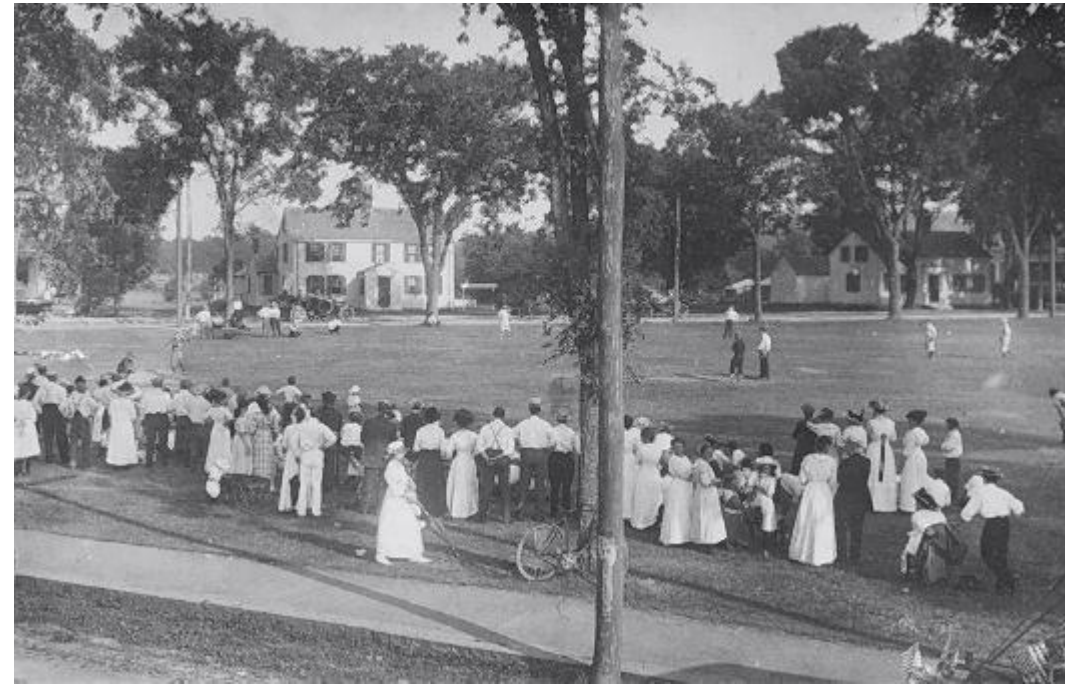


Town of Rowley 2009

TOWN OF ROWLEY – ANNUAL REPORT 2009



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 Census2,783
1970 Federal Census3,006
1980 Federal Census3,860
1990 Federal Census4,452
2000 Federal Census5,500

REGISTERED VOTERS: as of December 31, 2009

Democrat 787
Green-Rainbow 1
Libertarian 9
Republican..... 694
Other..... 1
Unenrolled2,730
Total Registered Voters.....4,222
Total Population5,951

ASSESSED VALUATION: as of January 1, 2009

Real Estate..... 896,373,500
Personal Property 17,739,050

TAX RATE FOR FY 10:

All classes of property 12.50

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, 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: Scott Brown 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, 617-722-2430

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.**

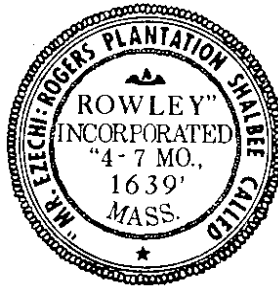
Accountant: Town Hall – Tues 11:15 a.m. -2:45 p.m. Weds and Thurs- 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (978) 948-7908
Animal Control Officer - Call Rowley Police in an emergency.
Assessors: Town Hall - Mon- 8:30 a.m.-8p.m., Tues-Thurs 8:30-4:30 Fri-closed to the public
(978) 948-2021. Meetings 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 p.m. in Assessors Office
Board of Health: Annex - Mon-Thurs 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. – (978) 948-2231
Cemetery Commissioners: Rowley Cemetery – (978) 948-2885
Conservation Commission: Annex – Mon through Thurs 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (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 8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. (978) 948-3812
Highway Department: Garage, Independent St. –Tues & Thurs 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – (978) 948-2441
Housing Authority: Office, Plantation Drive, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.- (978) 948-2371
Meetings 2nd Friday 10:00 a.m.
Inspection Dept: Annex- Bldg Insp. Office hours – Mon – Thurs 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (978) 948-2186
Fax number for all inspectors: (978) 948-3796
Plumbing/Gas Inspector - Mon. & Thurs 7:00 a.m. -8:00 a.m.
Wiring Inspector - Mon & Thurs. 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 am.
Library: 141 Main St-Mon & Wed 10-8 pm, Tues & Thurs 3-8:00 pm, Sat 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., closed Friday
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 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. – (978) 948-3992
Meeting of Light Board 3rd Tues of month 10:00 a.m. in office
Parks & Recreation: Check for meeting postings.
Personnel Board: Meetings as called by Chairman, check postings. (978) 948-7068
Personnel Officer: (978) 948-2705
Planning Board: Annex – Mon, Tues, Thurs 10-1 – (978) 948-5549
Meetings every other Wed 7:30 p.m. Annex
Police Department: 477 Haverhill St. - Business (978) 948-7644 - Emergency 911
Selectmen/Town Administrator: Town Hall - Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Fri 9:00 a.m.- noon
(978) 948-2372 Meetings Mondays 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Town Clerk: Town Hall-Mon 1-8, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8-noon, Wed 8-4:30- (978) 948-2081
Treasurer/Collector: Town Hall-Mon 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Tues - Thurs 8-4:30, Fri 8-12 – (978) 948-2631
Tree Warden: 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 a.m. -2:00 p.m., Fri 8-12 (978) 948-2640
Meetings as scheduled by Board, check postings.
Zoning Board of Appeals: Office hours – Mon – Thurs 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (978) 948-2657.
Meetings as scheduled by Board, check postings.

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*Annual Report
of the
Town of Rowley*



For the year ending December 31

2009

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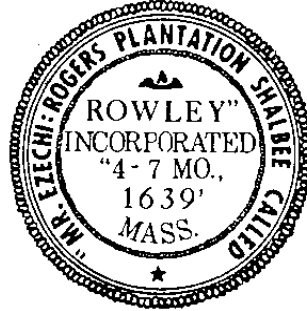
COVER PHOTO FOURTH OF JULY BASEBALL GAME 1913

The Rowley settlers laid out their first house lots on a fairly level plain about equi-distant from Ipswich and Newbury, today referred to as Rowley Village. Through this area flowed a never failing stream, afterward known as the Town Brook. This brook governed to a large extent the laying out of the town, thus assuring all a good supply of good water. Town Brook is all that remains of an ancient Glacial Lake. This accounts for the sandy soil in a large part of Rowley.

A slight elevation near the center was set apart as a site for the Meeting House, Also set aside was a section of level ground as a Training Field or Common and near at hand the Burial Ground. The Training Field was at first near the Meeting House, but sometime after 1659 widow Hobson exchanged land formerly Brigham's for a more convenient Training Field. This land is the present Town Common.

The Common is a vital community element of our town. In this day and age it's heartwarming to see that this open space has remained intact and still serves as a meeting place for community events and public ceremonies. It goes without saying that our Village Green beautifies our town. In many regards a community spirit is still intact in our town and the town common serves as a great meeting place where one can meet our neighbors during an event. It is, after all, quintessential New England and a gem in our community.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The 2009 Town Report is dedicated to
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1936-2010

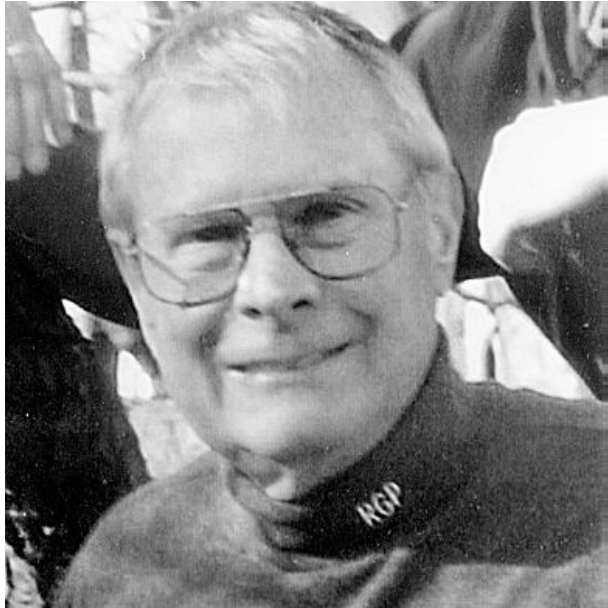


Editor of the 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 Rowley Town Reports

Assisted in the development of the Town of Rowley website

**Created the first electronic version of the Town Report, which she posted on
the Town's website**

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen 2004 - 2008



RONALD G. PERKINS
1932 -- 2009

ROWLEY PERSONAL BOARD
1980 to 1988 - 1993 to 2009
ROWLEY LABOR NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
1983 to 1985

MEDICAL & HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
1984

VOLUNTEER AT PINE GROVE SCHOOL
KOREAN WAR VETERAN

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E. CARL DASCH JR.

1932 -- 2009

ROWLEY BOARD of SELECTMEN

1984 to 1989

ROWLEY BOARD of ASSESSORS

1982 to 1984

TOWN GOVERNMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

1985 to 1987

ESSEX COUNTY SELECTMENS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

1986 to 1989

ROWLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

1987

ELDER SERVICES of MERRIMACK VALLEY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1996 to 2000

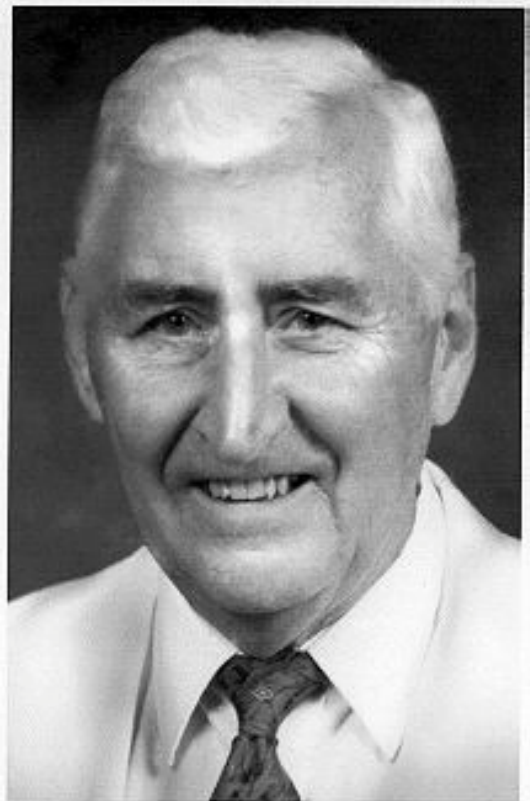
U. S. ARMY VETERIAN

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JOSEPH H. BURKE
1926 -- 2009
ROWLEY DOG OFFICER
1966 to 1970
ROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
1966 to 1970
ASSISTANT WIRE INSPECTOR
1969 to 1972
DEPUTY SHELLFISH WARDEN
1969 to 1972
LIFE MEMBER ROWLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
CABLE TV FACT FINDING COMMITTEE
WORLD WAR II VETERAN

(Photo courtesy of Gary Burke, Rowley, MA)



JAMES F. CULLEN
1920 -- 2009
ROWLEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
1972 to 1977
ROWLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
1975 to 1977
ROWLEY NUCLEAR POWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1971 to 1972
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY
1980 to 1982
WORLD WAR II VETERIAN

(Photo courtesy of the Cullen family)

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Elected Officials of the Town of Rowley

Board of Selectman

David C. Petersen (2010)
Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr. (2010)
Jack L. Cook (2011)
Robert L. Snow (2011)
Richard M. Cummings (2012)

Moderator

Warren G. Appell (2010)

Town Clerk

Susan G. Hazen (2012)

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Jacqueline R. Vigeant (2012)

Highway Surveyor

A. Scott Leavitt (2012)

Board of Assessors

William DiMento (2012)
Diane L. D'Angeli (2010)
Donald Thurston (2011)

Regional School Committee Rowley:

Mary T. Murphy (2012)
Edward Mavragis (2010)
Lane Bourn (2011)

Newbury:

Suzanne W. Densmore (2012)
Frank L. Chiaravalloti (2010)
Diana L. Sullivan (2011)

Salisbury:

Dale Knowles (2012)
Deborah A. Choate (2010)
Holly Beth Janvrin (2011)

Planning Board

Curt Bryant (Appt'd to May 2009)
Jean Marie Pietrillo (2014)
Stuart W. Wells (2010)
Richard Bertelson (2011)
Clifford Pierce (2013)
David F. Jaquith, Associate (2011)

Trustees of the Free Public Library

Aldene Gordon (2009)
Nina Gynan (2009)
Scott Accomando (2010)
Peter Rooney (2010)
Adrienne Mavragis (2010)
Janet Peabody (2011)
Joseph Perry (2011)
David Masher (2011)
Erin Skillman (2012)

Rowley Housing Authority

State Appointee: Warren G. Appell
Jack L. Cook (2014)
Cheryl T. Draper (2010)
Katherine L. Dalzell (2011)
Jacqueline R. Vigeant (2012)

Municipal Light Board

Aldene Gordon (2012)
David Levesque (2010)
G. Robert Merry (2011)

Municipal Water Board

David A. Dalzell (2009)
Scott C. Martin (2010)
Timothy Toomey (2011)
Roy Ricker, Sr. (2012)

Shellfish Commissioners

Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2012)
Charles G. Hazen (2010)
John H. Grundstrom (2011)

Tree Warden

A Scott Leavitt (2012)

Cemetery Commissioners

Jack L. Cook (2009)
Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2012)
Peter Dalzell (2010)
John H. Bradley (2011) – resigned 1/21/09

Constables

Philip Collyer (2012)
Nathaniel N. Dummer (2010)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Accountant	Board of Health
Susan W. Bailey	Charles Costello (2010)
	Susan Elwell (2012)
Agricultural Commission	John Melcher (2011)
Jack Grundstrom (2010)	
Deborah Streiff (2011)	Board of Registrars
Morna Unzer (2010)	Barbara DiMento (2010)
Diane Short (2011)	Mildred Dummer (2010)
George Pacenka (2011)	Gordon Densmore (2010)
Lane Bourn, Alternate (2009)	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2010)
Barry Moore, Alternate (2010)	
Elizabeth Tucker, Alternate (2009)	Bradstreet Land Use Committee
	Susan Jones Moses (2010)
Animal Control Officer	Clifford Pierce (2010)
Reed Wilson (2010)	Thomas Heidgerd (2010)
Carol Laroque (2010)	G. Robert Merry (2010)
	Chris Quigley (2009)
Principal Assessor	Mary Ellen Mighill (2010)
Sean McFadden	Martha Rausch (2010)
	Richard Cummings, Sel. Rep. (2010)
Board of Appeals, Ch. 41 Sec 81	
Donald W. Thurston, Chairman (2013)	Building Inspector
Nathaniel Dummer, Associate (2014)	David Lovering (2012)
Alfred G. Clifford (2010)	Glenn Clohecy, Alternate (2012)
Thomas J. Potts, Jr. (2011)	John Caldwell, Alternate (2009)
Glen A. Pyburn, Associate (2012)	
David Levesque (2014)	Cable Television Advisory Committee
Thomas W. Heidgerd (2012)	Warren Appell (2010)
Joseph Greenwood, Associate (2013)	John R. DiMento (2010)
	Thomas Moses (2010)
Zoning Board of Appeals	Walter Hardy (2010)
Donald W. Thurston, Chairman (2013)	G. Robert Merry (2010)
Nathaniel Dummer, Associate (2014)	Janet Morrissey (2010)
Alfred G. Clifford (2010)	Vincent Pesaturo (2010)
Thomas J. Potts, Jr. (2011)	
Glen A. Pyburn, Associate (2012)	Cannoneer
David Levesque (2014)	G. Robert Merry (2010)
Thomas W. Heidgerd (2012)	
Joseph Greenwood, Associate (2013)	

Community Preservation Committee	Finance Committee
Curtis Turner, Con Com Rep (2011)	John DiMento, Chairman (2010)
Frank Todd, Hist. Dist. Com Rep (2010)	Karen Muzi (2010)
Jean Pietrillo , Planning Bd Rep (2010)	Sharon Emery (2011)
Sue Moses, Open Space Com Rep (2010)	Louis Modini (2011)
Warren Appell, RHA Rep (2012)	Janet Bridges (2011)
Richard Cummings, Bd of Sel Rep (2010)	Peter Censullo (2010)
Kurt Annen (2011)	Diane Lally (2009) <i>resigned</i>
Robert Carpentier (2011)	Vincent Pesaturo (2012)
Michael Quinn (2009)	Steven Roge (2012)
Conservation Commission	Fire Department
Judith H. Kehs (2011)	James C. Broderick, Chief (2012)
Douglas Watson (2011)	Mark Emery, Captain (2012)
Kurt Annen, Associate (2009)	James R. Merry, Captain (2012)
Curtis Turner (2012)	Mark Durkee (2012)
Sam Strieff (2010)	Scott Winfrey (2012)
Brook Todd (2010)	Mark Winfrey (2012)
David Delmonico (2011)	Shawn Roberts (2012)
Robert Garner (2012)	Joseph R Merry (2012)
	Robert Serino (2012)
Conservation Commission Agent	James Chadbourne (2012)
Brent Baeslack	Donald Merry (2012)
	James Condon (2012)
Council on Aging Director	Ron Agrella (2012)
Mary Ellen Mighill	Charles Hazen (2012)
	David Carpentier (2012)
Council on Aging	Darcie Britner (2012)
Robert Kirshner (2012)	Robert M J Hagopian (2012)
Mary Bright (2011)	Roger S Merry (2012)
Joan Lyons (2011)	Jason Merry (2012)
Sumner Haley (2012)	John R Stomboly (2012)
Robert Hagopian (2010)	Richard J Gagnon (2012)
Robert Todd (2010)	Matthew Skelley (2012)
Nina Gynan (2012)	Jesse T Warren (2012)
	John Condelli (2012)
Eight Towns and the Bay Committee	Alan Comeau (2010)
Mark Griffin (2010)	Justin Graham (2010)
Robert J. Carpenter (2010)	Matthew Harrington (2010)
	Gary Dean (2010)
Fence Viewers	Shawn Russell (2010)
Lonnie Brockelbank (2010)	
Richard Caram (2010)	

