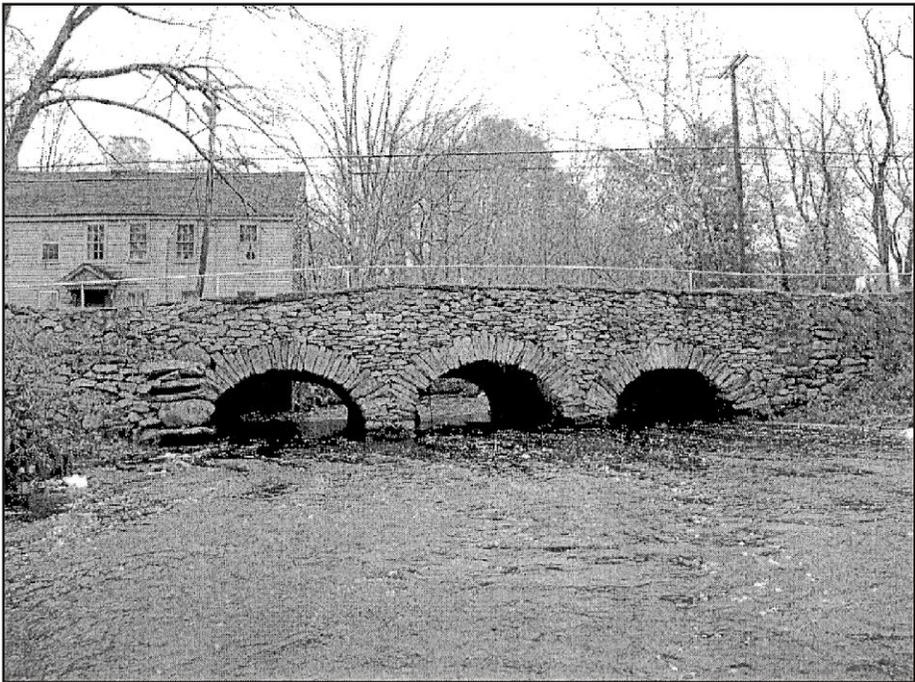


TOWN OF FREETOWN

2006

2007

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



THE 3-ARCH BRIDGE, ELM STREET

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 30, 2007

DEDICATION

It is our pleasure to dedicate this Annual Town Report to John S. Ashley. John served on the Board of Selectmen for 24 years, and previous to that, he served as a Lieutenant and Emergency Medical Technician on the Freetown Call Fire Department.

Over the years, we have all seen many changes occur within our community. The town is growing and changing rapidly every day. One thing, however, that we always know, is that John Ashley's warm and friendly demeanor will not change. His jolly, good-hearted disposition has always remained unwavering, even in times when the future of our town appeared a bit challenging. Although people come and go, and our surroundings become more commercialized, one conversation with John Ashley helps to remind us that somewhere, masked behind all of the new things, the older, more traditional Town of Freetown is still in existence.

We have heard the adage, "The only true way to measure the worth of a man is to count how many friends he has." If that saying holds true, then John Ashley, without a doubt, has to be one of the richest men we know. John has always been known for the kindness and generosity that he extends to the people of this town.

It has been an honor to work with John and to be his friend. We salute him for his many years of dedication and service to the Town of Freetown.

**TOWN OF FREETOWN – ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
JULY 1, 2005 – JUNE 30, 2006**

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TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

Annual Town Election
Starting in 2008, will be held on the first Monday in April.

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 – 6:00 P.M. at
Multi-Purpose Senior Center
227 Chace Road
East Freetown, MA.

Monday – 5:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall
3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA

Meeting dates and times posted;
Meetings held at Freetown Highway Department,
201 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA.

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. As needed. 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 – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Board of Assessors: Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Monday evening: 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Building Commissioner/Board of Health Agent:
Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 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: Monday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Monday evening: 4:00 P.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.

The hours of the Town Hall for Monday evenings, 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., are followed every other week during the summer months.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Howland Road
Lakeville, Massachusetts
Thursday through Sunday: 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Resident Stickers available at the Sanitary Landfill - Cost: \$10.00 each effective 10/07.

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.
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.;
Friday: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon;
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 | |
| | Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman | 2008 |
| | Lisa A. Pacheco | 2009 |
| | Jean C. Fox | 2010 |

(AE) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

| | | |
|------|---------------------------|------|
| (EO) | BOARD OF HEALTH | |
| | Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman | 2009 |
| | Lawrence N. Ashley | 2008 |
| | Jean C. Fox | 2010 |

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

| | | |
|------|------------------------|------|
| (EO) | PERSONNEL BOARD | |
| | Jean C. Fox, Chairman | 2010 |
| | Lawrence N. Ashley | 2008 |
| | Lisa A. Pacheco | 2009 |

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

(AE) **BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

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 M. Biszko, Alternate Building Inspector

(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

Wayne Saunders

HEALTH AGENT

(AO) Paul R. Bourgeois

(AE) Deborah A. Allerdt, Senior Clerk

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER

(AE) Jeremy Bernardo, Transfer Station/Recycling Center Attendant
Victoria B. King, Assistant Transfer Station/Recycling Center Attendant.

(AO) **TOWN PHYSICIAN**

Christopher J. Lebo, M.D.

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

Richard J. Levesque

(AO) **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Steven M. Dooney

(AE) Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk

(AO) **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman
Wayne A. Haskins
Steven M. Dooney
Jacqueline A. Brown

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.
Stephen G. Curran
Lisa A. Pacheco
Anita L. Howland

FIRST TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman
Wayne A. Haskins
Jacqueline A. Brown
Sandra L. Souza
David A. Theriault
William J. McCue

Stephen J. Furtado
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr.
Anita L. Howland
Steven M. Dooney
Linda H. Lynn Remedis

(EO) **MODERATOR**

Bruce W. Wilbur 2009

(EO) **TOWN CLERK**

Jacqueline A. Brown Elected Tenure
Diane L. Souza, Assistant Town Clerk

Burial Agent

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

Census Liaison

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

(AO) Board of Registrars

Colleen Lacroix March, 2008
Donald F. Gurney March, 2009
Mary L. Bowen March, 2010
Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

(AO) Election Wardens

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

Election Workers - Terms expire: August 15, 2007

Republican:

Helen Allard, Election Worker/Inspector
Kenneth Bock, Election worker/Inspector
Lauren J. Collins, Election Worker/Inspector
Paul Denault, Election Worker/Inspector
Beverly Dickinson, 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, Elector Worker/Inspector
Jerry A. Reese, Election Worker/Clerk Precinct II
Judy A. Reese, Election Worker/Inspector

Democrat:

Althea H. Brady, Election Worker/Inspector
Amy L. Copeland, Election Worker/Inspector
Lucille Depin, Election Worker/Warden, Precinct I
Donald J. Dickinson, 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/Warden
Michael T. McCue, 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
Elizabeth D. Ashley, Election Worker/Inspector
Judith Gurney, Election Worker/Inspector
Graciette M. Medeiros, Election Worker/Inspector
Judith A. Mello, Election Worker/Inspector
Beatrice A. Wilcoxon, Election Worker/Inspector

(EO) **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

| | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Ronald R. Batacao, Chairman | 2009 |
| Richard L. Field | 2010 |
| John Laronda, Jr. | 2008 |

(AE) Karen M. Mello, Assistant Assessor

(EO) **COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Stephen G. Curran | 2010 |
|-------------------|------|

(AE) Christina R. Jussaume, Assistant Tax Collector

(AO) Taxation Aid Committee

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

(EO) **TREASURER**

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Anita L. Howland | 2009 |
|------------------|------|

(AE) Marian Payant, Senior Clerk

Health Insurance Advisory Committee

Anita L. Howland
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire

Eugene J. Rymaszewicz

(EO) **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| David A. Theriault, Chairman | 2010 |
| Robert H. Alderson | 2008 |
| Paul L. Deneault | 2008 |
| John A. Santangelo | 2009 |
| Dennis F. Belanger | 2009 |
| Jeffrey D. Amaral | 2010 |
| Michael T. McCue, resigned 7/06 | 2007 |

(EO) **FREETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Sandra L. Souza, Chairman | 2010 |
| Robert W. Clark | 2009 |
| Jeanne M. Tierney | 2009 |
| Joseph B. Shaw, Jr. | 2010 |
| Alexandre Magalhaes | 2008 |

(EO) **FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Jean C. Fox, Chairman | 2010 |
| Robert W. Clark* | 2009 |
| David W. Brown | 2010 |

*Appointed one year to Regional Committee from Town Committee.

(EO) **PLANNING BOARD**

| | |
|--|------|
| Joel B. Plissey, Chairman | 2008 |
| Keven V. Desmarais | 2012 |
| Robert N. Raymond | 2009 |
| Mark W. Rogers | 2010 |
| Michael J. Motta | 2008 |
| Gary J. Trahan, Associate Member, resigned | |
| Gary Guinen, Associate Member, appointed | |

(AE) Laurie A. Carvalho, Administrative/Land Use Planner

(EO) **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

| | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Irene Ashley, Chairman | 2009 |
| Lucille M. Rosa, Vice Chairman | 2009 |
| Lori M. Weider, Secretary | 2010 |
| Janice C. Gurney | 2008 |
| Richard E. Spencer | 2008 |
| Michael T. McCue | 2010 |

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, Secretary
Elaine Dandrea

Paul D. Lubin
Muriel J. Saunders
Michael J. Motta

(AO) **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman, | 2008 |
| Maria V. Ternullo | 2009 |
| Janine C. Robidoux | 2008 |
| David C. Mannion | 2008 |
| Nancy-Jean Bock | 2010 |
| Richard Furlong | 2010 |
| Americo "Mack" Craveiro | 2010 |
| Jean-Pierre Trahan, resigned | 2007 |

(AE) Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(AO) **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Gary Guinen, Chairman | 2010 |
| Kim Pina | 2009 |
| Daniel A. Loranger | 2008 |

(AE) Laurie A. Carvalho, Planning/Land Use Administrator

(AO) **SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman | Lawrence N. Ashley |
| Jean C. Fox | Keven V. Desmarais |
| Robert N. Raymond | |

(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 | |

Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

| | | |
|------|---|------|
| (EO) | CEMETERY COMMISSION | |
| | Ralph E. Gurney, Jr., Chairman | 2010 |
| | 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. | 2008 |
| | Paul S. Darling | 2008 |
| (AO) | MOTH SUPERINTENDENT | |
| | Gary C. Loranger | 2010 |
| (EO) | WATER COMMISSION | |
| | John J. Walsh, Chairman | 2009 |
| | John T. Conway, Jr. | 2010 |
| | Robert W. Kelliher | 2008 |
| (AE) | Helen E. Medeiros, Senior Clerk | |
| (AE) | Ronald A. Beauregard, Water Meter Reader | |
| (AO) | HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH WARDEN | |
| | Mark A. Jose | 2008 |
| | Paul R. Bourgeois, Assistant | 2008 |
| (AO) | SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES | |
| | Theodore Machado, resigned | 2008 |
| | Duties are now being handled through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Standards, Weights and Measures Services | |
| (AO) | PUBLIC WEIGHERS | |
| | Marianno Rezendes, Jr. | 2008 |
| (AO) | ANIMAL INSPECTOR | |
| | Joseph H. Cambra | 2008 |
| | David Frates, Assistant | |
| (AO) | DOG OFFICER | |
| | David Frates – (Part-time) | 2008 |

POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Ex Officio)

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Lawrence N. Ashley | 2008 |
| Lisa A. Pacheco | 2009 |
| Jean C. Fox | 2010 |

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 from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

