Council (RCC) was issued a grant for \$4,000, from Mass. Cultural Council, to award for the year 2008. The RCC received a total of 19 applications for the year 2008. We were able to award 7 of those applicants grant money. The following is a list of recipients for 2008.

1. Scott Jameson-----Magic and Juggling-----\$450
2. Community Arts Advocates—Summer Concert-----400
3. Edward Wirt-----Jazz Quintet Concert-----900
4. Rowley Public Library-----Museum passes-----750
5. Bob Thomas-----“Grandma, Vaudeville & Me”----450
6. Rowley Public Education Fund-Stories & Illustrations---900
7. Essex County Needlecraft Guild Exhibition—Exhibition-150

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

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2007 passed Article 20 and Article 21 which appropriated funds of \$42,000 and \$10,000 respectively to purchase and install a generator to supply emergency electrical power to the Police Station which includes the 911 Communication Center. I greatly appreciate the support of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for the passing of Article 20. This Department is also very thankful and grateful to the Board of Health who sponsored Article 21 from their Health Septic Disposal Construction Fee revolving fund. It is when two or more Town Departments put their resources together goals are accomplished with this being over a twenty (20) year quest.

Through the Community Policing Grant, which would not have been possible without the help of our State Representative Harriett Stanley, we are planning a sixth “Citizens Police Academy” during the spring of 2008. This past year, 2007, was the second year we were able to conduct the entire in-service academy training for veteran officers on the grounds of the Police Station.

As most Town Meeting participants know that during 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 which will be expiring August 25, 2009. The only cost to the Town has been the monthly lease payment of \$2,526 or \$30,312 per annum. All additional funds that have been expended are through grants and drug seizure funds. *Most of these purchases can and will be used to furnish and equip the new public safety facility when it is funded.* The lease is in its’ third year again calling for future planning very soon.

During 2007 the “Communication Center” upgrade was completed having been started during the Fall of 2006. The upgrade was required to allow more space for the additional equipment 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” was 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” was funded through drug seizure money and grants at no real cost to the Taxpayers of Rowley.

The Pine Grove School Safety Committee continues to regularly meet to discuss and plan for the safety of the students and staff. During this past summer we participated in a drill at the Newburyport High School which involved responses from nine different jurisdictions. We are currently planning mini-drills during January, February and March of 2008 with a major drill during April of 2008. The planning calls for responses from several Town Departments along with ten other communities’ Police and Fire Departments. 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.

REPORTED CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

2005 - 243 2006 - 254 2007 – 264 (+ 3.9%)

REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES

2005 - 239 2006 - 326 2007 – 288 (- 11.7%)

BREAKING AND ENTERING

	2005	2006	2007
RESIDENTIAL	4	8	5
BUSINESS	0	6	3

DRUG/LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS

2005 - 24 2006 - 16 2007 - 27

RESPONSES TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

2005 - 283 2006 - 302 2007 - 265

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

2005 - 235 2006 - 257 2007 - 237

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

2005 - 251 2006 - 203 2007 - 216

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS/STOPS

2005 – 1,959 2006 - 1,883 2007 – 1,913

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS

2005 – 407 2006 – 790 2007 - 486

POLICE GRANTS/FUNDS RECEIVED

STATE COMMUNITY POLICING	56,145.00
GHSB TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT	0.00
DONATIONS/RESTITUTION	3,840.01
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	13,299.83
TOTAL	\$73,284.84

POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE

2005 - \$140,012 2006 - \$175,663 2007 - \$130,080

COMMUNICATION CENTER CALLS FOR SERVICE LOGGED

2003 - 20,768 2004 - 19,573 2005 - 20,029 2006 - 21,844 2007 – 22.952

Total 911 Calls

2003 – 1,351 2004 – 934 2005 – 1,052 2006 – 961 2007 – 1,019

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2007 was an eventful year for the Rowley Fire Department. The department placed into service the new air compressor and self contained breathing apparatus that were awarded to the department in a federal grant in 2006. The department also was able to develop a fire prevention program with an emphasis on home fire safety for elderly residents that own homes in Rowley these funds were also from the above-mentioned grant.

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.

The department responded to 579 calls in 2007, the following is a list of calls for the years 2006 and 2007 as categorized by the Massachusetts fire incident reporting system.

Type of Situation	2006	2007	Type of Situation	2006	2007
Building fire	14	12	Service Call	5	3
Cooking fire	9	8	Person in Distress	0	0
Burner/Boiler malfunc	2	5	Lock out	4	5
Fire Camper/motor home	0	0	Ring/jewelry removal	0	0
Passenger vehicle fire	2	7	Water evacuation	42	5
Road Freight/Transport	2	2	Water/Steam leak	1	2
Forest/woods/wildland	1	4	Smoke removal	1	0
Brush/grass fires	4	21	Public Assist	6	4
Outside fire	1	7	Assist Police	3	4
Overpressure rupture	1	0	Assist invalid	7	10
Medical assist EMS	50	67	Unauthorized burning	7	17
EMS call	204	164	Cover assignment	9	4
EMS MVA	18	21	Good Intent other	4	1
MES MVA Ped	1	0	Dispatched canceled	21	25
Missing Person Search	0	0	Smoke Scare	17	13
EMS standby	0	0	Steam Vapor Fog	1	2
MedFlight landing	0	0	Hazmat release invest.	4	2
Hazardous condition	1	12	Phone malicious false	7	1
Flammable liquid spill	4	0	System Malfunction	1	42
Natural Gas Leak	3	6	Smoke Det. Malfunction	16	11
Chemical Hazard no spill	0	0	Heat Det Malfunction	1	1
Chemical spill or leak	0	0	System activation	25	21
Light Ballast breakdown	2	1	Co Detector malfunc	3	4
Power line down	3	4	Unintentional alarm	10	1
Arcing equipment	14	4	Detector activation	61	61
MVA general cleanup	34	48	Carbon Monoxide	7	7
Citizens Complaint	0	0	Severe weather standby	2	2