Forest Fire Warden & Superintendent of The Fire Alarm	Local Emergency Planning Commission
James C. Broderick , Chief (2010)	Kevin Barry, Police Chief (2010) <i>retired 12/09</i>
Mark Emery, Assistant (2010)	James Broderick, Fire Chief (2010)
	Scott Leavitt, Highway Dept. (2009)
	Linda Soucy (2010)
Harbormaster	Frank Marchegiani (2010)
William DiMento (2010)	Mary Ellen Mighill (2010)
Fred Hardy, Assistant (2010)	Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator (2010)
David S. Kent, Assistant (2010)	Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent (2010)
William Jerome, Assistant (2010)	David Petersen , Board of Selectmen (2010)
Frank Price, Assistant (2010)	Roger Merry (2010)
Hazardous Material Coordinator	MBTA Advisory Board
Timothy Toomey (2010)	Richard Cummings, Sel. Rep. (2010)
Historic District Commission/Historical Commission	Merrimac Valley Planning Commission Representative
Richard Cummings (2011)	Robert Snow (2010)
Robert Merry (2009)	
Michael Harney (2011)	Mooring Clerk
Nathaniel Dummer (2010)	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2010)
Sara Bourque (2011)	Barbara DiMento (2010)
Sally Swartz (2011)	
Frank Todd (2011)	Oil Spill Response Team
Jim Mailhoit (2009)	James C. Broderick, Fire Chief (2010)
Robert Cianfrocca (2009)	Kevin Barry, Police Chief (2010) <i>retired 12/09</i>
	Scott Leavitt, Highway Dept. (2010)
Keeper of the Rowley Police Station Lockup facility as required under MGL Ch.40 S 35	William DiMento (2010)
Kevin Barry, Chief of Police (2010) <i>retired 12/2009</i>	Brent Baeslack (2010)
	Open Space Committee
	Lane Bourne (2011)
Library Director	Jane Thomassen (2010)
Pamela Jacobson	Alan Roscoe (2010)
	Robert Carpenter (2010)
Limited Health Agents	Sue Moses (2010)
Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2010)	
David W. Roberts (2010)	Parking Clerk
Barbara DiMento (2010)	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2010)
	Barbara DiMento (2010)
Limited Lighting Bylaw Enforcement Agent	
Frank Marchegiani	
Local Census Liaison for Federal Census	
Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	

Parks and Recreation Committee	Elaine Sferrazza, Res. Disp. (2011)
Michael Quinn (2010)	Brian Norris, Res. Disp. (2011)
Tim Southall (2012)	Pamela A Lutes, FT Disp. (2012)
Mary Ann Levasseur (2010)	Pamela A. Lutes, Matron (2011)
Patricia DiFiore (2010) <i>resigned 2009</i>	Lynne M. Neary, FT Disp. (2011)
Kurt Annen (2010)	Michael Butler, FT Disp. (2011) <i>resigned 2009</i>
Glen Fougere (2010)	Sheri A. David, Res. Ptlm. (2011)
Kara McCormack (2012)	Sheri A. David, Matron (2011)
	Lynne M. Neary, FT Disp. (2011)
Personnel Board	Matthew Serratore, Res. Disp. (2011)
Jack DiMento, Finance Committee (2010)	Thomas Lantych, Res.Ptlm. (2011)
Ronald Perkins, Reg. Voter (2009)	Matthew Ziev, FT Ptlm (2010)
David Petersen (2010)	Charles Hazen, Jr. FT. Disp. (2012)
	Nicholas T. Nielsen, Reg. Res. Disp. (2012)
Plumbing and Gas Inspector	
David Leavitt (2012)	Keeper of the Rowley Police Station
Richard Danforth (2012)	Lockup facility as required under
	MGL Ch. 40, Sec 35
Police Chaplain	Kevin Barry, Police Chief (2010) <i>retired</i>
Robert M.J. Hagopian (2010)	
	Rowley Cultural Council
Police Department	Louise Mehaffey (2009)
Kevin Barry, Chief (2010) <i>retired 12/2009</i>	Mickie Atkinson-Drapeau (2010) <i>resigned</i>
Robert Barker, Deputy Chief (2012)	Jennette Loring (2010)
John Geibel, Lt. Sgt. (2011) <i>retired 8/2009</i>	Susan Chandler (2010)
Joseph J. Gamache, Det. Lt. (2012)	Mary Murphy (2010)
Dorothy M. Tobin, Adm. Asst. (2011)	Heather Ferrara (2010)
R. Perry Collins, Ptlm. FT (2012)	
Thomas M. Hills, Ptlm. FT (2012)	Rowley Emergency Management Agency
Scott P. Hirtle, Ptlm. FT (2012)	(REMA)
Stephen W. May, Sgt. FT (2012)	James Broderick, Director (2010)
David MacMullen, Ptlm. FT (2012)	Scott Leavitt, Assistant Director (2010)
David P. Sedgwick, Ptlm. FT (2011)	Shawn Roberts (2009)
Richard A. Johnson, Ptlm. FT (2011)	Donald Williams (2009)
Robert J. Colby, Jr. Ptlm. Res. (2011)	Roger Merry (2010)
Jeffrey C. French, Ptlm. Res.(2011)	Robert Barker (2009)
Dorothy M. Tobin, Ptlm. Res. (2011)	David Petersen, Bd. Of Sel. (2009)
Sheri A. David, FT Disp. (2012)	
Michael Butler, Ptlm.Res. (2009) <i>resigned</i>	Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant
Charles Hazen, Jr. Res. Ptlm. (2011)	Linda Soucy, Manager
John J. Raffi, Ptlm. FT (2010)	

Sanitary Health Agent	Water Department Superintendent
Edward Gallagher	John Rezza
Shellfish Constable	Wiring Inspector
Jack Grundstrom (2010)	David Levesque (2012)
	G. Robert Merry, Alternate (2012)
Sandy Point Committee Member	
William DiMento (2010)	Wood, Lumber and Bark Surveyor
John Manning (2010)	Floyd Maker, Jr. (2010)
Shellfish Constable (Deputies)	Zoning Administrator
Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2010)	David Lovering (2010)
William DiMento (2010)	
John H. Grundstrom (2010)	
Fred Hardy (2010)	
David S. Kent (2010)	
Charles Hazen (2010)	
Town Administrator/Personnel Officer	
Deborah Eagan	
Town Clerk, Assistant	
Barbara R. DiMento (2010)	
Town Counsel	
Gary Brackett, Brackett & Lucas (2010)	
Veteran's Agent	
Terry Hart, Ipswich	

Administrative Employees of the Town of Rowley

Assistant Accountant

Amy Lydon

Assessor's

Administrative Assistant

Karen Milo

Council on Aging

Administrative Assistant

Carolyn Peabody

Activities Director/Trip

Coordinator

Denise Gilman

Assistant Health Agent

Wendelyn Hansbury

Inspection Department

Secretary

Paula Meagher

IS Coordinators

Sue Bailey

Jackie Vigeant

Planning Board/Board of

Appeals

Administrative Assistant

Maryann Waz

Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Anita Atkinson-Drapeau

Elizabeth Dasch

Louise Mehaffey

Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Doreen Glowik

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Office Supervisor

Laura Hamilton

Treasurer/Collector

Administrative Assistant

Karen Summit

Water Department

Administrative Assistant

Marie Grover

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 18, 2009

Tellers appointed: Peter Koester, 26 Long Hill Rd., Joseph Perry, 7 Bennett Hill Rd.,
Edward Mavragis, 40 Weldon Farm Rd., and Karen Summit, 118 Central St.
Invocation by Rev. Robert M.J. Hagopian of the First Congregational Church.
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Board of Selectmen Chair, David C. Petersen.
Quorum certified by Board of Registrars and Special Town Meeting called to order at 8:09.
STM completed and adjourned at 8:26.
Annual Town Meeting called to order by Moderator Warren G. Appell at 8:27 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 18th day of May, 2009 at 7:30
p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MOTION: Move to suspend further reading of the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting
Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice
unanimous at 8:27 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

MOTION: Move to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called
upon, during the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Jason
Grossfield, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation
Agent; Frank Marchegiani, Coordinator of Health Services; David Lovering, Building Inspector;
James Broderick, Fire Chief; Pam Jacobson, Library Director; John, Rezza, Water
Superintendent; Sandra Halloran, TRSD Superintendent; and William DeRosa, Whittier
Superintendent.

*Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at
8:29 pm.*

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 David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:30 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	\$71,400	\$71,400
Town Clerk	\$38,006	\$38,006
Planning Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$7,109	\$7,109
Surveyor of Highways	\$64,126	\$64,126
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 Richard M. Cummings, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 8:43 pm.

ARTICLE 5. General Omnibus Budget. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,424,562, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$425,262 from Free Cash, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 from Overlay Reserve, for a total of \$12,871,824 to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes and Interest.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Rec.
	General Government				
	Town Moderator				
1	Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	11,155	11,155	11,155	11,155
3	Town Administrator/Pers. Off Salary	76,466	77,208	77,996	77,996
4	Executive Secretary Salary	0	0	43,848	43,848
5	Administrative Assistant Wages	22,808	28,004	18,888	18,888
6	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	Expenses	20,014	14,023	14,117	14,117
8	Copier/Fax Expenses	6,899	7,385	7,385	7,385
9	General Audit Expense	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
10	Sealer of Weights & Measurers Exp	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Finance Committee				
11	Secretary Wages	421	1,404	1,404	1,404
12	Expenses	344	379	379	379
	Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Town Accountant				
13	Accountant Salary	45,836	46,286	48,522	48,522
14	Asst. Accountant Wages	12,422	14,831	14,860	14,860
15	Expenses	3,798	4,659	4,659	4,659
	Board of Assessors				
16	Assessors Stipends	7,368	7,368	7,368	7,368
17	Principal Assessor Salary	71,101	71,826	72,551	72,551
18	Administrative Assistant Wages	17,587	21,084	21,522	21,522
19	Consultant	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
20	Professional Services	11,095	11,505	11,505	11,505
21	Expenses	5,713	6,055	6,055	6,055
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
22	Treas./Collector Salary	70,000	70,700	71,400	71,400
23	Assistant Treasurer Salary	45,910	46,416	46,896	46,896
24	Administrative Assistant Wages	31,182	30,650	31,904	31,904
25	Expenses	31,897	31,943	31,943	31,943

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Rec.
26	Tax Title	9,472	10,517	10,517	10,517
27	Debt Fees & Charges	2,688	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Town Counsel				
28	Professional Fee	48,247	52,600	52,600	52,600
29	Litigation	20,631	38,500	65,000	65,000
	Personnel Board				
30	Expenses	399	399	399	399
	IS Department				
31	Consultant Services	8,127	14,931	14,931	14,931
32	Expenses	2,407	4,491	4,491	4,491
	Town Clerk				
33	Town Clerk Salary	37,260	37,633	38,006	38,006
34	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	1,762	3,283	3,250	3,250
35	Expenses	3,884	4,100	3,850	3,850
	Elections				
36	Wages	2,092	3,580	1,100	1,100
37	Expenses	3,898	7,125	4,000	4,000
	Registrar of Voters				
38	Stipends	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
39	Expenses	2,494	2,600	2,900	2,900
	Conservation Commission				
40	Conservation Agent Salary	43,891	44,416	45,086	45,086
41	Expenses	1,622	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Planning Board				
42	Planning/ZBA Administrative Assistant Wages	21,724	29,049	29,609	29,609
43	Planner Consultant	2,125	9,026	9,026	9,026
44	Merrimack Valley Planning Comm.	1,782	1,800	1,814	1,814
45	Expenses	2,017	2,970	2,970	2,970
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
46	Expenses	1,356	1,680	1,680	1,680
	Agricultural Commission				
47	Expenses			500	500
	Town Hall				
48	Town Hall/Annex Janitor Wages	11,232	12,542	12,620	12,620
49	Expenses	15,861	16,318	14,318	14,318
	Town Hall Annex				
50	Expenses	21,101	16,318	14,318	14,318

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Rec.
	Town Report				
51	Printing & Distribution	5,626	6,594		
	Subtotal	834,064	900,825	954,814	954,814
	Public Safety				
	Police Department				
52	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	127,630	129,599	131,758	131,758
53	Deputy Chief Salary & Other Earnings	90,422	91,577	92,518	92,518
54	Wages	989,426	1,039,631	1,044,141	1,044,141
55	Expenses	127,560	117,350	120,000	120,000
56	Police Cruiser	29,500		30,500	30,500
57	Police Modular Building Lease	30,312	30,312	25,052	25,052
	Constables				
58	Expenses	100	450	400	400
	Fire Department				
59	Fire Chief Salary	70,241	70,941	71,652	71,652
60	Firefighter Wages	122,148	123,900	125,478	125,478
61	Call Firefighter Wages			84,000	84,000
62	Expenses	12,256	11,616	107,593	107,593
63	RVFPA Fire Protection Services	219,477	179,477		
	Ambulance Service				
64	Service Contract	30,000	30,000	0	0
	Inspection Department				
65	Salaries	65,612	65,692	50,500	50,500
66	Wages	3,065	7,901	7,901	7,901
67	Expenses	5,511	5,065	5,065	5,065
	Emergency Management Svcs.				
68	REMA Director Stipend	0	0	3,000	3,000
69	Expenses	2,270	2,187	2,187	2,187
	Animal Inspector				
70	Salary	2,454	2,479	2,505	2,505
71	Expenses	0	200	200	200
72	Rabid Animal Control	820	1,853	1,853	1,853
	Animal Control Officer				
73	Salary	9,685	9,853	9,929	9,929
74	Expenses	842	970	1,970	1,970

	Tree Warden/Moth Control				
75	Salary	6,969	7,039	7,109	7,109

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Rec.
76	Expenses	8,133	8,193	8,193	8,193
	Harbormaster				
77	Salary	5,628	5,685	5,742	5,742
78	Wages	4,873	4,893	4,942	4,942
79	Pumpout Boat Wages.	1,689	1692	1,709	1,709
80	Expenses	3,912	4,000	4,000	4,000
	Shellfish Commission				
81	Commission Salaries	1,100	1,495	1,495	1,495
82	Commission Expenses	505	563	563	563
	Shellfish Constable				
83	Constable Salary	243	243	243	243
84	Constable Expenses	523	563	563	563
	Subtotal	1,972,906	1,955,419	1,952,761	1,952,761
	Schools				
85	Whittier Vocational Assessment	96,375	229,335	248,864	248,864
86	Triton Regional Assessment	7,031,397	7,146,439	7,027,052	7,027,052
87	Triton Capital Assessment	175,150	156,277	281,358	281,358
	Subtotal	7,302,922	7,532,051	7,557,274	7,557,274
	Public Works				
	Highway Department				
88	Snow & Ice Removal	219,021	40,000	60,000	60,000
89	Street Lighting Expenses	0	20,538	22,608	22,608
90	Surveyor's Salary	62,869	63,499	64,126	64,126
91	Wages	130,918	126,074	131,982	131,982
92	Expenses	92,866	92,622	91,622	91,622
93	Highway Truck Lease		9,509	9,509	9,509
	Recycling				
94	Wages	3,005	3,712	3,750	3,750
95	Expenses	7,350	8,510	8,510	8,510
	Fire Hydrants				
96	Expenses	32,900	35,000	35,000	35,000
	Cemetery Commission				
97	Wages	15,724	15,731	15,731	15,731
98	Expenses	1,943	1,947	1,947	1,947
	Subtotal	566,596	417,142	444,785	444,785

	Health & Human Services				
	Board of Health				
99	Coordinator of Health Services & Regulatory Compliance Salary	45,898	46,577	47,042	47,042

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Rec.
100	Sanitary Health Agent	21,182	21,399	21,826	21,826
101	Admin. Asst./Asst. Inspector Wages	23,456	23,741	24,018	24,018
102	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
103	Expenses	6,868	6,900	6,900	6,900
	Council on Aging				
104	Senior Director Salary	32,256	32,582	32,905	32,905
105	Wages	41,428	42,506	42,879	42,879
106	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	294	294	294	294
107	Expenses	11,798	12,779	12,974	12,974
	Veterans Affairs				
108	Veterans Benefits	6,966	11,844	11,844	11,844
109	Eastern Essex Veterans District	16,779	18,457	20,303	20,303
	Handicapped Commission				
110	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Subtotal	207,925	218,269	222,175	222,175
	Recreation/Historic				
	Rowley Public Library				
111	Library Director Salary	45,346	45,801	46,260	46,260
112	Wages	68,835	70,569	71,275	71,275
113	Expenses	79,478	79,035	84,035	84,035
	Recreation Committee				
114	Parks & Recreational Services Coordinator Wages	13,759	7,562	7,562	7,562
115	Expenses	1,598	1,864	1,864	1,864
116	Field Maintenance	15,078	15,078	15,078	15,078
	Town Commons				
117	Expenses	7,923	7,461	7,461	7,461
	Historical				
118	Commission Expenses	204	332	332	332
119	Historic District Commission Exp.	0	70	70	70
	Other				
120	Bay Circuit Committee	0	200	200	200
121	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	888	1,000	1,000	1,000

122	Bradstreet Property Expense	3,211	5,000	5,000	5,000
123	Former Library Building Expense	98	800	800	800
	Subtotal	236,418	234,772	240,937	240,937
	Debt				
124	School Building Principal	334,375	100,000	0	0
125	Landfill Capping Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
126	New Well Land Principal	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Rec.
127	Library Principal	95,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
128	Hunsley Hill Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
129	Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal	20,000	20,000	13,000	13,000
130	Highway Truck Principal	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
131	Bridge Repair Principal			0	0
132	Fire Truck Principal			90,000	90,000
133	Capital Equipment Principal			22,200	22,200
134	School Building Interest	11,940	2,250	0	0
135	Landfill Capping Interest	22,605	20,768	18,930	18,930
136	New Well Land Interest	6,660	6,161	5,662	5,662
137	Library Interest	57,209	53,528	49,928	49,928
138	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	32,093	29,962	27,762	27,762
139	Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest	1,926	1,205	475	475
140	Highway Truck Interest	2,800	2,000	1,200	1,200
141	Bridges Interest	10,000	11,000	72,000	72,000
142	Fire Truck Interest			18,000	18,000
143	Capital Equipment Interest			4,440	4,440
	Subtotal	710,108	452,374	529,097	529,097
	Insurance				
144	Unemployment	0	12,000	12,000	12,000
145	Blanket Insurance	90,638	96,000	96,000	96,000
146	Essex Regional Retirement	428,698	453,618	500,943	500,943
147	Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA	320,427	351,894	361,038	361,038
	Subtotal	839,763	913,512	969,981	969,981
	GRAND TOTAL	12,670,702	12,624,364	12,871,824	12,871,824

The entire omnibus budget was read line by line by Finance Committee Chairman, John R. DiMento and HOLDS (requests for additional information) were called out as budget was read. HOLDS were placed on Line # 51 (Town Report/Printing and Distribution) and Line # 63 (RVFPA Fire Protection Services).