POLICE PERSONNEL

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire, Chief
Steven E. Abbott, Sergeant
Elton E. Ashley III, Sergeant
Donald B. Bullock, Patrolman
Mark B. Bullock, Patrolman
Michael J. Byrnes, Detective/Sergeant, Retired 7/14/07
Craig J. Cabral, Reserve Officer
Chad S. Carvalho, Student Officer, Reserve Officer, promotion to Patrolman 9/14/07
Micahel J. Connell, Jr., Patrolman
Paul M. DeMelo, Reserve Officer
Bethiah R. Dwyer, Reserve Officer
Edward J. Dwyer, Patrolman, promotion to Sergeant effective 12/15/07
Mark Fornaciari, Student Officer, Reserve Officer, promotion to Patrolman 9/14/07
Robert C. Fouquette, Reserve Officer
Kevin M. Garell, Reserve Officer
Shane V. Kelley, Patrolman
Benjamin A. Levesque, Patrolman
Jeremy A. Lockwood, Reserve Officer
John T. Lopes, Reserve Officer
Swede M. Maagnett, Sergeant
Anthony M. Pereira, Auxiliary Officer, promotion to Reserve Officer 10/29/07
Ryan W. Pereira, Patrolman
Jacob R. Raposo, Auxiliary Officer, Reserve Officer 10/29/07
Scott M. Rose, Patrolman, promotion to Sergeant effective 11/03/07
Paul G. Sadeck, Reserve Officer
Walter J. Sawicki, Lieutenant
Charles B. Sullivan, Jr., Sergeant
Jon M. Taylor, Patrolman
Marc A. Vachon, Reserve Officer

(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

Michael C. Lecuyer

For Civil Processes, only:

Richard C. Raposa
Joseph Migliori

James E. Sadeck
Kenneth W. Upham

(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

Felicia A. Porawski
Jacob R. Raposo
Jessica A. Allerdt

Lock-Up Attendants

Suzanne M. Moquin

Brenda J. Christiansen

Jill Swartzendruber

FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE

2006-2007

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
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
Keith Mello, Firefighter/E.M.T.-P

Florence J. Cabral, Senior Clerk

Fire & Rescue - Call Personnel

Chad Bettencourt, Call firefighter
Mark Brogan, Call Firefighter
Jeffrey Brum, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Gregory Calbo, Call firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Gary Carrier, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Robert Ferreira, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Michael Fournier, Call firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Thomas Gauthier, Call Firefighter
Edward Sylvia, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
David Haskins, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I

Brent L'Heureux, Call firefighter/E.M.T.-I
Nicholas Lecuyer, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Shawn Lopes, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Stephen Medeiros, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Eric Reynolds, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Vernon Roberts, Call Captain
Raymond Schmidt, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Kevin Smith, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Kevin Whittey, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B

(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

(AO) **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

Paul R. Bourgeois
Eric J. Morin
Linda H. Remedis

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Paul R. Bourgeois, Chairman
Joseph H. Lee
Wayne A. Haskins
Gary Silvia
Robert L. Frizelle

Lisa A. Pacheco
Linda A. Cass
Robert Frizelle
Linda H. Remedis
Michael T. McCue

Lawrence N. Ashley
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Barbara A. Place
Jacqueline A. Brown
Charles J. Macomber

(AO) **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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

Jean C. Fox
Barbara A. Place

(AO)

COUNCIL ON AGING

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Charles Gray, Chairman | 2010 |
| Leocadia V. Pittsley | 2008 |
| Joyce Cocke | 2010 |
| Marilyn Tripp | 2010 |
| Janice Gurney | 2008 |
| Robert Martel | 2008 |
| Amy L. Copeland | 2008 |
| Wayne A. Snell, resigned | 2008 |
| Susan A. Rousseau, resigned | 2007 |
| Clarence R. Dearden, resigned | 2008 |

Several 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

FREETOWN'S 325TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Jean C. Fox, Chairman
John S. Ashley
Robert L. Adams

Michael T. McCue
James O'Leary
John W. Remedis

Suzanne R. Ashley
Ellen C. Lima
Sharon L. Hadley

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Jean C. Fox
Sharon L. Hadley

Michael T. McCue
Robert L. Adams

Stephen J. Furtado
Mark Logan, Sr.

(AO)

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

Elizabeth D. Ashley – 10/2008
Joan M. Buffinton – 10/2008
Sharon M. Hadley – 8/2007
Holly M. Panagos – 10/2008
Nancy L. VanNostrand – 8/2007

(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

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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. Delliacono
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

Jean C. Fox
Mary E.R. Brown
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.

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.

Laurie A. Carvalho – Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District.

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 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.)

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Receipts were deposited to the Treasurer as follows:

Liquor Licenses:

| | | | |
|--|-----|--------------|-------------|
| All Alcoholic Common Victualer Licenses: | 2 @ | \$1,000.00 = | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Wine & Malt Beverage Common Vic. Lic.: | 1 @ | \$500.00 = | 500.00 |
| 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 |
| Entertainment Licenses: | 3 @ | \$100.00 = | 300.00 |

Food Licenses/Permits:

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Bakery Licenses: | 4 @ | \$50.00 = | \$ 200.00 |
| Common Victualer Licenses: | 17 @ | \$50.00 = | 850.00 |
| Food Establishment Permits: | 23 @ | \$100.00 = | 2,300.00 |
| Milk & Cream Permits: | @ | \$10.00 ea. = | 30.00 |
| Mobile Food Server Licenses: | 3 @ | \$50.00 = | 150.00 |
| Retail Food Permits: | 9 @ | \$50.00 = | 450.00 |
| Temporary Food Permits-2 Day | 3 @ | \$20.00 = | 60.00 |
| Temporary Food Permits-1 Day | 2 @ | \$10.00 = | 20.00 |

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------|------------|-------------|
| Class II Dealers' Licenses: | 20 @ | \$100.00 = | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Class III Dealers' Licenses: | 9 @ | \$100.00 = | 900.00 |
| M.V. Graveyard License: | 1 @ | \$100.00 = | 100.00 |

Other Licenses:

| | | | |
|--|------|----------------|-----------|
| Lic.-Automatic Amusement Devices: | 19 @ | \$20.00 ea. = | \$ 380.00 |
| Auctioneer's License: | 1 @ | \$25.00 ea. = | 25.00 |
| Camp Licenses: | 3 @ | \$50.00 ea. = | 150.00 |
| Hawker's & Peddler's License: | 1 @ | \$50.00 ea. = | 50.00 |
| Jukebox Licenses: | 3 @ | \$15.00 ea. = | 45.00 |
| Muscular Therapy License: | 4 @ | \$100.00 ea. = | 400.00 |
| Lic. For Sale of 2 nd -Hand Furn./Merch.: | 4 @ | \$10.00 ea. = | 40.00 |
| Piggery Licenses: | 1 @ | \$75.00 ea. = | \$ 75.00 |
| Stable Licenses: | 1 @ | \$100.00 ea. = | 100.00 |
| Tattoo Establishment License: | 1 @ | \$150.00 = | 150.00 |
| Tattoo Practitioner Licenses: | 2 @ | \$50.00 ea. = | 100.00 |
| Transient Vendor Licenses: | 2 @ | \$20.00 ea. = | 40.00 |
| Licenses to Transport Rubbish/Food Scraps: | 5 @ | \$100.00 ea. = | 525.00 |

Other Permits:

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------|--------|
| Road Opening Permit: | 1 @ | \$150.00 = | 150.00 |
| Temporary Trailer Permits: | 1 @ | \$50.00 ea. = | 50.00 |
| Tobacco Vendor Permits: | 3 @ | \$25.00 ea. = | 75.00 |

Other Receipts:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------|
| Public Hearing Fees: | 4 @ | \$100.00 ea. = | 400.00 |
| Cable Fees: | | | 1,370.00 |
| Fees for Copies of Documents: | | | 6.80 |
| Timber Harvesting Project: | | | 5,108.00 |
| Parking Ticket Fines: | | | 490.00 |
| Insurance Reimbursements: | | | 4,542.45 |

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER: \$ 28,932.25

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman
Lisa A. Pacheco
Jean C. Fox

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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 | 20 | \$ 4,000.00 |
| Repaired Septic Systems | 71 | \$ 3,200.00 |
| Septic System Review | 61 | \$ 1,765.00 |
| Cert. Of Compliance | 43 | \$ 430.00 |
| Installers Licenses | 43 | \$ 5,850.00 |
| Pump & Transport Lic. | 16 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Well Permits | 18 | \$ 1,350.00 |
| Percolation Test Fees | 93 | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Milk & Cream | 11 | \$ 110.00 |
| Total Permits/Fees Collected | 376 | \$ 31,905.00 |

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

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Bulky Items | \$ 35,769.00 |
| Recycling | \$ 10,187.80 |
| Resident Stickers | \$ 5,325.00 |
| Tires | \$ 1,013.00 |
| Propane Tanks | \$ 160.00 |
| Batteries | \$ 194.00 |
| Misc. | \$ 1,137.00 |
| Total Fees Collected Transfer Station | \$ 53,785.80 |
| Total Fees Collected Trash Billing | \$ 255,320.00 |

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2007 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed January 1, 2006 is as follows:

| | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Assessed Value of Land & Buildings | \$1,363,119,900.00 | |
| Assessed Value of Personal Property | \$ 41,638,730.00 | |
| TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE | | \$1,404,758,630.00 |
| Number of Dwelling Units Assessed | 3023 | |
| Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed | 3908 | |
| Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed | 266 | |
| Tax Exemptions for FY2007 | | |
| Clause 41C (Elderly) | \$ 81,000.00 | |
| Clause 22, 22A, 22E (Veteran) | \$ 39,400.00 | |
| Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K | \$ 29,971.53 | |
| Tax Abatements for FY2007 | | \$ 22,642.59 |
| TOTAL ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS | | \$ 173,014.12 |
| Amounts to be Raised | | |
| Local Expenditures | | \$ 20,525,935.05 |
| State & County Assessments | | \$ 221,711.00 |
| Overlay | | \$ 157,038.55 |
| Gross Amounts to be Raised | \$ 20,525,935.05 | |
| Estimated Receipts & Local funds | \$ 7,879,578.00 | |
| Net Amounts to be Raised | \$ 12,646,357.05 | |
| Real Property Tax Levy | | \$ 12,102,971.62 |
| Personal Property Tax Levy | | \$ 543,385.43 |
| TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY | | \$ 12,646,357.05 |

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Batacao, Chairman
FREETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
TAX COLLECTOR
FY2007 YEAR ENDING BALANCES (UNAUDITED)**

| | Beg Bal | Commits | (Cash) | (Abates) | (TaxTtl) | Refunds | Ending Bal |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|---------|------------|
| | | | (11,674,321) | | | | |
| Real07 | | - 12,120,747 | 1) | (180,698) | (6,508) | 53,321 | 312,541 |
| Real06 | 246,465 | 0 | (145,807) | 0 | (45,178) | 4,733 | 60,213 |
| Real05 | 16,571 | 0 | (13,945) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,626 |
| Real04 | 3,298 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,298 |
| Real03 | 1,406 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 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 |
| PProp07 | | 563,737 | (533,063) | (28,352) | 0 | 9,941 | 12,264 |
| PProp06 | 14,311 | 0 | (9,370) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,941 |
| PProp05 | 12,449 | 0 | (4,487) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,962 |
| PProp04 | 12,768 | 0 | (4,736) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,032 |
| PProp03 | 12,053 | 0 | (8,535) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,518 |
| PProp02 | 4,901 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,901 |
| PProp01 | 3,109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,109 |
| PProp00 | 2,424 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,424 |
| PProp99 | 2,265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,265 |
| PProp98 | 3,919 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,919 |
| PProp97Prior | 2,267 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,267 |
| Boat07 | | | | | | | |
| Boat06 | 2,803 | 0 | (1,701) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,103 |
| Boat05 | 1,053 | 0 | (53) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 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 |

