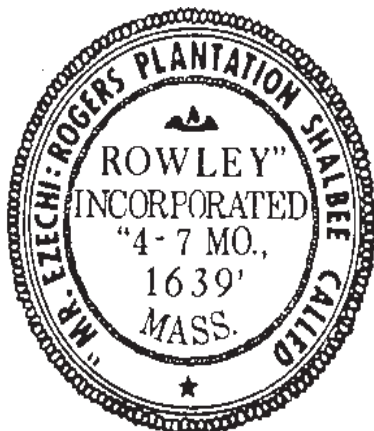


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2014

Three Hundred Seventy Fifth

*Annual Report
of the
Town of Rowley*



For the year ending December 31

2014

COVER LOGO

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(logo Designed By Matt Rogers)

The following is a speech made by G. Robert Merry on September 4, 2014 at the Town of Rowley's Opening Ceremonies for the celebration of the Town's 375th Anniversary.

OPENING CEREMONY ADDRESS **CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN** **SEPTEMBER 04, 2014**

Three hundred seventy five years ago today Ezekiel Rogers' Plantation was incorporated by the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, as the town of Rowley. Eighteen years after the coming of the Pilgrims to these shores, and about ten years after the charter of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was granted, the Town of Rowley was settled and incorporated.

The question naturally arises, who were these people who left their old homes and so much that was dear to them in England to find new homes in a wilderness and what was their object in crossing three thousand miles of ocean to live and die in this unknown land. The short answer is they were Puritans.

They came to this land that they might worship in accordance with the dictates of their own conscience and enjoy not only religious but political liberty. Toward the close of the Puritan exodus, in the summer of 1638, Rev. Ezekiel Rogers and his company of about twenty families, nearly all of whom were from Yorkshire, sailed from Hull on the Humber in the ship John of London. Rogers had been for seventeen years pastor of the church at Rowley, England, but like many others had been suspended from the ministry. The company landed on these shores in the autumn. They stayed at Salem, Ipswich and Boston for a season, but before the winter was over, Rogers requested of the General Court a track of land between Ipswich and Newbury, which was granted, and the settlement was begun in the spring of 1638-9, (13 March 1638-9.) Rev. Rogers, John Phillips, and their company had been granted eight miles every way into the country, where it may not trench upon other plantations already settled.

During the interim between the arrival of Rogers' company in New England and the incorporation of the new Plantation, 4 September, 1639 about forty more families had joined them, so that there were now fifty - nine families in all. The first church was organized, 3 December 1639, and was the sixteenth church in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

A public school was established soon after the settlement, William Boynton serving as one of the earliest teachers.

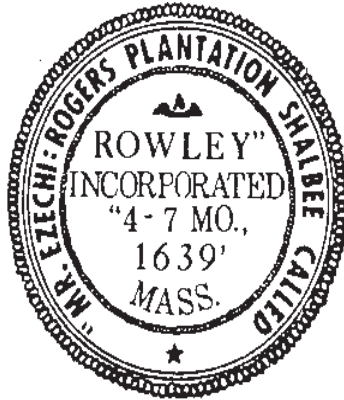
In the course of time as the outlying lands were cleared and occupied they were set off from the old town and incorporated as new towns; in many instances becoming the homes of sons and daughters of those who first came. The Merrimac Lands, became Bradford, in 1675. Rowley Village, Boxford, 1685. New Rowley, Georgetown, 1838. Groveland was set off from Bradford in 1850. Part of Boxford was included in Middleton when that town was incorporated, 1728. In 1785 a part of Ipswich consisting of about two hundred acres, was annexed to Rowley.

375 YEARS AGO TODAY A COMMUNITY WAS BORN

There is something fine in the planting of this and other towns in a wilderness. The establishment of a town government, the organization of a church, the founding of a public school, all made for a substantial, intelligent community.

Such in brief, is the story of the beginnings of Rowley which in early years occupied a far more prominent place in the history of the Commonwealth than it does today.

It is my great privilege today as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Rowley to extend to all of you an invitation to attend and enjoy the four days of festivities that make up the 375th anniversary program.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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



SUSAN M. POTHIER
1958 - 2014
Pine Grove School Teacher
2001 - 2014

She Was Active In The Rowley Soccer Community

**She Was One Of The Original Founders Of
Kids Kingdom Playground In Rowley**

(Photo Courtesy The Pothier Family)



ANITA "MICKIE" ATKINSON - DRAPEAU

1923 - 2014

Rowley Cultural Council

2005 - 2010

Selectmen Administrative Assistant

2005 - 2011

**She Had A Love Of Music And Was A
Member of the Music Masters**

(Photo Courtesy The Atkinson/Drapeau Family)



MARIAN T. CHASE
1919 - 2014
Pine Grove School Teacher
1967 - 1978

She Enjoyed Sewing & Taught 4H Classes

She Also Wrote Poetry & In 1997 Published The Book
"Rowley Massachusetts A Historical Perspective"

(Photo Courtesy The Chase Family)



ROBERT S. TODD

1933 - 2014

Historic District Committee

1986 - 1988

Rowley Council On Aging

2004 - 2010

As A Young Man He Was The Catcher On The Rowley Rams Baseball Team

A Korean War Veteran In The U.S. Navy As A Gunnery Officer

(Photo Courtesy The Todd Family)



CAPT. TERRANCE P. HART

1948 - 2014

Director Of The Eastern Essex District Of Veterans Services Serving Rowley

2000 - 2014

**Terry Was Awarded The Outstanding District Award In 2013 For Outstanding Service To
The Veterans Of Eastern Essex District And To The Veterans Of The Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts**

(Photo Courtesy The Hart Family)

STEPHEN O. KENT
1927 - 2014

Rowley Deputy Shellfish Warden
1976 - 2002
Rowley Shellfish Commission
1978 - 2001

**In 1944 He Joined The Merchant Marines And Traveled The World During The Korean
War He Joined The U.S. Army For Harbor Craft Supervision**



DONALD KUDYM

1938 - 2014

Rowley Auxiliary Police

1977 - 1978

Rowley Selectman

1978 - 1981

Rowley Civil defense Director

1978 - 1979

He Also Served In The United States Coast Guard

(Photo Courtesy The Kudym Family)

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ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF ROWLEY

Board of Selectman

Jack L. Cook (2015)
G. Robert Merry (2016)
David C. Petersen (2016)
Robert L. Snow (2017)
Joseph J. Perry (2017)

Moderator

Joan C. Petersen (2015)

Town Clerk

Susan G. Hazen (2015)

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Karen H. Summit (2015)

Highway Surveyor

Patrick W. Snow (2015)

Board of Assessors

William DiMento (2015)
Diane L. D'Angeli (2016)
Donald Thurston (2017)

Regional School Committee

Rowley:

Mary T. Murphy (2015)
Paul L. Lees (2016)
Richard Cummings (2017)

Newbury:

Suzanne W. Densmore (2015)
Robin S. Williams (2016)
Diana L. Sullivan (2017)

Salisbury:

Linda M. Litcofsky (2015)
Deborah A. Choate (2016)
Monique B. Grelich (2017)

Planning Board

Stephen Kassiotis (2015)
David Jaquith (2016)
Curtis H. Bryant (2017)
Clifford Pierce (2018)
Christopher J. Thornton (2019)

Trustees of the Free Public Library

Erin Skillman ((2015) – *resigned Oct. 2014*)
George Gallant – (2015)
Jacob Golbitz (2015)
John H. McCallum (2015)
Michelle M. Ford (2016)
Mark Behringer (2016)
Joshua Tuff (2016)
Janet Peabody (2017)
Margaret Lemelin (2017)
John P. Manning, Jr. (2017)

Rowley Housing Authority

State Appointee: Robert Cianfrocca
Donald P. Hovey (2015)
Katherine L. Dalzell (2016)
Mary Ellen MacDonald (2017)
Jack L. Cook (2019)

Municipal Light Board

Kenneth M. Keyes (2015)
Robert L. Snow (2016)
G. Robert Merry (2017)

Municipal Water Board

Roy Ricker, Sr. (2015)
Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr. (2016)
Timothy Toomey (2017)

Shellfish Commissioners

Stuart Dalzell, Jr. (2015)
Michael L. Cook (2016)
John E. Grundstrom (2017)

Tree Warden

Patrick W. Snow (2015)

Cemetery Commissioners

William H. Gaynor (2015)
Peter Dalzell (2016)
Jack L. Cook (2017)

Constables

Phil Collyer (2015)
Richard C. MacDonald (2016)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

	Expiration		Expiration
Accountant		Board of Health <i>three year term</i>	
Susan W. Bailey		Susan Elwell	6/30/2015
		Charles Costello	6/30/2016
Agricultural Commission <i>three year term</i>		John Melcher	6/30/2017
Jennette Loring	6/30/2017		
George Pacenka	6/30/2017	Board of Registrars <i>one year term</i>	
Patrick Moran, Alternate - not re-apptd	6/30/2014	Barbara DiMento	6/30/2015
Jack Grundstrom - Alternate	6/30/2017	Mildred Dummer	6/30/2015
Dianne Short	6/30/2015	Gordon Densmore	6/30/2015
Elizabeth Tucker	6/30/2015	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	6/30/2015
Barry Moore - Full Member	6/30/2016		
Peter Lomas	6/30/2016	Building Inspector <i>three yr term, 1 yr for alternate</i>	
Barrett Bacall	6/30/2016	Ken Ward	6/30/2015
Alex Cecchinelli Alternate	6/30/2017	Sam Joslin, Alternate	6/30/2015
Stacey Apple, Alternate	6/30/2017		
		Cannoneer <i>one year term</i>	
Animal Control Officer <i>one year term</i>		G. Robert Merry	6/30/2015
Reed Wilson	6/30/2015		
Carol Laroque Alt. Inspector	6/30/2015	Community Preservation Committee <i>three year term</i>	
		Donald Hovey, Housing Authority	2015
Principal Assessor		Kurt Annen, Parks and Rec.	6/30/2017
Sean McFadden		Robert Carpenter, Open Space	6/30/2014
		Joseph Perry, Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015
Board of Appeals, Ch. 41 Sec 81 <i>five year term</i>		Curtis Turner, Con Com	6/30/2016
David Levesque	6/30/2019	Frank Todd, Hist. Dist. Comm	6/30/2016
Nathaniel Dummer	6/30/2015	Clifford Pierce, Pln Brd	6/30/2016
Phil Cressey Jr.	6/30/2016		
Thomas W. Heidgerd	6/30/2017	Finance Committee	
Donald W. Thurston, Chairman	6/30/2018	Steven Roge- resigned 4/1/2014	2016
Robert Clewell, Assoc	6/30/2018	Dennis Roy	2016
Peter Carpentier, Assoc	6/30/2019	Paul Jalbert	2016
		Janet Bridges	2017
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) <i>five year term</i>		Lawrence White, Chairman	2017
David Levesque	6/30/2019	Jami Snow	7/15/2015
Nathaniel Dummer	6/30/2015	Peter Censullo	7/15/2015
Phil Cressey Jr.	6/30/2016	Sharon Emery	2016
Thomas W. Heidgerd	6/30/2017		

	Expiration		Expiration
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) <i>five year term (cont.)</i>		Fire Department <i>three year term</i>	
Donald W. Thurston, Chairman	6/30/2018	James C. Broderick, Chief	6/30/2015
Robert Clewell, Assoc	6/30/2018	Mark Emery, Captain	6/30/2015
Peter Carpentier, Assoc	6/30/2019	James R. Merry, Captain	6/30/2015
Conservation Commission <i>three year term</i>		Call Fire Fighters <i>one year term</i>	
David Delmonico	6/30/2017	Shawn Roberts - resigned March 2014	6/30/2014
Douglas Watson, Chairman	6/30/2017	Joseph R. Merry	6/30/2015
Judith H. Kehs	6/30/2017	Robert Serino	6/30/2015
Curtis Turner, Vice Chairman	6/30/2015	James Chadbourne	6/30/2015
Samuel Strieff	6/30/2016	Donald Merry	6/30/2015
Arthur Page	6/30/2017	Ron Agrella	6/30/2015
Robert Garner	6/30/2015	Charles Hazen, Jr.	6/30/2015
Robert Clewell, Assoc	6/30/2018	David Carpentier	6/30/2015
Peter Carpentier, Assoc	6/30/2019	Darcie Condelli	6/30/2015
		Robert M J Hagopian	6/30/2015
Conservation Commission Agent		Roger S. Merry	6/30/2015
Brent Baeslack		Jason Merry	6/30/2015
		Jesse T Warren	6/30/2015
Council on Aging Director		John Condelli	6/30/2015
Mary Ellen Mighill		Justin Graham	6/30/2015
		Andrew Nardone	6/30/2015
Council on Aging <i>three year term</i>		Daniel Beausoliel	6/30/2015
Mary Bright	6/30/2017	Jared Graham	6/30/2015
Joan Lyons	6/30/2017	Donald Duprey	6/30/2015
George Gallant	6/30/2015	Matthew Harney	6/30/2015
Robert Kirshner	6/30/2015	Matthew Ross	6/30/2015
Nina Gynan - resigned March 2014	6/30/2015	Timothy Shirley	6/30/2015
Merle Phipps	6/30/2015	Patrick McManus	6/30/2015
Edna Keyes	6/30/2016	Vincent Gaudenzi	6/30/2015
Diana Titus	6/30/2015	Mark Winfrey	6/30/2015
CPA Administrator <i>one year appointment</i>		Limited Health Agents <i>one year term</i>	
Karen O'Donnell	6/30/2015	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	6/30/2015
		Barbara DiMento	6/30/2015
Eastern Essex Veteran's District <i>one year term</i>		David W. Roberts	6/30/2015
Robert Snow	6/30/2015	Susan Leach	6/30/2015
		Donald Russo	6/30/2015

	Expiration		Expiration
Fence Viewers <i>one year term</i>		Limited Lighting Bylaw Enforcement Agent <i>one year term</i>	
Richard Caram - resigned October 2014	6/30/2015	Kirk Baker	6/30/2015
Fire Station Committee <i>one year term</i>		Local Census Liaison for Federal Census <i>one year term</i>	
Robert Snow, Selectmen's Rep	6/30/2014	Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	6/30/2015
James Broderick, Fire Chief	6/30/2014		
Douglas Chadbourne, Resident Rep	6/30/2014	Local Emergency Planning Commission <i>one year term</i>	
Thomas Heidgerd, Resident Rep	6/30/2014	James Broderick, Fire Chief	6/30/2014
James Szymanski, Resident Rep	6/30/2014	Robert Barker, Police Chief	6/30/2014
Janet Bridges, Finance Committee Rep	6/30/2014	Dan Folding, Light Department	6/30/2014
Richard Gagnon, RVFPA Rep	6/30/2014	Frank Marchegiani, Board of Health	6/30/2014
Tom Marsh, Associate Resident Rep	6/30/2014	Mary Ellen Mighill, COA Director	6/30/2014
		Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator	6/30/2014
Forest Fire Warden & Superintendent of the Fire Alarm <i>one year term</i>		Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent	6/30/2014
James C. Broderick, Chief	6/30/2015	Robert Merry, Board of Selectmen	6/30/2014
Mark Emery, Assistant	6/30/2015	Roger Merry Deputy Fire Chief	6/30/2014
James R. Merry, Assistant	6/30/2015	Ron Keefe, Highway Department	6/30/2014
Harbormaster <i>one year term</i>		MBTA Advisory Board <i>one year term</i>	
William DiMento	6/30/2015	Robert Snow	6/30/2015
Fred Hardy, Assistant	6/30/2015		
David S. Kent, Assistant	6/30/2015	Merrimac Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) <i>one year term</i>	
Frank Price, Assistant	6/30/2015	Robert Snow	6/30/2015
		Joseph Perry – alternate	6/30/2015
Hazardous Material Coordinator <i>one year term</i>			
Timothy Toomey	6/30/2014	Mooring Clerk <i>one year term</i>	
		Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	6/30/2015
Health Services & Regulatory Compliance		Barbara DiMento	6/30/2015
Frank Marchegiani		Susan Leach	6/30/2015
Historic District Commission/ Historical Commission		Northern Essex Regional Emergency Planning Committee <i>one year term</i>	
Jim Mailhoit	2014	James Broderick, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director	6/30/2015

	Expiration		Expiration
Historic District Commission/ Historical Commission (cont.)		Northern Essex Regional Emergency Planning Committee (cont.) <i>one year term</i>	
Linda Cook	6/30/2014	Robert Barker, Police Chief	6/30/2015
Elizabeth Jones	6/30/2014	Patrick Snow - Highway Surveyor	6/30/2015
Robert Cianfrocca	6/30/2014	Deborah Eagan - Town Administrator	6/30/2015
Nathaniel Dummer	6/30/2015	Mary Ellen Mighill, COA Director & Public Health Nurse	6/30/2015
Frank Todd, Chairman	6/30/2015	Robert Merry, Chairman Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015
Sara Bourque - Alternate and Clerk	6/30/2015	Joseph Perry, Vice Chairman Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015
Mike Harney, Alternate	6/30/2015	Dan Folding - Light Plant Manager	6/30/2015
John Cardillo	6/30/2015	Frank Marchegiani, Health Agent	6/30/2015
Michael Sabatini	6/30/2015	Bill DiMento, Harbormaster	6/30/2015
Library Director		Oil Spill Response Team <i>one year term</i>	
Pamela Jacobson		Robert Barker, Police Chief	6/30/2014
		James C. Broderick, Fire Chief	7/1/2014
Open Space Committee <i>one year term</i>		Ron Keefe, Highway Dept.	7/2/2014
Alan Roscoe	6/30/2014	William DiMento, Harbormaster	7/3/2014
Robert Carpenter resigned 5.27.14	6/30/2014	Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent	7/4/2014
		Frank Marchegiani, Board of Health	7/5/2014
Parks and Recreation Committee <i>three year term</i>			
Ryan Gallant- Chairman as of 3.26.14	6/30/2017	Police Department <i>three year term</i>	
Glen Fougere	6/30/2014	Robert Barker, Chief	6/30/2016
Tim Southall	6/30/2015	David P. Sedgwick, Sergeant. FT	6/30/2016
John Tidmarsh	6/30/2014	John J. Raffi, FT Ptlm.	6/30/2016
Michael Quinn	6/30/2017	Matthew Ziev, Detective	6/30/2017
Kurt Annen	6/30/2017	Dorothy M. Tobin, Asst. to Chief	6/30/2017
Michael Killion	6/30/2017	Dorothy M. Tobin, Res. Ptlm/Matron.	6/30/2017
		Richard A. Johnson, FT Ptlm.	6/30/2017
Parking Clerk <i>one year term</i>		Robert J. Colby, Jr. Res. Ptlm	6/30/2017
Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	6/30/2015	Charles Hazen, Jr., Res. Ptlm	6/30/2017
Barbara DiMento	6/30/2015	Lynne M. Neary, FT Disp/Matron	6/30/2017
Susan Leach	6/30/2015	Sheri A. David, Res Ptlm/Matron	6/30/2017
		Daniel A. Lee Res. Ptlm.	6/30/2017
Personnel Board		R. Perry Collins, FT Ptlm.	6/30/2015
Larry White, Finance Committee	6/30/2015	Thomas M. Hills, FT Patrolman	
Richard Curran - Resident Representative	6/30/2015	Scott P. Hirtle, FT Patrolman	
David Petersen, Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015	Stephen W. May. FT Lieutenant	6/30/2015

	Expiration		Expiration
Planning Board		Police Department <i>three year term (cont.)</i>	
Jean Pietrillo, Associate	6/30/2015	David MacMullen, FT Ptlm.	6/30/2015
Christopher Thornton, Associate	2014	Sheri A. David, FT Dispatcher	6/30/2015
		Pamela A. Lutes, FT Disp/Matron	6/30/2015
Plumbing and Gas Inspector, <i>three yr term, 1 yr for alternate</i>		Charles Hazen, Jr., FT. Ptlm.	6/30/2017
Harry Bennett	6/30/2016	Jeanne McClung, Reg. Res. Dispatcher	6/30/2015
William Wendt, Alternate	6/30/2015	Jessie Mazzie, Reg. Res. Dispatcher	6/30/2017
		Jessie Mazzie, Res. Ptlm	6/30/2015
Police Chaplain <i>three year term</i>		Mark Smith, Res Ptlm	6/30/2015
Robert M.J. Hagopian	6/30/2015	Joseph J. Gamache, Det. Lt. - retired December 2014	6/30/2015
		Matthew Doucet, Res Ptlm	6/30/2016
Keeper of the Rowley Police Station		Robert Adams, Res Ptlm	6/30/2016
Lockup facility as required under		Elizabeth Smith, Reg. Res. Dispatcher - resigned August 2014	6/30/2017
MGL Ch. 40, Sec 35 <i>one year term</i>		Robert Bruno - resigned May 2014	6/30/2014
Robert Barker	6/30/2015	Daniel C. Morris - Reg. Res. Dispatcher	6/30/2015
		Gregory P. Williams - Reg. Res. Dispatcher	6/30/2015
Rowley Emergency Management Agency			
(REMA) <i>one year term</i>		Rowley Cultural Council	
James Broderick, Fire Chief/ Emergency Management Director	6/30/2015	Carolyn Bartlett	6/30/2015
Robert Barker, Police Chief	6/30/2015	Carolyn Peabody	6/30/2015
Roberty Merry, Chairman, Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015	Kathy Sullivan	6/30/2015
Joseph Perry, Vice Chairman, Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015	Nancy Hill, Chair	6/30/2015
Mary Ellen Mighill COA Director & Public Health Nurse	6/30/2015	Sally McRae	6/30/2015
Patrick Snow - Highway Surveyor	6/30/2015		
Frank Marchegiani - Health Agent	6/30/2015	Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant	
Deborah Eagan - Town Administrator	6/30/2015	Daniel Folding, Manager	
James DiMarino - R.A.C.E.S. (amateur radio operator)	6/30/2015		
Dan Folding - Light Plant Manager	6/30/2015	Town Administrator/Personnel Officer	
MaryBeth Wiser - Water Superintendent (effective on her start date 8/11/14)	6/30/2015	Deborah Eagan	

	Expiration		Expiration
Sandy Point Committee Members		Town Common Restoration Committee	
William DiMento	6/30/2015	Joseph Perry, Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015
John Manning	6/30/2015	Frank Todd, Rowley Historic Distric Commission	6/30/2015
		Dan Sczpanski, Great Marsh Garden Club	6/30/2015
Sanitary Health Agent		Sheila Clark, Great Marsh Garden Club	6/30/2015
Edward Gallagher		David Jacquith, Planning Board	6/30/2015
		Ron Keefe, Highway Department	6/30/2015
Shellfish Constable		Sara Bourque, Rowley Historic Distric Commission	6/30/2015
John H. Grundstrom	6/30/2015	Cliff Pierce, Planning Board	6/30/2015
		Sharon Emery, Resident	6/30/2015
Shellfish Constable (Deputies)		Roy Ricker, Water Department	6/30/2015
Stuart Dalzell, Jr.	6/30/2015	Mark Anderson, Light Department	6/30/2015
William DiMento	6/30/2015	Stuart L. Dalzell Sr., Citizen Representative	6/30/2015
John E. Grundstrom	6/30/2015		
Fred Hardy	6/30/2015	Veteran's Agent	
David S. Kent	6/30/2015	Ryan Lennon, Ipswich	
Michael Cook	6/30/2015	Terry Hart, Ipswich - deceased May 2014	
Daniel Perley	6/30/2015		
		Water Department Superintendent	
375th Anniversary Committee		Mary Beth Wiser	
David Irving - First Congregational Church	6/30/2015		
Joseph Perry - Rowley Board of Selectmen	6/30/2015	Wiring Inspector <i>three yr term, 1 yr for alternate</i>	6/30/2015
Susan Hazen - Town Clerk	6/30/2015	David Levesque	6/30/2015
Sam Streiff - Rowley Historical Society	6/30/2015	Donald Galicki, Alternate	
Bob Merry - Rowley Historical Society	6/30/2015		
		Zoning Review Committee	
Town Clerk, Assistant <i>one year term</i>		Kirk Baker, Town Planner	6/30/2015
Barbara R. DiMento	6/30/2015	Ken Ward, Building Inspector	6/30/2015
		Donald Thurston, ZBA Rep.	6/30/2015
Town Counsel <i>one year term</i>		Thomas Heidgerd, ZBA Rep.	6/30/2015
Gary Brackett, Brackett & Lucas	6/30/2015	Robert Merry, BOS Rep.	6/30/2015
		Cliff Pierce, Planning Board Rep.	6/30/2015
		David Jacquith, Planning Board Rep.	6/30/2015

Administrative Employees of the Town of Rowley

Assistant Accountant

Patricia Testa

Police Department

Administrative Assistant to the Chief

Dorothy Tobin

Assessors' Administrative Assistant

Colleen Cooper

Selectmen Administrative Assistant

Elaine Pagliarulo

Council on Aging Administrative Assistant

Lisa Lozzi

Selectmen Assistant Town Administrator

Doreen Glowik

Amy Lydon

Council on Aging

Activities Director/Trip Coordinator

Denise Gilman

Town Clerk Administrative Assistant

Susan Leach

Assistant Health Agent

Wendelyn Hansbury

Assistant Treasurer/Collector/Office Supervisor

Karen O'Donnell

Highway Department

Administrative Assistant

Krista McPhee

Treasurer/Collector

Administrative Assistant

Brigida Longo

Inspection Department

Administrative Assistant

Chia Vitello

Zoning Board of Appeals

Administrative Assistant

Lisa Lozzi

IS Coordinators

Susan Bailey

Karen Summit

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 5, 2014

Town of Rowley Annual Town Meeting, Pine Grove School, 191 Main St., Rowley, MA 01969

Teller Appointments remain in effect from STM: Karen Ziemplak of 26 Hammond St; Janet B. Peabody of 41 Bradford St.; Richard Curran of 16 Cedarwood Rd.; Doreen Glowik of 545 Newburyport Turnpike.