Line #51 - Town Clerk Susan Hazen asked why Line #51 was blank with no funds allocated for the printing and distribution of the 2009 Town Report. BOS Chair David Petersen explained that since a new town bylaw amendment allows the Town Report to be available on the Town website with only a limited number of actual book format reports printed, this line item has been absorbed by other Line Items within the budget.

Line # 63 - RVFPA Member Richard Gagnon of 74 Bennett Hill questioned why the FY10 Budget Request of \$179,477 as submitted by the Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association (RVFPA) was not listed in the Request column, Line 63 of the FY10 Omnibus Budget. BOS Chair Petersen explained that since the BOS had determined that the contract between the Town and the RVFPA does not comply with state law, the Town would not be entering into a contract with the RVFPA for FY10 making Line # 63 obsolete and that the requested funds were moved to Lines 61 (Call Firefighter Wages) and 62 (Expenses). He explained that the call firefighters would now be town employees and paid directly by the town and that the expense line would henceforth be under the control of the Fire Chief. Mr. Gagnon objected again to the decision to leave the RVFPA request line blank. The line remained blank.

Winifred Jarvis of 22 Bradford Street asked if Fire Chief James Broderick had anything he would like to add to the debate. Chief Broderick declined the invitation to speak to the subject.

There being no further holds or discussion, the motion was made by John R. DiMento, seconded by Susan W. Bailey and passed voice unanimous at 9:21 pm.

ARTICLE 6. Water Department Budget. Move the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$861,701** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 2010.

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expended FY 2009</u>	<u>Appropriated FY 2009</u>	<u>Requested FY 2010</u>
	<u>Operating Service</u>			
148	Superintendent Salary	53,986	55,884	57,519
149	Water Department Wages	228,996	259,423	264,514
150	Maintenance & Expenses	344,053	327,966	340,100
	SUBTOTAL	627,035	643,213	662,133
	<u>Debt Service</u>			
151	Water Loop Principal	15,625	0	0
152	Water Loop Interest	348	0	0
153	Pingree Well Principal	55,500	50,500	50,500
154	Pingree Well Interest	35,401	32,847	29,836
155	New Water Building Principal	15,000	10,000	10,000
156	New Water Building Interest	7,273	6,485	5,960
157	Corrosion Control Principal	65,000	65,000	65,000
158	Corrosion Control Interest	13,390	10,872	8,272
159	Loader, SCADA, Motor/Surge, Well #3 Redevelopment Principal	35,000	35,000	0
160	Loader, SCADA, Motor/Surge, Well #3 Redevelopment Interest	2,100	700	0
161	Water Garage Rehabilitation Principal	0	0	20,000

162	Water Garage Rehabilitation Interest	0	5,000	10,000
	SUBTOTAL	244,636	216,044	199,568
	TOTAL	871,671	859,257	861,701
	Plus Article 7 - Indirect Costs	61,536	77,930	88,886
	GRAND TOTAL	933,207	937,187	950,587

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Timothy Toomey, passed voice unanimous at 9:24 pm.

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of **\$88,886** for the items listed in Article 7 of the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant 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 2010.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual Transferred FY 2008</u>	<u>Anticipated Transferred FY 2009</u>	<u>Requested FY 2010</u>
163	County Retirement	29,465	30,226	30,226
164	Employee Health Insurance	17,163	32,631	43,587
165	Life Insurance Premiums	152	512	512
166	Accountant's Fee	3,090	3,090	3,090
167	Treasurer/Collector's Fee	6,458	6,458	6,458
168	Audit	1,650	1,650	1,650
169	Medicare	3,558	3,363	3,363
	TOTAL	61,536	77,930	88,886

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Roy Ricker Sr, passed voice unanimous at 9:25 pm.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

	<u>Actual FY 2008</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2009</u>	<u>Estimated FY 2010</u>
<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
Water Bills	645,631	829,374	870,916
Permits	20,000	45,000	19,904
Merchandising & Jobbing	10,875	22,000	19,767
Special Services	11,776	5,813	5,000
Hydrant Rentals	32,900	35,000	35,000
Subtotal	721,182	937,187	950,587

STARTING BALANCE	375,072	132,048	50,048
REVENUE	721,182	937,187	950,587
EXPENSE	(933,206)	(937,187)	(950,587)
ARTICLES	(31,000)	(82,000)	(30,000)
ANNUAL EXCESS/DEFICIT	(243,024)	(82,000)	(30,000)
AVAILABLE BALANCE	132,048	50,048	20,048

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Department Enterprise Fund the sum of \$30,000 for the Operations and Maintenance Reserve Account for Fiscal Year 2010 for the purpose of emergency funding of unanticipated Water Department Operation and Maintenance Expense emergencies as deemed appropriate by the Board of Water Commissioners and voted in conjunction with a vote of the Finance Committee in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40 Section 6.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Timothy Toomey, passed voice unanimous at 9:27 pm.

Articles 9 – 12 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, municipal street lighting or for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year to the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of the municipal lighting plant under the direction and control of the municipal light board for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, upon condition that, if said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the municipal light board.

Inserted by the Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to an account for use by the Harbormaster in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5G, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Harbormaster

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Cemetery Commission from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account to be used for the care of graves in the Town Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to Article 30 of the May 6, 1996 Annual Town Meeting (Recertification Fund) for the

purpose of completing the State mandated triennial recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee Recommends

MOTION: *Move the Town vote to authorize the flowing accounts and their uses as printed in Articles 9 – 12 on Mage 10 in the May 18, 298 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:*

Article 9: Municipal Light Board- Municipal Lighting Plant annual appropriation

Article 10: Harbormaster – Municipal Waters Maintenance and Improvement Fund

Article 11: Cemetery Commissioners – Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account

Article 12: Board of Assessors – Recertification Fund

Motion by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:29 pm

ARTICLE 13. 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 2010:

	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. [Beginning balance - \$786; Income - \$1,540; Expense - \$1,531; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$795]	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. [Beginning balance - \$10,474; Income - \$6,948; Expense - \$8,731; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$8,691]	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. [Beginning balance - \$2,690; Income - \$0; Expense - \$0; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$2,690]	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. [Beginning balance - \$8,154; Income - \$10,455; Expense - \$14,760; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$3,849]	Expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.
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. [Beginning balance - \$81; Income - \$93; Expense - \$10; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$164]	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	Expenditures not to exceed

	purchase, repair and maintenance of Department equipment. [Beginning balance - \$641; Income - \$6,300; Expense - \$6,941; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$0]	\$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. [Beginning balance - \$8,967; Income - \$2,985; Expense - \$3,970; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$7,982]	Expenditures not to exceed \$6,000.
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. [Beginning balance - \$5,025; Income - \$0; Expense - \$166; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$4,859]	Expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.
9	Board of Cemetery Commissioners – into which one-half (1/2) of cemetery plot grave digging and footings installation fees shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery Department operations. [Beginning balance - \$4,678; Income - \$3,000; Expense - \$150; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$7,528]	Expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.
10	Library – into which receipts from Library services, such as photocopying, faxes 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 and services contracts for the maintenance of said office equipment. [Beginning balance - \$800; Income - \$944; Expense - \$1,322; Ending balance on 3/31/09 - \$422]	Expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.

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, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, and Board of Library Trustees

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The above article consolidates ten standard revolving fund annual renewal authorizations. Article 13 will be taken up and voted under one consent motion.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 9:30 pm.

ARTICLE 14. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$23,787 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 has received \$500,000 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 Mary Ellen Mighill, passed voice unanimous at 9:31pm.

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2010 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:

Summary of recommendations by Category:

Reserve Community Housing	10%	\$49,000.00
Reserve Open Space	10%	\$49,000.00
Reserve Historic Preservation	10%	\$49,000.00
Administration	5%	\$20,000.00

Appropriations

Debt Service for Pingree Farm land acquisition	\$79,500.00
Debt Service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition	\$197,278.00

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley expects to realize approximately \$490,000.00 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$305,200) and matching funds from the state (\$184,800) in fiscal year 2010. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected for each of the following areas: open space, historic preservation and community housing, equaling approximately \$49,000.00 for each area. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation fund. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in Fiscal year 2010 or to be carried over to fiscal year 2011.

Motion by Richard M. Cummings, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed by voice unanimous vote 9:32 pm.

ARTICLE 16. Move the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 23B, providing for an increase of fee to be charged by the Treasurer/Collector for municipal lien certificates.

Inserted by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article would increase current flat \$25.00 fee for municipal lien certificates to the following:

<i>Standard fee</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<i>Farms, forest land & all other real property</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Land with four or more family residences</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Land with commercial, industrial or utility structures</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 9:33 pm.

ARTICLE 17. Move the Town vote to accept as a gift a certain parcel of land located on Main Street, shown on Assessor's Map 27 as Lot 6-3, also shown as Lot 3 on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Land in Rowley, MA, Essex County for Mary Delory Keller et al.", dated October 21, 1997, recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 326, Plan 6, containing 101,210 square feet, more or less; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a deed to the Town for said parcel.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Danversbank is donating a parcel of land located at 340 Main Street, consisting of approximately 2.32 acres to the Town of Rowley. Danversbank foreclosed on the property in 2008.

Motion by Robert Snow, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:34 pm.

ARTICLE 18. Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 40 §4, to enter into an agreement for the rental of a modular building for use by the Police Department for a term not to exceed four years, with the option to renew for an additional four-year period.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: An affirmative vote of town meeting authorizes the Board of Selectmen to continue leasing the modular building currently occupied by the Police Department.

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:35 pm.

ARTICLE 19. Move the Town vote to amend the Town Meeting Bylaw by amending Section 4 by adding the words that appear in **(bold)** parenthesis and deleting the words that appear in *[italics]* brackets:

Section 4: Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant thereof in at least seven (7) public places in the town not less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting. The minimum seven (7) places for posting shall be Town Hall, **(Town Hall Annex)** *[Veteran's Garage]*, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., the Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, **(First National Bank of Ipswich/Rowley Office)** *[Skip's Country Store]*, and Market Basket. Bylaws and other documents approved by Town Meeting and designated for posting shall be in the same seven (7) places.

Inserted by the Town Clerk

Explanatory Note: As this bylaw mandates that warrants, etc. be posted in seven public places, we have determined that these two new locations would provide better public access.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 9:37 pm.

ARTICLE 20. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 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 9:37 pm.

ARTICLE 21. And to meet in Saint Mary's Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 12 NOON to act on the following:

One Selectman	three years
One Moderator	one year
One Treasurer/Tax Collector	three years
One Town Clerk	three years
One Highway Surveyor	three years
One Tree Warden	three years

One Constable	three years
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board Member	five years
One Planning Board Member	three year unexpired
One Rowley Housing Authority Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Water Board Member	three years
One Municipal Water Board Member	two year unexpired
One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	two year unexpired
Three Trustees for Public Library	Three year terms
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 cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 9:38 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 29th day of April in the year two thousand nine.

David C. Petersen, Chairman
Richard M. Cummings, Vice Chairman
Robert Snow, 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
May 1, 2009

Certification: I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify the statements contained above with regard to the Minutes of the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting to be true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 18, 2009

Tellers appointed: Peter Koester, 26 Long Hill Rd., Joseph Perry, 7 Bennett Hill Rd.,
Edward Mavragis, 40 Weldon Farm Rd., and Karen Summit, 118 Central St.
Invocation by Rev. Robert M.J. Hagopian of the First Congregational Church.
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Board of Selectmen Chair, David C. Petersen.
Quorum certified by Board of Registrars and Special Town Meeting called to order at 8:09.

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 18th day of May, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MOTION: Mr. Moderator, I move to suspend further reading of the May 18, 2009 Special Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:15 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)

MOTION: Move to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the May 18, 2009 Annual Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Jason Grossfield, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent; Frank Marchegiani, Coordinator of Health Services; David Lovering, Building Inspector;

James Broderick, Fire Chief; Pam Jacobson, Library Director; John, Rezza, Water Superintendent; Sandra Halloran, TRSD Superintendent; and William DeRosa, Whittier Superintendent.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:17 pm.

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 David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:18 pm.

ARTICLE 4. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from Line 29 (Town Counsel Litigation) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2008 to be added to Line 7 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 19, 2008 to pay for the expenses incurred to hold this Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation of \$19,023.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:19 pm.

ARTICLE 5. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$31,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Account to be used by the Police Chief to purchase a new Police Department cruiser.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town has not purchased a police cruiser since FY 08. It is vital for the Town to maintain a vehicle replacement program as a way to avoid costly repairs for these frontline emergency vehicles

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:20 pm

ARTICLE: 6. Move the Town (a) appropriate \$111,000, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of purchasing the following capital equipment: Fire Department vehicle for \$34,000; Highway Department truck for \$36,000; Fire Department radios for \$16,000; and information services computers and equipment for \$25,000 and (b) authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$111,000 under G.L. Chapter 44 §7 or any other enabling authority to meet such appropriation; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This capital equipment bond serves as the Board of Selectmen's first step in scheduling replacement targets for Town vehicles and information services infrastructure equipment. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:21 pm.

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Water Department Enterprise Fund the sum of \$52,000 for the purpose of replacing the motor center, surge valve and the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at Well #2 – Haverhill Street and to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to take any action necessary to carry out this project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The existing motor center and surge valve is approaching 50 years old and has experienced some recent failures. As Wellfield #2 is our highest production well, the Board of Water Commissioners feels that the upgrade and addition of standby power through the purchase of an emergency generator is necessary for reliable operation under normal and emergency circumstances.

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Timothy Toomey, passed voice unanimous at 8:22 pm.

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town vote to transfer \$11,600.01 from Article 3 (Haverhill Street Water Main) of the June 26, 1996 Special Town Meeting to Article 11 (SCADA Control System) of the May 12, 2003 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$42,748.75.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Roy Ricker, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:23 pm.

ARTICLE 9. Move the Town vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of the private way known as Wilkes Road, situated on the westerly sideline of Cindy Lane and running a distance of 1,695 feet to Harrison Circle, shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Wilkes Road Rowley, Mass.", dated Sept. 5, 2007, revised 9-19-07, to be recorded herewith, this being the roadway shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Plan Wilkes Road, Rowley, Mass. Hayes Engineering", dated September 3, 1996, and amended through August 15, 1997, recorded with Essex South Registry of Deeds as Plan 78 in Plan Book 323, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or deed, the land, easements, and rights therein.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert Snow, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:24 pm.

ARTICLE 10. Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Mass. General Laws c. 40, §4, to enter into a lease agreement for up to ten years for certain property; said lease to be for the purpose of maintaining a fire station on said property for use by the Fire Department; and to be upon such terms and for such length of time as the Board of Selectmen deems proper.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town of Rowley does not own a fire station. In order to lease real property for the use of a fire station by the Rowley Fire Department, the Town must follow the purchasing requirements as set out in Mass. General Laws c.30B §16. Mass. General Laws c. 40 §4 authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement with a private landowner. Motion by Richard M. Cummings, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 8:25 pm.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 18, 2009 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 8:26 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 29th day of April in the year two thousand nine.

David C. Petersen, Chairman
Richard M. Cummings, Vice Chairman
Robert Snow, 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

May 1, 2009

Certification: I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify the statements contained above with regard to the Minutes of the May 18, 2009 Special Town Meeting to be true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

Susan G. Hazen, Town
Clerk
May 20, 2009

Clerk

TOWN ELECTIONS**Selectman - Three year term**

Richard Cummings	400
Write-ins	12
Blank	115

Moderator - One year term

Warren G. Appell	407
Write-ins	6
Blank	114

Treasurer/Tax Collector - 3 year term

Jacqueline R. Vigeant	458
Write-ins	1
Blank	68

Town Clerk - Three year term

Susan G. Hazen	470
Write-ins	1
Blank	56

Highway Surveyor - Three year term

A. Scott Leavitt	432
Write-ins	3
Blank	92

Tree Warden - Three year term

A. Scott Leavitt	421
Write-ins	5
Blank	101

Constable - 3 year term

Philip H. Collyer	408
Write-ins	1
Blank	118
	527

Board of Assessors-Three year term

William J. DiMento	401
Write-in	7
Blank	119
	527

Planning Board - Five year term

Jean Marie Pietrillo	374
Write-ins	4
Blank	149

Planning Board - Three year term

Curtis H. Bryant	373
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Municipal Water Board - Three year term

Roy A. Ricker, Sr	390
Write-ins	3
Blanks	134

Municipal Water Board - Two year term

Timothy A. Toomey	382
Write-ins	5
Blank	140

Shellfish Commissioner - 3 years

Stuart L. Dalzell, Jr.	397
Write-ins	8
Blank	122

Cemetery Commissioner - 3 years

Jack L. Cook	370
Write-ins	16
Blank	141

Cemetery Commissioner - 2 years

Stuart L. Dalzell, Jr.	259
Scott C. Martin	197
Write-ins	4
Blank	67

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

Erin L. Skillman	389
Write-in: Jacob Golblitz	22
Write-in: other	7
Blank	1163

Regional School District Committee*One From each Town***NEWBURY member - Three year term**

Suzanne W. Densmore	357
Write-ins	6
Blank	164

ROWLEY member - Three year term

Mary T. Murphy	235
Darlene J. Doucot	250
Write-ins	3
Blank	39

SALISBURY member - Three year term

Write-ins 5
Blank 149

Rowley Housing Authority - Five year term

Jack L. Cook 364
Write - ins 17
Blank 146
527

Municipal Light Board - Three year term

Aldene E. Gordon 408
Write-ins 4
Blank 115

Dale Knowles 208
Linda Marie Litcofski 100
Write-ins 3

Blank 216

Referendum:

Shall the Town of Rowley cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

YES 336
NO 107
Blank 84

**PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY**

DEMOCRATIC
Ballots Cast: 1067

**PRESIDENTIAL
PREFERENCE**

John R. Edwards 22
Hillary Clinton
Joseph H. Biden, Jr. 6
Christopher J. Dodd 0
Mike Gravel 0
Barack Obama 451
Dennis J. Kucinich 4
Bill Richardson 0
No Preference 4
Write-ins 5
Blank 0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Daniel J. Lauzon 618
Write-ins 7
Blank 442

**STATE COMMITTEE
WOMAN**

REPUBLICAN
Ballots Cast: 947

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

John McCain 390
Fred Thompson 2
Tom Tancredo 0
Duncan Hunter 1
Mike Huckabee 34
Mitt Romney 488
Ron Paul 23
Rudy Giuliani 7
No Preference 1
Write-ins 1
Blank 0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

John N. Racho 636
Write-ins 5
Blank 306

Kathleen A. Pasquina	636
Write-ins	8
Blank	423

TOWN COMMITTEE (35)**Group:**

Stanley J. Slepoy	411
Joan Carol Petersen	550
Clifford M. Pierce	469
Scott C. Martin	463
Lane Bourn	501
Stuart W. Wells	415
Deborah R. Rabinovitz	443
Hilary A. Odoy	465
Richard C. Hydren	406
Winnifred M. Jarvis	466
Nicholas P. Taylor	423
Nancy Cribari	432