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|----------|---|-------|--------|
| MV07 | - | 1,103,354 | (1,026,627) | (21,405) | 0 | 4,711 | 60,033 |
| MV06 | 98,824 | 200,106 | (276,726) | (15,328) | 0 | 9,594 | 16,469 |
| MV05 | 22,386 | 1,203 | (14,157) | (1,025) | 0 | 1,459 | 9,866 |
| MV04 | 10,202 | 0 | (3,419) | (767) | 0 | 711 | 6,727 |
| MV03 | 9,175 | 0 | (459) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,716 |
| MV02 | 8,731 | 0 | (206) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,525 |
| MV01 | 10,116 | 0 | (41) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,075 |
| MV00 | 4,996 | 0 | (41) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,955 |
| MV99 | 2,216 | 0 | (59) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,157 |
| MV98 | 1,660 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,660 |
| MV97Prior | 71,311 | 0 | (989) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70,323 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen G Curran, Tax Collector
Christina Jussaume, Assistant Collector

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, 2006 to June 30, 2007. This year, due to late billing of Real Estate and Personal Property, I had to borrow \$6,080,000.00, costing the Town \$28,726.96. Hopefully this year will be a better year. I will continue to keep the best of the past investing methods and continue to make improvement where I see opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Howland, Treasurer

Cash Summary

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Balance June 30, 2006 | \$4,184,814.46 |
| Receipts | \$28,522,985.37 |
| Sub-total | \$32,707,799.83 |
| Expended | \$29,393,245.81 |
| Balance June 30, 2007 | \$3,314,554.02 |

Interest

| | FY05 | FY06 | FY07 |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Earned | \$91,065.84 | \$144,856.38 | \$162,438.00 |
| Paid on Temporary Loans | | | |
| Net | \$91,065.84 | \$144,856.38 | \$162,438.00 |

Account Balances

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Bank America - Sch. Lunch | \$448,533.61 |
| Ma Municipal Depository Trust | \$309.17 |
| Webster - Performance Bonds | \$112,010.94 |
| Webster - MM | \$1,864,605.57 |
| Webster - Payroll | -\$63,203.98 |
| Webster - Vendor | -\$163,579.98 |
| Webster - Concentration | \$1,049,573.93 |
| Webster - MM | \$62,560.26 |
| UniBank | \$2,844.50 |
| State Street | \$900.00 |
| | \$3,314,554.02 |

Tax Title Collected

| | <u>FY05</u> | <u>FY06</u> | <u>FY07</u> |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Principal | \$19,127.31 | \$49,969.79 | \$90,011.89 |
| Interest | <u>\$39,046.16</u> | <u>\$74,137.88</u> | <u>\$28,929.41</u> |
| | <u>\$58,173.47</u> | <u>\$124,107.67</u> | <u>\$118,941.30</u> |

Debt Service - Long Term

Inside the Debt Limit

| | <u>Elem. School Bond Issue</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Outstanding June 30, 2006 | \$8,980,000.00 |
| Additional Borrowing | |
| Principal Payment | \$355,000.00 |
| Interest Payment | \$315,403.00 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2007 | <u>\$8,625,000.00</u> |

Debt Service - Long Term

Outside Debt Limit

| | <u>Water - Serial House Note Assonet Bay Sh.</u> |
|---------------------------|--|
| Outstanding June 30, 2006 | \$0.00 |
| New Debt Issued | \$66,000.00 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2007 | \$66,000.00 |

Debt Service - Short Term

| | <u>FY07</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Outstanding June 30, 2006 | \$0.00 |
| RAN's - Rev. Anticipation Notes* | \$6,080,000.00 |
| Principal Payment | \$6,080,000.00 |
| Interest Payment | \$28,726.96 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2007 | <u>\$0.00</u> |

*Borrowing due to late Real Est. billing

Debt Service - Short Term

| | <u>Water Assonet Bay Sh.</u> | <u>Water Water & Pleasant</u> | <u>Pump. Station</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Outstanding June 30, 2006 | \$100,000.00 | \$127,000.00 | \$158,836.00 |
| Principal Payment | \$100,000.00 | \$42,000.00 | |
| Interest Payment | \$3,340.00 | \$4,243.38 | \$6,194.60 |
| Outstanding June 30, 2007 | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$85,000.00</u> | <u>\$158,836.00</u> |

TRUST FUNDS

6/30/07

SPECIAL FUNDS

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Septic Grant Program | \$112,539.30 |
| Planning Board Engineering | \$29,049.56 |
| Appeals Board Engineering | \$21.81 |
| Law Enforcement | \$398.42 |
| Library Plan & Design | \$16,347.02 |
| Arts Lottery | \$2,808.71 |
| Conser. Bd. Eng. Fees | \$25.06 |
| No Int. Bicycle Safety | \$391.85 |
| Sub Total - Special Funds | \$161,581.73 |

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 | \$154,942.00 |
| Chace Cemetery | \$72,800.00 |
| Rounsvelle Cemetery | \$10,650.00 |
| Morton Cemetery | \$7,065.00 |
| White Cemetery | \$1,650.00 |
| Evans Cemetery | \$37,100.00 |
| Sub Total Cemetery Funds | \$284,207.00 |

OTHER NON-EXPENDABLE

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

LIBRARY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Irene Plouffe | \$227.11 |
|---------------|----------|

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| J.L. Lawton Kirker | \$113.03 |
| J. White Therrien | \$18,810.10 |
| White Memorial | \$1,264.11 |
| C. Clark Memorial | \$3,676.19 |
| Douglas Dana | \$1,340.52 |
| Annie Hunt | \$3,189.94 |
| Warren Cudworth | \$4,560.02 |
| Gagne | \$1,759.25 |
| A.A. Paine | \$1,112.20 |
| Betsey Hathaway | \$4,281.31 |
| George Hathaway | \$32,423.15 |
| M. Marvin Fletcher | \$1,858.97 |
| C. Isabel Hathaway | \$1,213.05 |
| Morgan Memorial | \$881.63 |
| Parker Memorial | \$381.12 |
| Clarence Kendrick | \$135.24 |
| Sub Total Library Funds | \$77,226.94 |

CEMETERY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Assonet Cemetery | \$12,618.22 |
| Chace Cemetery | \$6,178.33 |
| Rounsevelle Cemetery | \$8,831.32 |
| Morton Cemetery | \$3,304.06 |
| White Cemetery | \$385.22 |
| Evans Cemetery | \$20,432.32 |
| Sub Total Cemetery Funds | \$51,749.47 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Clark Scholarship | \$218.48 |
| Symp. & Hosp. | \$1,386.36 |
| Conservation | \$92,931.87 |
| Stablization | \$512,576.86 |
| Unfunded Pension | \$57,719.79 |
| Fire-Call Disability | \$11,755.55 |
| Post War Rehab | \$473.99 |
| Pararde & Fireworks | \$10,001.38 |
| Town Hall Building | \$1,969.24 |
| Federal Forfeiture | \$57,899.95 |
| Police Reserve Disability | \$762.25 |
| Education & Scholarship | \$7,208.40 |
| Elderly & Disabled Donation | \$125.07 |
| Elderly & Disabled Int. | \$196.44 |
| Cemetery Stabilization | \$1,030.10 |
| Sub Total Miscellaneous | \$756,255.73 |

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Trust Fund Balance 6/30/04 | <u>\$1,384,392.07</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007

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, 2006 - June 30, 2007.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE - The Senior Clerk for the Town Clerk's Office, Diane L. Souza, was promoted to Assistant Town Clerk, which became effective July 1, 2006. Diane began working for the Town Clerk's Office in 2001 and has shown her dedication and commitment to the job in the five years she has worked in this office. Her additional duties, in the absence of the Town Clerk, include the same duties, responsibilities and penalties applicable to the Town Clerk (as per MA General Laws.)

PASSPORTS: It has been an extremely busy year for processing Passport applications. The Town Clerk's Office processed 581 applications and generated a total of \$17,448 for the General Fund. In October 2006, the office also began taking the Passport Photos required for the applications and generated an additional \$2,598 (216 photos) in funds.

ELECTIONS: The Secretary of State's Office, in compliance with the Federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act), supplied all the cities and towns in Massachusetts with new voter accessible Automark voting devices. Each polling place was provided with one mechanism (one at the Senior Center & one at the Elementary School.) The intent of the apparatus is to provide individuals who have a disability with the means to vote without any assistance. The devices will be available in each polling place for voters to utilize at all future elections.

DOG LICENSES: The Board of Selectmen voted to increase the 2007 Dog Licenses to the following fees: spayed/neutered \$6.00; unaltered male/female \$10.00; kennel-up to 4 dogs \$25.00; kenne-5 to10 dogs \$55.00; kennel-11+ dogs \$105.00. A by-law was adopted at the November special town meeting allowing a free dog license to residents 70 years of age or over. The exemption is limited to one dog license and excludes kennels.

The following pages account for the funds taken in during the period July 1, 2006 – June 20, 2007. They also show records of the Freetown annual/special town meetings and local/state elections.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Diane Souza for her diligence and assistance in helping to fulfill this office's fundamental duty in providing a public service to the community by fair process.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Brown, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

July 2006 to June 2007

VITAL STATISTICS

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Births Recorded | 64 |
| Deaths | 46 |
| Marriages Recorded | 36 |

DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|
| Dog Licenses Issued | 1585 | } Total \$12989.00 |
| Kennel Licenses Issued | 45 | |

HUNTING & FISHING

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Fishing | 52 | \$ 1,456.50 |
| Fishing Minor | 3 | 34.50 |
| Fishing 65-69 | 1 | 15.75 |
| Non-Resident Fishing (3 days) | 2 | 75.00 |
| Fishing Free | 1 | - 0 - |
| Hunting | 26 | 715.00 |
| Hunting 65-69 | 7 | 136.25 |
| Hunting Free | 1 | - 0 - |
| Hunting Minor | 1 | 11.50 |
| Sporting | 51 | 1,982.50 |
| Sporting 65-69 | 5 | 124.00 |
| Sporting Free | 19 | - 0 - |
| Archery Stamp | 33 | 168.10 |
| Waterfowl Stamp | 10 | 50.00 |
| Primitive Stamp | 43 | 219.30 |

Paid to the Commonwealth of Mass. \$4,988.40

OTHER REVENUE:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Street Maps | \$ 45.00 |
| Street/Voting List | 260.00 |
| By-Laws/Rules & Regs | 616.00 |
| Appeals Fees | 2,160.00 |
| Copy Fees | 175.28 |
| Marriage | 742.00 |
| Birth Certificates | 1,458.00 |
| Death Certificates | 737.00 |
| Marriage Certificates | 775.00 |
| Business Certificates | 1,125.00 |
| Flammable Storage Certificates | 175.00 |
| Cemetery Plots | 60.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 236.02 |
| Dog Fines | 3,070.00 |
| Passports | 17,448.00 |
| Passport Photos | 2,598.00 |
| Bazaar/Raffle Permit | 50.00 |
| Non-Criminal Violations | 5,575.00 |
| Genealogy Research | 45.50 |
| Pole Location | 160.00 |

Other Revenue \$37,510.80

TOWN MEETINGS

- **November 26, 2006- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 117 registered voters in attendance to vote on 32 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 346,189 Taxation
536,811 Free cash
103,201 Transfer

Although a Debt Exclusion (contingent on passage at a special election) was voted on and approved at the town meeting in the amount of \$565,000, the ballot questions failed at the special election that was held on January 22, 2007.

- **May 7, 2007 – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium with 349 voters in attendance to vote on 9 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$123,500.00 Other Available Funds
\$104,000.00 Stabilization

- **May 7, 2007 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Gymnasium with 353 voters in attendance to vote on 39 articles.

The annual town meeting was continued to June 4th to vote on Articles 1-15, 17-21, 38 and 39. The meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium with 383 voters in attendance.