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

Building Department for Calendar year 2007

New Construction permits for 6 single-family dwellings were issued. The estimated value for construction was \$1,936,241.60, which gives an average for each single family home at \$322,706.93.

Commercial construction accounts for 15 permits with an estimated value of \$5,937,753.00.

TYPE OF PERMIT ISSUED	NO. OF PERMITS	CONSTR. VALUE
Addition/Garage	26	2,295,210.00
Chimney/Woodstove	7	13,185.64
Commercial	15	5,937,753.00
Demolition	1	9,500.00
Greenhouse/Sunroom	1	15,980.00
Home	6	1,936,241.60
Outbuilding	6	36,964.00
Pool	11	184,163.40
Porch/Deck	17	172,259.00
Renovation/Alteration	36	479,053.45
Roofing/Siding	32	272,249.00
Sign	1	4,000.00

Total number of building permits issued ----- **159**

Fees received from permits **\$125,049.35**

Inspections and reports were carried out as required by law.

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTIONS

Plumbing permits issued for 2007 46

Gas permits issued for 2007 74

Total permits issued for 2007 120

Total fees collected **\$10,595.00**

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS

Electrical permits issued for 2007 **148**

Total fees collected **\$24,898.28**

ANIMAL CONTROL

15 barking dog complaints
50 lost/found cat/dog calls
45 wildlife calls (questions and complaints)
15 dogs P/U and returned to owners
65 miscellaneous animal related calls

Animal Inspector had no animal tested for rabies on 2007. Total animals found during barn inspections are as follows:

Animal	Number
Horse/ponies	200
Cattle	194
Sheep	7
Peafowl	8
Chickens	108
Goats	10
Donkeys	16
Waterfowl	30
Turkeys	18

REPORT OF THE TREE DEPARTMENT

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 280 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, as this will damage the equipment and is very dangerous for the employees, most of you do clean them: thank you

Hazardous trees were removed and the stumps were ground from Central Street, Kittery Ave Railroad Ave and Wethersfield St. Also on Kittery Ave, Cross St. trees were trimmed of their dead wood..

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.

REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The 2007 boating season was a safe and enjoyable one. Fuel prices at the docks were in excess of \$3/ gallon this season. This significantly reduced the amount of “pleasure cruising” by boaters in our area this past summer.

Forty-three 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.

318 mooring/ slip/ launch permits issued in 2007 generated \$9,714.00. Fee for the Resident only Launch ramp is \$40/ permit, commercial clammers included. Mooring/ Slip permits is \$2.50 per foot for all boats. Parking fines are \$75 per violation to help preserve the launch area for town residents only. These fees along with boat excise tax collections continue to make the Harbor Master department self-sufficient from a financial perspective.

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 7,250 gallons of waste during the 2007 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 and The Town Common! Hip boots and gloves a must!

REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

During the past season steamer clams and razor clams were abundant for both licensed commercial and licensed non-commercial clammers. Only a few of the licensed commercial clammers took full advantage of the plentiful steamer clam and razor clam crops. The licensed

non-commercial clammers took full advantage of the steamer clam, razor clam, sea clam and oyster crops. The harvest was plentiful in spite of the many rain closures experienced during the summer months.

There was a total of 101 days closed to clamming this year due to rain closures. The Board of Selectmen voted to allow the clammers to harvest on the final two Sundays of the season to make up for some of their losses due to rain closures. The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MDMF) is conducting water quality tests in The Rowley River and Plum Island Sound to determine if they can safely reduce the number of days that the flats must remain closed after a rainfall event. The early test results have been encouraging.

The Rowley Board of Selectmen has again rotated the opening and closing of flats, for the purpose of propagation, at the request of The Shellfish Department. We expect several beds of mature clams to be ready to harvest during the next season. We have also purchased several rolls of special aquaculture netting that will be used for seed capture and predator exclusion on one or more flats next season.

We reported last year on the loss of much of Hog Island Point due to the shifting of the currents in Plum Island Sound. We experimented with one net on this important flat and found that the net prevented further erosion and resulted in some build-up of the flat. We plan to petition the MDMF to inspect this flat and approve it for lease to interested residents.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

With the end of a ten year “all-requirements” power contract fast approaching (Dec 2009), the Board of Commissioners have directed their efforts in 2007 toward developing strategies that will provide RMLP with a diversified power supply portfolio that will meet Rowley’s future capacity and demand requirements.