Quorum of one hundred (100) certified by Board of Registrars at 7:25 (at start of STM).

Meeting called to order by Moderator Joan Petersen at 8:52 pm.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent; James Broderick, Rowley Fire Chief; Pamela Jacobson, Library Director; Frank Marchigiani, Coordinator of Health Services; Kirk Baker, Town Planner; Sean MacFadden, Principal Assessor; Ken Ward, Building Inspector; Dan Folding, Light Plant Manager; William DeRosa, Whittier Voc-Technical School Superintendent; Christopher Farmer, Triton Regional School District Superintendent; Brian Forget, Triton Regional School District Assistant Superintendent; State Representative Brad Hill, Senator Bruce Tarr, Kara Kosmos, Whittier Business Manager and Ann Gagnon, Mass Fish and Wildlife.

Motion by Robert Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:53 pm.

Essex, ss.

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowley, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Pine Grove School, Route 1A, on Monday, the 5th day of May 2014 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MOTION: Move the Town vote to suspend the reading of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as everyone in attendance has a copy of said warrant.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:54 pm.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Moderator Petersen explained that Articles 1 and 2 are non-binding, standard articles which will remain in effect for the course of the meeting.

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 Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:56 pm.

Before Article 4 was moved, Chairman Snow asked permission to read a brief Town of Rowley Financial Report, as follows:

FISCAL 2015

Sue Bailey
4/28/2014

Revenues:

Estimated Taxes	12,920,758
Estimated State Aid	637,067
Estimated Local Receipts	1,306,479
Free Cash	700,000
Other (Overlay Release and Water Overhead)	189,449

Required expenses - before Town Meeting

State Assessments	(99,245)
Allowance for Tax Abatements	(170,000)
Prior Year Snow & Ice Deficit (Est.)	(250,000)
Other (Interest and Tax Title raised on Recap; Libr Grant)	(20,600)
	<u>(539,845)</u>

Net Revenue 15,213,908

Less Schools:

Triton, Whittier, and Essex North Shore Aggie	(8,747,993)
	<u>6,465,915</u>

59.85% of Operating
Budget

Less Fixed Costs:

Debt service	(370,693)
Retirement, Medicare, Unempl., Health, & Liability Ins.	(1,371,676)
	<u>(1,742,369)</u>

11.92% of Operating
Budget

Less Stabilization:	(200,000)
Retirees' health insurance (part)	(150,000)
	<u>(350,000)</u>

Balance remaining to fund the operating budget \$4,373,546

Senator Bruce Tarr was acknowledged and he spoke very briefly about how smoothly the meeting was progressing and that he didn't want to interrupt the momentum.

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

Elective Officer	Requested	Finance Committee Recommends
Moderator	\$100	\$100
Board of Selectmen (each member)	\$2,231	\$2,231
Board of Assessors (each member)	\$2,456	\$2,456
Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes	\$72,640	\$72,640
Town Clerk	\$50,842	\$50,842
Planning Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$7,323	\$7,323
Surveyor of Highways	\$70,163	\$70,163
Municipal Water Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Trustees of Free Public Library	\$0	\$0
Rowley Housing Authority	\$0	\$0
Municipal Light Board (each member)	\$0	\$0

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance

Committee

Recommends

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:07 pm.

Regarding the reading of the Omnibus Budget: Moderator Peteresen explained that the Finance Committee would read each Section title and Subtotal and that if anyone should have a question regarding a line within that Section, they should call out the word: "HOLD". At that point, the Finance Committee would stop and the Moderator would ask which specific line should be held. At the end of the reading of the entire budget, she would go back to each "HOLD" item and address each question. She cautioned the meeting to make sure that the "HOLDS" were acknowledged as there is no provision for going back and holding a line at the end of the reading.

ARTICLE 5: General Omnibus Budget. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer and appropriate, from available funds, including Overlay, and free cash, 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	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
1	100	100	100	100

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	11,155	11,155	11,155	11,155
3	Town Administrator/Pers. Officer salary	97,480	101,491	103,775	103,775
4	Assistant Town Administrator Salaries	47,376	56,048	57,314	57,314
5	Administrative Assistant Wages	6,473	11,851	12,117	12,117
6	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	Expenses	16,925	18,117	14,117	14,117
8	Rev. 9-1-1 communication system	4,777	4,800	4,800	4,800
9	Copier/Fax Expenses	6,669	7,420	7,420	7,420
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
12	Collective Bargaining Reserve		29,866	29,000	29,000
13	Pine Grove School Expenses			1,000	1,000
14	Stormwater Compliance Expenses			1,000	1,000
	Finance Committee				
15	Secretary Wages	184	1,468	1,501	1,501
16	Expenses	173	379	379	379
17	Reserve Fund	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
	Town Accountant				
18	Accountant Salary	50,768	51,390	52,542	52,542
19	Asst. Accountant Wages	13,623	16,478	17,657	17,657
20	Expenses	5,123	4,658	4,658	4,658
	Board of Assessors				
21	Assessors Stipends	7,368	7,368	7,368	7,368
22	Principal Assessor Salary	75,429	79,325	81,125	81,125
23	Administrative Assistant Wages	22,265	23,816	24,393	24,393
24	Consultant	1,000	500	500	500
25	Professional Services	10,740	11,505	11,505	11,505
26	Expenses	5,992	4,746	4,746	4,746
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
27	Treasurer/Collector Salary	65,145	71,048	72,640	72,640
28	Assistant Treasurer Salary	32,826	41,614	42,459	42,459
29	Assistant Collector Wages	11,605	17,758	16,262	16,262
30	Expenses	36,819	35,800	35,800	35,800
31	Tax Title	10,517	10,517	10,517	10,517
32	Debt Fees & Charges	4,596	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Town Counsel				
33	Professional Fee	40,625	52,600	52,600	52,600

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
34	Litigation	45,935	62,000	62,000	62,000
	Personnel Board				
35	Expenses	346	399	399	399
	IS Department				
36	Expenses	19,375	19,422	22,422	22,422
37	IS Coordinator Stipends			2,000	2,000
	Town Clerk				
38	Town Clerk Salary	40,108	48,745	50,842	50,842
39	Wages	10,443	13,696	13,800	13,800
40	Expenses	3,218	3,995	4,074	4,074
	Elections				
41	Wages	5,630	1,600	4,080	4,080
42	Expenses	7,453	4,200	9,650	9,650
	Registrar of Voters				
43	Stipends	2,250	2,250	2,300	2,300
44	Expenses	2,587	2,950	3,041	3,041
	Conservation Commission				
45	Conservation Agent Salary	46,945	51,565	52,839	52,839
46	Expenses	1,619	1,622	2,050	2,050
	Planning Board				
47	Planning Admin. Assistant Wages	0	0	0	0
48	Planner Salary	23,630	27,898	28,159	28,159
49	Planner Consultant	2,115	6,519	6,519	6,519
50	Merrimack Valley Planning Commission	1,814	1,937	1,984	1,984
51	Expenses	3,517	2,970	2,970	2,970
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
52	Administrative Assistant Wages	7,381	9,014	9,245	9,245
53	Expenses	1,670	1,680	1,680	1,680
	Agricultural Commission				
54	Expenses	460	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Town Hall				
55	Town Hall/Annex Janitor Wages	11,691	14,180	14,496	14,496
56	Expenses	18,867	16,318	20,120	20,120
	Town Hall Annex				
57	Expenses	15,324	17,318	17,318	17,318
	Subtotal	875,131	1,055,596	1,083,938	1,083,938
	Public Safety				
	Police Department				

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
58	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	109,425	111,476	113,999	113,999
59	Deputy Chief Salary & Other Earnings	0	0	0	0
60	Wages	1,029,242	1,072,260	1,139,738	1,139,738
61	Expenses	146,269	146,332	153,175	153,175
62	Police Cruiser	67,143	0	33,998	33,998
63	Police Modular Building Lease	24,000	25,052	24,000	24,000
	Constables				
64	Expenses	380	400	425	425
	Fire Department				
65	Fire Chief Salary	74,621	80,592	82,379	82,379
66	Firefighter Wages	135,170	144,368	150,214	150,214
67	Call Firefighter Wages	71,307	81,200	83,027	83,027
68	Expenses	115,959	119,993	119,993	119,993
69	Station & Equipment Lease	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Ambulance Service				
70	Service Contract	0	0	0	0
	Inspection Department				
71	Salaries	49,036	52,519	53,554	53,554
72	Wages	11,070	13,137	13,594	13,594
73	Expenses	5,452	5,065	6,880	6,880
	Emergency Management Services				
74	REMA Director Stipend	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
75	Expenses	2,096	2,099	2,099	2,099
	Animal Inspector				
76	Salary	2,608	2,618	2,677	2,677
77	Expenses	0	200	200	200
78	Rabid Animal Control	795	1,853	1,853	1,853
	Animal Control Officer				
79	Salary	13,139	14,184	14,508	14,508
80	Expenses	1,005	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Tree Warden/Moth Control				
81	Salary	6,103	7,323	7,323	7,323
82	Expenses	8,952	9,044	9,044	9,044
	Harbormaster				
83	Salary	6,003	6,418	6,563	6,563
84	Wages	4,806	4,866	4,976	4,976
85	Pumpout Boat Wages	1,794	1,794	1,835	1,835
86	Expenses	4,205	4,212	4,212	4,212
87	Town Landing	300	500	500	500

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Rec.
	Shellfish Commission				
88	Commissioner Wages	1,668	1,669	1,686	1,686
89	Commission Expenses	900	996	996	996
	Shellfish Constable				
90	Constable Salary	254	400	400	400
91	Constable Expenses	536	563	563	563
	Subtotal	1,917,238	1,936,755	2,060,033	2,060,033
	<u>Schools</u>				
92	Whittier Vocational Assessment	162,809	136,836	175,254	175,254
93	Whittier Vocational Capital Assessment		15,427	15,246	15,246
94	Triton Regional Assessment	7,738,020	7,947,188	8,328,862	8,328,862
95	Triton Regional Capital Assessment	210,903	188,248	171,727	171,727
96	Essex N. Shore Agricultural & Tech.			56,904	56,904
	Subtotal	8,111,732	8,287,699	8,747,993	8,747,993
	<u>Public Works</u>				
	Highway Department				
97	Surveyor's Salary	64,496	55,000	70,163	70,163
98	Wages	131,495	153,958	156,929	156,929
99	Expenses	113,093	114,926	115,601	115,601
	Snow & Ice Removal				
100	Expenses	201,371	80,000	100,000	100,000
	Recycling				
101	Wages	3,204	3,963	4,051	4,051
102	Expenses	6,622	8,510	8,510	8,510
	Fire Hydrants				
103	Expenses	35,600	35,600	35,600	35,600
	Street Lighting				
104	Expenses	0	33,000	27,578	27,578
	Town Land Maintenance				
105	Expenses	7,870	3,500	3,500	3,500
	Cemetery Commission				
106	Wages	16,446	16,450	20,000	20,000
107	Expenses	2,593	2,602	5,000	5,000
	Subtotal	582,790	507,509	546,932	546,932
	<u>Health & Human Services</u>				
	Board of Health				
108	Coordinator Health Svs. Reg. Comp Salary	48,982	58,372	59,687	59,687

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Rec.</u>
109	Sanitary Health Agent Wages	20,236	23,448	23,897	23,897
110	Adm. Asst./Asst. Inspector Wages	24,985	26,517	27,023	27,023
111	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
112	Expenses	6,853	6,900	6,900	6,900
	Council on Aging				
113	Senior Director Salary	34,260	35,908	36,672	36,672
114	Wages	44,876	48,248	52,884	52,884
115	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	0	294	294	294
116	Expenses	11,641	13,366	13,504	13,504
	Veterans Affairs				
117	Veterans Benefits	30,481	42,000	45,000	45,000
118	Eastern Essex Veterans District	21,629	26,000	26,000	26,000
	Handicapped Commission				
119	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Subtotal	244,943	282,243	294,051	294,051
	<u>Recreation/Historic</u>				
	Rowley Public Library				
120	Library Director Salary	48,419	51,016	52,167	52,167
121	Wages	79,833	113,938	116,854	116,854
122	Expenses	86,029	93,171	95,649	95,649
	Recreation Committee				
123	Wages	0	7,792	3,896	3,896
124	Expenses	202	1,864	1,864	1,864
125	Field Maintenance	20,078	20,078	23,974	23,974
	Historical				
126	Commission Expenses	0	332	332	332
127	Historic District Commission Expenses	0	70	70	70
	Other				
128	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	779	1,200	1,800	1,800
129	Bradstreet Property Expense	100	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Subtotal	235,440	290,461	297,606	297,606
	<u>Debt</u>				
130	Landfill Capping Principal	39,500	35,000	30,000	30,000
131	New Well Land Principal	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
132	Library Principal	100,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
133	Hunsley Hills Land Principal	59,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
134	Bridge Repair Principal	26,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
135	Fire Truck Principal	90,000	90,000	0	0

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Rec.
136	Capital Equipment Principal	22,200	22,200	0	0
137	Capital Equipment Principal II	27,000	27,000	26,000	26,000
138	Capital Equipment Principal III		30,000	30,000	30,000
139	Capital Equipment Principal IV			46,200	46,200
140	Landfill Capping Interest	4,699	4,200	3,500	3,500
141	New Well Land Interest	1,469	1,360	1,160	1,160
142	Library Interest	15,255	14,200	12,300	12,300
143	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	8,268	7,600	6,500	6,500
144	Bridge Repair Interest	12,501	11,550	10,800	10,800
145	Fire Truck Interest	8,820	4,410	0	0
146	Capital Equipment Interest	2,176	1,088	0	0
147	Capital Equipment Interest II	3,200	2,120	1,040	1,040
148	Capital Equipment III	5,000	3,300	2,475	2,475
149	Capital Equipment IV	0	0	4,280	4,280
150	Highway Truck Interest			2,250	2,250
151	Ladder Truck Interest			9,188	9,188
	Subtotal	435,088	439,028	370,693	370,693
	<u>Insurance</u>				
152	Unemployment	7,015	8,000	12,000	12,000
153	Blanket Insurance	94,871	116,000	128,000	128,000
154	Essex Regional Retirement	588,554	630,087	699,828	699,828
155	Group Health/Life Ins. & Medicare	457,332	504,110	531,848	531,848
	Subtotal	1,147,772	1,258,197	1,371,676	1,371,676
	GRAND TOTAL	13,550,134	14,057,488	14,772,922	14,772,922

No HOLDS were placed in any line item of the Omnibus Budget.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$13,972,922 and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$700,000 from Free Cash, and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from Overlay Reserve, for a total of \$14,772,922 to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes and Interest.

Motion by Jami Snow, seconded by Lawrence White, passed Voice Unanimous at 9:10 pm.

ARTICLE 6: (Original Article 6, see revised version following) Water Department Budget To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$2,135,027** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 2015, or take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommendation From the Floor

Finance Committee Recommendation From the Floor

LINE		FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	APPROP	REQUEST
	<u>Wages/Salaries</u>			
1	Water Superintendent	63,898	75,538	75,920
2	Business Manager Salary	52,024	22,632	0
3	Water Department Wages	258,103	206,182	250,729
4	Overtime/Standby/WTP		129,395	102,994
5	Other Post Employment Benefits	10,000	10,000	15,000
6	Unemployment		28,000	10,000
7	Collective Bargaining Reserve		0	0
	Subtotal Salaries& Wages	384,025	471,747	454,643
	<u>Expenses</u>			
8	Maintenance	433,487	431,000	353,500
9	Engineering/Operation Labor		30,000	30,000
10	Billing Contract Services		0	62,717
	Subtotal Expenses	433,487	461,000	446,217
	<u>New Treatment Plant Expense</u>			
11	Maintenance Treatment		63,800	272,590
12	Private Treatment		25,000	25,000
	Subtotal Treatment Plant		88,800	297,590
	<u>Other</u>			
13	Capital Plan Program		50,000	46,500
14	Extraordinary & Unforeseen Expenses		38,000	50,000
	Subtotal Other		88,000	96,500
	<u>Debt Service</u>			
15	Pingree Well Principal	55,000		
			55,000	55,000
16	Pingree Well Interest	7,666	7,040	5,940
17	New Water Building Principal	11,500		
			10,000	10,000
18	New Water Building Interest	1,535		
			1,400	1,200
19	Water Treatment Design Principal	48,000		
			50,000	50,000
20	Water Treatment Design Interest	40,045		
			38,057	36,557
21	Water Treatment Plant Construction Principal			
			444,840	454,508
22	Water Treatment Plant Construction Interest	1,792		
			174,731	211,044
23	Water Garage Rehabilitation Principal	20,000	20,000	0
24	Water Garage Rehabilitation Interest	1,960	980	0

LINE		FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	APPROP	REQUEST
25	Cost of Debt Issuance		85,000	
26	SRF Borrowing Administration Fee			15,828
	Subtotal Debt Service	187,498	887,048	840,077
	TOTAL	1,005,010	1,996,595	2,135,027
	INDIRECT COST			
	Article 7 Overhead	56,661	117,570	89,449
	GRAND TOTAL	1,061,671	2,114,165	2,224,476

REVISED ARTICLE 6 - as distributed -

ARTICLE 6: Water Department Budget. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$2,013,027** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 2015.

LINE		FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	APPROP	REQUEST
	<u>Wages/Salaries</u>			
1	Water Superintendent	63,898	75,538	75,920
2	Business Manager Salary	52,024	22,632	0
3	Water Department Wages	258,103	206,182	250,729
4	Overtime/Standby/WTP		129,395	102,994
5	Other Post Employment Benefits	10,000	10,000	15,000
6	Unemployment		28,000	10,000
7	Collective Bargaining Reserve		0	0
	Subtotal Salaries& Wages	384,025	471,747	454,643
	<u>Expenses</u>			
8	Maintenance	433,487	431,000	353,500
9	Engineering/Operation Labor		30,000	30,000
10	Billing Contract Services		0	62,717
	Subtotal Expenses	433,487	461,000	446,217
	<u>New Treatment Plant Expense</u>			
11	Maintenance Treatment		63,800	150,590
12	Private Treatment		25,000	25,000
	Subtotal Treatment Plant		88,800	175,590
	<u>Other</u>			
13	Capital Plan Program		50,000	46,500
14	Extraordinary & Unforeseen Expenses		38,000	50,000

LINE		FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	APPROP	REQUEST
	Subtotal Other		88,000	96,500
	Debt Service			
15	Pingree Well Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000
16	Pingree Well Interest	7,666	7,040	5,940
17	New Water Building Principal	11,500	10,000	10,000
18	New Water Building Interest	1,535	1,400	1,200
19	Water Treatment Design Principal	48,000	50,000	50,000
20	Water Treatment Design Interest	40,044	38,057	36,557
21	Water Treatment Plant Construction Principal		444,840	454,508
22	Water Treatment Plant Construction Interest	1,792	174,731	211,044
23	Water Garage Rehabilitation Principal	20,000	20,000	0
24	Water Garage Rehabilitation Interest	1,960	980	0
25	Cost of Debt Issuance		85,000	
26	SRF Borrowing Administration Fee			15,828
	Subtotal Debt Service	187,498	887,048	840,077
	TOTAL	1,005,010	1,996,595	2,013,027
	INDIRECT COST			
	Article 7 Overhead	56,661	117,570	89,449
	GRAND TOTAL	1,061,671	2,114,165	2,102,476

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Revised budget as approved by the Board of Water Commissioners on April 8, 2014.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,013,027 from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 2015.

Motion by Tim Toomey, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed vice unanimous at 9:14 pm

ARTICLE 7: (Original Article 7, see revised version following) To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of **\$89,449** for the following items and that any other monies 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 2015, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommendation From the Floor

Finance Committee Recommendation From the Floor

LINE		FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	APPROP	REQUEST
27	County Retirement	23,926	45,000	22,967
28	Health Insurance	19,728	54,581	49,577
29	Life Insurance	91	110	171
30	Accountant's Fee	3,348	3,090	3,480
31	Treasurer/Collector Fee	1,713	6,458	5,012
32	Audit	1,650	1,650	1,650
33	Medicare	6,205	6,681	6,592
	TOTAL	56,661	117,570	89,449

Water Department Revenue Statement – For Informational Purposes

	Actual	Budgeted	Projected
Operating Revenue	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015*
Rates	1,520,683	2,060,522	
Service	122,667	9,943	
Lien Fees & Interest	1,153	2,000	
Interest & Demand Fees	15,216	5,000	
Earnings on investment	3,790	800	
Miscellaneous	2,765	300	
Hydrant Rentals	35,600	35,600	
Total	1,701,874	2,114,165	

**The Projected FY 2015 revenue data was not available at the time the warrant was finalized. This data will be provided at Town Meeting.*

Explanation of Operating Revenue categories

Water Rates - the process of developing and establishing rates is comprised of the following:

- (1) determination of revenue requirements
- (2) allocation of costs to the components of the cost of service
- (3) distribution of usage of customer; and
- (4) development of a tier schedule of rates to recover revenue requirement. Rate charged is per 1,000 gallons.

Service Charges – a fixed charge designed to recover customer cost. The Rowley Water Department charges for: new service connections; inspection fees; tapping fees; and labor and equipment for repairs.

Lien Fees & Interest– are charges on unpaid water bills that are more than 90 days old in the month of December that are added to the Real Estate bills for collection purposes.

Interest & Demand – is a charge added to late payments of water bills.

Earnings on investment – bank interest on the Water Department accounts.

Miscellaneous – sale of scrap, money received from public information requests, and equipment sales.

Hydrant Rentals – the Town's reimbursement to the Water Department for the maintenance of hydrants.

REVISED ARTICLE 7 - as distributed -

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Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

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Interest & Demand Fees	15,216	5,000	16,000
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Hydrant Rentals – the Town’s reimbursement to the Water Department for the maintenance of hydrants.

Motion by Tim Toomey, seconded by Stu Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 9:16

ARTICLE 8: Move the Town vote to transfer \$572,380 from Water Department Enterprise Free Cash to Water Department Stabilization Fund.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires a two-third vote. These funds will be used for the eventual replacement of the membrane filters at the new water treatment plant, for other capital expenditures or to mitigate rate increases. Expenditures from the Water Department Stabilization Fund can only be authorized by Town Meeting in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40 §5B.

Motion by Tim Toomey, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, passed voice unanimous at 9:16 pm.

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

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

Inserted by the Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 10: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to an account for use by the Harbormaster in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5G.

Inserted by the Harbormaster

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 11: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Cemetery Commission from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account to be used for the care of graves in the Town Cemetery.

Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 12: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to Article 30 of the May 6, 1996 Annual Town Meeting (Recertification Fund) for the purpose of completing the State mandated triennial recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee Recommends

MOTION: Move the Town vote to authorize the following accounts and their uses as printed in Articles 9 – 12 on page 10 in the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Article 9 – Municipal Light Board 0 Municipal Lighting Plant annual appropriation

Article 10 – Harbormaster Municipal Waters Maintenance and Improvement Fund

Article 11 – Cemetery Commissioners Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account

Article 12 – Board of Assessors Recertification Fund

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:18 pm

ARTICLE 13: Move the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the following revolving funds and their uses for Fiscal Year 2015:

	Name of Account	Expenditure Cap
1	Council on Aging - into which receipts from rental of the Council's van shall be deposited and which may be used by said Council for payment of wages, expenses and maintenance of said van. [Beginning balance \$811; Income \$135; Expense \$546; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$400]	Expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.
2	Board of Health - into which one-half (1/2) of the septic disposal construction fees charged by said Board of Health shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board or its agents to finance special waste disposal and technical expertise beyond the health agent's scope of responsibility. [Beginning balance \$12,911; Income \$5,144; Expense \$11,466; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$6,589]	Expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.
3	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from donations, advertising and rental of the Parks & Recreation Committee's facilities shall be deposited and which may be used by said Committee and Board to pay for the management and operations of improvements and maintenance of said facilities. [Beginning balance \$881; Income \$5,185; Expense \$8,770; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$-2,704]	Expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.
4	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from donations and fees charged for recreational programs and community 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 \$130; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$130]	Expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.