Total appropriations approved:
\$19,268,113.00 Taxation
\$ 337,000.00 Stabilization
\$ 410,353.00 Other Available Funds
\$ 5,000.00 Revolving

RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

5,523 Eligible Voters

16 Absentee Ballots

409 votes casts – Precinct I
438 votes casts – Precinct II
458 votes casts – Precinct III

} 1,305 total votes cast
24% of the voters

} 1185 Democrats
120 Republican

DEMOCRATS

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u> | | | | |
| Edward M. Kennedy | 280 | 307 | 326 | 913 |
| Write Ins | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Blanks | 83 | 93 | 90 | 266 |
| <u>GOVERNOR</u> | | | | |
| Christopher F. Gabrieli | 101 | 97 | 124 | 322 |
| Deval L. Patrick | 156 | 214 | 177 | 547 |
| Thomas F. Reilly | 105 | 87 | 109 | 301 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 4 | 5 | 6 | 15 |
| <u>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</u> | | | | |
| Deborah B. Goldberg | 128 | 132 | 141 | 401 |
| Timothy P. Murray | 133 | 134 | 121 | 388 |
| Andrea C. Silbert | 75 | 90 | 102 | 267 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 30 | 46 | 52 | 128 |
| <u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u> | | | | |
| Martha Coakley | 266 | 295 | 295 | 856 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 99 | 108 | 121 | 328 |
| <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u> | | | | |
| William Francis Galvin | 258 | 281 | 285 | 824 |
| John Bonifaz | 61 | 59 | 51 | 171 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 47 | 63 | 80 | 190 |
| <u>TREASURER</u> | | | | |
| Timothy P Cahill | 267 | 291 | 301 | 859 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 98 | 112 | 115 | 325 |
| <u>AUDITOR</u> | | | | |
| A. Joseph DeNucci | 265 | 282 | 304 | 851 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 100 | 121 | 112 | 333 |

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u> | | | | |
| Barney Frank | 293 | 330 | 331 | 954 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 73 | 72 | 85 | 230 |
| <u>COUNCILLOR</u> | | | | |
| Carole A. Fiola | 260 | 260 | 262 | 782 |
| Kelly Kevin Lydon | 51 | | 63 | 191 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Blanks | 54 | 66 | 90 | 210 |
| <u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u> | | | | |
| Joan M. Menard | 284 | 301 | 306 | 891 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 82 | 100 | 110 | 292 |
| <u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u> | | | | |
| David B. Sullivan | 285 | - | - | 285 |
| John F. Quinn | - | 311 | - | 311 |
| Stephen R. Canessa | - | 312 | 312 | |
| Write Ins | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 79 | 89 | 103 | 271 |
| <u>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</u> | | | | |
| Paul F. Walsh, Jr. | 160 | 180 | 176 | 516 |
| C. Samuel Sutter | 196 | 204 | 231 | 631 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 10 | 19 | 8 | 37 |
| <u>CLERK OF COURTS</u> | | | | |
| Marc J. Santos | 257 | 281 | 296 | 834 |
| Write Ins | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 107 | 122 | 120 | 349 |
| <u>REGISTER OF DEEDS</u> | | | | |
| Bernard J. McDonald, III | 263 | 279 | 283 | 825 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 102 | 123 | 133 | 358 |
| <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u> | | | | |
| Maria F. Lopes | 133 | 148 | 175 | 456 |
| Gregory DeMelo | 104 | 115 | 120 | 339 |
| Perry C. Long | 92 | 82 | 58 | 232 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 36 | 58 | 63 | 157 |

REPUBLICANS

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u> | | | | |
| Kenneth G. Chase | 25 | 17 | 27 | 69 |
| Kevin P. Scott | 15 | 8 | 10 | 33 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 3 | 9 | 5 | 17 |
| <u>GOVERNOR</u> | | | | |
| Kerry Healey | 38 | 27 | 37 | 102 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Blanks | 4 | 7 | 4 | 15 |
| <u>LIUTENANT GOVERNOR</u> | | | | |
| Reed V. Hillman | 34 | 27 | 35 | 96 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 9 | 8 | 6 | 23 |
| <u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u> | | | | |
| Larry Frisoli | 34 | 27 | 31 | 92 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 9 | 8 | 11 | 28 |
| <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 42 | 35 | 42 | 119 |
| <u>TREASURER</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 42 | 35 | 42 | 119 |
| <u>AUDITOR</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 42 | 35 | 42 | 119 |
| <u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Blanks | 42 | 34 | 40 | 116 |
| <u>COUNCILLOR</u> | | | | |
| Philip C. Paleologos | 28 | 20 | 33 | 81 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 15 | 15 | 9 | 39 |
| <u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 42 | 35 | 42 | 119 |
| <u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 42 | 35 | 42 | 119 |

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 6 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| Blanks | 37 | 31 | 40 | 108 |
| <u>CLERK OF COURTS</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 42 | 35 | 42 | 119 |
| <u>REGISTER OF DEEDS</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 41 | 35 | 42 | 118 |
| <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u> | | | | |
| Write Ins | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 41 | 35 | 42 | 118 |

RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

5,598 Eligible Voters

87 Absentee Ballots

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| 1056 votes casts – Precinct I 1098 votes casts – Precinct II 1117 votes casts – Precinct III | } | 3271 total votes cast 59% of the voters |
|--|---|--|

| <u>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</u> | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Edward M. Kennedy | 613 | 687 | 705 | 2005 |
| Kenneth G. Chase | 407 | 376 | 385 | 1168 |
| Write Ins | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12 |
| Blanks | 33 | 31 | 22 | 86 |
| <u>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</u> | | | | |
| Healey and Hillman | 434 | 394 | 402 | 1230 |
| Patrick and Murray | 516 | 592 | 567 | 1675 |
| Mihos and Sullivan | 80 | 80 | 108 | 268 |
| Ross and Robinson | 15 | 16 | 19 | 50 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Blanks | 10 | 15 | 20 | 45 |
| <u>ATTORNEY GENERAL</u> | | | | |
| Martha Coakley | 682 | 755 | 754 | 2191 |
| Larry Frisoli | 326 | 288 | 305 | 919 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Blanks | 48 | 54 | 57 | 159 |
| <u>SECRETARY OF STATE</u> | | | | |
| William Francis Galvin | 746 | 774 | 808 | 2328 |
| Jill E. Stein | 214 | 196 | 183 | 593 |
| Write Ins | 5 | 6 | 2 | 13 |
| Blanks | 91 | 122 | 124 | 337 |
| <u>TREASURER</u> | | | | |
| Timothy P Cahill | 746 | 779 | 803 | 2328 |
| James O'Keefe | 192 | 196 | 178 | 566 |
| Write Ins | 4 | 5 | 2 | 11 |
| Blanks | 114 | 118 | 134 | 366 |
| <u>AUDITOR</u> | | | | |
| A. Joseph DeNucci | 687 | 708 | 740 | 2135 |
| Rand Wilson | 251 | 253 | 229 | 733 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 118 | 132 | 147 | 397 |
| <u>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</u> | | | | |
| Barney Frank | 793 | 836 | 851 | 2480 |
| Write Ins | 21 | 24 | 29 | 74 |
| Blanks | 242 | 238 | 237 | 717 |

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>COUNCILLOR</u> | | | | |
| Carole A. Fiola | 548 | 523 | 512 | 1583 |
| Philip C. Paleologos | 248 | 366 | 454 | 1068 |
| Paul R. Viveros | 195 | 134 | 90 | 419 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 65 | 75 | 60 | 200 |
| <u>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</u> | | | | |
| Joan M. Menard | 797 | 833 | 844 | 2474 |
| Write Ins | 15 | 19 | 6 | 40 |
| Blanks | 244 | 246 | 267 | 757 |
| <u>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</u> | | | | |
| David B. Sullivan | 805 | - | - | 805 |
| John F. Quinn | - | 847 | - | 847 |
| Stephen R. Canessa | - | - | 576 | 576 |
| Mark A. Howland | - | - | 501 | 501 |
| Write Ins | 14 | 12 | 2 | 28 |
| Blanks | 237 | 239 | 38 | 514 |
| <u>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</u> | | | | |
| C. Samuel Sutter | 802 | 847 | 860 | 2509 |
| Write Ins | 12 | 13 | 11 | 36 |
| Blanks | 242 | 238 | 246 | 726 |
| <u>CLERK OF COURTS</u> | | | | |
| Marc J. Santos | 764 | 801 | 843 | 2408 |
| Write Ins | 12 | 11 | 5 | 28 |
| Blanks | 280 | 286 | 269 | 835 |
| <u>REGISTER OF DEEDS</u> | | | | |
| Bernard J. McDonald, III | 770 | 798 | 835 | 2403 |
| Write Ins | 12 | 14 | 8 | 34 |
| Blanks | 274 | 286 | 274 | 834 |
| <u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</u> | | | | |
| Maria F. Lopes | 752 | 790 | 822 | 2364 |
| Write Ins | 16 | 14 | 8 | 38 |
| Blanks | 288 | 294 | 287 | 869 |
| <u>QUESTION I</u> | | | | |
| Law Proposed by Initiative petition | | | | |
| Yes | 485 | 463 | 405 | 1353 |
| No | 544 | 601 | 676 | 1821 |
| Blanks | 27 | 34 | 36 | 97 |
| <u>QUESTION II</u> | | | | |
| Law Proposed by Initiative petition | | | | |
| Yes | 305 | 308 | 320 | 933 |
| No | 684 | 711 | 713 | 2108 |
| Blanks | 67 | 79 | 84 | 230 |

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>QUESTION III</u> | | | | |
| Law Proposed by Initiative petition | | | | |
| Yes | 411 | 459 | 435 | 1305 |
| No | 586 | 567 | 608 | 1761 |
| Blanks | 59 | 72 | 74 | 205 |
| <u>FREETOWN ACTIVE VOTERS</u> | | | | |
| Democrat | 555 | 554 | 501 | 1610 |
| Green-Rainbow | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Inter. 3 rd Party | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Libertarian | 12 | 8 | 9 | 29 |
| Republican | 229 | 194 | 226 | 649 |
| Unenrolled | 1076 | 1074 | 1150 | 3300 |
| Totals | 1877 | 1832 | 1889 | 5598 |

RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION JANUARY 22, 2007

5,648 Eligible Voters 30 Absentee Ballots

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 211 votes casts – Precinct I | } | 620 total votes cast 11% of the voters |
| 204 votes casts – Precinct II | | |
| 205 votes casts – Precinct III | | |

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>QUESTION ONE</u> | | | | |
| Prop 2 ½ override/Ambulance | | | | |
| Yes | 92 | 89 | 116 | 297 |
| No | 119 | 114 | 88 | 321 |
| Blank | - 0 - | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| <u>QUESTION TWO</u> | | | | |
| Prop 2 ½ override/Pumper Tanker | | | | |
| Yes | 66 | 69 | 79 | 214 |
| No | 145 | 132 | 124 | 401 |
| Blank | -0- | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| <u>QUESTION THREE</u> | | | | |
| Prop 2 ½ override/Street Sweeper | | | | |
| Yes | 58 | 60 | 71 | 189 |
| No | 153 | 142 | 132 | 427 |
| Blank | - 0 - | 2 | 2 | 4 |

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MARCH 5, 2007

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| 5,586 Eligible Voters | 469 votes casts – Precinct I | } | 1,239 total votes cast 23% of the voters |
| | 409 votes casts – Precinct II | | |
| 37 Absentee Ballots | 361 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> | | | | |
| Dennis F. Belanger | 85 | 85 | 124 | 294 |
| Jean C. Fox | 212 | 185 | 143 | 540 |
| George J. Lambert | 168 | 134 | 91 | 393 |
| Write Ins | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| <u>ASSESSOR (3 yrs.)</u> | | | | |
| Richard L. Field (I) | 368 | 296 | 271 | 935 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 100 | 110 | 90 | 300 |
| <u>COLLECTOR OF TAXES (3 yrs.)</u> | | | | |
| Stephen G. Curran (I) | 345 | 299 | 269 | 913 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 123 | 106 | 91 | 320 |
| <u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 yrs-vote for 2)</u> | | | | |
| Sandra Lee Souza (I) | 305 | 263 | 219 | 787 |
| Joseph B. Shaw, Jr. (I) | 258 | 221 | 200 | 679 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Blanks | 374 | 332 | 302 | 1008 |
| <u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 year unexpired)</u> | | | | |
| Alexandre M. Magalhaes | 317 | 276 | 247 | 840 |
| Write Ins | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 149 | 131 | 113 | 393 |
| <u>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 yrs.)</u> | | | | |
| David W. Brown (I) | 320 | 275 | 250 | 845 |
| Write Ins | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Blanks | 147 | 130 | 110 | 387 |
| <u>CEMETERY COMMITTEE (3 yrs.)</u> | | | | |
| Ralph E. Gurney, Jr. (I) | 352 | 307 | 291 | 950 |
| Write Ins | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 116 | 101 | 70 | 287 |
| <u>LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 yrs.-vote for 2)</u> | | | | |
| Lori M. Weider (I) | 333 | 291 | 261 | 885 |
| *Write Ins | 30 | 11 | 13 | 54 |
| Blanks | 575 | 516 | 448 | 1539 |