In November RMLP took the first step by entering into a three-year power supply contract that will cover approximately 70% of our energy needs beginning in 2010. RMLP is actively seeking alternative sources to cover the remainder of our energy needs.

In keeping with RMLP’s Mission Statement, the Board of Commissioners will continue to “provide reliable and cost-effective energy services, in a responsible, courteous and efficient manner, which meets the current and future needs of its customers.”

Electric Customers and Rates: By the end of 2007, RMLD provided service to 2,348 residential, 322 commercial, and 22 municipal customers. 57% of the town’s energy use is due to residential customers, while 40% is consumed by commercial customers. RMLD customers consumed approximately 41 million kWh of energy in 2007, and the average home used approximately 800 kWh per month. RMLD continues to provide cost effective electric service as compared to Investor Owned-Utilities (IOU). The average home in Rowley spends approximately \$100 per month on electricity. If you lived outside our electric service territory, you could have paid as much as \$128 for the same amount of electricity.

Contributions and Services Provided to Town:

- RMLP funds the cost of energy used for street lighting, saving the town over \$22,000 annually. Additionally, RMLP maintains all street lighting at no cost to the town.
- The town maintains all interest earned from RMLP’s operating cash account that is commingled in the town’s general fund.
- Assist the town’s tree department with trimming and tree removal.
- Install holiday decorations and lighting at the Town Common.
- Hang banners for various organizations and flags along Route 1A for Veteran’s services.
- Sponsor electrical safety classes for our children at the Pine Grove School.
- Offer compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs at reduced rates and work in conjunction with the town’s Health Department to collect and properly dispose of CFL’s.

Reliability: RMLD’s reliability remains at a very high level. Through the efforts of our personnel, we have kept outages to a minimum. Our line crew is continuously upgrading the distribution system to not only accommodate load growth but also to keep the system hardened against storms. The devotion to duty and good work of our employees is gratefully acknowledged.

**ROWLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2007**

	Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
OPERATING INCOME		
400 Operating Revenue	5,303,599.03	515,040.15
OPERATING EXPENSES		
401 Operation Expense.....	3,407,766.40	(543,358.85)
402 Maintenance Expense.....	244,985.61	16,688.03
403 Depreciation Expense.....	318,658.71	136,653.44
 Total Operating Expenses	 3,971,410.72	 (390,017.38)
 Operating Income.....	 1,332,188.31	 905,057.53
OTHER INCOME		
415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work		
419 Interest Income	129,469.43	25,857.30
421 Miscellaneous Non-operating Income.....		
 Total Income.....	 1,461,657.74	 930,914.83
INTEREST CHARGES		
427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	24,722.50	(3,987.50)
431 Other Interest Expense		
 Total Interest Charges.....	 <u>24,722.50</u>	 <u>(3,987.50)</u>
 NET INCOME	 <u>1,436,935.24</u>	 <u>934,902.33</u>

	Debits	Credits
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period).....		2,969,546.64
433 Balance Transferred from Income		1,436,935.24
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		41,437.81
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus	110,000.00	
436 Appropriations of Surplus	24,253.35	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	<u>4,313,666.34</u>	
	<u>4,447,919.69</u>	<u>4,447,919.69</u>

**ROWLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 2007**

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
UTILITY PLANT			
101 Utility Plant – Electric	3,965,717.58	3,842,852.18	(122,865.40)
FUND ACCOUNTS			
126 Depreciation Fund	2,418,890.08	2,137,666.28	(281,223.80)
127 Bond Fund			
128 Rate Stabilization Fund	804,321.37	183,922.82	(620,398.55)
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
131 Cash	590,623.00	184,922.18	(405,700.82)
132 Special Deposits	75,497.05	72,530.51	(2,966.54)
132 Working Fund	690.00	690.00	0.00
142 Customer Accounts Receivable	102,470.47	133,861.29	31,390.82
143 Other Accounts Receivable	57,227.52	28,144.37	(29,083.15)
146 Receivables from Municipality			
151 Materials and Supplies	107,562.31	104,159.50	(3,402.81)
165 Prepayments	184,843.01	186,345.19	1,502.18
174 Miscellaneous Current Assets	2,252.28	1,156.54	(1,095.74)
DEFERRED DEBITS			
183 Other Deferred Debits	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>8,310,094.67</u>	<u>6,876,250.86</u>	<u>(1,433,843.81)</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
SURPLUS			
206 Loans Repayments	1,729,200.00	1,619,200.00	(110,000.00)
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments	11,769.93	11,769.93	0.00
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus	4,313,666.34	2,969,546.64	(1,344,119.70)
LONG TERM DEBT			
221 Bonds and Notes	550,000.00	660,000.00	110,000.00
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
232 Accounts Payable	461,177.10	406,963.68	(54,213.42)
235 Customers' Deposits	75,497.05	72,530.51	(2,966.54)
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities	2,252.28	1,156.54	(1,095.74)
DEFERRED CREDITS			
252 Customer Advances for Construction	27,106.64	27,106.64	0.00
RESERVES			
260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts	383.55	6,748.42	6,364.87
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
271 Contributions in Aid of Construction	<u>1,139,041.78</u>	<u>1,101,228.50</u>	<u>(37,813.28)</u>
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	<u>8,310,094.67</u>	<u>6,876,250.86</u>	<u>(1,433,843.81)</u>

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department equipment and facilities were serviced and repaired throughout the year as scheduled or as needed. The approval of a three year lease for a pickup truck and the purchase of a new one ton dump truck brought great relief for the highway department. Thank you.