Non-Group:

Robert P. Brodsky	173
Antoinette Treadway	191
Kurt D. Annen	17
Mary Annen	17
Curt Bryant	21
Carol DeForrest	17

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Christina A. Bain	614
Write-ins	3
Blank	330

TOWN COMMITTEE (10)

John E. Grundstrom	530
John H. Grundstrom	514
Helen G. Grundstrom	492
Doris P. Bradstreet	548
Frank P. Todd, Jr.	537
Susan M. Story	513
Steven P. Story	513
Elizabeth A. Dagres	479
Henretta M. Roberts	514
Write-in	11
Blanks	4803

DEM TOWN COMMITTEE (cont'd)**Non-Group:**

Bonita DiMarino	18
Judith Kehs	19
Sally Taylor	17
Roy Webber	18
Robert Cianfrocca	12

GREEN-RAINBOW BALLOT*Ballots Cast: 2***PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Jared Ball	0
Ralph Nader	2
Elaine Brown	2
Kat Swift	0
Cynthia McKinney	0
Kent Mesplay	0
No Preference	0
Blank	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	2
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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	2
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TOWN COMMITTEE (10)

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	20
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WORKING FAMILIES BALLOT*Ballots Cast: 0***PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	0
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STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	0
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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	0
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TOWN COMMITTEE (10)

Blank (No Candidate Listed)	0
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STATE PRIMARY**DEMOCRATIC: 325****SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

John F. Kerry	175
Edward J. O'Reilly	147
Write-in	0
Blank	3

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John F. Tierney	244
Write-in	7
Blank	74

COUNCILLOR

Mary-Ellen Manning	164
Timothy P. Houton	100
Write-in	1
Blank	60

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Write-in	38
Blank	287

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Harriet L. Stanley	232
Write-in	11
Blank	82

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Pamela Casy	
O'Brien	220
Write-in	2
Blank	103

REPUBLICAN:**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Jeffrey K. Beatty
Write-in
Blank

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Richard A. Baker
Write-in
Blank

COUNCILLOR

Write-in
Blank

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Bruce E. Tarr
Write-in
Blank

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Write-in
Blank

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Write-in
Blank

WORKING FAMILIES PARTY - Zero Ballots Cast**GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY - Zero Ballots Cast**

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**Electors of President and Vice President**

Baldwin and Castle	3
Barr and Root	18
McCain and Palin	1690
McKinney and Clemente	4
Nader and Gonzalez	25
Obama and Biden	1681
Write-ins	15
Blank	13

Senator in Congress

John F. Kerry	1752
Jeffrey K. Beatty	1517
Robert J. Underwood	98
Write-ins	3
Blanks	79

Representative in Congress

John F. Tierney	1875
Richard A. Baker	1426
Write-in	4
Blank	144
	3449

Councillor

Mary-Ellen Manning	2294
Write-in	49
Blank	1106

Senator in General Court

Bruce E. Tarr	2723
Write-in	29
Blank	697

Representative in General Court

Harriet L. Stanley	2487
Write-in	46
Blank	916

Register of Probate

Pamela Casey O'Brien	2271
Write-in	38
Blank	1140

Question #1

Blank	55
YES	1260
NO	2134

Question #2

Blank	34
YES	2223
NO	1192

Question #3

Blank	54
YES	1717
NO	1678

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Tax Report 2009

Real Estate:	Taxes Committed	10,283,100.83
	Taxes Collected	(10,152,849.24)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(41,713.84)
	Subsequent Tax Taking	(87,320.47)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2009	1,217.28
Personal Property:	Taxes Committed	217,016.59
	Taxes Collected	(216,791.05)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(32.55)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2009	192.99
Motor Vehicle:	Taxes Committed	810,643.90
	Taxes Collected	(780,032.95)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(18,380.58)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2009	12,230.37

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Vigeant

Salaries and Wages of Town Employees

	Base Pay & Other Earnings		Base Pay & Other Earnings
<u>Accounting</u>		<u>Harbor Master</u>	
Susan Bailey	47,334.00	William DiMento	2,871.00
Amy Lydon	2,903.00	Frederick Hardy	3,304.00
		David Kent	997.00
<u>Administration</u>		Bradley Maravalli	4,714.00
Warren Appell	100.00	Frank Price	493.00
Jack Cook	2,231.00		
Richard Cummings	2,231.00	<u>Highway Department</u>	
Stuart Dalzell	2,231.00	A. Scott Leavitt	71,343.00
David Petersen	2,231.00	Jeffrey Bolduc	44,696.00
Robert Snow	2,231.00	Tyler Ferrick	3,472.00
Deborah Eagan	77,656.00	Ronald Keefe	51,622.00
Anita Atk-Drapeau	12,170.00	Patrick Snow	40,789.00
Beth Dolan	557.00		
Doreen Glowik	41,514.00	<u>Inspections</u>	
Louise Mehaffey	3,449.00	David Lovering	25,597.00
Richard Caram	17,338.00	John Caldwell	211.00
Calvin Cockman	1,458.00	Richard Danforth	146.00
Linda Parker-Tuxbury	253.00	David Leavitt	9,343.00
Reed Wilson	12,377.00	David Levesque	11,579.00
		Paula Meagher	2,398.00
<u>Assessor</u>		Robert Merry	642.00
Diane D'Angeli	2,456.00		
William DiMento	2,456.00	<u>Library</u>	
Donald Thurston	2,456.00	Pamela Jacobson	46,054.00
Sean McFadden	72,034.00	Mary Bright	4,877.00
Karen Milo	17,704.00	Xenda Casavant-Laramie	9,027.00
		Barbara Collins	5,114.00
<u>Board of Health</u>		Richard Cormier	1,508.00
Frank Marchegiani	47,250.00	Monique Costello	505.00
Edward Gallagher	21,495.00	Eileen Fitzgerald	17,052.00
Wendelyn Hansbury	25,432.00	Hermayne Gordon	1,297.00
		Jean Haggerty	2,277.00
<u>Cemetery Department</u>		Joan Lyons	6,721.00
Jack Cook	3,223.00	Brendan McConaghy	805.00
Dylan Burke	536.00	Alfred McGrath	3,067.00
Peter Dalzell	7,873.00	Annamarie McGrath	5,160.00
Stuart Dalzell Jr.	4,129.00	Veronica O'Leary	158.00
Gavnor Travis	3,876.00	Brad Pyle	1,432.00
James Prime	308.00	Amelya Sabatini	1,562.00
		Lisa Tummino	1,403.00
<u>Council on Aging</u>		Catherine Woodall	1,876.00
Mary Ellen Mighill	33,761.00		
Denise Gilman	23,348.00		
Carolyn Peabody	15,274.00		
Lucia Picanso	7,759.00		
Henry Wilson	1,693.00		
<u>Conservation Department</u>			
R. Brent Baeslack	44,662.00		

	Base Pay & Other Earnings		Base Pay & Other Earnings
<u>Light Department</u>		<u>Water Department</u>	
Linda Soucy	103,590.00	John Rezza	55,272.00
Mark Anderson	110,338.00	Marie Grover	36,976.00
Mark Bixby	102,060.00	Jess Hurley	7,591.00
Matthew Brown	1,467.00	Jason Kneeland	71,361.00
Eric Grover	74,469.00	Jason Masse	86,731.00
Brian Herdman	16,701.00	Debra Monahan	863.00
Kenneth Keyes	29,974.00	Ralph Renzulli	10,040.00
Sean LaBelle	64,306.00	Robert Swiniarski	39,870.00
Linda Libert	30.00		
Dennis Morrison	92,647.00	<u>Fire Department</u>	
Nancy Teel	61,521.00	James Broderick	72,834.00
Frederick Underwood	6,537.00	Mark Emery	61,851.00
		James R. Merry	62,021.00
<u>Planning/ZBA</u>			
Maryann Tuxbury	23,037.00	<u>Call Fire Fighter</u>	
		Ronald Agrella	798.00
<u>Shellfish Constable</u>		Darcie Britner	476.00
John E. Grundstrom	2,553.00	David Carpentier	2,194.00
John H. Grundstrom	1,392.00	James Chadbourne	1,732.00
		Alan Comeau	945.00
<u>Town Clerk</u>		John Condelli	169.00
Susan Hazen	38,403.00	James Condon	522.00
Barbara DiMento	1,920.00	Gary Dean	346.00
		Michael Durkee	861.00
<u>Board of Registrars</u>		Richard Gagnon	933.00
Barbara Collins	562.00	Justin Graham	1,216.00
Barbara DiMento	562.00	Robert Hagopian	904.00
Mildred Dummer	562.00	Matthew Harrington	262.00
Gordon Densmore	562.00	Donald Merry	1,831.00
		Jason Merry	158.00
<u>Elections</u>		Joseph Merry	4,750.00
Philip Collyer	205.00	Roger Merry	2,682.00
Nathaniel Dummer	170.00	Shawn Roberts	1,151.00
Winnifred Jarvis	115.00	Shawn Russell	86.00
Robert Johnson	217.00	Robert Serino	1,825.00
Susan Leach	152.00	Matthew Skelley	998.00
Marion Madden	37.00	John Stomboly	859.00
Enes Modini	189.00	Jesse Warren	287.00
Marion Musial	94.00	Mark Winfrey	1,765.00
		Scott Winfrey	736.00
<u>Treasurer/Collector</u>			
Jacqueline Vigeant	72,084.00		
Laura Hamilton	50,129.00		
Karen Summit	22,516.00		

	<u>Base Pay & Other Earnings</u>	<u>Detail Pay</u>
<u>Police Department</u>		
Kevin Barry	131,759.00	
Robert Barker	92,502.00	
Michael Butler	35,104.00	
Robert Colby Jr.	5,882.00	3,386.00
Perry Collins	66,157.00	24,819.00
Sheri David	33,659.00	172.00
Jeffrey French	11,970.00	6,446.00
Joseph Gamache	65,008.00	1,161.00
John Geibel	55,975.00	
Charles Hazen Jr	41,255.00	1,887.00
Thomas Hills	63,473.00	3,908.00
Scott Hirtle	59,867.00	
Richard Johnson	64,555.00	
Thomas Lantych	2,411.00	
Pamela Lutes	27,750.00	
David MacMullen	66,267.00	3,265.00
Stephen May	103,949.00	10,253.00
Lynne Neary	39,150.00	
Nicholas Nielsen	23,710.00	2,351.00
Brian Norris	2,579.00	
John Raffi	62,981.00	11,327.00
David Sedgwick	82,041.00	9,293.00
Matthew Serratore	2,659.00	
Elaine Sferrazza	8,588.00	
Dorothy Tobin	52,026.00	975.00
Matthew Ziev	71,340.00	9,970.00
Total Detail	89,213.00	
Total In Town Detail	51,582.00	
Out of Town Detail	37,631.00	
Grand Total:	3,724,928.00	
Respectfully submitted,		
Jacqueline R. Vigeant		
Treasurer		

Salaries – Triton Regional School District

Position	Name	FTE	Salary
COMM. MEMB.	N – DINA SULLIVAN	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	N – SUZANNE DENSMORE	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	N – FRANK CHIARAVALLOTI	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	R – EDWARD MAVRAGIS	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	R – LANE BOURN	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	R – MARY MURPHY	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	S – DEBORAH CHOATE	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	S – SUSAN FISH	1.0	\$ 1000
COMM. MEMB	S – HOLLY JANVRIN	1.0	\$ 1000
SUPERINTENDENT	SANDRA HALLORAN	1.0	\$156,392
ASST. SUPERINTENDENT	KATHLEEN WILLIS	1.0	\$ 117,000
SBA	BRIAN FORGET	1.0	\$ 103,000
ADM. OF SPECIAL EDUCATION	CHRISTINE KNEELAND	1.0	\$ 103,000
COORDINATOR EARLY CHILDHOOD	KATHLEEN MURPHY	0.6	\$ 43,149
COORD. HEALTH	SUSAN FALLON	0.6	\$ 44,295
MUSIC	KEVIN CARUBIA	1.0	\$ 59,955
ART	JENNIFER DUBIS	0.2	\$ 8,888
ELL	JEANNE ARANGO	1.0	\$ 64,920
G & T	DONNA CHURCH	1.0	\$ 73,389
SPEC. PROG. COOR.	CARLA COLLINS	1.0	\$ 62,807
TECHNICIAN	JEREMY HAMOND	1.0	\$ 77,000
MAN. FAC./GRDS	CHRISTOPHER WALSH	1.0	\$57,687

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

We are pleased to report that we have completed one of largest public works projects that Town has undertaken in its history – the complete rebuilding of three town bridges. The Dodge Road Bridge, and the Bachelder and Taylor Bridges on Wethersfield Street all sustained serious structural damage as a result of the May 2006 Mother's Day storm. The Dodge Road Bridge was opened in May 2009 and the Bachelder Bridge was opened in July 2009. The Taylor Bridge was opened in 2008. The opening of these bridges closes a long chapter in our Town's history.

In January 2009, the Board of Selectmen lost a dedicated town servant, Ronald G. Perkins, a long-standing member and chairman of the Personnel Board. Ron served the Personnel Board from 1980 to 1988 and was re-appointed in 1993 and served until he died on January 30, 2009. He provided expertise to the Board of Selectmen on a wide range of personnel, human resources and labor relations issues.

The Town's first and only Revolutionary War monument was created and dedicated during a ceremony held on Independence Day, July 4, 2009 on the Town Common. The monument is significant because it is made from stone that came from the original portion of the Parker River Bridge in Newbury, dating back to 1758. In 1789 President George Washington crossed over the bridge while on a tour of New England. The Board thanks the efforts of many residents in creating this monument, with special thanks to Robert Merry for making his vision of this monument a reality for all of us to appreciate.

In 2009, Action Ambulance Service, Inc. became the Town's ambulance service provider. Action, with ambulances located within close proximity to the Town, has provided a high-level of service for the past year at no cost to the Town.

In 2009, the Town contracted for an emergency reverse 9-1-1 communication system. Through this system, town officials can contact residents by home or cell phone to relay important messages. Town officials use this system as a way to update residents on emergency situations, such as power outages and road closures, or to get other important town messages to the residents, such as town meeting and election reminders, mosquito spraying or hydrant flushing.

In July 2009, we filled the executive secretary position. Doreen Glowik was hired to fill this position, which had been unfunded and vacant since 2003. This is a key staff position to our department.

The Town's first call fire department was established in 2009. The Town's call fire department force is made up of approximately 28 call firefighters. The Town previously contracted through the Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association, Inc., a private firefighting organization. The re-organization of the Fire Department leads to the Town's first appointments of career full-time captains. The Town's two full-time firefighters, Mark Emery and Ron Merry were promoted and appointed captains in December 2009.

In 2009, the Board of Selectmen voted to join the National Flood Insurance Program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is in the process of updating and expanding flood zones. Rowley was one of two municipalities in Massachusetts that had not joined the National Flood Insurance Program. By joining the program, residents are eligible to purchase flood insurance through the program.

At the end of December 2009, we bid farewell to our long-standing police chief, Kevin Barry, who retired after serving 26 years as the chief of the Rowley Police Department.

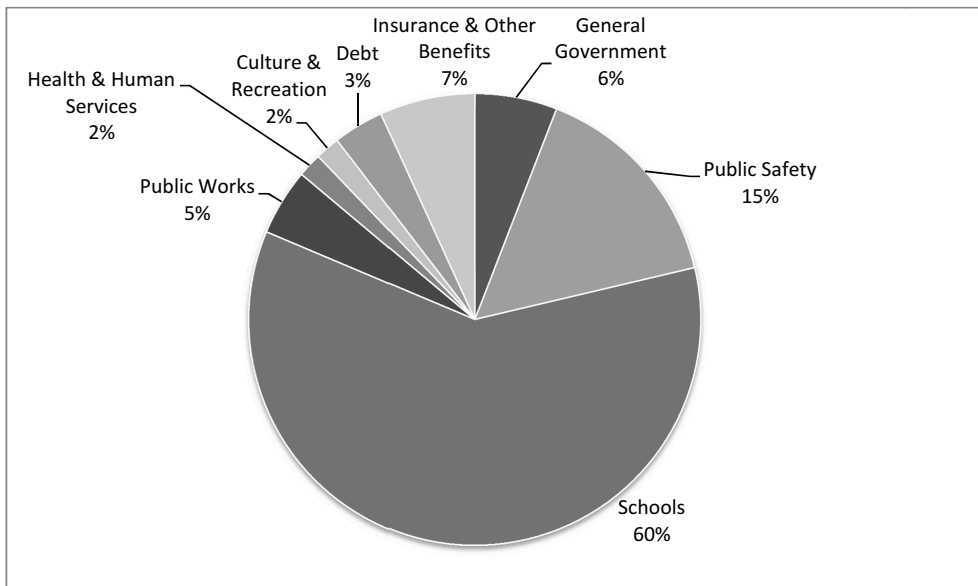
As we write this report at the end of 2009, we continue to face fiscal challenges, as revenues drop and the need for services increase.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

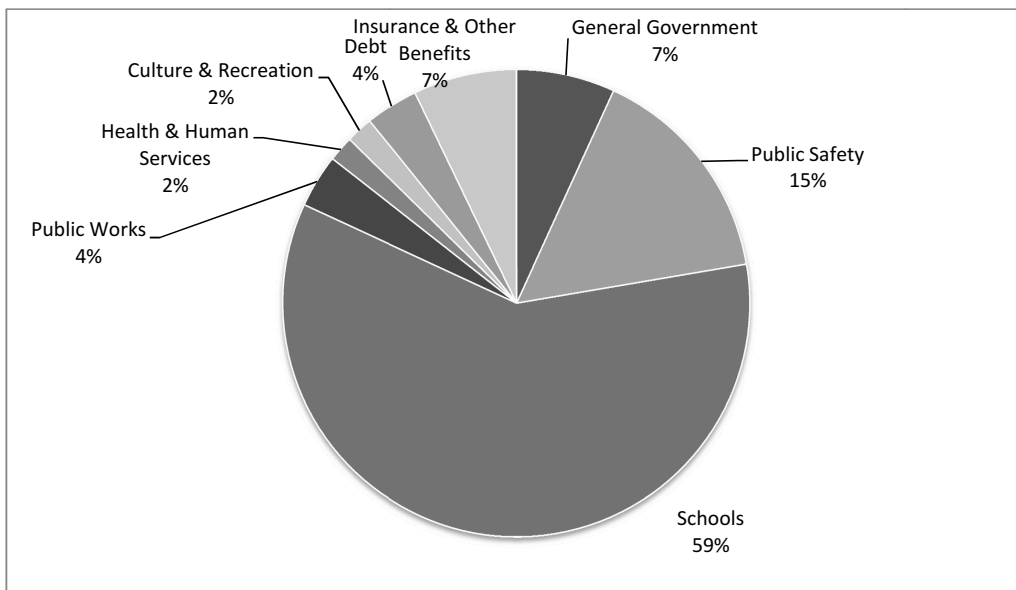
Omnibus Budget Distribution FY 08 – FY 10