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>WATER COMMISSION (3 yrs.)</u> | | | | |
| **Write Ins | 74 | 57 | 44 | 175 |
| Blanks | 39 | 352 | 317 | 1064 |

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <u>WATER COMMISSION (2 year unexpired)</u> | | | | |
| John J. Walsh | 318 | 273 | 247 | 838 |
| Write Ins | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Blanks | 148 | 133 | 114 | 395 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <u>PLANNING BOARD (5 yrs.)</u> | | | | |
| Keven V. Desmarais | 227 | 194 | 210 | 631 |
| Kimberly Kay Railsback | 228 | 199 | 131 | 558 |
| Write Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 14 | 16 | 20 | 50 |

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|------|
| <u>FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 yrs – vote for 3)</u> | | | | |
| David A. Theriault (I) | 272 | 232 | 215 | 719 |
| Jeffrey D. Amaral | 266 | 231 | 213 | 710 |
| ***Write Ins | 15 | 8 | 9 | 32 |
| Blanks | 854 | 756 | 646 | 2256 |

♦ **WRITE INS**

(highest number of write-ins votes)

| | <u>PREC. I</u> | <u>PREC. II</u> | <u>PREC. III</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <u>*LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 yr.)</u> | | | | |
| Michael McCue (accepted position) | 9 | 2 | 3 | 14 |

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <u>**WATER COMMISSIONER (3 yr.)</u> | | | | |
| John Conway (accepted position) | 7 | - | - | 7 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <u>***FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 yr. unexpired)</u> | | | | |
| Michael McCue | 3 | - | - | 3 |
| Bradford Paiva | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| (a tie vote constitutes a vacancy – position to be appointed by Board of Selectmen) | | | | |

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Dooney
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

| | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES | | FIDUCIARY | CAPITAL | ACCOUNT | TOTALS |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------|
| | GENERAL | SPECIAL REVENUE | FUND TYPES TRUST AND AGENCY | | GROUP LONG-TERM DEBT | MEMORANDUM ONLY |
| ASSETS AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS | | | | | | |
| CASH | 1,067,981 | 913,823 | 1,332,750 | | | 3,314,554 |
| PETTY CASH | | | | | | |
| RECEIVABLES, NET OF UNCOLLECTABLE | | | | | | |
| ACCOUNTS | | | | | | |
| PROPERTY TAX | 429,095 | | | | | 429,095 |
| TITLE V | | 1,243 | | | | 1,243 |
| EXCISES | 214,456 | | | | | 214,456 |
| WATER LIENS | | 18,569 | | | | 18,569 |
| TAX LIENS | 247,897 | | | | | 247,897 |
| TAX FORECLOSURES | 270,415 | | | | | 270,415 |
| TAXES IN LITIGATION | | | | | | |
| ROLL-BACK TAXES | | | | | | |
| IN-LIEU OF TAXES | | | | | | |
| DEPARTMENTAL | 162,864 | | | | | 162,864 |
| SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS | | 126,011 | | | | 126,011 |
| DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT | | 317,732 | | | | 317,732 |
| DUE FROM TRUST AGENCY | | | | | | |
| PROJECT AUTHORIZED | | | | | | |
| AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR: | | | | | | |
| NOTES PAYABLE | | | | | | |
| BONDS PAYABLE | | | | | 10,291,000 | |
| TOTAL ASSETS: | 2,392,708 | 1,377,378 | 1,332,750 | 0 | 10,291,000 | 5,102,836 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| WARRANTS PAYABLE | 218,898 | 7,753 | 1,090 | | | 227,741 |
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 164,582 | | | | | 164,582 |
| ACCRUED PAYROLL PAYABLE | 85,563 | | | | | 85,563 |
| WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE | 18,825 | | | | | 18,825 |
| OTHER LIABILITIES | | 8,250 | 108,850 | | | 117,100 |
| DEFERRED REVENUE: | | | | | | |
| PROPERTY TAXES | 231,285 | | | | | 231,285 |
| TITLE V | | 1,243 | | | | 1,243 |
| OTHER RECEIVABLES | 895,632 | 336,301 | | | | 1,231,933 |
| SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS | | 126,011 | | | | 126,011 |
| PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS | 151,089 | | | | | 151,089 |
| DUE TO GENERAL FUND | | | | | | |
| PROJ. AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETE | | | | | | |
| NOTES PAYABLE | | 243,836 | | | | 243,836 |
| BONDS PAYABLE | | | | | 10,291,000 | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 1,765,874 | 723,394 | 109,940 | 0 | 10,291,000 | 2,599,208 |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| FUND EQUITY | | | | | | |
| RESERVED FUND BALANCE | | | | | | |
| ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR YEAR | 575,511 | 0 | | | | 575,511 |
| ENDOWMENTS | | | 337,578 | | | 337,578 |
| PETTY CASH | | | | | | |
| TOTAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE | <u>575,511</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>337,578</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>913,089</u> |
| UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE | | | | | | |
| UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE | 119,666 | 643,606 | 885,232 | | | 1,648,504 |
| DESIGNATED FOR: | | | | | | |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | | | | | | 0 |
| EXPENDITURES | | 10,378 | | | | 10,378 |
| OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS | | | | | | 0 |
| PROPERTY TAX VARIANCE | (9,765) | | | | | (9,765) |
| SPEC PURP EDUC CARRY OVER | | | | | | |
| APPROPRIATION DEFICITS | (42,514) | | | | | (42,514) |
| OVER/UNDER ABATEMENTS | (16,064) | | | | | (16,064) |
| COURT JUDGEMENTS | | | | | | |
| TEACHER PAY DEFERRAL | | | | | | |
| TOTAL UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE | <u>51,323</u> | <u>653,984</u> | <u>885,232</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>1,590,539</u> |
| TOTAL FUND EQUITY | <u>626,834</u> | <u>653,984</u> | <u>1,222,810</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,503,628</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY | <u>2,392,708</u> | <u>1,377,378</u> | <u>1,332,750</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>10,291,000</u> | <u>5,102,836</u> |

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL
 FUND TYPES
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

| | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES GENERAL | SPECIAL REVENUE | FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS | CAPITAL PROJECTS | TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY) |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| PROPERTY TAXES | 12,298,832 | | | | 12,298,832 |
| EXCISE-MOTOR VEHICLE | 1,306,255 | | | | 1,306,255 |
| TAX LIENS REDEEMED | 90,012 | | | | 90,012 |
| SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE V | | 5,834 | | | 5,834 |
| OTHER EXCISE | 1,754 | | | | 1,754 |
| OTHER TAXES | 0 | | | | 0 |
| IN LIEU OF TAXES | 3,871 | | | | 3,871 |
| PENALTIES AND INTEREST | 96,796 | 4,720 | | | 101,516 |
| WATER CHARGES-SERVICES | | 292,021 | | | 292,021 |
| OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES | 260,649 | | | | 260,649 |
| DEPARTMENTAL | 500,071 | 612,020 | | | 1,112,091 |
| SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS | | 23,121 | | | 23,121 |
| LICENSE/PERMITS | 166,032 | | | | 166,032 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FED | | 157,616 | | | 157,616 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE | 3,333,367 | 332,204 | | | 3,665,571 |
| FINES & FORFEITS | 62,109 | | | | 62,109 |
| EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT | 100,287 | 6,565 | 25,377 | | 132,229 |
| CONTIB/REFUNDS/DONATIONS | | | 15,239 | | 15,239 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 25,897 | 66,000 | | | 91,897 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 18,245,932 | 1,500,101 | 40,616 | | 19,786,649 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 836,666 | 72,337 | | | 909,003 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | 2,529,550 | 110,271 | 20,414 | | 2,660,235 |
| EDUCATION | 10,837,612 | 654,827 | 10,521 | - | 11,502,960 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 905,774 | 199,886 | 8,725 | | 1,114,385 |
| WATER | | 378,123 | | | 378,123 |
| HUMAN SERVICES | 159,059 | 9,983 | 1,740 | | 170,782 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | 113,873 | 12,224 | 10,171 | | 136,268 |
| DEBT SERVICES | 699,129 | 9,535 | | | 708,664 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES | 225,368 | 466 | | | 225,834 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 1,694,425 | | | | 1,694,425 |
| RETIREMENT | 586,305 | | | | 586,305 |
| INSURANCE | 182,451 | | | | 182,451 |
| COURT JUDGMENTS | 200,000 | | | | 200,000 |
| MISC | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 18,970,212 | 1,447,652 | 51,571 | - | 20,469,435 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | (724,280) | 52,449 | (10,955) | - | (682,786) |

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|--------------------|
| OTHER FINANCING USES: | | | | | |
| TRANSFER IN | 559,378 | | 616,467 | - | 1,175,845 |
| TRANSFER OUT | <u>(593,249)</u> | <u>(15,378)</u> | <u>(544,000)</u> | | <u>(1,152,627)</u> |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES | (33,871) | (15,378) | 72,467 | - | 23,218 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF | | | | | |
| REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING | | | | | |
| SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| & OTHER USES | (792,022) | 21,693 | 133,979 | - | (636,350) |
| FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2006 | | | | | |
| | 1,384,985 | 616,913 | 823,720 | - | 2,825,618 |
| FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2007 | <u>592,963</u> | <u>638,606</u> | <u>957,699</u> | - | <u>2,189,268</u> |

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

| | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES | | GENERAL FUND |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| | FINAL BUDGET | ACTUAL | VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) |
| REVENUES: | | | |
| PROPERTY TAXES | 12,489,319 | 12,388,844 | (100,475) |
| EXCISE TAXES | 1,665,000 | 1,306,255 | (358,745) |
| OTHER EXCISE | 5,000 | 1,754 | (3,246) |
| PEN & INT CHARGES | 138,296 | 96,795 | (41,501) |
| IN LIEU OF TAXES | 27,000 | 3,871 | (23,129) |
| OTHER TAXES | 25,000 | 0 | (25,000) |
| OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES | 260,000 | 260,649 | 649 |
| LICENSE & PERMITS | 150,000 | 166,032 | 16,032 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE | 3,241,067 | 3,333,368 | 92,301 |
| FINES & FORFEITS | 55,000 | 62,109 | 7,109 |
| EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS | 180,000 | 100,287 | (79,713) |
| DEPARTMENTAL | 485,000 | 500,071 | 15,071 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 10,000 | 25,897 | 15,897 |
| DONATIONS/CONTRIB/REFUND | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 18,730,682 | 18,245,932 | (484,750) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 1,069,577 | 837,658 | 231,919 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | 2,567,684 | 2,529,550 | 38,134 |
| EDUCATION | 10,852,100 | 10,843,898 | 8,202 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 929,841 | 905,774 | 24,067 |
| HUMAN SERVICES | 160,260 | 159,059 | 1,201 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | 129,972 | 113,872 | 16,100 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES | 223,304 | 223,368 | (2,064) |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | 1,839,006 | 1,694,425 | 144,581 |
| RETIREMENT | 586,305 | 586,305 | 0 |
| INSURANCE | 208,543 | 182,451 | 26,092 |
| DEBT SERVICE | 1,049,131 | 699,129 | 350,002 |
| COURT JUDGMENTS | 200,000 | 200,000 | 0 |
| OTHER (UNCLASSIFIED) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 19,815,723 | 18,977,489 | 838,234 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | (1,085,041) | (731,557) | 353,484 |
| OTHER FINANCING USES: | | | |
| OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS | 1,266,679 | 1,266,679 | |
| TRANSFERS IN (OUT) | (33,971) | (33,971) | |
| PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS | (28,137) | (28,137) | |
| APPROPRIATION DEFICIT | (119,530) | (119,530) | |
| ASSESSMENT DEFICIT | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES | 1,085,041 | 1,085,041 | |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | | 353,484 | 353,484 |