All catch basins were cleaned in the spring. A couple of pipes were flushed in the summer with the assistance of the Fire Department providing a truck and personnel. A total of eight catch basins were repaired, and three were completely rebuilt. Two headwalls were repaired and 120' of drainage pipe were replaced throughout the town. 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 1095 hours of work with the Highway Department, Board of Health and the Cemetery Departments relieving the departments 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, and shoveling snow and also they also assisted the Board of Health during Hazardous Waste Day.

Street line painting, stop bars and crosswalks had been painted during the mid-summer. Sixteen 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 2007 winter season was snowy and cold, plowing and sanding 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, shoveling and deicing of the major sidewalks leading to the school had been accomplished when possible, many sidewalks were blocked with trash bags, barrels and or cars preventing the plow a clear passage. We recognize and appreciate some of the residents clearing the sidewalks in front of their property and beyond, we thank you.

Chapter 90 work consisted of various locations and equipment purchases as follows: Mansion, Bowlerly, Kittery, Long Hill, and Hillside were paved. A section of Wethersfield St. was reclaimed and paved, and Haverhill Street from 1A to RT 1 was milled and paved. A new roller was purchased to replace the 1966 roller, and a never had hot box was purchased. A Hot Box will keep hot top heated so that it can be applied to the pothole even in extreme cold.

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.

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

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

Maintenance Report – 01/01/2007-12/31/07

135,000,000 gallons of water produced
21 new hydrants added to the system
13 new metered services
9 water breaks
45 meter upgrades

The Water Department began an extensive well station upgrade program this year. Chemical Feed systems have been upgraded and enhanced for increased safety and reliability. Well #5 was surged and cleaned with Well #3 to follow in early 2008.

Our meter change out program continues towards the replacement of all old meters not compatible with our current electronic reading system.

Raw water quality at Wells #3 and #5 continue to be problematic due to increased demand. They will need enhanced treatment/filtration facilities in order to improve.

Our operational costs are also increasing due to higher energy costs which have a trickle down effect on supplies and services required. Rate adjustment will be required to accommodate these increases.

As always, we would like to thank Town Officials, Boards and residents for their support and assistance throughout the year.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The work performed in the Cemetery Department in 2007 has been carried out in the usual manner. We have performed the following:

Dug and filled 46 graves
Graded and filled 90 graves
Raised and reset 40 headstones
Removed trees and shrubs from 30 lots

Our sincere thanks to other Town Departments for their help and co-operation this past year. We will continue to make additional burial lots known as Section H.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is pleased to inform you of our activities 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, retail tobacco, 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 2007, 35 loans have been approved totaling \$652,431.78 loaned out. Fourteen loans have been paid in full totaling \$230,888.05 received back into the program. A total of \$421,543.73 is currently outstanding for the 21 active loans. The current success of this program encourages residents to replace failed septic systems. The Board of Health hopes to continue participation in this program and use of funds from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

The Board of Health sponsored the third Household Hazardous Waste Day held in the Town on November 17, 2007. The turnout of 180 cars, approximately 8 percent of the households, was very responsive for a third-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 29 televisions and 64 computer monitors; 15 propane tanks; 19 car batteries; and 38 automobile tires. A White Goods / Light Metal and Electronics Recycling Event was held on May 5, 2007. Winfield Alloy, Inc. was contracted to remove for recycling the following: 21.346 tons of metal/light iron; 4,348 pounds of material and items with Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners); 1,846 pounds of computer scraps, printers and PCs; and 14,796 pounds of CRTs and TVs, that were generated by the Town. Due to the success of these events and overwhelming public response, the Board of Health plans to hold like events in 2008.

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 is continuing to work with the Medical Reserve Corps, a volunteer organization for emergency preparedness.

The Board of Health has begun to verify local water quality by conducting Stream Team Surveys in cooperation with the Parker River Clean Water Association. The teams of involved residents accompanied members of the Board of Health on stream walks and, through survey and photographs, assessed the current environmental state of a portion of the waterways in Rowley.

The Health Department has increased outreach to the community by providing continued support of the wellness clinic through the Council on Aging and purchase of a cholesterol machine for their use. A sharps program to collect and properly dispose of lancets, needles and medical sharps is in place for the second year and has been very helpful to residents. 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 regional tobacco prevention coordinator was awarded funds to run compliance check at the local retail level; the Town of Rowley was recognized as having a 100 percent compliance rate.

Goals for calendar year 2008 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.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The year 2007 was busy and productive for the Council on Aging. Our various classes, events and trips were very successful and well attended, and the business aspect of the Council conducted flu and wellness clinics, and spent many hours with seniors sorting out the very confusing maze of Medicare and commercial insurances.

The number of seniors 60 years old and over continues to grow as the Town's population increases and baby boomers come of age.