	Name of Account	Expenditure Cap
5	Board of Selectmen - into which revenue collected from the sale of Home Composting bins shall be used to purchase additional compost bins and to advertise the availability of such bins. [Beginning balance \$526; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$526]	Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.
6	Highway Department – into which receipts from the rental of Highway Department equipment may be used by said Department for the purchase, repair and maintenance of Department equipment. [Beginning balance \$33; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$33]	Expenditures not to exceed \$12,000.
7	Shellfish Department – into which receipts from one-half (1/2) of the shellfish permits sold shall be deposited and used by the Shellfish Department for the propagation of shellfish. [Beginning balance \$9,102; Income \$520; Expense \$3,625; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$5,997]	Expenditures not to exceed \$6,000.
8	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals – into which all receipts from filing and associated application fees shall be deposited, and may be used by said Boards to defray Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandated expenses related to said Board's hearings and meetings, and professional assistance or engineering, legal and other case related items. [Beginning balance \$7,100; Income \$1,250; Expense \$203; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$8,147]	Expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.
9	Board of Cemetery Commissioners – into which one-half (1/2) of cemetery plot grave digging and footings installation fees shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery Department operations. [Beginning balance \$20,368; Income \$4,928; Expense \$9,784; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$15,512]	Expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.
10	Library – into which receipts from Library services, such as photocopying, faxes and laser printing from public computer stations shall be deposited and which may be used by said Library to purchase supplies related to these services contracts for the maintenance of said office equipment. [Beginning balance \$30; Income \$856; Expense \$534; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$352]	Expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.
11	Agricultural – into which donations and fees charged by the Agricultural Commission for programs and events shall be deposited and used by the Agricultural Commission to defray expenses incurred to operate such programs and to hold events. [Beginning balance \$735; Income \$1,364; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$2,099]	Expenditures not to exceed \$1,000
12	Harbormaster – into which donations and proceeds from the sales of Harbormaster boats and equipment shall be deposited and used by the Harbormaster for the purchase, repair and maintenance of department equipment. [Beginning balance \$0; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$0]	Expenditures not to exceed \$30,000

	Name of Account	Expenditure Cap
13	375th Anniversary Committee - into which donations and receipts from activities shall be deposited and which may be used by said 375 th Anniversary Committee and the Board of Selectmen to pay for the expenses incurred to hold celebratory events and activities to mark the Town's 375 th Anniversary [Beginning balance \$0; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/14 \$0]	Expenditures not to exceed \$20,000

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, Board of Library Trustees, Agricultural Commission, Harbormaster,

Rowley 375th Anniversary Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The above article consolidates thirteen (13) standard revolving fund annual renewal authorizations. Article 13 will be taken up and voted under one consent motion. The Parks and Recreation Revolving Fund, #3, shows a deficit as of February 28, 2014 because sport leagues' user fees are paid in the months of April and May.

Motion by Dave Petersen, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:19 pm

ARTICLE 14: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$53,439 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Betterment Loan Program to pay the debt service on the Town's loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Inserted by the Board of Health

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town has received \$1,250,000 from the state Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Loan funds for taxpayer's repair and /or upgrade of failed septic systems. This appropriation pays the debt on the Town's loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund.

Motion by Susan Elwell, seconded by Margaret M. Lemelin, passed voice unanimous at 9:20 pm.

ARTICLE 15: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,934 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to cover the costs for the Town's participation in the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission Pictometry program.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen supports this article. The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission offers this as a service to the Town. Pictometry aids the Town in planning and development.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:21 pm

ARTICLE 16: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors to upgrade the Vision Appraisal System server, and appraisal and mapping software programs.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors &

Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These upgrades are part of the Town's Capital Plan. These systems maintain the Town's property assessing data.

Motion by Bill DiMento, seconded by Don Thurston, passed voice unanimous at 9:22 pm

ARTICLE 17: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for the purchase of an outdoor collection lock-box at Town Hall for the Treasurer/Collector.

Inserted by the Treasurer/Collector &
Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The current lock box is rotted and is no longer air-tight. The lock box offers the townspeople a convenient way to drop-off payments. The replacement of the outdoor lock-box is part of the Town's Capital Plan.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:23 pm

ARTICLE 18: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 to be used by the Police Chief to hold an assessment center for the appointment of a lieutenant and sergeant, and to cover the costs to send two patrolmen to the Police Academy.

Inserted by the Police Chief and Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Staffing changes are anticipated in FY 15, with the impending retirement of the Detective Lieutenant. The assessment center will be used to evaluate job candidates for the positions of lieutenant and sergeant. Additionally, with the appointment of two new patrolmen to the department, the Town must pay the Police Academy costs.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:24 pm

ARTICLE 19: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,252 to be used by the Police Chief to purchase a new unmarked vehicle.

Inserted by the Police Chief and Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This purchase is part of the Town's Capital Plan. This vehicle will replace the 2009 Dodge unmarked vehicle, which is in need of repairs.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:25 pm

ARTICLE 20: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to Article 7 of the May 16, 2011 Special Town Meeting 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: Article 7 of the May 16, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant has a balance of \$8,025. The Town must conduct a re-evaluation of its future obligations for post retirement benefits, such as retiree health and life insurance, in accordance with the requirements of the General 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. In accordance with the recommendations in GASB Statement #45 and the Town's auditors the Town has created a Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:28 pm

ARTICLE 21: Move the Town appropriate \$180,000 to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to pay costs of purchasing a six-wheel dump truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General

Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any and all action necessary to accomplish the purpose of this vote.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This purchase is part of the Town's Capital Plan. This vehicle will replace the Highway Department's 2000 10-wheel dump truck, which will be either traded in or sold this year. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Motion by Dave Petersen, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:29 pm

ARTICLE 22: Move the Town appropriate \$735,000 to be expended at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to pay the costs of purchasing a ladder truck for the Fire Department, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any and all action necessary to accomplish the purposes of this vote. No sums shall be borrowed or expended pursuant to this vote unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts needed to repay any borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitations on total property taxes contained in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 1/2).

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This purchase is part of the Town's Capital Plan and is contingent upon successful passage of a debt exclusion override at the May 13, 2014 Annual Town Election. The new ladder truck will replace the Town's 1985 Seagrave Aerial Ladder Truck, which has been out of service since July 2013. The Board of Selectmen considers the ladder truck a crucial part of the Fire Department's apparatus. The ladder truck allows the firefighters to access structures that are set back off the roadway; Rowley has numerous properties that fall within this category. No sums shall be borrowed or expended pursuant to this vote unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts needed to repay any borrowing authorized by this vote from the limitations on total property taxes contained in Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 1/2). Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Short Power-point presentation by Fire Chief James Broderick

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:38 pm

ARTICLE 23: Move the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2015 annual revenues the amounts recommended by Community Preservation Committee for 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

10% \$5,534

Appropriations: Administration

5 % \$ 7,904.00

Debt service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition

\$ 199,832

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley expects to realize approximately \$440,439.00 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds comprised of real estate tax receipts (\$358,081.00) and matching funds from the state (\$82,358.00) in Fiscal Year 2015. 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. 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 2015 or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous t 9:39 pm

ARTICLE 24: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be deposited into the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article allows the Board of Selectmen to continue with its plan of funding the OPEB Trust Fund, which will offset the future healthcare costs of retired employees.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:40 pm

ARTICLE 25: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Passage requires two-thirds vote.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:41 pm

ARTICLE 26: Move the Town vote to accept under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5N “Valor Act” which allows cities and towns to create work-off abatement programs for veterans, Section 8A of Chapter 108 of the Acts of 2012.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee Recommends from

the floor

Explanatory Note: The program works the same as the one communities may establish for seniors 60 or older under Mass. General Laws Chapter 59 Section 5K, which Rowley accepted in May 2001. Under the program, veterans may earn abatements of their property taxes by working for the Town. Each Town establishes its own program and eligibility requirements, with the stipulation that the taxpayer’s hourly earnings may not exceed the state minimum wage and the earned abatement may not exceed \$1,000 or if voted by the legislative body, 125 hours of service. The earned abatement is not income for state tax and worker’s compensation purposes.

Motion by Bill DiMento, seconded by Don Thurston, passed voice unanimous at 9:41 pm

ARTICLE 27: Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a 24 acre salt marsh parcel of land shown on Assessor’s Map 29, Parcel 4 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through its Department of Fish and Game for wildlife habitat and passive public recreation consistent with and subject to the purposes and protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for \$24,000. The parcel is located off Dyke Street and has been declared surplus property by the Board of Selectmen.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission support the sale of this salt marsh parcel to the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:43 pm

ARTICLE 28: Move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey as a gift a 26 acre salt marsh parcel of land shown on Assessor's Map 37, Parcel 25 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through its Department of Fish and Game for wildlife habitat and passive public recreation consistent with and subject to the purposes and protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The parcel is located on Low Country Creek and has been declared surplus property by the Board of Selectmen.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen has approved the conveyance of this salt marsh parcel to the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The Conservation Commission supports this article.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:44 pm

ARTICLE 29: Move the Town vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A Section 9A, relative to the disposition of abandoned funds by the Town.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and

Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: In accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 200A, abandoned funds must be turned over to the State Treasurer. By accepting Mass. General Laws Chapter 200A Section 9A, these funds will be deposited into the Town's General Fund after there have been several attempts to notify the individual who hasn't deposited the check, rather than have these funds transferred to the State Treasurer.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:45 pm

MOTION: Move the Town vote to appoint Bob Merry as acting Moderator during the discussion and vote on Article 30 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:46 pm

ARTICLE 30: Move the Town vote to change the term of office of the Town Moderator by adopting the following General Bylaw:

Town Moderator

The term of office of the Town Moderator shall be a three year term of office and shall be determined by ballot at the annual election of town officers held on the second Tuesday of May.

Inserted by the Town Moderator

Finance Committee Recommendation Not

Required

Explanatory Note: Unlike all other elective town offices, the term of the moderator has been for one year. Enacting this bylaw will make the term of moderator consistent with other town elective officers. If this article is approved, this bylaw will take effect during the 2015 Annual Town Election cycle.

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Joe Perry, passed voice unanimous at 9:48 pm,

ARTICLE 31: And to meet in Saint Mary's Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 12:00 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectmen	three years
One Moderator	one year
One Highway Surveyor	one year unexpired
One Tree Warden	one year unexpired
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board 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
Three Trustees for Public Library	three years
One Housing Authority member	five years
<u>For Regional School District Committee</u>	
One Newbury Member	three years
One Rowley Member	three years
One Salisbury Member	three years

Question 1.

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Highway Surveyor become an appointed Highway Surveyor of the Town?

YES _____ NO _____

Question 2.

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the Town?

YES _____ NO _____

Question 3.

Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amount required to pay for the principal of and interest on the \$735,000 bonds issued in order to pay costs of purchasing a ladder truck for the Fire Department, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

YES _____ NO _____

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:51 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:52 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 10th day of April in the year two thousand fourteen

Robert L. Snow, Chairman

G. Robert Merry, Vice Chairman

Joseph J. Perry, Clerk

Jack L. Cook

David C. Petersen

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, The First Ipswich Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Ipswich - Rowley Office.

Richard C. MacDonald, Constable

April 18, 2014

Certification: *I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above regarding the Town of Rowley May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.*

*Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
May 15, 2014*

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT AND MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 5, 2014

Teller Appointments: Karen Ziemiak of 26 Hammond St; Janet B. Peabody of 41 Bradford St.; Richard Curran of 16 Cedarwood Rd.; Doreen Glowik of 545 Newburyport Turnpike.

Quorum of one hundred (100) certified by Board of Registrars at 7:25.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Joan Petersen at 7:46.

- Board of Selectman Chair Robert Snow led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Invocation Rev. Robert Hagopian of the First Congregational Church
- Moment of Silence for Veteran's Agent Terrance Hart of Georgetown who recently passed away.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent; James Broderick, Rowley Fire Chief; Pamela Jacobson, Library Director; Frank Marchigiani, Coordinator of Health Services; Kirk Baker, Town Planner; Sean McFadden Principal Assessor; Ken Ward, Building Inspector; Dan Folding, Light Plant Manager; William DeRosa, Whittier Voc-Technical School Superintendent; Christopher Farmer, Triton Regional School District Superintendent; Brian Forget, Triton Regional School District Assistant Superintendent; State Representative Brad Hill, Senator Bruce Tarr, Kara Kosmos, Whittier Business Manager.
Motion by Robert Snow, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:50 pm.

AMENDMENT: Move to have Ann Gagnon from Mass Fish and Wildlife added to the motion above regarding allowing non-resident to speak if called upon at this town meeting.
Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:51 pm

Essex, ss.

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

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowley, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Pine Grove School, Route 1A, on Monday, the 5th day of May 2014 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MOTION: Move the Town vote to suspend the reading of the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting Warrant as everyone in attendance has a copy of said warrant.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:53 pm.

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Moderator Petersen explained that Articles 1 and 2 are non-binding, standard articles which will remain in effect for the course of the meeting.

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 7:55pm.

ARTICLE 4: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 from Line 146 (Essex Regional Retirement) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2013 to be added to Line 7 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2013 to pay for the expenses incurred to hold the May 5, 2014 Annual and Special Town Meetings, for a total appropriation of \$22,117.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Jack Cook, seconded by Joe Perry, passed voice unanimous at 7:57 pm.

ARTICLE 5: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$29,866 from Line 12 (Collective Bargaining Reserve) of Article 5 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town meeting to pay for costs associated with collective bargaining agreements.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen is currently in negotiations with MassCops Local 150 for a successor collective bargaining agreement that will be effective in Fiscal 2014. These funds are being set aside in this article to cover Fiscal 2014 collective bargaining agreement cost items. A vote at a future town meeting will be required to appropriate these funds.
Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 7:58 pm.

ARTICLE 6: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 from Line 27 (Administrative Assistant/Assistant Collector Wages) of Article 5 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting to be added to Article 6 of the May 6, 2013 Special Town Meeting to be used by the Treasurer/Collector for the purpose of microfilming and archiving the “permanent records” of the Treasurer/Collector as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Retention Schedule.

Inserted by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This would allow the Treasurer/Collector to continue the project of microfilming and archiving the “permanent records” which began last year with the passage of Article 6 of the May 6, 2013 Special Town Meeting. To date, the majority of the payroll records have been microfilmed. Passage of this article would allow this project to continue with the remaining payroll and permanent commitment records.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:00 pm.

ARTICLE 7: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 from Line 146 (Essex Regional Retirement) to Line 6 (CPA Administrator Stipend) of Article 5 of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$3,500.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article will compensate the new CPA Administrator for three-quarters of fiscal 2014.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:01 pm.

ARTICLE 8: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,659.75 from Line 8 (Water Department Maintenance) of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2013 to be added to Line 26 (Cost of Debt Issuance) of Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2013 for a total appropriation of \$88,659.75.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: When the borrowing for the Water Treatment Plant was permanently financed last August, the Bond Counsel fees were higher than anticipated.

Motion by Tim Toomey, seconded by Stuart Dalzell, Sr., passed voice unanimous at 8:03 pm.

ARTICLE 9: Move the Town appropriate \$171,200 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of undertaking the following capital purchases and improvements:

- 1) \$42,200 for purchasing and installing computers, software programs and other technological upgrades for the following departments: Accounting, Treasurer/Collector, Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department, and Library Department;
- 2) \$71,000 for upgrades to the following facilities: replacing rotted areas of the Town Wharf; painting the exterior of the Rowley Public Library; purchasing and installing a new handicap door and constructing and installing an awning at the

handicap entrance at Town Hall; replacing the handicap door at the Town Hall Annex; purchasing and installing new flooring and ceilings for the Town Hall; and upgrading the Cemetery Department building; and

- 3) \$58,000 for the purchase of an automobile for the Council on Aging and a tractor for the Cemetery Department.

including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any and all action necessary to carry out this project.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These capital purchases and improvements are part of the Town's Capital Plan. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Robert Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:05 pm

ARTICLE 10: Move the Town vote to 1) rescind Article 10 of the November 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting which authorized the Council on Aging Board and Chief Procurement Officer to dispose of the 2005 Chevrolet Van by trading it in, and to appropriate the proceeds of the sale towards the purchase of a minivan and 2) to authorize the Council on Aging Board and Chief Procurement Officer to dispose of the 2005 Chevrolet Van and deposit the proceeds into the General Fund.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article allows the Town to dispose of the 2005 Chevrolet Mid Bus. The Council on Aging currently has two full-size vans – a 2012 Ford 350 Cutaway Van and a 2005 Chevrolet Mid Bus. The COA has determined it is not necessary to have two full-sized vans. Since the passage of Article 10 of the November 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting, the Council on Aging has determined that a small compact vehicle, rather than a minivan, is more suitable for transporting seniors on short trips, such as medical appointments and shopping trips. The purchase of the COA sedan is part of the Town's Capital Plan and is funded under Article 9 of the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:06 pm

ARTICLE 11: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 from Article 20 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting (Town Hall first floor restoration) to be added to Article 21 of the November 13, 2006 Special Town Meeting (Town Hall Windows) for a current appropriation of \$69,660 of Community Preservation Funds to be used by the Board of Selectmen to purchase, install and/or restore the remaining six windows on the second floor of Town Hall and to replace several first floor windows.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article allows the Board of Selectmen to complete the Town Hall Second Floor Window project and to install and/or restore several first floor windows. The Board of Selectmen cannot use the funds as originally appropriated under Article 20 of the May 2, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, which required the full restoration of the original flooring of the Town Hall building.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:07 pm

ARTICLE 12: Move the Town will, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 44B, vote to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve and/or the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the sum of \$12,000 to be added to Article 16 of the May 6, 2013 Special Town Meeting (Town Hall Annex Exterior Project) to cover unforeseen costs associated with this project for a total appropriation of \$147,000.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Several rotted structural beams were uncovered during this project and need to be replaced. This article funds a necessary change order in this project.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:09 pm.

ARTICLE 13: Move the Town will, pursuant to Mass. Gen Laws CH 44B, vote to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve and/or the Community Preservation Unreserved Account, the amount of \$40,000 to be added to Article 34 of the May 12, 2003 Annual Town Meeting to grant to Cheryl Forster for the preservation, restoration and repair of the Jewel Mill and Fitz Water Wheel, located in the Glen Mills Historic District, shown as property on Map: 21 Block: 21 for a total grant of \$55,000. The preservation of this property includes a deed restriction in perpetuity.

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Community Preservation Committee has approved this article. The purpose of this article is to continue the restoration of the Jewel Mill and the Fitz Water Wheel to a working historical site with access to the public. This includes a contingency allowing for the site to be accessible to the public on certain dates during the year including the Town's 375th Celebration. This contingency includes a historic preservation deed restriction in perpetuity. An educational curriculum has been established and will allow for classroom visits. An engineering assessment has been completed. Cheryl Forster would like to utilize the funds previously appropriated in 2003. She is also asking for the additional funds of \$40,000.00 to complete the project. The project is currently awaiting approval of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article 13

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:10 pm.

ARTICLE 14: Move the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee, are authorized to purchase a parcel of land known as the Girl Scouts Camp, described as a portion of Assessors' Map 18, Lot 7, consisting of approximately 206.94 acres as shown on Assessors Records, more or less, under the Community Preservation Act (MGL 44B) for one or more of the following uses, so long as the areas designated for separate purposes shall be clearly identified and delineated:

- a. Acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space,
- b. Acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational and outdoor/environmental education;
- c. Rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use.

That the Town appropriates Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) to pay costs of this acquisition, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and

that to meet this appropriation, One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,700,000) is appropriated from available amounts in the Community Preservation Fund, and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) and Chapter 44B of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds notes of the Town therefor and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Rowley any and all application for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition; further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement for a position of the property for recreational purposes; convey all or part of the land to the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and/or the Board of Selectmen, and/or convey easements and conservation restrictions, the proceeds of any conveyance to be used to reimburse the Town for the costs of the acquisition, Conservation Commission, and/or the Board of Selectmen, and/or convey easements and conservation restrictions, the proceeds of any conveyances to be used to reimburse the Town for the costs of this acquisition.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This parcel is identified on the Town's Open Space Plan as a significant property to preserve. This land runs from Wethersfield Street south to the back section of Eiras Park on Haverhill Street. By using Community Preservation Funds to purchase this land, the Town has the unique ability to use this land for recreation (both active and passive). The Board of Selectmen plans to issue a request for proposals to lease the camp portion of the land for the operation of a variety of community-based programs, such as summer camps, sports clinics, and other recreational programs. Passage requires two-thirds vote.

Power point presentation by Brent Baeslack, Conservation Agent

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:35 pm

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town vote pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 44B, vote to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and/or the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the sum of \$40,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to pay for the following cost items related to the purchase of the Girl Scouts land as cited in Article 14: survey of property; legal work and grant writing consulting.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article funds the necessary related costs associated with purchasing the Girl Scouts property. Passage of this article is contingent upon passage of Article 14.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:38 pm.

ARTICLE 16: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Account to be used by the Board of Selectmen to perform a feasibility study of a new fire station and police station addition in the area of the current police station.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town does not own a fire station. The Fire Department works out of a leased facility on Hammond Street. The Town currently leases temporary modular buildings as part of the Police Station. These are temporary structures and have long-exceeded their intended use. It is imperative that the Police Department has a permanent addition. The feasibility study will evaluate viable options for the Town to consider, such as a combined police and fire station or free-standing stations.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Jack Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:41 pm.

ARTICLE 17: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$634.80 from Line 146 (Essex Regional Retirement) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 6, 2013 to be added to the E911 Grant Fund to pay for an unexpected shortfall in the E911 Grant Reimbursements from the state in Fiscal Year 2013.

Inserted by the Police Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The E911 Grant is a state grant that requires the town pay for 911 dispatcher training and wages and file for reimbursement of these expenses. The grant would not cover a \$634.80 grant-related expense and the state did not notify the Town until after the end of fiscal 2013. Passage requires a nine-tenths vote.

Motion by Chief Robert Barker, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:42 pm.

ARTICLE 18: Move the Town vote to accept as a town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of the private way known as Gurczak Lane, situated on the southerly sideline of Haverhill Street and running an approximate distance of 600 feet, shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan Gurczak Lane Rowley, Mass.”, this being the roadway shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Plan, recorded with Essex South Registry of Deeds as Plan 6 in Plan Book 348, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, deed, or eminent domain the land, easements, and rights therein or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the

Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:44 pm.

ARTICLE 19: Move the Town vote to amend the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw (“the Bylaw”) by:

- (1) deleting section 8.9 of the Bylaw (“Temporary Moratorium on Registered Marijuana Dispensaries”);
- (2) adding the following new definition to section 2.0 of the Bylaw (“Definitions”):

Registered Marijuana Dispensary (“RMD”): a not-for-profit entity registered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health under 105 C.M.R. 725.100 that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products, such as edible marijuana-infused products, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

- (3) revising section 4.6.3(i) to read as follows:

4.6.3(i) Dance halls and theaters, except that no more than one (1) theater is allowed per building, facility, or lot.

- (4) redesignating section 4.6.3(k) as section 4.6.3(m),
- (5) enacting the following new sections:

4.6.3(k) Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, except that such dispensaries may not be located within two hundred (200) feet of a day care facility, elementary or secondary school, or church or religious assembly.

4.6.3(l) Fitness centers, indoor skating rinks, and other indoor recreational facilities, except that the floor area of such facilities may not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.

(6) revising section 4.7.3(d) to read as follows:

4.7.3(d) Dance halls and theaters, except that no more than one (1) theater is allowed per building, facility, or lot.

(7) redesignating section 4.7.3(j) as section 4.7.3(k), and

(8) enacting the following new section 4.7.3(j):

4.7.3(j) Fitness centers, indoor skating rinks, and other indoor recreational facilities, except that the floor area of such facilities may not exceed twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.

Inserted by the Planning Board

Finance Committee Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: This article would amend the section of the Zoning Bylaw that pertains to permitted uses. The article would allow registered marijuana dispensaries in the Retail District, subject to the issuance of a special permit from the Planning Board (the article would delete the moratorium on such dispensaries that the Town enacted last year). The article would also allow fitness centers and indoor recreational facilities in the Retail District and the Business/Light Industry District. These uses are currently not allowed in either district. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Motion by Cliff Pierce, seconded by Curt Bryant, passed voice unanimous at 8:49 pm

ARTICLE 20: Move the Town vote to amend section 4.10 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw ("Floodplain District") by deleting the text shown in ~~striketrough~~ and by adding the text that appears in **bold underline**:

(1) revising the definition of "special flood hazard area" in section 4.10.1 to read as follows:

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA): any area within the Town subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year; such areas are designated as Zones A, AE, or VE on the Essex County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), dated July 3, 2012, **and July 16, 2014,** issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

(2) revising section 4.10.2.1(c) to read as follows:

(c) all SFHAs within the Town designated as Zones A, AE, or VE on the FIRM issued by FEMA for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels on the FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town are panel numbers ~~25009C0119F, 25009C0138F, 25009C0139F, 25009C0143F, 25009C0252F, 25009C0253F, 25009C0254F, 25009C0256F, 25009C0257F, 25009C0258F, 25009C0259F, 25009C0262F, 25009C0266F, 25009C0276F, 25009C0277F, 25009C0278F, and 25009C0281F,~~ **25009C0119G, 25009C0138G, 25009C0139G,**

25009C0143G, 25009C0256G, 25009C0257G, 25009C0276G, 25009C0277G, 25009C0278G, and 25009C0281G, dated July 16, 2014, and 25009C0252F, 25009C0253F, 25009C0254F, 25009C0258F, 25009C0259F, 25009C0262F, and 25009C0266F, dated July 3, 2012. The exact boundaries of the district may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Essex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 3, 2012 July 16, 2014. The FIRM and the FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Planning Board.

(3) adding a new section 4.10.3.4 which shall read as follows:

4.10.3.4 In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

and (4) revising section 4.10.4.2 to read as follows:

Nothing in this section shall be construed as modifying the requirements of the following: M.G.L., Ch. 131, § 40; the Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 C.M.R. ~~3107.0~~ (“~~Flood Resistant Construction~~”); the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Regulations, 310 C.M.R. 10.00; the Massachusetts Inland Wetlands Restriction, 310 C.M.R. 13.00; the Massachusetts Coastal Wetlands Restriction, 310 C.M.R. 12.00; and Title V of the State Environmental Code, 310 C.M.R. 15.000.

Inserted by the Planning Board

Finance Committee Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: This Article would update our Floodplain District bylaw by amending the bylaw to include the special flood hazard areas shown on the new floodplain maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and by making other conforming changes. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Motion by Cliff Pierce, seconded by Curt Bryant, passed voice unanimous at 8:51 pm.