Department	Expended FY 08		Expended FY 09		Budgeted FY 10	
General Government	\$784,066	6%	\$739,973	6%	\$865,191	7%
Public Safety	\$2,005,806	16%	\$1,933,010	15%	\$1,958,124	15%
Schools	\$7,302,922	58%	\$7,531,014	60%	\$7,532,051	60%
Public Works	\$533,696	4%	\$596,646	5%	\$466,777	4%
Health & Human Services	\$207,923	2%	\$216,534	2%	\$221,464	2%
Culture & Recreation	\$236,418	2%	\$218,840	2%	\$236,312	2%
Debt	\$710,107	6%	\$451,818	4%	\$458,374	4%
Insurance & Other Benefits	\$839,763	7%	\$855,430	7%	\$907,412	7%
TOTAL	\$12,620,701		\$12,543,265		\$12,645,705	

FY 09 Expended



FY 10 Budgeted



Article Balances as of 2/28/2010

Account Number	Account Name	FY 2010		
		Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-122-5213-101	Federal Single Audit SA25 5/08	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
01-122-5225-101	GASB 45 Consultant A18 5/07	10,000.00	7,675.00	2,325.00
01-122-5245-101	Hunsley Hills Management SA20 5/01	2,337.84	0.00	2,337.84
01-122-5250-101	Storm water Map SA13 11/07	725.00	0.00	725.00
01-122-5255-101	Storm water Phase II SA5 5/04	87.45	0.00	87.45
01-122-5700-101	Olde Nancy A16 5/76	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-122-5850-101	Laser Scanner SA19 11/01	550.00	0.00	550.00
01-122-5870-101	Engineer West Ox Pasture Lane SA34 11/01	4,190.00	0.00	4,190.00
01-122-5872-101	Office Furniture A30 5/02	267.00	0.00	267.00
01-122-5875-101	Police & Fire Study SA14 10/08	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-142-5303-106	Recertification A12 5/08 & A11 5/07	54,425.60	4,000.00	50,425.60
01-142-5305-126	Recertification A12 5/09	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
01-161-5800-103	Computer - Town Clerk SA7 12/00	510.83	0.00	510.83
01-188-5420-100	Agricultural Commission Expenses SA29 11/04	395.86	279.93	115.93
01-193-5535-101	Repair Town Hall Roof Leaks SA23 5/01	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
01-193-5545-101	Paint Interior of Town Hall A31 5/01	484.30	51.67	432.63
01-193-5550-101	Town Hall Roof SA15 11/07	5,550.00	0.00	5,550.00
01-194-5510-101	Repair 2nd Floor of Annex A22 5/00	10,385.00	0.00	10,385.00
01-194-5810-101	Annex Burglar Alarm SA7 5/01	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
01-194-5820-101	Annex Basement Doors A32 5/01	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
01-211-5875-100	Police Station Roof SA16 11/07	16,000.00	12,389.00	3,611.00
01-218-5200-100	Fire Station Design A26 5/04	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
01-296-5485-104	Municipal Waterways A10 5/08	219.80	0.00	219.80
01-296-5490-124	Municipal Waterways A10 5/09	1,726.00	0.00	1,726.00
01-300-5810-101	Purchase Land Adjacent to PG School A14 5/98	1,862.73	0.00	1,862.73
01-300-5850-101	PG School Septic Work SA8 5/02	470.00	0.00	470.00
01-300-5855-101	PG School Painting & Carpets A29 5/02	180.40	0.00	180.40
01-426-5840-105	Highway Truck with Plow A19 5/07	28.60	0.00	28.60
01-426-5845-111	Fox Meadow Bond SA13 1/10	57,000.00	0.00	57,000.00
01-433-5805-101	Landfill Test Well SA5 10/98	824.35	0.00	824.35
01-491-5531-100	Perpetual Care A11 5/08 & A10 5/07	1,197.06	0.00	1,197.06
01-491-5535-120	Perpetual Care A11 5/09	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-491-5550-100	Work on Section 'G' A40 5/90	106.46	0.00	106.46
01-491-5560-100	Repair Storage Building SA14 5/99	846.55	0.00	846.55
01-491-5570-100	Grade, Clear Section 'G' A25 5/99	9,223.08	0.00	9,223.08
01-491-5810-100	Expand Sections G & H A15 5/07	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
01-491-5815-110	Cemetery Fence Repairs SA11 1/10	31,430.00	0.00	31,430.00

01-545-5500-101	Handicap Access / Bath A66 5/89	3,216.57	0.00	3,216.57
01-630-5825-101	Renovate Land at PG School A39 5/99	240.35	0.00	240.35
01-630-5830-111	Eiras Playground Repairs SA 12 1/10	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
01-650-5800-101	Bradstreet Expenses SA10 5/07	8.41	0.00	8.41
01-650-5810-101	Bradstreet Purchase Costs SA16 5/07	17,921.19	5,942.75	11,978.44
01-652-5800-101	Bradstreet Plaque SA14 5/01	183.25	0.00	183.25
01-698-5420-101	Old Library Expenses SA7 5/04	44.85	0.00	44.85
01-710-5969-122	MA Water Poll Abate Trst Principal A14 5/09	23,787.00	10,150.14	13,636.86
		329,225.53	40,488.49	288,737.04

TOWN OF ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCED SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008
UNAUDITED

	Governmental Fund Types			Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	(Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water	Light	Trust and Agency	Long-Term Obligations Group	Combined Totals
ASSETS								
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	1,184,893	2,367,660	267,947	225,311	4,117,564	373,600		8,536,975
INVESTMENTS								
Investments						306,543		306,543
RECEIVABLES								
Real Estate and Personal Property	93,690	363,032						456,722
Tax Liens	248,195							248,195
Excise Taxes	81,160							81,160
Other	27,219	8,500		37,081	130,792			203,592
OTHER ASSETS	213,417	10,148		7,061,477	4,168,258	11,691		11,464,991
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RET. OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS							5,824,375	5,824,375
TOTAL ASSETS	1,848,574	2,749,340	267,947	7,323,869	8,416,614	691,834	5,824,375	27,122,553
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Deferred Revenues	450,264	7,461						457,725
Other Liabilities	130,294	22,277		19,402	1,507,596	319,128		1,998,697
Notes Payable		-	300,000					300,000
Bonds				1,016,000	440,000		5,824,375	7,280,375
TOTAL LIABILITIES	580,558	29,738	300,000	1,035,402	1,947,596	319,128	5,824,375	10,036,797
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for:								
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	543,838	1,668,760		90,412				2,303,010
Nonexpendable Trust						47,637		47,637
Unreserved	724,178	1,050,842	(32,053)	6,198,055	6,469,018	325,069		14,735,109
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,268,016	2,719,602	(32,053)	6,288,467	6,469,018	372,706	-	17,085,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1,848,574	2,749,340	267,947	7,323,869	8,416,614	691,834	5,824,375	27,122,553

TOWN OF ROWLEY,
MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
2009
Unaudited

	Governmental Fund Types					Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
		Special	Capital				Long- Term	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS	General	Revenue	Projects	Water	Light	Trust and Agency	Obligations Group	Combined Totals
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	1,374,281	2,383,020	699,114	313,048	5,434,213	423,560		10,627,236
INVESTMENTS								
RECEIVABLES						314,648		314,648
Real Estate and Personal Property	(85,157)	502,861						417,704
Tax Liens	183,234							183,234
Excise Taxes	74,885							74,885
Other	30,107	4,372		71,279	169,518			275,276
OTHER ASSETS	96,896	48,636		7,049,667	4,302,600			11,497,799
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RET.								
OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS							5,874,725	5,874,725
TOTAL ASSETS	1,674,246	2,938,889	699,114	7,433,994	9,906,331	738,208	5,874,725	29,265,507
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Deferred Revenues	213,069	7,194						220,263
Other Liabilities	151,417	61,389	26,596	26,364	1,745,039	314,799		2,325,604
Notes Payable		-	1,800,000					1,800,000
Bonds				955,500	330,000		5,874,725	7,160,225
TOTAL LIABILITIES	364,486	68,583	1,826,596	981,864	2,075,039	314,799	5,874,725	11,506,092
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for:								
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	210,940	1,688,459		203,678				2,103,077
Reserved for Expenditures	447,262							447,262
Reserved for Appropriation Deficit	(154,426)							(154,426)
Nonexpendable Trust						223,241		223,241
Unreserved	805,984	1,181,847	(1,127,482)	6,248,452	7,831,292	200,168		15,140,261
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,309,760	2,870,306	(1,127,482)	6,452,130	7,831,292	423,409	-	17,759,415
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1,674,246	2,938,889	699,114	7,433,994	9,906,331	738,208	5,874,725	29,265,507

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In fiscal year 2010 the Board of Assessors with the assistance of Vision Appraisal Technology Inc. of Northborough, Mass, completed an interim adjustment that resulted in valuation adjustments to all classes of property. 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 2010 interim adjustment with the assessment date of January 1, 2009 the sales used to determine the assessments are those that occurred in calendar year 2008.

Below is a table of the fiscal year 2010 parcel counts, valuations and taxes for the main property classes in Town:

FISCAL YEAR 2010					
Tax Classification	Parcel Count	Assessed Value by Class	Tax Rate	Tax by Class	% of Total Value by Class
Residential	2251	747,827,072	12.50	\$9,347,838	81.8091%
Open Space	55	138,400	12.50	\$1,730	0.0151%
Commercial	228	70,910,488	12.50	\$886,381	7.7573%
Industrial	33	41,499,040	12.50	\$518,738	4.5398%
Personal Property	310	17,739,050	12.50	\$221,738	1.9406%
Exempt	219	35,998,500			3.9381%
Total	3096	914,112,550		\$10,976,426	100.0000%

The Board reported \$9,415,943 in New Growth Value to the Department of Revenue, which was certified during the fiscal year 2010 tax rate setting process. The tax rate in the Town increased from \$11.34 to \$12.50 for fiscal year 2010.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

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 and Non-Criminal Complaint tickets, Vital Records, including Marriage licenses, Birth and Death Certificates, as well as supervising Voter Registration, Town Elections, Annual and Special Town Meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my long-time assistant, Barbara R. DiMento. Although this position is still not budgeted for regular weekly hours, Barbara comes in to covers the office when I am out to attend various education opportunities, take vacation and even an occasional sick day. Thank you, Barbara.

Thank you as well to Senior Tax Credit Volunteers John E. (Jack) Grundstrom, Sue Leach, and G. Robert (Bob) Merry for their work for this office. The Senior Tax Credit program allows work on various projects that I wouldn't be able

to address on my own. Jack has addressed many projects over the past few years. He continues to work his way through original records, sorting, labeling and indexing so that information contained within may be more readily accessible and easier to find in years to come. Sue spent most of her Senior Tax Credit hours processing the hundreds of Dog License applications that came in with the Annual Town Census – Thank you, Sue! Bob, with his background on the Historical Commission, continues to work his way through town records, cataloging and indexing while 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 volumes and continue to restore and preserve valuable town records. Completion of this project will keep the beautifully restored books stable and readable for the next hundred years. Thank you Community Preservation Committee!

As Rowley, incorporated on September 4, 1639, was only the fifth town in Essex County and the sixteenth in all of the Bay Colony, many American families can trace their lineage back to Rowley and researchers from all over the globe contact this office, in person, through the mail or via Email, with regard to researching their ancestry. We are very proud to be able to say that our town records represent one of the most complete collections to be found in the area. In part through the efforts of the Senior Tax Credit programs and Community Preservation Grants, we are able to provide accurate and easy-to-use Indexes to Town of Rowley Birth, Death and Marriage Records from 1639 to the present, records of Cemetery deeds since about 1850 and are now in the process of cataloging Deed and Development Records. Thank you all!

2009 Population Demographics (as of 12/31/2009)

Dates of Birth between:

1/1/1900 and 12/31/1909	1
1/1/1910 and 12/31/1919	45
1/1/1920 and 12/31/1929	115
1/1/1930 and 12/31/1939	260
1/1/1940 and 12/31/1949	601
1/1/1950 and 12/31/1959	1135
1/1/1960 and 12/31/1969	1067
1/1/1970 and 12/31/1979	616
1/1/1980 and 12/31/1989	718
1/1/1990 and 12/31/1999	749
<u>1/1/2000 and 12/31/2008</u>	<u>646</u>
Total Population	5,951

Comparative Vital Statistics (as of 1/25/10)

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Births	68	60	55	57	51
Deaths	64	60	47	55	46
Marriages	24	26	22	19	20

Births: Of the fifty-one (51) births recorded in Rowley, 23 were female and 28 were males with no sets of multiples!

Deaths: Of the forty-six (46) deaths recorded, sixteen (16) were men and thirty (30) were women. Thirty-five (35) were listed as residents of Rowley and ten (10) were veterans – seven (7) from World War II, three (3) from the Korean Conflict. The average age at time of death was 80.

Marriages: Of the twenty (20) Marriage Licenses issued, only five (5) of the weddings actually took place in Rowley. Of the forty (40) participants, thirty-four (34) listed their residence as Rowley.

Revenue Report for the Town Clerk's Office – 2009

Bylaw Non-Criminal Violations	\$ 1,600.00
Cemetery Lots	3,175.00
Dog and Kennel Licenses	10,900.00
General Fees	4,587.25
Parking Violations	1,786.00
Ramp and Mooring Permits	10,435.00
Shellfish Permits	14,135.00
Wildlife – Hunting/Fishing Licenses	<u>3,169.00</u>
	\$ 49,782.25

Cemetery Lots Sold – There were eight (8) lots sold altogether, six (6) to Rowley residents and two (2) to non-residents/.

Dog Licenses –We issued eight hundred eighteen (818) Dog Licenses and seven (7) Kennel Permits in 2009! Once again, due to our new and more accurate dog licensing program, fees were up considerably from last year as are able to compile a more accurate town-wide ‘dog census’ via the information provided to us, as required by law, by area veterinarians.

General Fees – ‘General Fees’ income which reflect 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 are down from last year, possibly due to the fact that many of the Bylaws and R&R’s are now available on the town website: townofrowley.net.

Shellfish Permits – There were a total of one hundred twenty-seven (127) shellfish permits issued - Twenty-five (25) full price Resident/Commercial Permits plus five (5) free commercial permits to residents over 60, Five (5) Junior Commercial Permits*, seventy-one (71) Resident/Non-commercial Permits (including 29 free to residents over 60), six (6) Non-resident (Summer) /non-commercial permits, one (1) Summer resident/weekly permit plus eleven (11) Aquaculture permits.

** Created with students in mind, this special permit is available to Rowley residents between the ages of 15 and 18, at only one half the regular commercial permit fee (1/2 of \$400), and is limited to clamming between April 1st to September 30th.*

Hunting and Fishing Licenses - Curiously, even though Fish and Wildlife licenses are available online, our sales increased from \$2,908.75 in 2008 to \$3,169 in 2009. There were one hundred nine (109) 2009 Wildlife licenses sold by this office: fifty-nine (59) Sporting/Hunting, fifty (50) Fishing/Trapping and sixty-two (62) various conservation stamps sold.

Ramp and Mooring Permits - There were two hundred forty-six (246) Ramp Permits and eighty-three (83) Mooring permits issued by this office in 2009.

I continue to try to attend as many professional development opportunities offered by the Mass Town Clerk’s Association, the New England Clerk’s Association and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks as possible and I am now the Vice President of the North Shore City and Town Clerk’s Association. I still love my job and look forward to coming to work each morning and, with your continued support, look forward to serving the Town of Rowley for many years to come.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mass General Law directs each town to appoint a Board of Registrars to be 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. With the untimely passing of Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy, the Board was kept unexpected busy providing coverage during the hectic election season.

The Board of Selectmen voted to re-appoint Barbara R. DiMento, 75 Bennett Hill Rd, Mildred L. Dummer, 34 Wethersfield St., Gordon R. Densmore of 249 Wethersfield St. and Town Clerk Susan G. Hazen, 4 Central St. to serve on the Board of Registrars for FY 2010.

Voter Registration as of 12/30/2009

Unenrolled	(U)	2730
Democrat	(D)	787
Republican	(R)	694
Libertarian	(L)	9
Green-Rainbow	(J)	1
Other		1
Total Registration:		4222
"Inactive" Status Voters		<u>-223 *</u>
		3999

** As noted in previous reports, we continue to creep closer and closer to the state mandated maximum number of voters per precinct. At this point in time, we foresee dividing the town basically right down the middle with Route One being the dividing line and given the lack of a large function hall on the west side of town, are anticipating running both precincts out of our existing polling place – St. Mary's Hall on Main St. The 2010 Federal Census figures for the Town of Rowley may be the determining factor for this important decision.*

Appointed Election Workers –

DEMOCRATS:

Nina E. Gynan, 46 Plantation Drive, Rowley
 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
 Marion R. Musial, 545 Newburyport Turnpike, Rowley

UNENROLLED:

Doreen Glowik, 545 Newburyport Turnpike, Rowley
 Robert Johnson, 28 Brook St., Rowley
 Susan E. Leach, 5 Jellison Rd, Rowley
 G. Robert Merry, 40 Warehouse Lane, Rowley
 Mary Ellen Mighill, 76 Central St., Rowley

2009 Elections:

May 12, 2009	Annual Town Election	527 Ballots Cast
May 18, 2009	Annual/Special Town Meeting	
Dec. 8, 2009	Special State Primary	857 Ballots Cast

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, 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.

AS we've said before, the only perks the underpaid and often-overworked election workers can look forward to are the wonderful meals provided to us by Doug Morris of Old Town Bread Co on Main Street. Doug always supplies us with hot, delicious meals within our limited budget. We thank, as well, Constables Nat Dummer and Phil Collyer, Police Chief Kevin Barry and Fire Chief James Broderick for providing assistance in the areas of security and traffic control. Thank you also to Roger Merry, Bob Merry, Charlie and Chuck Hazen for helping to set up, break down and move around all the voting booths, Accu-vote machines, Automark 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.

