

TOWN OF FREETOWN

2005

2006

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



FREETOWN MEMORIAL PARK

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2005 – JUNE 30, 2006

DEDICATION

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated in memory of Atty. William E. White who passed away in 2006. His commitment to the Town of Freetown while serving as Moderator for 23 years was sincerely appreciated. His professional and efficient manner of conducting our Town Meetings, combined with the familiar ring of his voice, (announcing “the appointed hour,” for example,) will always be fondly remembered.

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TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

Annual Town Election
First Monday in March
(Except Years of Presidential Preference Primary Elections)
Polls Open: 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M.
For State Elections: Polls Open: 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Voting Locations:
Precinct I and Precinct II:
Freetown Elementary School
43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts

All voters, including handicapped: Please use Memorial Drive entrance.

Precinct III
Multi-Purpose Senior Center
227 Chace Road
East Freetown, Massachusetts

MEETINGS: BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Post Office Box 438, Assonet, Mass., or at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, Mass., unless otherwise noted.

Meeting notices containing specific dates, times, and locations of meetings are posted on the official glass-enclosed Town Hall bulletin board, on the main floor, at least 48 hours in advance, (including Saturdays but excluding Sundays and holidays,) except for those meetings called on an emergency basis.

BOARD:

Board of Selectmen
Board of Health
Personnel Board
Police Commission

Board of Assessors

Cemetery Committee

Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

MEETING INFORMATION:

Monday – 7:00 P.M. at
Multi-Purpose Senior Center
227 Chace Road
East Freetown, MA.

Monday – 7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall
3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA

Meeting dates and times posted;
Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.

Second and fourth Monday of each month at
7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall.

Meeting dates and times posted;
Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Finance Committee	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Freetown School Committee	Second Wednesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., May, July. Joint meeting with Lakeville and Regional School Committees on third Wednesday of Oct., Dec., Feb., April, and June.
Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee	Third Wednesday of each month, Sept.-July, at 7:30 P.M. at Apponequet Regional High School, 100 Howland Road, Lakeville, MA.
Historical Commission	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.
Library Trustees	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at James White Memorial Library, 5 Washburn Road, East Freetown, MA.
Planning Board	First and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall.
Soil Conservation Board	Meeting dates and times posted. Meetings held when necessary. Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Water Commission	Meeting dates and times posted. Meetings held when necessary. Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held First Monday in May – 7:30 P.M.
Apponequet Regional High School
100 Howland Road
Lakeville, Massachusetts

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Personnel Board, Police Commission:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.m. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Board of Assessors: Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday evening: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Building Commissioner/Board of Health Agent:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday evening: 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tax Collector: Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday evening: 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Town Accountant: Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Town Clerk: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday : 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Treasurer: Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday evening: 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Water Commission: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Howland Road

Lakeville, Massachusetts

Thursday through Sunday: 8:00 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Resident Stickers are available at the Sanitary Landfill. Cost: \$5.00 each.

LIBRARY HOURS

Guilford H. Hathaway Library – 508-644-2385

6 North Main Street, Assonet, Massachusetts

Monday: 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday: 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon;

James White Memorial Library – (508-763-5344)

5 Washburn Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.;

Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The Libraries are closed on holidays.

OTHER OFFICE HOURS

Veterans' Agent: Wednesday: 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
at Multi-Purpose Senior, or by appointment.

Police Chief: Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Freetown Police Department
225 Chace Road East Freetown, MA

Superintendent of Schools: Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
98 Howland Road
Lakeville, MA 02347

Elementary School Principal: Monday – Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.*
Freetown Elementary School
43 Bullock Road
East Freetown, MA 02717

Middle School Principal: Monday – Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.*
George R. Austin Middle School
112 Howland Road
Lakeville, MA 02347

Apponequet Regional High School Principal:
Monday – Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.*
Apponequet Regional High School
100 Howland Road
Lakeville, MA 02347

*When school is in session.

OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FREETOWN

(EO) – Denotes Elected Official or Committee.

(AO) – Denotes Town Official or Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen with a term expiring June 30th unless otherwise noted.

(AE) – Denotes Employee appointed by the Board of Selectmen/Personnel Board, with a term expiring June 30th.

TERM EXPIRES

(EO)	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
	John S. Ashley, Chairman	2007
	Lawrence N. Ashley	2008
	Lisa A. Pacheco	2009

(AE) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

(EO)	BOARD OF HEALTH	
	Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman	2008
	John S. Ashley	2007
	Lisa A. Pacheco	2009

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

(EO)	PERSONNEL BOARD	
	Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman	2009
	John S. Ashley	2007
	Lawrence N. Ashley	2008

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

(AE) **BUILDING COMMISSIONER/BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT**

Paul R. Bourgeois

The Building Commissioner/Health Agent also serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Sign Certification Officer, Inspector of Milk, Energy Coordinator, Handicapped Coordinator, Municipal Coordinator re. "Right-to-Know," and Fence Viewer.

(AE) Deborah A. Allerdt, Senior Clerk
 (AE) Keven V. Desmarais, Maintenance/Custodian
 (AO) Joseph H. Lee, Assistant Board of Health Agent

Robert M. Darling, Alternate Building Inspector/Health Agent
 Joseph M. Biszko, Alternate Building Inspector

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER

(AE) John Bernardo, Transfer Station/Recycling Center Attendant
Wayne Saunders, Assistant Transfer Station/Recycling Center Attendant.

(AO) **INSPECTORS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING**

Marcus H. Ashley III
Christopher J. Cabral

(AO) **INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

William J. Alphonse, Jr.
Thomas M. Barlow, Assistant

(AO) **INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING**

William J. Alphonse, Jr.

(AO) **BOAT RAMP ATTENDANTS**

Richard Saunders
Carol Dupras, appointed

Evan Audette

(AO) **TOWN PHYSICIAN**

Christopher J. Lebo, M.D.

(AO) **VETERANS' AGENT AND VETERANS' DIRECTOR**

Richard J. Levesque

(AO) **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Steven M. Dooney

Term Expires June 30, 2009

(AE) Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk

(AO) **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman
John S. Ashley
Lisa A. Pacheco
Anita L. Howland

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.
Stephen G. Curran
Steven M. Dooney
Jacqueline A. Brown

(EO) **MODERATOR**

Bruce W. Wilbur

2009

(EO)

TOWN CLERK

Jacqueline A. Brown
Diane L. Souza, Senior Clerk

Elected Tenure

Burial Agent

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

(AO)

Board of Registrars

Colleen Lacroix
Donald F. Gurney
Mary L. Bowen
Jeanne A. Haskins, deceased
Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

March, 2008
March, 2009
March, 2007

(AO)

Election Wardens

Precinct I – Lucille Depin
Precinct II – Paul D. Lubin
Precinct III – Miriam S. Gurney

Election Workers - Terms expire: August 2006

Republican:

Helen Allard, Election Worker/Inspector
Lauren J. Collins, Election Worker/Inspector
Paul Denault, Election Worker/Inspector
Beverly Dickinson, Election Worker/Inspector
Mildred G. Elford, Election Worker/Inspector
Gwendolyn Fernandes, Election Worker - Clerk, Precinct I
Virginia L. French, Election Worker/Inspector
F. Elaine Field, Election Worker/Inspector
Miriam S. Gurney, Election Worker/Warden - Precinct III
Jennifer Kitchen, Election Worker/Inspector
Jerry A. Reese, Election Worker/Clerk Precinct II
Judy A. Reese, Election Worker/Inspector
Louise D. Schellenberger, Election Worker/Inspector

Democrat:

Althea H. Brady, Election Worker/Inspector
Florence M. Brown, Election Worker/Inspector
Amy L. Copeland, Election Worker/Inspector
Lucille Depin, Election Worker/Warden, Precinct I
Donald J. Dickinson, Election Worker/Inspector
Pauline Forand, Election Worker/Inspector
Nancy Graca, Election Worker/Inspector
Constance J. Hogan, Election Worker/Inspector
Myrna C. Lubin, Election Worker/Clerk, Precinct III

Paul C. Lubin, Election Worker (Inspector until 3/10/05; changed to Warden, Precinct II)
Kathleen Macleod, Election Worker/Inspector
James M. Rego, Election Worker/Inspector
Roberta A. St. Yves, Election Worker/Inspector
Elizabeth Youngblood, Election Worker/Inspector

Unenrolled:

J. Carol Angus, Election Worker/Inspector
Graciette M. Medeiros, Election Worker/Inspector
Judith A. Mello, Election Worker/Inspector
Patricia Simmons, Election Worker/Inspector
Beatrice A. Wilcoxon, Election Worker/Inspector

(EO) **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Ronald R. Batacao, Chairman 2009
Richard L. Field 2007
John Laronda, Jr. 2008

(AE) Karen M. Mello, Assistant Assessor

(EO) **COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Stephen G. Curran 2007

(AE) Christina R. Jussaume, Assistant Tax Collector

(AO) Taxation Aid Committee

Anita L. Howland Odelia Thomas
Barbara A. Place Richard L. Field
Paul G. Sadeck

(EO) **TREASURER**

Anita L. Howland 2006

(AE) Marian Payant, Senior Clerk 2006

Health Insurance Advisory Committee

Anita L. Howland Eugene J. Rymaszewicz
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire

(EO)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David A. Theriault, Chairman	2007
Michael T. McCue, resigned 7/06	2007
Robert H. Alderson	2008
Paul L. Deneault	2008
John Santangelo	2009
Dennis F. Belanger	2009
Gary S. Amaral	2009
George L. Grunwald	2006
Suzanne M. Moquin	2006

(AE)

Collette Lincoln, Senior Clerk

(EO)

FREETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sandra L. Souza, Chairman	2007
Robert W. Clark	2006
Patrick T. Matthews	2007
Jeanne M. Tierney	2009
Alexandre Magalhaes	2007
Lisa A. Pacheco, resigned	2008
Judith A. Magalhaes	2006

(EO)

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jean C. Fox, Chairman	2009
Robert W. Clark*	2009
David W. Brown	2007

*Appointed one year to Regional Committee from Town Committee.

(AO)

FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Christopher Ross, Chairman	Bonnie L. Howland
Lawrence N. Ashley	David Bealka
Mark Pacheco	Lisa A. Pacheco
Susan F. Bulis	Robert N. Raymond
Jean C. Fox	Thomas Reznekervitz

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Includes both Freetown and Lakeville members.)

Lawrence N. Ashley	Carolyn Gomes
Jean C. Fox	Louise Domingos
William J. McCue	Chawner Hurd
James Marot	Lisa A. Pacheco
Philip Oliveira	Pamela Dellarocco
Steven Olivier	Kelly Conway
Colleen Roy	Charlene Shea
Janet Scott	David W. Brown

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Includes both Freetown and Lakeville members.)

Lawrence N. Ashley
Jeanne Bonneau
Joseph Capone
Thomas Cirignano
John Cummings
Darlene Donnelly
Kristine Donnelly
Steven Driscoll
Jean C. Fox
Rodney Rezendes

Richard LaCamera
Brian Lawton
Janet D. Nassr
Sherry Maroney
Robert Marshall
Patrick Matthews
Lisa A. Pacheco
Cris D. Parker
Gordon Goodfellow

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Includes both Freetown and Lakeville members.)

Thomas Cirignano
Steven Driscoll
Gordon Goodfellow
Richard LaCamera

James Marot
Joseph Simas
Rodney Rezendes
Christopher Ross

(EO)

PLANNING BOARD

Joel B. Plissey, Chairman	2008
Christopher J. Cabral	2006
Keven V. Desmarais	2007
Robert N. Raymond	2009
Mark W. Rogers	2010
Roger R. Martin, Associate Member, resigned	2006

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Senior Clerk

(EO)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Irene Ashley, Chairman	2009
Lucille M. Rosa, Vice Chairman	2009
Lori M. Weider, Secretary	2007
Janice C. Gurney	2008
Richard E. Spencer	2008
Vicki L. Dawson, Library Director	

Library Personnel

Althea H. Brady, Senior Librarian
Margaret A. Riley, Library Technician

Cheryl M. Belliveau, Library Technician

(AO)

Library Planning Committee

Lucille M. Rosa, Chairman
Irene Ashley
Lori M. Weider

Elaine D'Andrea
Muriel J. Saunders

(AO) **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman	2008
Maria V. Ternullo	2009
Jean-Pierre Trahan	2007
Janine C. Robidoux	2008
David C. Mannion	2008
Nancy Jean Bock	2007
Richard Furlong	2007
Antonio M. Carreiro, resigned	

(AE) Laurie A. Carvalho, Senior Clerk, resigned
Karen J. Robitaille, appointed

(AO) **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Gary Guinen, Chairman	2007
Jean-Pierre Trahan	2009
Daniel A. Loranger	2008
Kim Pina, Alternate Member	2007

(AE) Laurie A. Carvalho, Senior Clerk

(AO) **SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman	Lawrence N. Ashley
John S. Ashley	Keven V. Desmarais
Jean-Pierre Trahan	

(AE) Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(EO) **HIGHWAY SURVEYOR**

Charles J. Macomber 2009

(AE) Highway Department Employees

Henry L. Jussaume, Equipment Operator	William J. Simmons, Mechanic
Edward P. Walsh, Truck Driver/Laborer	Andrew J. Simmons, Assistant Mechanic
John Bernardo, Truck Driver/Laborer	

(EO) **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Ralph E. Gurney, Jr., Chairman	2007
Harris H. Chace	2009
Michael T. McCue	2008

(EO) **TREE WARDEN**

Gary C. Loranger 2009

(AO)	MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER	
	Ralph E. Gurney, Jr. Paul S. Darling	2007 2007
(AO)	MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	
	Gary Loranger	2007
(EO)	WATER COMMISSION	
	Gregory J. Tavares Robert A. Ward, Chairman Howard E. Wilbur, Jr.	2009 2007 2008
(AE)	Helen E. Medeiros, Senior Clerk John Baptista, Water Operator	
(AE)	Ronald A. Beauregard, Water Meter Reader, resigned	
(AO)	HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH WARDEN	
	Mark A. Jose Paul R. Bourgeois, Assistant	2006 2006
(AO)	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
	Theodore Machado	2007
(AO)	PUBLIC WEIGHERS	
	Marianno Rezendes, Jr.	2007
(AO)	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	
	Joseph H. Cambra David Frates, Assistant	2007
(AO)	DOG OFFICER	
	David Frates – (Part-time)	2007
	POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Ex Officio)	
	John S. Ashley Lawrence N. Ashley Lisa A. Pacheco	2007 2008 2009

