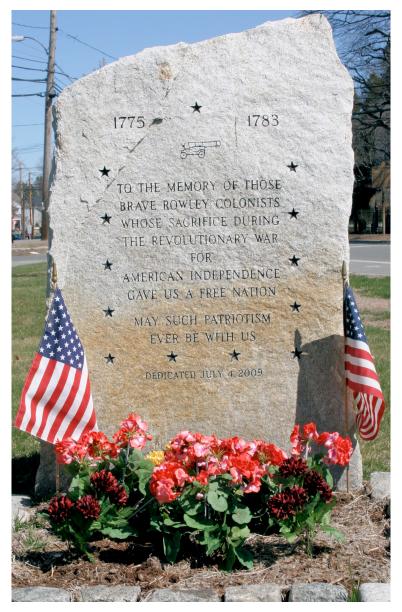
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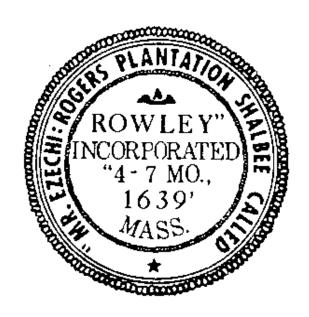
# **Annual Report**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1639 2011

# Three Hundred Seventy Second

Annual Report of the Town of Rowley



For the year ending December 31

2011

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#### **COVER PHOTO**

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR MEMORIAL

The unity of the American Colonists in their opposition to the stamp act contributed substantially to the rise of American Nationalist sentiment, and this conflict between the colonists and the British Government is often considered one of the chief causes of the American Revolution.

In January of 1775 at a Rowley Town Meeting it was voted to allow each soldier in town the sum of six pence per week, for five weeks on condition that they would voluntarily turnout for drill. Two months later, in March, Town Meeting voted to pay the Minute Men for training two half-days in each week the same price for each half-day, as before allowed. So we can see an escalation taking place.

By April 19, 1775 (Patriots Day) a detachment of British Troops, having advanced to Lexington, and on seeing a company of militia parading on their training field, fired on them, killing eight and wounding nine others. News of the battle at Lexington was brought to Rowley that same day. Captain Thomas Mighill (a direct descendent of our own John Mighill) with his company of minute men immediately left for Boston, and marched as far as Newell's Tavern in Lynn where they halted a short time for refreshment and rest. After another rapid march they arrived in Cambridge early in the forenoon of the 20th; and after remaining five days they returned home.

For the next eight years the battle for American Independence went on with great sacrifice not only by the Militia Men but also the young, the old and everyone in our community. By the end of this war, in 1783, Rowley had expended the sum of \$34,404.81. Rowley was able to furnish its full proportion of men for the army of the Revolution. We had on average fifty men each year in the service of their country during the eight years of the war. I think the Town and our Country owes a great debt of gratitude to these men and their families.

The idea for a memorial came to me in 1975/76 during the National Bicentennial Celebration, but it was just an idea. After the events of 2001 I got more serious and did some research to see what would be appropriate. I wanted something that was not intrusive but rather rustic in nature. In 2008 I applied to the Rowley Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post 5707 for one of their annual grants, to fund a Revolutionary War Memorial. I was awarded a grant. The next task was to find an appropriate stone. As luck would have it Bob Cianfrocca of Salt Marsh Antiques found a piece granite from the Parker River Bridge Project. After inquiring with the proper authorities we were able to acquire this stone that we have on the Training Field today.

#### The history of this granite stone

Before 1758 the crossing at Parker River (1A) in Newbury, was done by ferry. In 1734 the Town of Newbury gave its consent to the erection of a bridge over the River Parker, at or near the place where the ferry was kept. It was found impossible to raise the money necessary to defray the cost of the proposed structure, and the plan was temporarily abandoned. The ferry continued until 1758 when the bridge was built with funds raised by a lottery authorized by the General Court. We feel this stone could very well have been a part of this bridge. It also has the characteristics of Rockport or Cape Ann granite.

In 1789 General George Washington was elected President. That year he made a tour through New England. He stopped at Ipswich, dinned at the Swasey Tavern, and passed through Rowley shortly before three o'clock on the afternoon of the 30th October, as he records in his diary: "Friday October 30th, 1789. From this place (Beverly) with escorts of horse, I pass on to Ipswich, about ten miles; --- partook of a cold collation and proceeded onto Newburyport". No doubt many of the inhabitants of Rowley gathered on Main Street to catch a glimpse of the man who had done so much for our country and was now honored with the highest office within the gift of his countrymen. Currier says he came from Ipswich through Rowley, over Parker River Bridge to Newbury, escorted by two companies of cavalry.

Now I must tell you, I cannot think of a more appropriate Memorial to honor the American Revolution than a piece of local granite that George Washington crossed over.

#### **MEMORIAL DESCRIPTION**

Thirteen stars around the inscription, the top center star representing the Providence of Massachusetts Bay

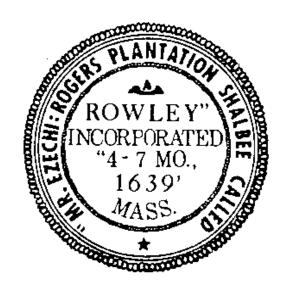
Next are the dates 1775 & 1783

Next is a depiction of Old Nancy Rowley's Revolutionary War cannon

#### **INSCRIPTION**

TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE BRAVE ROWLEY COLONISTS WHOSE SACRIFICE DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE GAVE US A FREE NATION MAY SUCH PATRIOTISM EVER BE WITH US DEDICATED 4, JULY, 2009

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



# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank G. Robert Merry for supplying the cover photo and all of the historical data and photos.



# RUTH S. GARDNER HALEY 1920 - 2011

## PINE GROVE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN 1968 - 1984

## SOCIAL WORKER MA. DEPT. PUBLIC WELFARE

(Photo courtesy of Haley family)



THOMAS J. POTTS, JR. 1925 - 2011

ROWLEY PLANNING BOARD 1959 -1988

ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 1988 - 2011

LIFE MEMBER ROWLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

### A CALLER FOR THE ROWLEY BARNSTROMERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB FOR THIRTY YEARS

BY UNANIMOUS TOWN MEETING VOTE, IN 1983, TOM RECEIVED SPECIAL THANKS FOR HIS COMMITMENT, DEDICATION AND HARD WORK TOWARD IMPROVING THE LIFES OF ROWLEY RESIDENTS.

(Photo courtesy of the Potts family)

# MARIE A. FISH 1921 - 2011

ROWLEY HISTORIC DISTRIC COMMITTEE 1986 - 1988

ROWLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE 1986 - 2000

ROWLEY ELECTION POLL WORKER
PINE GROVE SCHOOL WORKER



# JOAN R. BURKE 1930 - 2011

INTERIM TOWN ACCOUNTANT 1985

ROWLEY TOWN CLERK 1971 - 1975

ROWLEY ASSISTANT TREASURER 1975 - 1987

MEMBER LADIES FIRE AUXILIARY
MEMBER V.F.W. LADIES AUXILIARY

(Photo courtesy of the Burke family)



# ROBERT C. BIXBY 1936 - 2011

## ROWLEY CIVIL DEFENSE AUXILLARY POLICE FORCE 1965 - 1981

# PART TIME ROWLEY HIGHWAY DEPT. WORKER

(Photo courtesy of G Robert Merry)



# PATRICIA L. MARSHALL 1947 - 2011

TEACHER PINE GROVE SCHOOL 1969 - 1990

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PINE GROVE SCHOOL 1990 - 1992

PRINCIPAL PINE GROVE SCHOOL 1992 - 2002

(Photo courtesy of the Marshall family)



HELEN M. WILLIAMS 1937 - 2011

ROWLEY COUNCIL ON AGING 1996 - 2009

ROWLEY BOARD OF REGISTRAS 1977 - 1979

"SHE FOUNDED AND OPERATED FRIENDS OF CHRISTMAS FOR ROWLEY CHILDREN" FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS

(Photo courtesy of the Williams family)

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#### ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF ROWLEY

#### **Board of Selectman**

Richard M. Cummings (2012) Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr. (2013) G. Robert Merry (2013) Robert L. Snow (2014) Joseph J. Perry (2014)

#### Moderator

Joan Petersen (2012)

#### **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 (2013) Donald Thurston (2014)

# Regional School Committee Rowley:

Mary T. Murphy (2012) Paul L. Lees (2013) Lane Bourn (2014)

#### **Newbury:**

Suzanne W. Densmore (2012) Robin S. Williams (2013) Diana L. Sullivan (2014)

#### Salisbury:

Linda M. Litcofsky (2012) Deborah A. Choate (2013) Jane K. Purinton (2014)

#### **Planning Board**

Curt Bryant (2012) Clifford Pierce (2013) Jean Marie Pietrillo (2014) Stuart W. Wells (2015) resigned David F. Jaquith (2016)

#### **Trustees of the Free Public Library**

Eric Skillman (2012)
Jacob Golbitz (2012)
John H. McCallum (2012)
Scott Accomando (2013)
Phillip A. Cressey, Jr. (2013)
Michelle M. Ford (2013)
Janet Peabody (2014)
Joseph Perry (2014)
David Masher (2011)

#### **Rowley Housing Authority**

State Appointee: Warren G. Appell Jacqueline R. Vigeant (2012) Jack L. Cook (2014) Donald P. Hovey (2015) Katherine L. Dalzell (2016)

#### **Municipal Light Board**

Aldene Gordon (2012) Attilio Paglia (2012) David Levesque (2013) G. Robert Merry (2014)

#### **Municipal Water Board**

Roy Ricker, Sr. (2012) Scott C. Martin (2013) Timothy Toomey (2014)

#### **Shellfish Commissioners**

Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2012) Charles G. Hazen (2013) John H. Grundstrom (2014)

#### Tree Warden

A Scott Leavitt (2012)

#### **Cemetery Commissioners**

William H. Gaynor (2012) Peter Dalzell (2013) Jack L. Cook (2014)

#### **Constables**

Philip Collyer (2012) Nathaniel N. Dummer (2013)

# **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

	Expiration		Expiration
Accountant		Board of Health	
Susan W. Bailey		Susan Elwell	2012
		Charles Costello	2013
Agricultural Commission		John Melcher	2014
Joseph Mirasolo	2011		
Deborah Streiff, Alternate	2012	Board of Registrars	
Dianne Short	2012	Barbara DiMento	2012
Elizabeth Tucker	2012	Mildred Dummer	2012
Morna Unzer	2013	Gordon Densmore	2012
Barry Moore	2013	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	2012
Jack Grundstrom	2013		
Jennette Loring	2014	<b>Building Inspector</b>	
George Pacenka	2014	John Caldwell, Alternate	2011
Patrick Moran, Alternate	2014	Ken Ward	2012
		Sam Joslin, Alternate	2012
Animal Control Officer			
Reed Wilson	2012	Cable Television Advisory Committee	
Carol Laroque Alt. Inspector	2012	Warren Appell	2011
		John R. DiMento	2011
Principal Assessor		Thomas Moses	2011
Sean McFadden		Walter Hardy	2011
		G. Robert Merry	2011
Board of Appeals, Ch. 41 Sec 81		Janet Morrissey	2011
Thomas J. Potts, Jr. <i>deceased Jan</i> 2011		Vincent Pesaturo	2011
Thomas W. Heidgerd	2012	Robert Snow, Brd of Selectmen	2011
Donald W. Thurston, Chairman	2013		
David Levesque	2014	Cannoneer	
Nathaniel Dummer	2015	G. Robert Merry	2012
Michael Doherty, Associate	2016		
		<b>Community Preservation Committee</b>	
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)		Richard Cummings, Brd of Selectmen	2012
Thomas J. Potts, Jr. deceased Jan 2011		Curtis Turner, Con Com	2013
Thomas W. Heidgerd	2012	Frank Todd, Hist. Dist. Comm	2013
Donald W. Thurston, Chairman	2013	Clifford Pierce, Pln Brd	2013
David Levesque	2014	Kurt Annen, Parks and Rec.	2014
Nathaniel Dummer	2015	Robert Carpenter, Open Space	2014
Michael Doherty Associate	2016	Stuart Wells, Planning Bd. Rep, resigned Nov. 2011	
		Warren Appell, RHA Rep, <i>resigned Dec.</i> 2011	

Conservation Commission		Finance Committee	
Curtis Turner	2012	Louis Modini	2011
Robert Garner	2012	Sharon Emery	2011
Robert Carpenter	2013	Jami Snow	2012
Samuel Strieff	2013	Steven Roge	2012
David Delmonico	2014	Vincent Pesaturo	2012
Douglas Watson	2014	John DiMento, Chairman	2013
Judith H. Kehs	2014	Karen Drahozal	2013
		Peter Censullo	2013
<b>Conservation Commission Agent</b>		Janet Bridges	2014
Brent Baeslack			
		Fire Department	
Council on Aging Director		James C. Broderick, Chief	2012
Mary Ellen Mighill		Mark Emery, Captain	2012
		James R. Merry, Captain	2012
Council on Aging		Michael Durkee , resigned Sept. 2011	
George Gallant	2012	Scott Winfrey	2012
Robert Kirshner	2012	Mark Winfrey	2012
Nina Gynan	2012	Shawn Roberts	2012
Robert Hagopian	2013	Joseph R. Merry	2012
Merle Phipps	2013	Robert Serino	2012
Mary Bright	2014	James Chadbourne	2012
Joan Lyons	2014	Donald Merry	2012
		James Condon	2012
		Ron Agrella	2012
Eastern Essex Veteran's District		Charles Hazen, Jr.	2012
Richard Cummings	2012	David Carpentier	2012
		Darcie Britner	2012
<b>Essex Scenic Byway Commission</b>		Robert M J Hagopian	2012
Richard Cummings	2012	Roger S. Merry	2012
		Jason Merry	2012
Eight Towns and the Bay Committee		John R Stomboly	2012
Robert J. Carpenter	2012	Matthew Skelley	2012
		Jesse T Warren	2012
Fence Viewers		John Condelli	2012
Richard Caram	2012	Alan Comeau	2011
		Justin Graham	2011
		Gary Dean	2011

Fire Station Committee		Limited Health Agents	
Robert Snow, Selectmen's Rep	2012	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	2012
James Broderick, Fire Chief	2012	Barbara DiMento	2012
Douglas Chadbourne, Resident Rep (2012)	2012	David W. Roberts	2012
Thomas Heidgerd, Resident Rep	2012		
Janet Bridges, Finance Committee Rep (2012)	2012	Limited Lighting Bylaw Enforcement Agent	
Richard Gagnon, RVFPA Rep	2012	Frank Marchegiani	
Tom Marsh, Associate Resident Rep (2012)	2012		
Sean Malone, Associate Resident Rep (2012)	2012	Local Census Liaison for Federal Census	
		Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	
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Forest Fire Warden & Superintendent of the Fire Alarm		Local Emergency Planning Commission	
James C. Broderick, Chief	2012	James Broderick, Fire Chief	2012
Mark Emery, Assistant	2012	Robert Barker, Police Chief	2012
		Scott Leavitt, Highway Dept.	2012
Harbormaster		Linda Soucy Light Dept.	2012
William DiMento	2012	Frank Marchegiani Board of Health	2012
Fred Hardy, Assistant	2012	Mary Ellen Mighill COA Director	2012
David S. Kent, Assistant	2012	Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator (2012)	2012
Frank Price	2012	Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent (2012)	2012
		Robert Merry, Board of Selectmen	2012
Hazardous Material Coordinator		Roger Merry Deputy Fire Chief	2012
Timothy Toomey	2012		
H. ( ) D. ( ) ( ) ( )		MBTA Advisory Board	
Historic District Commission/ Historical		Robert Snow	2012
Historic Commission		Merrimac Valley Planning	
Mike Harney	2012	Commission (MVPC)	
Sally Swartz	2012		
Richard Cummings	2012	Robert Snow	2012
Nathaniel Dummer	2013		
Frank Todd	2013	Mooring Clerk	
Jim Mailhoit	2014	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk (2012)	2012
5 1111 1 1 <b>1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 </b>	2014	Barbara DiMento (2012)	2012
Sara Bourque	2014	Darbara Diviento (2012)	2012

Library Director		Oil Spill Response Team	
Pamela Jacobson		Robert Barker, Police Chief	2012
		James C. Broderick, Fire Chief	2012
<b>Open Space Committee</b>		Scott Leavitt, Highway Dept.	2012
Lane Bourne	2012	William DiMento	2012
Alan Roscoe	2012	Brent Baeslack	2012
Jane Thomassen, resigned Dec.			
2011			
Robert Carpenter	2013	Police Department	
Nathaniel Lucek	2013	Robert Barker, Chief	2013
		Joseph J. Gamache, Det. Lt.	2012
Parks and Recreation Committee		Dorothy M. Tobin, Asst. to Chief	2014
Michael Killion	2011	R. Perry Collins, FT Ptlm.	2012
Glen Fougere	2011	Thomas M. Hills, FT Ptml.	2012
Lisa Paquette	2011	Scott P. Hirtle, FT Ptlm.	2012
Tim Southall	2012	Stephen W. May. FT Sgt.	2012
John Tidmarsh	2012	David MacMullen, FT Ptlm.	2012
Michael Quinn	2013	Dorothy M. Tobin, Res. Ptlm/Matron.	2012
Kurt Annen	2014	Sheri A. David, FT Dispatcher	2012
		Pamela A. Lutes, FT Disp/Matron	2012
Parking Clerk		Charles Hazen, Jr., FT. Disp.	2012
Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	2012	Jeanne McClung, Reg. Res. Dispatcher	2012
Barbara DiMento	2012	Jessie Mazzie, Res. Ptlm	2012
		David P. Sedgwick, Sergeant. FT	2013
Personnel Board		John J. Raffi, FT Ptlm.	2013
Jack DiMento, Finance Committee (2012)		Matthew Ziev, FT Ptlm	2013
Stuart Dalzell, Board of Selectmen (2012)		Lyn MacAskill, Res.Disp./Matron	2013
David Petersen	2012	Richard A. Johnson, FT Ptlm.	2014
Robert Snow, Board of Selectmen	2012	Robert J. Colby, Jr. Res. Ptlm	2014
Plumbing and Gas Inspector		Jeffrey C. French, Res. Ptlm	2014
David Leavitt	2012	Charles Hazen, Jr., Res. Ptlm	2014
Richard Danforth	2012	Lynne M. Neary, FT Disp/Matron.	2014
		Sheri A. David, Res Ptlm/Matron.	2014
Police Chaplain		Daniel A. Lee Res. Ptlm.	2014
Robert M.J. Hagopian	2013	Robyn Hackler, Res. Disp/Matron	2014
		Martha Merrill, Res. Disp/Matron	2014
Keeper of the Rowley Police Station		Brian Norris Res Disp/Res.Ptlm	2014
Lockup facility as required under		Mark Smith, Res Ptlm	2014
MGL Ch. 40, Sec 35			
Robert Barker	2012		

Rowley Emergency Management Agency		Rowley Cultural Council	
(REMA)		Jennette Loring	2011
James Broderick, Director	2012	Carolyn Bartlett	2012
Scott Leavitt, Assistant Director	2012	Carolyn Peabody	2012
Robert Barker, Police Chief (2012)	2012	Kathy Sullivan	2012
Steven May	2012	Mary Murphy	2012
Roger Merry	2012	Nancy Hill, Chair	2012
Mary Ellen Mighill	2012	Sally McRae	2012
Robert Merry, Board of Selectmen	2012	Susan Chandler, resigned Oct. 2011	2012
George Pacenka	2012	Heather Ferrara, resigned Sept. 2011	
Donald D. Duprey Sr.	2012	Treather Ferrara, resigned Sept. 2011	
Douglas Chadbourne	2012	Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant	
Douglas Chadoourne	2012	Linda Soucy, Manager (retired)	
Sandy Point Committee Member		Kristina Frizzell, Manager	
William DiMento	2012	Kirstina i rizzeri, Manager	
John Manning	2012	Town Administrator/Personnel Officer	
Sanitary Health Agent		Deborah Eagan	
Edward Gallagher			
		Town Clerk, Assistant	
Shellfish Constable		Barbara R. DiMento	2012
John E (Jack) Grundstrom	2011		
John H. Grundstrom	2012	Town Counsel	
		Gary Brackett, Brackett & Lucas	2012
Shellfish Constable (Deputies)		Surf Ethiciton, Ethiciton of Education	2012
Stuart Dalzell, Jr.	2012	Veteran's Agent	
William DiMento	2012	Terry Hart, Ipswich	
John E. Grundstrom	2012	J way Family	
Fred Hardy	2012	Water Department Superintendent	
David S. Kent	2012	John Rezza	
Charles G. Hazen, Sn.	2012		
,		Wiring Inspector	
The Great Marsh ACEC Assembly		David Levesque	2012
Oversight Committee		Frederick Gallagher, Alternate	2012
William DiMento	2012		
Zoning Review Committee		Wood, Lumber and Bark Surveyor	
Ken Ward Building Inspector		Floyd Maker, Jr.	2012
Donald Thurston ZBA Rep.			
Thomas Heidgerd ZBA Rep.		Zoning Administrator	
Robert Merry BOS Rep.		Ken Ward	2012

# Administrative Employees of the Town of Rowley

**Assistant Accountant** 

Amy Lydon

Assessors'

**Administrative Assistant** 

Karen Milo

**Council on Aging** 

**Administrative Assistant** 

Carolyn Peabody

**Activities Director/Trip** 

Coordinator

Denise Gilman

**Assistant Health Agent** 

Wendelyn Hansbury

**Inspection Department /Board of Appeals** 

**Administrative Assistant** 

Katrina O'Leary

**IS Coordinators** 

Susan Bailey

Jacqueline Vigeant

**Planning Board** 

**Administrative Assistant** 

Maryann Tuxbury

Selectmen

**Administrative Assistant** 

Amy Lydon

Louise Mehaffey

Selectmen

**Executive Secretary** 

Doreen Glowik

**Assistant Treasurer/Collector** 

**Office Supervisor** 

Karen Summit

Treasurer/Collector

**Administrative Assistant** 

Karen O'Donnell

Water Department

**Business Manager** 

Laura Hamilton

Water Department Administrative Assistant

Marie Grover

# Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# WARRANT AND MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 16, 2011

Tellers/Counters appointed: Mary Bright, 965 Haverhill St.; Katrina O'Leary, 54 Wilson Pond Ln.; Susan Leach, 5 Jellison Rd.; and Marjorie Thurston, 237 Main St.