In partnership with the Board of Health, the COA offered Flu Clinics on several different days at varied 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 requested it.

The Meals on Wheels program delivers approximately from 12 to 20 meals daily, five days a week, to frail, homebound seniors to improve their nutritional status. Volunteers from the Council deliver the meal each day.

A Monday meal served at the council is staffed by volunteers, directed by Ann Mckenney , our dessert specialist. Last year the meal served 25, and this year it has increased to 33.

Other programs offered by the Council are the Wellness Clinic, Seminars, Yoga Classes, Podiatry clinic, Hearing Evaluations, and annual tax assistance.

The estimated value of volunteer services in 2007 at the Council was over \$48,000.

The Council on Aging is also an active part of the TRIAD Program in Rowley. TRIAD has completed several projects in Rowley and are currently involved in a new project “Grab and Go Bags” for seniors. These will be used in a time of emergency and will contain essentials for seniors. Hopefully, this project will be completed in the late spring.

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

The Council and its Board 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.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Historic District Commission

During the year 2007, the Historic District Commission issued a total of twenty-three (23) Certificates of Appropriateness, two (2) Certificates of Non-Applicability and two (2) Certificates of Hardship. For a total of twenty-seven (27) Certificates 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 1998 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 consideration given to each project being reviewed.

The Commission is please to report that the open position on the board was filled this past year. The selectmen appointed Sara E. Bourque as our newest member. Sara has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interior Design and is working on a Master of Arts Degree in Historic Preservation.

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.

ROWLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Rowley Public Library had a very busy and productive year. The most significant change was that we were finally able to join the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium as full members. Our hard working staff has spent the last six months preparing for the transition, and on December 17th we moved all of our operations to the new system. We want to thank all of our patrons for their patience as we adjust. There are many new services we are able to provide with this membership, including online ordering of library materials and audio book downloads. Visit www.rowleylibrary.org for more information.

The above web site was totally revamped this year by our volunteer webmaster, at the behest of the Friends of the Rowley Library. We are also grateful to the Friends for their sponsorship of many events throughout the year, including the summer reading program, a moderated book club, ongoing yoga classes for children and adults, and free computer classes for seniors, through a partnership with the Council on Aging. The Friends also fund our organic garden and grounds upkeep courtesy of PJC landscaping. The annual Some Like it Hot Chili Cook-off in November was another smashing success, and look for the annual book sale to be held the first weekend in May.

This year the library trustees, staff, and over twenty community representatives drafted a long range service plan to cover fiscal years 2009 – 2013. Copies are available at the library. It was inspiring that so many people came together to create a vision of what their library should look like in five years, and to brainstorm ways that the library can contribute to the quality of life in Rowley. Thanks go out to all who helped with this process.

In 2007 library patrons borrowed 31,795 materials including books, magazines, audios, videos, and computer software. Our collection increased by 5% and now totals 36,945 items. 27,356 persons visited the library, and we have a total of 4,056 registered borrowers. Library staff answered 5,096 reference questions, and hosted a total of 196 programs which were attended by 3,790 adults, young adults, and children. The public computers continue to be used by over 130 patrons per week, and the meeting rooms were utilized 292 times last year by various community organizations. 69 volunteers provided 803 hours of community service, and we extend our thanks to each and every one of them.

The Rowley Public Library has something to offer everyone – be sure to visit in person or online to see what's happening @ your library.

REPORT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Rowley Recreation Committee met consistently throughout 2007, every fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of December. Several new members were brought onto the committee with the new fiscal year. Although we lost some very talented members they were replaced with individuals that have good sense of the needs of the youth of Rowley. Most, if not all, of the youth organizations in Rowley are represented on the committee.

During 2007 the committee, with the assistance of Services Coordinator John Price handled the revamping of the parking lot at Eiras Park, improving on a situation that was becoming a potential safety hazard. Mr. Price also handled the extension of the irrigation system at Pine Grove School to the new Veterans Memorial Park. This new park was purchased and developed with our oversight and the utilization of CPA funds. This project was under budget by \$1760.00.

In the fall of '07, the committee identified its priority task to achieve user fees for the youth groups and other programs that utilize these facilities. The sub-committee was unable to meet this task by the end of the calendar year. Great strides were made to increase the awareness of all user groups of the cost to maintain the fields. The facilities have become something the Rowley Youth can be proud to play on.

In addition, the committee was instrumental in: Summer Youth Camp, scheduling the use of facilities by the user groups, annual Fourth of July Celebration and managing the fundraising for the Rowley Flag Fund.

We would like to personally thank the committee members that have volunteered their time and efforts to keep these viable projects in good standing. We would like to thank John Price for his efforts in managing these projects and handling all the details with contractors and users to make certain our facilities are among the best in the area.

We would especially like to thank the residents of Rowley for their support to make all these improvements possible.

ROWLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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 the elderly housing on Plantation Drive has continued. The Authority went to the November, 2006 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 was completed. We then went back to the May 2007 town meeting and then received an additional \$300,000 to start construction. Cost estimates indicated the project was going to cost an additional \$288,000 and this money has been allocated to us from the state DHCD.