POLICE DEPARTMENT

All Full-Time and Reserve Police Officers are appointed by the Board of Selectmen serving as the Police Commissioners, (Ex-Officio.) The terms of police officers listed are July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Chief of Police

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire

Lieutenant

Walter J. Sawicki, Lieutenant

Sergeants

Steven E. Abbott
Michael J. Byrnes, Detective
Charles B. Sullivan

Elton E. Ashley III
Swede M. Magnett

Patrolmen

Mark B. Bullock
Michael J. Connell
Benjamin A. Levesque
Scott M. Rose

Donald B. Bullock
Edward J. Dwyer
Ryan W. Pereira
Jon M. Taylor

Reserve Police Officers

Craig J. Cabral
Paul M. DeMelo
Robert C. Fouquette
Shawn K. Harris
John G. Lopes

Brenda J. Christiansen
Mark Fornaciari
Kevin M. Garell
Shane V. Kelley
Paul G. Sadeck

(AO)

CONSTABLES

For service of Town processes, only:

Police Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Detective/Sergeant Michael J. Byrnes

Lieutenant Walter J. Sawicki

Other Constables:

Edward A. Mello
Christopher J. Cabral
Michael C. Lecuyer

Susan M. Jose
Paul G. Sadeck

For Civil Processes, only:

Richard C. Raposa
Joseph Migliori

James E. Sadeck
Kenneth W. Upham

FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE

2005-2006

Full-Time Personnel

Wayne A. Haskins, Fire Chief, E.M.T.-I

Appointed by the Fire Chief:

Gary Silvia, Deputy Chief, E.M.T.-P
Gene J. Rymaszewicz, Lieutenant/E.M.T.-P
Clifford A. Cardin, Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Timothy M. Ashley, Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Wesley S. Vaughan, Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Harrie E. Ashley, Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Neal J. Lafleur, Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Paul S. Ashley, Firefighter/E.M.T.-I

Florence J. Cabral, Senior Clerk

Fire & Rescue - Call Personnel

James Berg, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	Shawn Lopes, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Chad Bettencourt, Call Firefighter	Christian Medeiros, Call Firefighter
Mark Brogan, Call Firefighter	Stephen Medeiros, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Jeffrey Brum, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	David Pothier, Call Firefighter
Gregory Calbo, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	Eric Reynolds, Call Firefighter
Gary Carrier, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Vernon Roberts, Call Captain
Robert Ferreira, Call firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Raymond Schmidt, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Michael Fournier, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Kevin Smith, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Antonio Fratalia, Call Firefighter	Edward Sylvia, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Thomas Gauthier, Call Firefighter	Christopher Thibeault, Call Firefighter
David Haskins, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I	Lincoln Thibeault, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Brent L'Heureux, Call Firefighter-E.M.T.-I	Kevin Whittey, Call firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Nicholas Lecuyer, Call Firefighter	

(AE)

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center is managed jointly by Police Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr.
and Fire Chief Wayne A. Haskins.

Full-Time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Brenda J. Christiansen, Supervisor

Suzanne M. Moquin
Debra J. Souza

Craig O. Tjersland
Richard J. Levesque

Part-time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Susan M. Jose
Michael J. Connell
Daniel J. Stewert

Joy Swartzendruber
Steven Mathias

Lock-Up Attendants

Suzanne Moquin

Jill Swartzendruber

(AO)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Wayne A. Haskins, Director

Paul S. Ashley
Elizabeth R. Connell

Jacqueline A. Brown
Linda H. Lynn Remedis

Emergency Management Radio Operators:

Paul G. Sadeck

Michael P. Pillarella

Auxiliary Police Officers:

Shane V. Kelley

(AO)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wayne A. Haskins, Chairman
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Gary Silvia
Jacqueline A. Brown

John S. Ashley
Paul R. Bourgeois
Eric Morin
Linda H. Lynn Remedis

(AO)

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wayne A. Haskins, Chairman
Paul R. Bourgeois
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire

John S. Ashley
Barbara A. Place

(AO)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Clarence R. Dearden
Charles Gray
Leocadia V. Pittsley
Joyce Cocke
Marilyn Tripp
Wayne A. Snell
Susan A. Rousseau
Ellsworth Kershaw, deceased

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The Council on Aging members have also been appointed as part-time Van Drivers.

(AE)

Barbara A. Place, Director

Rosemary Haley, Senior Clerk

Council on Aging Van Drivers

Carlton E. Abbott, Sr.
Judith Reese

Walter Gregory
Thelma Jason, Senior Aide

(AO)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Paul R. Bourgeois, Chairman
Jean C. Fox
James C. Hadfield
Karen Gomes
Kevin Pelland
Gary C. Loranger

Suzanne R. Ashley
Patricia A. Benevides
Ellen Lima
Alexander A. Stylos
Lisa H. Kaminski
Gregory Tavares

(AO)

FOURTH-OF-JULY PARADE/FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Jean C. Fox, Chairman
Robert L. Adams
John W. Remedis
James O'Leary

Suzanne R. Ashley
Michael T. McCue
Ellen C. Lima
Dawn Weitzenkamp

(AO)

LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL

John W. Remedis, Chairman – 12/2008
Althea H. Brady – 8/2007
Keven V. Desmarais – 10/2008
Jillian Hegarty – 10/2008
Yvette Perry – 8/2007
Nancy L. VanNostrand – 8/2007

Elizabeth D. Ashley – 10/2008
Joan M. Buffinton – 10/2008
Sharon M. Hadley – 8/2007
Holly M. Panagos – 10/2008
Marilyn Schindler – 8/2007
Dawn Weitzenkamp-2/2009

(AO)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary E.R. Brown, Chairman
Miriam S. Gurney, Clerk
John Laronda, Jr.
Paul L. Deneault
Peter D. Erwin
Jacqueline Petrouski
Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Associate Member
Charles J. Macomber, Associate Member

2007
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(AO)

CABLE COMMITTEE

Monique O. Stylos, Chairman
Rev. Curtis D. Dias

Lawrence N. Ashley
Alexander A. Stylos

(AO)

CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Rev. Curtis D. Dias, Chairman
Anthony N. Costa
Diane L. Delliacocono
Camille Xifaras Lafontaine
Michael J. Motta
Zumira M. Pina

Geraldine Branco
John B. Costa
Kathleen P. Guarino
George J. Lambert
Jean Pina
David A. Theriault

(AO)

OPEN SPACE USE COMMITTEE

Althea H. Brady, Chairman
Keven V. Desmarais
Thomas Manley

Mary E.R. Brown
Kenneth B. Green
Paul W. Ziobro

(AO)

PARKS COMMISSION

Gary J. Blair, Chairman
Glenn Cowley
Jean C. Fox
Jill Swartzendruber

Paul R. Bourgeois
Keven V. Desmarais
Paula L. Mueller

(AO)

RUBBISH COLLECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Paul R. Bourgeois, Chairman
Laura Andrews
James M. Rego

Joseph H. Lee
Michael T. McCue
Richard E. Spencer

(AO)

ZONING STUDY COMMITTEE

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman
Keven V. Desmarais
Peter D. Erwin
James Rezendes

Mary E.R. Brown
Jean C. Fox
Robert N. Raymond
Mark W. Rogers

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire – Municipal Hearings Officer relative to State Fire and Building Codes.

John S. Ashley – Representative to Bristol County Retirement Advisory Board; Member - Representative to Assawompsett Pond Complex Management Team.

Lawrence N. Ashley – Sexual Harassment Officer; Americans with Disabilities' Act Coordinator; Member, Mass. Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board.

Paul R. Bourgeois – Project Coordinator in conjunction with Freetown Youth Sports Association Central Park/Ballfields' Project.

Wayne A. Haskins – Forest Fire Warden; Hazardous Waste Coordinator; Representative to Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee of Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (S.R.P.E.D.D.)

Keven V. Desmarais – Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (S.R.P.E.D.D.); Representative to Southeastern Regional Transit Authority.

Leonard N. Kopelman, Esquire, Law Firm of Kopelman & Paige, P.C. – Town Counsel;

Dr. Lynne A. Maloney – Municipally Designated Physician

Michael T. McCue – Member, Scholarship Committee.

Lisa A. Pacheco – Representative to Bristol County Advisory Board; Representative to Commuter Rail Task Force.

Linda H. Lynn Remedis – Chief Procurement Officer; Grants' Coordinator-Office of the Board of Selectmen; Parking Clerk; Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (S.R.P.E.D.D.)

Michael Riley – Member, Long Pond Action Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Board of Selectmen/Board of Health for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

Receipts were deposited to the Treasurer as follows:

Liquor Licenses:

All Alcoholic Common Victualer Licenses:	3 @	\$1,000.00 =	\$ 3,000.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Common Vic. Lic.:	2 @	\$500.00 =	1,000.00
All Alcoholic Innholder's License:	1 @	\$1,000.00 =	1,000.00
All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses:	3 @	\$800.00 =	2,400.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Package Store Lic.	1 @	\$600.00 =	600.00
All Alcoholic Club License:	1 @	\$800.00 =	800.00
1-Day Malt Bev. License:	1 @	\$10.00 =	10.00
1-Day Liquor License:	1 @	\$25.00 =	25.00
Entertainment Licenses:	4 @	\$100.00 =	400.00

Food Licenses/Permits:

Common Victualer Licenses:	19 @	\$50.00 =	\$ 950.00
Food Establishment Permits:	27 @	\$50.00 =	1,550.00
Retail Food Permits:	8 @	\$50.00 =	400.00
Bakery Licenses:	4 @	\$50.00 =	200.00
Mobile Food Server Licenses:	3 @	\$50.00 =	150.00

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class II Dealers' Licenses:	24 @	\$100.00 =	\$ 2,400.00
Class III Dealers' Licenses:	10 @	\$100.00 =	1,000.00
M.V. Graveyard License:	1 @	\$100.00 =	100.00

Other Licenses and Permits:

Camp Licenses:	3 @	\$20.00 ea. =	\$ 60.00
Temporary Trailer Permits:	3 @	\$25.00 ea. =	75.00
Transient Vendor Licenses:	4 @	\$20.00 ea. =	80.00
Hawker's & Peddler's License:	1 @	\$20.00 ea. =	20.00
Muscular Therapy License:	3 @	\$100.00 ea. =	300.00
Lic. For Sale of 2nd-Hand Furn./Merch.:	4 @	\$10.00 ea. =	40.00
Auctioneer's License:	1 @	\$25.00 ea. =	25.00
Lic.-Automatic Amusement Devices:	31 @	\$20.00 ea. =	620.00
Jukebox Licenses:	4 @	\$15.00 ea. =	60.00

Board of Health Licenses:

Piggery Licenses:	1 @ \$50.00 ea. =	\$ 50.00
Licenses to Transport Rubbish/Food Scraps:	6 @ \$75.00 ea. =	450.00
Stable Licenses:	1 @ \$100.00 ea. =	\$ 100.00
Tattoo Establishment License:	2 @ \$150.00 =	300.00
Tattoo Practitioner Licenses:	1 @ \$50.00 ea. =	50.00

Other Receipts:

Public Hearing Fees:	4 @ \$100.00 ea. =	400.00
Cable Fees:		1,354.50
Insurance Reimbursement:		299.00
Fees for Copies of Documents:		26.60
Road Opening Permit:		150.00
Town Auction:		5,452.00
Parking Ticket Fines:		80.00

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER: \$ 25,977.10

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John S. Ashley, Chairman
Lawrence N. Ashley
Lisa A. Pacheco

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Board of Health for the fiscal year, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Serving on the Board of Health were the three members of the Board of Selectmen. Appointed by the Board of Health to assist in fulfilling its responsibilities during this time was Paul R. Bourgeois, Health Agent and Joseph H. Lee Assistant Health Agent.

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Septic Systems	18	\$ 2,800.00
Repaired Septic Systems	66	\$ 2,487.00
Septic System Review	86	\$ 2,460.00
Cert. Of Compliance	14	\$ 140.00
installers Licenses	49	\$ 4,900.00
Pump & Transport Lic.	2	\$ 150.00
Well Permits	24	\$ 1,425.00
Percolation Test Fees	173	\$ 18,900.00
Milk & Cream	9	\$ 90.00
Total Permits/Fees Collected	441	\$ 33,352.00

Following is a list of fees collected for the Transfer Station:

Bulky Items	\$ 35,665.00
Recycling	\$ 6,596.00
Resident Stickers	\$ 4,140.00
Tires	\$ 776.00
Propane Tanks	\$ 170.00
Batteries	\$ 32.00
Misc.	\$ 610.00
Total Permits/Fees Collected	\$ 47,989.00
Trash Bills (calendar year):	
Total Trash Bills Collected	\$ 256,052.50

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Bourgeois,
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2006 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed January 1, 2005 is as follows:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	\$1,144,938,310.00	
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 37,428,310.00	
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE		\$1,182,366,620.00
Number of Dwelling Units Assessed	3017	
Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	3925	
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed	245	
Tax Exemptions for FY2005		
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$ 68,356.02	
Clause 22, 22A, 22E (Veteran)	\$ 23,100.00	
Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K	\$ 23,216.62	
Tax Abatements for FY2005	\$ 26,065.02	
TOTAL ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS		\$ 140,737.66
Amounts to be Raised		
Local Expenditures		\$ 18,246,904.04
State & County Assessments		\$ 232,657.00
Overlay		\$ 112,600.40
Gross Amounts to be Raised		\$ 18,246,904.04
Estimated Receipts & Local funds		\$ 6,172,137.00
Net Amounts to be Raised		\$ 12,074,767.04
Real Property Tax Levy	\$ 11,520,453.77	
Personal Property Tax Levy	\$ 554,313.27	
TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY	\$ 12,074,767.04	

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Batacao,
Chairman

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
FY2006 YEAR ENDING BALANCES (Unaudited)**