2010 Election and Town Meeting Information:

Special State Senate Election	Tuesday, January 19, 2010
St. Mary's Hall, Main St	7 AM to 8 PM
Annual Town Election	Tuesday, May 11, 2010
St. Mary's Hall, Main St.	Noon to 8 pm
Special/Annual Town Meeting	Monday, May 3, 2010
Pine Grove School, Main St.	7:30 PM
State Primary	Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010
St, Mary's Hall, Main St.	7 AM to 8 PM
State Election	Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1020
St. Mary's Hall, Main St.	7 AM to 8 PM

We are currently in the process of compiling the year 2010 CENSUS/STREET LIST information. We hope to have the 2010 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 also, take this opportunity to remind residents that there will be TWO Census forms to respond to this year as the 2010 Federal Census comes around on its ten year cycle. We urge residents to answer BOTH

Census forms as each is vital in its own way. The Town Census provides information and numbers with regard to services to be provided or may need to be provided by the town – how many children are approaching kindergarten age, how many seniors will be requiring services from our local Council on Aging or simply how many residents with regard to reprecincting. The Federal Census holds the key to representation to state and federal legislatures, state and federal funding and acts as a local decision making tool. In this stressed economy, we can't risk losing a Congressional seat or our fair share of the federal funding pie – your input really counts – complete your Census!!!

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 PERSONNEL BOARD

We write the 2009 Personnel Board report with a heavy heart as the long-standing chairman of Personnel Board, Ronald G. Perkins, passed away on January 30, 2009. Ron Perkins served on the Personnel Board from 1980 to 1988. In 1993 he was re-appointed to the Personnel Board and served as chairman until his death on January 30th.

Ron was instrumental in developing the Town's first personnel plan in the mid-1990s. He is credited with creating the Town's first Personnel Department. He wrote numerous Town employment policies and workplace policies. He developed the Town's job description construction guide, performance appraisal system and wage and classification system.

Ron brought a wealth of personnel and human resources experience to the Town from his long-standing career as the Human Resources Manager at United Shoe Machinery Corporation. He approached his service to the Town of Rowley with a deep commitment. He is missed. We are grateful for all that he did for the Town.

The Personnel Board, as part of the Town, must 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. The Board strives to create 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:

In addition to items listed above, the Town Department Heads have developed and written job descriptions for all Town Employees. Such job descriptions are then reviewed for format and content, and thereafter evaluated by the Personnel Board, for the assignment of a pay grade.

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 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Once again, the weather caused havoc within the agricultural community. Heavy rains in the spring and early summer severely stunted crops. In some cases farmers lost their entire crops such as with hay and tomatoes. Local clambers were unable to dig for 130 days due to rain closures of the flats. Although later crops fared better, this proved to be a significant loss to many New England farmers.

In March 2009, in an attempt to support Rowley's two remaining family owned dairy farms, the Agricultural Commission approached the Board of Selectmen to request a referendum question be included on the town ballot. Sighting Chapter 310 of the Dairy Farm Preservation Act of 2008, this question would exempt farm animals and equipment used exclusively for agricultural purposes from personal property taxes. We were extremely pleased that this passed by the required two thirds vote.

The Rowley Farmer's Market was once again a success. Each year the Market has been attracting more vendors, many of which are backyard farmers offering the finest of locally grown produce. The Second Annual Antique Tractor Show was a highlight of the season. This event attracted more than a dozen beautifully restored tractors for all to enjoy. We would like to thank the Rowley Historical Commission and the Rowley Scouts for their contribution of providing concession stands through out the summer to promote a social atmosphere at the Market.

This year we look forward to breaking ground on the Rowley Community Garden. Plans also include our 6th season of the Rowley Farmer's Market. As always, we look forward to being available to promote and protect the Towns agricultural interests.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support. And again we would like to acknowledge our local farmers whose perseverance in their difficult profession is often overlooked and generally taken for granted.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Rowley voted in 1962 to adopt the Conservation Commission Act of 1957 which established a municipal agency to plan for natural resource protection, acquire important land and water areas, and manage these properties for conservation and passive recreation. The Rowley Conservation Commission also administers and enforces the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (1972), the Rivers Protection Act (1996), the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw (2004) and the Town of Rowley Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw (2007). 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 preserve and protect Rowley's natural resources. Commission members include: Judy Kehs (member for 30 years), Curt Turner (21 years), Doug Watson (9 years), Sam Streiff (6 years), Brook Todd (3 years), Bob Garner (2 years), and David DelMonico (2 years). Currently, the Commission meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall Annex.

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 2009 the Commission received 84 permit applications. New project applications reflected a 30% decrease from 2008 continuing the general real estate market downturn. These consisted of:

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

The Conservation Department also assists the Board of Selectmen by reviewing and providing professional input on special permit requests under the Soil Suitability, and Earth Removal Bylaws. In addition, the office reviewed 68 building permit requests, at least 23 written information requests, and provided the Board of Health with input on 16 soil evaluation site reviews. In conjunction with the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission is directly involved in beaver management concerns. In this connection, the Conservation Department assisted the bridge construction project by handling permitting requirements and managing necessary breaching to maintain water levels at the Bachelder Brook Wethersfield Street

construction site. The Conservation Department provides environmental expertise to the Planning Board in Special Permit and Definitive Subdivision project reviews.

The Open Space Committee, a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, has begun work on revising and updating the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. 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. Open Space Committee members include: Susan Jones Moses, Alan Roscoe, Jane Thomassen, and Robert Carpenter. The Conservation Commission is also represented on the Community Preservation Committee by Curt Tuner.

The Commission guided scout Thomas Kuczun, from Boy Scout Troop #15, in the successful completion of his Community Service Project needed to attain the rank of Eagle. With assistance from his fellow troop members, he constructed a new trail loop that crosses an intermittent stream on the Hunsley Hills Conservation Area and the perimeter trails have received weather-proof trail markers to guide hikers.

The Commission reviewed the surveyed plans for the Bradstreet Farm conservation parcel and received the deed concluding the process for 106 acres of permanently protected open space as part of the entire property's acquisition.

The Commission has one professional staff person, Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack (5 years), and a Senior Service person, Barbara (Jean) Blanchard (2 years). The Conservation Commission's office is located in Room 4 in the Town Hall Annex. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, and appointments can be made up till 5 pm. The Commission can be reached at 978 948-2330 or conservation@TownofRowley.org. The Commission invites the public to review 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.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Business before the Planning Board continued to be slow in 2009, due to the downturn in the local real estate market that began in 2007. The Board approved a day care center at 181 Main Street, an expansion of the cell tower facility on Prospect Hill, and the subdivision plan for the Bradstreet Farm property. The Town voted to accept Wilkes Road, a subdivision road approved by the Board, at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2009. The Board is currently in the process of reviewing an application for a 25 unit multi-family development at 63 Main Street, and the Board has reviewed preliminary plans for a mixed use development at 174 Main Street, which will be reviewed under the Town's New England Village Development Bylaw.

The Board intends to propose two zoning amendments at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting: an amendment that would reduce the density limits under the Town's Multi-Family Bylaw, and an amendment that would repeal our Soil-Suitability Bylaw.

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, Wednesdays, 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 (CP) Committee was established by a bylaw passed at the May 1, 2001 Town Meeting. The CP Committee studies the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation, and is responsible for recommending projects for funding by the CP Committee in the area of open space, recreation, historic preservation and community housing. All projects that the CP Committee recommends must be approved by a majority Town Meeting vote.

The committee met five times in 2009 (01/29, 03/12, 08/19, 10/15 and 12/10). Currently, the only large projects in progress are the Bradstreet Farm (June 2027) and the Calas property/Well field (Nov 2011), dates reflect when the debt payments will be retired.

The Pingree Farm/Well field bonds final payment is on November 15, 2010. The Town Clock located in the First Congregational Church balcony is now working for the public to see and hear. There are many lesser projects in progress for which the funds have been allocated but not yet spent. The Community Preservation surcharge committed to the collector for FY 2009 was \$299,059.94 less surcharge abatements and exemptions of \$5,788.77 for a net surcharge of \$293,271.17 and the Town collected \$184,847.00 from the State to match totaling \$478,118.17.

Work continues on Historic District House Signs, Historical Documents Restoration and the Town Boundary Signs. Other projects which were proposed and now passed at January 11, 2010 Special Town Meeting were the restoration of the Phillip's Diary (\$12,000.00), one of only two found in Massachusetts covering the period of 1660-1699, and the restoration of certain Assessor Records (\$4,300.00).

Applications submitted and withdrawn were the great Swamp Brook conservation area (106 acres), which was subsequently purchased by Greenbelt and safety door locks for forty two units in seven buildings for the Rowley Housing Authority on Plantation Drive.

Projects submitted in 2009 and voted at our February 11, 2010 CP Committee meeting were an ice skating rink complex adjacent to Pine Grove School and the repair and replacement of the Town Hall Cupola and Clock. These two projects will be on the warrant at the 2010 May Town Meeting for review and comment before being voting on. Other projects proposed for the year 2010 are the following:

1. Bradstreet's Lane – money to help build an 18 foot wide road into the Moderate Income Housing units and the farm house.
2. The Town Hall – replace exterior doors, windows and the exterior siding (currently aluminum).
3. Town Hall Annex – (Center School) restore siding and paint the building.
4. Rowley Housing Authority – Forty two new Kitchens in seven buildings.

CP Committee Members are selected by the committees on which they serve and ultimately confirmed by the selectmen to serve for three year terms.

Current members are:

Frank Todd, Chair	Historic District Commission
Curt Turner, Secretary	Conservation Commission
Kurt Annen	Recreation

Warren Appell	Rowley Housing Authority
Robert Carpenter	Open Space Committee
Richard Cummings	Board of Selectmen
Jean Pietrillo	Planning Board

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Susan Jones Moses for filling the Open Space vacancy while providing much needed input at our meetings when we did not have a full membership.

The CP Committee meets periodically as requests for funding in required categories are made. Our meetings, time and place, are posted with the Town Clerk and appear in Legal Notices in the Town Common and the Daily News within ten days of the meeting date.

The notice is also posted on the Town of Rowley's Website. Our choice of meeting sites varies as to availability, anticipated number of people attending and the weather. We have met at the Annex, the Library and Town Hall, depending on the circumstances.

The Community Preservation Coalition is made up of 142 cities and towns who have adopted CPA. They offer technical assistance to Community Preservation Committee, presentations to local CPC's, CPC implementation training programs and CPA public relations, outreach and communications for each Community Preservation Committee.

The Community Preservation Coalition is a membership organization.

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 40 B, Sections 20-23 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.

Due to overall economic conditions, the board saw fewer applications for special permits or variances in 2009 than in recent years as residents seemed less likely to embark upon new projects on their properties, following a trend witnessed throughout the commonwealth.

Nevertheless, the Board heard ten (10) presentations for "Informal Discussions" from residents regarding potential changes or modifications to their properties, continued two (2) hearings from 2008, and opened five (5) new hearings, rendering decisions in three (3) instances prior to the end of the calendar year and continuing two (2) until 2010.

The Zoning Board meets on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM of each month when applications have been filed and accepted for review. To submit an application, please call our office at 978-948-2657 located in the Centre Street School Building.

The Board welcomes input and feedback regarding Zoning issues throughout the town or on specific matters before the Board.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL

Council Members:

Mickie Atkinson-Drapeau, Co-Chairperson
 Mary Murphy, Co-Chairperson
 Susan Esco Chandler, Secretary/Treasurer
 Jennette Loring, Member
 Heather Ferrara, Member

The Rowley Cultural Council was able to award \$4,300.00 in grants for the year 2009 to benefit the people of our community. We received a total of 23 applications and were able to award 9 recipients.

Grant Recipients for FY 2009

1, TRMS, Museum of Fine Arts	\$200.
2, PTO, Scott Jameson (Pine Grove School)	\$625.
3, Rowley Library, Family Program	\$395.
4, Dick Kaplan, 4 th of July Celebration	\$350.
5, PTO, David Coffin (Pine Grove School)	\$480.
6, Rowley Library, Museum Passes	\$600.
7, Triton Education Fund, Local History Exhibit	\$850.
8, Greg Curtis, Council on Aging sing along	\$400.
9, Rowley Library, Summer Concert	<u>\$400.</u>
	\$4300.00 Total

The Rowley Cultural Council is looking forward to working with all groups in our town to help with the grant process. These grants help bring quality artists, programs, museum passes and events to the people of our community.

The email address of the Rowley Cultural Council is: Rowleyculturalcouncil@gmail.com

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

In August of 2009 Detective Lieutenant John Geibel retired from the Rowley Police Department after 27 years of service to the Town. Detective Lieutenant Geibel was assigned to a Federal drug enforcement strike force for the last several years. This program paid for the cost to replace his hours and provided us with a share of all assets forfeited as a result of the cases he investigated. In December of 2009 Chief Kevin Barry retired from the Rowley Police Department after 31 years of service to the town. Chief Barry served as our police chief for an unprecedented 26 years and retired with an extensive list of accomplishments too long to begin to enumerate here throughout his career. Both members were dedicated officers of the department and will be greatly missed. Joseph Gamache was promoted from Detective Sergeant to Detective Lieutenant in December of 2009 and I was appointed as Acting Chief of Police effective January 1, 2010.

In 2008 Chief Barry reported that the State Community Policing Grant was cut by 25%. In 2009 the Grant was completely eliminated essentially reducing our operating budget by \$43,000. These funds were used for several training and special project initiatives such as Citizen Police Academy and participation in NEMLEC. Some of the high priority areas will be absorbed into our regular budget but the vast majority will be eliminated completely. Distance learning, where police officers get their mandatory annual in-service training on shift via

a web site, has replaced formal classroom training almost exclusively now due to the reduced cost to complete this training.

In September of 2009 the Rowley Police Department was accredited for the third time, an accomplishment that retired Chief Kevin Barry was especially proud of. Accreditation is a 3 year process where a team of assessors come to the police department and review 253 mandatory standards and another 78 optional standards to make sure that the department is in compliance. There are currently only 27 police agencies in the State that are accredited.

In August of 2009 the Town entered in to another four year lease for the modular addition to the police station. In the fall of 2009 the roof on the original building, which was twenty five years old, was replaced to address leakage and missing shingles. These measures defer the need for a new police station for another few years.

REPORTED CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

2007 - 264 2008 - 225 2008 - 219

REPORTED PROPERTY CRIMES

2007 - 288 2008 - 291 2009 - 231

BREAKING AND ENTERING

	2007	2008	2009
RESIDENTIAL	5	7	2
BUSINESS	3	2	2

DRUG/LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS

2007 - 27 2008 - 22 2009 - 30

RESPONSES TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

2007 - 265 2008 - 303 2009 - 336

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

2007 - 237 2008 - 241 2009 - 243

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

2007 - 216 2008 - 240 2009 - 221

MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINTS/STOPS

2007 - 1,913 2008 - 2,540 2009 - 1,869

MOTOR VEHICLE CIVIL CITATIONS ISSUED

2007 – 486 2008 – 387 2009 – 377

POLICE GRANTS/FUNDS RECEIVED

STATE COMMUNITY POLICING	0
GHSB TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT	0
STATE E911 SUPPORT GRANT	16,339.26
DONATIONS/RESTITUTION	1,030.01
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	13,388.78
TOTAL	\$30,758.05

TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REVENUE

2007 - \$130,080 2008 - \$134,227 2009 - \$96,389

COMMUNICATION CENTER CALLS FOR SERVICE LOGGED

2007 - 22,952 2008 - 21,303 2009 – 20,603

Total 911 Calls

2007 – 1,019 2008 – 929 2009 – 747

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

2009 saw many changes within the Fire Department which included apparatus and equipment that were approved for purchase at the May 2008 Town meeting, a new utility vehicle was also purchased with funds that were approved at the May 2009 annual town meeting, as well as new portable radios that are compliant with new federal regulations, and a new computer for the fire chief. Also during 2009 the way that the fire department operates was also change, as on July 1, 2009 the town assumed control of the fire fighting operations of the Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association and in December the two fulltime firefighters were promoted to the rank of Captain as part of the reorganization of the department. Operationally the town's emergency services participated in a functional exercise with the communities of the Northern Essex Emergency Planning Committee of which Rowley is a member.

In June of this year the department placed into service a 2009 1500 GPM pumper this pumper replaced the 1985 1000 GPM pumper that was taken out of service in 2005 due to severe corrosion of its frame. In November this truck was dedicated to the charter members of the Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association whom organized the first fire department in the town in 1927. Another vehicle placed into service this year was a 2010 ¾ ton pickup truck that will be used to tow the department's spill response trailer, as well as the Emergency Management Light Trailer. This vehicle was designated Squad 1 at the same ceremony as that of Engine 1.

In July of 2009 the fire department had a major reorganization where the operation of the department and all call firefighters came under the direct control of the Town of Rowley, when the town assumed responsibility of the fire department from the Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association.

The RVFPA was the primary fire protection for the town since its incorporation as a not for profit entity in 1927. This organization was augmented with a fire chief and two fulltime firefighters that were town of Rowley employees in 1997. I would like to recognize the dedication to community that all members of the association past and present gave to the citizens of the town and will continue to do so in the future.

In November long time member and Deputy Fire Chief Douglas Chadbourne was recognized upon his retirement to the department after 42 years of service to the department and town.

In December as part of the department reorganization both full time firefighters were promoted to the rank of Captain in the department. These promotions reflect the responsibility this ff's had and will further assist the chief in the administration of the department.

The department also graduated 2 more firefighters from the call firefighter program run by the Massachusetts Fire Academy which will only enhance the overall operation of the department.

Again the success of the department is from a commitment from all members of the organization and I want to publicly thank all members for their dedication to the department and the community as a whole as the department could not operate without you.

The department responded to 577 calls from January 1 to Dec 31 2009 the following is a list of calls for 2008 and 2009 as categorized by the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System

Type of Situation	2008	2009		Type of Situation	2008	2009	
Building Fire	12	10		Service Call	3	3	
Cooking Fire	8	10		Person in Distress	0	7	
Burner/boiler malfunc.		5	4	Lock-out	4	5	
Fire Camper/motor home	0	0		Ring/jewelry removal	0	0	
Passenger Vehicle fire	7	4		Water evacuation	5	2	
Road Freight/Transport		2	2	Water/Steam Leak	2	1	
Forest/woods/wildland		4	1	Smoke removal		1	0
Brush/grass fires	21	0		Public Assist	4	2	
Outside Fire	7	1		Assist Police	4	8	
Overpressure rupture	0	0		Assist invalid	10	21	
Medical assist EMS	67	27		Unauthorized burning	17	7	
EMS call	164	231		cover assignment	4	5	
EMS MVA	21	31		Good Intent other	1	3	
EMS MVA Ped		0	0	Dispatched canceled	25	32	
Missing Person Search		0	1	Smoke Scare	13	19	
EMS standby	0	0		Steam Vapor Fog	2	1	
MedFlight landing	0	0		Hazmat release invest.		2	3
Hazardous condition	12	18		Phone malicious false	1	0	
Flammable liquid spill		4	4	System Malfunction	42	15	

Type of Situation	2008	2009		Type of Situation	2008	2009
Natural gas leak		6	3	Smoke Det. Malf.	16	11
Chemical Hazard no spill	0	1		Heat Det Malfunction	1	1
Chemical spill or leak	0	0		System activation	25	21
Light Ballast breakdown	2	1	1	Co Detector malfunc	4	1
Power line down	3	4		Unintentional alarm	10	1
Arcing equipment	14	4		detector activation	61	61
MVA general cleanup	0	0		Lightning strike	0	1
Severe weather standby	2	0				

REPORT OF THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

New construction permits for 6 single-family dwellings were issued. The estimated value of construction was \$1,733,900.00, which gives an average for each single-family dwelling at \$288,983.33

Commercial construction accounts for 18 permits with an estimated value of \$1,952,461.68.