Invocation lead by Rev. Robert M.J. Hagopian of The First Congregational Church of Rowley Pledge of Allegiance lead by Board of Selectman Chairman Robert L. Snow Quorum declared and Annual Meeting gaveled open at 7:33 pm by Moderator Joan C. Petersen

Moderator Petersen introduced herself as the newly elected Moderator and paid respect to the last two moderators of the Town of Rowley: Retiring Moderator Warren G. Appell who has served the Town as Moderator for the past 23 years and the late Payson (Pate) F. Todd who served as Moderator for 23 years prior to Mr. Appell.

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 16th day of May 2011 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

**MOTION**: Move to suspend further reading of the May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of the warrant.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed voice unanimous at 7:39 pm.

<u>ARTICLE 1</u>: To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

<u>ARTICLE 2</u>: To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:41 pm.

Annual Town Meeting suspended to open Special Town Meeting warrant at 7:43 pm Annual Town Meeting resumed upon completion of STM Warrant at 8:05 pm

**MOTION:** Move to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the May 16, 2011 Special Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent; James Broderick, Fire Chief; Kristina Frizzell, Light Plant Manager; Pamela Jacobson, Library Director; Frank Marchigiani, Health Service Coordinator; Sean McFadden, Principal

Assessor; Jacqueline Vigeant, Treasurer/Collector; Ken Ward, Building Inspector; John Rezza Water Superintendent; William DeRosa, Whittier Voc-Tech School Superintendent; Christopher Farmer, Triton Regional School district Superintendent; Brian Forget, Triton Regional School District Assistant Superintendent; State Representative Harriet Stanley; State Senator Bruce Tarr.

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:06 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 Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:08 pm. Explanation: Second vote of Article 3 caused by confusion of moving from ATM to STM and back to ATM again- with same results: passed voice unanimous

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

<b>Elective Officer</b>	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	\$73,542	\$73,542
Town Clerk	\$39,525	\$39,525
Planning Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$7,215	\$7,215
Surveyor of Highways	\$69,126	\$69,126
Municipal Water Board (each	\$0	\$0
member)		
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:** Move the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 4A.

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:09 pm.

ARTICLE 5A: General Omnibus Budget. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer and appropriate, from available funds including Overlay, Notice of Intent fund, and free cash, to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes, Interest, of which \$130,000 is subject to an override or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

**Finance Committee Recommends** 

Line Item	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
<u>Description</u>	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 A	Rec.
General Government				

3       Town Administrator/Pers. Off. Salary       77,996       79,131       80,661       80         4       Executive Secretary Salary       44,223       44,924       45,589       45         5       Administrative Assistant Wages       8,877       19,171       19,171       19         6       CPA Administrator Stipend       2,000       2,000       2,000       2	100 1,155 0,661 5,589 9,171 2,000 4,117
2       Selectmen Stipends       11,155       11,155       11,155       1         3       Town Administrator/Pers. Off. Salary       77,996       79,131       80,661       80         4       Executive Secretary Salary       44,223       44,924       45,589       45         5       Administrative Assistant Wages       8,877       19,171       19,171       19         6       CPA Administrator Stipend       2,000       2,000       2,000       2	0,661 5,589 9,171 2,000 4,117
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7 Expenses 21,468 14,117 14,117 1	2 2 2 2
	6,000
	7,385
	2,500
	3,000
Finance Committee	
12   Secretary Wages         323   1,425   1,446	1,446
13 Expenses 255 379 379	379
	0,000
Town Accountant	
15         Accountant Salary         48,522         49,313         50,017         50	0,017
16       Asst. Accountant Wages       13,687       15,183       15,293       15	5,293
	4,658
Board of Assessors	
18   Assessors Stipends         7,368   7,368   7,368	7,368
19 Principal Assessor Salary         72,458         73,486         74,636         74	4,636
	2,027
	1,000
	1,505
	6,055
Treasurer/Tax Collector	
	3,542
	8,292
Item Expended Appropriated Requested Fin Con	m
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	9,088
	1,943
28 Tax Title 13,472 10,517 10,517 10	0,517
	5,000
Town Counsel	
30 Professional Fee 50,643 52,600 52,600 52	2,600
	2,000
Personnel Board	
32 Expenses 0 399 399	399
IS Department	

33	Expenses	14,258	19,422	19,422	19,422
	Town Clerk				
34	Town Clerk Salary	38,006	38,576	39,525	39,525
35	Wages	4,129	3,299	13,210	13,210
36	Expenses	3,802	3,875	3,875	3,875
	Elections				
37	Wages	2,322	3,553	2,550	2,550
38	Expenses	5,106	9,125	6,850	6,850
	Registrar of Voters				
39	Stipends	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
40	Expenses	2,569	2,950	2,950	2,950
	Conservation Commission				
41	Conservation Agent Salary	45,086	45,751	46,431	46,431
42	Expenses	1,622	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Planning Board				
43	Planning Admin. Assistant Wages	24,867	21,390	21,594	21,594
44	Planner Consultant	208	9,026	9,026	9,026
45	Merrimack Valley Planning	1,814	1,814	1,814	1,814
46	Commission	1 151	2.070	2.070	2.070
46	Expenses  Zoning Board of Appeals	1,454	2,970	2,970	2,970
47	•	0	7.670	0.070	0.070
47	Administrative Assistant Wages Expenses	1 672	7,670	8,279	8,279
48	Agricultural Commission	1,672	1,680	1,680	1,680
40	-	500	500	500	500
49	Expenses Town Hall	500	500	500	500
		11 200	12.027	40.004	40.004
50	Town Hall/Annex Janitor Wages	11,386	13,027	13,234	13,234
51	Expenses Town Hall Annex	16,359	14,318	16,318	16,318
52	Expenses	23,951	14 240	17 210	17 210
52	Subtotal	,	14,318 970,075	17,318 990,861	17,318 990,861
Line		828,499	,	•	Fin Com
Line	ription	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	
Desci	Public Safety	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 A	Rec.
	Police Department	400.050	400 705	444.007	444.007
53	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings Deputy Chief Salary & Other	136,250	109,765	111,387	111,387
54	Earnings	97,545	0	0	0
55	Wages	1,020,045	1,034,094	1,025,280	1,025,280
56	Expenses	120,228	141,332	144,332	144,332
57	Police Cruiser	29,525	30,500	30,500	30,500
58	Police Modular Building Lease	24,526	25,052	25,052	25,052
	Constables				
59	Expenses	450	400	400	400

	Fire Department				
60	Fire Chief Salary	71,651	72,714	73,801	73,801
61	Firefighter Wages	129,936	134,166	134,166	134,166
62	Call Firefighter Wages	82,490	80,000	80,000	80,000
63	Expenses	114,332	117,093	120,093	120,093
64	Station & Equipment Lease	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Ambulance Service				
65	Service Contract	0	0	0	0
	Inspection Department				
66	Salaries	48,223	51,177	49,554	49,554
67	Wages	6,981	11,719	12,360	12,360
68	Expenses	5,065	5,065	5,065	5,065
	Emergency Management Services.				
69	REMA Director Stipend	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
70	Expenses	2,096	2,187	2,187	2,187
	Animal Inspector				
71	Salary	2,504	2,542	2,580	2,580
72	Expenses	100	200	200	200
73	Rabid Animal Control	872	1,853	1,853	1,853
	Animal Control Officer				
74	Salary	9,929	13,000	13,000	13,000
75	Expenses	916	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Tree Warden/Moth Ctrl.				
76	Salary	7,109	7,215	7,215	7,215
77	Expenses	8,193	8,193	8,193	8,193
	Harbormaster				
78	Salary	5,742	5,828	5,914	5,914
79	Assistant Wages	4,892	5,016	5,140	5,140
Line	ltem	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
	Description	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 A	Rec.
80	Pumpout Boat Wages	1,709	1,735	1,767	1,767
81	Expenses	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
82	Town Landing	0	500	500	500
	Shellfish Commission				
83	Commission Salaries	1,644	1,540	1,644	1,644
84	Commission Expenses	996	563	996	996
	Shellfish Constable				
85	Constable Salary	243	250	250	250
86	Constable Expenses	526	563	563	563
	Subtotal	1,941,718	1,892,884	1,892,614	1,892,614
	Schools				
87	Whittier Vocational Assessment	248,864	227,061	221,274	221,274
88	Triton Regional Assessment	7,027,052	7,220,827	7,463,390	7,463,390

89	Triton Capital Assessment	281,358	262,789	250,123	250,123
	Subtotal	7,557,274	7,710,677	7,934,787	7,934,787
	Public Works				
	Highway Department				
90	Surveyor's Salary	64,126	69,126	69,126	69,126
91	Wages	135,490	130,505	132,272	132,272
92	Expenses	100,686	111,622	114,622	114,622
93	Highway Truck Lease	9,509	0	0	
	Snow & Ice Removal				
94	Expenses	130,868	80,000	80,000	80,000
	Recycling				
95	Wages	3,278	3,800	3,867	3,867
96	Expenses	6,953	8,510	8,510	8,510
	Fire Hydrants				
97	Expenses	35,000	35,200	35,600	35,600
	Street Lighting				
98	Expenses	0	25,344	34,978	34,978
	Town Land Maintenance				
99	Expenses	7,459	8,661	8,661	8,661
	Cemetery Commission				
100	Wages	15,730	15,967	16,206	16,206
101	Expenses	1,868	1,947	2,492	2,492
	Subtotal	510,967	490,682	506,334	506,334
	Health & Human Services				
	Board of Health				
102	Coordinator of Health Services & Regulatory Compliance Salary	47,041	47,736	48,446	48,446
103	Sanitary Health Agent Wages	21,825	22,142	22,590	22,590
Line	ltem	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Descr	<u>ription</u>	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 A	Rec.
104	Adm. Asst./Asst. Inspector Wages	24,242	24,371	24,607	24,607
105	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
106	Expenses	6,553	6,900	6,900	6,900
	Council on Aging				
107	Senior Director Salary	32,905	33,391	33,887	33,887
108	Wages	42,878	43,779	44,423	44,423
109	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	294	294	294	294
110	Expenses	12,270	13,366	13,366	13,366
	Veterans Affairs				
111	Veterans Benefits	13,035	11,844	15,000	15,000
112	Eastern Essex Veterans. District	17,928	20,303	22,333	22,333
	Handicapped Commission				
113	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Subtotal	219,971	225,316	233,036	233,036

	Recreation/Historic				
	Rowley Public Library				
114	Library Director Salary	46,260	47,171	47,874	47,874
115	Wages	69,673	74,220	75,334	75,334
116	Expenses	85,097	85,262	88,262	88,262
	Recreation Committee		,	,	,
117	Wages	0	7,676	7,676	7,676
118	Expenses	1,290	1,864	1,864	1,864
119	Field Maintenance	15,578	20,078	20,078	20,078
	Historical				
120	Commission Expenses	58	332	332	332
121	Historic District Commission Expense	0	70	70	70
	Other				
122	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	948	1,000	1,000	1,000
123	Bradstreet Property Expense	671	5,000	5,000	5,000
124	Former Library Building Expense	199	800	0	
	Subtotal	219,774	243,473	247,490	247,490
	<u>Debt</u>				
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
127	Library Principal	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
128	Hunsley Hills Land Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
129	Used Fire Ladder Truck	13,000	0	0	0
	Principal	·			
130	Highway Truck Principal	16,000	16,000	0	0
131	Bridge Repair Principal	0	0		
132	Fire Truck Principal	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Line	ltem	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Descr	<u>iption</u>	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 A	Rec.
133	Capital Equipment Principal	22,200	22,200	22,200	22,200
134	Capital Equipment Principal II		30,000	27,000	27,000
135	Landfill Capping Interest	18,930	17,093	15,255	15,255
136	New Well Land Interest	5,662	5,164	4,665	4,665
137	Library Interest	49,928	46,215	42,390	42,390
138	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	27,761	25,493	23,155	23,155
139	Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest	446		0	0
140	Highway Truck Interest	1,200	400	0	0
141	Bridge Repair Interest	58,920	72,000	72,000	72,000
142	Fire Truck Interest	22,050	17,640	13,230	13,230
143	Capital Equipment Interest	5,439	4,352	3,264	3,264
144	Capital Equipment Interest II	0	7,500	4,280	4,280
	Subtotal	521,036	543,557	506,939	506,939
	Insurance				
145	Unemployment	0	12,000	12,000	12,000

146	Blanket Insurance	87,517	101,000	111,000	111,000
147	Essex Regional Retirement	490,621	521,416	566,687	566,687
148	Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA	353,987	375,662	443,569	443,569
	Subtotal	932,125	1,010,078	1,133,256	1,133,256
	GRAND TOTAL	12,731,364	13,086,742	13,445,317	13,445,317

**MOTION** Move the Town vote to postpone indefinitely Article 5A.

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:10 pm

<u>ARTICLE 4B</u>: To see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation of elective officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 108 as follows.

Elective Officer	Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
Moderator	\$100	\$100
Board of Selectmen (each member)	\$1,631	\$1,631
Board of Assessors (each member)	\$2,456	\$2,456
Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes	\$73,542	\$73,542
Town Clerk	\$39,525	\$39,525
Planning Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$7,215	\$7,215
Surveyor of Highways	\$69,126	\$69,126
Municipal Water Board (each	\$0	\$0
member)		
Trustees of Free Public Library	\$0	\$0
Rowley Housing Authority	\$0	\$0
Municipal Light Board (each	\$0	\$0
member)		

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee Recommends** 

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:12 pm

Board of Selectmen Chair Robert L. Snow asked to address the audience with a brief explanation of the 'Budget A' vs. 'Budget B' prior to the reading to the Omnibus Budget (Article 5B):

Mr. Snow noted that although the Town needed a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Override to cover the Triton assessment while keeping all other departments level funded, this warrant needed to be printed prior to the results of the Town Election decision on said Override, the Board of Selectmen directed that two budgets be created -A & B.

Budget A reflects the budget as it would appear with passage of the \$130,000 override as presented on the ballot: Level-funding of all town departments and payment of the Triton assessment.

Budget B reflects the budget as it would appear without the passage of the override: Payment of the Triton assessment and an' across the board' 2% cut in all town department budgets.

Since the Override failed at the May  $10^{th}$  Annual Town Election, it is Budget B which is being presented and considered at this time.

<u>ARTICLE 5B</u>: *General Omnibus Budget* - Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,980,266, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$349,449 from Free Cash, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for Overlay Reserve, for a total of \$13,339,715 to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes, Interest.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

**Finance Committee Recommends** 

Line Item	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
<u>Description</u>	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 B	Rec.

	General Government				
	Town Moderator				
1	Moderator Stipend	100	100	98	98
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	11,155	11,155	8,155	8,155
3	Town Administrator/Pers. Officer Salary	77,996	79,131	80,661	80,661
4	Executive Secretary Salary	44,223	44,924	45,589	45,589
5	Administrative Assistant Wages	8,877	19,171	19,171	19,171
6	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	Expenses	21,468	14,117	13,678	13,678
8	Rev. 9-1-1 communication system	0	6,000	6,000	6,000
9	Copier/Fax Expenses	6,443	7,385	7,385	7,385
10	General Audit Expense	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
11	Sealer of Weights & Measurers Exp	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Finance Committee				
12	Secretary Wages	323	1,425	1,446	1,446
13	Expenses	255	379	342	342
14	Reserve Fund	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Town Accountant				
15	Accountant Salary	48,522	49,313	50,017	50,017
16	Assistant Accountant Wages	13,687	15,183	14,593	14,593
17	Expenses	3,948	4,658	3,958	3,958
	Board of Assessors				
18	Assessors Stipends	7,368	7,368	7,368	7,368
19	Principal Assessor Salary	72,458	73,486	74,636	74,636
20	Administrative Assistant Wages	17,936	21,831	22,027	22,027
21	Consultant	0	1,000	0	0
22	Professional Services	8,620	11,505	11,505	11,505
23	Expenses	6,022	6,055	4,603	4,603
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
24	Treasurer/Collector Salary	71,400	72,459	73,542	73,542
25	Assistant Treasurer Salary	46,896	47,586	48,292	48,292
26	Administrative Assistant Wages	26,840	28,749	29,088	29,088
27	Expenses	33,081	31,943	28,286	28,286
28	Tax Title	13,472	10,517	10,517	10,517
29	Debt Fees & Charges	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Town Counsel				
30	Professional Fee	50,643	52,600	52,600	52,600
31	Litigation	13,905	62,000	52,000	52,000
	Personnel Board				
32	Expenses	0	399	391	391
	IS Department				
33	Expenses	14,258	19,422	19,034	19,034

	Town Clerk				
35	Town Clerk Salary	38,006	38,576	39,525	39,525
36	Wages	4,129	3,299	13,210	13,210
37	Expenses	3,802	3,875	3,740	3,740
	Elections				·
38	Wages	2,322	3,553	2,550	2,550
39	Expenses	5,106	9,125	6,350	6,350
	Registrar of Voters				
40	Stipends	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
41	Expenses	2,569	2,950	2,450	2,450
	Conservation Commission				
42	Conservation Agent Salary	45,086	45,751	45,495	45,495
43	Expenses	1,622	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Planning Board				
44	Planning Admin. Assistant Wages	24,867	21,390	21,594	21,594
45	Planner Consultant	208	9,026	8,354	8,354
46	Merrimack Valley Planning	1,814	1,814	1,814	1,814
47	Commission	1 151	2.070	2.070	2.070
47	Expenses	1,454	2,970	2,970	2,970
40	Zoning Board of Appeals	0	7.070	0.070	0.070
48	Administrative Assistant Wages	0	7,670	8,279	8,279
49	Expenses  Agricultural Commission	1,672	1,680	1,481	1,481
	Agricultural Commission	500	500	400	100
50	Expenses Town Hall	500	500	490	490
		44.000	40.007	40.000	40.000
51	Town Hall/Annex Janitor Wages	11,386	13,027	12,869	12,869
52	Expenses	16,359	14,318	14,110	14,110
	Town Hall Annex	00.054	44.040	4.4.000	44.000
53	Expenses	23,951	14,318	14,032	14,032
	Subtotal	828,499	970,075	960,667	960,667
	Public Safety				
	Police Department	100.050	400 705	100.010	100.010
55	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	136,250	109,765	108,216	108,216
56	Deputy Chief Salary & Other Earnings	97,545	0	0	0
57	Wages	1,020,045	1,034,094	1,012,188	1,012,188
58	Expenses	120,228	141,332	134,332	134,332
59	Police Cruiser	29,525	30,500	28,000	28,000
60	Police Modular Building Lease	24,526	25,052	25,052	25,052
0.4	Constables	450	400	100	400
61	Expenses	450	400	400	400
	Fire Department		<b>70 7</b> 1 1	<b></b>	<b></b> 0.007
62	Fire Chief Salary	71,651	72,714	73,801	73,801
63	Firefighter Wages	129,936	134,166	134,166	134,166
64	Call Firefighter Wages	82,490	80,000	79,000	79,000