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:52 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 10th day of April in the year two thousand fourteen.

Robert L. Snow, Chairman

G. Robert Merry, Vice Chairman

Joseph J. Perry, Clerk

Jack L. Cook

David C. Petersen

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 The First Ipswich Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Ipswich -Rowley Office.

Richard C. MacDonald, Constable
2014

April 18,

Certification: *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 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.*

*Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
May 15, 2014*

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 27, 2014

Counters Appointed: Richard Curran, 16 Cedarwood Ln., George Gallant, 367 Central St., Karen Ziernack, 26 Hammond St., Merissa Wallen, 36 Warehouse Ln. Quorum of 100 certified by the Board of Registrars at 7:50PM

Meeting called to order by Moderator Joan C. Petersen at 7:51 PM

Pledge of Allegiance lead by the Moderator at 7:52

Invocation by Rev. Robert Hagopian of the First Congregational Church

MOTION: Move to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the October 27, 2014 Special Town Meeting: Judith Pickett, Town Counsel; Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; Brent Baeslack, Conservation Commission Agent; James Broderick, Fire Chief; Pamela Jacobson, Library Director; Frank Marchiagiani, Coordinator of Health Services; Sean MacFadden, Principal Assessor; Ken Ward, Building Inspector; Marybeth Wiser, Water Superintendent; and Kirk Baker, Town Planner.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Joseph Perry, passed voice unanimous at 7:54pm

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 27th day of October 2014 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Reading of the Warrant by Town Clerk Susan Hazen begun and interrupted with motion as follows:

MOTION: Madame Moderator, I move to suspend further reading of the October 27, 2014 Special Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Joseph Perry. Passed voice unanimous at 7:55pm

ARTICLE 1: To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 7:56pm

ARTICLE 4: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be added to Line 7 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 to pay for the expenses incurred to hold the October 27, 2014 Special Town Meeting, for a total appropriation of \$17,117.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

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

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,965 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to bring the Town Hall hydraulic elevator into compliance with new state regulations or take any other action relative thereto. .

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen has been notified by the State that the key switches must be removed in the Town Hall elevator and replaced with a stop style switch. If this work is not completed, the elevator will not be in compliance with state regulations and the elevator can no longer be used to provide access to the Town Hall second floor assembly room

MOTION: Move the Town vote to indefinitely postpone Article #5.

Explanation: The owners of Yankee Pine, Newburyport Turnpike, Rowley have volunteered to donate the funds to make the necessary repair, therefore, we don't need to act on Article #5.

Motion (to postpone) by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Joseph Perry, passed voice unanimous at 7:59pm.

ARTICLE 6: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used by the Board of Library Trustees to test the Library's sprinkler heads.

Inserted by the Board of Library Trustees

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Fire Protection Code requires that sprinkler heads to be tested every ten (10) years. Passage of this article will fund the required testing of sprinkler heads in the Library in accordance with the Fire Protection Codes.

Motion by Joseph Perry, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:00pm

ARTICLE 7: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$777 from Line 154 (Essex Regional Retirement) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 to be used by the Board of Selectmen to pay the outstanding balance of vacation benefits to former Assistant Treasurer/Collector Karen Summit.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: When Treasurer/Collector Karen Summit resigned from her position of Assistant Treasurer/Collector in May 2012, she did not receive the balance of her vacation pay. She had 39 hours of vacation pay for which she was never paid. Under federal law, employees must be compensated for vacation pay. When she became the elected treasurer/collector, she no longer received paid leave benefits, such as vacation pay. The Personnel Board recommends passage of this article.

Note: Must be a 9/10th Vote

Motion by Joseph Perry, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:01pm

ARTICLE 8: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$129 from Line 109 (Sanitary Health Agent Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 to Line 110 (Health Administrative Assistant/Asst. Inspector Wages) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 for a total appropriation of \$27,152.

Inserted by the Board of Health

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Due to a budgeting error, the wage line for the Health Department Administrative Assistant/Assistant Inspector has a \$129 shortfall.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:01pm

ARTICLE 9: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,603 to be added to Line 96 (Essex North Shore Agricultural & Tech) of Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 for a total appropriation of \$60,507.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School presented a revised assessment after the FY 15 budget was set. Passage of this article funds the additional amount needed to meet the FY 15 assessment, which is based on the number of Rowley students attending the school's agricultural program.

Motion by Joseph Perry, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:02pm

ARTICLE 10: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to Line 117 (Veterans Benefits) of Article 5 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$55,000.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Services to Rowley veterans are increasing. The FY 15 budget cannot sustain the continued increase in these benefits. The Town will recoup seventy-five percent (75%) of these expenses through a State reimbursement program administered by the Eastern Essex Veterans Services District.

Motion by Robert Snow, seconded by Joseph Perry, passed voice unanimous at 8:03pm

ARTICLE 11: Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,285 to be added to Line 17 (Reserve Fund) of Article 5 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$58,285.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article re-funds the Finance Committee's FY 15 Reserve Fund budget. Recently the Finance Committee approved a reserve fund transfer to cover the cost of replacing the air conditioning system in the Selectmen's Office, which unexpectedly broke late in the summer.

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

ARTICLE 12: Move the Town vote to take the following actions:

- 1) transfer and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 from Line 12 (Collective Bargaining Reserve) of Article 5 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting;
- 2) transfer and appropriate the sum of \$29,866 of Article 5 of the May 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting Warrant
- 3) transfer and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from Line 154 (Essex Regional Retirement)

for a total transfer and appropriation of \$70,866 to Line 60 (Police Department Wages) of Article 5 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, for a total appropriation of \$1,210,604 to fund the cost items of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and MassCops Local 150, effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article is necessary for the funding of the successor collective bargaining agreement between the Town and MassCops Local 150.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Joseph Perry, passed vice unanimous at 8:06pm

ARTICLE 13: Move the Town vote to appropriate the refund of the purchase of the new ladder truck in the amount of \$17,671.99 to be used by the Treasurer to pay down the principal on the borrowing to purchase this truck.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town is due an early payment refund on the new ladder truck of \$17,671.99 from the vendor. The Board of Selectmen wishes to apply the refund to the principal on the debt, thereby reducing the total amount of borrowed funds for this purchase.

Motion by Robert Snow, seconded by Joseph Perry, passed voice unanimous at 8:07pm

ARTICLE 14. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Stabilization Fund to be used by the Harbormaster for the replacement of ramps, docks and gangways at the Town Landing.

Inserted by the Harbormaster & Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. The docks were purchased in the 1970's and maintained annually by the Harbormaster and local volunteers and must be replaced because they present a safety hazard. Passage of this article will allow the Harbormaster to replace the docks, ramps and gangways before the 2015 boating season starts.

Motion by William DiMento, seconded by Elizabeth DiMento, passed voice unanimous at 8:09pm

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$245,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund to Line 11 (Maintenance Treatment Plant) of the Water Department operating budget in Article 6 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting operating budget as follows:

- \$150,000 to cover electrical costs at the Water Treatment Plant;
- \$50,000 for the purchase of water treatment chemicals;
- \$21,000 for the purchase of Pall Filters for the Water Treatment Plant; and
- \$24,000 for interim maintenance of the Pall Filters at the Water Treatment Plant

for a total appropriation of \$395,590.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. This article funds planning and operational costs for the new water treatment plant.

Motion by Roy Ricker, Sr., seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 8:14pm

ARTICLE 16: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$24,074 from Line 4 (Overtime/Standby/WTP) of the Water Department Operating Budget as shown in Article 6 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting to Line 3 (Water Department Wages)) of the Water Department Operating Budget as shown in Article 6 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$274,803 for the purpose of filling the existing vacant unfunded position of Laborer/Treatment operator and to increase the hours of the part-time secondary operator.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Due to the addition of the Water Treatment plant, it is necessary to fill a vacant position in order for the Department to function and respond to the needs of the system and customers.

Motion by Roy Ricker, Sr., seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 8:16pm

ARTICLE 17: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund to Line 8 (Water Department Maintenance) of the Water Department Operating Budget as shown in Article 6 of the May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting for a total appropriation of \$413,500 for the purpose of paving the parking lot area at the Water Department Administrative Building at 401 Central Street.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage require two-thirds vote. The existing condition of the surface of the parking lot area is deteriorated and need to be replaced.

Motion by Roy Ricker, Sr., seconded by David C. Petersen, Voice vote taken with several dissenting votes heard, Moderator called for a hand count: By Hand Count – 75 YES to 14 NO – Article 17 passes with 2/3rds majority at 8:23pm

ARTICLE 18: Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$208,986 from Article 9 of the April 30, 2012 Special Town Meeting (Community Preservation Fund: Development of a Little League Baseball Field at the Bradstreet Property) to be used by the Board of Selectmen to construct a Little League Field at Veterans Field adjacent to the Pine Grove School and for the construction of a soccer facility at Eiras Park and other active recreation facilities at Eiras Park including tennis courts, basketball courts, a skateboard park and a walking trail.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town cannot utilize the proposed active recreation parcel at the Bradstreet as planned for a Little League Baseball Field because the soil composition is not conducive to proper drainage, and the remedy to address the drainage issues is cost prohibitive. Passage of this article allows the Board of Selectmen to build the Little League Field at Veterans Field and to construct soccer and other recreational facilities at Eiras Park.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 8:31pm

ARTICLE 19: Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the amount of \$15,000 to be used by the Conservation Commission for costs associated with the granting of a Perpetual Conservation Restriction by the Town of Rowley, to be held by Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc., covering all or a portion of the approximately 193.299 +/- acres of land known as the Girl Scout Camp Conservation and Open Space Area at 390 Wethersfield Street as shown on Assessors Map 18 Lot 7.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Community Preservation Committee has approved this article. This article funds an endowment to the Essex County Greenbelt Association Inc. to hold a conservation restriction on this parcel, a requirement for using Community Preservation Act funds to purchase this property. Essex County Greenbelt will use these funds to create a baseline documentation report, provide long term annual monitoring, and future defense of conservation restriction violations (if any) in consultation with the Town.

Motion by Joseph Perry, seconded by G. Robert Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:33pm

ARTICLE 20: Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass. Gen Laws CH 44B, vote to transfer the fund balance appropriated in the sum of \$13,667.50 from Article 34 of the of May 12, 2003 Town Meeting (Community Preservation Fund: Jewel Mill) back to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve.

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Owner Cheryl Forster-Cahill has decided to move forward on her restoration project with private funds. Passage of this article is necessary to move these funds back in to the CPA Historic Resources Reserve.

Motion by Joseph Perry, seconded by Frank Todd, passed voice unanimous at 8:34pm

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the October 27, 2014 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by G. Robert Merry, seconded by Joseph Perry, passed voice unanimous at 8:35pm

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 6th day of October in the year two thousand fourteen.

Rowley Board of Selectmen:

G. Robert Merry, Chairman

Joseph Perry, Vice Chair

Robert Snow, Clerk

Jack Cook

C. Petersen

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 The First Ipswich Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Ipswich -Rowley Office.

Richard C. MacDonald

Constable of Rowley

October 9, 2014

Certification: *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 October 27, 2014 Town of Rowley Special Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.*

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk

Town of Rowley

Oct. 29, 2014

Town of Rowley
May 13, 2014 Annual Election
Ballots Cast: 722

Selectman - 3 years
Vote for Two

Joseph J. Perry	490
Robert L. Snow	586
Write-ins	13
Blanks	355

Moderator - 1 year

Joan C. Petersen	541
Write-ins	11
Blanks	170

Highway Surveyor - 1 yr unexpired

Peter M. Dalzell	208
Patrick W. Snow	492
Write-ins	0
Blanks	22

Tree Warden - 1 yr unexpired

Peter M. Dalzell	202
Patrick W. Snow	490
Write-ins	1
Blanks	29

Board of Assessors - 3 years

Donald W. Thurston	415
Karen E. Milo	254
Write-in	4
Blank	49

Planning Board - 5 year term

Christopher Thornton	507
Write-ins	8
Blank	207

Housing Authority

Jack L. Cook	509
Write-ins	13
Blank	200

Municipal Light Board - 3 years

G. Robert Merry	573
Write-ins	9
Blanks	140

Municipal Water Board - 3 years

Timothy A. Toomey	500
Write-ins	16
Blanks	206

Shellfish Commissioner - 3 years

John E. Grundstrom	578
Write-ins	4
Blank	140

Cemetery Commission - 3 years

Jack L. Cook	507
Write-ins	14
Blank	201

Trustees for The Library - 3 years
Vote for Three

Janet B. Peabody	534
Margaret M. Lemelin	454
John P. Manning	480
Write-ins	5
Blanks	693

Regional School District Committee

NEWBURY member - 3 year term

Diana Sullivan	463
Write-ins	4
Blank	255

ROWLEY member - 3 year term

Richard Cummings	553
Write-ins	7
Blank	162

SALISBURY member - 3 year term

Monique E. Grelich	432
Write-ins	6
Blank	284

Question 1: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Highway Surveyor become an appointed Highway Surveyor of the Town?
 Blank 33 YES 342 NO 347

Question 2: Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tree Warden become an appointed Tree Warden of the Town?
 Blank 31 YES 356 NO 335

Question 3: Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one half, so called, the amount required to pay for the principal of and interest on the \$735,000 bonds issued in order to pay costs of purchasing a ladder truck for the Fire Department, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?
 Blank 29 YES 415 NO 278

State Primary - September 9, 2014

Rowley Public Library, 141 Main St., Rowley

Emergency Alternate polling location

Ballots Cast: 851

Democratic Ballots Cast: 576

<i>Governor</i>		<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Representative in Congress</i>	
Donald M. Berwick	116	Thomas P. Conroy	93	John F. Tierney	189
Martha Coakley	211	Barry R. Finegold	230	Marisa A. DeFranco	46
Steven Grossman	240	Deborah B. Goldberg	186	John Patrick Devine	46
Write-ins	0	Write-ins	0	John J. Gutta	18
Blanks	9	Blank	67	Seth W. Moulton	305
				Write-ins	18
				Blank	29
<i>Lieutenant Governor</i>		<i>Auditor</i>		<i>Representative in General Court</i>	
Leland Cheung	127	Suzanne M. Bump	369	Write-ins	54
Stephen J. Kerrigan	239	Write-ins	3	Blank	522
Michael E. Lake	83	Blank	204		
Write-ins	3				
Blanks	124				
<i>Attorney General</i>		<i>Councillor</i>		<i>District Attorney</i>	
Maura Healey	377	Eileen R. Duff	373	Jonathan W. Blodgett	378
Warren E. Tolman	176	Write-ins	3	Write-ins	2
Write-ins	0	Blank	200	Blank	196
Blank	23				
<i>Secretary of State</i>		<i>Register of Probate</i>			
William Francis Galvin	439	Pamela Casey O'Brien	380		
Write-ins	3	Write-ins	3		
Blank	134	Blanks	193		
<i>Senator in General Court</i>					
Write-ins	54				
Blanks	522				

Republican Ballots Cast: 275

<i>Governor</i>		<i>Treasurer</i>		<i>Senator in General Court</i>	
Charles D. Baker	206	Michael James Heffernan	211	Bruce E. Tarr	249
Mark B. Fisher	60	Write-ins	3	Write-ins	0
Write-ins	3	Blank	61	Blank	26
Blank	6				
<i>Lieutenant Governor</i>		<i>Auditor</i>		<i>Representative in General Court</i>	
Karen E. Polito	233	Patricia S. Saint Aubin	206	Bradford R. Hill	237
Write-ins	1	Write-ins	1	Write-ins	0
Blank	41	Blank	68	Blank	38
<i>Attorney General</i>		<i>Representative in Congress</i>		<i>District Attorney</i>	
John B. Miller	223	Richard R. Tisei	246	Write-ins	35
Write-ins	1	Write-ins	2	Blank	240
Blanks	51	Blank	27		
<i>Secretary of State</i>		<i>Councillor</i>		<i>Register of Probate</i>	
David D. Archangelo	216	Maura L. Ryan-Ciardiello	202	Michael E. Morales	212
Write-ins	1	Write-ins	1	Write-ins	2
Blank	58	Blanks	72	Blanks	61

STATE ELECTION

November 4, 2014

2702 Ballots Cast - 65% Turnout

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Edward J. Markey	1231
Brian J. Herr	1389
Blank	77
Write-ins	5

GOVERNOR AND LT GOVERNOR

Baker and Polito	1698
Coakley and Kerrigan	654
Falchuk and Jennings	81
Lively and Saunders	25
McCormick and Post	21
Blanks	22
Write-ins	1

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Maura Healey	1232
John B. Miller	1377
Blanks	92
Write-ins	1

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	1454
David D'Arcangelo	1071
Daniel L. Factor	75
Blanks	101
Write-ins	1

TREASURER

Deborah B. Goldberg	1006
Michael James Heffernan	1473
Ian T. Jackson	75
Blanks	147
Write-ins	1

AUDITOR

Suzanne M. Bump	1090
Patricia S. Saint Aubin	1332
MK Merelice	83
Blanks	195
Write-ins	2

REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS

Seth W. Moulton	1179
Richard R. Tisei	1355
Christopher J. Stockwell	114
Blanks	53
Write-ins	1

COUNCILLOR

Eileen R. Duff	1093
Maura L. Ryan-Ciardiello	1352
Blanks	255
Write-ins	2

SENATOR in GENERAL COURT

Bruce E. Tarr	2223
Blanks	451
Write-ins	28

REP in GENERAL COURT

Bradford R. Hill	2157
Blanks	519
Write-ins	26

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jonathan W. Blodgett	1763
Blanks	887
Write-ins	52

REGISTRAR OF PROBATE

Pamela Casey O'Brien	1151
Michael E. Morales	1314
Blanks	234
Write-ins	3

QUESTION #1

Proposal to eliminate the requirement that ties the state's gas tax to the Consumer Price Index -

YES	1609
NO	1006
Blank	87

QUESTION #2

Proposal to expand the state's Bottle Bill to require deposits on a wide variety of liquid containers and would allow increases to the deposit amount according to the Consumer Price Index.

YES	446
NO	2231
Blank	25

QUESTION #3

Proposal to overturn the current MGL which legalized casino gambling and slot machines

YES	1060
NO	1602
Blanks	40

QUESTION #4

Proposed law allowing MA employees to earn and use sick time under certain circumstances.

YES	1302
NO	1343
Blanks	57

QUESTION #5 - Non-Binding

Proposal for changes in the existing marijuana law

YES	1424
NO	953
Blanks	325

REPORT OF THE 375th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

In the spring of 2013 the Board of Selectmen formed a Committee to celebrate the 375th Anniversary of the Founding of the Town of Rowley incorporated in September 1639. The Committee met to plan events to celebrate this momentous occasion. The planned events were scheduled to take place throughout the summer of 2014.

Concerts on the Common sponsored by The Institution for Savings Bank kicked off the celebration. The concerts featured The Three Amigos, a Rowley group, the Merrimac Hat Company, a high school group, the Community Band -Wenham, Cape Ann's Community Concert Band, and the RockaBilly Boston Band. The venue focused on music from the 50's and 60's, patriotic songs, marches, and self-created compositions. The concerts were enjoyed by everyone.

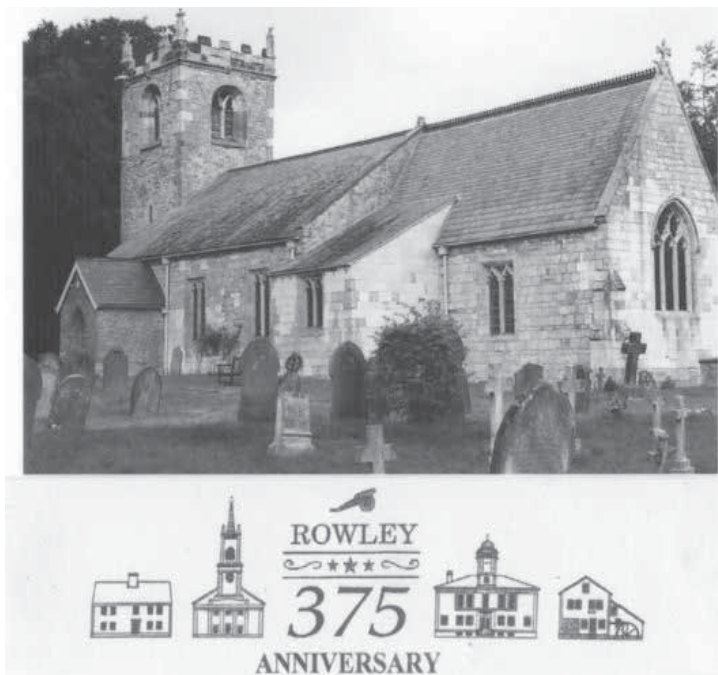
The Rowley Public Library, The Friends of the Rowley Public library, The Historical Society, and The Rowley Grange sponsored various programs. A singer, Wayne from Maine, a 1908 Tea Party, and a Chowder Fest/Movie Night added to the celebration.

The weekend of September 4th through September 7th commenced with many exciting activities. The opening ceremony took place on the steps of Rowley Town Hall. The bells from the Congregational Church chimed 375 times. Reverend Bob Hagopian began with an invocation. Then Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brad Hill addressed the Town's people. The Rowley Police Association sponsored children's activities at the Common with over 200 enthusiastic participants. On Friday, September 5th the three Amigos performed again. On Saturday, September 6th the Committee, under the leadership of Town Clerk Susan Hazen, organized an amazing parade. Old Nancy, creative floats, upbeat bands, and marching groups crowded Main Street. The Town's people cheered them on and eventually followed them to the Town Common. Highlights of the day showcased the Reunion Band, a beautiful 375th anniversary cake baked by Whittier Regional Vocational School students, and a 375th Anniversary mural photograph. The parade, music, food, and activities provided a fun time for all.

The closing ceremony took place on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at the Town Common. Reverend Bob Hagopian from the Congregational Church and Rev. Mr. Paul Dow from St. Mary's Church gave the blessings. The Silvertones performed patriotic songs enjoyed by everyone. The ceremony concluded with a sing along.

A special thanks to the Committee members who met for a year to plan and implement the events and activities. The members put a lot of time and effort into making the celebration a success. A grateful thank you is extended to everyone who made donations of money, time and effort. This resulted in a very successful celebration of The Town of Rowley's 375th Anniversary.

Joseph Perry, Chairman, ROWLEY375



St. Peter's Church, Rowley, Yorkshire, England, the Mother Church, where Rev. Ezekiel Rogers served as rector, 1620 - 1638. Erected in the thirteenth century and still in use today.

Rowley is a small village and civil parish in the East Riding of Yorkshire, England. It is situated 1 mile South of Little Weighton and approximately 6 miles South-West of Beverley town center.

This civil parish is formed by the villages of Rowley and Little Weighton together with the hamlets of Bentley, High Hunsley, Low Hunsley, Risby and part of the hamlet of Riplingham.

4th September 2014

GREETINGS FROM THE MOTHER CHURCH AND PARISH OF ROWLEY, YORKSHIRE,
ENGLAND

Rowley Massachusetts 375th Anniversary

The Parish Council of Rowley, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, on behalf of residents of the Parish convey their very best wishes to the citizens of Rowley, Massachusetts on the celebration of the town of Rowley's 375th Anniversary on this day

4 September 2014.

Your Towns Anniversary will be mentioned at this Sundays services in St. Peters Church, Rowley, as the strong connection to those early settlers who emigrated to New England will be remembered.

Yours sincerely,
Sandra Hunt (Clerk)

The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank the volunteers and contributors to the Town's 375th Anniversary Celebration. Their efforts and donations made the celebration a huge success.

Rowley 375th Volunteers:	Rowley 375th Contributors:
Sue Bailey, Resident	American Barbeque
Sara Bourque, RHDC	David and Joan Petersen
Bill Cousins, RHS	First Baptist Church of Rowley
Phillip Cressey, Baptist Church	First Congregational Church of Rowley
Betty Delmonico, Cub Scouts	First Ipswich Bank
Michelle Ford, Resident	Friends of the Rowley Public Library
Jack Grundsrom Resident	Friends of the Council of Aging
Mitch Hardy, Resident	Georgetown Bank
Susan Hazen, Town Clerk	Gordon and Margery Densmore
David Irving, First Congregational Church	Harriman Family Association
Pam Jacobson, Rowley Public Library	Haysden Systems, Inc.
Nancy Judge, Friends of the Library	Institution for Savings
Joan Lyons, Friends of the COA	Ipswich Bay Glass Co., Inc.
Bill MacDonald, St. Mary's Family Parish	Margaret Louise Clark
Jim Mailhoit, RHDC	Maureen and Bill MacDonald
G. Robert Merry, Board of Selectmen	Rick Hydren
Joseph Perry, Board of Selectmen	Rowley Board of Health
Deb Rogers, Resident	Rowley Board of Selectmen
Sam Streiff, RHS	Rowley Chamber of Commerce
Cynthia Todd, Resident	Rowley Family Dental Center
Frank Todd, RHDC	Rowley Fire Department
Karen Ziemplak, Garden Club	Rowley Grange
	Rowley Highway Department
	Rowley House of Pizza
	Rowley Municipal Light
	Rowley Pharmacy
	Rowley Police Association
	Rowley Police Department
	Seriographics Design
	St. Mary's Family Parish
	TD Bank
	The UPS Store
	White Farms
	Winfrey's Fudge



Rowley's Prize Revolutionary War Cannon "Old Nancy".