<i>TYPE OF PERMIT ISSUED</i>	<i>NUMBER OF PERMITS</i>	<i>CONSTRUCTION VALUE</i>
<i>Single-Family</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,733,900.00</i>
<i>Duplex</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1,048,000.00</i>
<i>Triplex</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>786,000.00</i>
<i>Addition/Garage</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>554,545.00</i>
<i>Chimney/Woodstove/Pellet Stove</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>29,249.92</i>
<i>Outbuilding</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>10,563.00</i>
<i>Pool</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>73,749.00</i>
<i>Porch/Deck</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>144,569.00</i>
<i>Greenhouse/Sunroom</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>34,600.00</i>
<i>Renovation/Alteration</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>514,610.73</i>
<i>Roofing/Siding</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>415,243.00</i>
<i>Commercial</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>1,952,461.68</i>
<i>Sign</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8,852.50</i>

Total number of building permits issued ***168***

Fees received from permits ***\$64,920.60***

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR

8 loose livestock calls
10 animals hit by motor vehicles (including wildlife)
12 cats reported missing
15 barking dog complaints
15 dogs P/U
33 reports of dogs running at large
25 wildlife related calls

Animal Inspector reports that no animals tested positive for rabies in 2009. Mass. General Laws requires all dogs six months or older to be vaccinated for rabies.

The breakdown of animals recorded during 51 barn inspections in 2009 are as follows:

Type of Animal	Number
Horse/ponies	215
Cattle	199
Sheep	9
Guinea Hens	10
Chickens	93
Goats	9
Donkeys	28
Waterfowl	20
Llamas/Alpacas	9
Peafowl	7

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 much needed new dump truck with chipper box was purchased to replace the 1980 dump truck

I want to thank The Rowley Municipal Light Department Manager Linda Soucy and Board Members for their decision to donate 6 trees; five of the trees were planted on the town common and one on the common at Central and Cross St. The Tree Department purchased two trees and planted one on town common and the other on the common at Central and Wethersfield St.

A count of 210 Christmas trees had been dropped off by residents at the collection point at Eras Park and chipped up after all the snow and ice had melted. Just a note, Before you do drop your tree off for disposal please 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

Eleven hazardous and dead trees were removed from Hillside St, Central St. Wethersfield St. and Haverhill St. Also stump grinding took place on the town common, Bradford and Wethersfield streets for a total of seven stumps.

Trees were trimmed of their dead wood and lifted to 20' on, Wethersfield St, Central St., Hillside St and Glen St.

Several yards of wood chips donated by Chickadee Hill Farms were installed around the trees on the commons around the town.

The Tree Warden wishes to thank the Rowley Municipal Light and Police Department management and staff members for their tremendous efforts in assisting the Tree Dept. 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 2009 boating season started with heavy rains that lasted until late June. Fuel prices at the docks were down at approximately \$3/ gallon this season from a high of over \$4/ gallon at the docks a year ago.

The river was marked with 43 navigational aids 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. 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. I received approval this year from the Conservation Commission to trim brush in the upper parking area to help ease the parking situation on busy weekends. Many volunteers showed up to assist and the Rowley Highway department made short order of the trimmings with their chipper.

329 mooring/ slip/ launch permits issued in 2009 generated \$10,398.50. Fee for the Resident only Launch ramp is \$40/ permit, commercial clammers included. Mooring/ Slip permits was \$2.50 per foot for all boats in 2009. Increasing cost of river marking pipes, buoys and dock repair will drive this fee to \$3.00 per foot and \$50/ per resident only launch permit in the 2010 season. 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 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 5,300 gallons of waste during the 2009 boating season. The number was down significantly over the 2008 season due to heavy rains in the beginning of our summer 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

This past season was again very productive when the flats were open. There were no Red Tide closures but the flats were closed to harvesting soft shell clams for a total of 162 days due to rain closures. Most of these closures came during the peak of the clam season. The Shellfish Department continued to rotate the opening and closing of flats for the purpose of propagation. Also, there were many capture/protection nets placed on the flats to capture wild clam seed. These nets again worked very effectively.

There were several students that took advantage of the first issue of Junior Permits. These young people did very well as first time shellfishers and had a great experience in the work world. These Junior Permits will be available again in 2010 and we expect that more students will take advantage of this opportunity.

There were twenty six resident commercial permits issued this past year, fifty seven resident non-commercial, two non-resident non-commercial, six junior commercial and eleven private aquaculture licenses. Many of the commercial permits were little used, however, the non-commercial and junior permits were well used when regulations allowed.

We have made great progress in resolving the problem of erosion on Hog Island Point this year. Fifteen residents expressed an interest in leasing parcels on Hog Island Point with the intent of placing

capture/protection nets on the plots. This should start a process of stopping the erosion and start building the flat back to its previous level. Eight of these applicants qualified to be licensed and they requested and held a public hearing that approved the request. Very recently the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries provided nine marine biologists to inspect the flat to determine if the flat is non-productive. We expect a finding that it is non-productive and qualifies to be licensed. We expect that the licensees will be allowed to lay nets on the flats in the early Spring of 2010.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

The Light Commission and Manager are pleased to submit their Annual Report of the Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant (RMLP) for the year 2009.

Power Supply

It was a year of transition as our decade long power supply contract came to an end on December 31st. In its place is a three year contract that will cover 70% of our power supply needs, the cost of which is tied to the future price of natural gas traded at the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). In June we signed a three year contract with Miller Hydro of Worumbo, Maine and by year's end we were closing in on a venture that will help us to hedge against market volatility. We will continue to diversify our power supply portfolio to achieve our goal of providing reliable and cost effective energy to the residents and businesses of Rowley.

Fiscal Responsibility

At RMLP we know the importance of managing the monies that are collected through the rate structure. As a municipally-owned and operated department we understand that we need to be frugal and we believe that frugality has led us to the efficient operation that we are today.

We routinely save money by performing as many tasks in-house as possible by utilizing our employees and tapping the vast wealth of knowledge, experience and ability that they have to offer from engineering and design work to billing and building maintenance.

While we are prudent with our expenditures, we also understand the need to make investments in RMLP's future. For example, we have invested in an automated meter reading system to improve our efficiency and are investing in ongoing distribution projects to enhance our system reliability and efficiency.

Even with the fiscal challenges we face with rising energy costs, our financial outlook remains stable. In fact, Standard & Poor's Rating Services raised our credit by two grades in December 2009 to an A+. The upgrade reflects their assessment of strong financial performance and liquidity that is expected to continue despite our transition to higher-cost power supply.

Trends in Sales to Customers

During 2009 our kilowatt hour (kWh) sales not only decreased by 3% from the previous year, but kWh sales were the lowest since 2005. A warmer than normal March – April period and a cool, damp June – July season accounted for the lower than usual kWh sales.

Our peak demand followed a similar pattern to kWh sales with a 2.6% reduction as compared with 2008. Our peak for the year occurred on August 18th between the hours of 4PM and 5PM when the temperature reached the low to mid 90's for the third consecutive day.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- Rowley Light crews completed upgrades to aging distribution cable in the areas of Newbury Road and Harrison Circle. Three phase power was installed on Harrison Circle to connect the underground circuit that feeds Wilkes Rd. The project created a loop feed for Wilson Pond, Cindy Lane, Belle Circle and Wilkes Rd. so the area could be fed from either Newbury Rd. or Leslie Rd. in the event of an outage. This loop improves reliability and reduces outage time.
- A total of 95 utility poles were replaced during the year. Poles replaced along Central Street from Easy Street to the Water Department were done in conjunction with planning for a conversion to a higher voltage.

CUSTOMER ENHANCEMENTS

We developed a web site (www.rowleylight.com) as an informational and educational tool for our customers. It contains everything from how to start electric service to ways that individuals and businesses can save energy.

By year's end we added online bill pay to the website to provide customers with a convenient alternative to automated ACH payments or mailing payments.

Contributions and Services Provided to Town

- RMLP funded the cost of energy used for street lighting, saving the town \$22,607. 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 co-mingled in the town's general fund.
- RMLP provided \$1,500 toward the cost of a tree replenishing program for the Town Common, in addition to assistance with trimming and tree removal.
- RMLP contributed \$3,000 toward the purchase of a notification system that will enable town departments to issue notifications and alerts to residents and businesses via a pre-recorded messaging system.
- Our crews hung flags along Route 1A for Veteran's Services for various holidays throughout the year.
- We used our staff and equipment to decorate and light the trees and gazebo on Town Common for the holiday season. We also funded a partial conversion to LED energy saving lights. We anticipate a complete changeover to LED lighting in 2010.
- We continue to support The Salvation Army's Good Neighborhood Energy Fund and Coats for Kids.

The guidance and co-operation of the Municipal Light Board and the devotion to duty and good work of our employees is gratefully acknowledged.

The co-operation extended by other town departments is very much appreciated.

Board of Commissioners

David L. Levesque, Chairman

G. Robert Merry

Aldene E. Gordon

**ROWLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2008**

	Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
OPERATING INCOME		
400 Operating Revenue.....	5,352,256.22	48,657.19
OPERATING EXPENSES		
401 Operation Expense.....	3,624,404.23	216,637.83
402 Maintenance Expense.....	286,479.37	41,493.76
403 Depreciation Expense.....	338,803.20	20,144.49
Total Operating Expenses.....	4,249,686.80	278,276.08
Operating Income.....	1,102,569.42	(229,618.89)
OTHER INCOME		
415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work		
419 Interest Income.....	113,314.38	(16,155.05)
421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income.....		
Total Income.....	1,215,883.80	(245,773.94)
INTEREST CHARGES		
427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	20,528.75	(4,193.75)
431 Other Interest Expense.....		
Total Interest Charges.....	<u>20,528.75</u>	<u>(4,193.75)</u>
NET INCOME.....	<u>1,195,355.05</u>	<u>(241,580.19)</u>

	Debits	Credits
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period)..		4,313,666.34
433 Balance Transferred from Income.....		1,195,355.05
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		2,284.54
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus.....	110,000.00	
436 Appropriations of Surplus.....	20,537.95	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation.....		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	<u>5,380,767.98</u>	
	<u>5,511,305.93</u>	<u>5,511,305.93</u>

ROWLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 2009

	<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance Beginning' of year	Balance	Increase or (decrease)
UTILITY PLANT				
101 Utility Plant - Electric.....		3,973,224.60	3,972,647.41	(577.19)
FUND ACCOUNTS				
126 Depreciation Fund.....		2,838,925.86	2,925,921.06	86,995.20
127 Bond Fund.....				825,099.5
128 Rate Stabilization Fund.....		1,535,578.61	2,360,678.12	1
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS				
				(149,702.7
131 Cash.....		476,768.92	327,066.19	3)
132 Special Deposits.....		77,816.40	93,903.40	16,087.00
132 Working Funds.....		690.00	690.00	0.00
				(39,204.45
142 Customer Accounts Receivable.....		106,774.74	67,570.29)
143 Other Accounts Receivable.....		62,029.60	71,584.46	9,554.86
146 Receivables from Municipality.....				2,798.70
151 Materials and Supplies.....		82,136.54	84,935.24	218,995.1
				9
165 Prepayments.....		247,411.54	466,406.73	194.15
174 Miscellaneous Current Assets.....		3,492.46	3,686.61	
DEFERRED DEBITS				
183 Other Deferred Debits.....		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
				<u>970,240.2</u>
Total Assets and Other Debits		<u>9,404,849.27</u>	<u>10,375,089.5</u>	<u>4</u>
			<u>1</u>	

LIABILITIES**SURPLUS**

			110,000.0
			0
206 Loans Repayments.....	1,839,200.00	1,949,200.00	0.00
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments.....	11,769.93	11,769.93	914,768.4
			7
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus.....	5,380,767.98	6,295,536.45	

LONG TERM DEBT

			(110,000.0
			0)
221 Bonds & Notes.....	440,000.00	330,000.00	

CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

232 Accounts Payable.....	457,209.25	483,753.22	26,543.97
235 Customer' Deposits.....	77,816.40	93,903.40	16,087.00
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities.....	3,492.46	3,686.61	194.15

DEFERRED CREDITS

252 Customer Advances for Construction.....	27,106.64	27,106.64	0.00
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RESERVES

260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts.....	1,347.83	1,414.48	66.65
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**CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF
CONSTRUCTION**

271 Contributions in Aid of Construction.....	<u>1,166,138.78</u>	<u>1,178,718.78</u>	<u>12,580.00</u>
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		<u>10,375,089.5</u>	<u>970,240.2</u>
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	<u><u>9,404,849.27</u></u>	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department equipment and facilities were serviced and repaired throughout the year as scheduled or as needed. Truck #5 needed major suspension replacement.

All catch basins were cleaned in late spring. Several pipes were flushed in the summer and fall with the assistance of the Newburyport DPS providing a Vacuum Truck and personnel. A total of seventeen catch basins were repaired, and two were completely rebuilt. All catch basins were maintained during rain, snow and ice storms to help prevent street flooding.

Routine pothole patching and rut filling had been performed throughout the year as needed. Shoulder work had been performed on many streets with one of the Town of Newbury's DPW's dump trucks equipped with a tailgate spreader. 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 summer and fall.

Trial Court Community Service Workers logged in 975 hours of work with the Highway Department and other 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 and assisted the Library in tending to their gardens. They also spent approximately six days cleaning and removing unwanted debris at the newly purchased Bradstreet Farm on Main Street for the Board of Selectmen. Also the highway department obtained workers from The Department of Corrections for approximately 64hrs to perform extensive roadside brushing.

Street line painting, stop bars and crosswalks had been painted during the mid-summer. Many signs consisting of regulatory street names stop, and speed limit signs and other non-regulatory signs 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 2008 winter season was snowy and cold, plowing and sanding with some consisting of two and three 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 snow banks 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 continued from the previous year consisting of shoulder rehabilitation, loaming and seeding and also line stripping of the various roads.

Charles Carter, a dedicated 19 year veteran of the Highway Department, decided to retire his services in May and continue his life with his family tending to his farm in Georgetown. After his retirement the Highway Department was denied the opportunity to fill the vacant position, leaving the department with three fulltime employees.

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



REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Report – 01/01/09 – 12/31/09

134,791,671 gallons of water sold
6 hydrants replaced
8 new services
10 water line repairs
43 meter upgrades

The Water Department in compliance with the MA State Disinfection By-products Rule has installed sample stations at the wells. Additional facilities were added to the inline chemical monitoring analyzers as well. Upgrades to the pump stations and chemical treatment facilities are constant and ongoing.

This year we saw again increased levels of manganese and total coliform in our raw water sampling. The Water Department is now actively pursuing a water filtration facility to provide cleaner, safer water for the town. While the water meets the minimum state standards we feel that this facility is necessary to improve aesthetic quality and provide a level of safety should future raw water quality degrade. We ask the town to support us in this project.

Acquisition of a larger dump truck from the highway dept. and purchase of a new water main tapping machine enhances our abilities for maintenance of the distribution system. We have also expanded our meter upgrade program in preparation for conversion to a radio read system. The benefits of this system are numerous. The ability to bill on a monthly basis would prevent large semi- annual bills, provide early detection of water leaks saving water, and reduce the number of man hours required with the current manual read system.

We have also redesigned the proposed maintenance garage reconstruction at 401 Central Street and will be bidding out the job in early 2010. This will house and maintain our expanded vehicle fleet and provide additional storage of supplies.

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 2009 has been carried out in the usual manner. We have performed the following:

Dug and filled 24 graves
16 gravestone footings
Graded and filled graves as needed
Raised and reset headstones as needed

We want to thank the Tree Department for giving the Cemetery Department their old 1 ton dump truck.

The members of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners are: Peter Dalzell Stuart Dalzell, Jr., Jack Cook



REPORT OF THE 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, in part under State mandate, responds to emergency planning requirements, issues permits and licenses in addition to conducting inspections for approximately 200 individual licensees and associated multiple licensing and inspection requirements 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, and body tanning. Additionally, the Board of Health stores 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 Board of Health provides services and support to citizens including senior wellness clinic, flu shot clinics, medical sharps collection, mercury recovery collection, hazardous waste, electronics, and white metal/Freon collection.

The Septic Loan Program continues to be a success using the competitive rate of two percent for new loans. As of December 2008, 38 loans have been approved totaling \$776,413.03 loaned out. Eighteen loans have been paid in full totaling \$307,935.16 received back into the program. A total of \$468,477.87 is currently outstanding for the 20 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 fourth Household Hazardous Waste Day held in the Town on November 22, 2008. The turnout of 131 cars shows there is a consistent need for household hazardous waste removal from the Town. 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 66 televisions and 28 computer monitors; 9 propane tanks; 17 car batteries; and 137 automobile tires. A White Goods / Light Metal and Electronics Recycling Event was held on May 10, 2008. Winfield Alloy, Inc. was contracted to remove for recycling the following: 8.61 tons of metal/light iron; 2,145 pounds of material and items with Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners); 3,723 pounds of computer scraps, printers and PCs, CRTs and TVs; and 346 pounds of electric motors that were generated by the Town. The Board of Health plans to continue holding like events considering the public interest shown in past years.

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 and participated in training exercises. The Board of Health is continuing to build the Medical Reserve Corps through recruiting volunteers and the organization for the emergency medical reserve is now based out of Topsfield.

The Board of Health is actively participating in local water quality testing in cooperation with the Parker River Clean Water Association. The Board of Health has included two additional water quality testing sites to ensure cumulative data is collected throughout Rowley's waterways. Stormwater Management regulations were adopted in January to address the required Phase II goals set by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Health Department has increased outreach to the community by providing services valued by the local population. A mosquito/tick information night was held for residents in the spring with guest speakers from



several state agencies. The Board of Health continues its cooperation with the Pine Grove School, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Eastern Massachusetts Girl Scouts to provide adequate protection from mosquito and tick infestations in the public areas frequented by children and families. Continued support is provided to the wellness clinic through the Council on Aging. Through grant funds, purchase of a stethoscope, mobile/travel wheelchair, and other accessories to allow seniors easy transport around town and for their use was made available. Emergency Preparation Grab-and-Go bags were purchased, assembled, and distributed to seniors in Rowley with the cooperation of the Board of Health, Council on Aging, TRIAD, and local Eagle Scout assistance. The program to collect and properly dispose of lancets, needles and medical sharps is in place for the third year and has been very successful. This innovative program is being used as a model by other Towns. The Board of Health has also begun mercury recovery collection programs for thermostats and thermometers. Through a state grant, the office is able to exchange mercury containing thermometers for digital. The Board of Health continues to provide accessible flu clinics for residents and first responders. Compliance checks at the local retail level for sale of tobacco products to minors were conducted; the Town of Rowley was recognized as having a 100 percent compliance rate for the third year running. The Board of Health promotes the Smoke-Free Workplace Laws by providing literature and reminders as well as responding to concerns from businesses. Overall, Rowley has a 17 percent lower smoking rate and smoking during pregnancy is 48 percent lower compared to rates in the state.