65	Expenses	114,332	117,093	109,993	109,993
66	Station & Equipment Lease	0	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Ambulance Service				
68	Service Contract	0	0	0	0
	Inspection Department				
69	Salaries	48,223	51,177	49,554	49,554
70	Wages	6,981	11,719	11,510	11,510
71	Expenses	5,065	5,065	4,575	4,575
	<b>Emergency Management Services</b>				
72	REMA Director Stipend	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
73	Expenses	2,096	2,187	2,083	2,083
	Animal Inspector				
74	Salary	2,504	2,542	2,580	2,580
75	Expenses	100	200	200	200
76	Rabid Animal Control	872	1,853	1,760	1,760
	Animal Control Officer				
77	Salary	9,929	13,000	13,000	13,000
78	Expenses	916	1,622	1,330	1,330
	Tree Warden/Moth Control				
79	Salary	7,109	7,215	7,215	7,215
80	Expenses	8,193	8,193	7,885	7,885
	Harbormaster				
81	Salary	5,742	5,828	5,914	5,914
82	Assistant Wages	4,892	5,016	4,794	4,794
83	Pumpout Boat Wages	1,709	1,735	1,767	1,767
84	Expenses	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
85	Town Landing	0	500	500	500
	Shellfish Commission				
86	Commission Salaries	1,644	1,540	1,591	1,591
87	Commission Expenses	996	563	996	996
	Shellfish Constable				
88	Constable Salary	243	250	250	250
89	Constable Expenses	526	563	547	547
	Subtotal	1,941,718	1,892,884	1,850,199	1,850,199
	Schools				
90	Whittier Vocational Assessment	248,864	227,061	221,274	221,274
91	Triton Regional Assessment	7,027,052	7,220,827	7,463,390	7,463,390
92	Triton Capital Assessment	281,358	262,789	250,123	250,123
	Subtotal	7,557,274	7,710,677	7,934,787	7,934,787
	Public Works				
	Highway Department				
93	Surveyor's Salary	64,126	69,126	69,126	69,126
94	Wages	135,490	130,505	131,772	131,772
95	Expenses	100,686	111,622	105,862	105,862
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96	Highway Truck Lease	9,509	0	0	0
	Snow & Ice Removal				
97	Expenses	130,868	80,000	80,000	80,000
	Recycling				
98	Wages	3,278	3,800	3,690	3,690
99	Expenses	6,953	8,510	8,439	8,439
	Fire Hydrants				
100	Expenses	35,000	35,200	35,600	35,600
	Street Lighting				
101	Expenses	0	25,344	34,978	34,978
	Town Land Maintenance				
102	Expenses	7,459	8,661	8,488	8,488
	Cemetery Commission				
103	Wages	15,730	15,967	15,833	15,833
104	Expenses	1,868	1,947	2,492	2,492
	Subtotal	510,967	490,682	496,280	496,280
	Health & Human Services				
	Board of Health				
105	Coordinator of Health Services & Regulatory Compliance Salary	47,041	47,736	48,221	48,221
106	Sanitary Health Agent Wages	21,825	22,142	22,365	22,365
107	Adm. Asst./Asst. Inspector Wages	24,242	24,371	24,282	24,282
108	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
109	Expenses	6,553	6,900	5,604	5,604
	Council on Aging				
110	Senior Director Salary	32,905	33,391	33,887	33,887
111	Wages	42,878	43,779	44,423	44,423
112	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	294	294	294	294
113	Expenses	12,270	13,366	11,815	11,815
	Veterans Affairs				
114	Veterans Benefits	13,035	11,844	15,000	15,000
115	Eastern Essex Veterans District	17,928	20,303	22,333	22,333
	Handicapped Commission				
116	Expenses	0	190	185	185
	Subtotal	219,971	225,316	229,409	229,409
	Recreation/Historic				
	Rowley Public Library				
117	Library Director Salary	46,260	47,171	47,874	47,874
118	Wages	69,673	74,220	75,334	75,334
119	Expenses	85,097	85,262	81,093	81,093
	Recreation Committee				
120	Wages	0	7,676	0	0
121	Expenses	1,290	1,864	1,827	1,827
122	Field Maintenance	15,578	20,078	19,676	19,676

124   Historic District Commission Expense		Historical				
Other   126   Memorial Day/Veterans Day   948   1,000   980   980   980   127   Bradstreet Property Expense   671   5,000   1,000	123	Commission Expenses	58	332	324	324
126   Memorial Day/Veterans Day   948   1,000   980   980   127   Bradstreet Property Expense   671   5,000   1,000   1,000   1,000   128   Former Library Building Expense   199   800   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0	124	Historic District Commission Expense	0	70	70	70
127   Bradstreet Property Expense   671   5,000   1,000   1,000   128   Former Library Building Expense   199   800   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0		Other				
128   Former Library Building Expense   199   800   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0	126	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	948	1,000	980	980
Subtotal   219,774   243,473   228,178   228,178   Debt	127	Bradstreet Property Expense	671	5,000	1,000	1,000
Debt	128	Former Library Building Expense	199	800	0	0
129   Landfill Capping Principal   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   35,000   36		Subtotal	219,774	243,473	228,178	228,178
130   New Well Land Principal   9,500   9,500   9,500   9,500   131   Library Principal   90,000   90,000   90,000   90,000   90,000   132   Hunsley Hills Land Principal   55,000   55,000   55,000   55,000   55,000   133   Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal   13,000   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0		Debt				
131   Library Principal   90,000   90,000   90,000   90,000   132   Hunsley Hills Land Principal   55,000   55,000   55,000   55,000   55,000   133   Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal   13,000   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0	129	Landfill Capping Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
132   Hunsley Hills Land Principal   55,000   55,000   55,000   55,000   133   Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal   13,000   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0	130	New Well Land Principal	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
133   Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal   13,000   0   0   0   0   0   0   134   Highway Truck Principal   16,000   16,000   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0   0	131	Library Principal	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
134   Highway Truck Principal   16,000   16,000   0   0   135   Bridge Repair Principal   0   0   0   0   136   Fire Truck Principal   90,000   90,000   90,000   90,000   22,200   22,200   22,200   22,200   23,205   140   New Well Land Interest   18,930   17,093   15,255   15,255   140   New Well Land Interest   49,928   46,215   42,390   42	132	Hunsley Hills Land Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
135   Bridge Repair Principal   0   0   0   136   Fire Truck Principal   90,000   90,000   90,000   90,000   137   Capital Equipment Principal   22,200   22,200   22,200   22,200   22,200   23,000   27,000   27,000   27,000   138   Capital Equipment Principal II   30,000   27,000   27,000   27,000   139   Landfill Capping Interest   18,930   17,093   15,255   15,255   140   New Well Land Interest   5,662   5,164   4,665   4,665   4,665   141   Library Interest   49,928   46,215   42,390   42,390   142   Hunsley Hills Land Interest   27,761   25,493   23,155   23,155   143   Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest   446   0   0   0   0   144   Highway Truck Interest   1,200   400   0   0   0   145   Bridge Repair Interest   58,920   72,000   72,000   72,000   72,000   146   Fire Truck Interest   22,050   17,640   13,230   13,230   13,230   147   Capital Equipment Interest   5,439   4,352   3,264   3,264   148   Capital Equipment Interest   521,036   543,557   506,939   506,939   152   Blanket Insurance   87,517   101,000   111,000   111,000   153   Essex Regional Retirement   490,621   521,416   566,687   566,687   566,687   154   Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA   353,987   375,662   443,569   44	133	Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal	13,000	0	0	0
136   Fire Truck Principal   90,000   90,000   90,000   90,000   137   Capital Equipment Principal   22,200   22,200   22,200   22,200   22,200   138   Capital Equipment Principal II   30,000   27,000   27,000   139   Landfill Capping Interest   18,930   17,093   15,255   15,255   140   New Well Land Interest   5,662   5,164   4,665   4,665   141   Library Interest   49,928   46,215   42,390   42,390   142   Hunsley Hills Land Interest   27,761   25,493   23,155   23,155   143   Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest   446   0   0   0   0   144   Highway Truck Interest   1,200   400   0   0   0   145   Bridge Repair Interest   58,920   72,000   72,000   72,000   72,000   146   Fire Truck Interest   22,050   17,640   13,230   13,230   147   Capital Equipment Interest   5,439   4,352   3,264   3,264   148   Capital Equipment Interest   5,439   4,352   3,264   3,264   1,200   1,2000   1,2	134	Highway Truck Principal	16,000	16,000	0	0
137         Capital Equipment Principal         22,200         22,200         22,200         22,200           138         Capital Equipment Principal II         30,000         27,000         27,000           139         Landfill Capping Interest         18,930         17,093         15,255         15,255           140         New Well Land Interest         5,662         5,164         4,665         4,665           141         Library Interest         49,928         46,215         42,390         42,390           142         Hunsley Hills Land Interest         27,761         25,493         23,155         23,155           143         Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest         446         0         0         0           144         Highway Truck Interest         1,200         400         0         0         0           145         Bridge Repair Interest         58,920         72,000         72,000         72,000           146         Fire Truck Interest         22,050         17,640         13,230         13,230           147         Capital Equipment Interest II         0         7,500         4,280         4,280           151         Unemployment         0         12,000         12,000	135	Bridge Repair Principal	0	0		
138         Capital Equipment Principal II         30,000         27,000         27,000           139         Landfill Capping Interest         18,930         17,093         15,255         15,255           140         New Well Land Interest         5,662         5,164         4,665         4,665           141         Library Interest         49,928         46,215         42,390         42,390           142         Hunsley Hills Land Interest         27,761         25,493         23,155         23,155           143         Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest         446         0         0         0           144         Highway Truck Interest         1,200         400         0         0         0           145         Bridge Repair Interest         58,920         72,000 </td <td>136</td> <td>Fire Truck Principal</td> <td>90,000</td> <td>90,000</td> <td>90,000</td> <td>90,000</td>	136	Fire Truck Principal	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
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141         Library Interest         49,928         46,215         42,390         42,390           142         Hunsley Hills Land Interest         27,761         25,493         23,155         23,155           143         Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest         446         0         0         0           144         Highway Truck Interest         1,200         400         0         0         0           145         Bridge Repair Interest         58,920         72,000         13,230         13,230         13,230         13,230         13,230         14,280         14,280         14,280         14,280         12,280         12,280         12,280         12,280         12,280         12,280         12,000         12,000         12,000         12,000         12,000         12,000         12,000         15,000         15,000         12,000         12,000	139	Landfill Capping Interest	18,930	17,093	15,255	15,255
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143         Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest         446         0         0           144         Highway Truck Interest         1,200         400         0         0           145         Bridge Repair Interest         58,920         72,000         72,000         72,000           146         Fire Truck Interest         22,050         17,640         13,230         13,230           147         Capital Equipment Interest         5,439         4,352         3,264         3,264           148         Capital Equipment Interest II         0         7,500         4,280         4,280           Subtotal         521,036         543,557         506,939         506,939           Insurance         151         Unemployment         0         12,000         12,000         12,000           152         Blanket Insurance         87,517         101,000         111,000         111,000           153         Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154         Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256 <td>141</td> <td>Library Interest</td> <td>49,928</td> <td>46,215</td> <td>42,390</td> <td>42,390</td>	141	Library Interest	49,928	46,215	42,390	42,390
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147         Capital Equipment Interest         5,439         4,352         3,264         3,264           148         Capital Equipment Interest II         0         7,500         4,280         4,280           Subtotal         521,036         543,557         506,939         506,939           Insurance         0         12,000         12,000         12,000           152         Blanket Insurance         87,517         101,000         111,000         111,000           153         Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154         Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256	145	<u> </u>	58,920	72,000	72,000	72,000
148         Capital Equipment Interest II         0         7,500         4,280         4,280           Subtotal         521,036         543,557         506,939         506,939           Insurance         151         Unemployment         0         12,000         12,000         12,000           152         Blanket Insurance         87,517         101,000         111,000         111,000           153         Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154         Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256	146			•	•	13,230
Subtotal         521,036         543,557         506,939         506,939           Insurance         151 Unemployment         0         12,000         12,000         12,000           152 Blanket Insurance         87,517         101,000         111,000         111,000           153 Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154 Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256			5,439			3,264
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151         Unemployment         0         12,000         12,000         12,000           152         Blanket Insurance         87,517         101,000         111,000         111,000           153         Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154         Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256		Subtotal	521,036	543,557	506,939	506,939
152         Blanket Insurance         87,517         101,000         111,000         111,000           153         Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154         Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256		<u>Insurance</u>				
153         Essex Regional Retirement         490,621         521,416         566,687         566,687           154         Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256	151	Unemployment	0	12,000	12,000	12,000
154 Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA         353,987         375,662         443,569         443,569           Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256			,	•	•	111,000
Subtotal         932,125         1,010,078         1,133,256         1,133,256	153			521,416	566,687	566,687
	154	•	353,987	375,662	443,569	443,569
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b> 12,731,364 13,086,742 13,339,715 13,339,715		Subtotal	932,125	1,010,078	1,133,256	1,133,256
		GRAND TOTAL	12,731,364	13,086,742	13,339,715	13,339,715

Omnibus Budget read in its entirety by Finance Committee Chairman John R. DiMento.

One **HOLD** placed on budget: Line # 127 Bradstreet Property Expense by Michael Kovalchuk of 250 Main St. questioning the cut in funding from \$5000 in FY 2011 to \$1000 in FY 2012 for upkeep and maintenance of the Bradstreet Property.

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by G. Robert Merry, Omnibus Budget (Article 5B) passed by Hand Count (182 YES/13 NO) at 9:03 pm

ARTICLE 6: Water Department Budget – Move the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,032,250 from

the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 2012.

	<u>Description</u>	Expended FY 2010		Requested FY 2012
	Operating Service	1 1 20 10	1 2011	1 2012
149	Superintendent Salary	56,046	60,971	63,133
150	Water Department Wages	262,910	277,910	347,406
151	Maintenance & Expenses	319,460	340,100	366,000
	SUBTOTAL	638,416	678,981	776,539
	Debt Service			
152	Pingree Well Principal	50,500	50,500	50,500
153	Pingree Well Interest	29,836	27,185	24,533
154	New Water Building Principal	10,000	10,000	10,000
155	New Water Building Interest	5,960	5,436	4,910
156	Corrosion Control Principal	65,000	65,000	65,000
157	Corrosion Control Interest	8,272	5,590	2,828
158	Water Garage Rehabilitation Principal	20,000	20,000	20,000
159	Water Garage Rehabilitation Interest	4,900	3,920	2,940
160	Water Treatment Plant Design Principal	0	30,000	30,000
161	Water Treatment Plant Design Interest	0	45,000	45,000
	SUBTOTAL	194,467	262,631	255,711
	TOTAL	832,883	941,612	1,032,250
	Plus Article 7 - Indirect Costs	85,311	91,615	109,457
	GRAND TOTAL	918,194	1,033,227	1,141,707

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

#### **Board of Selectmen Recommends**

Motion by Roy Ricker, seconded by Mark Cardillo, passed voice unanimous at 9:07 pm

<u>ARTICLE 7:</u> Move the Town vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of \$109,457 for the following items and that any other moneys spent by the General Government on behalf of the Water Department be reimbursed to the General Fund from the Water Department Enterprise Fund in Fiscal Year 2012.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>			Requested
<u>ltem</u>		<u>Transferred</u>		FY 2012
		FY 2010	FY 2011	
162	County Retirement	37,691	30,226	38,064
163	Employee Health Insurance	31,880	45,558	53,730
164	Life Insurance Premiums	66	512	512
165	Accountant's Fee	3,090	3,090	3,090
166	Treasurer/Collector's Fee	6,458	6,458	6,458
167	Audit	1,650	1,650	1,650
168	Medicare	4,476	4,121	5,953
	TOTAL	85,311	91,615	109,457

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

#### **Board of Selectmen Recommends**

Motion by Roy Ricker, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:10 pm.

#### FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

	Actual FY 2010	Estimated FY 2011	Estimated FY 2012
Operating Revenue			
Water Bills	723,597	949,940	1,079,318
Permits	34,000	25,000	12,000
Merchandising & Jobbing	29,864	17,287	9,389
Special Services	2,443	6,000	5,400
Hydrant Rentals	35,200	35,000	35,600
Subtotal	825,104	1,033,227	1,141,707
STARTING BALANCE	115,582	(60,508)	
REVENUE	825,104	1,033,227	
EXPENSE	(918,194)	(1,033,227)	
ARTICLES	(83,000)	0	
ANNUAL	(176,090)		
EXCESS/DEFICIT			
AVAILABLE BALANCE	(60,508)	(60,508)	

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

**MOTION:** Move the Town vote to authorize the following accounts and their uses as printed in Articles 8 - 11 on pages 15 and 16 in the May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

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

Inserted by the Municipal Light Board

**Finance Committee Recommends** 

<u>ARTICLE 9</u>: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to an account for use by the Harbormaster in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5G.

Inserted by the Harbormaster

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

<u>ARTICLE 10</u>: 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 11: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to Article 30 of the May 6, 1996 Annual Town Meeting (Recertification Fund) for the purpose of completing the State mandated triennial recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors.

**Inserted by the Board of Assessors** 

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:11 pm

ARTICLE 12. Move the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the following revolving funds and their uses for Fiscal Year 2012:

	Name of Account	ExpenditureCap
1	Council on Aging - into which receipts from rental of the Council's van shall	Expenditures not
	be deposited and which may be used by said Council for payment of wages,	to exceed \$5,000.
	expenses and maintenance of said van. [Beginning balance - \$480; Income -	
	\$544; Expense - \$889; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$135]	
2	<b>Board of Health -</b> into which one-half $(1/2)$ of the septic disposal construction	Expenditures not
	fees charged by said Board of Health shall be deposited and which may be used	to exceed
	by said Board or its agents to finance special waste disposal and technical	\$20,000.
	expertise beyond the health agent's scope of responsibility. [Beginning balance -	
	\$9,939; Income - \$6,442; Expense - \$8,883; Ending balance on 3/31/11 -	
	\$7,498]	
3	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which	Expenditures not
	receipts from donations, advertising and rental of the Parks & Recreation	to exceed
	Committee's facilities shall be deposited and which may be used by said	\$30,000.
	Committee and Board to pay for the management and operations of	
	improvements and maintenance of said facilities. [Beginning balance - \$4,836;	
	Income - \$6,890; Expense - \$5,576; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$6,150]	
4	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen- into which receipts	Expenditures not
	from donations and fees charged for recreational programs and community	to exceed \$5,000.
	events shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board of Selectmen	
	and Parks and Recreation Committee to pay for the expenses incurred to hold	
	such community events and recreational programs. [Beginning balance -	
5	\$2,690; Income - \$0; Expense - \$990; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$1,700] <b>Board of Selectmen</b> - into which revenue collected from the sale of Home	Expenditures not
3	Composting bins shall be used to purchase additional compost bins and to	to exceed \$2,000.
	advertise the availability of such bins. [Beginning balance - \$348; Income -	10 exceed \$2,000.
	\$99; Expense - \$0; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$447]	
6	Highway Department – into which receipts from the rental of Highway	Expenditures not
	Department equipment may be used by said Department for the purchase, repair	to exceed
	and maintenance of Department equipment. [Beginning balance - \$958; Income	\$12,000.
	- \$0; Expense - \$0; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$958]	·,· · · ·
7	<b>Shellfish Department</b> – into which receipts from one-half (1/2) of the shellfish	Expenditures not
	permits sold shall be deposited and used by the Shellfish Department for the	to exceed \$6,000.
	propagation of shellfish. [Beginning balance - \$14,173; Income - \$2,025;	,
	Expense - \$3,117; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$13,081]	
8	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals – into which all receipts	Expenditures not
	from filing and associated application fees shall be deposited, and may be used	to exceed \$4,000.
	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 - \$5,817;	
	Income - \$604; Expense - \$726; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$5,695]	
9	<b>Board of Cemetery Commissioners</b> – into which one-half (1/2) of cemetery	Expenditures not
	plot grave digging and footings installation fees shall be deposited and which	to exceed \$5,000.
	may be used by said Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery	
	Department operations. [Beginning balance - \$7,868; Income - \$4,849; Expense	
4.0	- \$0; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$12,717]	T 4*.
10	<b>Library</b> – into which receipts from Library services, such as photocopying,	Expenditures not
	faxes and laser printing from public computer stations shall be deposited and	to exceed \$2,500.
	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 - \$590; Income - \$800; Expense - \$591; Ending balance on 3/31/11 - \$799]

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 12 will be taken up and voted under one consent motion.

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:13 pm

<u>ARTICLE 13</u>: Move the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Rowley entitled Parking Bylaw Section 3 by deleting the words "twenty-five dollars" (\$25.00) and replacing them with the words "one hundred dollars" (\$100.00).

Inserted by the Police Chief

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

Explanatory Note: Section 3 of the Rowley Parking Bylaw sets the fine for illegal parking in a handicapped spot under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 21 paragraph 24, which now requires a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Motion by Robert Barker, seconded by Richard Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 9:15 pm.

<u>ARTICLE 14</u>: Move the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer/Collector become an appointed Treasurer/Collector of the town.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen recommends that the position of treasurer/collector be an appointed position in the Town. The Treasurer/Collector's duties are stated in Mass. General Laws Chapter 41, Sections 35 and 36. The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for managing the Town's cash through investment and disbursement of Town funds. The position is responsible for issuing debt, upon the authorization of town meeting. Other important responsibilities include collecting property taxes, excise taxes, and fees. The treasurer/collector position is required under state law to be bonded. Passage of this article requires a majority vote. The change from elected to appointed not only requires a majority vote of approval by the town meeting, but also passage of a ballot question on the annual election ballot. If the article and ballot question are approved, the incumbent in this position will serve out the remainder of the term and the Board of Selectmen shall appoint the successor treasurer/collector for a term not to exceed three years.

**Note**: This referenda question failed (401YES/434NO) at the May 10, 2011 Annual Town Election. Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed by Hand Count (123 YES/17NO) at 9:40 pm after a brief statement of support from the Board of Selectmen and further discussion from the floor – both for and against.

<u>ARTICLE 15</u>: Move the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2012 annual revenues the amounts recommended by Community Preservation 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 Creation and Support of Affordable Housing
Reserve Acquisition and Preservation of Open Space
Reserve Acquisition and Preservation of Historic Buildings and Landscapes
Appropriate Administration

10% \$ 13,280
\$ 13,280
\$ \$ 13,280
\$ \$ 6,640

Appropriations: Debt service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition \$ 200,822

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley expects to realize approximately \$417,030 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$333,624) and 25% matching funds from the state (\$83,406) in fiscal year 2012. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected after deducting

appropriate debt service for each of the following areas: open space, historic preservation and community housing, equaling approximately \$13,280 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 2012 or to be carried over to fiscal year 2013.