L to R Selectmen Robert Snow, G. Robert Merry, Joseph Perry & "Old Nancy".



L to R State Representative Brad Hill, State Senator Bruce Tarr.



Historical Society Platts/Bradstreet House Float.



First Settlers Harriman Family Float, "The Ship John".



Rowley Training Field Band Stand.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Tax Report 2014

Real Estate:	Taxes Committed	12,627,341.69
	Taxes Collected	12,499,656.77
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	53,225.92
	Subsequent Tax Taking	65,447.74
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2014	9,011.26
Personal Property:	Taxes Committed	251,738.08
	Taxes Collected	249,435.26
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	278.55
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2014	2,024.27
Motor Vehicle:	Taxes Committed	943,804.48
	Taxes Collected	900,867.02
	Taxes Abated and Exempted	22,298.59
	Uncollected as of 12/31/2014	20,638.87

In 2014, we expanded E-billing to motor vehicle and boat excise payments through City Hall Systems. For excise payments, residents can now receive bills or reminders via e-mail, set up one-time or automatic payments and review their payment history by visiting www.townofrowley.net and clicking on Pay Excise in the Online Payment Center. Residents can also enroll in e-bills for real estate and personal property bills by clicking on the Go Green icon on the website.

The Town's website now provides a link to a list of uncashed checks deemed to be unclaimed. If your name is on the list, please contact the Treasurer/Collector's office and find out how to claim your funds.

Our goal in the Treasurer/Collector's office is to provide residents with a wide variety of choices for payment of their real estate, personal property and excise bills. By offering these options, we also save the Town money on printing, mailing and processing expenses. Whether you prefer to pay online, through the mail, in person or at our new secure drop box at Town Hall, we provide you with payment options that fit your schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen H. Summit, Treasurer/Collector

SALARIES AND WAGES TOWN EMPLOYEES

<u>Accounting</u>		<u>Harbor Master</u>	
Susan Bailey	54,151.84	William DiMento	6,490.50
Patricia Testa	19,549.46	Frederick Hardy	1,542.64
Maria Makris	83.46	David Kent	701.25
		Bradley Maravalli	5,950.42
		Frank Price	596.02
<u>Administration</u>		Jenna DiMento	4,277.74
Joan Petersen	100.00		
Jack Cook	2,231.04	<u>Highway Department</u>	
Robert Merry	2,231.04	Patrick Snow	82,352.73
Joseph Perry	2,231.04	Ronald Keefe	60,285.33
David Petersen	2,231.04	Jeffrey Bolduc	60,276.36
Robert Snow	2,231.04	Robert Diehl	3,003.80
Deborah Eagan	106,062.09	Krista McPhee	6,902.76
Elaine Pagliarulo	11,192.74	Dean Matthews	12,639.06
Amy Lydon	39,729.78	Lorant Ronni	39,228.41
Doreen Glowik	20,177.44	William Brown	832.50
Richard Caram	17,027.15	<u>Inspections</u>	
Calvin Cockman	1,695.84	Kenneth Ward	29,227.55
David Dalzell	1,738.80	Chia Vitello	10,597.30
Keith Gagne	2,589.00	Donald Galicki	502.80
Nathan Hunter	6,072.25	David Levesque	12,925.26
Ronald Jenkins	722.20	Harry Bennett	12,597.82
Jake Summit	34.52	Samuel Joslin	130.14
Janet Morrissey	30,349.08	Willard Wendt	
Christopher Southwick	9,518.80		
Julie Cantrell	419.49	<u>Library</u>	
Reed Wilson	17,570.00	Pamela Jacobson	53,335.89
		Scott Baker	153.99
		Tracy Berenson	3,681.21
<u>Assessor</u>		Suzanne Boyd	6,615.21
Diane D'Angeli	2,660.51	Mary Bright	6,567.53
William DiMento	2,660.51	Richard Cormier	6,748.87
Donald Thurston	2,660.51	Hermayne Gordon	33,089.87
Sean McFadden	82,932.73	Jean Haggerty	5,896.63
Colleen Cooper	23,407.23	Morgan Leshinsky	2,584.12
<u>Board of Health</u>		Joan Lyons	7,874.69
Frank Marchegiani	61,969.16	Tanya Magliozzi	2,160.24

<u>Board of Health cont'd</u>		<u>Library continued</u>	
Edward Gallagher	22,030.60	Annamarie McGrath	4,643.69
Wendelyn Hansbury	28,057.07	Teresa Riel	133.03
		Amy Roderick	33,292.50
<u>Cemetery Department</u>		Nicole Rodgers	2,945.55
Jack Cook	4,996.24	Catherine Woodall	2,140.20
Peter Dalzell	5,804.00	Rebecca Young	192.27
William Gaynor	18,250.00	Leah Zaroulis	1,241.80
Samuel O'Leary	2,114.11		
Andrew Toomey	3,845.17	<u>Light Department</u>	
Daniel Beausoliel	757.56	Dan Folding	123,574.44
<u>Council on Aging</u>		Mark Anderson	135,408.35
Mary Ellen Mighill	38,668.74	Mark Bixby	123,019.35
Denise Gilman	28,133.69	Eric Grover	77,523.05
Lucia Picanso	10,525.22	Brian Herdman	107,582.23
Hugh Mitchell	741.50	Sean LaBelle	110,479.46
Lisa Lozzi	14,987.16	Dennis Morrison	115,280.66
Carolyn Peabody	1,919.00	Sandra Naugler	62,064.01
<u>Conservation Department</u>			
R. Brent Baeslack	54,015.08	<u>Water Department</u>	
		Marybeth Wiser	30,292.00
<u>Shellfish Constable</u>		Carmine Federico	36,289.89
John E. Grundstrom	2,712.00	Robert Gray	20,882.02
John H. Grundstrom	3,551.18	Brigida Longo	10,163.09
		Robert Swiniarski	83,679.93
<u>Town Clerk</u>		Robert Walsh	12,987.12
Susan Hazen	51,062.91	Peter King	45,568.91
Barbara DiMento	179.50	Glenn Smith	35,030.08
Susan Leach	13,358.80	Mark Griffin	15,198.30
		Daniel Beausoliel	5,145.51
<u>Board of Registrars</u>		Doreen Glowik	732.78
Susan Hazen	562.50	Jean Haggerty	623.04
Barbara DiMento	562.50	Denise Gilman	428.34
Mildred Dummer	562.50	Lisa Lozzi	681.45
Gordon Densmore	562.50		

<u>Elections</u>		<u>Fire Department</u>	
Mary Bright	207.18	James C. Broderick	88,199.02
Philip Collyer	280.70	Mark Emery	82,310.42
Mildred Dummer	140.94	James R. Merry	78,872.11
Nathaniel Dummer	42.95		
Gordon Densmore	140.94	<u>Call Fire Fighter</u>	
Michelle Ford	152.58	Ronald Agrella	2,868.66
Robert Johnson	327.80	Daniel Beausoliel	248.94
Sue Leach	223.07	David Carpentier	4,487.82
Joan Lyons	408.90	James Chadbourne	3,857.43
Mary MacDonald	154.86	Darci Condelli	553.36
Richard MacDonald	348.89	John Condelli	721.53
Marion Madden	207.06	Donald Dupray	9,326.56
Sally McRae	74.76	Vincent Gaudenzi	10.44
Robert Merry	439.25	Jared Graham	9,680.06
Mary Ellen Mighill	179.28	Justin Graham	3,011.70
Marion Musial	149.52	Robert Hagopian	1,444.22
Joan Petersen	172.96	Charles Hazen Jr	4,058.09
		Matthew Harney	146.16
<u>Treasurer/Collector</u>		Donald Merry	3,834.03
Karen Summit	75,524.92	Joseph Merry	10,721.91
Karen O'Donnell	45,914.92	Roger Merry	10,389.69
Brigida Longo	15,789.47	Andrew Nardone	9,016.64
		Shawn Roberts	109.20
<u>Town Planner</u>		Matthew Ross	114.84
Kirk Baker	27,744.88	Robert Serino	1,606.83
<u>ZBA</u>		Timothy Shirley	125.28
Lisa Lozzi	9,522.18	Jesse Warren	995.84
		Mark Winfrey	3,883.04

<u>Police Department</u>	<u>Base Pay & Other Earnings</u>	<u>Detail Pay</u>
Robert Barker	115,599.89	
Robert Adams	23,963.69	6,496.00
Robert Bruno	959.92	
Robert Colby Jr.	18,753.53	14,029.50

Police Department continued	<u>Base Pay & Other Earnings</u>	<u>Detail Pay</u>
Perry Collins	93,136.03	17,235.00
Sheri David	38,145.24	
Matthew Doucot	18,021.02	772.00
Joseph Gamache	83,850.70	
Charles Hazen Jr	60,107.33	2,576.00
Thomas Hills	67,270.23	1,572.00
Scott Hirtle	61,876.16	
Richard Johnson	70,284.80	
Daniel Lee	19,094.38	5,540.50
Pamela Lutes	37,498.01	
David MacMullen	66,852.90	5,848.00
Stephen May	113,419.76	11,796.00
Jessie Mazzie	57,939.64	9,107.58
Jeanne Mc Clung	40,989.13	
Daniel Morris	1,771.85	
Lynne Neary	47,068.24	
John Raffi	75,854.41	3,784.00
David Sedgwick	113,025.07	15,077.60
Elizabeth Smith	1,904.72	
Mark Smith	9,531.95	468.00
Dorothy Tobin	60,841.38	1,168.00
Gregory Williams	2,035.22	
Matthew Ziev	110,641.20	10,114.00
Total In Town Detail	79,371.00	
Out of Town Detail	26,213.18	

Total Payroll	4,430,359.24
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Salaries – Triton Regional School District FY 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	FTE	Salary
N – DINA SULLIVAN	1.0	\$1,250
N – SUZANNE DENSMORE	1.0	\$1,250
N – ROBIN WILLIAMS	1.0	\$1,250
R – RICHARD CUMMINGS	1.0	\$1,250
R – MARY MURPHY	1.0	\$1,250
R – PAUL LEES	1.0	\$1,250
S – DEBORAH CHOATE	1.0	\$1,250
S – LINDA LITCOFSKY	1.0	\$1,250
S – JANE PURINTON	1.0	\$1,250

ADMINISTRATION

Name	FTE	Salary
CHRISTOPHER FARMER	1.0	\$175,102
BRIAN FORGET	1.0	\$138,000
KIMBERLY CROTEAU	1.0	\$117,000
DAVID MAGEE	1.0	\$115,876

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

At the end of 2014 and into the beginning of 2015, the Town experienced a very cold and snowy winter season resulting in very high snow and ice removal and heating costs.

Several projects overseen by the Board of Selectmen were completed in 2014, including the Town Hall Annex exterior repair and restoration project; restoration of the clock for the Town Hall cupola; the painting of the exterior of the Library; and the replacement of the remaining upstairs windows at Town Hall. A RFQ for a police and fire station feasibility study was also released in 2014, and the responses are in the process of being evaluated.

The Town's purchase of the approximately 206.94 acre parcel of land from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts was completed in November 2014. This is a landmark purchase for the Town since it is identified on the Town's Open Space Plan as a significant property to preserve. The Town plans to lease the active camp portion of this property for the operation of a variety of community-based programs, such as summer camps, sports clinics, and other recreational programs.

The Board of Selectmen anticipates overseeing several projects in 2015, including the

continuation of the Town Hall window replacements on the first floor, upgrading the flooring at Town Hall; issuing a RFP for the lease of the Girl Scouts Camp; the proposed Central Street reconstruction project, and continuing to work on the proposed police and fire station project.

The 375th Anniversary Committee worked diligently throughout 2014 and the celebration of the founding of the Town was held from September 4, 2014 through September 7, 2014. We thank those who helped plan the events and who made the celebration such a huge success.

Rowley's new Water Treatment Plant came online in 2014.

The Board of Selectmen is concerned about the financial outlook for the Town in fiscal year 2016 due to increased costs related to the Triton district schools and exorbitant snow and ice removal costs.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee consists of seven members who are appointed by the Town Moderator for three year terms and serve as an advisor to the Town Meeting. The FinCom has no financial authority or auditing capacity, but has a duty to make recommendations to the departments' budgets and town meeting spending articles.

In 2014 the Finance Committee continued its liaison with various departments to ensure a better understanding of each department's needs and requirements. These liaisons include: Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Community Preservation Committee, Highway Department, Health Department, Triton School, Council on Aging, and Water Department.

The Rowley FinCom works with other towns, particularly Newbury and Salisbury as part of the Triton School tri-town committee to make recommendations to the Triton school budget. We also poll other towns regarding their budgeting procedures and other recommendations they may suggest.

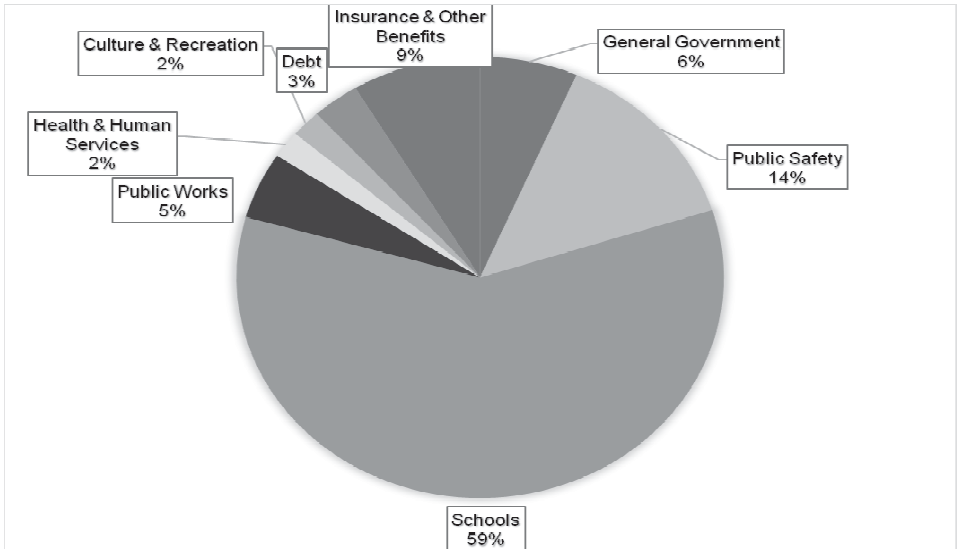
With the advent of the capital plan in the Rowley budget, a look-ahead as to each department's requirements for the next 5 years, the FinCom assists in evaluating the longer term potential needs and budgeting for those. This includes such planned obsolescence and replacement of police cruisers, fire department equipment, computers, interior and exterior renovations, and expansions. The recommendations at the Town's Annual Meeting and Special Meeting come after many hours of work with the departments and scrutiny of the article items.

A member of the FinCom also serves on the Personnel Board for reviewing position job descriptions, personnel policies, wages and salaries, and other employment benefits and compensation. Members of the FinCom have assisted other departments in screening candidates for various positions prior to the departmental interviews offering an impartial review as well as utilizing the talents and diverse backgrounds of the FinCom members.

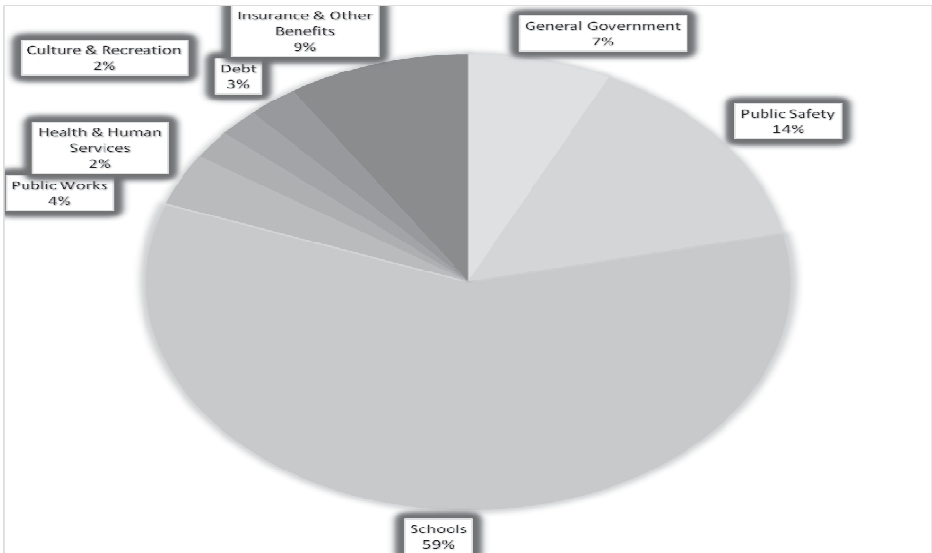
Omnibus Distribution FY 10 – FY 15

Department	Expended FY 10		Expended FY 11		Expended FY 12	
General Government	\$825,680	6%	\$813,304	6%	\$793,152	6%
Public Safety	\$1,941,720	15%	\$1,870,110	14%	\$1,841,135	14%
Schools	\$7,557,274	59%	\$7,710,400	60%	\$7,913,493	61%
Public Works	\$503,507	4%	\$608,151	5%	\$434,056	3%
Health & Human Services	\$219,971	2%	\$223,419	2%	\$235,593	2%
Culture & Recreation	\$227,232	2%	\$229,435	2%	\$228,573	2%
Debt	\$521,035	4%	\$480,353	4%	\$432,289	3%
Insurance & Other Benefits	\$932,125	7%	\$1,003,611	8%	\$1,081,039	8%
TOTAL	\$12,728,544		\$12,938,783		\$12,959,330	
Department	Expended FY 13		Expended FY 14		Budgeted FY 15	
General Government	\$875,121	7%	\$904,056	7%	\$1,066,223	8%
Public Safety	\$1,917,234	15%	\$1,897,630	15%	\$2,130,899	16%
Schools	\$8,111,732	64%	\$8,287,699	64%	\$8,751,596	68%
Public Works	\$582,791	5%	\$683,700	5%	\$546,932	4%
Health & Human Services	\$244,943	2%	\$277,473	2%	\$304,051	2%
Culture & Recreation	\$235,437	2%	\$279,160	2%	\$297,606	2%
Debt	\$430,088	3%	\$439,028	3%	\$370,693	3%
Insurance & Other Benefits	\$1,147,771	9%	\$1,195,120	9%	\$1,358,899	10%
TOTAL	\$13,545,117		\$13,963,866		\$14,826,899	

Expended FY 14



Budgeted FY 15



Article Balances as of February 28, 2015			
	Current Year		
	Current Year	Current Year	Balance
Article	Budget	Expenditures	Remaining
Collective Bargaining Agreement SA5 5/14	0	0	0
GASB 45 Valuation A18 5/07 & SA7 5/11	10,025	0	10,025
Hunsley Hills Management SA20 5/01	2,338	0	2,338
Storm water Map SA13 11/07	725	0	725
MVPC Pictometry A15 5/14	8,934	8,934	0
Olde Nancy A16 5/76	200	0	200
Engineering West Ox Lane SA34 11/01	4,190	0	4,190
Office Furniture A30 5/02	267	0	267
Fire & Police Station Study SA16 5/1	100,000	262	99,738
Assessors Software and Hardware A16 5/14	9,000	1,940	7,060
Recertification A11 4/12 & A13 5/13	52,891	1,500	51,391
Recertification A12 5/14	30,000	0	30,000
Back Vacation Pay SA7 10/14	777	777	0
Records Archiving SA6 5/13	3,312	2,357	955
Treasurer's Lock Box A17 5/14	1,300	1,300	0
Personnel Study SA6 4/12	3,000	0	3,000
Town Hall Ceiling & Elevators SA13 5/13	5,000	0	5,000
Repair 2nd Floor Annex A22 5/00	5,764	2,671	3,093
Annex Burglar Alarm SA7 5/01	6,000	0	6,000
Remove Fire Escape SA14 5/13	4,118	0	4,118
Cell Repairs SA11 5/13	500	0	500
Assessment Center / Academy A18 5/14	13,500	9,800	3,700
Police Vehicle A19 5/14	26,252	26,252	0
Fire Station Design A26 5/04	11,845	0	11,845
Town Landing Docks & Ramps SA14 10/14	25,000	0	25,000
Municipal Waterways A11 5/13	592	0	592
Municipal Waterways A10 5/14	1,894	0	1,894
Gurczak Lane Bond SA14 11/13	22,392	0	22,392
Landfill Test Well SA5 10/98	824	0	824
Perpetual Care A10 4/12 A12 5/13	1,937	0	1,937
Perpetual Care A11 5/14	500	0	500
Expand Sections G & H A15 5/07	3,683	0	3,683
Section G & H Paving SA18 5/13	20,000	0	20,000
Handicap Access / Bath A66 5/89	3,217	0	3,217
Sprinkler Testing SA6 10/14	5,000	0	5,000
375th Anniversary Committee SA7 5/13	9,617	7,869	1,748
MA Water Poll. Abate. Trust Principal A14 5/14	53,439	53,439	0

	Current Year	Current Year	Balance
Article	Budget	Expenditures	Remaining
Total General Fund	448,034	117,101	330,932
Field at Bradstreet SA9 4/12	0	0	0
Field at Veterans' Park SA18 10/14	208,986	0	208,986
Girl Scout Camp Evaluation SA8 11/13	2,654	2,654	0
Bradstreet Conservation Restriction SA9 11/13	17,500	653	16,848
Purchase Girl Scout Camp SA14 5/14	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
Costs to Purchase Girl Scout Camp SA15 5/14	36,500	26,916	9,584
Girl Scout Camp Conserv. Restrict. SA19 10/14	15,000	0	15,000
Jewel Mill Grant A34 5/03	13,668	0	13,668
Historic Signs (1/2) SA25 11/04	880	0	880
Town Hall Annex Study SA13 11/05	30,000	0	30,000
Town Hall Windows II SA21 11/06	69,660	55,307	14,353
Historic Documents Preservation III SA15 5/07	8,328	0	8,328
Town Hall Cupola & Clock A19 5/10	34,403	0	34,403
Common Tree Restoration SA8 4/12	9,095	2,084	7,011
Cemetery Fence SA10 4/12	14,200	0	14,200
Annex Exterior SA16 5/13SA12 5/14	42,321	42,321	0
Town Common Lights SA17 11/13	35,000	0	35,000
Total Community Preservation	3,038,195	2,629,935	408,260
Water Treatment Plant Construction A20 5/10 & SA13 4/12	958,203	958,203	0
GASB 34 Consultant A8 5/03	4,054	0	4,054
Fence, Keys, Alarm SA19 5/13	6,000	0	6,000
Safety Equipment SA22 5/13	5,000	418	4,582
Operating Procedures Manual SA25 5/13	10,000	0	10,000
Total Water Department	983,257	958,621	24,636
	4,469,485	3,705,657	763,829

TOWN OF ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2014
UNAUDITED

	Governmental Fund Types			Enterprise Funds		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Water	Light	Trust and Agency	Long-Term Obligations Group	(Memorandum Only) Combined Totals
ASSETS								
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	2,914,517	4,016,198	268,291	1,420,116	5,685,535	661,749		14,966,406
INVESTMENTS								
Investments						869,733		869,733
RECEIVABLES								
Real Estate and Personal Property	120,379	3,048						123,427
Tax Liens	250,104	5,785						255,889
Excise Taxes	42,043							42,043
Septic Returnments		665,592						665,592
Other		1,640		108,120	292,918			402,678
OTHER ASSETS	458,228	11,121		18,750,855	4,705,817			23,926,021
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RET. OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS							4,923,808	4,923,808
TOTAL ASSETS	3,785,471	4,703,384	268,291	20,279,091	10,684,270	1,531,482	4,923,808	46,175,797
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
LIABILITIES								
Deferred Revenues	412,725	8,833						421,558
Other Liabilities	212,467	35,969	24,398	100,166	2,395,472	61,242		2,829,714
Notes Payable			35,560					35,560
Bonds				12,114,159			4,923,808	17,037,967
TOTAL LIABILITIES	625,192	44,802	59,958	12,214,325	2,395,472	61,242	4,923,808	20,324,799
FUND EQUITY								
Reserved for:								
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	343,388	2,268,819		32,440				2,644,647
Reserved for Expenditures	800,000							800,000
Reserved for Appropriation Deficit	(216,909)							(216,909)
Nonexpendable Trust						552,876		552,876
Unreserved	2,233,800	2,389,763	208,333	8,032,326	8,288,798	917,364		22,070,384
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	3,160,279	4,658,582	208,333	8,064,766	8,288,798	1,470,240	-	25,850,998
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	3,785,471	4,703,384	268,291	20,279,091	10,684,270	1,531,482	4,923,808	46,175,797

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

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014
UNAUDITED

	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	CARRIED FORWARD	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:				
Real estate and personal property net of reserve for abatements	12,264,484	12,539,154		274,670
Excise taxes	602,100	927,346		325,246
Intergovernmental	600,796	639,254		38,458
Departmental fees, fines and charges	428,000	762,682		334,682
Interest	14,214	24,826		10,612
 Total Revenues	 13,909,594	 14,893,262		 983,668
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	1,266,214	942,363	226,506	97,344
Public Safety	2,012,492	1,953,217	14,459	44,816
Public Works	606,509	691,868	84,821	(170,179)
Human Services	289,660	277,473	3,217	8,971
Culture and Recreation	303,054	279,543	12,012	11,499
Education	8,287,699	8,287,699		0
Pension	578,952	402,403		96,549
Debt Service - Principal	442,639	442,639		0
Debt Service - Interest	55,828	51,507		4,321
State and County charges	136,904	136,716		188
Employee Benefits	450,738	340,097	573	110,068
Other expenditures	116,000	106,727	41	9,232
 Total Expenditures	 14,546,689	 13,992,252	 341,628	 212,809
 EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	 (637,095)	 901,010	 (341,628)	 1,196,477
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in	178,426	178,426		0
Transfers out	(350,635)	(350,635)		0
 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 (172,208)	 (172,208)		 0
 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 (809,304)	 728,802	 (341,628)	 1,196,477
 BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	 2,431,481	 2,431,481		
 BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE, End of Year	 1,622,177	 3,160,283	 (341,628)	 1,196,477

REPORT BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In fiscal year 2015 the Board of Assessors with the assistance of KRT Appraisal of Haverhill, Mass, completed an interim update of all properties as mandated by the Department of Revenue. The interim update resulted in adjustments to all property classes. It is important to note that January 1st annually is the assessment date and all assessments are determined using arms-length property sales. During the fiscal year 2015 interim update the Rowley Assessor's Office reviewed the calendar 2013 sales, for the single family and condominiums classes. However, for all other classes, sales that occurred during the period of July 5, 2012 through June 25, 2014 were reviewed along with, when applicable income and expense data.