	Beg Bal	Commits	(Cash)	(Abates)	(TaxTtl)	Refunds	Ending Bal
Real06		11,534,777	(11,154,673)	(149,398)	(15,199)	30,957	246,465
Real05	220,827	0	(201,031)	(3,393)	(12,544)	12,743	16,603
Real04	6,761	0	(1,128)	0	(2,335)	0	3,298
Real03	5,326	0	(3,092)	0	(828)	0	1,406
Real02	(685)	0	0	0	0	0	(685)
Real 01	(12)	0	0	0	0	0	(12)
Real 00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real 99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real 98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real 97Prior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PProp06		554,776	(537,045)	(5,383)	0	1,964	14,311
PProp05	21,098	0	(8,153)	(496)	0	0	12,449
PProp04	13,765	0	0	(996)	0	0	12,769
PProp03	12,053	0	0	0	0	0	12,053
PProp02	13,421	0	(8,520)	0	0	0	4,901
PProp01	3,605	0	(486)	0	0	0	3,119
PProp00	2,307	0	0	0	0	0	2,307
PProp99	2,757	0	(491)	0	0	0	2,266
PProp98	4,427	0	(509)	0	0	0	3,918
PProp97Prior	2,966	0	0	0	0	0	2,966

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
FY2006 YEAR ENDING BALANCES (Unaudited)**

	Beg Bal	Commits	(Cash)	(Abates)	(TaxTtl)	Refunds	Ending Bal
Boat06		5,170	(2,294)	(85)	0	0	2,791
Boat05	3,605	0	(2,319)	0	0	0	1,286
Boat04	306	0	0	0	0	0	306
Boat03	542	0	0	0	0	0	542
Boat02	308	0	0	0	0	0	308
Boat01	349	0	0	0	0	0	349
Boat00	921	0	0	0	0	0	921
Boat99	863	0	0	0	0	0	863
Boat98	786	0	0	0	0	0	786
Boat97Prior	2,525	0	0	0	0	0	2,525
MV06		1,207,201	(1,088,189)	(23,572)	0	2,297	97,737
MV05	121,778	279,511	(371,323)	(20,715)	0	13,000	22,251
MV04	21,290	18,164	(29,499)	(1,892)	0	2,499	10,562
MV03	11,757	0	(2,049)	(2,957)	0	2,466	9,217
MV02	9,873	0	(1,143)	0	0	0	8,730
MV01	10,688	0	(398)	0	0	0	10,290
MV00	5,065	0	(69)	0	0	0	4,996
MV99	2,216	0	0	0	0	0	2,216
MV98	1,660	0	(16)	0	0	0	1,644
MV97Prior	71,916	0	(153)	0	0	0	71,763

Respectfully submitted, Stephen G Curran, Collector of Taxes Term expires 2010
Christina Jussaume, Assistant Collector, Appointed

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. I will continue to keep the best of the past investing methods and will continue to make improvements where I see opportunities.

Cash Summary

Balance June 30, 2005	\$4,232,454.84
Receipts	\$21,381,354.05
Sub-total	\$25,613,808.89
Expended	\$21,428,994.43
Balance June 30, 2006	\$4,184,814.46

Interest

	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>
Earned	\$66,115.54	\$91,065.84	\$144,856.38
Paid on Temporary Loans			
Net	\$66,115.54	\$91,065.84	\$144,856.38

Account Balances

Bank America - Sch. Lunch	\$341,692.35
Ma Municipal Depository Trust	\$293.25
Webster - Performance Bonds	\$107,266.51
Webster - MM	\$1,985,416.57
Webster - Payroll	\$14,930.92
Webster - Vendor	-\$24,711.86
Webster - Concentration	\$1,312,406.73
Webster - MM	\$59,479.55
UniBank	\$387,140.44
State Street	\$900.00
	\$4,184,814.46

Tax Title Collected

	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>	<u>FY06</u>
Principal	\$60,460.04	\$19,127.31	\$49,969.79
Interest	\$17,059.41	\$39,046.16	\$74,137.88
	\$77,519.45	\$58,173.47	\$124,107.67

Debt Service

	<u>Elem. School</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Pump. Station</u>
	<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Assonet Bay Sh.</u>	<u>Water & Plea-</u>	<u>sant</u>
Balance June 30, 2005	\$9,320,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$192,000.00	\$200,000.00
Additional Borrowing				
Principal Payment	\$340,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$41,164.00
Interest Payment	\$325,827.50			
Balance June 30, 2006	\$8,980,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$127,000.00	\$158,836.00

Respectfully submitted,
Anita L. Howland, Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

6/30/06

SPECIAL FUNDS

Septic Grant Program	\$106,873.36
Planning Board Engineering	\$22,881.13
Appeals Board Engineering	\$16.35
Law Enforcement	\$143.76
Library Plan & Design	15542.05
Arts Lottery	\$3,143.19
Police Local Block Grant	
No Int. Bicycle Safety	\$391.85
Sub Total - Special Funds	\$148,991.69

LIBRARY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE

J. White Therien	\$15,000.00
White Memorial	\$500.00
C. Clark Memorial	\$5,000.00
Morgan Memorial	\$1,195.00
Parker Memorial	\$515.00
Clarence Kendrick	\$400.00
Irene Plouffe	\$761.20
Annie Hunt	\$3,000.00
Warren Cudworth	\$1,000.00
Gager	\$2,000.00
Paine	\$100.00
Betsey Hathaway	\$1,000.00
George Hathaway	\$10,000.00
Douglas Dana	\$400.00
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,000.00
Isable Hathaway	\$500.00
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$1,000.00
Sub Total - Library Funds	\$43,371.20

CEMETERY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$151,567.00
Chace Cemetery	\$71,025.00
Rounsvlele Cemetery	\$10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	\$7,065.00
White Cemetery	\$1,650.00
Evans Cemetery	\$37,100.00
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$279,057.00

OTHER NON-EXPENDABLE

C. Clark Scholarship	\$10,000.00
Sub Total Other	\$10,000.00

TRUST FUNDS CONT'D

LIBRARY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Irene Plouffe	\$178.44
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$58.24
J. White Therrien	\$17,355.90
White Memorial	\$1,177.37
C. Clark Memorial	\$3,248.93
Douglas Dana	\$1,254.81
Annie Hunt	\$2,885.12
Warren Cudworth	\$4,286.20
Gagne	\$1,574.13
A.A. Paine	\$1,052.50
Betsey Hathaway	\$4,021.23
George Hathaway	\$30,334.07
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,718.17
C. Isabel Hathaway	\$1,128.69
Morgan Memorial	\$779.35
Parker Memorial	\$336.99
Clarence Kendrick	\$108.87
Sub Total Library Funds	\$71,499.01

CEMETERY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$8,938.59
Chace Cemetery	\$2,325.81
Rounsevelle Cemetery	\$8,954.14
Morton Cemetery	\$3,538.96
White Cemetery	\$285.00
Evans Cemetery	\$19,689.96
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$43,732.46

MISCELLANEOUS

Clark Scholarship	\$190.92
Symp. & Hosp.	\$1,318.09
Conservation	\$88,361.21
Stablization	\$451,937.00
Unfunded Pension	\$54,877.44
Fire-Call Disability	\$11,176.68
Post War Rehab	\$451.25
Pararde & Fireworks	\$4,551.10
Town Hall Building	\$1,872.26
Federal Forfeiture	\$74,801.15
Police Reserve Disability	\$724.72
Education & Scholarship	\$16,386.31
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$1,654.49
Elderly & Disabled Int.	\$186.27
Sub Total Miscellaneous	\$708,488.89

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/04 **\$1,305,140.25**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2006

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report showing occurrences and activity in the Town Clerk's Office for the period July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION : *Recount* - George Grunwald, a candidate for the Selectmen, Board of Health and Personnel Board Member position, filed a petition (every precinct) for a recount of the election. The original result of the March 6th election was: George Grunwald with 683 votes, Lisa Anne Pacheco with 687 votes. A recount was scheduled on March 23, 2006 at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium. In conclusion of the recount, a certificate of determination was certified by the Board of Registrars as follows: George Grunwald a total of 687 votes, Lisa Pacheco 689 votes, 16 Blank votes and 4 Write-in votes. Lisa Ann Pacheco was then declared the winner of the Selectmen, Board of Health, and Personnel Board Member race. Thank you again, to all the election workers and Registrars for their effort in executing and completing the recount.

Town Clerk Tenure – A yes/no question was placed on the March 6th ballot by petition to grant the current elected Town Clerk, Jacqueline A. Brown permanent tenure. The question was approved by the majority of the voters.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDE : This colorful Freetown reference guide was distributed by the Town Clerk's Office which was made possible through the support of local businesses. Through their sponsorship, the publication became available at no cost to the taxpayers. A map of Freetown with a street index, municipal telephone numbers, pictures, information and some history of the Town of Freetown was all included in the brochure.

PASSPORTS: The Town Clerk's Office acting as a Passport Acceptance Facility generated \$8,970.00 for the General Fund by processing 314 passports during this fiscal year. The amount of applications is expected to grow in the upcoming year with the announcement being made by Consular Affairs that passports will be required when traveling to Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: The Secretary of State's office updated our two state computers and the printer in the Town Clerk's office which is used daily to maintain the census and voter activity. The personal computer (used to license dogs, file business certificates, record data, etc) was also brought up to date with a new computer. This computer was obtained as a donation through funds from Stop & Shop. All equipment was obtained without any cost to the town.

PROFESSIONALISM: This year, in striving to continue my professionalism as Town Clerk, I have achieved a second designation, CMMC (Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk) from the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association. In order to receive this designation a clerk must have knowledge of the Massachusetts General Laws pertaining to elections, vital records, duties of the clerk and other matters relating to the Town Clerk's Office.

At this time, I would like to thank my assistant Diane Souza, for her support and devotion to her work. I would also like to extend many thanks and gratitude to the voters of Freetown for electing me as their town clerk with tenure. I promise to always perform this duty to the best of my ability and to fulfill my responsibility of providing public service to the residents of Freetown in a fair and impartial manner.

In sadness, I would like to acknowledge that on May 27, 2006 the Town Clerk's Office lost a very dear friend, Moderator William White (town Moderator since 1982). He will truly be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Brown, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS JULY 2005 TO JUNE 2006

Births Recorded	64
Deaths	62
Marriages Recorded	24

DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1584	}	Total	\$8637.00
Kennel Licenses Issued	34			

HUNTING & FISHING

Fishing	43	\$ 1161.00
Fishing Minor	2	22.00
Fishing 65-69	2	31.50
Non-Resident Fishing (3 days)	1	18.50
Hunting	24	648.00
Hunting 65-69	4	63.00
Hunting Free	1	- 0 -
Non-Resident Big Game Hunting	1	99.00
Non-Resident Small Game Hunting	1	65.00
Duplicate Hunting	2	5.00
Sporting	32	1424.00
Sporting 65-69	4	98.00
Sporting Free	26	- 0 -
Archery Stamp	36	180.00
Waterfowl Stamp	10	47.50
Primitive Stamp	46	230.00
Wild Conservation Stamp		
Non-Resident Conservation Stamp		
Paid to the Commonwealth of Mass.		\$4092.50

OTHER REVENUE:

Street Maps	\$ 100.00
Street/Voting List	370.70
By-Laws/Rules & Regs.	1009.80
Appeals Fees	2700.00
Copy Fees	122.10
Marriage Intentions	574.00
Birth Certificates	1286.00
Death Certificates	1432.00
Marriage Certificates	606.00
Business Certificates	1475.00
Flammable Storage Certificates	200.00
Cemetery Plots	90.00
Miscellaneous	201.15
Dog Fines	2535.00
Passports	8970.00
Bazaar/Raffle Permit	60.00
Non-Criminal Violations	3475.00
Genealogy Research	17.40
Other Revenue	\$25,224.15

TOWN MEETINGS

- **July 18, 2005 - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium with 276 registered voters in attendance to vote on 3 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 65,952 Taxation

- **November 7, 2005 - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 133 registered voters in attendance to vote on 29 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 718,752.00 Other Available Funds
\$ 65,000.00 Overlay Reserve
\$ 5,073.00 Transfer

- **May 1, 2006 – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium with 210 voters in attendance to vote on 2 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$160,000.00 Other Available Funds
\$ 50,000.00 Stabilization

- **May 1, 2006 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium with 210 voters in attendance to vote on 32 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$17,913,835.00 Taxation
\$ 440,000.00 Stabilization
\$ 242,125.00 Other Available Funds
\$ 92,000.00 Overlay Reserve
\$ 5,000.00 Revolving

- **June 12, 2006 – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 312 voters in attendance to vote on 3 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 95,911.00 Taxation

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MARCH 6, 2006

5,450 Eligible Voters	449 votes casts – Precinct I	}	1,396 total votes cast 26% of the voters
	474 votes casts – Precinct II		
40 Absentee Ballots	473 votes casts – Precinct III		

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH & PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER (3 yrs.)</u>				
*See recount figures at end of election results				
GEORGE L. GRUNWALD	226	200	257	*683
LISA ANNE PACHECO	212	263	212	*687
WRITE INS	3	1	0	*4
BLANKS	8	10	4	*22
<u>ASSESSOR (3 yrs.)</u>				
RONALD BATA CAO (I)	305	316	354	975
WRITE INS	3	3	0	6
BLANKS	141	155	119	415
<u>TREASURER (3 yrs.)</u>				
ANITA L. HOWLAND (I)	330	345	364	1039
WRITE INS	3	1	1	5
BLANKS	116	128	108	352
<u>MODERATOR (3 yrs.)</u>				
BRUCE W. WILBUR	318	331	350	999
WRITE INS	2	4	3	9
BLANKS	129	139	120	388
<u>HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (3 yrs.)</u>				
JOHN S. ASHLEY	85	98	153	336
CHARLES J. MACOMBER	357	355	314	1026
WRITE INS	0	2	0	2
BLANKS	7	19	6	32
<u>TREE WARDEN (3 yrs.)</u>				
GARY C. LORANGER (I)	327	339	390	1056
WRITE INS	2	2	0	4
BLANKS	120	133	83	336
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 yrs-vote for 2)</u>				
ROBERT W. CLARK (I)	303	328	354	985
**WRITE INS	25	16	0	0
BLANKS	570	604	588	1762
<u>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3yrs.)</u>				
JEAN C. FOX (I)	310	323	336	969
WRITE INS	7	4	4	15
BLANKS	132	147	133	412