Motion by Frank P. Todd, seconded by Robert Carpenter, passed voice unanimous at 9:44 pm.

<u>ARTICLE 16</u>: Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve and/or the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the sum of \$5,100 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the preservation of historic Town documents.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors and the Community Preservation Committee

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

Explanatory Note: The Community Preservation Committee has approved this article. The Assessors' Real Estate Commitment books dated from 1917-1972 have weakened bindings that must be rebound and repaired to ensure the records are preserved.

Motion by Donald W. Thurston, seconded by Bill DiMento, passed voice unanimous at 9:46 pm

ARTICLE 17: Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Ch. 44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve and/or the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the amount of \$5,420 to be used by the First Congregational Church of Rowley for costs associated with preservation, restoration and digitalization of the journal known as the Philips Diary, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the First Congregational Church and Community Preservation Committee

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

Explanatory Note: The Community Preservation Committee has approved this article. Reverend Samuel Philips was assistant and successor to Rowley's founder and first minister, Rev. Ezekiel Rogers. This diary/journal begins on or about 1660 and is considered to be one of the earliest records in our town's history as any and all records maintained by Rev. Rogers were destroyed by fire in 1660. The diary/journal consists of approximately 542 pages and, as far as can be determined, contains both church and town records since at this point in time there was no clearly defined separation between the entity that existed as a church and the municipality. Phase one of the Philips Diary is completed, and the passage of this article will enable The North East Document Conservation Center to complete the digitalization of the journal known as the Philips Diary for the benefit of the First Congregational Church, the Town of Rowley, and in research by genealogists near and far.

Motion by Frank P. Todd, seconded by Robert Carpenter, passed voice unanimous at 9:54pm following a brief presentation by David Irving and Rev. Robert Hagopian of the First Congregational Church.

**MOTION**: I move to authorize Bob Ford to speak at Annual Town Meeting. *Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:59 pm* 

ARTICLE 18: Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass General Laws Ch. 44B and the recommendation of the Rowley Community Preservation Committee, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Fund Balance and/or the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance the amount of \$250,000 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space by the purchase of a permanent Conservation Restriction from the Massachusetts Audubon Society, covering all or a portion of approximately 75.86 acres of property in the Great Marsh owned by Oak Knoll Realty Trust, shown as properties consisting of Patmos Road and Far Division Road: Map 34, Lots 18, 20, 13, 23, 21, 22, 24, 28, 36, and 43; Patmos Road: Map 33, Lots 27, 26, 25, 24, 22, 9 and 8; and Stackyard Road: Map 33, Lots 3, 7 and Map 35, Lot 11, as part of

the larger Great Marsh Conservation Initiative; the Conservation Restriction shall be held by the Rowley Conservation Commission and the Essex County Greenbelt as co-Grantees

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, Massachusetts Audubon Society and Essex County Greenbelt Association

No Finance Committee Recommendation was made from the floor as they did not have a Quorum Explanatory Note: The Community Preservation Committee has approved this article. Massachusetts Audubon Society currently has the land under contractual agreement for purchase and protection and must close by September 2011. Massachusetts Audubon Society has engaged in a private and public fundraising campaign that resulted in a \$1 million Federal grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and over \$1,250,000 in private grants and donations. Passage of this article will enable the Town to leverage over \$2.2 million for conservation of the Great Marsh and assist with the protection of 75.86+/- critical acres abutting Town-owned conservation interests through a co-held Conservation Restriction.

The property, comprised of 20 parcels, owned by the Oak Knoll Trust represents the last opportunity to complete a contiguous corridor of highly important conservation land which includes land owned by the Town of Rowley, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Parker River National Wildlife Refuge), the Essex County Greenbelt Association, the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, and Massachusetts Audubon (the Rough Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary). The land consists of a mixture of salt marsh and coastal oak woodland communities, tidal creeks, and estuaries. The land is part of the Great Marsh ecosystem and Plum Island sound, the most significant coastal ecosystem in Massachusetts, and the largest complex of salt marsh north of Long Island.

The protection of this land advances the Rowley open space plan and Rowley Master Plan Goals by: (1) preserving and protecting natural resources (salt marsh), (2) preserving and protecting water resources and wetlands (Mud Creek and tidal estuaries), (3) preserving and protecting scenic quality and rural character (National Heritage Commission scenic byway): (4) preserving historic landscapes (land surrounding Minister's Woodlot), (5) protecting farmland operations from future development (opportunity to continue future salt marsh hay harvesting operations), and (6) improving public access to conservation land (public educational nature trail, parking, and informational kiosks are being planned). The amount of CPA funds requested represents less than 10% of the total project cost. Massachusetts Audubon is also committed to privately raising substantial additional stewardship, operational and maintenance costs for the long term future care and protection of the land.

Motion by Frank P. Todd, seconded by Robert Carpenter, passed voice unanimous at 10:09 after a brief Power Point presentation by Mr. Ford of Massachusetts Audubon Society.

<u>ARTICLE 19</u>: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee Recommends** 

Passage requires two-thirds vote.

**MOTION**: Move the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 19.

Motion by Joseph P. Perry, seconded by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 10:10pm.

<u>ARTICLE 20</u>: And to meet in Saint Mary's Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 12:00 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectman	three years
One Moderator	one year
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board Member	five years
One Rowley Housing Authority Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Water Board Member	three years

One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	one year unexpired term
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

#### **Ouestion #1**

Shall the Town of Rowley be allow	ed to assess an additional	\$130,000 in real es	tate and personal property
taxes for the purpose of funding the	e assessment for the Tritor	n Regional School D	District for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 2011?	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<u></u>
Question #2			
Shall the town vote to have its elect	ted Treasurer/Collector be	ecome an appointed	Treasurer/Collector of the
town?	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<u></u>

<u>MOTION</u>: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., seconded by Richard Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 10:11 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year two thousand eleven.

Robert Snow, Chairman G. Robert Merry, Vice Chairman Richard M. Cummings, Clerk Jack L. Cook Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr.

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

Notices posted at Town Hall, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Town Hall Annex, First National Bank of Ipswich Rowley Office.

Nathaniel N. Dummer, Constable of Rowley 4/22/11

<u>Certification</u>: I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby attest that the statements contained above regarding the Town of Rowley May 16, 2011 Annual Town Meeting as true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk Town of Rowley May 23, 2011

#### Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## WARRANT AND MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 16, 2011

Opening procedures observed for Annual Town Meeting remain in place for Special Town Meeting.

MOTION: Move to allow the following non-residents individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the May 16, 2011 Special Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent; James Broderick, Fire Chief; Kristina Frizzell, Light Plant Manager; Pamela Jacobson, Library Director; Frank Marchigiani, Health Service Coordinator; Sean MacFadden, Principal Assessor; Jacqueline Vigeant, Treasurer/Collector; Ken Ward, Building Inspector; John Rezza, Water Superintendent; William DeRosa, Whittier-Tech School Superintendent; Christopher Farmer, Triton Regional School District Superintendent; Brian Forget, Triton Regional School District Assistant Superintendent; State Representative Harriet Stanley; State Senator Bruce Tarr.

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:38 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 16th day of May, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

**MOTION:** Move to suspend further reading of the May 16, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed voice unanimous at 7:43 pm

<u>ARTICLE 1:</u> To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

<u>ARTICLE 2:</u> To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers. (Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, Passed voice unanimous at 7:51 pm

<u>ARTICLE 4</u>: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from Line 31 (Town Counsel Litigation) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2010 to be added to Line 7 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2010 to pay for the expenses incurred to hold this Special Town Meeting, for a total appropriation of \$17,117.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

**Finance Committee Recommends** 

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:52 pm

ARTICLE 5: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from Line 31 (Town Counsel Litigation) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2010, and the sum of \$10,000 from Line 152 (Blanket Insurance) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2010 for a total transfer of \$22,000 to be added to Line 154 (Group Health/Life Insurance & FICA) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2010 for a total appropriation of \$397,662.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

Explanatory Note: There is a shortfall in the group health insurance budget line because of greater utilization of the Town's employee health insurance plan.

Motion by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., seconded by Joseph J. Perry, passed voice unanimous at 7:53pm

<u>ARTICLE 6</u>: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen to replace the heating system at the Town Hall Annex.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

### **Finance Committee Recommends**

Explanatory Note: The Annex boiler failed an inspection, is leaking and not repairable. The boiler was installed in this building in 1977. Passage requires two-thirds vote.

Motion by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., seconded by Joseph J. Perry, passed voice unanimous at 7:55pm

<u>ARTICLE 7</u>: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Line 147 (Bridges Interest) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2010 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to hire actuarial consultants for the Town's compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement #45 Post Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

#### **Finance Committee Recommends**

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

Motion by Richard Cummings, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:57pm

ARTICLE 8: Move the Town vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of the private way known as Christopher Road, As shown on a plan entitled "Christopher Road Street Acceptance Plan, Located in Rowley, Massachusetts (Essex Country)", dated April 7, 2010, and prepared by Meridian Associates"; this being the roadway shown on a plan entitled "Sheffield Arms II Plan of Land in Rowley. Mass., Owner & Developer Frederick H. Baldwin, Jr., Inc., 853 Main St., Tewksbury, Mass.", recorded with the Salem Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 144, Plan 82; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain the land, easements, and rights therein, and all right, title, and interest in water mains and drainage systems, manholes, pipes, appurtenances thereto located with the above-referenced Christopher Road. Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

#### Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Motion by Stuart L. Dalzell, s., seconded by Joseph J. Perry, passed voice unanimous at 8:01pm

<u>ARTICLE 9</u>: Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a 4,496 sq. ft. stormwater drainage easement from the Trustees of the Tenney-Mehaffey Trust, on the property located at 179 Newbury Road, all as shown on a plan entitled, "Drainage Easement Plan of Land in Rowley, Massachusetts Essex County", prepared by DGT Survey Group – North Shore, and dated 20 January 2011. Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

#### **Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required**

Explanatory Note: The Town has a culvert that runs under this section of Newbury Road and drains onto the property owned by the Tenney-Mehaffey Trust. The Board of Selectmen and Highway Surveyor have been working with the Mehaffey family in establishing a stormwater drainage easement to properly maintain stormwater runoff from the culvert.

Motion by Robert L. Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:04pm

**MOTION:** Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 16m 2012 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:04 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 20th day of April in the year two thousand eleven.

Robert Snow, Chairman G. Robert Merry, Vice Chairman Richard M. Cummings, Clerk Jack L. Cook Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr.

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

Notices posted at Town Hall, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Town Hall Annex, and First National Bank of Ipswich/Rowley Office.

## Nathaniel N. Dummer, Constable of Rowley 4/22/11

<u>Certification:</u> I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above with regard to the Town of Rowley May 16, 2011 Special Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk Town of Rowley May 20, 2011

# Town of Rowley May 10, 2011 Annual Election Ballots Cast: 867

Selectman - 3 year term		Rowley Housing Authority - 5 years	
Vote for Two		Katherine L. Dalzell	604
Robert L. Snow	524	Write - ins	9
Joseph J. Perry	546	Blank	254
Blank	557		
Write-ins	7	Cemetery Commission - 3 years	
		Stuart L. Dalzell, Jr.	259
Moderator - 1 year term		Jack L. Cook	539
Joan C. Petersen	652	Write-ins	3
Write-ins	9	Blank	66
Blank	206		
		Cemetery Commissioner - 1 year (unexp)	)
Board of Assessors-3 year term		William H. Gaynor	644
Donald W. Thurston	665	Write-in	2
Write-in	3	Blank	221
Blank	199	2.4	
Diank	177	Trustees for The Library - 3 years	
Planning Board - 5 year term		Vote for Three	
David Jaquith	627	Janet B. Peabody	667
Write-ins	8	Joseph J. Perry	603
Blank	232	David J. Masher	607
2 <b></b>	_5_	Write-ins	3
Municipal Light Board - 3 years		Blank	721
G. Robert Merry	711		,
Write-ins	152	Regional School District Committee	
Blank	4	NEWBURY member - 3 year term	
Dimin	·	Diana 'Dina' Sullivan	564
Municipal Water Board - 3 years		Write-ins	4
Timothy A. Toomey	635	Blank	299
Write-ins	4	ROWLEY member - 3 year term	
Blanks	228	Lane Bourn	321
		Karen H. Summit	494
Shellfish Commissioner - 3 years		Write-ins	2
John E. Grundstrom	680	Blank	50
Write-ins	4	SALISBURY member - 3 year term	
Blank	183	David C. Colburn	250
		Jane K. Purinton	329
		Write-ins	1
		Blank	287
Question $#1 = Shall$ the Town of Rowlev be	allowed to asse.	ss an additional \$130,000 i9n Real Estate and	
• • •		sment for the Triton Regional School District for	
the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?		YES 392 NO 456 Blank	19
Question #2 - Shall the town vote to have its	elected Treasur	rer/Collector become an appointed Treasurer/	
Collector of the Town?		YES 401 NO 434 Blank	32
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## REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

## **Tax Report 2011**

	Taxes	
Real Estate:	Committed	11,120,803.41
	Taxes Collected	(10,965,568.12)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(53,523.32)
	Subsequent Tax Taking	(84,538.81)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2011	17,173.16
Personal	Taxes	
Property:	Committed	257,393.07
	Taxes Collected Taxes Abated and	(252,307.37)
	Exempted	(3,136.12)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2011	1,949.58
Motor Vehicle:	Taxes Committed	825,716.89
	Taxes Collected	(769,590.20)
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	(39,715.00)
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2011	16,411.69

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline R. Vigeant Treasurer/Collector

## SALARIES AND WAGES TOWN EMPLOYEES

	Base Pay & Other Earnings		Base Pay & Other Earnings
Accounting		Conservation Department	
Susan Bailey	49,780.08	R. Brent Baeslack	46,202.82
Amy Lydon	16,425.49		
		Harbor Master	
Administration		William DiMento	2,914.00
Joan Petersen	100.00	Frederick Hardy	816.96
Jack Cook	803.64	David Kent	479.36
Richard Cummings	1,930.92	Bradley Maravalli	4,108.50
Stuart Dalzell	1,930.92	Frank Price	338.40
Robert Merry	1,930.92		
Joseph Perry	1,127.28	Highway Department	
Robert Snow	1,930.92	A. Scott Leavitt	69,230.47
Deborah Eagan	79,945.22	Jeffrey Bolduc	11,928.73
Anita Atk-Drapeau	930.03	James F. Broderick	9,642.58
Doreen Glowik	45,365.00	Ryan Gibbons	3,418.62
Louise Mehaffey	2,064.61	Ronald Keefe	56,961.07
Richard Caram	17,332.70	Patrick Snow	44,873.55
Calvin Cockman	1,765.67	1 attick Silow	77,073.33
David Dalzell	226.40	Inspections	
Matthew Gansberg	3,495.00	Kenneth Ward	26,568.96
Nathan Hunter	697.50	Katrina O'Leary	8,952.17
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Elizabeth Morris	995.41	Frederick Gallagher  David Leavitt	169.47
Janet Morrisey	19,950.00		10,913.82
Zachary Silverman	1,283.52	David Levesque	11,992.80
Linda Parker-Tuxbury	354.27	Inspections/ZBA	0.052.15
Reed Wilson	15,516.66	Katrina O'Leary	8,952.17
Assessor		Library	
Diane D'Angeli	2,456.00	Pamela Jacobson	47,637.40
William DiMento	2,456.00	Tracy Berenson	136.40
Donald Thurston	2,456.00	Mary Bright	5,054.54
Sean McFadden	74,177.88	Barbara Collins	4,397.16
Karen Milo	20,723.28	Richard Cormier	6,230.34
Karen Willo	20,723.20	Monique Costello	40.97
Board of Health		Eileen Fitzgerald	14,007.82
Frank Marchegiani	48,987.20	Hermayne Gordon	20,737.43
Edward Gallagher		Rosemarie Herbert	
Wendelyn Hansbury	22,235.05		243.09
wenderyn Hansbury	25,639.40	Jean Haggerty Joan Lyons	4,778.55 6,024.67
Cemetery Department		Tanya Magliozzi	1,839.56
Jack Cook	2,223.00	Annamarie McGrath	5,636.80
Andrew G Coulombe	1,528.86	Veronica O'Leary	69.89
Peter Dalzell	3,819.00	Brad Pyle	1,502.16
Stuart Dalzell Jr.	1,938.00	Robert Pondelli	2,855.76
William Gaynor	7,714.00	Nicole Rodgers	62.66
Daniel Perley	5,077.78	Lori St Jacques	57.84
	2,377.77	Lisa Tummino	993.65
			775.05

Council on Aging		<u>Library (continued)</u>	
Mary Ellen Mighill	34,756.39	Elizabeth Wideberg-Horgan	891.70
Denise Gilman	23,479.16	Catherine Woodall	1,825.94
Carolyn Peabody	15,724.20	Rebecca Young	726.98
Lucia Picanso	8,411.92		
Henry Wilson	1,104.08		

	Base Pay & Other Earnings		Base Pay & Other Earnings
Light Department		Water Department	
Kristina Frizzell	80,331.20	Laura Hamilton	12,142.00
Linda Soucy	45,109.40	John Rezza	62,821.06
Mark Anderson	123,393.39	Maureen Crouse	2,125.89
Mark Bixby	118,513.58	Marie Grover	42,208.01
Eric Grover	70,529.63	Jere Hovey	12,661.92
Brian Herdman	69,006.74	Jason Kneeland	76,257.75
Sean LaBelle	86,329.57	Jason Masse	72,327.71
Dennis Morrison	111,251.09	Debra Monahan	341.28
Sandra Naugler	55,505.68	Ralph Renzulli	39,262.21
Nancy Teel	885.00	Robert Swiniarski	57,811.87
Planning			
Maryann Tuxbury	21,276.02	Fire Department	
		James C. Broderick	76,436.03
Shellfish Constable		Mark Emery	67,399.20
John E. Grundstrom	2,641.00	James R. Merry	70,216.77
John H. Grundstrom	3,415.00		
		Call Fire Fighter	
Town Clerk		Ronald Agrella	1,420.16
Susan Hazen	39,521.49	David Carpentier	7,874.24
Barbara DiMento	1,081.08	James Chadbourne	4,140.84
Susan Leach	4,917.64	Alan Comeau	2,353.44
		Darci Condelli	1,026.27
Board of Registrars		John Condelli	600.40
		James Condon	1,831.42
Barbara DiMento	562.36	Gary Dean	739.00
Mildred Dummer	562.36	Michael Durkee	692.94
Gordon Densmore	562.36	Justin Graham	9,482.16
		Robert Hagopian	2,124.02
Elections		Charles Hazen Jr	2,641.44
Philip Collyer	105.66	Donald Merry	4,777.84
Nathaniel Dummer	105.66	Jason Merry	2,246.29
Martha Geary	36.90	Joseph Merry	12,238.16
Robert Johnson	114.72	Roger Merry	8,673.12
Robert Merry	28.68	Shawn Roberts	1,891.68
Enes Modini	73.80	Robert Serino	4,562.98
Marion Musial	36.90	John Stomboly	204.94
		Jesse Warren	1,748.93
Treasurer/Collector		Mark Winfrey	2,554.79
Jacqueline Vigeant	65,658.87		
Karen Summit	35,595.83		
Karen O'Donnell	3,823.04		
Laura Hamilton	38,965.90		

	Base Pay & Other Earnings	<u>Detail Pay</u>
Police Department		
Robert Barker	105,762.61	
Robert Colby Jr.	8,605.08	\$6,491.50
Perry Collins	69,774.53	\$19,720.00
Sheri David	41,677.94	
Jeffrey DeCosta		
Jeffrey French	15,475.25	\$4,372.00
Joseph Gamache	74,858.78	\$344.00
Robyn Hackler	18,171.81	
Charles Hazen Jr	47,140.82	\$172.00
Thomas Hills	63,931.61	\$5,704.00
Scott Hirtle	57,490.19	
Richard Johnson	63,148.60	
Daniel Lee	32,465.43	\$3,477.00
Pamela Lutes	34,845.42	
Lyn MacAskill	7,751.21	
David MacMullen	7,780.26	
Stephen May	114,603.87	\$6,280.00
Martha Merrill	2,827.12	
Lynne Neary	39,883.96	
Nicholas Nielsen		
Brian Norris	12,923.03	\$1,590.40
John Raffi	68,324.31	\$9,211.50
David Sedgwick	87,752.38	\$8,982.32
Matthew Serratore		
Mark Smith	521.95	\$160.00
Dorothy Tobin	61,647.44	\$804.00
Matthew Ziev	78,782.39	\$1,956.00
	-	
Total Detail	+	\$69,264.72
Total In Town Detail	+	\$51,066.50
Out of Town Detail		\$18,198.22
Grand Total:	3,776,928.42	

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline R. Vigeant

Treasurer

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## Salaries – Triton Regional School District FY2012

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	FTE	Salary
N – DINA SULLIVAN	1.0	\$ 500
N – SUZANNE DENSMORE	1.0	\$ 500
N – ROBIN WILLIAMS	1.0	\$ 500
R – LANE BOURN	1.0	\$ 500
R – MARY MURPHY	1.0	\$ 500
R – PAUL LEES	1.0	\$ 500
S – DEBORAH CHOATE	1.0	\$ 500
S – LINDA LITCOFSKY	1.0	\$ 500
S – JANE PURINTON	1.0	\$ 500

## ADMINISTRATION

Name	FTE	Salary
CHRISTOPHER FARMER	1.0	\$ 165,000
BRIAN FORGET	1.0	\$ 123,500
MARY KATE CARBONE	1.0	\$ 115,000
DAVID MAGEE	1.0	\$ 103,000

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen thanks you for allowing us to serve you over the past year.