Below is a table of the fiscal year 2015 parcel counts, valuations and taxes for the main property classes in Town:

<i>FISCAL YEAR 2015</i>					
<u>Tax Classification</u>	<u>Parcel Count</u>	<u>Assessed Value by Class</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax by Class</u>	<u>% of Total Value by Class</u>
<i>Residential</i>	2258	789,421,910	14.24	\$11,241,368.00	82.5179%
<i>Open Space</i>	47	106,200	14.24	\$1,512.29	0.0111%
<i>Commercial</i>	258	78,175,190	14.24	\$1,113,214.71	8.1716%
<i>Industrial</i>	30	33,601,900	14.24	\$478,491.06	3.5124%
<i>Personal Property</i>	302	14,565,789	14.24	\$207,416.84	1.5226%
<i>Exempt</i>	264	40,796,900			4.2645%
<i>Total</i>	<u>3159</u>	<u>956,667,889</u>		<u>\$13,042,002.90</u>	<u>100.0000%</u>

The Board reported \$27,416,061 in New Growth Value to the Department of Revenue, which was certified during the fiscal year 2015 tax rate setting process. A majority of the new growth was due to the Rowley Country Club Condominium development which amounted to 36 new condominium units. The tax rate in the Town decreased from \$14.74 to \$14.24 for fiscal year 2015.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

As usual, the Town Clerk's office was kept busy throughout 2014 issuing Dog Licenses, Shellfish Permits, Business Certificates, Ramp and Mooring Permits, processing Parking and Non-Criminal Complaint tickets, maintaining Vital Records, including Birth and Death and Marriage Certificates, as well as supervising compilation of the Census/Street List, Voter Registration, Town Elections, Annual and Special Town Meetings, a State Primary and State Election.

As the sixth town to be founded in Essex County and only the sixteenth in the entire Bay Colony, Rowley is one of the oldest towns in America and many Americans can trace their lineage back to our early settlers. As a result, 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, and 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.

2014 Population Demographics (as of 12/31/2014)

Dates of Birth between:	1/1/1900 and 12/31/1909	1
	1/1/1910 and 12/31/1919	11
	1/1/1920 and 12/31/1929	81
	1/1/1930 and 12/31/1939	239
	1/1/1940 and 12/31/1949	574
	1/1/1950 and 12/31/1959	1126
	1/1/1960 and 12/31/1969	1059
	1/1/1970 and 12/31/1979	669
	1/1/1980 and 12/31/1989	694
	1/1/1990 and 12/31/1999	760
	1/1/2000 and 12/31/2009	633
	<u>1/1/2010 and 12/31/2014</u>	<u>217</u>
	Total Population	6064

Comparative Vital Statistics (as of 1/10/15)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Births	44	52	56	46	51
Deaths	51	48	43	47	62
Marriages	21	28	19	24	28

Births*: Fifty-one (51) babies were born to Rowley parents, 23 boys and 28 girls, including one set of twins.

Deaths*: Sixty-two (62) deaths were recorded in 2014, thirty-one (31) females and thirty-one (31) males, of which 54 listed Rowley as their place of residence and including eight veterans from World War Two, four veterans of the Korean Conflict and four from Vietnam. The average age at time of death was 78 - 5 of the deceased were 100 or older and 12 were over 90.

Marriages: Twenty-eight (28) Marriage Licenses were issued in 2014, of which only six of the weddings actually occurred in Rowley

** Over the last couple of years, the Department of Public Health/Vital Records has converted its Birth and Death programs to an exclusively on-line system so that Vital Records are no longer transmitted through US Mail. It has been a bit of a challenge as the State continues to refine the system and clerks struggle to keep up but we will persevere.*

Revenue Report for the Town Clerk's Office – 2014

Bylaw Non-Criminal Violations	\$ 850.00
Cemetery Lots	4,800.00
Dog and Kennel Licenses	11,595.00
General Fees	4,174.00
Parking Violations	780.00
Ramp and Mooring Permits	13,333.50
Shellfish Permits	<u>9,515.00</u>
	\$ 45,047.50
Rowley375 Receipts	<u>20,470.40</u>
	\$65,517.90

Cemetery Lots Sold – There were nineteen (19) lots sold in 2014. *As of 2013, lots are no longer sold as 5 grave lots but as one grave, two grave or three grave lots at \$250 per grave (or \$750 per grave for non-residents) and the cemetery commissioners opened a Cremation section at the back of the cemetery at \$250 per grave with a capacity of four.

Dog Licenses –We issued eight hundred and fifty seven (857) Dog Licenses and twelve (12) Kennel Permits in 2014.

General Fees – General Fees income reflects a wide range of transactions including Street List sales, Marriage Licenses, Business Certificates, certified copies of Vital Records as well as the sale of Rules and Regulations from various committees although many of these Bylaws and R&R's are now available (free of charge) on the town website: townofrowley.net.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses – We have not sold hunting/fishing licenses for several years now as the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife has gone to an exclusively on-line system at MassFishHunt.com

Ramp and Mooring Permits – One hundred sixty seven (167) residents purchased two hundred fifty one (251) Ramp Permits, and 100 boaters purchased one hundred thirteen (113) Mooring permits in 2014.

Shellfish Permits – There were a total of one hundred (100) shellfish permits and 15 Aquaculture leases issued - Twenty-eight (28) Resident/Commercial Permits including eighteen (18) free to residents over 60, zero Junior Commercial Permits, sixty-seven (67) Resident/Non-commercial Permits (including 29 free to residents over 60), three Non-resident/non-commercial permits and two one day permits.

Rowley375 - The Clerk's Office also became the hub of the Rowley375 Celebration over the summer of 2014, selling T-shirts, Polo Shirts and Baseball caps with the Rowley375 logo and taking in donations by private citizens and local businesses towards the summer long celebration.

My personal thanks you to everyone who works to make this office pleasant as well as efficient - Assistant Town Clerk Barbara R. DiMento and Administrative Assistant Sue Leach and Senior

Tax Credit Volunteer, Jack Grundstrom. 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 time allows. I have attained my third recertification as a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk – and am working towards my fourth - as sponsored by the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association and hold the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk as defined by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. 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 several more years.

Respectfully submitted: Susan G. Hazen, CMC/CMMC Town Clerk, Town of Rowley

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mass General Law directs each town to appoint a Board of Registrars to be responsible for maintaining accurate voter registration lists and presiding over recounts. The voter registration list is the basis for the Street List and Census and is used to check qualified residents into Annual/Special Town Meetings and Federal, State and Local Elections. The primary vehicle for keeping this list up to date is the annual census/street list as maintained by the state hosted VRIS Computer System. Each year the registrars spend considerable time compiling the Annual Census as well as working at the check-in table at Rowley's Town Meetings and providing office coverage for Voter Registration and various other extended hours as mandated by the Secretary of State. In 2014, the Board of Registrars oversaw the Annual Town Election in May, the State Primary in September and the State General Election in November.

Voter Registration as of 1/15/15

Unenrolled (<i>formerly known as Independent</i>)	(U)	2936
Democrat	(D)	786
Republican	(R)	715
Libertarian	(L)	12
Other		5
Active Voters		4454
<u>INACTIVE Status Voters</u>		<u>+248*</u>
Total Voters:		4702

**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 2015 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? If you ran into a problem at one of the elections – your name wasn't on the voter's list or had fallen into inactive status – problems were most probably caused by lack of Census response. 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 party 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 or townclerk@townofrowley.org, should you have any questions regarding your Voting Status.

2014 Election Workers as appointed by Board of Selectmen:

Mary Bright, (R) 965 Haverhill St.
Martha Chase Geary (R) 563 Wethersfield St.
Robert Johnson (U) 28 Brook St.
Annetta Kelly (D), 161 Cross St.
Susan E. Leach (U) 5 Jellison Rd.
Joan Lyons (R) 283 Haverhill St.
Mary Ellen MacDonald (D), 52 Summer St.
Sally J. McRae, (U), 55 Plantation Dr.
Marion Madden (D) 136 Wethersfield St.
G. Robert Merry (U) 40 Warehouse Lane
Mary Ellen Mighill (U) 76 Central St.
Enes Modini* (D) 260 Dodge Rd.
Marion R. Musial (R) 545 Newburyport Turnpike
Joan Carol Petersen (D) 25 Newbury Rd.

* Special thanks to Enes Modini who has re-located to Newburyport after many years of working for the Town of Rowley, first in the Light Department and then as an election . We will miss her calm and efficient presence.

2014 Election Calendar:

Annual/Special Town Meeting	May 5, 2014	Pine Grove School, Main St.
Annual Town Election	May 13, 2014	Ballots Cast: 722
State Primary	Sept. 9, 2014	BallotsCast:851(576Dem/275 Rep)
State Election	Nov. 4, 2014	Ballots Cast: 2702 (65% Turn-out)
Special Town Meeting	Oct. 27, 2014	Pine Grove School, Main St.

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.

We thank Constables Phil Collyer and Rick MacDonald, Police Chief Robert Barker and Fire Chief James Broderick for providing assistance in the areas of security and traffic control. Thank you, as well, Roger Merry, Bob Merry, Charlie and Chuck Hazen, Liz Morris and Joan Petersen 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 Burton and the trustees of St. Mary's Family Parish for continuing to allow 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. Special thanks this year to Pam Jacobson and the Trustees and staff of the Rowley Public Library for allowing us the use of the Library Meeting Room as an emergency polling place when St. Mary's septic system installation ran into unforeseen setbacks, making St. Mary's inaccessible on the day of the State Primary. Thanks as well to the Cable Media, the reverse 911 system, the highway and police departments for assisting us in notifying the public of this last minute change and directing voters to the Library location.

Upcoming 2015 Election and Town Meeting Information:

Special/Annual Town Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2015

Pine Grove School, Main St. @ 7:30 PM

Annual Town Election

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

St. Mary's Hall, Main St. from Noon to 8 PM

Fall Special Town Meeting, if necessary TBD

Absentee Voting: Reminder that Absentee Ballots Applications for Town and State Elections are available in the Town Clerk's Office or on-line at mass.gov/elections. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts allows the use of Absentee ballots for (1) voters who are not able to be in town during voting hours, (2) voters who have a physical disability which would not allow access to the polling place (St Mary's is handicap accessible and the Auto-mark Handicap Assistance voting machine available) and (3) religious belief. According to MGL, the deadline for applying for an Absentee Ballot is noon on the day prior to the election, although at that point the ballot would have to be voted in the clerk's office as the voted ballot must be received by end of voting (8PM) on Election Day. Regular (Paper) Absentee Ballots are generally available three weeks prior to an election. In addition, Electronic (E-mail) Ballots are available for those voters who qualify by being out of the country or in the military.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Registrars: Gordon R. Densmore; Barbara R. DiMento; Mildred L. Dummer; Susan G. Hazen

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 submits 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 direct 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. The Town is currently updating all the personnel policies.

Accomplishments:

A compensation study was completed by Human Resources Services, Inc. in 2013. The study results were evaluated by the Personnel Board and a new wage STEP system was implemented for all non-union employees on July 1, 2014.

REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Rowley Agricultural Commission is pleased to report another productive year.

The Rowley Framer's Market is looking forward to its 12th season. Last year proved to have a slow start due to weather in the spring but ended with an abundance of local produce. We are particularly pleased to offer a friendly venue for farmers to sell their products at no cost to them. We continue to make efforts to attract more vendors.

The Bradstreet Community Garden continues to attract residents of all ages and skill levels. Currently we are working with the Rowley Water Department to install a permanent water source to ensure all gardens can be watered as needed.

The Agricultural Commission received no issues or complaints this past year. As always, we will be available to protect and promote the Town's agricultural history.

Rowley Agricultural Commission

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

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 four times in FY2014 (09/26/2013, 10/24/2013, 12/12/13, and 3/27/14). The Community Preservation surcharge for FY 2014 was \$353,905.00 plus the additional 91.05 % State matching portion of \$312,487.00.

Projects submitted and approved in Fiscal Year 2014 were as follows:

1. Girl Scout Camp Purchase

Projects that have started and completed in the current year include

1. Town Hall Cupola and Clock
2. Town Hall Annex
3. Town Common Restoration and Lights
4. Town Hall Windows (Phase I)

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	Rowley Housing Authority
Joseph Perry	Board of Selectmen
Cliff Pierce	Planning Board
Vacancy	Open Space Committee

The CP Committee meets periodically as requests for funding in required categories are made. Our meetings, time and place, are posted with the Town Clerk and appear in Legal Notices in the Town Common and the Newburyport Daily News within ten days of the meeting date. The notice is also posted on the Town of Rowley's Website. The majority of our meetings are held in the Library Conference Rooms based on availability.

The CP committee is a member of the Community Preservation Coalition which is made up of 155 communities who have adopted CPA. They offer technical assistance to Community Preservation Committees, presentations to local CPC's, CPC implementation training programs and CPA public relations, outreach and communications for each Community Preservation Committee.

Respectfully submitted: Frank Todd, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Rowley Planning Board performs various duties as authorized by MGL Chapters 40A and 41. First, the Planning Board has the authority under the Subdivision Control Law to regulate the approval and construction of ways within the Town. This same law authorizes the Board to endorse Approval Not Required (ANR) plans which depict lot line modifications on lots with sufficient frontage on a public or private way in accordance with Zoning Bylaws, thereby not constituting a subdivision. The Board continues to be the designated Permit Granting Authority (PGA) for Special Permits and Site Plan Review applications for most uses. The Special Permit uses regulated by the Planning Board include most retail and industrial uses allowed in Town, developments in a floodplain, multi-family and open space residential developments, reduced frontage lots and common driveways, large residential accessory structures, and cell towers. Moreover, in August of 2014, the Planning Board assumed its role as the PGA regarding Section 8.6 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw "Outdoor Illumination Standards, Including Standards for Illuminated Signs" as a result of which, the Planning Board will from now on review all proposals for outdoor illumination of commercial, industrial, and multifamily residential projects, as well as evaluate all applications for Illuminated Sign Special Permits in accordance with Section 8.6.5 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw. It was also at this time the professional Town Planner was formally assigned the role of Limited Lighting Bylaw Enforcement Agent who is charged to provide technical staff support to the Planning Board in its regulatory role.

In addition, in accordance with MGL Chapter 41, the Planning Board's duties include the following:

- To make careful studies;
- To prepare plans of the resources, possibilities and needs of the town;
- To report annually to the town meeting regarding the condition of the town;
- To act as park commissioners in a town if so authorized;
- To make a master or study plan; and
- To review and submit a report regarding the layout, alteration, relocation or discontinuance of public ways.

The Planning Board encourages applicants, residents or any interested parties to attend their meetings to gather information about current or future developments.

Town Planner: Kirk Baker, the current Town Planner, was hired by the Planning Board in December 2013. He works on a part-time schedule consisting of 22-hour per week, keeping weekly office hours each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am to 12pm.

During 2014, the Town Planner has continued to administer the day-to-day functions of the Planning Board office, by keeping regular office hours where he is available to answers citizen queries or concerns, either in person, or, by email or telephone. The Town Planner has worked to enhance communications between the Planning Board and other Town departments and boards, and, serves to guide both citizen and developer development proposals through the approval process in accordance with local and State legal requirements.

The Planning Board continues to envision that the Town Planner position can be augmented by increased hours and administrative assistance as is necessitated by future economic growth.

Regulatory Matters: The Planning Board's caseload in 2014 has been roughly the same as it was during 2013. From January to December 2014, the Board acted on the following regulatory matters:

- Reviewed three new Special Permit/Site Plan applications pertaining to properties located at 312 Haverhill Street (Floodplain Special Permit and Site Plan Review for expanded parking facilities), 56 Newburyport Turnpike (Site Plan Review for new building for landscape contractor storage), and 4 Main Street (Site Plan Review for proposed 2-unit retail building with associated parking area. Approvals were granted for 312 Haverhill Street and for 4 Main Street, and, the review of 56 Newburyport Turnpike is on-going.
- Conducted compliance reviews pertaining to projects approved in 2013 for 56 Newburyport Turnpike (Bay Road Auto Sales); for a residential common driveway located at 706/708 Haverhill Street; and the commercial development at 300 Newburyport Turnpike.
- Reviewed one (1) Commercial Site Plan Review modification (420 Newburyport Turnpike), and two (2) Residential Subdivision Plan modifications (Rowley Village Green and Wild Pasture Estates).
- Reviewed and endorsed four (4) Approval Not Required (ANR) Subdivision Plans.
- Recommended changes to the Zoning Bylaw at the May 5th, 2014 Spring Town Meeting pertaining Indoor Recreational Facilities in commercial areas, and, to permitting Registered Medical Marijuana facilities in the Retail Zoning District. Also referred Article to the Spring Town Meeting pertaining to State-mandated updates to the FEMA Flood Plain District (FIRM) Maps.
- Reviewed provided comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in regards to ZBA cases 14.03 (21 Merrifields Road), 15.01 (35 Haverhill Street), 15.02 (334 Central Street), 15.03 (111 Newburyport Turnpike), 15.04 (95 Wethersfield Street), 15.05 (887 Haverhill Street), and 15.06 (383 Main Street).
- Referred Gurczak Lane to the May 5th Spring Town Meeting for Street Acceptance and has worked with developers toward Street Acceptance of roads in three other subdivisions: Wild Pasture Estates, Dexter Drive, and Meetinghouse Village (Cindy Lane/Bell Circle).
- Made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to a liquor license transfer for Rowley Country Club and in regards to a Chapter 61 "Right-of-first-refusal" request pertaining to 40 Dodge Rd. and 2 Mill Rd.

The Planning Board has also been amenable to meeting with developers and citizens to discuss their site development concepts prior to holding a formal hearing. The Board has found that the option of preliminary discussion benefits both the applicant and the Board by eliminating as much as possible any unforeseen obstacles ahead of time prior to an applicant's expenditure of time and money. During 2014, the Planning Board held approximately four (4) informal discussions with applicants and developers one of which pertained to a potential OSRD (Open Space & Residential Development) which the Planning Board hopes will come to fruition during 2015, and, another of which, (4 Main Street) led to a formal Site Plan approval.

In addition, the Planning Board remains involved in the following ongoing projects:

- Street Acceptance for Wild Pasture Estates, Hawksworth Estates (Dexter Drive), and Meetinghouse Farms Subdivision (Cindy Lane/ Bell Circle).
- 56 Newburyport Turnpike – Site Plan Review for landscape contractor building.

The Planning Board continues to meet monthly on Wednesday nights, as scheduled, in the Town Hall Annex Meeting Room, 39 Central Street. To schedule an appointment, or inquire about meeting dates, agendas, or minutes; please contact the Town Planner, Kirk Baker, at 978-948-5549, or view the Town website at town.rowley.ma.us for updated office hours.

Respectfully submitted, Curtis H. Bryant, Chairman; Clifford M. Pierce, Vice Chairman; David Jaquith, Member; Stephen Kassiotis, Member; Chris Thornton, Member; Jean Pietrillo, Associate Member

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Town of Rowley voted in 1962 to adopt the Conservation Commission Act of 1957, which established a municipal agency to plan for natural resource protection, acquire important land and water areas, and manage these properties for conservation and passive recreation. The Rowley Conservation Commission also administers and enforces the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (1972), the Rivers Protection Act (1996), the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw (2004), and the Town of Rowley Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw (2007). The Rowley Conservation Commission is composed of seven members appointed for staggered three-year terms by the Board of Selectmen. Members volunteer their time to help preserve and protect Rowley's natural resources. The current Commission members include: Judy Kehs (member for 35 years), Curt Turner (26 years), Doug Watson (12 years), Sam Streiff (11 years), Robert Garner (7 years), David DelMonico (7 years), and Arthur Page (appointed in July 2014). The Commission meets at the Town Hall Annex every three weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to their aesthetic and recreational values, wetlands are important for the environmental functions they perform. These valuable functions include the following: protection of land containing shellfish and fisheries, flood control, storm damage and pollution prevention, protection of public and private water supplies, protection of groundwater, protection of vernal pools and other wildlife habitat.

Where wetland areas are 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. This prevents pollution and protects natural resources including wetlands, rivers, estuaries, salt marshes, drinking water, groundwater, fisheries, and wildlife.

In 2014 the Commission received 54 permit applications. The new project applications consisted of:

- 7 New and amended applications, which range from new homes to new subdivisions

- 11 Requests to Determine Applicability, which allow less complicated projects
- 22 Requests for Certificates of Compliance, the final declaration of project completion
- 2 Stormwater Management Permits, managing project drainage and erosion controls
- 1 Order of Conditions Extension
- 1 Emergency Certificate
- 1 Release from Chapter 61
- 9 Enforcement Orders and Notices of Violation, actions to protect and restore degraded wetland resources.

The Conservation Department assisted the Board of Selectmen by reviewing and providing professional input on special permit requests and road opening applications. In addition, the office reviewed 67 building permit requests, at least 8 information requests, two Conservation Restrictions (Bradstreet Farm Conservation Area and former Girl Scout Camp Conservation Area), and provided the Board of Health with input on 17 soil evaluation site reviews. The Conservation Department provided environmental expertise to the Planning Board in Special Permit and Definitive Subdivision project reviews and commented on applications before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In 2014 the Board of Selectmen voted to designate the Conservation Commission to serve as the interim Open Space Committee to update the Rowley Open Space and Recreation Plan 2003-2008. The Conservation Department was tasked with completing revisions for the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan Update of 2014. The Department oversaw the distribution of the draft plan to interested parties for the purpose of accepting public comments prior to submission to the State Department of Conservation Services (DCS). In October of 2014 the Town received conditional approval from DCS. The Town is actively seeking volunteers to serve on the Open Space Committee and assist with the completion of this important project. If you are interested in joining the Open Committee, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

During the year the office staff provided assistance and support to the Board of Selectmen in the purchase of the approximate 193 acre former Girl Scout property at 390 Wethersfield Street. This important parcel has been protected for future generations to provide open space and passive recreational activities. Abutting previously preserved Town open space from Haverhill to Wethersfield Streets, there is great potential for a trail network that will allow enjoyment of this forested property.

The entire network of trails at Hunsley Hills were remarked and maintained as a volunteer project. Currently the trail map is being revised to accurately depict new and old trails.

The Commission has one professional staff person, Conservation Agent Brent Baeslack (10 years), and a Senior Service person, Barbara (Jean) Blanchard (7 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 until 4:00 p.m. The Commission may be contacted at conservation@TownofRowley.org 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.

Respectfully submitted: Doug Watson, Chairman; Curt Turner, Vice Chair; David DelMonico; Robert Garner; Judy Kehs; Arthur Page; Sam Streiff

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Rowley Cultural Council was able to award \$4310 in grants for FY 2015 to benefit the members of our community. We received a total of fourteen applications and were able to award eight grants.

Grant Recipients for FY 2015

1. Teen Open Studios	\$ 100	Fall, 2014
2. Friends of the Rowley Public Library – Museum Passes	\$ 1825	All Year
3. Triton High School – Matthew Clarke SADD Speaker	\$ 285	Fall, 2014
4. Workshop Arts, Inc. – Theater Workshop Intern Program	\$ 300	Sep ‘14-May ‘15
5. TMPO Scholarships	\$ 300	Spring, 2015
6. Rowley Agricultural Commission – Farmers’ Market Concert	\$ 500	September, 2015
7. Rowley Public Library – Wild Heroes Program	\$ 375	July, 2015
8. Pine Grove PTA – Learning Garden	\$ 625	Spring, 2015

Total \$ 4310

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.

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Hill, Chairperson; Carolyn Peabody, Treasurer; Carolyn Bartlett, Secretary; Kathy Sullivan, Member; Sally McRae, Member

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 and departments have been sent out as required under Massachusetts General Laws.

In 2014, the Board did see an increase in the number of cases before them. The Board continued one hearing from 2013, opened nine new hearings and rendered decisions in seven instances prior to the end of the calendar year. The Board continues to work with the Marion Way 40B applicants on their proposal/project.

The Board remains dedicated to attending educational workshops to stay on top of the latest developments in land use law.

The Zoning Board meets on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm of each month when applications have been filed and accepted for review. Applications are available for printing from the Town of Rowley website.