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FY 2007**

SCHOOL FUNDS:

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| CAFETERIA | (7,721.50) |
| CHAPTER 1 | (4,388.49) |
| REAP GRANT | 91.77 |
| IMPROV EDUCATOR | 1,044.38 |
| PALMS | 0.00 |
| EMERGENCY EDUCATION | 0.00 |
| INSURANCE RECOVERY | 3,770.95 |
| LOST BOOKS | 838.80 |
| PRE SCHOOL | 2,901.06 |
| ENERGY IMPROVEMENT | 0.00 |
| BOILER GRANT | 0.00 |
| CLASS SIZE REDUCTION | 0.00 |
| SAFE/FREE DRUG GRANT | 806.49 |
| ACADEMIC ENTITLE | 0.00 |
| REMEDICATION ASSISTANT | 0.00 |
| SCH INNOVATIVE PROGRAM | 15.00 |
| FED ENHANCE TECH | 798.44 |
| POTHOLE GRANT | 0.00 |
| CIRCUIT BREAKER | 227,662.80 |
| SCHOOL DONATION | 0.00 |
| AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT | 1,755.40 |
| TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS | 227,575.10 |

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| SEPTIC GRANT | 112,539.30 |
| HIGHWAY FUNDS | (15,843.90) |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WETLANDS | 27,258.88 |
| POLICE INS RECOVERY | 6,347.22 |
| TELEPHONE ALARM | 4,280.57 |
| SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS | 27,997.00 |
| LANDFILL FUND (RES FOR APPROP) | 97,060.79 |
| RD MACHINERY FUND | 332.60 |
| POLICE PHOTO ID FUND | 30.00 |
| STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS (POL LAW ENFORCE) | 398.42 |
| RECYCLING FUND | 1,549.73 |
| HIGHWAY INSURANCE | 5,301.44 |
| WATER REVOLVING | (3,473.94) |
| WATER ABS LINE | 10,589.68 |
| WATER WATER ST LINE | (82,401.76) |
| ELDER AFFAIRS | 470.80 |
| RIVERWAYS GRANT | 246.39 |
| ARTS LOTTERY GRANT | 2,808.71 |
| CENSUS REIMB GRANT | 0.00 |
| AID TO LIBRARIES | 11,343.51 |
| BICYCLE FUND | 391.85 |
| CABLEVISION FUND | 10.00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| DRUG EDUCATION REFORM | 2,434.61 |
| COUNCIL ON AGING DONATIONS | 9,883.29 |
| PLANNING ENGINEERING FEES | 29,049.56 |
| APPEALS ENGINEERING FEES | 21.81 |
| LIBRARY DONATIONS | 10,945.65 |
| ELECTIONS GRANT | 0.00 |
| POLICE EQUIPMENT GRANT | 13,525.00 |
| POLICE UNIVERSAL HIRE | 29,280.85 |
| POLICE COMMUNITY GRANT | 317.89 |
| FIRE SAFE GRANT | 5,151.97 |
| CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS | 32,466.80 |
| MTPC ENERGY GRANT | 0.00 |
| COMPOST BINS | 1,354.20 |
| FIRE AMBULANCE TASK GRANT | 1,000.00 |
| POL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT | 2,204.50 |
| BOAT REVOLVING FUND | 7,560.48 |
| HURRICANE GRANT | 0.00 |
| DOG OFFICER DONATION | 0.00 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT | 5,300.00 |
| LIBRARY PLAN & ENG | 16,347.02 |
| 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 | 24,603.84 |
| FIRE HOME SECURITY GRANT | 1,266.31 |
| POLICE HOME SECURITY GRANT | 6,547.44 |
| SALE REAL ESTATE | 7,266.88 |
| CIVIL DEFENSE LOCAL PREPARENESS | 0.00 |
| CONSERVATION ENGINEERING FEES | 25.06 |
| MEMORIAL PARK | 6,000.00 |
| CEMETERY DONATIONS | 20.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE | <hr/> 426,409.41 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE | 653,984.51 |

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF AGENCY FUNDS FY 2007**

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| UNCLAIMED ITEMS | \$26,921.11 |
| PLANNING DEPOSITS | \$95,476.10 |
| CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DEPOSITS | \$0.00 |
| OTHER LIABILITY POLICE OFF-DUTY | (\$13,547.34) |
| TOTAL AGENCY | <hr/> \$108,849.87 |

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

STATEMENT OF LOCAL RECEIPTS

| | <u>ESTIMATED FISCAL 2007</u> | <u>ACTUAL FISCAL 2007</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE | 1,665,000 | 1,306,255 |
| BOAT TAXES | 5,000 | 1,754 |
| PENALTY & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISES | 138,296 | 96,796 |
| IN LIEU OF TAXES | 27,000 | 3,871 |
| OTHER TAXES (ROLL BACK) CHARGES | 25,000 | - |
| TRASH DISPOSAL | 260,000 | 260,649 |
| OTHER CHARGES — SERVICES | 0 | - |
| FEES | 480,000 | 499,612 |
| DEPT OF REVENUE — SCHOOLS | 0 | 0 |
| OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE | 5,000 | 459 |
| LICENSES & PERMITS | 150,000 | 166,032 |
| FINES & FORFEITURES | 55,000 | 62,109 |
| INVESTMENTS | 180,000 | 100,287 |
| PRIOR YR REFUNDS/DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS (SPECIFY) non-recurring | <u>10,000</u> | <u>25,897</u> |
| | | |
| | Budget | Actual |
| Bank Misc Charges | 0 | 803 |
| Prem Sale of Bond | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance Reimb | 0 | 11,596 |
| Misc Rev Adjust | 0 | 0 |
| Health Insurance Reimb | 0 | 13,498 |
| One time muni aid | 0 | 0 |
| | <u>0</u> | <u>25,897</u> |
| | | |
| TOTALS | <u>3,000,296</u> | <u>2,523,721</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, 2006 through June 30, 2007, indicating the Transfer Requests from the Reserve fund approved during this time

TRANSFERS FROM THE RESERVE FUND
Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007
Beginning Balance: \$100,000.00
Supplement of Spring Town Meeting: \$15,000.00

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>AMOUNT TRANSFERRED</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2/27/2007 | Elections | 3,000.00 |
| 3/6/2007 | Gas Inspectors | 1,800.00 |
| 4/3/2007 | Treasurer | 25,992.93 |
| 4/12/2007 | Police | 25,000.00 |
| 4/12/2007 | Planning Board | 2,744.00 |
| 4/23/2007 | Communications | 17,500.00 |
| 4/23/2007 | Fire Department | 12,858.00 |
| 4/30/2007 | Council on Aging | 3,000.00 |
| 4/30/2007 | Veterans Benefits | 4,077.93 |
| 5/4/2007 | Treasurer | 2,734.03 |
| 5/14/2007 | Building Department | 350.00 |
| 5/14/2007 | Health | 450.00 |
| 5/14/2007 | Town Hall | 4,477.00 |
| 5/14/2007 | Registrars | <u>200.00</u> |
| TOTAL OF TRANSFERS APPROVED | | <u>\$ 104,183.89</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE, RESERVE FUND | | <u>\$ 10,816.11</u> |

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Theriault, Chairman

REPORT OF THE 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

During the fiscal year, the department continued working toward the goal of achieving Certification through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. To achieve this milestone, the department will have to meet or exceed 151 professional standards that have been established for the profession, by the profession. These carefully selected standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities. They cover areas such as policy development, emergency response planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation and holding facilities. The program not only sets standards for the law enforcement profession, but also for the delivery of police services to the residents of the Freetown.

The 9-1-1 emergency phone system was enhanced to receive and identify the location of cell phone calls. System improvements allow dispatch personnel to have instant access to a caller's location together with a computer-generated map of the caller's area. Additionally, the system has the capability of recording 9-1-1 telephone calls, and police and fire radio transmissions. These enhancements were made at no cost to the Town.

The department's budget was strained due to the financial burden created by increased activities, investigations, vacancies, injuries, and unanticipated and extended sick and family leave. This, coupled with the absence of an officer for six months while attending the police academy, required the department to cancel various training programs and curtail deployments.

Increased activity included the investigation of 229 more offenses than the previous year, including 191 more felonies.

The existing police facility is inadequate for the safety, security and equipment needs of a department our size and the demands placed upon it. Building deficiencies have resulted in periods of time where the department's primary radio and computer systems were rendered inoperative.

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

These grant monies allowed the department to continue 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.

The following monies were deposited into the Town's general fund:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Detail Administration fees | \$10,764.00 |
| Court Restitution | \$ 875.00 |
| Firearm Fees | \$ 6,250.00 |
| Report Fees | \$ 1,041.00 |
| Oversize Load Permits | \$ 50.00 |

The department is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) and has access to important resources, including search and rescue, canine, rapid re-

sponse, tactical, marine, and dive team units. SEMLEC consists of 20 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel and equipment. Additionally, the department entered into a mutual aid agreement with the City of Fall River.

Police resources continue to be allocated to alarms.

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Chargeable Alarms: | 60 |
| Non-Chargeable: | 497 |
| TOTAL: | 557 |

The department issued the following Firearm Licenses:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| License to Carry | 254 |
| Firearm Identification Card | 28 |
| Total | 282 |

The department addressed over 10,058 calls during the fiscal year.

The following is a summary of incidents:

OFFENSES REPORTED

| | FY 05-06 | FY 06-07 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Rape & Sodomy | 3 | 7 |
| Robbery | 6 | 0 |
| Aggravated (weapon) Assault | 22 | 35 |
| Simple Assault | 41 | 53 |
| Intimidation | 37 | 48 |
| Arson | 2 | 2 |
| Burglary | 42 | 56 |
| Purse Snatching | 1 | 1 |
| Shoplifting | 1 | 3 |
| Theft from Building | 60 | 68 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 9 | 30 |
| All other Larceny | 45 | 92 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 26 | 20 |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 4 | 9 |
| False Pretenses | 16 | 24 |
| Credit Card/ATM | 3 | 9 |
| Stolen Property Offenses | 3 | 9 |
| Impersonation | 3 | 8 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | 2 |
| Vandalism | 84 | 168 |
| Drug Violations | 33 | 17 |
| Drug Equipment Violations | 1 | 1 |
| Incest | 1 | 0 |
| Statutory Rape | 3 | 6 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 1 |
| Weapons Violations | 1 | 13 |
| Bad Checks | 26 | 12 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 12 | 11 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Driving Under the Influence | 28 | 31 |
| Drunkenness | 18 | 18 |
| Family Offenses, Non Violent | 1 | 4 |
| Liquor Law Violations | 8 | 15 |
| Trespassing | 18 | 17 |
| Town By-Law Offenses | 611 | 542 |
| All Other Offenses | 150 | 216 |
| TOTALS | 1,319 | 1,548 |

CASE ACTIVITY

| | FY 05-06 | FY 06-07 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total Offenses Committed | 1,319 | 1,548 |
| Total Felonies | 316 | 507 |
| Total Arrests (On View) | 139 | 128 |
| Total Arrests (Warrants) | 86 | 103 |
| Total Summons Arrests | 174 | 160 |
| Total Arrests | 399 | 391 |
| Total Protective Custody | 20 | 19 |
| Total Juvenile Arrests | 12 | 17 |
| Total Restraining Orders | 28 | 46 |

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES..... 1,841

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS..... 215

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 and Rescue for the fiscal year of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Firefighters performed 139 in-service inspections during the fiscal year. Firefighters are also responsible for station cleaning and maintenance, and vehicle maintenance.