In 2011 the Town was faced with financial difficulties. The 2010 and 2011 winter season was one of the snowiest on record, costing the Town an astounding \$227,000 in snow and ice removal. The Triton Regional School Committee adopted a budget that increased the Town's assessment by 3.36 percent or \$242,563. The Town did not have the revenue to fully fund the snow and ice deficit and the Triton increase, so the Board of Selectmen placed a Proposition 2 and ½ override question in the amount of \$130,000 on the Annual Town Election Ballot. The override failed, which resulted in Town departments cutting two percent of their budgets. The Board of Selectmen is proud of the professionalism shown by the Town's department heads who all pulled together with a positive attitude during this difficult time.

During 2011, the Board of Selectmen adopted a "citizen query" policy for public meetings. This policy is modeled after similar policies in other Towns. Under the Citizen Query Policy, residents have the ability to ask questions on local matters or concerns. The Board of Selectmen agrees to research the issue and to either respond back directly to the individual or to schedule the matter for a formal discussion on an upcoming meeting agenda.

In March, the Town launched its long-awaited cable channel. The Board of Selectmen appointed Janet Morrissey as the Town's Public-Education-Government (PEG) Access Coordinator. Ms. Morrissey is responsible for managing the Town's cable channel – Channel 9 on Comcast and Channel 26 on Verizon. The channels offer a wide variety of local programming, including live cablecasts of town boards and committee meetings, replays of public meetings, concerts and other community events.

In May 2011, Selectman Jack Cook finished up his second term on the Board of Selectmen. We miss Jack's thoughtful and practical input into discussions. Joseph Perry was elected to fill this seat. We welcome Mr. Perry who comes with a wide breadth of career experience, including teaching math at the middle school level, serving as an investigator with the Internal Revenue Service and several years of work experience in private industry. Many townspeople know "Joe" from his many years of dedicated service on the Board of Library Trustees. The Town is fortunate to have Mr. Perry serve as a Town leader.

The Board of Selectmen formed a Zoning Review Committee in 2011. This committee is made up of two members of the Planning Board, two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Building Inspector and Selectman Robert Merry. Inspection Department/ZBA Administrative Assistant Katrina O'Leary staffs this committee. The Zoning Review Committee is charged with reviewing the Town's Zoning Bylaws and making recommendations to improve the clarity of the Zoning Bylaws. The Zoning Review Committee reported to the Board of Selectmen in November 2011 with recommendations of zoning bylaw changes to be placed on the 2012 town meeting warrant.

Selectman Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr. spearheaded the Town Skating Pond Restoration Project. An area of town-owned land off Hammond Street had been used as a skating pond by the Townspeople more than 40 years ago. Selectman Dalzell had a vision of restoring the pond so that Rowley families could enjoy ice skating in the wintertime. Selectman Dalzell, with the full authorization of the Board, obtained the proper permits and worked to clear the area and prepare it for the 2011-2012 winter season. As the Board writes this report at the end of 2011, we regret to say that the weather has not been cold enough to freeze the pond. The Board is grateful for Selectman Dalzell's efforts and we know that the pond will be used by Rowley families in the winters to come.

The Town Hall Annex heating system was converted in 2011 from oil to natural gas. This efficient new system will reduce heating costs to this building. Also during 2011, the roof of the Town Common Gazebo was reshingled with white cedar shingles. This much needed improvement to the gazebo was well received by many in the community.

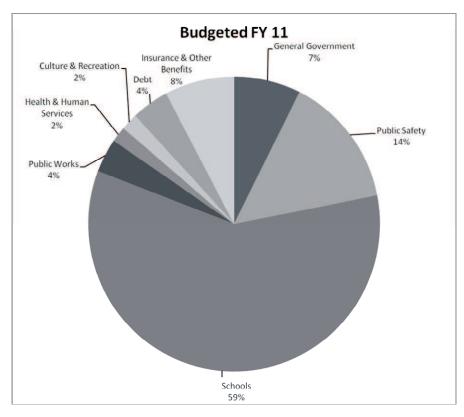
The Town did not receive any proposals in response to the Request for Proposals to sell the historic Bradstreet house and barn. At the end of 2011, another RFP was issued with a new appraised price for this property. The Board remains optimistic that this property will be sold soon.

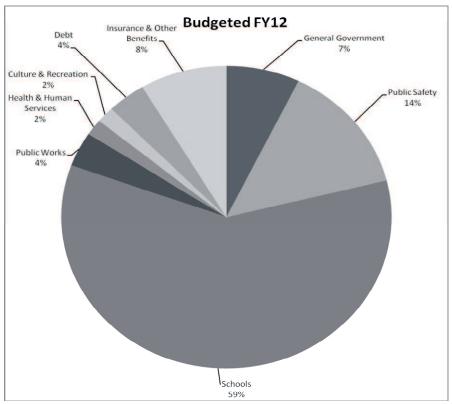
Despite the fiscal challenges the Town was faced in 2011, the Board remains optimistic about the future of our town.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE Omnibus Budget Distribution FY 07 – FY 12

	Expended FY		Expended FY		Expended FY	
<u>Department</u>	<u>07</u>		<u>08</u>		<u>09</u>	
General Government	\$784,433	7%	\$784,066	6%	\$739,973	6%
Public Safety	\$1,911,172	16%	\$2,005,806	16%	\$1,933,010	15%
Schools	\$6,582,443	56%	\$7,302,922	58%	\$7,531,014	60%
Public Works	\$436,747	4%	\$533,696	4%	\$596,646	5%
Health & Human						
Services	\$197,917	2%	\$207,923	2%	\$216,534	2%
Culture & Recreation	\$211,998	2%	\$236,418	2%	\$218,840	2%
Debt	\$831,614	7%	\$710,107	6%	\$451,818	4%
Insurance & Other						
Benefits	\$785,476	7%	\$839,763	7%	\$855,430	7%
TOTAL	\$11,741,800		\$12,620,701		\$12,543,265	

	Expended FY		Budgeted FY		Projected	
<u>Department</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>11</u>		FY12	
General Government	\$825,680	6%	\$970,075	7%	\$960,667	7%
Public Safety	\$1,941,720	15%	\$1,892,884	14%	\$1,850,199	14%
Schools	\$7,557,274	59%	\$7,710,677	59%	\$7,934,787	59%
Public Works	\$503,507	4%	\$490,682	4%	\$496,280	4%
Health & Human Services	\$219,971	2%	\$225,316	2%	\$229,409	2%
Culture & Recreation	\$227,232	2%	\$243,473	2%	\$228,178	2%
Debt	\$521,035	4%	\$543,557	4%	\$506,939	4%
Insurance & Other						
Benefits	\$932,125	7%	\$1,010,078	8%	1,133,256	8%
TOTAL	\$12,728,544		\$13,086,742		\$13,339,715	





Article Balances as of 2/29/2012					
Account Number	Article	Budget	FY2012 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 A18 5/07 SA7 5/11	11,925.00	0.00	11,925.00	
01-122-5245-101	Hunsley Hills Management SA20 5/01	2,337.84	0.00	2,337.84	
01-122-5250-101	Stormwater Map SA13 11/07	725.00	0.00	725.00	
01-122-5255-101	Stormwater 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	
01-122-5870-101	Engineering West Ox 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 A11 5/10	20,991.66	2,043.10	18,948.56	
01-142-5310-126	Recertification A11 5/11	50,000.00	18,237.61	31,762.39	
01-188-5420-100	Agricultural Committee Exp SA29 11/04	46.42	46.42	0.00	
01-193-5535-101	Town Hall Roof Leaks SA23 5/01	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	
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	3,621.00	6,764.00	
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	1,600.00	0.00	
01-194-5826-101	Annex Boiler SA6 5/11	30,000.00	28,584.00	1,416.00	
01-218-5200-100	Fire Station Design A26 5/04	13,000.00	300.00	12,700.00	
01-218-5820-101	Fire Horn Compressor A21 5/10	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
01-296-5485-104	Munic Waterways A10 5/09 & A9 5/10	379.34	0.00	379.34	
01-296-5495-124	Municipal Waterways A9 5/11	2,122.00	0.00	2,122.00	
01-426-5845-101	Fox Meadow Bond SA13 1/10	48,980.50	48,980.50	0.00	
01-433-5805-101	Landfill Test Well SA5 10/98	824.35	0.00	824.35	
01-491-5535-100	Perpetual Care A10 5/10	93.00	0.00	93.00	
01-491-5540-120	Perpetual Care A10 5/11	0.00	0.00	0.00	
01-491-5560-100	Repair Storage Bldg SA14 5/99	846.55	0.00	846.55	
01-491-5570-100	Grade, Clear Section G A25 5/99	105.15	0.00	105.15	
01-491-5810-100	Expand Sections G & H A15 5/07	19,400.43	0.00	19,400.43	
01-491-5815-100	Cemetery Fence Repairs SA11 1/10	31,430.00	109.00	31,321.00	
01-545-5500-101	Handicap Access / Bathroom A66 5/89	3,216.57	0.00	3,216.57	
01-650-5810-101	Bradstreet Purchase Costs SA16 5/07	8,340.94	3,256.50	5,084.44	
01-652-5800-101	Bradstreet Plaque SA14 5/01	183.25	0.00	183.25	
01-710-5969-102	MWPA Trust Principal A14 5/09 & A15 5/10	27,273.78	25,939.00	1,334.78	
	•	313,501.23	132,717.13	180,784.10	

Article Balances as of 2/29/2012 (Continued)					
Account Number	Article	Dudget	FY2012	Balance	
Account Number	Arucie	Budget	Expenditures	Вагапсе	
20-650-5840-120	Great Marsh Cons Restriction A18 5/11	250,000.00	250,000.00	0.00	
20-670-5810-100	Jewel Mill Grant A34 5/03	13,667.50	0.00	13,667.50	
20-670-5835-100	Historic Signs (1/2) SA25 11/04	920.00	0.00	920.00	
20-670-5845-100	Renovate 1st Floor Town Hall A20 5/05	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	
20-670-5850-100	Town Hall Windows A21 5/05	55,000.00	0.00	55,000.00	
20-670-5855-100	Town Hall Annex Study SA13 11/05	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	
20-670-5875-100	Town Hall Windows II SA21 11/0	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	
20-670-5880-100	Historic District Signs SA22 11/06	225.00	0.00	225.00	
20-670-5885-100	Historic Document Preservation III SA15 5/07	8,863.39	0.00	8,863.39	
20-670-5887-100	Assess Records SA14 1/10	16.00	16.00	0.00	
20-670-5890-100	Town Hall Cupola & Clock A19 5/10	148,000.00	0.00	148,000.00	
20-670-5893-120	Assessors' Records II A16 5/11	5,100.00	5,028.45	71.55	
20-670-5895-120	Philips Diary II A17 5/11	5,420.00	5,420.00	0.00	
		597,211.89	260,464.45	336,747.44	
61-452-5210-100	Utility / Service Truck SA20 5/08	0.00	0.00	0.00	
61-452-5220-100	Garage Renovations SA20 5/06	53,263.18	53,045.37	217.81	
61-452-5230-100	Water Treatment Plant A20 5/10	499,937.79	366,528.01	133,409.78	
61-452-5295-100	GASB 34 Consultant A8 5/03	7,466.50	3,412.50	4,054.00	
		560,667.47	422,985.88	137,681.59	
		1,471,380.59	816,167.46	655,213.13	

## TOWN OF ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS STATEMENT OF BUDGET VS. ACTUAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

#### YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

#### UNAUDITED

	FINAL	ACTUAL	CARRIED	VARIANCE
	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES	FORWARD	FAVORABLE
REVENUES:				(UNFAVORABLE)
Real estate and personal property				
net of reserve for abatements	11,208,197	11,285,164		76,967
Excise taxes	637,100	799,489		162,389
Intergovernmental	590,974	612,410		21,436
Departmental fees, fines and charges	434,500	485,362		50,862
Interest	28,691	33,956		5,265
Total Revenues	12,899,462	13,216,381		316,919
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	1,088,242	880,680	101,305	106,256
Public Safety	1,924,303	1,873,576	22,335	28,392
Public Works	685,872	619,938	102,505	(36,572)
Human Services	231,246	223,420	3,624	4,202
Culture and Recreation	253,180	229,679	9,305	14,196
Education	7,713,190	7,710,400	0	2,790
Pension	491,190	416,584		74,606
Debt Service - Principal	385,124	354,850	27,274	3,000
Debt Service - Interest	191,857	135,653		56,204
State and County charges	166,760	167,140		(380)
Employee Benefits	363,221	301,164		62,057
Other expenditures	91,000	83,962		7,038
Total Expenditures	13,585,184	12,997,046	266,349	321,790
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF				
REVENUES OVER	(605.730)	210 225	(266.240)	(20.700
EXPENDITURES OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(685,722)	219,335	(266,349)	638,709
(USES):				
Transfers in	56,774	56,774		0
Transfers out	(110,000)	(110,000)		0
Total Other Financing Sources	(50.00.0)	(50.000)		
(Uses)	(53,226)	(53,226)		0
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(738,948)	166,109	(266,349)	638,709
BALANCE	(730,940)	100,109	(200,349)	030,709
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE,				
Beginning of Year	1,476,300	1,476,300		
BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE,				
End of Year	737,352	1,642,409	(266,349)	638,709

# TOWN OF ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2011 UNAUDITED

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	Govern	nmental Fun	d Types	Enterpi	rise Funds	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account  Group  Long- Term	(Memorandum Only) Combined
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water	Light	Trust and Agency	Obligations Group	Totals
ASSETS								
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	1,690,961	3,236,230	178,152	785,234	5,202,113	312,585		11,405,275
INVESTMENTS								
Investments RECEIVABLES						425,491		425,491
Real Estate and Personal Property	(269,300)	643,184						373,884
Tax Liens	200,252	4,337						204,589
Excise Taxes	85,273							85,273
Other	36,304	3,279		38,105	236,466			314,154
OTHER ASSETS	122,213	_		7,718,712	4,563,190			12,404,115
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RET.	, -			.,,.	, ,			, - , -
OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS							5,718,025	5,718,025
TOTAL ASSETS	1,865,703	3,887,030	178,152	8,542,051	10,001,769	738,076	5,718,025	30,930,806
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Deferred Revenues	52,527	8,534						61,061
Other Liabilities	170,767	13,142	5,216	148,480	1,672,566	63,899		2,074,070
Notes Payable			411,000	1,303,000				1,714,000
Bonds				664,500	110,000		5,718,025	6,492,525
TOTAL LIABILITIES	223,294	21,676	416,216	2,115,980	1,782,566	63,899	5,718,025	10,341,656
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for:	-							
Encumbrances &continuing appropriations	268,108	2,001,989		560,667				2,830,764
Reserved for Expenditures	359,449							359,449
Reserved for Appropriation Deficit	(106,270)							(106,270)
Nonexpendable Trust						224,141		224,141
Unreserved	1,121,122	1,863,365	(238,064)	5,865,404	8,219,203	450,036		17,281,066
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,642,409	3,865,354	(238,064)	6,426,071	8,219,203	674,177	-	20,589,150
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1,865,703	3,887,030	178,152	8,542,051	10,001,769	738,076	5,718,025	30,930,806

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

From: The Rowley Board of Assessor's

Date: January 9, 2012

In fiscal year 2012 the Board of Assessors with the assistance of KRT Appraisal of Haverhill, Mass, completed an interim adjustment of all properties as mandated by the Department of Revenue. The interim adjustment resulted in adjustments to all property classes. It is important to note that January 1<sup>st</sup> annually is the assessment date and all assessments are determined using arms-length property sales. During the fiscal year 2012 interim adjustment the Rowley Assessor's Office was required by the Department of Revenue to use 24 months of sales to determine the new assessments. Therefore, for fiscal year 2012 with the assessment date of January 1, 2011 the sales used to determine the assessments are those that occurred in both calendar years 2009 and 2010.

The Board in 2010 contracted Vision Appraisal Technology Inc to complete a 3 year re-measure and relist of all Town properties, which is also state mandated and required to be completed every 10 years. The second third of the Town's properties Maps 11 through 22 were re-measured and re-listed during this phase and a new photograph of the exterior of each property was taken.

Below is a table of the fiscal year 2012 parcel counts, valuations and taxes for the main property classes in Town:

FISCAL YEAR 2012						
Tax Classification	Parcel Count	Assessed Value by Class	Tax Rate Tax by Class		% of Total Value by Class	
Residential	2231	711,673,825	13.92	9,906,500	81.3634%	
Open Space	54	128,000	13.92	\$1,782	0.0146%	
Commercial	254	77,766,595	13.92	\$1,082,511	8.8908%	
Industrial	32	32,992,280	13.92	\$459,253	3.7719%	
Personal Property	317	17,831,500	13.92	\$248,214	2.0386%	
Exempt	228	34,293,000			3.9206%	
Total	<u>3116</u>	874,685,200	_	\$11,698,259	100.0000%	

The Board reported \$8,855,895 in New Growth Value to the Department of Revenue, which was certified during the fiscal year 2012 tax rate setting process. The tax rate in the Town increased from \$13.28 to \$13.92 for fiscal year 2012.

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

## Report of the 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.

This year we have made progress in terms of coverage with the addition of Administrative Assistant Sue Leach. At this point, this position is budgeted at 12 hours weekly and has allowed us to expand our hours slightly and hope to be able to add additional hours in the future. Thank you, as always, to my longtime Assistant Town Clerk Barbara R. DiMento who also covers when I am out of the office to attend various education opportunities, take vacation or a sick day. Thank you, Barbara.

Thank you as well to our Senior Tax Credit Volunteers. The Senior Tax Credit program allows work on various projects that I wouldn't be able to address on my own while offering the seniors a break on their property tax bill. Jack has addressed many indexing projects over the past few years and Sue spent most of her 2011 credit hours processing the hundreds of Dog License applications that came in with the Annual Town Census.

Since when Rowley as incorporated on September 4, 1639, it 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 program 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 Deed and Development Records. Thank you all!

#### 2011 Population Demographics (as of 12/31/2011)

Dates of Birth between:	1/1/1900 and 12/31/1909	0
	1/1/1910 and 12/31/1919	26
	1/1/1920 and 12/31/1929	103
	1/1/1930 and 12/31/1939	250
	1/1/1940 and 12/31/1949	584
	1/1/1950 and 12/31/1959	1136
	1/1/1960 and 12/31/1969	1049
	1/1/1970 and 12/31/1979	628
	1/1/1980 and 12/31/1989	705
	1/1/1990 and 12/31/1999	770
	1/1/2000 and 12/31/2011	749
	Total Population	6,009

Comparative Vital Statistics (as of 1/4/12)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Births	55	57	51	44	52
<b>Deaths</b>	47	55	46	51	48
Marriages	22	19	20	21	28

**<u>Births:</u>** Fifty-two babies were born to Rowley parents, 28 boys and 24 girls and two sets of twins.

**Deaths:** Forty-eight deaths were recorded in 2011, thirty-one females and 17 males, of which 31

listed Rowley as their place of residence and including six veterans from World War

Two and one of Vietnam War. Average age at time of death was 79.

**Marriages:** Twenty-eight Marriage Licenses were issued in 2012, eleven of these weddings took

place in Rowley, four in Haverhill, two in Ipswich and Topsfield and one each in Gloucester, Salem, Danvers, Nahant, Melrose, Peabody, Georgetown and Sterling and

one was not used.

#### Revenue Report for the Town Clerk's Office – 2011

Bylaw Non-Criminal Violations	\$ 2,150.00
Cemetery Lots	4,700.00
Dog and Kennel Licenses	8,540.00
General Fees	3,798.90
Parking Violations	4,670.00
Ramp and Mooring Permits	12,990.70
Shellfish Permits	12,329.00
Wildlife – Hunting/Fishing Licenses	3,598.00
	\$ 52,776.60

<u>Cemetery Lots Sold</u> – There were eleven (1) lots sold altogether, eight (8) 5-grave lots to Rowley residents and three (3) 2-grave lots to non-residents.

**<u>Dog Licenses</u>** –We issued seven hundred thirty-nine (739) Dog Licenses and seven (7) Kennel Permits in 2011.

<u>General Fees</u> – '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 again from last year, possibly due to the fact that many of the Bylaws and R&R's are now available on the town website: <u>townofrowley.net</u>.

<u>Shellfish Permits</u> – There were a total of one hundred twenty-three (123) shellfish permits and 11 Aquaculture leases issued. - Thirty-three (33) Resident/Commercial Permits including thirteen (13) free to residents over 60, five (5) Junior Commercial Permits\*, eighty-three (83) Resident/Non-commercial Permits (including 28 free to residents over 60), two (2) Non-resident (summer)/non-commercial permits.

<u>Hunting and Fishing Licenses</u> – This year marked out last year as a Fish and Wildlife Licensing Agent, as the state has now gone completely too online sales. We regret that we will not be able to offer this service to the many Ipswich, Newbury and Rowley residents who had come to rely on us. Reflecting the move to more and more online sales, there were There were only 136 (down from 175 last year) 2011 Wildlife licenses sold by this office: eighty-one (81) Sporting/Hunting (including forty-seven (47) Sporting Licenses and eighteen (18) Free/over 70 years of age licenses), Fifty-four (54) Fishing (including 13 Free/over 70 licenses), one (1) Trapping license and ninety-six (96) various conservation stamps sold.