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

Board Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Presently the Members are:

Chairman Donald W. Thurston; Clerk Thomas W. Heidgerd; Member Nathaniel N. Dummer; Member David L. Levesque; Member Philip A. Cressey, Jr.; Associate Member Robert H. Clewell;
Associate Member Peter F. Carpentier

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2009 two officers retired from the police department and the economic down turn at that time prevented the Town from hiring officers to fill those positions. The police department budget for 2014 was increased to allow for the replacement of one of those full time police officers. This allowed us to add some staffing on the evening shift which is typically one of our most active times. We also had several other staffing changes during the year due to the retirement of our Detective Lieutenant after 31 years of service. The Detective Lieutenant was conducting all of our investigative work plus acting as the second in command for the police department. In anticipation of his retirement we promoted a Patrolman to the rank of Detective to handle investigations. A Sergeant was also promoted to Lieutenant to handle the administrative duties and responsibilities as second in command. By the time you read this a Patrolman will have been promoted to Sergeant to fill out the chain of command. Two reserve police officers were promoted to full time officer to keep our staffing level at twelve.

We replaced one patrol cruiser which is an annual expense and one administrative vehicle which is necessary about every four years. The telephone system at the police department was approximately 20 years old and parts for repairs were no longer available. This system was replaced in August with funding from the Town's capital planning article. Several Windows XP computers were replaced due to Microsoft ending support of the operating system and we had some masonry work completed to the cell block. Still pending is the need to replace the heating and cooling system in the original station. Funding was appropriated for a feasibility study for a new or renovated police and fire station. The police station was built in 1986 and was too small within a few years of moving in. In 2006 we added four mobile trailers which serve as the administrative wing but the structure is showing its age and was never designed as a long term

solution. These trailers are leased and installed on a temporary site excavation. The feasibility study will provide estimates as to whether it would be less expensive to renovate the current police station and build a separate fire station or to build one building replacing both the police and fire stations. Our hope is to have a plan ready by the fall of 2015 for public presentation.

Last winter officers from the police department made two major drug arrests which resulted in the seizure of large amounts of cocaine and heroin. The suspects are believed to be part of a large distribution operation which is active in multiple New England states. The drugs were found in hidden areas of automobiles called “hides”.

Rowley celebrated our 375th anniversary on September 4th, 2014 with a series of concerts on the common over the summer and culminating in a parade held on September 6th. I am pleased to report that there were no incidents at any of the gatherings and the events were safe and orderly.

In last year’s report I talked about increasing problems with fraud and I’m sorry to say that the trend continues. Some of the latest scams include phone calls where the caller identifies themselves as being from the IRS or another government agency and threatens arrest unless money is paid. The demand is for cash cards of some type where the victim can give the card numbers over the phone. These transactions are certainly not legitimate government business and are essentially untraceable so the chances of ever recovering the funds are extremely poor. No government agency operates in this fashion. I do not recommend you engage in conversation with these types of callers. Arguing or threatening to call the police may make you feel better but it holds no threat to the caller and can cause the phone calls to continue. Most of these scams are not originating in this country and there is little that can be done to apprehend and prosecute the perpetrators.

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 would be a lot more difficult.

2014 Statistics

Burglaries	11
Drug and Liquor Law Violations	16
Arrest/ Summons	173
Motor Vehicle Crashes	150
Medical Emergencies	361
Traffic Stops	1632
Traffic Citations	244
Animal Complaints	312
Total Police Log Entries	18,303

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

2014 was a relatively calm year for the Rowley Emergency Management although the fire department had a record high of 645 calls for services. This breaks the previous record of 640 calls that was set in 2010.

REMA received another \$2000.00 grant to further enhance the ability for communications within the Police Department. This grant is being used to provide a mobile repeater system for the patrol supervisor's vehicle. This mobile repeater will help increase the range of portable radios used by the police department. This system will be similar to the one used by the FD.

I would like to personally thank the citizens of Rowley for the support in the passage of the override to purchase a new ladder truck for the department. This truck should be delivered sometime in June and be in service by the end of July. This ladder truck will be the first new ladder truck purchased for the department, as all previous apparatus were used when purchased. The new Ladder 1 should provide service to the town for many years to come.

I would also like to thank all members of the Fire Department and REMA for their hard work during 2014 it is due to their commitment to the community that makes both of these departments 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 at the Fire Department.

In the fall of 2014 the department had 5 new members join its ranks and they will be attending the Massachusetts Fire Academy in 2015. The new members are Matt Harney, Tim Shirley, Matt Ross, Vinnie Gardenzi and Pat McManus.

The fire department responded to 645 calls from January 1 to Dec 31, 2013 the following is a list of calls for 2013 and 2014 as categorized by the Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System

Type of Situation	2013	2014	Type of Situation	2013	2014
Building Fire	13	10	Service Call	6	1
Cooking Fire	14	14	Person in Distress	0	0
Burner/ boiler malfunc.	1	0	Lock-out	2	2
Fire Camper/motor home	0	0	Ring/jewelry removal	0	0
Passenger Vehicle fire	0	3	Water evacuation	3	6
Road Freight/Transport	0	2	Water/Steam Leak	0	2
Forest/woods/wildland	1	0	Smoke removal	0	0
Brush/grass fires	6	8	Public Assist	4	2
Outside Fire	1	1	Assist Police	7	7
Overpressure rupture	0	0	Assist invalid	11	12
Medical assist EMS	10	10	Unauthorized burning	12	17
EMS call	259	267	cover assignment	8	1
EMS MVA	61	60	Good Intent other	7	23
EMS MVA Ped	1	1	Dispatched canceled	43	60

Type of Situation	2013	2014	Type of Situation	2013	2014
Missing Person Search	1	1	Smoke Scare	3	10
EMS standby	0	0	Steam Vapor Fog	3	0
Medflight landing	1	0	Hazmat release invest.	4	2
Hazardous condition	0	4	Phone malicious false	0	0
Flammable liquid spill	6	4	System Activation	20	24
Natural gas leak	8	9	Smoke Det. Malf.	4	34
Chemical Hazard no spill	1	0	Heat Det Malfunction	2	3
Chemical spill or leak	0	2	Light Ballast brkdwn	0	0
Power line down	2	2	Unintentional alarm	1	2
Arcing equipment	2	2	detector activation	5	20
MVA general cleanup		43	1Carbon Monoxide	15	7
Citizens Complaint	0	1	Weather standby	1	0
Lightning strike	0	2			

Respectfully, James C. Broderick Fire Chief/EMD

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

All inspections were completed pursuant to the 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. On July 1, 2014, the 2012 IECC energy code became effective.

All inspection department applications are available on the town website.

PERMIT ACTIVITY

BUILDING PERMITS

Type	# of Permits	Construction Value
Single-Family	28	\$8,844,726
Addition/Garage	11	\$454,730
Chimney/Woodstove/Pellet Stove	5	5,200
Outbuilding	0	\$0
Pool	8	\$139,195
Porch/Deck	13	\$151,390
Renovation/Alteration	69	\$1,431,895
Roofing/Siding	37	\$710,782
Commercial	12	\$1,290,059
Demolition	3	\$9,100
Sign	0	\$0
Mechanical	26	\$469,300
Total	212	\$13,506,377

Total Building & Mechanical Permit Fees collected for 2014: **\$146,623**

PLUMBING AND GAS PERMITS

Plumbing permits issued for 2014	129
Gas permits issued for 2014	<u>123</u>
Total	252

Total Plumbing and Gas Permit Fees collected for 2014: **\$24,130**

ELECTRICAL PERMITS

Electrical permits issued for 2014	188
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Total Electrical Permit Fees collected for 2014: **\$30,637**

SUMMARY

- New construction permits for 28 single-family dwellings were issued. The estimated value of new single-family construction was \$8,844,726, which gives an average for each single-family dwelling of \$315,883.
- Total fees received from all permits (building, gas, plumbing, electrical): **\$201,390.**

Respectfully submitted: Kenneth Ward, Inspector of Buildings

**REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
& ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

3 loose livestock calls
10 animals hit by motor vehicles (including wildlife)
5 cats reported missing
10 dogs picked up
5 barking dog complaints
15 loose/ running at large calls
25 wildlife related calls

Animal Inspector reports that no animals tested positive for rabies in 2014. Mass. General Laws requires all dogs six months or older to be vaccinated for rabies.

The breakdown of animals recorded during barn inspections in 2014 are as follows:

<u>Type of Animal</u>	<u>Number</u>
Horse/ponies	175
Cattle	160
Sheep	5
Chickens	60
Goats	5
Donkeys	6
Llamas/Alpacas	9

TREE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Maintenance and repairs of all the departments' equipment and tools had been performed throughout the year as scheduled or needed.

Selective pruning and trimming of shade trees throughout the town had been performed during the appropriate season.

A count of 221 Christmas trees had been dropped off by residents at the collection point at Eiras Park and chipped up. 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.

A total of ten trees and stumps throughout the town needed to be removed.

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

Respectfully Submitted: Patrick Snow - Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The 2014 boating season had some great weather right through to Labor Day. No major accidents or injuries to report this year. Fuel prices at the docks hovered at approximately \$4.00/gallon this season (about the same as last season).

The river was marked with 43 navigational aids placed along the Rowley River Channel. 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.

366 mooring/ slip/ launch permits issued in 2014 generated \$13,309.00. Fee for the Resident only Launch ramp is currently \$50/ permit, commercial clammers included. Mooring/ Slip permits were \$3.00 per foot for all boats in 2014. Parking fines are \$75 per violation to help preserve the launch area for town residents only. The purpose of these fees along with boat excise tax collections is to make the services of the Harbor department self-sufficient from a financial perspective. Increasing costs of river markers, marker pipes and equipment maintenance will force an increase in user fees for 2015.

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 3,860 gallons of waste during the 2014 boating season. Another state grant was awarded to the Town of Rowley in December 2014 to cover the cost of replacing the 1997 Pump Out vessel in 2015.

I look forward to christening the new town docks systems in 2015 that the town supported a spend of \$25,000 last fall at our special town meeting to replace the ailing 30+ year old dock systems. As always, we welcome boaters who wish to help marking the river this Spring in May. An announcement will be placed in the Daily News and The Town Common! Hip boots and gloves a must!

Respectfully submitted: Bill DiMento - Harbor Master

REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

This past year was a very busy year for the Shellfish Department. There was a very low production of soft shell clams on both the public and private areas. The private growers kept their nets on their beds to protect their clams from green crabs and maintain some brood stock for propagation of the local flats. However, there was a great market for razor clams and they were the product of choice for harvesters. The razor clams are still quite abundant and the market price was high. At this time there is little danger to the razor clams, due to green crabs, because the razor clams are very fast and get out of harm's way. This could change in the future as available food for the crabs becomes scarce.

There was an attempt made this past year to help control the green crab population. Senator Bruce Tarr and Representative Brad Hill sponsored a bill in the Massachusetts legislature that would provide funding to entice people to fish for green crabs and find a commercial market for their catches. The bill passes and the monies were allocated. However, after fisherman had purchased equipment and disposed of significant crabs, the then sitting Governor removed the funding from the budget and left the program in limbo. We are hoping that the monies may be made available this spring to continue this valuable program.

There were twenty eight (28) resident commercial permits, sixty seven (67) resident non-commercial permits, there were no junior commercial, three (3) non-resident non-commercial, two (2) summer resident non-commercial and fifteen (15) one acre private aquaculture licenses issued this past year, four of which are for oyster culture. There was at least one (1) instance of pilferage from licensed areas and one (1) instance of the willful destruction of personal property (nets) this past year that are under investigation at this time.

We are looking forward to a possible increase in soft shell clam supply over the next few years due to this cold winter of 2014/2015 that should kill off many of the invasive green crabs.

Shellfish Constable: John H. Grundstrom Shellfish Commissioners: Michael Cook - Chairman; John E. (Jack) Grundstrom, Clerk; Stuart Dalzell Jr. Member

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

The Light Commission and Manager are pleased to submit their Annual Report of the Rowley Municipal Lighting Plant (RMLP) for the year 2014.

POWER SUPPLY

In 2014 RMLP has seen numerous changes to the power supply market. The very expensive January and February of 2014 showed us the very unstable prices of Natural Gas had a large impact on electricity prices for those two months. RMLP has locked up +/- 90% of its power supply until the end of 2015 so the very high prices didn't affect us as much as other power companies. What it did, is show us what we might expect this winter for power prices, which since the winter has been milder than last has not made this winter as pricey as last. We will continue to secure long term contracts for power at a fixed cost to avoid the constantly changed and sometimes volatile energy markets.

We have an active involvement in the legislative process to keep our eyes and ears open to protect our way of doing business. The public power model has been tested and will be tested in the future as more regulations are implemented and proposed to limit or change our business model.

Purchasing power is an ongoing process today, tomorrow and into the future. We are trying to find a balance in these purchases of power from the traditional methods; to solar, wind, hydro and other green sources that are being looked at for the future. RMLP will continue to look at the best possible sources to keep our electric rates as low as possible and to continue to be reliable as we have been.

SERVICE CONNECTIONS

During 2014 we increased our service connections by 39 residential connections and 0 commercial connections.

KWH Sales and Peak Demand

During 2014 we sold 42,069,029 KWh to RMLP customers.

Our Peak Demand was 11,320 KWH and occurred on 7/2/2014 in hour 16

OUR SYSTEM

RMLP is constantly maintaining the distribution system to be as reliable as possible in all-weather events and non-weather events. We monitor the age of our infrastructure and make repairs to the system before we have an outage.

RMLP has implemented a Capital budget for 2015 in order to track the expenses incurred to maintain and upgrade the distribution system. The budget also includes line items for building maintenance and equipment replacement. RMLP's capital budget for 2015 is \$521,000.

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 provided inserts to other Town departments in our monthly bill at no charge to those departments.
- 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.
- We participated in Rowley's 375th Anniversary celebration and parade.
- Worked with Rowley Highway department on tree removal

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.

Respectfully submitted: Daniel Folding, General Manager

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: G. Robert Merry, Chairman; Kenneth Keyes; Robert Snow

ROWLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET 2014

<u>ASSETS</u>	Balance Beginning of Year	Balance End of Year	Increase or (Decrease)
UTILITY PLANT			
101 Utility Plant - Electric	4,189,752.09	4,162,985.06	(26,767.03)
FUND ACCOUNTS			
126 Depreciation Fund.....	3,334,935.76	3,596,894.91	261,959.15
127 Bond Fund.....			
128 Rate Stabilization Fund.....	1,970,555.36	1,995,759.60	25,204.24
CURRENT AND ACCRUED ASSETS			
131 Cash.....	452,736.84	53,220.92	(399,515.92)
132 Special Deposits.....	101,260.00	99,265.00	(1,995.00)
132 Working Funds.....	690.00	690.00	0.00
142 Customer Accounts Receivable.....	273,610.74	335,085.92	61,475.18
143 Other Accounts Receivable.....	46,935.74	21,489.57	(25,446.17)
146 Receivables from Municipality.....			
151 Materials and Supplies.....	54,851.12	70,559.79	15,708.67
165 Prepayments.....	595,858.23	613,181.83	17,323.60
174 Miscellaneous Current Assets.....	13,021.88	15,333.84	2,311.96
DEFERRED DEBITS			
183 Other Deferred Debits.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets and Other Debits	<u>11,034,207.76</u>	<u>10,964,466.44</u>	<u>(69,741.32)</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
SURPLUS			
206 Loans Repayments.....	2,279,200.00	2,279,200.00	0.00
207 Appropriations for Construction Repayments.....	11,769.93	11,769.93	0.00
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus.....	6,509,638.92	6,380,517.82	(129,121.10)
LONG TERM DEBT			
221 Bonds & Notes.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRENT AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES			
232 Accounts Payable.....	432,715.39	462,966.01	30,250.62
235 Customer Deposits.....	101,260.00	99,265.00	(1,995.00)
236 Taxes Accrued	1,543.15	3,176.06	
237 Accrued Expenses	443,633.53	440,936.04	(2,697.49)
242 Miscellaneous Current and Accrued Liabilities.....	13,021.88	15,333.84	2,311.96
DEFERRED CREDITS			
252 Customer Advances for Construction.....	27,106.64	27,106.64	0.00
RESERVES			
260 Reserves for Uncollectable Accounts.....	13,029.39	13,179.69	150.30
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION			
271 Contributions in Aid of Construction.....	<u>1,201,288.93</u>	<u>1,231,015.41</u>	<u>29,726.48</u>
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	<u>11,034,207.76</u>	<u>10,964,466.44</u>	<u>(69,741.32)</u>

ROWLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR 2014

	Current Year	Increase or (Decrease) from Preceding Year
OPERATING INCOME		
400 Operating Revenue	6,238,572.16	426,447.39
OPERATING EXPENSES		
401 Operation Expense	5,810,634.39	538,244.64
402 Maintenance Expense	347,011.33	161,710.82
403 Depreciation Expense.....	243,500.79	5,198.71
Total Operating Expenses.....	6,401,146.51	705,154.17
Operating Income.....	(162,574.35)	(278,706.78)
OTHER INCOME		
415 Income from Merchandising, Jobbing and Contract Work.....		
419 Interest Income.....	43,769.95	11,339.75
421 Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income.....		
Total Income.....	(118,804.40)	(267,367.03)
INTEREST CHARGES		
427 Interest on Bonds and Notes.....	0.00	0.00
431 Other Interest Expense.....	0.00	
Total Interest Charges.....	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET INCOME.....	<u>(118,804.40)</u>	<u>(267,367.03)</u>

	Debits	Credits
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at beginning of period).....		6,509,638.92
433 Balance Transferred from Income.....		(118,804.40)
434 Miscellaneous Credits to Surplus.....		19,750.62
435 Miscellaneous Debits to Surplus.....		
436 Appropriations of Surplus.....	30,074.21	
437 Surplus Applied to Depreciation.....		
208 Unappropriated Earned Surplus (at end of period).....	<u>6,380,510.93</u>	
	<u>6,410,585.14</u>	<u>6,410,585.14</u>

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department equipment and facilities were serviced and repaired throughout the year as scheduled or as needed. The Highway Department would like to thank the residents of Rowley for approving the purchase of a new six wheel Peterbilt dump truck, equipped with a plow, wing and sander. This replaced the ten wheel International dump truck.

Fifteen catch basins and one man hole were repaired at various locations around town. All catch basins were maintained during rain, snow and ice storms to prevent street flooding.

Routine pothole patching, rut filling and sidewalk repairs had been performed throughout the year as needed. Pavement overlays were done on portions of Haverhill Street. Gravel roads were graded throughout the year at the request of the residents. The highway crew performed roadside mowing and trimming throughout the seasons as well as mowing and landscaping all town commons and town property. Brushing the roadsides had also been performed in the spring, summer and fall.

Community Service workers were in town for approximately 40 hours and were used to rake leaves at town facilities, clean town parking lots of debris, and picking up trash on the road sides.

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

The 2014 winter season was very heavy throughout, January, February and March. The months of February and March kept the Highway Department very busy with large snow storms, plowing and sanding was performed during all storms. There was also sanding many non plowing storms with black ice or sleet. 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 had been accomplished when possible, Many areas of sidewalks were blocked with trash bags and barrels, cars delaying the removal for a clear passage. We recognize and appreciate the residents clearing the sidewalks in front of their property and beyond, we thank you.

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

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

Respectfully submitted: Patrick Snow, Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement: To provide adequate water quantity and quality at a reasonable cost that meets or exceeds state and federal drinking water standards, and also to provide sufficient water for fire protection, and maintain adequate pressures throughout the distribution system and administer first-rate customer service to the Town of Rowley. To maintain and operate all aspects of the municipal water supply in an environmentally sound fashion, maintain regulatory compliance, adhere to established budgets and provide drinking water of the highest quality and optimum fire protection. To maximize system reliability, minimize losses, repair or improve system deficiencies and operate within an established budget. Maintain regulatory compliance and protect the residents from contamination or back siphon/ backflow water quality issues.

The Rowley Water Department will strive for excellence in providing quality, reasonably priced water in a growing municipality, by being a strong advocate for our customers in local water issues, public education, asset management, water conservation, planning and securing water supplies, continuing our commitment to operate efficiently with the help of emerging technologies; challenging, motivating and rewarding our employees and offering premium customer service in all that we do.

The Town of Rowley Water Department is committed to providing its residents with drinking water of the highest quality possible and we constantly strive to improve all facets of our water system. Our goal is to ensure that we will have ample water supplies in the future that are contaminant free. Major water issues are usually presented at regular bi-weekly Water Board Meetings. We encourage you to get involved. The Rowley Water Department is committed to providing safe, potable drinking water of the highest quality, optimum fire protection, and first-rate customer service to the residents of Rowley.

As a result of an Administrative consent order from the Mass DEP, the Town of Rowley had to build a water treatment plant as one of the conditions of that order. The Town hired Weston and Sampson Engineers in 2010 to begin the design process. Construction began in July 2012.

On August 27, 2014 we began to pump water from Well #3 on Boxford Road via a 10 inch transmission water main to the \$12M filtration plant. We began to introduce the treated water into the system through a water main which enters on Haverhill Street or Rte. 133 via the Pingree Farm Road.

Next the old connection to the system for Well #5 was cut and capped. This began in September 2014. Well # 5 consists of 6 wells or a well field. Each of those wells were cleaned and inspected. These wells were pumped to the filtration plant as they were completed from October to November 2014. As of November 2014 the water department has the capability of running well 3 and the 6 wells from the #5 well field through the treatment plant as the demand in the system requires. Yes the water filtration plant is a 100% complete and operational. It is clear that as a community, we all recognize and appreciate the value and necessity for clean, potable drinking water. This was perhaps the most important and critical decision ever made about the water system. I commend the voters and the community in their recognition that filtration is a necessary improvement to our water system.

2014 brought many changes for the Water Department. The Water Department experienced a turnover in Management. A new Water Superintendent was brought on Board in August 2014.

All the open funded positions were filled, the treatment plant went online, we flushed the fire hydrants and we received four violations from the Mass DEP.

On October 8, 2010 the Town of Rowley was issued an administrative consent order to address the fecal contamination at the town wells by constructing a water treatment plant capable of 4-log removal. The Town of Rowley sent a letter to the Mass DEP in December 2014 to inform the DEP that the Town has completed all the items set forth in the ACO and we have received confirmation via email that the DEP is drafting a letter saying that Rowley has complied with the ACO. This means the DEP is satisfied with what Rowley has done and has met the conditions in the ACO.

The town of Rowley water department received four violations from the Mass DEP for not sampling in the specified time frame on the Mass DEP sampling schedule. The primary Operator is responsible for making sure these samples are collected and the results are submitted to the Mass DEP. This is a TIER 3 violation and requires public notification. When a water system violates a drinking water standard that does not have a direct impact on human health (for example, failing to take a required sample on time) the water supplier has up to a year to provide a notice of this situation to its customers. We will be placing the notification in the 2014 Annual Water Quality report. Once we do this we will have met the criteria for a Tier 3 violation.

The following is the list of violations:

- Lead and copper was due to be sampled June1, 2014- September 2014. We did not sample until November 2014
- Total coliform rule. We were supposed to collect bacteria samples in October 2014 and we did not.
- Manganese. We were supposed to collect a manganese sample from Well #3 in August 2014 and we did not.
- Gross alpha and radium (Radiologicals) We were supposed to collect a sample from Well #3 July1, 2014- September 2014. We did not sample.

We would like to express our appreciation for the services provided by employees of the Town of Rowley. Together, our collective efforts, operational standards and conservation minded practices will preserve and protect this most valuable resource now and for future generations. The contributions made to the community over the past year have been very valuable. Thanks again and we look forward to working with you all for years to come. Reserve and conserve for the future by reducing, reusing and recycling.

Statistical Data

Distribution	2014
Gate Valves replaced	0
Main breaks	1
Service leaks	9
hydrants flushed	500
new services	5
hydrants replaced	4

Statistical Data

Treatment	
total MG produced	175,941,180
Max day	644,000
Min Day	3,000
Ave Day	388,405
Well 2	95,009,900
well 3	760,000
well 5	22,661,000
Pinegree Farm filtration Plant	23,337,240

Respectfully submitted: Water Superintendent: MaryBeth Wiser Board of Water Commissioners: Roy Ricker; Chairman; Timothy Toomey Commissioner; Stuart Dalzell, Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

The work performed in the Cemetery Department in 2014 has been carried out in the usual manner. We have performed the following:

- Purchased one new gas trimmer
- Dug and filled thirty-four graves
- Installed fifteen gravestone footings
- Raised and reset ten headstones
- Graded and filled graves as needed
- Removed all overgrown bushes and trimmed all other bushes in the Cemetery
- In process of entering all Cemetery records in computer
- Purchased Kubota tractor

We would like to thank the Water Department, Electric Department and the Highway Department for their assistance this year, and a special thank you to Barbara Flood for her assistance.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is pleased to present to you 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 and follow-up investigation, 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 to first responders, high-risk residents, and the senior population. The vaccine was administered to the general population; under and uninsured residents were also vaccinated by the Board of Health as required by the state. Additionally, pneumonia vaccine has been offered to senior residents free of charge. 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. The Health Services Coordinator continues to execute the administrative responsibilities of the loan program. This includes the loan paperwork, quarterly and annual reports, database management, and other requirements as dictated by the state regulation governing the loan program. As of December 2014, 73 loans have been approved totaling \$1,524,629.61 loaned out. Thirty-three loans have been paid in full totaling \$577,359.68 received back into the program. A total of \$947,269.93 is currently outstanding for the 40 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 ninth annual Household Hazardous Waste Day held in the Town on November 22, 2014. The turnout of 245 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, including six 55 gallon drums of waste motor oil; 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 143 televisions, CRT's, and computer monitors; 22 large and 58 small propane tanks; 3 helium tanks; 14 car batteries; and 90 automobile tires. The eighth annual White Goods / Light Metal and Electronics Recycling Event was held on May 17, 2014. Winfield Alloy, Inc. was contracted to remove for recycling the following: 6,702 pounds of metal/light iron; 1,629 pounds of material and items with Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners); and 13,294 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 continued public interest shown this year.