Goals for calendar year 2009 include maintaining quality service and professionalism in the office and in the field. Offering and expand services and programs necessary and useful to the local populations in the upcoming year is a priority. The staff and Board members will continue to meet the high expectations for communication on public health issues and address public health concerns at the local level that residents have come to expect from the Board of Health. 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.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The year 2009 was a busy and productive year for the Council on Aging. Our various holiday events and trips were very successful and well attended. The trips extended all over New England, from Cabbage Island in Boothbay Harbor to spending a day viewing the Friesians of Majesty horses in Putney, Vermont. A new Veteran's Brunch was added to the senior activities; this was held at the council near Memorial Day and was well attended by Rowley Veterans.

The business aspect of the Council conducted flu clinics, H1N1 clinics, that included both Rowley children and adults. Our thanks to the nurses who volunteered their time to staff the many flu clinics the town provided.

Senior wellness clinics were offered monthly both here and at the Plantation senior housing. Many hours were spent with seniors sorting out the very confusing maze of insurance changes as well as notices of change from Medicare and Prescription Advantage.

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

The "Meals on Wheels" program, which is funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, client contributions, and citizen donations, served approximately 2,500 meals in Rowley. The program remains viable due to the dedication of faithful volunteers who give their time every week to deliver the meal to client's door five days a week. Without this volunteer component the program could not exist.

A Monday meal served at the council is also staffed by volunteers, directed by Ann McKenney, kitchen supervisor.

The estimated value of volunteer services in 2009 at the Council was over \$52,000.

The Council on Aging is also an active part of the TRIAD Program in Rowley. TRIAD has completed several projects in Rowley, the more recent the "Grab & Go Bags" campaign conducted with the help of the Boy Scouts.

The Council continues to print their own newsletter, and with the help of the "Volunteer Newsletter Team," The newsletters are folded and ready for mailing in a matter of hours and all 750 copies reach Rowley seniors by the beginning of each month. The newsletter is also available on the Town website and many seniors read it on the internet, saving the council paper and postage.

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

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

During the year 2009, the Historic District Commission issued a total of Twenty Five(25) Certificates of Appropriateness, Five (5) Certificates of Non-Applicability or Certificates of Hardship .There were a total of twenty (30) applications by property owners for new construction or proposed renovation work on their property within the limits of the two (2) established Historic Districts.

The primary mission of the Rowley Historic District Commission is to act as a design review for projects located within the historic districts. The guidance and recommendations provided by the commission maintain the rural character of our seventeenth century town. Since the passage of the Historic District Bylaw in 1998 the Commission has assisted numerous property owners with the application process for their proposed building additions, alterations, repairs, as well as new building construction. This assistance is provided upon request, or as required when a building permit is applied for within the designated districts.

The Historical Commission meets each month to consider issues concerning preservation and awareness of the historic character, places and artifacts in the town. 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 other historical matters is 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., or to contact the Historical Commission.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

2009 was another busy year at the Rowley Public Library. More and more families are starting at the library for their informational, educational and recreational needs, particularly as household budgets feel the effects of the down economy. The library offers books, magazines, newspapers, audio books in several formats including digital downloads, DVDs and videocassettes, music CDs, and more. Our collection numbers 39,230 items in total; surely there is something for everyone! The library also provides free Internet access at 14 public computers and wifi for wireless connectivity. Look for our expanded selection of museum passes coming soon for savings on visits to cultural institutions, available through a grant from the Rowley Cultural Council.

Our patrons borrowed 35,585 items in Fiscal Year 2009, an 8 % increase over 2008. Our hardworking staff processed 8,723 network transfers of items within the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium and answered 7,839 reference questions. We recorded 28,700 total patron visits and have a total of 1,949 registered

borrowers. Attendance at library events also increased by about 8 %, to 4,421 persons at 255 events, including concerts, lectures, story times, crafts, and the ever popular free personal computer classes for seniors, which this year included instruction on social networking and digital cameras. Our meeting rooms were used 350 times by a variety of community organizations in 2009, and the galleries displayed several exhibits of local artists' works.

As always, we rely on a host of volunteers throughout the year. In 2009, 88 volunteers contributed 523 hours, helping with events, keeping the collection organized, and processing new materials, among other tasks. We receive generous support from the Friends of the Rowley Library, a 501(c) 3 organization, in particular the sponsorship of the summer reading program, which over 150 children participated in this summer. Thanks are extended to all of our supporters and advocates! Use your library often; or visit us 24/7 at www.rowleylibrary.org.

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Rowley Parks and Recreation Committee met consistently each month throughout the year during 2009. The current committee, met many challenges this past year, and enjoyed much success in improving the parks in an extremely efficient manner. Mike Quinn has been serving in the role of Chairman and Tim Southall was recently selected to serve as Vice-Chair.

During 2009, we lost Patti DiFiore from our committee due to her lack of the needed time to serve the committee properly. We appreciate the many years of service and effort that Patti provided to making our committee as successful as we have been.

Two new members have been enlisted to improve upon the recreation piece of our committee. We have been rightfully criticized in the past for being more of a parks maintenance committee. The addition of Kara McCormack and most recently Lisa Paquette has infused some excitement into the Recreation efforts needed by our committee.

We have sponsored a Volley Ball night at the Pine Grove School, worked with the Selectman on bringing back the July 4th Day on the Common.

We hope that their spirit and attitude will become infectious and generate more awareness and activity from the residents of Rowley. Other ideas that they have brought forward were a snowman day, and a scavenger hunt. We are trying to utilize the Town Website to advertise our activities for more involvement.

The seven current members of the Rowley Parks and Recreation Committee each serve on three sub-committees and serve as chair person on one.

The sub-committee chairperson for each committee is:

Glen Fougere, User Fees Committee; Mike Quinn; Budget & Finance Committee; Mary Ann Levasseur, Parks & Services Coordinator Committee; Kara McCormack, Recreation Committee; Lisa Paquette, Recreation Committee, Kurt Annen, CPA Committee; Tim Southall, Field Maintenance Committee. Each committee has three members and meets on an as needed basis. They are all open to your suggestions and ideas for improvement.

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

REPORT OF THE 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 for the modernization of the bathrooms at the elderly housing complex on Plantation Drive was completed in February of 2009. The Authority wishes to thank the voters in the Town of Rowley for their generous support of the project in voting the CPC funds needed to match state funding grant from DHCD.

At Plantation the first phase of window replacement to increase energy efficiency was started with twenty three of the worst windows replaced this year. Eventually all the windows will be replaced as future budgets allow.

In addition, the attics insulation depth was doubled at all the Plantation residential buildings to save on energy use.

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 \$314,000 to eligible recipients in Rowley, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately \$157,000 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 415 *identified* veterans and 5 of the 76 *identified* veterans' widows during 2009. 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. Richard Cummings is the Rowley member of the Board of Directors.

During 2009 the District also provided veterans' services assistance to the City of Gloucester and the Town of Topsfield as requested/authorized by the Board of Directors and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services.

WHITTIER VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Whittier offers 20 vocational technical career areas designed to provide the necessary training and skills for further education or work force success.

Whittier's academic program is designed to offer students the fundamental skills through its core curriculum in English, Math, Science and Technology, Social Studies, World Languages, Physical Education/Health, and Elective subjects. Courses are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in order to achieve success on the MCAS.

Courses are offered 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. We offer honors courses in English, science, and math to lead toward advanced placement courses. 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 to earn 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-seventh year. To date we have graduated 8,902 students from the day school. The enrollment for the Evening School from Rowley: 7 Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School is entering its thirty-sixth year. To date we have graduated 8,670 students from the day school. The enrollment for the Evening School from Rowley: 8

The October 1, 2008 Day School Enrollment:

	Boys	Girls
Grade 9	6	2
Grade 10	6	0
Grade 11	2	0
Grade 12	0	1
Total –	17	

2009 Graduates – 2

The cost to Rowley for the school year 2008-2009 was \$229,335.00.

REPORT OF THE TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The The Triton Regional School District staff, school committee, and communities are committed to excellence for all students as we continue to prepare them to succeed in the 21st Century and beyond. This belief in Excellence for All is one of our Core Values as well as Respect for Self and Others and Integrity in Words and Actions. These three Core Values, identified as part of the District Improvement Plan, are behind all decisions and actions that occur within the district. As we move forward we rely on these values to direct us.

With our Excellence for All core value in mind, the district has been working on Response to Intervention (RTI) to address the needs of all students. This is a data-driven approach where each student is assessed, progress monitored and provided with specific instruction to meet their learning needs. By using the RTI model we are able to ensure that all students are learning to their potential. Although we only started this work during the past school year we have accomplished much. Our elementary schools have data teams that are comprised of math and/or reading specialists, teachers and administrators. These teams review student progress on all levels: individual, class, and grade. At the middle school and high school student progress is monitored through grade level teams and departments. We have a district level committee committed to improving student achievement with this approach to learning. Members of the committee represent all sites and levels of instruction. Our goal is to develop exemplary Response to Intervention practices at all schools.

The district continues to benefit greatly from annual donations and support from each school's PTA/PTO, as well as district education funds. We also continue to receive significant funds through grants including the exemplary 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant and the newly awarded federal Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant.

We also continue to work on the goals of our District Improvement Plan. Progress has been made in the identified areas of English/Language Arts and Mathematics as measured by MCAS. In ELA, the percent of students scoring in proficient and advanced increased significantly from 2006 to 2009 in grades 4, 7, and 10. In mathematics, the percent of students in proficient and advanced increased significantly from 2006 to 2009 in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Communication is an ongoing focus of both the school committee and the administration. The Superintendent's newsletter is sent out electronically to all staff members and parents on a weekly basis. Multiple groups meet monthly to enhance knowledge and understanding of the concerns, issues, and accomplishments of the staff, parents, community members, town officials and district administration. These groups include the District Communication Committee, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, PTA/PTO/SEPAC/TMPO/TEF, and common concern meetings with the teachers' association and the instructional assistants association.

In closing, I again want to commend and thank all members of our school community for their commitment to the Triton Regional School District. I truly believe we are making meaningful strides to move our district forward. Everyone continues to work in a collaborative way in the best interest of our students. Thank you for your continued support.

PINE GROVE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pine Grove School began the year with a new Principal and new energy. Our mission as a faculty, staff, and school community is to work on building trust, stability, and hope as we continue to develop as a Professional Learning Community. *A Professional Learning Community is a group of people working interdependently together towards a common goal to improve student learning based on results rather than intentions.*



This past fall Pine Grove School opened with approximately 570 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 well in last year's MCAS testing. During the October Professional Development Day, teachers in grades three through six did their annual analysis of MCAS data. Teachers and administrators use this data to help focus instruction and to identify new ways to help every child succeed. Supports, such as MCAS tutoring and afterschool homework help, are put in place for children who need additional help in specific academic areas, and the math and reading specialist also work with children both individually and in small groups.

Pine Grove School continues to develop *Response to Intervention* (RTI) for all struggling students. RTI is the use of research-based instruction and interventions to students who are at risk and may be suspected of having specific learning disabilities. A three tiered model is implemented when providing RTI.

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. The *Investigations Math Program* is now fully implemented in grades K-5, and students demonstrate a remarkably high level of critical thinking in solving math problems. We have been fortunate to have reading and math specialists who support both teachers and students in finding new ways to help every child experience academic success.

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. Protocols and procedures are continually revisited based on the information that is learned from these drills. Recently, the Rowley Fire Chief conducted a Fire Inspection of the school. There were several conditions that needed immediate attention. We have been working closely with the Chief to rectify all concerns in order to meet state fire codes and be in compliance. Pine Grove is fortunate to have such excellent communication and collaboration with the town's safety agencies.

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. This past year, their particular focus was on the environment. In the spring, they contributed 'green' reusable grocery bags to every Pine Grove family. This year their focus will be to continue 'Going Green'. 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 in addition to funding field trips for students across all grade levels. Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade classrooms now have ceiling mounted projectors which teachers can use to project computer presentations, an excellent tool for enhancing instruction. *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 *Kid's Club Program* which replaced Kids Kaleidoscope continues to provide before school daycare for families from 7:00AM to 8:10AM, as well as after school daycare from 3:00-6:00PM.

Pine Grove School remains focused on its mission "*To Be a Respectful, Safe and Collaborative Community of Invested Learners.*" Many teachers have been trained in the Responsive Classroom model, which is a proactive approach which fosters mutual respect and caring for those around use as well as the physical classroom. The Pine Grove School staff believes that it is important to focus on the 'whole child', and to encourage children to become proactive and caring world citizens.

Pine Grove's young artists and musicians were well-represented at the *Triton Music and Arts Festival* in the spring. All fourth graders participated in chorus this past year, and a high percentage of fifth and sixth grade students are involved in chorus and/or band. The February musical had four sold-out performances, and the Link Art Gallery hosted a series of exhibits by students and guest artists, that captivated both our children and visitors. Pine Grove School ranked eighth in



Massachusetts in participation on the 'Artsonia' web-based art gallery. 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 quickly becoming the school of choice in the Cape Ann area.

I am very pleased to once again report that the Middle School remains in good academic standing. The School continues to make its Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) goals. With a year of heterogeneous grouping under our belt, the teachers have transitioned their focus from instruction to assessment in a mixed ability classroom. Teachers, administrators, and staff alike, have been able to participate in an online course taught by Rick Wormeli, based on his work with differentiated assessment practices. This focus on academic achievement is being realized not only through our academic scores, but throughout our

school culture at large. Three years ago flag football was the most popular afterschool activity. This year the sign-ups for Math Team outnumbered all others, and flag football failed to run due to lack of interest. The math team consequently won its division last year, and this year has been moved up two divisions and is currently in first place.

Giving back to the community also 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.

Beyond the many varied exploratory and enrichment opportunities available for middle school students during the school year, this past summer students were able to participate in a series of enrichment courses through the Summer Enrichment University at Triton. Courses ranging from the *History and Physics of Baseball*, to *African Culture and Arts*, allowed students to explore and learn beyond the scope of the School's traditional curriculum. With the support of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, programs like Drama Workshop, Select Choir, the School Newspaper, Jazz Band, Art Enrichment and our award winning Math League Team offer students an opportunity to express their creativity and talents.

The continued success of our school is due in part to the thoughtful participation of family and community members. Your support, generosity and involvement have been steadfast and help to make the Triton Regional Middle School a school of excellence.

Thank you to all of you who make our success possible.

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 may 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. We continue to make progress in adopting a more effective college preparatory model and our graduation requirements now align with

MASSCORE recommendations. The reconfiguration of our courses into a two semester format has allowed us to create semester electives and thus a more diverse curriculum for our students.

For the ninth 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. It is noteworthy that over 60 students were named to the John and Abigail Adams 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.

We have continued to offer MCAS tutoring for students who require assistance in improving their scores. Further, our web-based credit recovery program is being utilized by many students, including struggling learners. Those students identified as struggling learners are equally important to us, and our Academic Support Classroom is dedicated to providing them with specific, needs-based assistance.

At TRHS we place a priority on helping Freshmen make a successful transition to high school life. The “Freshman Team” of faculty members specifically serving our ninth grade students meet regularly to discuss curriculum, instructional strategies, and student issues in general – all aimed at helping those students make a strong, positive transition into high school. Additionally, our freshman mentoring program, Ignite, continues to train upperclassmen to work with ninth graders by developing supporting relationships between upperclassmen and Freshmen.

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.

Students continue to participate with energy and enthusiasm not only in athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities but also in community service programs such as senior citizen events, blood drives and community outreach programs to name a few. We are very proud of the high proportion of students who engage in these activities. Parents also 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 other schools in the district.

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.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 2008/09**NEWBURY REPRESENTATIVES****TERM EXPIRES**

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2011

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2010

TOWN OF ROWLEY
ENROLLMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 2008

Pine Grove School

Elementary	Boys	Girls	Total
Early Childhood	30	18	48
Kindergarten	49	35	84
Grade 1	43	37	80
Grade 2	35	39	74
Grade 3	40	39	79
Grade 4	30	30	60
Grade 5	38	38	76
Grade 6	42	35	77
Total	307	271	578

Triton Regional Middle School

Grade 7 Rowley Students	64
Grade 8 Rowley Students	54
Total	118

Triton Regional High School

Grade 9 Rowley Students	66
Grade 10 Rowley Students	58
Grade 11 Rowley Students	56
Grade 12 Rowley Students	64
Total	244

Other Enrollments as of October 2008

	SPED	7
	Private	22
	Parochial	10
	Public	109
	Total	148

Pine Grove School Enrollment	578
Triton Regional Middle School Enrollment	118
Triton Regional High School Enrollment	244
Other Enrollment	148
Total 2008/2009 Enrollment as of 10/08	1088

FY 2009 ASSESSMENTS

	Operating Budget	Capital Assessment
NEWBURY	\$8,209,998	\$165,399
ROWLEY	\$7,146,439	\$156,277
SALISBURY	\$8,579,366	\$621,777
Total	\$23,935,803	\$943,453

General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Actual Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues		
Assessments to Member Towns	24,879,255	24,879,256
Intergovernmental	11,496,661	11,421,405
Medicaid	250,000	229,390
Investment Income	110,000	75,840
Insurance and Retirement Revenue	519,206	534,911
Miscellaneous		6,030
Total Revenues	37,255,122	37,146,832
Expenditures		
Administration	1,174,022	1,176,281
Instruction	18,675,725	18,677,423
School Choice	1,832,759	1,980,531
Transportation	2,306,535	2,384,708
Other School Services	1,734,026	1,676,631
Student Activities	398,108	428,830
Operation and Maintenance	2,710,137	2,628,597
Fringe Benefits	5,321,138	5,125,910
Debt Service:		
Principal	2,185,000	2,185,000
Interest	1,359,162	1,360,385
Total Expenditures	37,696,612	37,624,296
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures	(441,490)	(477,464)



NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

- 6:30 A.M. Warning Signal — Either schools are called off for a full day or delayed opening. (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 TV stations WBZ, WCVB, and WHDH.

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