The availability of part-time call firefighters combined with the increase in calls has become a challenge for Freetown Fire & Rescue to provide adequate service for our citizens. The Town needs to hire more full-time firefighter paramedics soon.

Our new 2006 Horton Ambulance arrived in March of 2007. The 1994 Ambulance was removed from service, and the 2001 Ambulance is now our back up Ambulance.

Freetown Fire & Rescue was awarded two grants during the fiscal year. We received a Public Safety 'SAFE' Fire Prevention Grant, and an EOPS Public Safety Grant. The total amount of these grants was \$8,756.20

The 1983 Fire Pumper housed in Station One in Assonet and the 1988 Pumper housed in Station 3 on Bullock Road are now both over twenty years old, and they should be replaced. The National Fire Prevention Association states that we should not depend on fire apparatus that is over twenty years old.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 1,543 calls for help during the fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|--------------|
| Medical Calls | 703 | Station Coverage | 83 |
| Medical Transfers | 8 | Investigations | 68 |
| Medical Mutual Aid | 58 | Public Assistance | 53 |
| Structural Fires | 37 | Fire Alarms | 83 |
| Brush Fires | 12 | Illegal Burning | 21 |
| Mutual Aid Fires | 14 | Motor Vehicle Accidents | 227 |
| Motor Vehicle Fires | 23 | Water Rescues | 0 |
| Carbon Monoxide Calls | 8 | Details | 24 |
| Electrical Emergencies | 53 | Miscellaneous | <u>68</u> |
| | | Total Responses: | 1,543 |

Fire Department receipts deposited with Treasurer:

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ambulance Fees | \$291,651.52 |
| Permits & Reports | <u>\$ 10,502.00</u> |
| Total | \$302,153.52 |

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

The Freetown Emergency Management Agency experienced a few heavy rainstorms and snowstorms, however, overall it was a quiet year.

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 7634018.

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 Carvalho
Anthony Pereira

Jeremey Lockwood
Jacob Raposa

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

| | Permits Issued | Permit Fees Collected |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| New Homes | 19 | \$ 29,906.00 |
| Additions | 33 | \$ 8,106.00 |
| New Commercial | 9 | \$ 3,281.00 |
| Commercial Misc | 23 | \$ 2,787.00 |
| Commercial Remodel | 4 | \$ 2,554.00 |
| Garages | 9 | \$ 5,363.00 |
| Sheds | 14 | \$ 801.00 |
| Decks | 48 | \$ 3,460.00 |
| Residential Remodel | 16 | \$ 1,414.00 |
| Above-Ground Pools | 9 | \$ 360.00 |
| Inground Pools | 7 | \$ 350.00 |
| Fireplaces | 16 | \$ 640.00 |
| Chimneys | 23 | \$ 920.00 |
| Wood Stoves | 26 | \$ 960.00 |
| Occupancy Permits | 39 | \$ 1,950.00 |
| Foundations | 13 | \$ 660.00 |
| Demolition Permits | 8 | \$ 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 35 | \$ 3,954.00 |
| Roofing/Siding | 82 | \$ 4,100.00 |
| Home Occupation | 11 | \$ 330.00 |
| Certificates of Inspection | 22 | \$ 880.00 |
| Zoning Permits | 2 | \$ 40.00 |
| Gas Permits | 110 | \$ 5,490.00 |
| Plumbing Permits | 102 | \$ 7,803.00 |
| Wiring Permits | 234 | \$ 12,618.00 |
| Restaurant Inspections | 4 | \$ 160.00 |
| Total Permits/Fees Collected | 918 | \$ 99,287.00 |
| Waived permits | | |
| Churches/schools | 10 | |

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois
Building Commissioner

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|----|
| Dairy Heifers: | 15 | Steer: | 14 |
| Cows: | 22 | Beefalo: | 3 |
| Goats: | 18 | Hogs: | 10 |
| Gamebirds | 85 | Chickens | 71 |
| Horses: | 72 | Rabbits: | 16 |
| Waterfoul: | 22 | Guinea Hens: | 3 |
| Sheep: | 23 | | |
| Dog bites and other animal bites: | 12 | | |

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, 2006 through
June 30, 2007:

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Stray Dogs: | 46 |
| Dogs Euthanized: | 22 |
| Dogs Adopted: | 15 |
| Dogs Picked up by Owners: | 9 |

The amount of \$256.00 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed: High Street, Copicut Road, Dr. Braley Road, Ann Record's Lane, Keene Road, Washburn Road, Gurney Road, and East Howland Road were shimmed and chip-sealed; various roads were crack-sealed; and the first phase of the Assonet Bay Shores drainage project was completed.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows: Drainage was installed on Chipaway Road and Dr. Braley Road, and berms were installed on numerous roads including Narrows Road, North Main Street, Locust Street, Elm Street, High Street, Bell Rock Road, Dr. Braley Road, and Flagg Swamp Road.

The Elm Street Bridge was found to be in critical condition by state inspectors during an annual inspection. The Selectmen decided to post the bridge at 18 tons to allow school buses to cross. This weight limit was dropped by the state to six tons after the bridge was rated by engineers. The town hired the engineering firm of Jacobs, Edwards, and Kelcey to help the town restore the bridge to MassHighway standards.

The laneway known as Christy Lane was improved to be used as an emergency route for police, fire, and highway vehicles due to the Elm Street Bridge posting. The laneway was widened, graveled, and asphalted.

The state has also found serious flaws in the Forge Road and South Main Street bridges.

The Lang Road issue was put to rest. When the town had the roadway surveyed, the entrance was shifted approximately eight feet.

Cartographic Associates was hired to map the town's drainage system, as well as its water system, as part of its stormwater program.

The Highway Department assisted members of the Memorial Park Committee to work toward completion of the park. The Highway Department assisted several other town departments over the course of the fiscal year. Personnel expanded the parking lot at the police station, and assisted in the clearing and expansion of the Assonet Burying Ground. 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

John Conway was elected this year to serve a three year term. He joins Commissioners John Walsh and Robert Kelliher.

Howard Wilbur resigned as Water Commissioner and Robert Kelliher was appointed on April 30, 2007 to replace him. The Commission was grateful for the (18) years of service Mr. Wilbur provided.

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

A Granular Activated Carbon Adsorption System was placed at 205 South Main Street, Assonet to filter the water of Trihalomethanes. The Water Commission is in agreement to have WhiteWater, Inc. as our licensed operators.

Six new customers were added this year. Lines were extended off of Braley Road to a new subdivision called Chace/Parker Estates which will consist of (32) new homes.

Bacteriological Analysis was conducted monthly. The DEP now requires testing of Trihalomethanes, and Haloacetic Acids. These tests have also been done as required. Backflows were tested in the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2007. Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available at our Water Commission Office.

The Water Commissioners is grateful for the services provided by WhiteWater, Inc. our licensed operators, John DeSousa, Eldredge Surveying & Engineering, LLC, David Rebello, our temporary meter reader, and Helen Medeiros, our Senior Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Walsh, Chairman
John Conway
Robert Kelliher

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Townspeople of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Cemetery Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

A spate of goodwill has once again brought a freshet of volunteers to our cemeteries this year. In February, Boy Scouts from Troop 164 in Assonet cleared one of the two remaining cemeteries on the old Algonquin SNG land in February, the first two having been cleared by that group in April of 2004. Based on the families buried in this cemetery, it was given the name Terry-Davenport. In May, Letourneau Products donated several yards of mulch for use in the Assonet Burying Ground. As always, our Veterans' Agent, Rich Levesque, led a cadre of volunteers in placing flags on the graves of veterans throughout town to help us honor their memory on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Finally, in June, Joshua's Mountain Cabinetry donated new trim for the mausoleum in the Assonet Burying Ground.

Much help was received by our cemeteries from the Highway Department. Under the direction of Chuck Macomber, our Highway Surveyor, the men from the Highway Department assisted in basic maintenance projects throughout the Assonet Burying Ground. Perhaps the most noticeable, these gentlemen stumped, loamed, graded, and seeded our new Section 35 once the trees were cleared by Ralph Gurney. This provided us with sorely-needed space, as Section 31 was all but bought-up.

Ancient and abandoned cemeteries were also a hallmark of this fiscal year. In late March, it was discovered, purely by accident, that the Richmond Cemetery on Richmond Road in Assonet has, in fact, been town property since October 9, 1895. In early April, efforts were begun by former East Freetown resident Jason Fossella, now a resident of Ruston, La., to raise funds for the support of our abandoned cemeteries following his interest in the Terry-Davenport Cemetery and the late Capt. Job Terry.

Genealogical inquiries continue to be received at regular intervals. We owe much thanks to our Town Clerk, Jackie Brown, for her assistance in researching vital statistics for individuals on whom we have incomplete or no records. Our furthest requests this year were received from Missouri and Texas. Clearly, the sons and daughters of our community have kept their "old home" in mind when removing themselves across our great nation.

Throughout the year, our personnel remained relatively the same. Ralph Gurney continued as chairman, having been re-elected on Monday, March 5, 2007. Mike McCue continued as secretary, and Harris Chace continued as a commissioner. Jackie Brown remained Burial Agent for the Town by virtue of holding the office of Town Clerk. Our caretaker of many years, Marc St. Laurent, left us in the summer of 2006. We are thankful to Marc for his dedicated service to the Town, and wish him well in all his future may bring. Greg Myers of Lakeville came onboard with his business, Fresh Cut Lawn Care, to assume maintenance responsibilities, and we welcome him and his men. Dave Cass has signed on to produce a new map of the cemetery, having last completed this task in 1993.

Our fees for lots and perpetual care were last reviewed on the evening of Monday, November 21, 2005, and it was decided against raising them at that time. They are scheduled for review in October of 2007, and so rather than print them in this space this year, we encourage you to check the Town's website or with the Town Clerk's Office for the most recent fee schedule. Those wishing to purchase lots, or to add to a cemetery's perpetual care endowment, should contact a member of the Cemetery Commission, and we will be glad to oblige.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Prepared in accordance with Section 26 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws

RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Revenue | Sale of Lots & Perpetual Care | \$4,225.00 | Deposited into Spec. Revenue Acct. |
| Budget | 2006 Annual Town Meeting | \$2,000.00 | Operating budget |
| Budget | 2006 Annual Town Meeting | \$5,000.00 | Transferred from Spec. Rev. Acct. |
| Budget | 2006 Special Town Meeting | \$5,000.00 | Maintenance under Secs. 16 & 18 |
| Budget | 2006 Special Town Meeting | \$2,500.00 | To update cemetery maps |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|------------|---|------------|
| Budget | Maintenance of the Assonet Burying Ground | \$7,050.00 |
| Budget | Updating cemetery maps | \$0,000.00 |
| Budget | Printing & Postage | \$0,005.09 |
| Perp. Care | Maintenance of the Assonet Burying Ground | \$4,750.00 |
| Perp. Care | Maintenance of the Evans Cemetery | \$2,125.00 |
| Perp. Care | Maintenance of the Chace Cemetery | \$0,000.00 |
| Perp. Care | Maintenance of the Morton Cemetery | \$0,750.00 |
| Perp. Care | Maintenance of the Rounsevell Cemetery | \$1,100.00 |
| Perp. Care | Maintenance of the White Cemetery | \$0,000.00 |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT BALANCES

| | | |
|----------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Land | Cemetery Land Stabilization Fund | \$1,030.10 |
| Donation | Terry-Davenport Cemetery | \$0,020.00 |
| Donation | Unrestricted | \$0,000.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McCue, Ralph Gurney, and Harris Chace
Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Freetown, Mass.