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. A new Medical Reserve Corps coordinator has been working with the member towns, including the Rowley Board of Health, to recruit volunteers and increase participation 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 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 public areas frequented by children and families. The Board of Health works with Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control to refine and implement an effective Vector Management Plan and Arbovirus Surveillance and Response Plan. 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 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 eighth 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 also has a mercury recovery collection programs for thermostats, batteries, light bulbs and thermometers in place. A 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 2015 include maintaining quality service and professionalism in the office and in the field. It is a priority to maintain the existing services and programs that are necessary and useful to the local populations. Offering and expanding services and programs needed by the local population are also a top consideration. 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.

Respectfully submitted: Charles T. Costello-Chairman; Susan Elwell-Clerk; John Melcher-Member

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING / SENIOR CENTER

The year 2014 was both busy and exciting with new ventures and old traditions. 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 a Dinner Theater in Newport, Rhode Island. The successful Veteran's Supper was repeated in 2014 and grew in size, as more and more Veterans attended. Everyone enjoyed the three course sit down meal and the speakers that followed.

The business aspect of the Center 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. The year 2014 had a high risk flu warning so walk-in clinics were held until the vaccine was exhausted.

Senior wellness clinics were offered monthly both here and at the Plantation Senior housing. Many hours were spent with Seniors sorting out the very confusing maze of insurance changes as well as notices of change from Medicare and numerous insurance plans. The number of Seniors 60 and over continues to grow as the Town's population increases and baby boomers come of age.

The "Meals on Wheels" program, which is funded by a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, client contributions, and citizen donations, served approximately 3,600 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 a client's door five days a week. Without this volunteer component the program could not exist.

The Monday meal served at the Center is also staffed by volunteers. The estimated value of volunteer services in 2014 at the Center was over \$70,000.

The Senior Center is also an active part of the TRIAD program in Rowley. The TRIAD program has completed several projects in Rowley including the most recent "Car- fit" program where Seniors are fitted to their vehicle by trained professionals.

The Senior Center continues to print their own newsletter and with the help of faithful volunteers the newsletters are folded and prepared for mailing in a matter of hours. All 780 copies reach Rowley Seniors each month. The newsletter is also available on the Town website where many Seniors read from saving the Senior Center paper and postage.

There were several informational seminars on insurance, wills, power of attorney, health, fire and electrical safety as well as a Yoga class held at the Plantation's all purpose room which continues to be a most successful venture.

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

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ellen Mighill, Director

The Council on Aging Board: Mary Bright, Chairwoman; Joan Lyons, Vice Chairwoman; George Gallant, Secretary; Robert Kirsner, Member; Merle Phipps, Member; Edna Keyes, Member and Diana Titus, Member

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

During the year 2014, the Historic District Commission issued a total of (7) Seven Certificates of Appropriateness, (11) Eleven Certificates of Non-Applicability, (0) Certificates of Hardship, (2) Two Demolition Permit, (0) Demolition Delay Enacted. There were a total of Eighteen (18) applications by property owners for proposed renovations, additions and or new construction on their property within the limits of the (2) two established Historic Districts.

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

The Historical Commission meets each month to consider issues concerning preservation and awareness of the historic character, places and artifacts in the town. Any property owner who has questions or comments of any historical concern such as historical house documentation, house plaque acquisition, inventories of historical sites on file, or other historical matters is invited to attend a regularly scheduled monthly meeting held at the Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M., or to contact the Historic Commission via email: historic@townofrowley.org.

Respectfully submitted: Frank P. Todd, Chair; Sara E. Bourque, Clerk; Nathaniel N. Dummer; John Cardillo; Mike Sabatini; Mike Harney, Alternate

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library universe continued to expand and innovate in 2014, as has been the case for several years. New products and services are announced almost daily, it seems. The Rowley Public Library has offered downloadable e-books and audiobooks through the vendor OverDrive since 2007. Freegal, the 'free' and 'legal' downloadable music service, is newer but just as popular. Mango language learning software is another new product that patrons can access 24/7 from any Internet connection. And Safari Books provides access to tens of thousands of online

educational, technical, computer, and business guidebooks and videos. In all, the library's anytime anywhere digital resources were accessed 3,268 times, a 55% increase over 2013, and comprise almost 7% of total circulation for the year.

In its physical collection the Library owns over 44,000 books, magazines, large print, audiobooks, music cds, videos, video games, and kits. Library materials were borrowed 47,267 times, and patron visits totaled 36,495. That's 700 customers per week! The Library is now open 44 hours per week, up from 40 the previous year. 14 public access computers continue to be used about 200 times per week. Five meeting rooms were used over 500 times in 2014 by community organizations or for quiet study and collaboration. About 300 families took advantage of our many museum pass memberships to enjoy deep savings at cultural institutions. Thanks to the Rowley Cultural Council, the Friends of the Rowley Public Library, and one generous donor for sponsoring the pass program.

Interestingly, use of the Rowley Public Library by non-Rowley residents increased by over 30%. Clearly our wonderful library is a destination that people seek out. No doubt that is a result of our hard-working staff, who go out of their way to provide the best public services achievable. Over 18,000 Inter-Library Loans were processed in 2014, and over 6,800 reference questions were answered. 4,400 guests attended 302 programs, including story time, yoga for children and adults, book club, a new genealogy club, musical events, author visits, lectures, computer classes for seniors, and tablet/e-reader/smart phone/device assistance for all. The Friends of the Rowley Public Library sponsor many of the ongoing programs, especially the summer reading program, in which 189 youths and 131 adults participated. Thanks also to our loyal and dedicated volunteers, who donated 665 hours last year.

Finally, 2014 was special because the Town of Rowley celebrated the 375th Anniversary of its founding in 1639. The Rowley Public Library was a proud participant, with a show of over 40 friends, trustees, staff and patrons of all ages marching in the parade on an extremely warm September Saturday. The Library also received a \$7,500 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to put on its first ever Community Read program, Rowley Reads. 19 events were held for adults and children and 385 patrons participated. These included special story times, classes, movies, book discussions, lectures, a cooking demonstration, and a Jazz Brunch with live music. The planning team is looking forward to Rowley Reads 2015! Also to look forward to in 2015 is the launch of a new and improved web site that will be a virtual branch and provide access on the go to numerous resources at www.rowleylibrary.org.

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Rowley Parks and Recreation Committee met throughout the year during 2014. The current Committee met many challenges this past year while improving the condition of numerous fields. Ryan Gallant 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 major improvements to the baseball fields and playground at Eiras Park. The Committee met several times with the many youth sports organizations in the area to ensure adequate and safe

environments were available to all participants. The Committee identified needed upgrades, solicited bids from numerous vendors and completed them throughout 2014. The Committee is working with the board of Selectmen to upgrade, improve and add additional fields for all of Rowley.

As always, we are trying to incorporate more family events into our service.

The sub-committee chairperson for each committee is:

Ryan Gallant User Fees Committee; Mike Quinn; Budget & Finance Committee; Mike Killion, Parks & Services Coordinator Committee; Kurt Annen, CPA Committee; Tim Southall, Field Maintenance Committee. Each Committee has three members and meets on an as needed basis. They are all open to your suggestions and ideas for improvement. We would like to thank the residents of Rowley for their support to make all our improvements possible.

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

The kitchen project at our elderly complex at Plantation was completed in the spring of 2014. This still leaves fourteen more kitchens in our end units to be remodeled. The State is paying for two of the end units at Plantation to be completely remodeled to meet the requirements for ADA handicapped units. This remodel will go out to bid in early January of 2015 and is expected to be completed by July of 2015.

This year we also received \$25,000 to replace the siding on one of the duplex buildings at Depot Way. The family units were twenty-three years old this past July.

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.

Respectfully submitted: Katherine L. Dalzell, Chairperson; Mary Ellen MacDonald, Vice Chair/Secretary; Jack L. Cook; Donald P. Hovey, Treasurer; Robert Cianfrocca, State Appointee

REPORT OF THE ROWLEY COMMUNITY MEDIA (RCM)

RCM is Rowley's PEG Access TV Channel and website. Funded through contract negotiations between the town and cable providers, no taxpayer money is used to facilitate this resource. On Verizon channel 26/Comcast 9 and online at www.tightrope.townofrowley.org, residents can

find out what goes on in town through Monday night Selectmen's meetings as well as Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Water Commission, Light Commission, Board of Health, Library Trustees, Annual/Special Town Meetings and other informational meetings. Various events are also on TV and on demand online such as most of the ROWLEY375 events celebrating Rowley's 375th Anniversary. Other programming produced here in Essex County can also be viewed.

At present RCM, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, is located on the basement level of Town Hall and the Selectmen's office is wired for live coverage as are the Annex meeting room and Pine Grove School All-Purpose Room. The staff, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, include Director Janet Morrissey and Production Technicians Christopher Southwick and Keith R. Gagne. We invite members of our community, unfamiliar with our programming, to tune in or log in. Rowley residents are also encouraged to produce using home equipment or by borrowing cameras and booking edit time at the studio. Staff will teach and provide technical support.

Below is breakdown of RCM shows. A detailed list of programs is available: email

Janet@townofrowley.org

or search for show categories online at tightrope.townofrowley.org. Click search shows tab.

Bulletin board content which deserves "airtime" is not included in programming total time.

Artist Impression 2 shows

Essex County Bikes (shows not produced in Rowley) 131 shows

Fillers 2 shows (Farmers' Market & Scott Leavitt dedication)

History 25 shows (including some ROWLEY375 events)

Informational 2 shows

Library 7 shows

Music 8 shows (including ROWLEY375 concerts)

PGS 5 shows

PSA's 3 promos

Religion 27 shows

Special Events 8 shows

Sports 3 shows

State/Fed Gov't 2 shows

Town Meetings 238 shows

Triton 52 shows

Whittier 5 shows

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. 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.

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 Director and the Assistant to the Director 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.

On May 1, 2014, Terrance Hart, the Director of Veterans' Services for the last 15 years, passed away un-expectantly but peacefully. In October of 2014, Ryan Lennon, the former Director of Veterans' Services for Lexington-Bedford was hired.

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

District Director Ryan P. Lennon

REPORT OF WHITTIER VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

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 forty first year. To date we have graduated 10,348 students from the day school.

The enrollment for the Evening School from Rowley: 9

The October 1, 2013 Day School Enrollment:

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

2014 Graduates – 3

The cost to Rowley for the school year 2013-2014 was \$152,263.00.

Respectfully yours: David Irving - Rowley Representative; William P. DeRosa - Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This report describes developments within the district during the period January 2014 through January 2015.

Budget Related Developments

The three member towns supported the School Committee's proposed final FY14 budget, which enabled the district to consolidate recent initiatives, including but not limited to:

- ✓ maintain low class sizes in the elementary schools

- ✓ improving support for students with low literacy skills at the middle school
- ✓ extending Advanced Placement opportunities at the high school
- ✓ avoiding high cost out of district tuition by making in-district provision for students with special needs between the ages of 18 and 22
- ✓ strengthening an increasingly successful athletics program

The shift in the balance between students choosing to be educated in neighboring communities and those from other communities choosing to attend Triton schools has continued. We currently have 75 more in-coming than out-going students. That provides \$375,000 in revenue that does not have to be charged to the tax payer.

District Initiatives to Improve Teaching and Learning

District activity in support of schools and teachers has included:

- implementing the new, more rigorous state standards for English and Mathematics
- extending the Keys To Literacy reading comprehension program into the secondary schools
- extending targeted support for students at risk of failure
- further consolidation of the state's new educator evaluation arrangements

Examples of Student Growth, Achievement and Commitment to Excellence

For the second year running the high school was listed on the College Board's Honor Roll for the broadening the range of Advanced Placement courses and improved student performance.

Middle School students performed at the highest levels in national French examinations.

The rapid expansion of the DECA business club, which sent students to the national finals in San Diego. More athletics teams participated in post-season competition than ever before.

High school graduates won acceptance by the flowing universities: Boston College, Tufts, Clemson, San Diego, North Eastern, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Purdue, Ohio State, Syracuse an the University of Connecticut, Worcester Polytechnic Institute – all ranked among the top seventy universities in the country.

Pine Grove School

I am grateful to the Rowley Selectmen for their swift response in appropriating funds for the repair of one of the Pine Grove School boilers, which has been troublesome for some time.

Following discussion with the Board of Selectmen the School Committee has resubmitted the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, first submitted in The Statement of Interest is the first step in securing a state contribution to the much needed refurbishment and updating of the school.

The Stadium

Plans for the redevelopment of the high school stadium are being finalized. Our athletes have not been able to use the track for competition since 2011, and the home and visitors' bleachers were

condemned as unsafe shortly before Thanksgiving. The plans provide for a basic facility comparable to those which have been installed in other North Shore communities. It is expected that revenue will cover the ongoing maintenance costs once the facility is in place.

As always I am deeply appreciative of the commitment of our teachers, support staff, and administrators to meeting the developmental needs of all our students.

Christopher Farmer, Superintendent of Schools

PINE GROVE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Pine Grove School continues to focus on improving student achievement outcomes, fostering a strong community of parent and community volunteers, and improving school facilities. PGS continues to implement a model in which each grade level participates in a grade level Professional Learning Community (PLC) meeting on a regular basis. The mission of the PLC is: The PGS Professional Learning Communities will work in collaborative teams to continually analyze and improve classroom practice to raise student achievement. Focus areas tend to be on Mathematics and ELA. Grade level teams also worked on a six week cycle of an educational topic of their choice as part of their PLC meeting time. The PLC's are facilitated by the literacy and math coaches. Administration attends the majority of the PLC meetings.

Pine Grove School is in year two with the utilization of a literacy and math coach. Research shows that schools and classrooms with the highest reading and math achievement are those that are supported by literacy and math coaches who spend most of their time working with teachers.

Teachers continue to implement Keys to Literacy across all disciplines. Keys Coaches are providing support and Professional Development (PD) for the teachers. Pine Grove School will train three more teachers this year as Keys to Literacy Coaches for a total of six.

Pine Grove School continues to improve RTI WIN (What I Need) time 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. The goal of the PGS RTI model is: to design a sustainable RTI model that is horizontally and vertically aligned throughout grades K-6.

PGS educators have worked collaboratively to continue to strengthen the protocols for developing analytical and evaluative processing using data literacy including MCAS analysis.

Flexible grouping continues to be explored throughout various grade levels and is used during the RTI/WIN block. Flexible grouping is a practice where teachers across a grade level form groups of students with similar needs who receive instruction in a particular skill (or set of skills) for a limited period of time. Data is collected and reviewed to assess student progress, and after the given time frame, groups are rearranged to address a new set of needs.

Interventions/Extension Blocks and Lesson Study have been implemented across several grade levels.

Differentiated Instruction continues to be strengthened among educators with several teachers participating in building based DI study groups.

Several educators continue to refine their practice using the Responsive Classroom model throughout the day as well as attending workshops throughout the summer.

Teachers at Pine Grove School continue to participate in a number of professional development activities including Keys to Literacy, Support for Struggling Readers, Helping Students with Psychological Disorders, Benchmark Assessment System, Coaches Training, Data Teams, Curriculum Mapping, Response to Intervention, Differentiated Instruction, Independent Study, and Technology. All Professional Development activities are aligned to the District Improvement Plans.

Several Community Gatherings continue 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 self discipline, conscience, honor, compassion, responsibility, integrity, resiliency, courage, patriotism, and caring.

Principal Coffee Talks are scheduled throughout the school year. Topics are focused on issues in education, assessment information, and popular educational books for parents.

The School Council developed a parent survey to collect data on parent involvement and special skill areas for volunteering in the school.

Training Programs/Parenting Classes are underway for parents. A parent forum was held this winter on Appropriate Use of Technology for Children and Teens: What to Look For.

Building Walkthroughs with the Rowley Selectmen, MSBA Officials, Administration, and Custodial Staff have taken place as well as meetings to discuss the possibility of submitting a Statement of Interest to the MSBA.

The PGS Technology Committee continues to meet throughout the year. Chrome Books for teachers and two 30 unit carts were purchased through a grant submitted by the PGS Technology Committee and awarded by Institution For Savings - \$40,000.

Respectfully submitted, Christine A. Kneeland - Principal

TRITON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CORE VALUES, BELIEFS, AND LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL
PREPARATION FOR CAREERS, COLLEGE, AND COMMUNITY
CONNECTED LEARNING
RELEVANT SKILLS
RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT

Triton High School is committed to helping students become responsible for their own learning by providing them with opportunities to develop relevant 21st Century skills as they begin careers, pursue college, and contribute to their communities.

We believe students should be able to:

- Read and write effectively
- Communicate ideas appropriately through a variety of platforms
- Create and problem solve independently and collaboratively

These statements express what we believe are the most important things about our school and what we want for every student graduating from Triton.

We are proud of the fact that the high school offers a rigorous college preparatory and career-oriented curriculum, which includes thirteen 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, and Statistics. Each year our Advanced Placement Program offerings grow. This year Triton High School made the College Board Honor Roll for the second time in two years. This recognition reflects the expansion of Advanced Placement course opportunities at our school and the levels of achievement of students taking these AP courses. As our superintendent noted, "This recognition reflects the dedication of the school's teachers, guidance counselors and administrators in making a concerted effort to enhance the quality and breadth of these college level courses."

In addition to the varied and numerous AP offerings, we have formed a partnership with Salem State University to offer dual enrollment classes that are held on campus. Over fifty 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 to utilize and to seek 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 the MCAS state accountability benchmarks in making satisfactory progress towards 100% proficiency by 2015 in English Language Arts, Math, and Science/Engineering Technology. 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 successfully preparing ALL students for their future. To this end, we have an alternative education classroom in the high school which focuses 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 students in a 21st century learning environment, out of school supervised vocational opportunities are also being addressed for these students ensuring that they will graduate with college and career readiness skills.

The 2015-2017 School Improvement Plan, developed, and reviewed this year by the site-based School Council, has identified four primary goals for the high school. The School Council is steadfast in providing support and guidance in leading the school for effective change, giving careful attention to the evidence on current results as well as on possible improvements. One of the goals of last year, which continues to be a goal in the current plan, is the continued development of a Student Advisory Program. At present the high school has an advisory program for freshmen, sophomore, and junior students. Next year we will have a full school advisory program which will provide a supportive, individualized and personalized environment for all students. Our Student Advisory Program provides 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. We are fortunate to be able to offer students unique courses which provide hands –on learning opportunities for our students. Our Natural Science class focuses on the study of living animals. The care of injured and orphaned wildlife is housed within our school building and on our grounds. Students have the privilege of participating in our very active and successful DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) chapter. DECA is a national high school and college program that extends the teaching and learning of National Business Curriculum Standards in four career clusters - Marketing, Finance, Business Management & Administration, Hospitality / Tourism. The focus of DECA is to prepare the next generation of students to be academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, and experienced leaders. This is accomplished through a series of events and conferences at the District, State, National, and International levels. Students compete to advance in their respective selected areas of choice through exams and role playing events. Beyond competition based events, DECA also offers leadership seminars at the different conferences throughout the year.

This year our Triton DECA Chapter had a stellar performance in this year's District Competition - 6 High Schools, 550 students. Eighty-four Triton High School students participated with 45 students earning the right to compete at DECA MA States in March in 18 different events.

Students can enroll in courses which provide them with real world experiences: working in the “Viking Corner Store” and the full-fledged school bank are two examples. To further these goals

for our students, the Institution for Savings Bank holds a Credit for Life fair in the high school gymnasium for all juniors. 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, Pentucket, and Newburyport high schools. The students in the Triton Learning Center Program continue to maintain a paper-recycling program. Students can be seen collecting used paper from throughout the building and 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.

Triton High School foreign language students have two distinct opportunities to participate in our school sponsored exchange programs. The French Exchange program began in 2008 and we are proud to be able to continue providing our students with such a rich and rewarding experience. It is the intent of this organization that exchanges represent not only a school-to-school exchange; but also, a community-to-community exchange. The Spanish Immersion and Exchange Program is a new offering, beginning in the summer of 2014. Student participation in both these exchange programs provides high school students a unique opportunity to discover another culture and to meet other youth of their own age from another country - providing everyone with a tremendously enriching experience.

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 both during the school day as well as at extra-curricular activities. We hope to find ways to encourage even more volunteerism in the future. The Triton Education Foundation is also 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 for our classrooms. 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, this year, fifty-five 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 at Triton High School. 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 have gained considerable recognition at the regional and state levels, including student acceptance into the All State Jazz Band, the Northeastern District Honor Chorus, the Northeast Junior District Girls Chorus as well as awards in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competitions, the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the Newburyport Budding Artists Competition, and Art All-State Awards.

Students continue to participate with energy and enthusiasm not only in athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, but also in community service programs. Again this year we hosted events for our senior citizens including 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, 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.

Respectfully submitted: Kathryn E. Dawe - Principal

TRITON REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we come to the mid-point of my third year as principal of Triton Middle School, we have much of which to be proud. We are continually seeking new interventions to address the needs of an ever changing population of students. As an example, this year we put 7th grade reading classes in place. Although these classes have had growing pains, recent assessments have shown all students in these classes have demonstrated solid growth in their literacy skills. We have also added a behavioral program, giving us 3 distinct special education programs to better accommodate the variety of learners that come through our doors every year.

Our goals going forward are to continue building our capacity to work and intervene with all students. We have done much to enhance our literacy instruction and we now plan to look more closely at math. With the introduction of a new math program next year, district-wide, we have an opportunity to make vast improvements and truly align with the new Massachusetts Frameworks.

Despite not having full time specials teachers, we have continued to grow our Unified Arts offerings and hope to add more electives to Music as we have done with Art. We also plan to expand our Art offerings, introducing photography next year.

Our students remain engaged and curious about learning, over the past year we have had a very successful math team, the introduction of numerous middle school sports programs, and the continuation of our 21st century grant after school programs. We have also added a Chromebook Cart enabling technology to be brought to classrooms and increasing our ability to use on-line resources. Finally, we had 1 student recognized, nationally, as a Broadcom Masters Science Fair finalist in Washington D.C. as well as two girls presented with Presidential Volunteerism Awards. The middle school remains a vibrant and purposeful place of learning. Due to the generosity of our School Committee and member towns we have been allowed to put in place new programs and interventions over the last couple of years. This has allowed us to address the diverse needs of our middle school students. Unfortunately, given our recent budget discussions, I fear reductions will cause us to lose some of the momentum that has been created. However, despite these projected setbacks; I am confident, the committed and professional faculty of Triton Middle School, will overcome these obstacles and give students the educational environment they expect and deserve.

Respectfully submitted: Alan B. MacRae - Principal

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TOWN OF ROWLEY ENROLLMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 2013

Pine Grove School

Elementary	Boys	Girls	Total
Early Childhood	20	17	37
Kindergarten	31	34	65
Grade 1	39	27	66
Grade 2	28	24	52
Grade 3	40	48	88
Grade 4	33	37	70
Grade 5	41	36	77
Grade 6	44	36	80
Total	276	259	535

Triton Regional Middle School

Grade 7 Rowley Students	66
Grade 8 Rowley Students	81
Total	147

Triton Regional High School

Grade 9 Rowley Students	53
Grade 10 Rowley Students	52
Grade 11 Rowley Students	56
Grade 12 Rowley Students	55
Total	216

Other Enrollments as of October 2013

	SPED	7
	Private	26
	Parochial	28
	Public	51
	Home-Schooled	12
	Total	124

Pine Grove School Enrollment	535
Triton Regional Middle School Enrollment	147
Triton Regional High School Enrollment	216
Other Enrollment	124
Total 2013/2014 Enrollment as of 10/1	1022

General Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Budget and Actual
Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues		
Assessments to Member Towns	\$ 27,173,976	\$ 27,173,976
Intergovernmental	10,671,677	10,728,690
Medicaid	175,000	158,537
Investment Income	50,000	20,022
Insurance and Retirement Revenue	497,323	551,446
Miscellaneous		38
Total Revenues	\$ 38,567,976	\$ 38,632,709
Expenditures		
Administration	\$ 1,351,286	\$ 1,382,886
Instruction	19,973,504	19,849,798
Special Education Tuition to Other Districts	810,664	718,299
School Choice and Charter School Tuition	1,614,868	1,492,716
Transportation	2,030,020	2,253,948
Other School Services	339,751	333,774
Student Activities	406,736	403,590
Operation and Maintenance	2,543,545	2,664,663
Fringe Benefits	6,631,352	6,539,926
Food Services		2,191
Debt Service:		
Principal	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,200,000
Interest	734,250	734,250
Total Expenditures	\$ 38,635,976	\$ 38,576,041
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures		\$ 56,668

FY 2014 ASSESSMENTS

	Operating Budget	Capital Assessment
NEWBURY	\$ 8,568,972	\$ 188,040
ROWLEY	7,947,188	188,248
SALISBURY	9,483,109	798,419
Total		\$ 1,174,707

“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 www.trsd.net and phone calls are made to all families via the district’s auto-dialer (ConnectED).

TOWN OF ROWLEY

TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS 2013/14

Christopher Farmer, Superintendent of Schools

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David Magee, Administrator of Special Education

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Alan MacRae, Principal, Triton Regional Middle School

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James Sforza, Assistant Principal, Pine Grove School (beginning September 2014)