The Authority allocated some of its money to do a sample bathroom rehab in one unit so that it could be determined before the project begins what actual costs would be as well as to find any unexpected construction problems in the project. That has been completed and we expect to be able to go out to construction bid this spring for the entire project.

The Septic System replacement at Plantation was completed in the spring of 2007, followed up with final landscaping and finish-up of a punch list of minor problems.

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 for 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.

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 three 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 \$330,000 to eligible recipients in Rowley, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately \$118,000 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 26 of the town's 317 *identified* veterans and 4 of the 69 *identified* veterans' widows during 2007. 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.

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. Thomas Moses is the Rowley member of the Board of Directors.

REPORT OF TRITON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Triton Regional School District is committed to improving student achievement and providing learning opportunities for all students. We have been able to reduce class sizes at the elementary level for the current school year. Most of the district's classes reflect a favorable size; we will continue though to work on improving student to teacher ratios. Math and reading specialists were hired for each of our elementary schools as well as the middle school for this year. These specialists have been working with students, teachers and administrators. The specialists are invaluable in ensuring that both teachers and students continue to expand their understanding of high level thinking and reasoning as well as assisting students in developing their reading comprehension, written communication and study skills. The high school is focusing on differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students and continues to develop common formative assessments and scoring rubrics in order to provide on-going, relevant feedback to both staff and students. Parent volunteers continue to be actively involved at all levels and have an important role in the success of our students.

As you know, the district was able to lower fees for extra-curricular activities, athletics, and visual and performing arts programs for the current school year. We are very thankful for the support of our budget so that as many students as possible can participate in activities. 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.

The District Improvement Plan was completed this school year. The Plan includes Core Values, the Vision and the Mission of the District:

Core Values

Respect for Self and Others
Excellence for All
Integrity in Words and Actions

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 responsible citizens, and demonstrate integrity in words and actions.

The District Improvement Plan identifies improvement targets for each of our schools as well as improvement targets for the district. Action plans were then developed to provide the steps necessary to meet the stated targets. The plan is reviewed on an on-going basis at both school and district levels. Updates are provided at school committee meetings and are also available at each site.

Town officials, school committee members and I continue to meet on a monthly basis as part of a District Communication Committee that was formed last year. 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. The district budget has been discussed at length at these meetings.

The Superintendent's Advisory Council also continues to meet on a monthly basis. Representatives from each town come together in order to discuss current issues and to provide advice to the district administration. An on-going topic concerns communication to parents and community members regarding events, initiatives and changes at individual schools as well as the district. I am pleased to be working with this very involved group of parents.

In closing, I again want to commend and thank all members of our school community for their commitment to the Triton Regional School District. We have made significant progress this year to support the educational needs of our students. I continue to believe we are making meaningful and necessary improvements to move our district forward. Thank you for your continued support.

PINE GROVE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Rowley:

This fall Pine Grove School opened with approximately 620 students. The school continues to offer two full day kindergartens as well as two half day sessions. Parents of full day students pay tuition for half of the day, with a sliding fee scale available for those who need assistance.

Pine Grove students performed very well in last year's MCAS testing. During the fall Professional Development Day, teachers in grades three through six did their annual analysis MCAS data. This information is used by teachers and administration to help focus instruction and to develop new ways to make every child successful.

Grade/ Subject	Students tested	% Advanced	% Proficient	% Needs improving	% Warning/ Failing
3rd Reading	72	19	58	19	3
3rd Math	72	13	49	28	11
4th ELA	83	6	64	22	8
4th Math	83	11	28	48	13
5th ELA	72	22	64	13	1
5th Math	71	20	42	37	1
5th Science	71	18	56	24	1
6th ELA	59	18	56	24	1
6th Math	59	20	68	10	2

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

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-5 have participated in professional development in the Investigations Math Program, which is currently being implemented in these grades. Last year's override provided funding for literacy and math specialists for 2007-2008, positions that are vital to the continued success of our students.

The Pine Grove Safety Committee continues to work diligently to establish and review emergency protocols for potentially dangerous situations that could occur at the school. In collaboration with the Rowley Fire and Police Departments, the Safety Committee has planned and implemented fire, bomb threat, and lockdown drills. Protocols and procedures are continually revisited based on the information that is learned from these drills.

The Pine Grove School Student Council is an active group of fifth and sixth grade students. They assist in the Pine Grove School Store and raise funds to contribute to various charitable organizations. Members of the Student Council also maintain the paper recycling program at Pine Grove School, and organize activities to promote school spirit throughout the grades.

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.

Pine Grove School continues to focus on its mission “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 “Wellness” theme for the 2006-2007 school year was hugely successful. After a kickoff ‘mini field day’ assembly, students participated in activities throughout the year focused on developing habits of health and mind. The before-school “Wake Up and Move” program was well-attended both by students as well as community members.

The spring musical was SRO, and the Link Art Gallery once again is thriving with series of exhibits by both students and visiting artists. It is nice to see the strong commitment to the arts in the Rowley community.

We are grateful to the Town of Rowley and all of the townspeople for their efforts on behalf of the school. The support 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.