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS 3/6/2006

	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>CEMETERY COMMITTEE (3rs.)</u>				
HARRIS H. CHACE (I)	333	340	372	1045
WRITE INS	1	3	1	5
BLANKS	115	131	100	346
<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 yrs.-vote for 2)</u>				
IRENE ASHLEY (I)	275	304	341	920
LUCILLE M. ROSA (I)	300	297	302	899
WRITE INS	1	1	1	3
BLANKS	322	346	302	970
<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEES (2 yr. unexpired)</u>				
RICHARD E. SPENCER	312	314	368	994
WRITE INS	1	0	0	1
BLANKS	136	160	105	401
<u>WATER COMMISSION (3 yrs.)</u>				
GREGORY TAVARES (I)	306	315	352	973
WRITE INS	2	1	1	4
BLANKS	141	158	120	419
<u>PLANNING BOARD (5 yrs.)</u>				
JEAN P. TRAHAN	297	316	331	944
WRITE INS	4	1	2	7
BLANKS	148	157	140	445
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 yrs – vote for 2)</u>				
JOHN A. SANTANGELO	303	307	358	968
***WRITE INS	15	23	54	92
BLANKS	580	618	534	1732
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 yr unexpired term)</u>				
***WRITE INS	49	62	59	170
BLANKS	400	474	473	1226
<u>QUESTION 1</u>				
Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of section nineteen B of chapter forty-one of the General Laws and thereby provide permanent tenure for Jacqueline A. Brown, the present incumbent in the office of town clerk?				
YES	258	248	248	754
NO	128	129	130	387
BLANKS	63	97	95	255

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS 3/6/2006

<u>WRITE INS (highest numbers)</u>	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 yr.)				
JEANNE TIERNEY	14	2	1	17
ALEX MAGALHAES	7	6	0	13
***FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 yr.)				
DENNIS BELANGER	3	10	80	93
JENNIFER KITCHEN	4	2	3	9
****FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 yr. unexpired)				
DENNIS BELANGER	0	1	7	8
JAMES O'LEARY	6	1	0	7
LOUIS FOX	2	3	0	5
JEFFREY AMARAL	0	4	0	4

***NOTE A RECOUNT WAS HELD ON MARCH 23, 2006 FOR THE SELECTMAN RACE, RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

<u>SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH & PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER (3 yrs.)</u>	<u>PREC. I</u>	<u>PREC. II</u>	<u>PREC. III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GEORGE L. GRUNWALD	228	202	257	*687
LISA ANNE PACHECO	213	264	212	*689
WRITE INS	2	2	0	*4
BLANKS	6	6	4	*22

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectman
Freetown, Massachusetts

The fiscal year 2005-2006 Financial Statements appear in the UMASS method as recommended by the Bureau of Accounts.

A combined balance sheet, combined statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance are reflected in this report. Included in the report is a statement of budgeted and actual revenues, budgeted and actual expenditures indicating favorable and unfavorable variances. There are also other statements which are relevant to the Town of Freetown.

The Town also reports a Schedule A to the Bureau of Accounts which identifies revenues and expenditures by departments. A copy of this report may be reviewed in the Town Accountant's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Dooney
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2006**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		CAPITAL PROJECTS	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST AND AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT			
ASSETS AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS							
CASH	1,845,977	1,091,831	1,247,007				4,184,815
PETTY CASH							
RECEIVABLES, NET OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS							
PROPERTY TAX 2007	6,037,384						6,037,384
PROPERTY TAX TITLE V	337,511		1,269				337,511
EXCISES	250,766						250,766
WATER LIENS		23,179					23,179
TAX LIENS	305,060						305,060
TAX FORECLOSURES	245,021						245,021
TAXES IN LITIGATION							
ROLL-BACK TAXES							
IN-LIEU OF TAXES							
DEPARTMENTAL	164,539						164,539
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		144,017					144,017
DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		231,349					231,349
DUE FROM TRUST AGENCY							
PROJECT AUTHORIZED							
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR:							
NOTES PAYABLE						8,980,000	
BONDS PAYABLE							
TOTAL ASSETS:	9,188,258	1,491,645	1,247,007	0	8,980,000	11,924,910	
LIABILITIES							
WARRANTS PAYABLE	360,446	89,082	2,129				451,657
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	96,799						96,799
ACCRUED PAYROLL PAYABLE	68,801						68,801
WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	10,487						10,487
OTHER LIABILITIES			88,730				88,730
DEFERRED REVENUE:							
PROPERTY TAXES 2007	6,037,384						6,037,384
PROPERTY TAXES TITLE V	18,715		1,269				18,715
OTHER RECEIVABLES	967,552	254,528					1,222,080
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		144,017					144,017
PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	243,089						243,089
DUE TO GENERAL FUND							
PROJ. AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETE							
NOTES PAYABLE		385,836					385,836
BONDS PAYABLE						8,980,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	7,801,273	874,732	90,859	0	8,980,000	8,766,864	
FUND EQUITY							
RESERVED FUND BALANCE							
ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR YEAR	518,271	20,192					538,463
ENDOWMENTS			332,428				332,428
PETTY CASH							
TOTAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE:	518,272	20,192	332,428	0	0	870,892	
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE							
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	1,019,124	587,921	823,720				2,430,765
DESIGNATED FOR:							
CAPITAL PROJECTS							0
EXPENDITURES		8,800					8,800
OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS							0
PROPERTY TAX VARIANCE	(4,744)						(4,744)
SPEC PURP EDUC CARRY OVER							
APPROPRIATION DEFICITS	(119,530)						(119,530)
OVER/UNDER ABATEMENTS	(28,137)						(28,137)
COURT JUDGEMENTS							
TEACHER PAY DEFERRAL							
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE:	865,713	596,721	823,720	0	0	2,267,154	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY:	1,384,985	616,913	1,156,148	0	0	3,158,046	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY:	9,188,258	1,491,645	1,247,007	0	8,980,000	11,924,910	

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2006**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY	CAPITAL	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS		PROJECTS
REVENUES:					
PROPERTY TAXES	11,817,108				11,817,108
EXCISE -MOTOR VEHICLE	1,471,991				1,471,991
TAX LIENS REDEEMED	92,404				92,404
SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE V		2,371			2,371
OTHER EXCISE	4,613				4,613
OTHER TAXES	26,845				26,845
IN LIEU OF TAXES	10,445				10,445
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	138,296	1,770			140,066
WATER CHARGES-SERVICES		309,478			309,478
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	254,599				254,599
DEPARTMENTAL	466,758	443,189			909,947
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		65,443			65,443
LICENSE/PERMITS	131,538				131,538
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FED		113,647			113,647
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	2,618,797	493,456			3,112,253
FINES & FORFEITS	51,692				51,692
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	90,379	5,893	17,428		113,700
CONTRIB/FUNDS/DONATIONS			99,893		99,893
MISCELLANEOUS	4,870				4,870
TOTAL REVENUES	17,180,335	1,435,247	117,321		18,732,903
EXPENDITURES					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	691,751	30,460			722,211
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,294,659	81,757	16,559		2,392,975
EDUCATION	9,643,644	640,266	350	-	10,284,260
PUBLIC WORKS	878,490	484,942	5,698		1,369,130
WATER		520,531			520,531
HUMAN SERVICES	152,741	13,200			165,941
CULTURE & RECREATION	109,458	14,050	8,840		132,348
DEBT SERVICES	665,827	5,682			671,509
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	228,835	546			229,381
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,586,753				1,586,753
RETIREMENT	487,900				487,900
INSURANCE	153,969				153,969
COURT JUDGMENTS					
MISC					0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,894,027	1,791,434	31,447	-	18,716,908
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	286,308	(356,187)	85,874	-	15,995
OTHER FINANCING USES:					
TRANSFER IN	65,800		438,046	-	503,846
TRANSFER OUT	(421,000)	(15,800)	(50,000)		(486,800)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	(355,200)	(15,800)	388,046	-	17,046
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	(68,892)	(371,987)	473,920	-	33,041
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2005	1,453,877	988,900	349,800	-	2,792,577
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2006	1,384,985	616,913	823,720	-	2,825,618

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2006**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		GENERAL FUND
	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:			
PROPERTY TAXES	11,962,167	11,909,512	(52,655)
EXCISE TAXES	1,330,000	1,471,991	141,991
OTHER EXCISE	5,500	4,613	(887)
PEN & INT CHARGES	107,000	138,296	31,296
IN LIEU OF TAXES	15,000	10,445	(4,555)
OTHER TAXES	10,000	26,845	16,845
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	263,000	254,599	(8,401)
LICENSE & PERMITS	145,000	131,538	(13,462)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	2,611,441	2,618,797	7,356
FINES & FORFEITS	51,000	51,692	692
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	90,000	90,379	379
DEPARTMENTAL	476,000	466,758	(9,242)
MISCELLANEOUS	30,000	4,870	(25,130)
DONATIONS/CONTRIB/REFUND	0	0	0
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TOTAL REVENUES	17,096,108	17,180,335	84,227
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	900,910	691,751	209,159
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,313,500	2,294,659	18,841
EDUCATION	9,653,286	9,652,950	336
PUBLIC WORKS	832,402	878,490	(46,088)
HUMAN SERVICES	153,566	152,741	825
CULTURE & RECREATION	126,385	109,458	16,927
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	234,250	228,836	5,414
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,784,106	1,586,753	197,353
RETIREMENT	487,900	487,900	0
INSURANCE	189,336	153,970	35,366
DEBT SERVICE	1,015,828	665,828	350,000
COURT JUDGMENTS	0	0	0
OTHER (UNCLASSIFIED)	0	0	0
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,691,469	16,903,336	788,133
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(595,361)	276,999	872,360
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	1,058,981	1,058,981	
TRANSFERS IN (OUT)	(355,200)	(355,200)	
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	(104)	(104)	
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	(108,316)	(108,316)	
ASSESSMENT DEFICIT	0	0	
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TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	595,361	595,361	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		<hr/>	<hr/>
		872,360	872,360

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FY 2006**

SCHOOL FUNDS:

CAFETERIA	2,624.99
CHAPTER 1	(4,120.39)
REAP GRANT	(2,212.24)
IMPROV EDUCATOR	674.21
PALMS	0.00
EMERGENCY EDUCATION	0.00
INSURANCE RECOVERY	3,770.95
LOST BOOKS	838.80
PRE SCHOOL	8,563.45
ENERGY IMPROVEMENT	0.00
BOILER GRANT	0.00
CLASS SIZE REDUCTION	0.00
SAFE/FREE DRUG GRANT	1,602.54
ACADEMIC ENTITLE	0.00
REMEDICATION ASSISTANT	0.00
SCH INNOVATIVE PROGRAM	113.91
FED ENHANCE TECH	61.44
POTHOLE GRANT	0.00
CIRCUIT BREAKER	200,287.81
SCHOOL DONATION	<u>1,450.00</u>
 TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS	 213,655.47

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

SEPTIC GRANT	106,873.36
HIGHWAY FUNDS	(79,622.46)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WETLANDS	25,396.48
POLICE INS RECOVERY	7,409.98
TELEPHONE ALARM	4,059.17
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	31,247.00
LANDFILL FUND (RES FOR APPROP)	117,160.79
RD MACHINERY FUND	332.60
POLICE PHOTO ID FUND	30.00
STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS (POL LAW ENFORCE)	143.76
RECYCLING FUND	1,549.73
HIGHWAY INSURANCE	5,301.44
WATER REVOLVING	73,902.01
WATER ABS LINE	(62,870.85)
WATER WATER ST LINE	(84,284.26)
ELDER AFFAIRS	470.80
RIVERWAYS GRANT	246.39
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	3,143.19
CENSUS REIMB GRANT	0.00
AID TO LIBRARIES	11,765.91
BICYCLE FUND	391.85
CABLEVISION FUND	10.00

DRUG EDUCATION REFORM	2,434.61
COUNCIL ON AGING DONATIONS	10,047.40
PLANNING ENGINEERING FEES	22,881.13
APPEALS ENGINEERING FEES	16.35
LIBRARY DONATIONS	10,122.57
ELECTIONS GRANT	0.00
POLICE EQUIPMENT GRANT	13,525.00
POLICE UNIVERSAL HIRE	29,280.85
POLICE COMMUNITY GRANT	378.52
FIRE SAFE GRANT	4,504.32
CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS	32,466.80
MTPC ENERGY GRANT	0.00
COMPOST BINS	1,354.20
FIRE AMBULANCE TASK GRANT	0.00
POL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2,204.50
BOAT REVOLVING FUND	5,560.34
HURRICANE GRANT	0.00
DOG OFFICER DONATION	0.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT	0.00
LIBRARY PLAN & ENG	15,542.05
WATERLINE GRANT	0.00
SHORELIN WALKWAY	2,886.96
FIRE ASSIST GRANT	0.00
TREE WARDEN DONATION	1,070.00
BROWNFIELD ASSISTANCE GRANT	0.00
FIRE EMERG OPER PLANNING	2,200.00
HISTORICAL DONATION	442.00
STOP & SHOP DONATION	55,276.00
FIRE HOME SECURITY GRANT	12,430.19
POLICE HOME SECURITY GRANT	8,710.04
SALE REAL ESTATE	7,266.88
CIVIL DEFENSE LOCAL PREPARENESS	0.00
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>403,257.60</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	616,913.07

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDABLE AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS FY 2006**

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:

J. WHITE THERRIAN	17,355.90
WHITE MEMORIAL	1,177.37
C. CLARK MEMORIAL	3,248.93
MORGAN MEMORIAL	779.35
R.PARKER MEMORIAL	336.99
KENDRICK MEMORIAL	108.87
I.B. PLOUFFE	178.44
ANNIE S. HUNT	2,885.12
WARREN CUDWORTH	4,286.20
GAGER	1,574.13
A.A. PAINE	1,052.50
BETSEY HATHAWAY	4,021.23
GEORGE HATHAWAY	30,334.07
H.DOUGLAS DANA	1,254.81
M. MARVIN FLETCHER	1,718.17
C. ISABEL HATHAWAY	1,128.69
J.L. LAWTON KIRKER	58.24
ASSONET CEMETERY	8,938.59
CHACE CEMETERY	2,325.81
ROUNSEVELLE CEMETERY	8,954.14
MORTON CEMETERY	3,538.96
WHITE CEMETERY	285.00
EVANS CEMETERY	19,689.96
CLARK SCHOLARSHIP	<u>190.92</u>

TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS 115,422.39

OTHER TRUST FUNDS:

CONSERVATION	88,361.21
STABILIZATION	451,937.00
SYMP & HOSP	1,318.09
POST WAR REHAB	450.65
FIRE CALL DISAB.	11,176.68
UNFUNDED PENSION	54,877.44
PARADE & FIREWORKS	4,551.10
TOWN HALL BLDG	1,872.26
FED. FORFEITURE	74,801.15
POLICE RESERVE DISAB	724.72
SCHOLAR & EDUCATION	16,386.31
ELDERLY & DISABLED	1,840.76

TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS 708,297.37

TOTAL EXPENDABLE AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS 823,719.76

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF AGENCY FUNDS FY 2006**

UNCLAIMED ITEMS	\$17,123.52
PLANNING DEPOSITS	\$91,331.67
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DEPOSITS	\$0.00
OTHER LIABILITY POLICE OFF-DUTY	(\$19,724.94)
TOTAL AGENCY	<hr/> \$88,730.25

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE
TOWN OF FREETOWN
ASSONET, MA 02702**

STATEMENT OF LOCAL RECEIPTS

	<u>ESTIMATED FISCAL 2006</u>	<u>ACTUAL FISCAL 2006</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,330,000	1,471,991
BOAT TAXES	5,500	4,613
PENALTY & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISES	107,000	138,296
IN LIEU OF TAXES	15,000	10,445
OTHER TAXES (ROLL BACK) CHARGES	10,000	26,845
TRASH DISPOSAL	263,000	254,599
OTHER CHARGES -- SERVICES	0	-
FEES	472,000	462,116
DEPT OF REVENUE -- SCHOOLS	0	0
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	4,000	4,643
LICENSES & PERMITS	145,000	131,538
FINES & FORFEITURES	51,000	51,692
INVESTMENTS	90,000	90,379
PRIOR YR REFUNDS/DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS		
MISCELLANEOUS (SPECIFY) non-recurring	<u>30,000</u>	<u>4,870</u>
Bank Misc Charges	0	0
Prem Sale of Bond	0	0
Insurance Reimb	30,000	4,870
Misc Rev Adjust	0	0
School Construction Reimb	0	0
One time muni aid	0	0
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>4,870</u>
 TOTALS	 <u>2,522,500</u>	 <u>2,652,027</u>

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the finance Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, indicating the Transfer Requests from the Reserve Fund approved during this time:

TRANSFERS FROM THE RESERVE FUND

Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Beginning Balance: \$50,000.00

Supplement of 5/1/06: \$50,000.00

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT TRANSFERRED</u>
1/24/06	Communications Center	\$ 8,000.00
1/31/06	Planning Board	1,026.00
2/27/06	Gas Inspector	3,300.00
3/28/06	Board of Registrars	150.00
3/28/06	Elections	375.00
4/04/06	Board of Assessors	18,800.00
4/04/06	Board of Health	1,228.00
4/11/06	Sanitary Landfill	9,480.00
4/18/06	Board of Registrars	90.00
4/18/06	Veterans' Agent	2,937.00
5/08/06	Communications Center	10,800.00
5/08/06	Fire Department	9,600.00
5/08/06	Fire Department	4,100.00
5/08/06	Police Department	9,907.00
5/08/06	Dog Officer	2,000.00
6/01/06	Building Department	1,108.00
6/01/06	Sanitary Landfill	12,247.00
6/07/06	Incidentals	1,000.00
6/19/06	Town Hall	1,500.00
6/19/06	Board of Health	300.00
TOTAL OF TRANSFERS APPROVED:		\$ 97,948.00
ENDING BALANCE, RESERVE FUND:		2,052.00

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Theriault
Chairman

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Police Department for Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

The police officers of this department are truly dedicated to keeping Freetown safe and improving the quality of life. Their commitment to improve our community policing efforts, together with our residents and various civic groups, provides an effective system of communication, which clearly helps our officers to do their job. To each and every resident who has helped in some small way, we share our gratitude and thank you for your help.

The department was successful in obtaining county, state and federal grant monies. These monies included Community Policing, COPS in Schools, Bristol County and Homeland Security.

These grant monies allowed the department to deploy an officer at our school to facilitate safety programs, continue the auxiliary program, lease a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle for traffic enforcement, and augment manpower for various town events.

Patrolman Scott Rose and Sergeant Charles Sullivan educated and assisted parents in the proper installation of infant and child car seats. Both officers are certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians. Through the Kid Care program, officers were available to fingerprint children at various town events. The Officer Phil program, supported by local businesses, continued to educate our elementary school children about neighborhood safety.

The department's effective patrol strength was affected by the loss of two officers to injuries.

Police resources continue to be allocated to alarms.

Chargeable Alarms:.....	353
Non-Chargeable:	96
TOTAL:	449

The department issued the following Firearm Licenses:

Class A (License to Carry)	140
Class B (License to Carry)	0
Class C (Firearm ID Card)	14
Class D (Restricted Firearm ID Card)	5
Class E:	1
Total	160

The department addressed over 9,260 calls during the fiscal year.

The following is a summary of incidents for FY 05-06:

OFFENSES REPORTED

Rape	3
Robbery	6
Aggravated (weapon) Assault	22
Simple Assault	41
Intimidation	37
Arson	2
Burglary	42
Purse Snatching	1
Shoplifting	1
Theft from Building	60
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9
All other Larceny	45
Motor Vehicle Theft	26
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4
False Pretenses	16
Credit Card/ATM	3
Stolen Property Offenses	3
Vandalism	84
Drug Violations	33
Statutory Rape	3
Weapons Violations	1
Bad Checks	26
Disorderly Conduct	12
Driving Under the Influence	28
Drunkenness	18
Liquor Law Violations	8
Trespassing	18
Town By-Law Offenses	611
All Other Offenses	150
TOTAL	1313

CASE ACTIVITY

Total Offenses Committed	1319
Total Felonies	316
Total Arrests (On View)	139
Total Arrests (Warrants)	86
Total Summons Arrests	174
Total Arrests	399
Total Protective Custody	20
Total Juvenile Arrests	12
Total Restraining Orders	28

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS 1,518
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS 277
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS 184

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the Annual Report of Freetown Fire & Rescue for the fiscal year of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Firefighters performed 156 in-service inspections during the fiscal year. Firefighters are also responsible for station cleaning and maintenance, and vehicle maintenance.

The two call fire stations are still in need of major maintenance. The 201 Ambulance desperately needs to be replaced as well as the 1983 Fire Pumper in Assonet.

Freetown Fire & Rescue was awarded several grants during the fiscal year.

We received a Public Safety SAFE Fire Prevention Grant, A Mass Dept. of Public Health Ambulance Task Force Grant, and a Federal Fire Act Grant for Firefighter Protective Clothing.

The total amount of these grants was \$44,302.00.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 1,441 calls for help during the fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	668	Station Coverage	11
Medical Transfers	11	Investigations	86
Medical Mutual Aid	44	Public Assistance	49
Structural Fires	21	Fire Alarms	93
Brush Fires	27	Illegal Burning	35
Mutual Aid Fires	13	Motor Vehicle Accidents	201
Motor Vehicle Fires	35	Water Rescues	1
Carbon Monoxide Calls	10	Details	21
Electrical Emergencies	47	Miscellaneous	<u>68</u>
		Total Responses:	1,441

Fire Department receipts deposited with Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees:	\$ 268,096.91
Permits & Reports:	<u>10,628.00</u>
Total:	\$ 278,724.91

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Haskins, Fire Chief

TOWN OF FREETOWN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The Freetown Emergency Management Agency experienced a few heavy rainstorms with some flooding this year and again we updated the Town Emergency Plan.

If this agency can assist any citizen, please feel free to contact me either in my office at 763-4828 or through our Communications Center at 763-4018.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Haskins
Freetown Emergency Management Agency

Emergency Management Agency

Members

Wayne A. Haskins, Director

Paul Ashley
Elizabeth R. Connell

Jacqueline A. Brown
Linda H. Remedis

Auxiliary Police

Chad Cavalho Jeremey Lockwood
Michael Messier Marc Vaughan

Radio Operators

Michael P. Pillarella
Paul G. Sadeck

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Building Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Homes	25	\$ 17,187.00
Additions	36	\$ 8,227.00
New Commercial	7	\$ 5,758.00
Commercial Misc	14	\$ 4,158.00
Commercial Remodel	21	\$ 2,288.00
Garages	22	\$ 3,214.00
Sheds	27	\$ 858.00
Decks	59	\$ 3,125.00
Remodeling	29	\$ 1,595.00
Above-Ground Pools	22	\$ 805.00
Inground Pools	7	\$ 305.00
Fireplaces	16	\$ 615.00
Chimneys	31	\$ 940.00
Wood Stoves	34	\$ 825.00
Occupancy Permits	76	\$ 2,225.00
Foundations	5	\$ 125.00
Demolition Permits	5	\$ 225.00
Miscellaneous	34	\$ 1,470.00
Roofing/Siding	72	\$ 2,335.00
Home Occupation	26	\$ 780.00
Certificates of Inspection	7	\$ 280.00
Zoning Permits	0	\$ -
Gas Permits	92	\$ 3,535.00
Plumbing Permits	107	\$ 8,155.00
Wiring Permits	229	\$ 10,916.25
Total Permits/Fees Collected	1003	\$ 79,946.25
Waived permits (Schools/churches)	14	

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The Department of Weights and Measures ensures that equity and fairness prevail in the marketplace between the buyer and seller and enforces all laws, ordinances, and regulations related to the accuracy of weighing and measures devices used by local business establishments. These include gasoline station pumps, home heating oil truck meters, hospital and health clinic scales, truck scales, factory, food establishment, and pharmacy scales, and scales for the tipping of solid waste. This Department inspects prepackaged food and merchandise to ensure compliance with weight, measurement and count requirements, and for proper labeling as to weight, measure, and extended prices.

This Department uses Handbook 44, Specifications, Tolerances, and other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices, promulgated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology of the United States Department of Commerce, and further promulgated by the Massachusetts Division of Standards.

The Department also seals or condemns devices tested, and performs such work in accordance with state and municipal laws and regulations, subject to review through reports and periodic checks by the State Division of Standards.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Town of Freetown as your Sealer of Weights and Measures. If I can be of assistance to any resident or business, please feel free to contact me at my home at 508-997-4460 or through the Selectmen's Office at 508-644-2201.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore Machado
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the Report of the Animal Inspector for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

Dairy Heifers:	15	Steer:	14
Cows:	20	Beefalo:	2
Geese:	9	Goats:	53
Peacocks:	92	Hogs:	5
Horses:	102	Ponies:	8
Waterfowl:	40	Chickens:	117
Guinea Hens:	10	Rabbits:	59
Sheep:	40		

Dog bites and other animal bites didn't have to send mepa: 20

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Cambra
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Dog Officer for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

Stray Dogs:	36
Dogs Euthanized:	33
Dogs Adopted:	1
Dogs Picked up by Owners:	3

The amount of \$250.00 was turned into the Treasurer for fees collected.

Respectfully submitted,

David Frates
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Highway Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed: Dr. Braley Road, Keene Road, Ann Record Lane, High Street, and Copicut Road were all shimmed and crack-sealed; and Chace Road, Chipaway Road, Forge Road, Locust Street, and Narrows Road were all shimmed, chip-sealed, and crack-sealed. Chapter 90 funds also paid for the purchase of a new John Deere backhoe and a new International dump truck with sander and snowplow.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows: Berms were installed on Pleasant Street, Valley Street, Cliff Drive, and Mason Road; and drainage was repaired on Rounsevell Drive and Flagg Swamp Road. Old Slab Bridge Road and Bryant Street were both shimmed.

Due to the record rainfall in October 2005, a small portion of Howland Road in Assonet was washed out. Repair work on Howland Road was carried out by local firm JRD, Inc. in a relatively short time span. Their quick and skillful work on this project resulted in minimal disruption to the daily commute.

In addition to equipment purchased with Chapter 90 funds, the Highway Department took delivery of a new trailer for transporting equipment to job sites. Also, all employees were also trained in CPR.

The Highway Department assisted several other town departments over the course of the fiscal year. Personnel cut and cleared a parcel of land at the site of the old town well on South Main Street in preparation for work needing to be performed by the Water Commission. Site work was carried out at Freetown Elementary School to prepare for the installation of a new playground for the children of the town. Also, routine maintenance of town vehicles was undertaken at the Town Barn as needed.

All routine tasks were performed such as snowplowing, sanding, sweeping roads, the mowing of town parks, roadsides, ball fields, and the transfer station; replacing signs, painting signs, and the general maintenance of the town and its equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Water Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

Gregory Tavares was re-elected this year to serve a three-year term. He joins Commissioners Howard Wilbur Jr. and Robert A. Ward.

The Water Commission is responsible for overseeing the installation, maintenance and safety of the water supply lines extending into the Town from New Bedford and Fall River. In addition, the Commissioner establish fair billing procedures and rates to cover the cost of water and the maintenance of the system.

Eleven new customers were added this year. Moneys collected for this Fiscal Year amounted to (\$311,201.74). Coler & Colantonio Engineers have completed the pump station on 11½ Braley Road, which is designed to improve the Braley Road line.

Bacteriological Analysis was conducted monthly. The DEP now requires testing of Trihalo-methanes, Haloacetic Acids and Chlorine Residuals, so these tests have also been done as required. The Board continues to follow a rigorous flushing plan throughout the town. Backflows were tested in the fall of 2005 and the spring of 2006. Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available in the office.

The Water Commission is grateful for the services provided by our Licensed Operator, John Baptista; our Temporary Meter Readers, Donald Dickerson, Adam Beauregard; and Helen Medeiros, our Senior Clerk this past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard E. Wilbur Jr., Chairman
Gregory J. Tavares
Rober A. Ward

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Freetown:

The following is the annual report for the Cemetery Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Entering into this fiscal year, our greatest concern was for the financial health and wellbeing of our public cemeteries. Although we were able to make a go of our available funds for the vast majority of the year, the month of June found us holding out hope for an end to the heavy rains that make the grass and weeds grow so very high as our funds had been reduced through spending to a mere \$5.40. In the end, we made it to June 30th without any major problems, and we owe our usual debt of gratitude to Marc St. Laurent and his crew for keeping our public cemeteries in town presentable. The townspeople should be aware, however, that the day is soon coming when our cemeteries will require a drastic budget increase due to diminishing perpetual care funds and lot sale revenues.