Ramp and Mooring Permits - One hundred seventy-two (172) residents purchased two hundred thirty-eight (238) Ramp Permits and ninety-four (94) Mooring permits were issued by this office in 2011. As promised, the Harbormaster purchased a Ramp/Mooring program for the 2011 season which allowed us to better track usage of ramp and mooring space resulting in an increase in ramp and mooring income.

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. I recently completed my third recertification as a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk as sponsored by the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association and still hold the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk as defined by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. I am completing my second year as the President of the North Shore City and Town Clerk's Association and we continue to offer a program of workshops local city and town clerk's who cannot afford the time or expense of traveling to the regional conferences. 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

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

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.

The Board of Selectmen voted to re-appoint to the Board of Registrars:

Barbara R. DiMento, 75 Bennett Hill Rd.

Mildred L. Dummer, 34 Wethersfield St.

Gordon R. Densmore of 249 Wethersfield St.

Susan G. Hazen, 4 Central St.

## Voter Registration as of 12/30/2011

Unenrolled	(U)	2759
Democrat	(D)	766
Republican	(R)	670
Libertarian	(L)	14
Green-Rainbow	(J)	3
Other		1
Total Registration:		4213
"Inactive" Status V	oters	-392 *
		3821

<sup>\*</sup>INACTIVE is defined as those voters who have not responded to the Census within the calendar year. Once voter status has been changed to INACTIVE, identity and proof of residency must be re-established before being restored to the voters list.

We are currently in the process of compiling the year 2012 CENSUS/STREET LIST information and hope to have the new Street List books ready early in the spring. Have you returned your CENSUS form yet? We can't stress enough how important it is to keep these lists accurate and up to date and respectfully request residents to return their census with the correct information as soon as they receive it.

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

## **Appointed Election Workers –**

#### DEMOCRATS:

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:

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

#### 2011 Calendar:

May 10, 2011 Annual Town Election –867 Ballots cast

May 16, 2011 Annual/Special Town Meeting

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 very limited budget. We thank, as well, Constables Nat Dummer and Phil Collyer, Police Chief Robert Barker 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 and Automark machines, ballot boxes and related material. Our thanks as well to Father Robert Poitras and the trustees of St. Mary's Family 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 Janet Morrissey of Rowley Cable Media.

#### 2012 Election and Town Meeting Information:

Presidential Primary
St. Mary's Hall, Main St.
Special/Annual Town Meeting
Pine Grove School, Main St.
Annual Town Election
St. Mary's Hall, Main St.
State Primary
St. Mary's Hall, Main St.
Presidential Election

St. Mary's Hall, Main St.

Tuesday, March 6, 2012
7 AM to 8 PM
Monday, April 30, 2012
7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Noon to 8 PM
Thursday, September 6, 2012
7 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
7 AM to 8 PM

#### REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

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 the Board's 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.

#### REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Agricultural Commission is pleased to report another productive year.

The Bradstreet Community Garden is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year and continues to be popular. In the spring the Rowley Grange sponsored a "gardener's breakfast" which gave everyone involved a chance to plan and become motivated with planting their gardens. The garden expanded by 12 plots therefore making a total of 44 plots for gardening. All the plots were occupied, several by families of 3 generations. All plots have access to water and volunteers regularly mow the common areas around the garden. We were extremely appreciative of Rowley resident, Scott Loring, who chose as his Eagle Scout project, the construction of a pergola, which has provided both shade and esthetic beauty to the property. The spirit of cooperation and comradery is rewarding to witness. The Agricultural Commission eagerly awaits the arrival of spring to once again assist residents in planning and caring for their crops.

The 8<sup>th</sup> season of the Rowley Farmer's Market was once again a success. Each week it sponsors an average of 12 vendors offering a variety of fresh, local produce and products. Although vegetables were abundant, shellfish suffered the worse season in recent memory. Due to almost continuous rain closures, shellfish could only be harvested 3 out of the 12 weeks the Market was open. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Tractor Contest was also successful and featured over 12 beautifully restored tractors. We are particularly pleased to offer a friendly venue for farmers to sell their products at no cost to them. We are looking forward to our 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Rowley Farmer's Market.

As always, the Rowley Agricultural Commission is available to promote and protect the Town's agricultural history. We look forward to continuing our work at both the Bradstreet Community Garden and the Rowley Farmer's Market. We would like to thank the citizens who have supported our mission.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In conformance with the State enabling act, Chapter 267 of the acts of 2000; Amended by Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2002, Section 3 to 7, inclusive, Chapter 44B of the General Laws, 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 areas 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 FY2011 (09/23/2010, 12/16/2010, 03/24/2011, 04/4/2011, 06/16/2011). Currently, the only large project in progress is the Bradstreet Farm (June 2027). There are many lesser projects in progress for which the funds have been allocated but not yet spent. The Community Preservation surcharge for FY 2011 was \$333,624.00 less surcharge abatements and exemptions of \$6,654.69 for a net surcharge of \$326,969.31 plus the additional 45% State matching portion of \$148,279.00.

Projects submitted and approved in calendar year 2011 were as follows:

- 1. Assessor Historic Book Binding 1917-1972
- 2. First Congregational Church Philips Diary additional funding
- 3. Great Marsh Conservation Initiative

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

Donald Hovey
Dr. Robert Carpenter
Richard Cummings
Cliff Pierce
Rowley Housing Authority
Open Space Committee
Board of Selectmen
Planning Board

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 <u>Legal Notices</u> 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 CP committee is a member of the Community Preservation Coalition which is made up of 147 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.

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

#### To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The duties of the Planning Board include review of subdivision plans, site plan review applications, special permit applications, and approval-not-required plans. They are also required by MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5, to make recommendations on proposed zoning amendments. The Planning Board encourages applicants, residents, or any interested parties to attend their meetings to gather information about developments and to provide input during public hearings.

The Planning Board saw a slight decrease in development activity at the beginning of 2011; however, toward the end of the year activity began to increase.

Construction continued on the mixed-use development in the center of Town. Two (2) of the existing buildings have been renovated, and renovation work on the remaining historic structure is nearly finished. The developer has done an outstanding job at restoring these buildings while maintaining their historical integrity. The downtown area will benefit greatly from this thoughtful investment and it is hoped that it will spur similar investment in the area.

In 2011, discussion resumed on the topic of creating a professional Town Planner position in Rowley. The Planning Board met with the Board of Selectmen and the Personnel Board to develop a job description for a Town Planner. In implementing this organizational change the Board believes communication with other Town departments will be enhanced and the application and review process for applicants will be more efficient. The Board recommends that townspeople vote favorably on approving this position for the next fiscal year.

Also new in 2011 was the establishment of a Zoning Review Committee. Two (2) members of the Planning Board were appointed to this committee along with representatives from other Boards. The purpose of this Committee is to comprehensively review the existing zoning bylaws and propose revisions and improved zoning bylaws for adoption.

Currently, there are two (2) vacant seats on the Planning Board. One position is for a regular Planning Board member and the other is for an Associate Planning Board member. Any resident of Rowley that is interested in either position, please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

#### Regulatory Matters

The Planning Board took the following regulatory actions in 2011:

- Denied a site plan for construction of a 5,700 s.f. building at 58-66 Forest Ridge Drive.
- Approved an amendment to a special permit to remove a deed restriction on an affordable unit at 870 Haverhill Street.
- Released three (3) lots in the Wild Pasture Estates subdivision.
- Recommended to the Board of Selectmen that Christopher Road be accepted by the Town.
- Accepted a settlement agreement and approved a revised site plan at 870 Haverhill Street.
- Approved a definitive subdivision plan for a two (2) lot subdivision at 120 Haverhill Street.
- Approved an amendment to a site plan for an addition to an existing barn at 217 Main Street.
- Approved and endorsed a new tri-partite agreement for the Hawkesworth Estates subdivision.
- Approved and endorsed a new tri-partite agreement for the Meetinghouse Village subdivision.
- Approved a site plan and a special permit for an indoor riding arena at 204 Dodge Road.
- Approved a site plan for replacing antennas on an existing cell tower at 594 Main Street.
- Approved a site plan for replacing antennas on an existing cell tower at 124 Haverhill Street.

The Planning Board also reviewed and endorsed six (6) ANR (Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control Law) plans.

The Planning Board meets monthly on a Wednesday night in the meeting room at the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street. To schedule an appointment, or inquire about meeting dates and agendas, please contact our Administrative Assistant, MaryAnn Tuxbury, at 978-948-5549, or come to the Planning Board Office in the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, during public office hours (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays).

#### REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents:

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 32 years), Curt Turner (23 years), Doug Watson (11 years), Sam Streiff (8 years), Bob Garner (4 years), David DelMonico (4 years), and Robert Carpenter (1 year). 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 2011 the Commission received 72 permit applications. New project applications showed an increase from 2010 reflecting the general real estate market. These consisted of:

- 13 Notices of Intent, which range from new homes to new subdivisions
- 21 Requests to Determine Applicability, which allow less complicated projects
- 1 Requests for Extension of Orders of Conditions, extend expiration dates
- 21 Requests for Certificates of Compliance, the final declaration of project completion
- 3 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation
- 2 Stormwater Management Permits, managing project drainage and erosion controls
- 11 Enforcement Orders, action to protect and restore degraded wetland resources

The Conservation Department also assists the Board of Selectmen by reviewing and providing professional input on special permit requests under the Earth Removal Bylaw. In addition, the office reviewed 61 building permit requests, at least 15 written information requests, and provided the Board of Health with input on 20 soil evaluation site reviews. In conjunction with the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission is directly involved in beaver management issues. In this capacity, the Conservation Department assisted flooding concerns where the Mill River flows under Haverhill Street and upstream from the Taylor Bridge on Wethersfield Street. The Conservation Department provides environmental expertise to the Planning Board in Special Permit and Definitive Subdivision project reviews.

The Open Space Committee which is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission is working on revising and updating the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. This plan inventories existing lands designated as open space, active and passive recreation, and sets goals for improving these lands over the next five years. Open Space Committee members include: Lane Bourn, Robert Carpenter, Nathaniel Lucek, and Alan Roscoe. If you are interested in joining the committee to work on open space initiatives, please contact the Selectmen's Office. The Conservation Commission is also represented on the Community Preservation Committee by Curt Turner and Robert Carpenter serves as the Open Space Committee's representative.

The Conservation Commission actively supported and assisted the Massachusetts Audubon Society in the acquisition of approximately 75 acres of land within the Great Marsh. The citizens voted at Town Meeting to contribute funds which will result in the Conservation Commission co-holding a Conservation Restriction with Essex County Greenbelt on these properties. The property will be open to the public with trails and managed as a wildlife sanctuary.

The Commission has one professional staff person, Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack (7 years), and a Senior Service person, Barbara (Jean) Blanchard (4 years). The Conservation Commission's office is located in Room 4 in the Town Hall Annex. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and appointments can be made on those days up until 5:00 p.m. The Commission may be contacted at <a href="mailto:conservation@TownofRowley.org">conservation@TownofRowley.org</a> or 978 948-2330. 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 CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Rowley Cultural Council was able to award \$3,985.00 in grants for FY 2012 to benefit the members of our community. We received a total of eight applications and were able to award five grants.

#### Grant Recipients for FY 2012

1. Mary Jo Maichack – Storyteller for Rowley Public Library	\$ 495	Summer, 2012
2. Jen Dubis – Cooperative Creativity with Origami at Pine Grove	\$ 426	April, 2012
3. Friends of the Rowley Public Library – Five Museum Passes	\$ 2325	All Year
4. Newburyport Choral Society – Open Community Sing	\$ 200	Summer, 2012
5. Merrimack Valley Concert Band – Rowley Concert	\$ 500	Summer, 2012

Total \$ 3985

The Rowley Cultural Council is available to work 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.

#### REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Rowley Zoning Board of Appeals performs two functions:

- 1) As a Zoning Board of Appeals under MGL c.40A, s.12 & s.15 and c.40B, s.20-23
- 2) As a Board of Appeals under MGL c.41, s. 81Z & s.81AA

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.

In 2011, the Board did see an increase in the number of cases before them. The Board continued 2 hearings from 2010, and opened 7 new hearings, rendering decisions in 8 instances prior to the end of the calendar year and continuing 1 into2012. The Board continues to work with the Marion Way 40B applicants on their proposal. Currently, the board is working on securing technical assistance from Mass Housing to help them negotiate the 40B process.

The Board remains dedicated to attending educational workshops to stay on top of the latest developments in land use law. In October and November, members attended workshops on decision writing and Comprehensive Permits, both of which were presented by the Planners Training Collaborative.

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 39 Central Street office at 978-948-2657.

The Board welcomes input and feedback regarding Zoning issues throughout the town.

#### REPORT OF THE ROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

This year saw additional budget cuts of 2% bringing the total cuts over the past two years to 9.75%. We have compensated by reducing staffing levels and curtailing expenses but there are tradeoffs. We can no longer afford to run training classes for officers in anything except firearms qualification. Any other training they receive during the year is presented at change of shift or through on-line based training while on shift. This type of training is significantly less effective than hands on training presented in the class room environment. It also eats away valuable patrol time which has been eroded to minimum safe levels already. Busy evening shifts were previously staffed with a supervisor and two patrols but the second patrol was eliminated completely this year, leaving the supervisor to handle patrol functions as well as supervisory responsibilities. Any further significant cuts to our budget will likely result in layoffs and shifts with only one officer on duty to cover the entire town.

The reductions to our expense budget prevent us from performing routine maintenance to our facility and its equipment. The station is in need of painting, flooring, and other cosmetic and structural improvements. The furnace in the main building needs replacement, our holding cells continue to experience plumbing issues and other maintenance issues due to aging, and the sign out front has rotted out at the base and is in need of replacement. The longer these types of items are ignored the more costly the repairs become when funding finally becomes available.

There has been no definitive action on replacement of our aging radio communications network. Our radio equipment will not be FCC compliant in December of 2012 and is no longer being supported by the manufacturer. I expect a proposal for funding to replace this equipment to appear in either the special town meeting or the annual town meeting warrant this spring and would appreciate your support.

Heavy snow last winter caused some issues for us as snow loads on roofs became a concern for many areas across New England. The roof in the trailer section of the police station deflected significantly and that wing had to be evacuated until the snow could be removed. Once the snow was removed the building returned to normal and no structural damage was apparent

In June an elderly resident was threatened with a knife in her home in an attempted robbery. In September Skips Country Store was robbed at knife point and the clerk was injured during the crime. Skips was again robbed in October but the clerk managed to escape before being attacked. I am pleased to say that, due to the hard work of our officers, suspects in all three cases have been arrested and are currently awaiting trial in jail. These types of violent crimes are uncommon for Rowley and we hope that we are not witnessing a growing trend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the other town departments, my staff, and the citizens of Rowley for their support over the past year. Without the cooperation of everyone the job we do is a lot more difficult.

#### 2010 Statistics

Burglaries	8
Drug and Liquor Law Violations	14
Arrest/ Summons	275
Motor Vehicle Crashes	148
Medical Emergencies	294
Traffic Stops	1677
Traffic Citations	265
Animal Complaints	361
Total Police Log Entries	18,313

#### REPORT OF THE ROWLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2011 the fire department for the second year in a row had to deal with severe weather, instead of record rain it was record snow fall. There were several roof collapses in town and several were in danger of collapse, while one roof collapse is one too many the town did not suffer the type of damage like other communities. The record snow did tax the department's assets though and made it difficult to respond to the most minor type of incident. Due to the heavy snow many fire hydrants were covered and we would like to thank the members of the community that assisted the water and fire departments in clearing snow from the hydrants.

The department was successful in receiving a grant to purchase equipment for wild fires through a US Fish and Wildlife Service. With this grant we were able to upgrade chainsaws, and purchase personal protection equipment, binoculars, and portable weather stations. This has allowed the department to outfit all apparatus with proper chain saws for use in removal of trees during an emergency. This equipment will come in handy for forest fires and as well as natural disasters that the town my face in the future. This was the third grant from the Fish and Wildlife Service that the department has received in the past 10 years.

The Communications trailer that was acquired in 2010 has now been outfitted and is in operation. This trailer is capable of serving as command post for all town departments in the event of a major incident and is self sufficient with an emergency generator and can be deployed anywhere in town.

With the increase of equipment received from Homeland Security funding the Rowley Emergency Management Agency is more capable now than it has been in the past.

I would like to thank all members of the Fire Department for their hard work during 2011. It is due to their commitment to the community that makes the department successful, I would also encourage members of the community that are interested in becoming a member of either the Fire Department or a member of the Emergency Management Agency to contact me to help the community in an emergency.

The fire department responded to 590 calls from January 1 to Dec 31, 2011 the following is a list of calls for 2010 and 2011 as categorized by the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System.

Type of Situation	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	Type of Situation	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Building Fire	10	11	Service Call	3	3
Cooking Fire	10	22	Person in Distress	7	7
Burner/boiler malfunc.	4	6	Lock-out	5	4
Fire Camper/motor home	0	0	Ring/jewelry removal	0	0
Passenger Vehicle fire	4	6	Water evacuation	2	0
Road Freight/Transport	2	0	Water/Steam Leak	1	3
Forest/woods/wildland	1	0	Smoke removal	0	0
Brush/grass fires	0	4	Public Assist	2	3
Outside Fire	1	1	Assist Police	8	5
Overpressure rupture	0	0	Assist invalid	21	14
Medical assist EMS	27	10	Unauthorized burning	7	9
EMS call	231	221	Cover assignment	5	10
EMS MVA	31	79	Good Intent other	3	9
EMS MVA Ped	0	1	Dispatched canceled	32	30
Missing Person Search	1	1	Smoke Scare	19	8
EMS standby	0	0	Steam Vapor Fog	1	1
MedFlight landing	0	0	Hazmat release invest.	3	5
Hazardous condition	18	6	Phone malicious false	0	2
Flammable liquid spill	4	3	System Activation	15	10
Natural gas leak	3	6	Smoke Det. Malf.	11	10
Chemical Hazard no spill	1	1	Heat Det Malfunction	1	3
Chemical spill or leak	0	0	Light Ballast breakdown	2	0
Power line down	4	3	Unintentional alarm	1	2
Arcing equipment	14	5	Detector activation	61	11
MVA general cleanup	34	37	Carbon Monoxide	10	15
Citizens Complaint	0	0	Lightning strike	1	0
			Weather Standby	0	3

#### REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

On February 6, 2011, Massachusetts adopted the 2009 International Building Code (IBC) to replace the 7th Edition of the State Building Code (780 CMR). Officially, February 6, 2011 marked the end of the 6-month grace period under which applicants had the choice of applying for a commercial building permit under either the 7th edition or the new 8th edition. The Inspection Department was fully prepared for this major change and is happy to report that the transition from the state building code to the International Building Code has been quite smooth.

In addition, the state now requires that all sheet metal workers be licensed, effective February 19, 2011; and that communities adopt a permit process for all sheet metal work. The Inspection Department now has mechanical permit applications available. The building inspector has taken on the responsibility of administering the newly adopted regulations.

All inspections were completed pursuant to the newly adopted 2009 International Building Code, The Massachusetts Plumbing & Gas Code and The National Electrical Code. All reports and filings were carried out as required by law.

All inspection department applications are now available on the town website.

#### PERMIT ACTIVITY

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Type	# of Permits	<b>Construction Value</b>
Single-Family	8	\$2,164,440
Duplex	1	\$131,000
Addition/Garage	7	\$562,395
Chimney/Woodstove/Pellet Stove	13	\$28,146.65
Outbuilding	3	\$170,200
Pool	5	\$27,370
Porch/Deck	10	\$135,800
Renovation/Alteration	74	\$1,055,925.15
Roofing/Siding	56	\$530,412`
Commercial	19	\$2,030,849
Demolition	4	\$43,150
Greenhouse/Sunroom	2	\$30,000
Total	202	\$6,909,688

Total Building Permit Fees collected: \$91,871.44

#### PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS

Plumbing permits issued for 2011 80
Gas permits issued for 2011 84
Total 164

Total Plumbing and Gas Permit Fees collected: \$13,570

#### **ELECTRICAL PERMITS**

Electrical permits issued for 2011

139

Total Electrical Permit Fees collected: \$15,548.70

#### **SUMMARY**

- New construction permits for 8 single-family dwellings were issued. The estimated value of new single-family construction was \$2,164,440, which gives an average for each single-family dwelling of \$270,555.
- Commercial construction accounted for 19 permits with an estimated value of \$2,030,849.
- Total fees received from all permits (building, gas, plumbing, electrical): \$120,990.14

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER & ANIMAL INSPECTOR

6 loose livestock calls

10 animals hit by motor vehicles (including wildlife)

12 cats reported missing

15 barking dog complaints

20 dogs P/U

30 reports of dogs running at large

25 wildlife related calls

3 dogs adopted

Animal Inspector reports that no animals tested positive for rabies in 2011. 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 2011 are as follows:

Type of Animal	<u>Number</u>
Horse/ponies	215
Cattle	120
Sheep	9
Guinea Hens	5
Chickens	93
Goats	9

Donkeys	28
Waterfowl	20
Llamas/Alpacas	9
Peafowl	2

#### REPORT OF THE TREE DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents:

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.