TRITON REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Triton Regional Middle School continues to grow as a community committed to meeting the unique needs of young adolescents. Our knowledgeable faculty and staff strive to ensure each student reaches his or her fullest potential. Through a blend of rigorous and challenging curriculums, high quality instruction and expectations, and numerous extracurricular opportunities, Triton Regional Middle School is poised to become the school of choice in the Cape Ann League.

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 470 students enrolled in grades 7 and 8. Projected enrollment for next year is 450.

The MCAS results from the past year show a significant increase in the school's performance. The Middle School made its AYP projected targets for the year and in grade 8 exceeded the State average in all groups. To help facilitate these improvements, the teachers regularly review their curriculum scope and sequence and have begun the process of developing curriculum maps to ensure alignment with the state frameworks. Staff development days have been spent doing an analysis of MCAS data and the development of strategies to meet the identified areas for improvement. Data collected from parent/student and teacher surveys, combined with the results of the MCAS, drive the school's goals outlined in the District Improvement Plan. Classes and individualized instruction provided by the math and literacy specialists helped address the achievement gaps of our identified subgroups.

Giving back to the community continues to be an integral part of the Middle School spirit. Events like the annual canned food drives, the Toys for Tots program, the annual Veteran's Day Assembly and the "Support Our Troops" campaign, help teach our young students about the value of being a positive community member.

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. The Bradford Ski Program continues to be a popular choice with bus loads of students "riding and gliding" every Thursday after school for six weeks. Visual and performing arts programs like Drama Workshop, Select Choir, the School Newspaper, Jazz Band and Art Enrichment offer students an opportunity to express their creativity. The Viking Café and the Viking Boutique, entrepreneurial projects funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Grant, help shape the future business leaders of tomorrow.

The continued success of our school is due in part to the thoughtful participation of family and community members. The School Council provides valuable input into the direction of the school. The Middle School Task Force has been steadfast in their efforts to improve the instructional grouping practices of the school, and the PTA remains committed to helping teachers meet the needs of our students.

I am proud of the accomplishments of our school and I look forward to the many successes of the future.

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. Additionally, our Senior ELA curriculum will be modified to allow for elective selection from several offerings. As we look to move towards a college preparatory model, several other changes will be expanded which will better align us with “high performing” high schools, and thus a greater college entrance success identity.

For the seventh 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 sophomore 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 will continue to strive to offer MCAS preparation assistance for students in need of remediation. Furthermore, we are exploring a web-based program for credit recovery, and hope to make that option a permanent fixture in the immediate future.

As the readers are probably aware, the high school had been placed on warning status by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C), based primarily on the effects of accrued budget cuts leading up to and including the FY07 budget. I am pleased to report that the passing of the FY08 budget – with its associated override – has allowed us to address many of the concerns - both academic and extra-curricular – raised by the commission, and we were notified in October 2007 that our warning status had been removed and replaced by a fully accredited status.

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. The formation of the Freshman Team of faculty members specifically serving freshman students also supplements efforts to help those students succeed.

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. Further, as part of a unifying theme for district goals and objectives initiated by Dr. Halloran and her central office administrative team, an additional action plan addressing MCAS performance and Triton community involvement in supporting the district's Vision and Mission efforts appears in the District Improvement Plan.

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 Community Service group 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. The Triton Education Foundation has also become very involved in supplementing the needs of our school as well as the other district schools. 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. Our visual and performing arts students, in particular, have gained considerable recognition at the regional and state levels.

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.

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TOWN OF ROWLEY

ENROLLMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 2006

Pine Grove School

Elementary	Boys	Girls	Total
Early Childhood	24	25	49
Kindergarten	38	43	81
Grade 1	37	38	75
Grade 2	36	34	70
Grade 3	34	36	70
Grade 4	45	39	84
Grade 5	36	37	73
Grade 6	32	26	58
Total	282	278	560

Triton Regional Middle School

Grade 7 Rowley Students	84
Grade 8 Rowley Students	73
Total	157

Triton Regional High School

Grade 9 Rowley Students	64
Grade 10 Rowley Students	69
Grade 11 Rowley Students	69
Grade 12 Rowley Students	70
Total	272

Other Enrollments as of October 2006

	SPED	10
	Private	18
	Parochial	19
	Public	95
	Total	142

Pine Grove School Enrollment	560
Triton Regional Middle School Enrollment	157
Triton Regional High School Enrollment	272
Other Enrollment	142
Total 2006/2007 Enrollment as of 10/06	1131

July 1, 2006 — June 30, 2007

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Revenue	34,240,046	34,450,189
Expenditures	34,445,188	34,252,261
Excess of Revenues & Transfers	(215,142)	197,928
Over (under) Expenditures		
Fund Balance July 1, 2007		1,021,792
Fund Balance June 30, 2007		827,114

FY 2007 ASSESSMENTS

	Operating Budget	Capital Assessment
NEWBURY	\$7,049,018	\$201,920
ROWLEY	\$6,292,891	\$189,453
SALISBURY	\$7,286,101	\$653,405
Total	\$20,628,010	\$1,044,778