We welcomed a number of volunteers onboard this year to help in our cemeteries, both public and family. In August, volunteers David Brown, Matt Brown, Erica Bruno, and Mike McCue cleared the Winslow Cemetery on Locust St. in Assonet of overgrowth and debris that had accumulated since the last volunteer efforts several years ago. This was followed up in the autumn season with two students at Apponequet Regional High School, Assonet residents Mike Logan and Nate Oliveira, raking leaves in areas of the Assonet Burying Ground that have large trees. April saw volunteers from St. Bernard's Church in Assonet, under the direction of Jeff DeMarco, clear out the small Christian Church Graveyard on the church property. Finally, in May, volunteers under the direction of our Veterans' Agent, Rich Levesque, placed flags at the graves of veterans throughout town in honor of Memorial Day.

Genealogy requests have seen an increase in frequency during the past year. We give our very best efforts in helping those from both the town and out-of-town locate the final resting places of their friends and family; however, we are limited in the services we can provide. Not all cemeteries, nor all names, are recorded, and there is no one map that shows the locations of all cemeteries. We appreciate the efforts of those residents in town who have contacted us with names or locations of cemeteries, usually from on their own property.

Throughout the year, our personnel remained the same. Ralph Gurney continued as chairman, Mike McCue as secretary, and Harris Chace as a commissioner, having been re-elected on March 6, 2006. Jackie Brown remained Burial Agent for the town by virtue of holding the office of Town Clerk.

Our fees were reviewed on the evening of Monday, November 21, 2005, and it was decided against raising our fees at that time. They remain as follows:

One Grave	Two Graves	Four Graves	Eight Graves	Ashes	Recording Fee
\$625.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,700.00	\$200.00	\$10.00

Those wishing to purchase lots, or to add to their family's perpetual care endowment, should contact a member of the Cemetery Commission, and we will be glad to oblige.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McCue
Secretary

REPORT OF THE PARKS COMMITTEE

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Parks Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

Upon inception, the Freetown Parks Committee was comprised of seven members:

Gary Blair - Chairperson, Paul R. Bourgeois, Glenn Cowley, Keven V. Desmarais, Jean C. Fox, Paula Mueller - Vice Chairperson, and Jill Swartzendruber - Secretary. Paula Mueller resigned effective October 5, 2006. All committee member terms expire in 2009.

Freetown Parks Committee meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. P.M. upstairs at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown.

Over the course of the 2006 fiscal year, the Parks Committee has:

- Identified areas under Parks Committee jurisdiction. Aforesaid areas include, but are not limited to Central Park, K.R.R. complex and soccer field, Hathaway and Long Pond fields and Town Beach, Village Bandstand/Gazebo, Veterans' Memorial Park, and Porter Pastures;
- Delegated field scheduling to appropriate parties;
- Posted signs detailing field use and park policies at designated areas.

The Parks Committee's future goals include:

- Establishing a fee schedule for Park use;
- Drafting an Agreement and Release of Liability form for Park use;
- Organizing a "Clean-Up Day" at the Town Beach;
- Renovating Hathaway Park – Repairing the playground, basketball court, etc;
- Installing a play structure at the K.R.R. Complex and/or Long Pond complex;
- Installing a waterline for the K.R.R. soccer field;
- Installing safe fencing along the Assonet River at the Village Bandstand.

Parks Committee Budget:

<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$500.00 – Recreation Committee Budget turned over to Parks Committee	\$ 273.00 – Rental and Leases	\$ 227.00

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN PARKS COMMITTEE

Gary J. Blair, Chairman

FREETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal year of July 2005 through June 2006 has been exciting and busy. Some new programs offered this year were monthly Birthday Parties, Social Hour with homemade muffins, weekly Ice Cream Sundaes. Other programs offered are Referral service, blood pressure, blood sugar screening, fuel assistance applications, Prescription Advantage applications, Flu Clinic, Podiatry clinic, Exercise Classes, Computer Classes, Movie time, Bingo, Writing Class, Card Games, Line dancing, Walking club, Day trips, Overnight trips, Meals on Wheels program, Are you O.K.? Program, Food Stamp applications, Income Tax Preparation, Intergenerational Programs, Legal Referrals, Legislative hours, Medical Equipment Loans, Pool Table, Transportation, SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Brown Bag and Volunteer Opportunities.

Grants were written for individual seniors to fix their homes. Through the USDA Rural Development a qualified senior can receive up to \$7500.00 (seven thousand five hundred dollars) to fix their home for health and safety. This grant does not have to be paid back as long as the senior remains in their home for 3 (three) years after. Some examples are deck repair, doors, furnaces, railings, steps, new well, roof work, new windows.

A Formula Grant was written to help pay for utilities for the building and mailing of the newsletter. The Council on Aging has a monthly newsletter. It has important information about upcoming events and activities. Other town departments and organizations are encouraged to submit any events they would like published in the monthly newsletter.

Veterans' Agent Richard Levesque is available for Veterans or their spouses to talk with him on Wednesday afternoons at the senior center. You can call the center or the Veterans' Agent to schedule an appointment.

Free luncheons that were held, Senior Sweetheart luncheon given by Charles Young at IDDI (Crystal Springs) Breakfast and Turkey dinner given by the Lakeville Eagles, Luncheon held at the Freetown VFW sponsored by our Legislative Representatives, Literary Luncheon by the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School.

The Freetown Council on Aging is comprised of several board members:

Clarence Dearden- Chairman
Charles Gray-Vice Chairman
Joyce Cocke-Secretary
Marillyn Tripp
Leocadia Pittsley
Wayne Snell
Susan Rousseau

Staff:

Barbara A. Place
Rosemary Haley
Carlton E. Abbott, Sr.
Walter Gregory
Clarence Dearden
Judy Reese

COA Director
Senior Clerk
Van Driver
Van Driver
Van Driver (alternate)
Van Driver (alternate)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Place
Director

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I have the honor to report that we have served the following Veterans' of the Town by administering Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115 benefits, filing claims for benefits against the US Department of Veterans Affairs, and assisting town Veterans' with filing out forms and providing information on benefits. We have seen 36 veterans and/or their spouses since June of 2006. That report breaks down as follows: Chapter 115 benefits: 4 Veterans / Chapter 115 (medical only): 0 / Chapter 115 (burial): 0 / Filed VA Claims for Service Connected Compensation: 5 Veterans / Assisted with forms: 20 Veterans/Spouses. We currently have 3 spouses and one Veteran on the rolls for Chapter 115 benefits and one spouse for medical insurance only.

This office has decorated the four monuments with appropriate wreaths for Veterans Day on November 11th, 2005. Those monuments are: (a) Elementary School (WWII), (b) Monument across from Town Hall (WWI), (c) Monument at the 4 corners on Chase Rd (private), and (d) Monument at the VFW on Middleboro Rd. On the Saturday prior to Memorial Day we decorated the graves of Veterans in Town with the assistance of the VFW Post 6643. Their assistance is always most appreciated and we look to their continued assistance this year. The Freetown Memorial Park is near completion.

More than 600 flags for Veterans' graves were purchased with one hundred new grave markers to be replaced as needed. The addition of the Mother's Brook Cemetery which is owned by the Town of Freetown does not have any significant impact on the number of flags or markers required. There are 7 graves of Freetown Veterans in that cemetery across the Fall River line from the early days of this town. We insure that they no longer go undecorated.

Town Clerk still provides this office year long with information on the death of town Veterans. The Veterans' Agent holds office hours at the Senior Center on every Wednesday from 2:30PM to 4PM and is available by appointment. This "alliance" with the Council on Aging has still been and continues to be a beneficial relationship in terms of servicing the elderly Veterans of Freetown. We report a decreased number of Veterans seen this year over last year however we have had to go to the Finance Committee for increased funds to continue to pay Chapter 115 benefits to those we have on the town rolls for that purpose. As always, this has been both an exciting and rewarding job. It is my privilege to serve those Veterans and their families in the Town of Freetown.

Respectfully Submitted.

Richard J. Levesque
Director, Veterans Services

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the report of the Library Department for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Library Trustees: This years' Board consisted of Irene Ashley (Chair); Lucille Rosa (Vice-chair), Lori Weider (Secretary), Elaine Dandrea, Janice Gurney, and Richard Spencer. We once again thank the trustees for their work in setting library policy, overseeing library management and goal-setting, and engaging in library advocacy. All members serve without monetary compensation.

Children's Programs: Our Summer Reading program began in July with a performance by the award-winning storyteller/musician duo of Davis Bates and Roger Tinknell, who appeared courtesy of a Freetown Cultural Council Grant. Laurie Belanger presented story hours for preschoolers and elementary school age children. Peg Riley led the Middle School age group in writing, reading, and crafts. The Twilight Science Program was led by volunteer Erin Lafferty who teaches high school science during the school year. Her evening program was designed for children from age 3-6 and their families. Participants learned about science concepts through stories and hands-on projects. We also had a reading raffle in which children earned one raffle ticket for each book read and had a chance to win prizes in weekly drawings. We would like to thank the presenters, the Massachusetts Regional Library System and also all those who donated to our summer reading program, in particular long-time supporter Freetown Trading Post, Foster's Hardware, Mrs. Cheryl M. Belliveau, and Mr. George A. Carrier.

During the school year, we had two preschool story hours per week thanks to the skills of staff member Peg Riley and volunteer Holli Panagos. We also hosted storyteller/musician John Porcino (sponsored by the Freetown Cultural Council). For Children's Book Week in November, we gave away donated books to children who visited the libraries and Peg Riley conducted a figure/doll-making workshop.

In the spring, we had our third annual benefit concert. As you may know, funding for children's programs was cut from our budget several years ago. Proceeds from the Toe Jam Puppet Band benefit concerts have been essential to our ability to run children's programs at the library. Our sincere gratitude goes to Freetown resident Tom Poitras and his band for their ongoing support of the library. In addition to being a great fund-raiser, the Toe Jam Puppet Band Concert is an event that children and their families look forward to each year. To date, every concert has been sold out.

Other Programs: In October, Dr. Betty Elsner, who divides her time between residences in Assonet and Alaska presented a well-received lecture and slide show on various aspects of Alaska including whaling and environmental issues. Betty also serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Freetown Libraries.

We have continued our Outreach Program in which volunteers deliver books to those who cannot easily get to the library due to illness or limited mobility. This year's volunteers were Althea Brady, Elaine Dandrea, Vicki Dawson, and Peg Riley.

Network Membership: The Libraries' participation in the SAILS Library Network has been vitally important in filling residents' needs for library materials. Because of the very limited capacity of our town libraries, we cannot possibly house enough materials to fill our patrons' requests. This year 29.12% of all books circulated from our libraries came from other libraries in the SAILS Network. More and more patrons are using our online catalog to request materials, renew materials, and access databases. We saw a 36% increase in the number of hits on our web site this year. Visit us at www.sailsinc.org/freetown. Of course, we are still always happy to assist those without internet access or those who just prefer mediated services.

In Appreciation: Space does not allow us to name all of the people who have contributed their time and money to the library, but please know that you are appreciated. We do have a few collective "thank yous." The Friends of the Library helped with fund-raisers (e.g., book sales) and with sponsorship of programs. The Board of Library Trustees provided invaluable support and guidance. We also thank the members of the James White Memorial Library Trustees who are responsible for maintaining the White Library, which is not owned by the town. We would like to thank the members of the East Freetown Christian Congregational Church for their willingness to allow our patrons to use their parking lot. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Brownie Troop 248 who once again this year made a generous contribution for the purchase of children's books.

Our Staff: We are fortunate to have a very experienced staff. They always do their best to make the library a welcoming and helpful place. Althea Brady marked her 25th anniversary with the libraries at the beginning of this year and was honored at the benefit concert for her service and accomplishments. She serves as both Senior Librarian and Children's Librarian and is known to patrons as a dependable source of reference and readers advisory services. Cheryl Belliveau continues her excellent work in technical services. She is responsible for all of the cataloging in addition to working in reference and circulation. Peg Riley has made many contributions to children's programs, as noted earlier in this report, and she also works in circulation and reference. She has been willing to take on a myriad of other tasks for the library as well. Mary Ouimet has been with us for several years through the Senior Tax Rebate Program and she has become an essential member of the staff, helping out at some of our busiest times. All of us have learned to multitask and to make do with inadequate physical surroundings and with 38% fewer staff hours than the other town libraries in our area. Despite these challenges, the staff continues to provide quality services in the face of ever-increasing demand.

Fees Collected: The Library Department submitted a total of \$612.57 to the general fund of which \$ 395.30 was for printer and copier fees, \$ 1.00 was a diskette fee, and \$ 216.27 was for lost books.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Dawson
Library Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

The Freetown Historical Commission, the town appointed board, continues to work to protect and preserve historic structures and landmarks. To date, the Commission had utilized the criteria of the Demolition Delay By-Law to review two structures of age, whose owners had requested permits for demolition. There have been no requests brought forth to us this year. The Commission had developed a photo file of all buildings prior to demolition that is recorded as further documentation. This information is also maintained at <http://town.freetown.ma.us/demolition/>

The Town of Freetown was awarded a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant to form a Freetown Zoning Study Committee. Peter Erwin and Mary E.R. Brown have been representing the Historical Commission on the committee for the past year. The committee is made up of members of the Planning Board, Historical Commission, residents, Selectmen, and representatives from SRPEDD (Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District.) Zoning proposals for the entire town are being discussed while taking into consideration the needs and topography of the land. Proposals for the Village Residential and Village Business Zones for both Historic Districts in Town are being considered. Residents' input is encouraged. Mary E.R. Brown has represented the Commission on the newly formed Open Space Committee that will also be part of the new zoning proposal. Meetings have been held with the Planning Board and the Zoning Study Committee. It is important to incorporate and be aware of our historic structures and our past history to better prepare us for future planning and growth.

Police Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr. forwarded to the Commission a copy of the Freetown Speed Study conducted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. The purpose of the study was to review speed limits and traffic along South Main Street that includes a portion of the Village Historic District. The Commission discussed the report and disagrees with the report's recommendation for increased speed postings due to the thickly settled area, pedestrians who frequent the area, and the narrow historic bridges.