Hurricane Irene only caused minimal damage to trees in town. The snow storm on October 29 produced heavy snow breaking many limbs and branches all over town. Almost every street was affected and took several days to clean up the mess by chipping and hauling the debris back to the highway department yard.

A count of 180 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 remove all decorations, anything metal and plastic bags, as this will damage the equipment and is very dangerous for the employees, most of you do clean them: thank you.

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 Department 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

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The 2011 boating season started off quite rainy through June but settled into some beautiful weather through Labor Day. No major accidents or injuries to report this year. Fuel prices at the docks hovered at approximately \$3.85/ gallon this season.

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.

332 mooring/ slip/ launch permits issued in 2011 generated \$13,107.70. Fee for the Resident only Launch ramp is \$50/ permit, commercial clammers included. Mooring/ Slip permits were \$3.00 per foot for all boats in 2011. 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 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 2,134 gallons of waste during the 2011 boating season.

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

#### REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

The flats were again very productive this past season and things look very good for next season. There were again no Red Tide closures this season but the flats were closed for a record of 144 days due to rain closures. Most of the rain closures came during the peak of the clam season. The Shellfish Department has continued to rotate the opening and closing of flats for the purpose of propagation. Also, there were again many capture/protection nets placed on the flats to capture and protect wild clam seed. These nets again worked very effectively.

There were several students that took advantage of the Junior Permits. These young people did very well as first time shellfishers and had a great experience in the work world. These permits will again be available in 2012 and we expect that more students will take advantage of this opportunity.

There were thirty four (34) resident commercial, seventy eight (78) resident non-commercial, six (6) junior commercial, three (3) non-resident non-commercial, three (3) summer resident non-commercial and eleven (11) private aquaculture licenses issued this past year. Most of the permits were little used due to the many rain closures during the season.

We have continued to make progress in resolving the erosion problem on Hog Point Island. The seven new licensed aqua culturists placed nets on their licensed areas and were not only rewarded with substantial catches of seed, but succeeded in raising the level of the flat in their areas.

#### REPORT OF THE ROWLEY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

#### www.rowleylight.com

The Light Commission and Manager are pleased to submit their Annual Report of the Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant (RMLP) for the year 2011.

#### POWER SUPPLY

Power cost to the Light Plant rose considerably as we entered into the first year of a three year contract in 2010, but mitigated through 2011. Our energy expenses decreased 5% from 2010 and RMLP returned these savings back to customers in December 2011 and January 2012. There's good news for 2012 with continued decreasing market energy prices have been steadily decreasing, RMLP can pass on this cost saving benefit to our customers.

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. And while we are prudent with our expenditures, we also understand the need to make investments in RMLP's future.

Even with the fiscal challenges we face with rising energy costs, our financial outlook remains stable. In fact, Standard & Poor's Rating Services maintained our credit rating of an A+. This reflects their assessment of strong financial performance and liquidity that is expected to continue despite our transition in 2010 to higher-cost power supply.

#### TRENDS IN SALES TO CUSTOMERS

During 2011 our kilowatt hour (kWh) sales decreased by 1% from the previous year, but kW demand sales were high again due to the extreme heat waves in July.

Our peak demand followed a similar pattern to kWh sales with an all-time system peak of 11.9 MW, the same as in 2010. Our peak for the year occurred on July 22<sup>nd</sup> between the hours of 3PM and 4PM when the temperature reached the low 100's for the third consecutive day.

#### **OUR SYSTEM**

In 2011, Rowley encountered August's Tropical Storm Irene and the October's Halloween Storm. RMLP's staff was able to assist in mutual aid to Georgetown, Groton (MA), and the investor-owned NSTAR who, along with other municipal crews, made it possible to have the majority of the severely distressed areas restored in record time. I am very grateful to have such dependable and capable staff that I can rely upon in emergencies. A special thank you to our lineworkers at RMLP who went above and beyond with such dedicated priority service to our customers.

#### **CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS & CONSERVATION**

RMLP has continued to seek conservation and efficiency programs to help our customers save energy and reduce their electric costs. Our appliance rebate program gave back \$4,925 to our customers, and 11 customers received a free energy audit.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO TOWN

- RMLP funded the cost of energy used for street lighting, saving the town \$34,978. Additionally, RMLP maintains all street lighting at no cost to the town. We have begun changing over to LED street lights, beginning with the downtown Main Street area, which should incur even more electricity savings along with a substantially longer bulb life.
- The town maintains all interest earned from RMLP's operating cash account that is co-mingled in the town's general fund.
- 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 with LED lights.
- We continue to support The Salvation Army's Good Neighborhood Energy Fund and Coats for Kids.

This year brought some changes to the staff. RMLP's General Manager of six years, Linda Soucy, retired in February 2011. Linda worked for municipal utilities for over 33 years. We wish Linda the best with the next phase of her life. Additionally, Light Commissioner Aldene Gordon stepped down from office in the summer of 2011. Her many years of service to the customers of RMLP are greatly appreciated and sorely missed. Attilio Paglia was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill her vacancy until May 2012. As a former member of the Board of Selectmen, AJ's knowledge of the public sector will be of great assistance to the RMLP. 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 also very much appreciated.

RMLP's U	Unaudited Financial Statements			
Balance S	lheet	Current 2011	History 2010	Variance
Current	Cash - Unrestricted	\$488,667	\$8,754	\$479,913
Assets	Cash - Restricted	\$4,894,836	\$5,234,820	(\$339,984)
	Accounts Receivable from Customers	\$203,053	\$181,217	\$21,836
	Accounts Receivable - Other	\$25,141	\$16,442	\$8,699
	Prepaid Expenses	\$482,615	\$462,387	\$20,228
Plant &	Distribution Plant, Net (FERC 360-389)	\$3,192,692	\$3,194,845	(\$2,153)
Equipment	General Plant, Net (FERC 390-399)	\$958,098	\$832,623	\$125,475
	Inventory	\$71,966	\$69,144	\$2,822
<b>Total Assets</b>		\$10,317,067	\$10,000,231	\$316,836
Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$446,562	\$300,431	\$146,131
	Bond & Interest Payable	\$110,000	\$220,000	(\$110,000)
	Reserve for Collections	\$30,450	\$450	\$30,000
	Contribution and Construction	\$1,208,207	\$1,208,207	\$0
	Other: Customer Deposits	\$117,665	\$115,679	\$1,986
	Loan Repayment Appropriations	\$2,180,970	\$2,070,970	\$110,000
Total Liabilit	ties	\$4,093,854	\$3,915,737	\$178,117
Retained	Accumulated Retained Earnings	\$5,893,655	\$6,133,564	(\$239,909)
<b>Earnings</b>	Unaudited Net Income (Loss)	\$329,558	(\$49,071)	\$378,628
Total Retain	ed Earnings	\$6,223,213	\$6,084,494	\$138,719
Income St	tatement	Current 2011	History 2010	Variance
Revenues	Residential	\$3,404,838	\$3,407,065	(\$2,227)
	Commercial	\$2,606,796	\$2,502,462	\$104,334
	Municipal	\$157,090	\$181,689	(\$24,599)
	Interest Earned	\$34,547	\$34,653	(\$106)
	Other Electric Revenues	\$136,705	\$42,569	\$94,136
Total Revenu	les	\$6,168,437	\$6,168,437	\$171,539

Expenses	Purchased Power & Transmission	\$4,610,962	\$4,845,541	(\$234,580)
	Operations, Supervision & Engineering	\$21,915	\$0	\$1,477
	Stockroom & Station Equipment Costs	\$370,436	\$20,437	(\$3,673)
	Underground & Overhead Lines	\$10,363	\$374,108	(\$94)
	Street Lights, Signals, and Fire Alarms	\$22,757	\$10,457	\$4,235
	Meter Reading and Installation Costs	\$4,122	\$18,522	(\$8,940)
	Distribution & Line Transformer Maintenance	\$114,493	\$13,062	(\$3,094)
	Supervision, Records, Collection & Bad Debts	\$8,965	\$117,586	\$4,540
	Energy Conservation	\$3,853	\$4,425	(\$2,717)
	Advertising	\$144,490	\$6,570	(\$18,316)
	Administrative Salaries	\$30,662	\$162,806	\$16,233
	Office Supplies, Utilities, & Maintenance Contracts	\$132,141	\$14,429	\$61,323
	Outside Services and Consultants	\$23,125	\$70,818	(\$419)
	Insurance: Property, Injuries & Damages	\$93,602	\$23,544	(\$38,563)
	Employer's portion of Pension & Benefits	\$156,411	\$132,166	\$20,833
	General Plant & Miscellaneous	\$31,947	\$135,578	(\$5,924)
	Transportation	\$223,052	\$37,872	\$5,195
	Depreciation	\$7,123	\$217,857	(\$4,606)
	Interest	\$4,610,962	\$11,729	(\$234,580)
Total Expen	ises	\$6,010,418	\$6,217,508	(\$207,090)
RMLP's Un	audited Net Income (Loss)	\$329,558	(\$49,071)	\$378,628

#### REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents

The Highway Department equipment and facilities were serviced and repaired throughout the year as scheduled or as needed.

An easement was granted to the Town of Rowley for the construction and maintenance of a drainage easement from the Tenney-Mehaffey Trust on Newbury Road. The Highway Department constructed a stone swale to help alleviate flooding in that area. All catch basins were cleaned in late spring. Six catch basins were repaired at various locations around town, two were completely rebuilt and one new replacement basin was installed. All catch basins were maintained during rain, snow and ice storms to prevent street flooding.

Routine pothole patching, rut filling and sidewalk repairs were performed throughout the year as needed. Gravel roads were graded throughout the year at the request of the residents. The highway crew performed roadside mowing and trimming throughout the season. Brushing the roadsides had also been performed in the spring, summer and fall.

The Highway Department obtained workers from The Department of Corrections for 3 days last year for the purpose of shoulder repairs to several roads in town. Community Service workers were also used to rake leaves at town facilities, clean town parking lots, and picking up trash on the road sides.

Street line painting, stop bars and crosswalks were painted during the mid-summer. Many signs consisting of regulatory street names stop, and speed limit signs and other non-regulatory signs were repaired or replaced

throughout the town most were due to motor vehicle accidents and vandalism and some were replaced due to weathered conditions

The 2011 winter season was very snowy and cold with late Dec. 2010, Jan. and Feb. of 2011, plowing and sanding with some consisting of two and three days straight and also sanding many non plowing storms with 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 and removal of excessive snow from intersections town parking areas and built up snow banks. Distributing sand barrels throughout the Town and maintaining them as needed. Plowing, shoveling and deicing of the major sidewalks leading to the school was accomplished when possible. Many areas of sidewalks were blocked with trash bags, barrels, cars and snow banks delaying the removal for a clear passage. We recognize and appreciate some of the residents clearing the sidewalks in front of their property and beyond, we thank you.

Chapter 90 work consisted of mill and overlay of Glen Street and overlays on Pleasant, Warehouse, Ocean Ave. and Boxford Rd. Chapter 90 is 100% reimbursed by the State.

The Highway Department wishes to thank all Town Officials, Boards, Committees, and Departments, and 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

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Maintenance Report 1/1/2011-12/31/2011

157,766,228 Gallons of water sold

- 4 Hydrants replaced
- 9 New water services
- 7 Gate valves replaced
- 16 Water leak repair
- 1581 Meter replacement/upgrades

In 2011 the Rowley Water Department continues to maintain and repair the water supply and distribution system. There were several unforeseen repairs this year on the original system. Please check the new Water Department web page www.rowleywater.com for water breaks and updates information.

A Water Management Act withdrawal permit was issued to the Town of Rowley in the fall of 2011. This permit is valid until 2017, but has some restrictions in place. Between May 1 and September 30, when the Parker River stream flows are too low, mandatory outside water restrictions will be put in place by the Rowley Water Department.

This year the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) approved the Rowley Water Department pilot study report and formally sent final approval for the construction of a new filtration plant and additional water source upgrades. Weston & Sampson Engineers completed the design of the new water treatment plant. This design is using the newest and proven best technology of membrane filtration and will go out to bid in 2012.

The new maintenance garage on Central Street is in the last phases of construction and completion is scheduled by 2012.

The new radio read meter upgrade project was completed in the fall. The first radio read billing was in October. The new billing software provides the customer with detailed reports on water use, leakage, and other reports.

The Water Department staff continues to attend as many professional development opportunities as offered by the New England Water Works Association as possible. The staff has met their required hours towards the Division of Professional License for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

#### REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The work performed in the Cemetery Department in 2011 has been carried out in the usual manner. We have performed the following:

Dug and filled 22 graves
20 gravestone footings
Raised and reset 40 headstones
Graded and filled graves as needed
Graded and loamed to extend Section G and Section H
Removed all overgrown bushes and trimmed all other bushes in Cemetery

We would like to thank the Water Department, Electric Department and the Highway Department for their assistance this year.

The members of the Cemetery Commission are: Jack Cook, Chairman, Bill Gaynor, Clerk, Peter Dalzell, Member

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Rowley Residents:

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, outdoor hydronic heaters, 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, influenza vaccine clinics, medical sharps collection, household battery collection, mercury recovery collection, hazardous household waste collection, electronics and e-waste collection, and white goods/Freon collection.

During the annual flu season, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health supplied the Board of Health a vaccine for seasonal influenza virus. The seasonal flu vaccine was provided initially to under and uninsured residents as required by the state. First responders, high-risk residents, and the senior population were vaccinated by the Board of Health as usual after the state changed its policy back to previous years. Additionally, the vaccine was administered to the general population. Clinics were held in October and November, and the Board of Health Nurse was available to residents for appointments. Throughout the season the Board of Health staff and Health Nurse were available to answer questions and respond to concerns. The office responded to calls regarding seasonal flu vaccine. No person was refused vaccine by the Board of Health.

The Septic Loan Program continues to be a success using the competitive rate of two percent for new loans. As of December 2011, 58 loans have been approved totaling \$1,203,845.06 loaned out. Twenty-seven loans have been paid in full totaling \$456,810.93 received back into the program. A total of \$747,034.13 is currently outstanding for the 31 active loans. The current success of this program encourages residents to replace failed septic systems. The Board of Health will continue participation in this program and use of funds from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

The Board of Health sponsored the sixth Household Hazardous Waste Day held in the Town on November 12, 2011. The turnout of 159 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 70 televisions, CRT's, and computer monitors; 7 propane tanks; 12 car batteries; and 45 automobile tires. The fifth annual White Goods / Light Metal and Electronics Recycling Event was held on May 14, 2011. Winfield Alloy, Inc. was contracted to remove for recycling the following: 7.58 tons of metal/light iron; 1,835 pounds of material and items with Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners); and 8,058 pounds of computer scraps, printers and PCs, CRTs and TVs that were generated by the Town. The Board of Health plans to continue holding these types of events because of 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 Rowley Board of Health is a participant in the Regional Emergency Planning Committee, a cooperative effort with area Police and Fire Departments, through joint training and planning. Rowley also is an active participant in Region 3A Northeast Public Health Coalition, 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 and recruit volunteers locally and regionally in connection with the Topsfield Regional Medical Reserve Corps.

The Board of Health is participating in local water quality testing in cooperation with the Parker River Clean Water Association. Water quality testing sites continue to be included to ensure cumulative data for review is collected throughout Rowley's waterways.

The Health Department has increased outreach to the community by providing services valued by the local population. The Board of Health continues its cooperation with the Pine Grove School, Triton Regional School District and the Town of Rowley Parks and Recreation Committee 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. The Board of Health continues to work closely with the Council on Aging, TRIAD, and other community involvement groups to provide assistance to residents of Rowley. The program to collect and properly dispose of lancets, needles and medical sharps is in place for the sixth year and has been very successful. Residents continue to express their appreciation for the programs in place to help with specialized waste disposal. The Board of Health has also put mercury recovery collection programs for thermostats, batteries, light bulbs and thermometers in place. The Rowley Board of Health provided a new household alkaline/rechargeable battery recycling program and "green boxes" have been placed at the library and town hall as well as the annex building to facilitate recycling. As a part of Healthy Communities Tobacco Control Program, educational and regulatory compliance checks were conducted at the local retail level for sale of tobacco products.

Goals for calendar year 2012 include maintaining quality service and professionalism in the office and in the field. Offering and expanding 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 with the proficiency 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

To the Honorable Selectmen and the Citizens of Rowley:

The year 2011 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 Newport, Rhode Island for a dinner train and tour of the mansions. A Veteran's Supper was added to the senior activities. This was held at the council on November 9, 2011 and was well attended by Rowley Veterans who enjoyed Chicken Divan and the comradeship of others who had served in the military. The business aspect of the Council conducted flu 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

spent with seniors sorting out the very confusing maze of insurance changes as well as notices of change from Medicare and Insurance Plans. The number of seniors, 60 and over continues to grow as the town's population increases and baby boomers come of age.

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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 2,400 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 2011 at the Council was over \$51,000.

The Council on Aging is also an active part of the TRIAD Program in Rowley. TRIAD has completed several projects in Rowley, the "Yellow Dot Program", the "Is your Number Up" campaign and the "Grab and Go" travel bag. The Council continues to print their own newsletter, and with the help of faithful volunteers, 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.

There were several informational sessions on insurance, wills, power of attorney, living wills, and general health.

A Yoga class, held at the Plantation's all purpose room, and taught by Susan Scheuer, continues to be a most successful venture.

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

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 2011, the Historic District Commission issued a total of Twenty Five(25) Certificates of Appropriateness, One (1) Certificates of Non-Applicability, One (1) Certificates of Hardship, One (1) Demolition Permit, One (1) Demolition Delay Enacted. There were a total of Twenty Nine (29) applications by property owners for proposed renovation and or new construction 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.

Notable achievements in the district this year is the near completion of Church Street Crossing in the center of downtown Rowley. Several other exceptional renovations and restorations on Main Street and Central Street have been completed.

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

2011 was a very busy year for the Rowley Public Library. In May our network, the Merrimack Valley Library Consortium, migrated to the Evergreen Open Source Integrated Library System for catalog and circulation, requiring much training and patience on the part of patrons and staff alike. In September the hours of service provided to the community were expanded from 34 to 40 hours per week, enabled by the donation of the late George P. Bishop, given in honor of his uncle, Lawrence R. Bishop, late of Rowley. Other bequests were honored and dedicated this year in memory of Natalie Jewett Bruce, Jeanne Grover, Sheila Hampe, and Daisy Marshall. Accepted with gratitude but not yet disbursed are those awarded by the generous families of Ron Perkins and Michael Shairs.

Summer 2011 was the occasion of the first adult summer reading program in recent memory, "Novel Destinations," in which all participants read in order to raise donations to help rebuild the Centre Cultural Pyepoudre, destroyed in the January 2010 earthquake near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Over \$700 was raised! Other highlights of the year were the Annual Book Sale and the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Some Like it Hot" Chili Cookoff, as well as plenty of free classes, art exhibits, concerts, lectures, author visits, and the candidate's forum before the local

election. The Friends of the Library provide crucial support for all library programming. Thanks are extended to them and to all of the volunteers, staff, and supporters who help throughout the year.

New this year in the Children's Room was the establishment of two book clubs and a Youth Advisory Board for teens. Regular story times, guest performers, and kids' yoga continue to be popular destinations on Wednesday mornings. Discovery Kits were also rolled out this fall, allowing classroom teachers, life-long learners, and home school families to easily access varied materials in many formats on curriculum topics. These were funded by a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

The growing collection of books, magazines, large print books, audiobooks, music, movies & TV DVDs, software, kits, newspapers, and more, now totals about 43,000 items, including thousands of e-books and audiobooks available for remote download to dozens of devices. Safari books, a database of technology manuals, was subscribed to this year. Visit www.rowleylibrary.org for access to this and other online resources.

Patron visits to the Rowley Public Library totaled 35,500 in 2011, with over 46,000 items borrowed. In addition, over 15,000 incoming and outgoing InterLibrary Loans were processed. 223 events were attended by 4,035 people. The 3 meeting rooms were used over 400 times by community groups and organizations. 273 families took advantage of the museum passes for discounted admission to cultural institutions, provided by the Friends of the Library, the Rowley Cultural Council, and one individual donor. People stopped in frequently to use one of the 14 public access computers or the free wifi connection to the Internet. Clearly, there is something for everyone, of all ages and walks of life, waiting for you at your local public library. Visit often, check our home page or our Facebook page for the latest news, and look for our patron satisfaction survey later this spring.

#### REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Rowley Parks and Recreation Committee met consistently throughout the year during 2011. The current Committee met many challenges this past year, and enjoyed much success in improving the condition of numerous fields and focusing on the development of the Bradstreet property. Glen Fougere has been serving in the role of Chairman and Tim Southall to serving as Vice-Chair

Significant improvements were managed by the committee this past year which included numerous projects in the Town. We had all of the fences, sheds, & dugouts painted by the work crew from Lawrence house of correction. Other field projects included updating various sprinkler systems, moving various portable stands to various fields and installing additional trash barrels at all site along with new 8 foot fencing at diamond 1 at Upper Eiras done by Woodward fencing.

The committee also approved the purchase of new basket ball backboards to be installed at the court on Main Street. The installation of these is scheduled for first quarter 2012. The committee continues to be involved in volunteering time for the construction of Kids Kingdom playground Eiras Park. With the help of Solace for Stephanie we expanded the playground. As we are trying to incorporate more family events into our service, the Parks and Recreation Committee is looking to hold concerts on common in the summer of 2012. Dates are under review.