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

Year Ending June 30, 2007

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues		
Assessments to Member Towns	\$21,672,788	\$21,758,788
Intergovernmental	11,894,484	11,929,138
Medicaid	250,000	225,662
Investment Income	110,000	124,664
Miscellaneous (E & D)	83,896	107,823
Insurance and Retirement Contributions	228,878	304,114
Total Revenues	34,240,046	34,450,189
Expenditures		
Administration	448,263	415,299
Instruction	11,935,705	11,727,530
Special Needs Education	5,485,691	5,726,219
School Choice	2,007,889	1,899,633
Transportation	2,388,806	2,372,784
Other School Services	605,787	634,087
Student Activities	2,921	(- 41.)
Operations and Maintenance	2,496,779	2,421,449
Fringe Benefits	5,437,859	5,409,813
Debt Service:		
Principal	2,115,000	2,115,000
Interest	1,530,488	1,530,488
Total Expenditures	34,455,188	34,252,261
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(215,142)	\$ 197,928

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 and Triton Regional School (Triton Regional School District) is given over radio stations WBZ, WHDH, WNBP as well as TV stations WBZ and WHDH.

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WHITTIER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

Whittier offers 20 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-fifth year. To date we have graduated 8,449 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from Rowley: 8

The October 1, 2006 Day School Enrollment:

	Boys	Girls
Grade 9	3	1
Grade 10	0	1
Grade 11	1	0
Grade 12	0	0

Total – 6

2007 Graduates – 0

The cost to Rowley for the school year 2006-2007 was \$100,099.00

**Town Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2008
7:30 PM**

Pine Grove School

**Please Vote
Town Election
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Noon-8:00 p.m.**

**Saint Mary's Church
Please park and enter in rear of building**

Offices and Departments

Following is a list of Town offices and departments. Office and meeting hours are subject to change due to any number of factors. **Please call ahead.**

Accountant: Town Hall - Tuesday through Thursday- 10:30-3:30 – (978) 948-7908
Animal Control Officer - Call Rowley Police in an emergency.
Assessors: Town Hall - Mon- 8:30-8pm, Tues-Thurs 8:30-4:30 Fri-closed to the public
(978) 948-2021. Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 pm in Assessors Office
Board of Health: Annex - Mon-Thurs 9:30-12:30 – (978) 948-2231
Cemetery Commissioners: Rowley Cemetery – (978) 948-2885
Conservation Commission: Annex – Mon through Th 9-12:30 Fri 8:30-12:30. – (978) 948-2330
Council on Aging: Annex- Mon-Thurs 8:30-3:00, Fri 8:30-12:30 – (978) 948-7637
Finance Committee: Meetings as called by Chairman, check postings.
Fire Department: Hammond St. - Mon-Fri 8-4 – (978) 948-3812
Highway Department: Garage, Independent St. –Tues & Th 8am-1 pm – (978) 948-2441
Housing Authority: Office, Plantation Drive, Mon, Tues, Th, Fri 8-12 - (978) 948-2371
Meetings 2nd Friday 10 am
Inspection Dept: Annex--Bldg Insp Mon, 4-5pm, Tu 6:30-8:30 pm-Wed, 1:30-3:30 pm,
Th 6:30-9 am – (978) 948-2186
Plumbing/Gas Inspector Tues & Thurs 7-8:00 am
Wiring Inspector Mon Wed Fri 7-8:30 am. Fax for all inspectors: (978) 948-3796
Library: 141 Main St-Mon & Wed 10-8 pm, Tues & Thurs 3-8:00 pm, Sat 1-5, closed Fri
Summer hours same except open Fri 1-5 pm and closed Sat – (978) 948-2850
Meetings of Trustees 2nd Tuesday of month at Library
Friends of the Library 2nd Wednesday
Light Department: Office, 47 Summer St - Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30 pm – (978) 948-3992
Meeting of Light Board 3rd Tues of month 10:00 am in office
Parks & Recreation: Mon 7 am-2:30 pm, Tues & Wed 7 to 10 am, Th 7-9 am, Fri 7-12
Personnel Board: Meetings as called by Chairman, check postings.
Personnel Administrator: call Selectmen's Office (978) 948-2372
Planning Board: Annex – Mon, Tues,Thurs 10-1 – (978) 948-5549
Meetings every other Wed 7:30 pm Center School
Police Department: 477 Haverhill St. - Business (978) 948-7644 - Emergency 911
Selectmen/Town Administrator: Town Hall - Mon - Thurs 9:00-4:00 Fri 9-noon
(978) 948-2372 Meetings Mondays 7:00 pm Town Hall
Town Clerk: Town Hall-Mon 1-8,Tues,Thur & Fri 8-noon, Wed 8-4:30- (978) 948-2081
Treasurer/Collector: Town Hall-Mon 8-8, Tues - Thurs 8-4:30, Fri 8-12 – (978) 948-2631
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent: Independent St. (978) 948-2441 Leave message.
Triton Regional School District: Pine Grove Main St. 948-2520, Triton 462-8171
Meeting - School Committee, 3rd Wed of month at Triton School Library.
Veteran's Agent: Ipswich Town Hall (978) 356-3915
Water Department: Central Street, Mon-Thurs 8:00 am -2:00 pm, Fri 8-12 (978) 948-2640
Meetings as scheduled by Board, check postings.
Zoning Board of Appeals: (978) 948-2657, leave message.
Meetings as scheduled by Board, check postings.