Mr. Ralph E. Gurney of the Freetown Cemetery Committee met with members of the Commission to discuss our concern about the Town cemetery granite markers that are now located behind the chain link fence dividing the cemetery and private property known as "The Purchase", or Freeman's Circle. Until a permanent solution can take place, Mr. Gurney notified us that all property owners along the cemetery boundary will be notified in writing that the granite markers are town property and cannot be removed, and that they are the official boundaries. Together, both committees will monitor the cemetery that is included on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Freetown Friends of Historic Preservation, a non-profit organization, continues to support the goals of the Freetown Historical Commission by encouraging preservation in Freetown. The conditions of the Village School and of our historic bridges continue to be of concern. Peter Erwin has established a web site so that interested citizens may learn about our objectives and make contributions on line. The website is: <http://www.assonetriver.com/preservation/>

Historic photographs have been on display at the Town Hall and have helped to create a curiosity and interest in some of our historic structures. The Commission will continue to reproduce and display these historic photos to help develop an appreciation and pride in Town history.

Recognition, pride, and preservation of our Town's historic resources remain a priority despite our many exciting challenges. There is an open position for one more member on the Commission. Residents interested in helping to preserve our historic resources should send letters of interest to the Board of Selectmen.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month, except when noted as posted in the town Hall. The public is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E.R. Brown
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Freetown Cultural Council for the Fiscal Year
July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

The purpose of the Cultural Council is to support public projects that promote access, education, diversity, and excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all residents.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council receives state funds solely from revenues generated by the State Lottery Commission. These funds are then allocated to the local Cultural Councils through the annual state appropriation process. Our local Cultural Council, in turn, awards grants to applicants who address cultural needs specific to the community. The local funding cycle is advertised, and grant application forms are available on-line and at the Town Hall. The deadline to submit local grant applications to the Cultural Council is typically October 15th. During this funding cycle, the following grants were awarded:

Edward L. Cope, Jr.	Reading is Magic	\$ 100.00
Assonet Bay Shores	Art Appreciation	200.00
Homer E. Adams	Strawberry Festival	400.00
Karen Chace	F.E.S. Student Storytelling Club	250.00
John Root	Senior Citizen Concert	200.00
Richard L. Hamelin	PIED Potter's Magical Potters' Wheel	200.00
John Porcino	Celebrations of Story and song	360.00
Phil Buck	Buck Expeditions' Youth Explorers	300.00
Henry Lappen	Juggling Performance and Workshop	400.00
Guy Morin	British Soldier Lecture	100.00
Bob E. Thomas	Larry Blotter & the Sorcerer's Poem	425.00
New Bedford Festival Theatre	Andrew Lloyd Webber's "CATS"	400.00
New Bedford Festival Theatre	N.B.F.T. Apprentice Level I Program	365.00
Greater New Bedford Choral Society	Winter Concert	300.00
New Bedford Symphony Orchestra	Young People's Concert	500.00
	Total Grants:	\$ 4,500.00

Meetings are posted and held to designate grant funding. The Cultural Council also co-sponsors the Annual Strawberry Festival, and organizes the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Village Bandstand on South Main Street.

Since there are several available positions on the Cultural Council, anyone is welcome to attend a meeting and express their interest in serving as a member.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Remedis
Chairman

REPORT OF THE FOURTH-OF-JULY PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Fourth-of-July Parade & Fireworks Committee for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

As with every year, the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 here in town started off with a bang – literally. The annual Independence Day fireworks and faire were held on the evening of Sunday, July 3, 2005, with great attendance and a fantastic set of booths and events for residents and visitors alike to enjoy. Sadly, however, due to a lack of participation, the next morning saw the streets of Assonet quiet as the annual parade had been cancelled.

In August, this committee advertised for additional members and saw a surge of new volunteers step up. The new committee quickly began scheduling meetings and planning events for the coming year. Coordinating events this year were Bob Adams, Sue Ashley, Jean Fox, Ellen Lima, Mike McCue, James O’Leary, Carol and Paul Levesque, John Remedis, and Dawn Weitzenkamp.

One recurring event throughout the year were youth dances held in the hall of St. Bernard’s Church in Assonet. These dances brought in \$745.00 in revenue.

The first of the main events turned out to be a dinner and auction held on the evening of Friday, March 3, 2006, at the VFW Hall on Middleboro Road. The Sandpipers & Tribesmen select choral group from Apponequet Regional High School performed a selection of patriotic and pop music before the event began, delighting and warming up the audience. Selectman John Ashley served as auctioneer during the event, and his usual amusing anecdotes and actions certainly enlivened the crowd. The auction portion of the evening netted about \$2,100.00. All-in-all, the dinner/auction was viewed as a success that will be repeated in coming years.

Following that, in June, the committee sponsored a booth at the bandstand in Assonet during the Strawberry Festival. Ruffled off at the booth, among other items, were reproduction maps of 19th century Assonet produced by committee member Bob Adams, originally featured at the March auction. These beautiful maps were individually crafted and numbered, and the committee is in debt to Bob’s skilled craftsmanship.

As the month of June wound down, final efforts were realized from a number of organizations and individuals: the police, highway, and building departments posted traffic signs around the downtown area; local artist Marissa Jesus decorated the former Reinhagen’s Market with the event’s official logo for 2006; Stop & Shop, Weyerhaeuser, and the Boston Beer Company came through with generous donations totaling \$9,500.00 to help us reach our fundraising goals; and a bevy of groups came forward willing to sponsor booths at the faire and march in the parade. The successes of the year are sure to produce a beautiful fireworks display and fantastic parade once July rolls around.

To encourage participation in the parade, we established during the year a new system for recognizing the first-place float. A trophy, on permanent display in the lobby of the Town Hall, will each year be engraved with the year and the group that sponsored the winning float. Years from now, we hope the children riding on a winning float will be able to bring their own children into the Town Hall, either to pay taxes or perhaps license a dog, and point out where they were part of the fun and excitement of a Freetown 4th of July.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean C. Fox,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Scholarship Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

At a November, 1994, Special Town Meeting, the town voted to accept Section 3C of Chapter 60 General Laws, which established a municipal scholarship fund. The program was inactive throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, and was reactivated during the fiscal year 2006.

In accordance with the state law that creates the fund, awardees must be residents of Freetown, and be accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution. Financial need, character, scholastic record, community involvement, and extracurricular school activities must all be considered in selection, as well as any additional criteria established at the local level by the committee or by town by-law.

The scholarship fund is supported entirely through voluntary contributions. Residents wishing to donate encouraged to do so at any time. Checks, made payable to "Town of Freetown" and marked with "Scholarship Fund" on the memo line, may be sent to:

Scholarship Committee
Town Hall
P. O. Box 438
Assonet, Mass. 02702

Due to the resurrection of this committee coming late in the fiscal year, no scholarships were awarded between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. Hopefully, in future years, a list of recipients will grace the end of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McCue

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Freetown

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board reviewed 13 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in an additional 23 single family house lots. The Planning Board collected \$2,299.99 in Form A filing fees. The Planning Board reviewed three preliminary Form B plan resulting in the collection of \$300.00 in filing fees. The Planning Board reviewed 5 Form C subdivision plans thereby collecting \$27,959.46 in filing fees, \$12,187.50 in technical review fees and \$1,719.00 in advertising reimbursements. The Planning Board also reviewed one Special Permit resulting in the collection of \$100.00 in filing fees.

The Planning Board members are Chairman Joel Plissey, Keven Desmarais, Robert Raymond, Mark Rogers and Jean Pierre Trahan. Roger Martin retired from the Board this year. Laurie Carvalho is the secretary to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Plissey Chairman

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Freetown,

Following is the report of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of three (3) members and one (1) associate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction in the manner prescribed in Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

1. To hear and decide appeals in accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 40A.
2. To hear and decide petitions for variances in accordance with Section 10 of Chapter 40A.
3. To hear and decide applications for those uses for which approval of the Board of Appeals is required in accordance with the provisions of this By-Law and for special permits when not otherwise specified, including the power to grant variances for use, Section 10, Chapter 40A.
4. To hear and decide applications for expansion of non-conforming uses. The Board of Appeals shall not grant approval for enlargement or extension unless it shall find that such extension shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing non-conforming use.

In exercising the powers granted by this section, the Board of Appeals shall act in accordance with the provisions of Section 11, 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws.

During this fiscal year the Zoning Board of Appeals has granted four special permits and eight variances. The Zoning Board of Appeals collected \$3,240.00 in filing fees and \$3,203.00 in advertising reimbursement fees.

The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals are Chairman Gary Guinen, Jean Pierre Trahan, and Daniel Loranger. Kim Pina is the associate member of the Board. Laurie Carvalho is the secretary to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Guinen,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tree Warden for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006:

The Tree Warden was called out eleven times. There has been a caterpillar infestation over the past three years, and it has killed many Town trees. Some of them will have to be removed, and the process has begun. Routine trimming by the Town and N-Star has kept power outages to a minimum.

Any town resident interested in having a tree planted on Town property should feel free to contact me at 508-763-2348.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Loranger, ISA
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Soil Conservation Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 to through June 30, 2006:

The responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Board are to oversee gravel operations and such activities in the town. During the fiscal year, the Board took action on six fall permits. Eleven spring permits which consisted of 1 new permit and 10 renewed permits. The Board collected \$11,992.40 in application & tipping fees this fiscal year.

The Soil Conservation Board customarily meets in May and October, also when new applications or requested meetings make it necessary.

Board members are Lawrence Ashley, Chairman, John Ashley, Lisa Pacheco, Keven Desmarais. Senior clerk Karen Robitaille

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence N. Ashley
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND
Citizens of Freetown:

The Freetown Conservation Commission is composed of seven volunteers, appointed members serving to protect the wetland areas within the Town. The Commission reviews, and if appropriate, approves plans for any work that is contemplated either in or within one hundred feet of wetlands. The Board also oversees implementation of the Rivers Protection Act. Both approval processes are to ensure that all work conducted in or near a wetland resource area will not have a detrimental effect on the wetlands.

Wetlands serve to provide storm and flood protection, pollution control, and most importantly, a habitat for various species of plants and animals. With the increased understanding of how wetlands interact with the water table, combined with the reliance on well water for drinking in Freetown, it is extremely important that citizens feel free to contact the Commission when they believe a project may be endangering wetlands.

The Commission has a small amount of acreage deeded to it in the form of gifts to the Town. The ownership by the Commission ensures that the property is available for all to enjoy while simultaneously protecting any wetlands that may be on it

Notices of Intent and Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation requiring filing fees. Thus, the amount of \$11,872.50 was collected during the fiscal year. From July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, the Commission acted upon the following:

Requests for Determination:	19
Notices of Intent:	24
Certificates of Compliance:	6
Extension Permits:	0
Abbreviated Notices of Intent:	0
Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation:	4
Amended Orders of Conditions:	2
Enforcement Orders:	1

Meetings are held bi-monthly at the Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA, or at specially advertised meetings to accommodate the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Keven V. Desmarais
Chairman

SCHOOL REPORTS

School Committees and Administration

Freetown School Committee

Robert W. Clark	2009
Alex M. Magalhaes	2008
Patrick T. Matthews	2007
Jeanne M. Tierney	2008
Sandra L. Souza, Chair	2007

Meetings – Second Wednesday of Each Month (Sept.-- June)

Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

Freetown Members Lakeville Members

David W. Brown 2007	Robert Canessa 2008
Robert W. Clark - 1 yr. Appointment	Cynthia Benard 2007
Jean C. Fox, Chair 2009	hilip Oliveira - 1 yr. Appointment

Meetings - Third Wednesday of Each Month (Sept. – June)

Special Joint School Committee Meetings scheduled when necessary

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Stephen J. Furtado, Ph.D.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Vincent P. McKay, Ph.D.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Louis E. Rodrigues

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Donald P. Noack, Interim

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JoAnn M. Cournoyer
Kathleen D. Cincotta

Martha A. Deneault
Joyce V. Essenburg
Gloria J. Porter

Nora E. Murphy
Carol A. Gregory
Jennifer L. Seaberg

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Robert Frizelle, Principal

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James Hunt, Principal

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Gary Lincoln, Principal

**FREETOWN AND LAKEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
STEPHEN J. FURTADO, PH.D.
ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2005-2006**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The 2005-2006 school year was very busy and I believe, successful. Returning as the Superintendent was exciting but, let me say, there was a need to hit the ground running.

Freetown Elementary School welcomed a new principal, Robert Frizelle. Bob adapted quickly having been at FES several years before as a teacher. The school staff, needing to adjust to budget reductions, maintained the quality and dedication of service to the students. MCAS scores increased slightly but we remain concerned regarding the long range effects regarding our need to meet the guidelines of the No Child Left Behind Law. We will continue to draw attention to the needs of the district and the financial support necessary to meet the ever rising academic challenge set forth by the state and federal governments.

Over the past year, with the help of parents and staff, we have developed a new strategic plan. The plan addresses the goals identified to be met over the next three years. Included were goals to improve curriculum, communication, technology, finances and human resources.

It has been a pleasure to return to Freetown-Lakeville as your superintendent. We continue to seek new avenues to build upon the trust and support necessary to move our schools forward. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Furtado,
Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2005-2006

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

On Sunday, June 4, 2006, the Class of 2006, consisting of 1828 students, received their diplomas. Kathleen VanderKaaden, Class President, along with Jay Benjamin Markson, Valedictorian, led the class. Laura Cabucio was selected to give the "Charge to the Class." Thirty students were members of the National Honor Society. Five foreign exchange students also participated. Their national flags were displayed on the field. This was the first graduation for new superintendent, Dr. Stephen Furtado.

The Awards Ceremony was held the previous Tuesday, May 30th, with the Senior Banquet on Thursday, June 1, 2006. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations that donated over \$100,000 in local scholarship money for our Seniors. During of the Senior Banquet, yearbooks were distributed and a class video was presented.

Joining the ranks of honored retirees was paraprofessional Elizabeth Hutchinson.

Because graduation is always the first priority for students, the eligibility requirement for participation in extra-curricular activities was amended. Students need 110 credits to graduate but needed to be passing only 20 credits to be eligible for extra-curricular activities, including sports. The eligibility requirement was raised to 25 credits to help insure that students were on schedule to graduate in four years.

A Freshmen Orientation was instituted in the high school. Over 150 incoming freshmen attended with their parents in late August. Students were given an introduction to Apponequet in the auditorium and then were met by their homeroom teachers to review some basic policies. Freshmen were then given 45 minutes to run through their new schedules and find their classrooms. The evening ended with Student Council members providing a "What-Not-To-Wear" Fashion Show.