The Bradstreet Property took a large portion of the committee's time in 2011. We commissioned the property to be surveyed and a topo map created along with wet lands flagged with the help of CPC.

The committee worked with several town departments to arrange to hire an engineering firm to perform work and create for a site map which will include 2 new baseball fields, skateboard park and tennis court on the property along with an installation of turf field at Veteran's. The committee is very excited about this development as it will benefit many families in the community. We continue to try and utilize the Town Website to advertise our activities for more involvement 2012 and beyond. There are seven current members of the Rowley Parks and Recreation Committee each serve on three sub-committees and serve as chair person on one. The Committee is also looking to fill to open paid positions which will provide additional assistance in moving projects along. We encourage Town residents to reach out to us if interested.

The sub-committee chairperson for each committee is:

Glen Fougere, User Fees Committee; Mike Quinn; Budget & Finance Committee; Mike Killion, Parks & Services Coordinator Committee; John Tidmarsh, 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

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

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

As with all levels of government, the budget of the Rowley Housing Authority has basically been level funded, so infrastructure repairs and updates have been put on a temporary hold. Hopefully as the economy improves, the Authority can get back to doing more renovations and repairs at both Plantation for the elderly and Depot Way for the family units.

We were able to bury all electrical, cable, and fire alarm wiring with the cooperation of the Rowley Municipal Light Department. We replaced 40 year old transformers.

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.

## REPORT OF THE 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 four veterans/widows and two spouses 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. In 2011 the VA sent approximately \$307,000 to eligible recipients in Rowley, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately \$215,000 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 31 of the town's 416 *identified* veterans and 6 of the 77 *identified* veterans' widows during 2011. 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 department also provided information, assistance and guidance for citizens in determining their needs for Medical insurance. With the support and concurrence of the Board of Directors, the Department expanded its office space in late 2011 and will soon begin accepting volunteers to assist with various projects in support of the office, veterans, and deployed service personnel, while also providing space for counseling of veterans by trained VA personnel.

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.

## REPORT OF WHITTIER VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

TO: The Honorable Board of Selectmen

FROM: David Irving, Whittier Representative

William P. DeRosa, Superintendent

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-eighth year. To date we have graduated 9,460 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from Rowley: 2

The October 1, 2010 Day School Enrollment:

			Boys	Girls
Grade 9			2	2
Grade 10			1	1
Grade 11			6	1
Grade 12			4	0
	Total –	17		

2011 Graduates –

The cost to Rowley for the school year 2010-2011 was \$226,784.00.

#### REPORT OF THE TRITION REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### SCHOOL OFFICIALS – 2011/12

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the past year the district's work has continued to focus on ensuring that our schools are characterized by best practice in teaching and learning. This is reflected in our professional development plan, which is now generated through a more participative process. Our development work centers on clarifying the answers to five essential questions:

- What do we want students to know, understand and be able to do at the end of each grade level?
- How will we know if students have learned what we intended them to learn?
- What will we do when students have not learned what we intended them to learn?
- How will we ensure that all students are appropriately challenged?
- How will we demonstrate our accountability through providing valid and reliable information about student progress?

Our response to the fourth question is being sharpened through the work of the District Differentiation Specialist, who is working with and alongside teachers through trimester "residences" in each of the elementary schools.

While students' progress on the state's annual MCAS tests is not uniform across the grade levels, by the time students reach Grade 10 92% are proficient or better in Language Arts and 88% are proficient or better in Mathematics. Student growth, as measured by the state's Student Growth Percentile, is in the typical range, with Grade 6 showing the greatest assessed growth.

Reviews of the use of homework and how we grade student work have begun. Students and families will have opportunity to make their views known as part of the process.

Our students excel beyond the classroom. This calendar year has seen a resurgence of the high school football team, while our wrestlers won their state championship. The recently established DECA after school program that develops business leadership skills and entrepreneurship is sending students to the state competition in its first months of operation.

The School Committee is currently reviewing its strategic plan. At this stage meetings with parents/guardians have been held in all the schools to gather their ideas about the district's mission, vision and core values.

While much of our school fabric is relatively new, Pine Grove School's needs for refurbishment are a priority for capital improvement. Accordingly the School Committee has authorized the submission of a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, which is the first step in engaging the state in a discussion about the school's needs.

The high school continues to be accredited by the New England Association of Schools (NEASC) and Colleges. Under the leadership of Interim Principal Kathryn Dawe, the faculty is preparing the progress report that will provide the blueprint for the school's development over the next few years. Following a recent visit, a senior NEASC official indicated that she was very satisfied with the progress made and the commitment of the faculty.

The quality of what is available in our schools is reflected in the continuing reduction in the number of children who attend public schools outside the district.

Thanks to a \$525,000 commitment by *The Institution For Savings*, plans are taking shape for the refurbishment of the high school stadium, where the track and the bleachers are becoming unsafe. The intention is to replace the home side bleachers, and provide a full-sized turf field for all field sports within an improved track. The *Triton Education Foundation* is leading the fund raising effort.

At the turn of the year the School Committee approved a proposal that the district investigate the merit of merging the middle and high schools under a single Principal. It is envisaged that Grades 7 through 9 would be organized as a Lower School under a Head of Lower School, while the older grades would form the Upper School – also with its own Head. The aim would be to establish greater continuity in the curriculum, teaching and learning, and student support within a developmentally appropriate organization. An important goal will be to strengthen the structures that support the academic and social/emotional development of adolescents. The investigation of the proposal will include a consultation process.

Our work is reliant on public funds and the willingness of the communities we serve to invest in the future of their children. Last year a budget that maintained programs and services at their 2010 levels was approved. Since then the MASS Budget and Policy Center has published an analysis that shows that state funding of public schools currently shortchanges school districts' special education funding by \$1 billion, and health

insurance funding by \$1.1 billion. The result has been a reduction in the proportion of total spending on teaching and learning, and a transfer of costs to local taxpayers.

My warmest thanks to all who support the district's schools.

#### PINE GROVE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Rowley:

Our mission as a faculty, staff, and school community continues to be Transparency Unto Trust.

In the fall of 2011 Pine Grove School opened with approximately 565 students. The school offered two full day kindergartens as well as two half day sessions. Parents of full day students paid tuition for half of the day, with a sliding fee scale available for those who need assistance.

The 2011-2012 school year brought both opportunities and challenges as we examined data and trends throughout the grades. In August, 2011, four teachers, the Principal, and Assistant Principal, became the nucleus of a reformulated School Data Team, and participated in six days of training in looking at data. The Data Team has shared their new understandings about data with staff members in trainings at grade level and staff meetings, and professional development days.

Pine Grove students performed well in MCAS testing. During the fall of 2011, teachers in grades three through six did their annual analysis of MCAS data. Teachers and administrators used this data to help focus instruction and to identify new ways to help every child succeed. Supports, such as *Response to Intervention* (RTI) and Instructional Support Team (IST) are put in place for children who need additional help in specific academic areas, and the math and reading specialists also worked with children both individually and in small groups.

Pine Grove School continues to develop RTI for all struggling students as well as our high ability 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 pyramidal model is implemented when providing RTI.

Pine Grove School is deeply committed to the planning, organization, and implementation of an all-inclusive Professional Development Program. Our Program aims to improve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of teachers, instructional assistants, administrators, school council, school committee members, community members, and others. Pine Grove School strongly believes that an excellent school system supports rigorous learning and performance standards for both students and staff. In building a strong professional development program, we are dedicated to the overall goal of enhancing good instruction that leads to high levels of student academic achievement. To achieve this goal, we believe in providing a representative and trusted professional development process that encourages staff and community investment and partnership in creating excellence in teaching and learning district-wide.

Therefore, teachers at Pine Grove School continued to participate in a number of professional development activities including Data Teams, Curriculum Mapping, Response to Intervention and Differentiated Instruction. All Professional Development activities are related to our 2011-2012 priority area of Strengthening our Professional Learning Community.

The new Principal Coffee Talk sessions have been well received and attended by Pine Grove School parents and teachers. Topics discussed include the growth mindset theory initiated by Carol Dweck, Amy Chua's popular and controversial <u>Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother</u>, and Howard Gardner's multiple intelligences theory. These sessions focus on topics of interest with regards to parenting and education, which complements

our theme of Transparency Unto Trust as well as our 2011-2012 priority area of Parental and Community Involvement.

Several *Community Gatherings* continued to take place throughout the year with an emphasis on appropriate school conduct, bullying and harassment, and a continuation of Character Education in which students are introduced to monthly themes such as respect, integrity, responsibility, kindness, honesty, citizenship, trustworthiness, tolerance, fairness, and loyalty. *Community Gatherings* for parents reiterate information previously presented to the students.

Two building walkthroughs have occurred with members of the Rowley Board of Selectmen, Triton Regional School Committee and Central Office Administration. During the walkthroughs, many of the buildings shortcomings were identified including technological limitations that are becoming more acute. Dialogue has begun with the Rowley Board of Selectman and the Triton Regional School Committee to begin the process of researching the building and property needs that the Town of Rowley is responsible for as well as submitting an application to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. This process is related to our 2011-2012 priority area of Improving School Facilities.

The *Pine Grove Safety Committee* continued 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. A planned lockdown drill took place in the spring of 2011 and was very successful. Future lockdown drills are currently underway.

The *Pine Grove School Student Council* is an active group of fifth and sixth grade students with over 50 students participating during the 2011-2012 school year. They assist in the Pine Grove School Store and raise funds to contribute to various charitable organizations. They continued their focus last year on the environment. 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.

The *Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.)* continued to purchase a variety of resources for PGS in addition to funding field trips for students across all grade levels. The Rowley Public Education Fund (*R.P.E.F.*) continued to benefit 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 us 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 again well-represented at the Triton Music and Arts Festival in the spring. The February musical last year was Seussical Jr. This year's musical was Alice In Wonderland. The Link Art Gallery continued to host a series of exhibits by students and guest artists that captivate both our children and visitors. Pine Grove School continues to rank within the top five 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.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, there are many enrichment programs that take place at Pine Grove. Examples include Destination Imagination (DI), Yoga, Fencing, Chess Club, Geography Teams, Science and Math League, and Ski/Snowboard Club.

#### TRITON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The mission of Triton Regional High School is *to guide all students in realizing their individual potentials by providing opportunities to be educated in a safe, academically challenging, and culturally rich environment.*This Mission Statement and the expectations for student learning can be found on our website - <a href="https://www.trsd.net/high">www.trsd.net/high</a>. Just click on "About the School" to learn more about the high school and our community of learners. For additional information, we encourage you to check out the Triton Today section on the home page of the district web site for current School Committee and district news.

We are proud of the fact that the high school offers a rigorous curriculum, which includes twelve Advanced Placement courses, including English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, US and European History, Calculus, Physics C: Mechanics, Biology, Chemistry, Spanish Language, French Language and Culture, Studio Art and Art History. We will be offering two additional AP courses, Music Theory and Statistics, during the 2012-2013 school year. Additionally, our Senior English curriculum allows for students to choose from various electives dependent upon their interest level while providing opportunities to be immersed in a rich stimulating course of study. In addition, we have formed a partnership with Salem State University to offer dual enrollment classes that are held on campus. Over forty students have participated in the dual enrollment program since the spring of 2010 and have earned college credits. We will continue to work collaboratively as a school community utilizing and seeking resources to create a school culture that will have a lasting impact through the challenge and education of each student.

The high school continues to meet Adequately Yearly Progress benchmarks with our grade 10 MCAS scores in English Language Arts and Math. Starting with the class of 2014, freshmen participate in the Biology or Engineering/Technology MCAS test as part of the graduation requirement. We are confident our students will continue to succeed on the MCAS tests and we will see an ever-increasing proportion of our students achieving in the Proficient and Advanced categories. To support our goal, we provide MCAS tutoring both in the spring and fall for students and we continue to strive to offer additional MCAS preparation assistance for students in need of remediation.

We are committed to guiding <u>ALL</u> students in realizing their individual potentials. To this end, we have implemented an alternative education classroom in the high school, focusing on the specific individualized needs of some of our struggling learners. We are working to ensure that all students receive the benefits of education and this program is designed to improve achievement for the struggling learner. Students in this classroom have the opportunity to achieve success by utilizing a web-based credit recovery program in addition to being taught in a smaller, individualized program.

As you may be aware, the high school is currently addressing the considerable recommendations made to us by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C). These recommendations were made to the high school back when it received accreditation in 2005. Although Triton High School has made considerable improvements in student achievement and overall performance, after meeting with the Director of the Commission in the fall of 2011, it was realized that the high school has much additional work ahead of them in meeting these recommendations. It is important to note that we have been assured by the Director of our continued accreditation status. However it was also discerned that the high school, while having made many positive changes and advancements in student achievement and success, still has "room to grow" and additional measures for creating a comprehensive strategy for improvement are needed.

The School Council's School Improvement Plan will focus on these NEASC recommendations and will prioritize the recommendations for the school. The School Council is steadfast in providing support and guidance in leading this course for effective change giving careful attention to the evidence on current results and possible improvements. One of the primary goals for the school is the creation of a Student Advisory Program. The goal of this program is to develop a supportive, individualized and personalized environment for the students. A Student Advisory Program will provide each student with an adult mentor in the building, providing a consistent human element strengthening relationships among people and fostering an environment conducive to learning. The challenge for us as a school is to understand each student and how he or she learns best. Through this learning, we can develop the right structures and tactics to challenge each student and engage him or her in their learning.

Meeting the learning needs of our students requires dedicated resources, systems, and processes. One of theses resources is in the area of our business department. After hearing from students and listening to their requests, we are expanding the program options in our business department to better meet their needs upon graduation. These added curriculum offerings will help us provide students with more real world experiences in addition to those already offered to students working in the "Viking Corner Store" and the school bank. To further these goals for our students, the Institution for Savings Bank holds a Credit for Life Fair for all juniors in the high school gymnasium. The Credit for Life fair is a nationally recognized program designed to help high school students develop personal financial management skills that they will use throughout their lives. Last year Triton students participated along with students from Ipswich, Georgetown and Newburyport high schools.

The District's 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school enrichment program continues to be a resounding success with a great many students. There are 152 high school students actively participating in the many varied opportunities available to them after school. Students in The Learning Center Program continue to maintain a paper-recycling program. Students can be seen collecting used paper from throughout the building. The public is welcome to get involved. A green collection bin is kept behind the building, near the power plant. Interested individuals are welcome to place their used paper in that bin.

Parents continue to partner with the school and make major contributions via support groups such as the PTA, BOOSTERS, GRADVENTURE, and TMPO. We are pleased that a number of parents continue to serve in volunteer capacities at the school, such as after-school help in the library/media center, and we hope to find ways to encourage even more volunteerism in the future. We are indebted to Carla Collins, our volunteer program coordinator, for her help and encouragement. The Triton Education Foundation has also become very involved in supplementing the needs of our school as well as the other district schools such as providing Smart boards, projectors, and laptop carts. TEF was instrumental in the development of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank College and Career Center, which serves to greatly enhance our developmental guidance curriculum.

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

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

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

#### 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.

At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year the Middle School reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that the school make its Annual Yearly Progress goal in Math. I am very happy to report that that goal was realized. I wish to applaud and recognize the entire faculty and staff whose efforts and dedication made it possible for our school and students to achieve. These efforts included: a detailed analysis of the MCAS, looking at both school-wide and individual student performance; the adjustment of curriculums to better align to the standards, and the corresponding mapping of the curriculums both diary and consensus. Common assessments were developed and administered to help us gauge students learning, and classroom interventions were employed to help those students who weren't making satisfactory progress.

In order to grow the communities support for Triton's mission and the school's positive image, considerable efforts were made to increase our community service initiative. Giving back to the community has always been an integral part of the Middle School spirit, but this past year the Triton Regional Middle School pulled together to collect more than 300 coats, 3000 food items and more than 500 dollars to help local families in need.

With the Triton Summer University, the Middle School broadened its reach beyond the confines of the school building and typical 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 *Who do You Think you Are?*, to *Forensic Science-based on the popular CSI TV show*, allowed students to explore and learn beyond the scope of the School's traditional curriculum.

With the support of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant, programs like Drama Workshop, Select Choir, the Green Thumb Nursery, 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.

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 2011/12**

# NEWBURY REPRESENTATIVES TERM EXPIRES Suzanne Densmore 32 School Street, Byfield 2012 (978) 465-5311 2012 Robin Williams 2013 12 Scotland Heights Drive, Newbury 2013 (978) 462-0415 2014 Dina Sullivan 21 Coleman Road, Byfield 2014 (978) 463-0930 2014

#### ROWLEY REPRESENTATIVES TERM EXPIRES

Mary Murphy 377 Wethersfield Street (978) 948-7917	2012
Paul Lees 71 Wilson Pond Lane (978) 948-2334	2013
Lane Bourn 349 Central Street (978) 948-7744	2014

#### SALISBURY REPRESENTATIVES TERM EXPIRES

Linda Litcofsky 66 Rabbit Road (978) 463-6877	2012
Deborah Choate 8 Lions Way (978) 462-4578	2013
Jane Purinton 20 Toll Road (978) 465-7821	2014

## TOWN OF ROWLEY ENROLLMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 2010

#### **Pine Grove School**

Elementary	Boys	Girls	Total
Early Childhood	17	20	37
Kindergarten	37	47	84
Grade 1	38	39	77
Grade 2	44	33	77
Grade 3	42	38	80
Grade 4	34	36	70
Grade 5	39	41	80
Grade 6	29	31	60
Total	280	285	565

Triton Regional Middle School		
Grade 7 Rowley Students	65	
Grade 8 Rowley Students	65	
Total	130	

Triton Regional High School	
Grade 9 Rowley Students	55
Grade 10 Rowley Students	51
Grade 11 Rowley Students	67
Grade 12 Rowley Students	57
Total	230

Other Enrollments as of October 2010			
SPED 9			
	Private	30	
	Parochial	15	
	Public	93	
	Home-Schooled	14	
	Total	161	

Pine Grove School Enrollment	565
Triton Regional Middle School Enrollment	130
Triton Regional High School Enrollment	230
Other Enrollment	161
Total 2010/2011 Enrollment as of 10/1	1086

# General Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Actual Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

	Final Budget	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues		
Assessments to Member Towns	\$ 26,047,729	\$ 26,047,618
Intergovernmental	10,669,163	10,684,185
Medicaid	150,000	194,351
Investment Income	60,000	41,335
Insurance and Retirement Revenue	562,737	624,975
Miscellaneous		176
Total Revenues	37,489,629	37,592,640
Expenditures		
Administration	1,137,647	1,175,370
Instruction	17,316,414	17,368,080
School Choice	1,894,407	1,892,040
Transportation	2,077,578	2,130,577

Other School Services	2,460,988	2,393,091
Student Activities	348,026	348,370
Operation and Maintenance	2,738,001	2,807,299
Fringe Benefits	6,078,107	5,936,117
Debt Service:		
Principal	2,260,000	2,260,000
Interest	1,178,461	1,178,462
Total Expenditures	37,489,629	37,489,406
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures		41,127

#### FY 2011 ASSESSMENTS

		Operating Budget	Capital Assessment
NEWBURY	•••••	\$ 8,622,289	\$ 276,713
ROWLEY	••••	\$ 7,220,827	\$ 262,789
SALISBURY	••••	\$ 8,723,312	\$ 941,797
Total	••••	\$ 24,566.428	\$ 1,481,299

#### "NO SCHOOL" ANNOUNCEMENT

The "No School" announcement for the Pine Grove School and Triton Regional Middle/High School (Triton Regional School District) is given over TV stations WBZ (4), WCVB (5), WHDH (7), and FOX (25). In addition to the TV stations, the closures are posted on the district website at <a href="www.trsd.net">www.trsd.net</a> and phone calls are made to all families via the district's auto-dialer (ConnectED).

# TOWN OF ROWLEY TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS 2011/12

Christopher Farmer, Superintendent of Schools
Brian L. Forget, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mary Kate Carbone, Chief Academic Officer
David Magee, Administrator of Special Education
Kathryn Dawe, Interim Principal, Triton Regional High School
Jared Fulgoni, Principal, Triton Regional Middle School
Christine Kneeland, Principal, Pine Grove School
Margot Lacey, Assistant Principal, Pine Grove School

LOCATION
THEIR CODE
POPULATION:
1960 Federal Census
1970 Federal Census 3,006
1980 Federal Census 3,860
1990 Federal Census
2000 Federal Census
2010 Federal Census. 5,854
REGISTERED VOTERS: as of December 30, 2011
Democrat
Green-Rainbow3
Libertarian
Republican
Other
Unenrolled 2,759
Total Registered Voters
Inactive Status Voters
Total Population
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ASSESSED VALUATION: as of January 1, 2011
Real Estate
Personal Property
TAX RATE FOR FY 12:
All classes of property
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 & Thurs 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Weds 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 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. – (978) 948-2441 Leave message

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, Thurs 10-8 pm, Tues 2-8:00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at Library Friends of the Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

**Light Department:** Office, 47 Summer St - Mon-Fri 8:00a.m.-4:30 p.m. (978) 948-3992

www.rowlevlight.com

Meeting of Light Board 2nd Tues of month 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

**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 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Tues, Thurs & Fri 8 a.m.-noon, Wed 8-4:30- (978) 948-2081 **Treasurer/Collector:** Town Hall-Mon 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Tues, Weds, 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-Fri 7:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. (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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