Parents are expending their organized support of Apponequet students. Our parent volunteer program is rapidly expanding. Parents assist in the following areas: main office, guidance, nurse and library. The volunteers plan to organize into a formal P.T.O. in the fall. A fourth parent group was formed in the spring. Supporters of Apponequet Players, SOAP, was formed to support our drama productions. Apponequet Alumni Mike McCue was chosen President.

The Music Program continues to do outstanding work under the direction of Mrs. Denise Haskins and Mr. Ed Ledwith. The Apponequet Choir performed in four school concerts, including Apponapalooza in October. The choir also performed off campus at the Taught Lights On Choral Extravaganza, the Middleboro Thanksgiving Concert, The St. John Neumann center, and the Fall River Rotary Club Christmas party. The marching band performed at 6 football games and at the Middleboro and Taunton Christmas parades.

In the third year of the DECA program, we had our first national winners. Doug Hagerty, Mike Mackiewicz and Ben Nicholas won the Virtual Business Sports Simulation and a \$1000 prize. Andy Bartsch, Tyler Hutchens and Mike Travers placed fourth in the national competition. Both of these teams went to the nationals after placing first in their respective Massachusetts divisions. DECA advisor is Mr. Frank Rosa.

In athletics, 642 students participated in the 30 programs offered at Apponequet. The girls swimming and diving team were SCC champions. During the winter season, the *Standard Times* named Ben Nicholas in swimming and Meaghan Callahan in track as “Athletes of the Year.” In the spring all our teams qualified for the MIAA State Tournaments. In spring track, Meaghan Callahan was the State Champion in the 100 meter dash and was selected to the *Boston Herald* “All-Scholastic Team.”

Respectfully submitted,

Gary P. Lincoln

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2005-2006

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

*Success is a journey, not a destination.
(Ben Sweetland)*

Our three-year consecutive November adventure trek to Ferry Beach Ecology School in Saco, Maine was a wonderful learning experience for our Grade 8 students. This experiential, hands-on science investigation/learning aligned with Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework has been one of the most engaging, popular, and successful initiatives that students remember as contributing to their developmental growth stages on a myriad of levels—physically, socially, and academically.

Middle school students flourish in high-interest programs and activities that require hands-on participation and social interaction. The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School staff continues to provide a rich array of co-curricula activities beyond the standard school day, including: Peer Leaders, Computer Club, Student Council, School Newspaper, Majorettes, Yearbook, Concerts by Chorus and Band, Boys and Girls Basketball, Jr. National Honor Society, and Robotics/Engineering Club to date.

In a strong initiative to increase MCAS math scores, the FLMS' AYP (Average Yearly Progress) Math Leadership Team was formed consisting of 3 standard curriculum math teachers, 3 special education teachers, Title I Coordinator, Math/Special Education Curriculum Leaders, and the extended Grade 8 math program teacher with a mission to recommend and facilitate immediate corrective action to address underperformance of FLMS identified students. After-school Math Clinics and increased MCAS Math Class Enrollments were formulated as an addendum to our regular course of study as part of FLMS' AYP Math Initiatives.

An Accreditation Subcommittee was formed to address the recommendations made by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission (NEASC) in accordance with the standards for accreditation for middle level schools. The Commission required a Five Year Summary Report containing documentation of how (our) school implemented each of the recommendations delineated in the Visiting Committee Report. The expectation that these recommendations would be addressed was met, and the results submitted to the Commission office on April 1, 2006. Teaching and learning standards included mission and expectations for student learning, curriculum, instruction, and assessment on student learning. Support (accreditation) standards focused on leadership and organization, school resources for learning, and community resources for learning. Flagged by the NEASC for "particular attention" were Professional Development, Visual Arts, Integration of Arts, Physical Education, Remedial Reading, Special Education Common Planning Time, Transition Program, and Heterogeneous Grouping. The recommendations specified under the segment termed "Instruction" are in progress or have been incorporated and addressed in our school improvement plan and are as follows:

- That we establish an instructional improvement model focused on meeting the middle level standard
- That we develop a building-based professional development model focused on current research on instructional change, grouping practices in both the school and the classroom and the adoption of research on the needs of the middle school learner
- That we create an instructional leadership model that includes teaching, modeling and evaluation and

- That we develop supervision model, which centers on improvement of student learning and expects measurable results. (For further details, please see the FLMS School Improvement Plan.)

The creation of meeting opportunities for academic teams and special subject teachers has been completed. Curriculum half-days have been dedicated to special subject department and core subject department meetings.

All of the Assessment recommendations have been classified as “Completed”, among them the following specifications:

- Professional Development opportunities in LINKS, Rubrics, and Differentiated Instruction have been offered to all staff.
- Assessment tools other than the Stanford Test are being utilized.
- MCAS, STAR Math, and TestWhiz data are available for all staff.
- STAR Math is being utilized to allow teachers to inform their classroom instruction.
- All parents receive results in hard copy through the USPS of test results. There are also a principal presentation and a Director of Student Services presentation at a PTO meeting to present testing data.

Recommendations for school and community resources for learning have also been completed.

The Lakeville Police Department was invited to conduct internet safety assemblies for Grades 6, 7, and 8 in the spring, with plans to return in the fall (October '06). Due to the well publicized misuse of the internet, we continue to be vigilant and seriously concerned and determined that our students acquire the tools of discernment when surfing the world-wide web. The sole intention of the Department was to enlighten students about awareness of the ploys of predators, the use of caution and discretion when cyber communication. Prior to the assembly, students completed a survey regarding the frequency, nature, extent, and parameters of their internet use. Thus, the Department’s comments were tailored to meet the unique needs of the FLMS’ audience. We believe it was a worthwhile venture.

We continue to fine tune our programs, instructional repertoires, and professional development as a means of enhancing our students’ learning. Academic proficiency for students of all ability level is our goal. We embrace opportunities to model our stated school philosophy rooted in the principle of life-long learning. We realize that each day our students cross our threshold we can make a powerful difference in each of their lives. With our significant transition in administrative leadership has come a merging of philosophies toward our common goal. Adherence to our newly established core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Resiliency will enable us, teachers and students alike, to continue our mission based on the premise that educators should...

- meet students where they are, since people learn best by connecting new information to old.
- center classrooms on the students since people also learn best when they exercise some control over their learning.
- provide rich learning environments, since intelligence is fluid, not fixed
- organize content around concepts.
- engage students in challenging work, grounded in higher-order thinking, and
- connect what happens in the classroom to the students, either directly or by helping them discover links to the world beyond the classroom, since people learn best when what they are learning has relevance to themselves or their society. (*Turning Points: Educating Adolescents in the 21st Century*, Jackson and Davis)

As we move forward we eagerly embrace the challenges of promoting young adolescents' intellectual development, applying and exhausting every resource identified to help them think creatively and to use their minds well. We endeavor to ensure success for every student at Freetown-Lakeville Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,

Winnie Beasley
Assistant Principal

GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2005-2006

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Enrollment:

4th grade- 172 5th Grade- Lakeville- 129, Freetown- 106 Total: Total: 407

2005-2006 continued to be a year of transitions and exploration for the staff and students at the George R. Austin Intermediate School. The schedule for 4th and 5th grade became more unified, which led to greater opportunities for collaboration amongst the two grade levels. The staff at GRAIS continues to be committed to providing the best possible learning environment to the students of Freetown and Lakeville.

Our Mission

The mission of Austin Intermediate is to provide a challenging intermediate education to enable our students to realize and reach their potential and to acquire knowledge and skills needed to be productive citizens. In a changing and diverse world, we acknowledge that learning is best achieved through collaboration of students, parents, teachers, administration, and community.

PTO and School Council

This year we saw the creation of a PTO dedicated to the students of GRAIS. The PTO presented several assemblies to the students ranging in topic from story-telling and character development to the magic of Reading. The PTO also provides invaluable volunteers to the school that support activities in the classroom, provide additional monitors for lunch and recess duty and provide clerical support to the library. They also organize and run after school socials. This year students were able to attend a 5th grade Halloween Social, 4th and 5th grade Luau and a 4th grade "meet and greet" social took place in the spring to support the transition into the 5th grade. Our School Council which was composed of two teachers, the principal, two parents elected by the PTO and one community member, created and maintained the annual School Improvement Plan. This plan was reviewed and accepted by the School Committee in October. This year's focus was on becoming a unified intermediate school and improving achievement of all learners.

Academic Report

With the growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. We did not make AYP this year in the 4th grade for English Language Arts. We were able to hire a long-term sub to work with fourth grade students in the area of ELA, however, remediation support in math and English for the 4th grade continues to be a concern. This year two new fourth grade teachers were added to our staff to accommodate an increased enrollment of about 50 students.

For 2005-2006 we implemented a new math text in grade five. Grade four began utilizing this program in the fall of 2006. The 2006-2007 school year saw the implementation of the Everyday Math at all grade levels K-5. Fifth grade teachers have given positive feedback regarding the program and our goal is that this Math program will extend the students' abilities to think mathematically and integrate math skills into their everyday lives.

GRAIS continued to share all special subject teachers with FLMS and Assawompset this year. Due to this, special subjects continued to all be taught in the first 90 minutes of the day. The goal for 2006-2007 is that we will see an increased depth of learning and collaboration in special subject areas as we increase the number of specialists that are wholly dedicated to GRAIS.

School Services

Our services have remained fairly constant, and we hope to increase our support services. This year secretarial support was limited to one full time administrative secretary and a part-time special education secretary. Counseling services are contracted out to Bayview Associates for only one day a week. Our goal is to increase these supports to the teachers, so that classroom work can focus on academics. Our greatest area of need is maintaining appropriate academic support services to our teachers, remedial reading, writing and math.

This year we also focused on promoting a character education program throughout the year. Each month a newsletter was sent home to introduce the character trait to parents and promote family discussions around the topic. This newsletter was followed up in the library by a book of the month. Each month a book was chosen that highlighted the character trait and the newsletter was used to increase classroom discussion around good character and citizenship.

Austin Pride

Each quarter students are recognized in seven different areas: Improved Grades, Good Behavior, Extra-Curricular Activities, Community Service, Perfect Attendance, Reading and there is an extra nomination that teachers can complete for outstanding citizenship. Each quarter a drawing is completed in each category for a gift certificate to Target. At the end of the year all students nominated throughout the year were eligible for the grand prize of a laptop computer.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Beaubien, Principal

FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2005-2006

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Our 2005-2006 school year began under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Furtado, whom we welcomed back to our school community after an absence of nearly five years. Although we began the year without our Library Program, Technology Laboratory and our Science Scan Tec Laboratory, we were heartened to have over one hundred parents, family members, and members of the community volunteer to assist our teachers, and our students in our classrooms.

On Saturday, September 24, 2005, the Playground Committee in conjunction with the PTO sponsored the Family Fun Day and Playground Dedication. Events for the day included pony rides, pie eating contests, bean bag toss, moon-walk, dunk tank and refreshments. Several hundred children and adults attended this family event. All the proceeds from this day and our Halloween Dance helped defray the cost of the new playground equipment. The playground project has reached out to many members of our community. We are pleased to note that this project has been financed with donations from community businesses and families.

Every Day Math is a new program that was introduced to Grades Kindergarten through Grade Three for the 2005-2006 school year and will be introduced to Grade Four in September of 2006. This is a research-based program developed by the Chicago School Mathematics Project. Several basic principles have guided the development of this program. These include: Students acquire knowledge and skills, and develop an understanding of mathematics from their own experiences. Mathematics is more meaningful when it is rooted in real life contexts and situations, and when children are given the opportunity to become actively involved in learning. We have not overlooked the areas of literacy, science, and social studies and continue to hold professional development workshops for our staff.

In March and again in May our students participated in the MCAS assessments. These are administered annually to Grades Three and Four. This is the first year that students in Grade Three were administered the assessment in mathematics. Since this is the first year for this part of the program, these results will not count in assessing our over-all school performance. Though our results were within range of the state average, they indicate we still have work to do. In Grade Three 49% of our students were proficient in reading while 42% were proficient in mathematics. The results in Grade Four showed that 41% of the students were proficient in English Language Arts while 31% were proficient in mathematics.

What makes Freetown Elementary School a special place are the events that are held with and for the students. These include our winter and spring chorus concerts and our spring storytelling festival. Our students in Grade Three ventured down the theatrical aisle while performing "There Are Two Sides To Every Story" in December. Not long after their performance, Grade Three students could be found sleeping on the auditorium floor for the annual Literacy Sleepover. Shortly after the sleepover, the PTO held a Family Olympics in which groups of parents worked together to solve a physical challenge. In March many families in the community had a delicious meal of spaghetti and meatballs at our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Entertainment for the evening was also provided as some families waited for seating or for enjoyment after dinner. The school year would not be complete without Grade Four attending Nature's Classroom for four days of outdoors adventure. As the school year winds down in late spring, it is always enjoyable to see the students' art work on display at the Art Fair and the historical projects at the Heritage Fair. If you were to walk our hallways, you will notice the attractive ceramic tiles on our walls. Each year the students in

Grade Three decorate a tile that is then added to the wall. All of these programs add to the character of our school.

Spring time also saw the annual Town Meeting take place. We are appreciative of the support we have received from the Town during this process. Living within the means of our allocated budget, we were able to add a fourth grade teacher that allowed us to keep class sizes reasonable. Combining the additional allocation from a special Town Meeting in June with a federal grant, we were able to bring back several paraprofessional positions that were eliminated the previous year.

We are proud of our school and the programs that our students, staff and families offer to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Frizelle
Principal

NOTES

Visit the website for the Town of Freetown at <http://town.freetown.ma.us>.

**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

POLICE – FIRE – AMBULANCE

DIAL 911

Be certain to give your name, address, and nature of your emergency.
DO NOT hang up until you are sure that your message has been understood.

TOWN SERVICES

POLICE AND FIRE – FOR GENERAL BUSINESS:

Communications Center508-763-4017

TOWN HALL:

Board of Selectmen508-644-2201
Building Commissioner/Health Agent.....508-644-2202
Town Clerk508-644-2203
Treasurer508-644-2204
Board of Assessors.....508-644-2205
Collector of Taxes.....508-644-2206
Town Accountant508-644-2207
Water Commission.....508-644-4000
Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals.....508-644-2270
Conservation Commission.....508-644-3691

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