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, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

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 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

REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND USE COMMITTEE, 2006

Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown

The 1999 Open Space and Recreation Committee was dissolved in November of 2005. The 1999 Committee worked tirelessly, without expense to the town to receive donations to establish the Central Park Complex. This Committee commends these and the continued volunteer efforts dedicated to the recreational opportunities for Freetown's young people. However, the full scope and data of an Open Space Plan was never realized.

New members were sought and introductory meetings held in November and December of 2005. During this time, copies of the state issued Open Space and Recreation Plan Requirements and the Open Space Planner's Handbook were distributed and the tasks of reviewing the 1999 Open Space Plan and compiling hundreds of pages of additional statistics and information were begun. This effort was supported by a grant from the Sheehan Foundation and SRPEDD.

Nancy Durfee was appointed as technical assistant. The Committee also received assistance from Paul Cavanaugh and Beth Brazil, Community Outreach Specialist from the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences. Beth first gave a presentation on the use of Conservation Scorecard, an online tool for evaluating conservation values of land parcels. Assistance was also offered for working with Conservation Mapper, another on-line tool that generates required maps for the completed Open Space Plan. Two committee members traveled to Manomet, MA in February to receive Conservation Mapper training and to evaluate similar communities' Open Space Plans, on file at the Conservation Sciences office.

In March, we met with Alfred Lima, a Fall River Open Space Planner and member of Green Futures to discuss mutually shared boundary properties including the possibility of a establishing a pedestrian way along the Taunton River and a connection to the Bioserve by way of Mowry Path, a Native American trail which runs from the Fall River State Forest, crosses South Main Street and ends on the shore of the Taunton River at the well documented archaeological site know as Peace Haven.

In reviewing town owned properties, we brought forth the existence of the Conservation Property held well site on South Main Street. We met twice with members of the Water Department to discuss use of the site as a filtering system for the Fall River Water supply as well as a future public water supply. The Water Department hoped to establish protective zoning around the site. Zone 1 would provide a 200' radius protection. Zone 2 would give a ½ mile protection area against run-off. This seemed especially important when considering the impact of the proposed Exit 8 ½ ramp. A second speaker at one of these meetings was Derek Farias, Smart Growth Planner from SRPEDD who is also working with the Freetown Zoning Committee. He suggested that zoning protection also be applied to the new zoning maps.

When speakers were not on the agenda, meetings were spent pouring over information gathered from the Assessor's Office, the Conservation Committee, Freetown State Forest, Freetown Historical Society, the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Game, The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, The New England Heritage and Endangered Species Program and other documents.

Our first Public Meeting was held August 8th, 2006 at the Senior Center to offer the opportunity for townspeople to express their wishes and feelings as to what should be included in the goals of The Open Space Plan. Two Select and Zoning Board members attended as well as residents. Concerns were brought forth as to the upkeep of our existing properties such as Porter Pastures and the beach at Long Pond, which unfortunately are victims of indiscriminant dumping and misuse.

Both Beth Brazil and Nancy Durfee spoke of the importance of protecting Open Space which is defined as a parcel of green land under protection by (1) conservation deeding; (2) Water Department protection under Article 97; (3) purchased land by a Land Trust or Land Bank; and/or (4) by conservation easement or restricted usage (such as agriculture).

In August and September, the Committee met with the Smart Growth Zoning Committee to define existing open space (i.e. Conservation Commission and Recreational parcels; Audubon and other land trust properties) and identify them on zoning maps. Other work with the zoning committee during autumn included compiling questions for a new Open Space and Planning Survey as results from the 1999 survey were felt to be outdated. Copies of surrounding towns' surveys were reviewed prior to compilation.

Committee members walked together or individually to inspect potential or existing conservation parcels, including the well site, The Central Park Complex; Long Pond Beach, Long Pond Boat Ramp, Betsy Taber Woodlands, Forge Pond, Freetown State Forest, KRR Ball fields, Porter Pasture, Puddingstone Preserve, Hathaway Park, the Assonet Band Stand, etc. Plans were made to walk the New England Forestry property with Ross Edminster but were not realized due to the high incidence of EEE at that time.

As the year drew to a close and the Committee was inundated with countless reports and paperwork, we came more to appreciate the efforts and accomplishments of the volunteers who established The Central Park Complex.

We would also like to thank Nancy Durfee for her cheerful, tireless dedication to the realization of Freetown's first Open Space Plan.

All of the above work is ongoing. The Committee meets once a month at the Town Hall unless otherwise posted. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Althea H. Brady, Chair

REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND USE COMMITTEE 2007

Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

After reviewing Town Surveys from Lakeville, Acushnet, Westport and Somerset, January found the Committee reviewing and finalizing the questions for the Open Space and Planning Survey. It was hoped that the surveys could be included in the mailing of the tax bills, but this proved unfeasible.

Beth Brazil is no longer working as land protection specialist, but offered to continue assistance with vernal pool certification. Freetown currently has 6 state certified vernal pools.

In February, Scott McFadden, Land Protection Specialist from The Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts (Duxbury, Mass) gave a presentation on land protection and provided numerous examples of how Wildlands Trust has protected over 5,000 acres in SE Mass. Protection strategies include (1) Donation, (2) Conservation Restriction, (3) Agricultural Preservation, (4) Life Estate, (5) Purchase, and (6) Bequest. He also discussed the advantages to any town in passing the Community Preservation Act and becoming eligible for State Funding to protect open space and historical sites. Community support for a CPA was proposed in the Open Space and Planning Survey.

cott offered assistance to any landowner with thoughts or plans of land donation or conservation restriction. Wildlands Trust owns Puddingstone Preserve on North Main Street across from Friends Corner and is currently working to finalize other conservation restrictions within the town.

The Open Space and Planning Survey was made available to the public in early March. Survey pick up and drop off sites included the three Town Polling places, The Freetown Senior Center, The James White and Guildford H. Hathaway Libraries, and Town Hall. The survey was also available on the Town of Freetown Web Site. Deadline for filling out the survey was March 31, 2007. The survey was funded through a Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant offered by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, with technical assistance provided by SRPEDD. Nancy Durfee compiled and calculated the results. The report was made available in September.

Nancy Durfee and Tom Manley completed an ADA assessment of Central Park Complex, Long Pond Beach and the Boat Ramp at Long Pond in May. Tom had previously done an ADA assessment at Freetown State Forest headquarters.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for The Fall River Office Park was reviewed. Concern was again raised as to how the ramp will affect the South Main Street Water filtration and well site.

Nancy Durfee and SRPEDD provided maps of Hazardous Waste Sites, Open Space, and a Base Map. A Water Resource Map is being worked on. All are required for the finalized Open Space Report.

Corrections and additions to the Open Space Report were on going. Paul Ziobro prepared a power point presentation including pictures and survey results. Plans were made for a second public meeting to be held in October or November but were postponed due to health and holiday conflicts and working around the final presentation of the Smart Growth Zoning Committee. Due to these postponements, our last meeting was October 27th.

The Committee meets once a month at the Town Hall unless otherwise posted. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Althea H. Brady, Chair

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The fiscal year of July 2006 through June 2007 has been very busy. Some programs offered this year 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, Seated Massage, Card games, SERVE, Bridge Club, Line dancing, Walking club, Day trips, Overnight trips, Meals on Wheels Program, Legal referrals, Legislative hours, Medical equipment loans, Pool table, Transportation, SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders), Brown bag and Volunteer opportunities.

A grant is written every year to help pay for utilities for the building and mailing of the 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.

Grants were written for individual seniors to fix their homes. Through the USDA Rural Development a qualified senior can receive up to \$7500. (Seven thousand five hundred) to fix their home for health and safety. This grant does not have to be paid back as long as the senior remains in the home for 3 (three) years after. Some examples are deck repair, doors, furnaces, railings, steps, new well, roof work and new windows.

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 were 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.

Our two van drivers retired this year. Carlton Abbott, Sr. and Walter Gregory, both drivers, will be missed. They were very dedicated to helping seniors.

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

Clarence Dearden-Chairman (resigned mid-year)
Charles Gray-Vice Chairman
Joyce Cocke-Secretary
Marillyn Tripp
Leocadia Pittsley
Susan Rousseau
Robert Martel
Janice Gurney
Wayne Snell (resigned mid-year)

Staff:

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Barbara A. Place | Director |
| Rosemary Haley | Senior Clerk |
| Carlton E. Abbott, Sr. | Van Driver |
| Walter Gregory | Van Driver |
| Judy Reese | Van Driver (alternate) |
| Thelma Jason | Senior Aide |

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. 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 filling out forms and providing information on benefits. We have seen 25 veterans and/or their spouses since June of 2007. 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: 3 Veterans / Assisted with forms: 10 Veterans/Spouses. We currently have 3 spouses and one Veteran on the rolls for Chapter 115 benefits.

This office has decorated the four monuments with appropriate wreaths for Veterans Day on November 11th, 2006. 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 and Boy Scout Troop 64 Assonet. We had a miscommunication but hope to have both Scout Troops involved for Memorial Day in May 2008. Their assistance is always most appreciated and we look to their continued assistance this year. The Freetown Memorial Park is near completion and Ralph Gurney has done a wonderful job.

More than 700 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 as they have in past years.

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 in June 2007 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 Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Library Department for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

Library Trustees: This year's board consisted of Irene Ashley (Chair,) Lucille Rosa (Vice Chair,) Lori Weider (Secretary,) Janice Gurney, Richard Spencer, and Michael McCue. Elaine Dandrea left the Board in March after many years of service. Her contributions have been very much appreciated, and she will be greatly missed. She continues to work for the library as a volunteer in our Outreach Program.

Children's Programs: We began the summer by kicking off our Summer Reading Program with a very well-attended performance by Ed the Wizard. For our elementary school age group, we welcomed a number of performers throughout the summer. Peg Riley presented preschool story hours and programs for middle schoolers. A special Improv Workshop by Keith Munslow concluded the Middle School series and was very much enjoyed by those in attendance. Erin Lafferty once again presented twilight Science, a very popular program for children aged 3-6 and their families. Erin volunteers her time to teach science concepts through engaging and fun projects and stories. Throughout the summer, children received a raffle ticket for every book they read. These tickets were for weekly prize drawings. We wish to thank all of the people who donated prizes, including long-time supporters Freetown Trading Post, Foster's Hardware, Mrs. Cheryl M. Belliveau, and Mr. George A. Carrier. We are also grateful to the Freetown Cultural Council and the Friends of the Freetown Libraries who sponsored the performers appearing over the summer. We would also like to thank Rosa Neto Lopes of the Friends of the Freetown Libraries who served as President for many years and was responsible for organizing some of our most memorable programs. Although we are sad to see her step down, we are happy to welcome Nancy Rosario as our new President.

A huge "thank you" goes to the Toe Jam Puppet Band for their outstanding contribution in volunteering their time and talent for our annual benefit concern. The proceeds of this concert have funded our children's programs since the town cut funding several years ago. This year, the concert was held at the Freetown Elementary School. This larger venue allowed us to include many more families in this fun event. Thanks to Mr. Frizelle, Paula Rose, and the custodial staff of FES for making this possible.

During the academic year, preschool story hours were held bi-weekly. Staff member Peg Riley presented story hours geared more toward toddlers, while volunteer Holli Panagos presented story hours geared toward the older preschoolers with an emphasis on school readiness. In November, we celebrated Children's Book Week with a Dream Catcher workshop presented by Peg Riley. During the week we also gave away 117 free books to children who visited the library. Thanks to those who donated books.

Other Programs: As part of our book club series we enjoyed a visit from Leslie Wheeler, a mystery writer/historian, who spoke about her writing and research related to her book, Murder at Gettysburg. She graciously stayed to chat and sign books. We were also fortunate to be able to offer a seven week course on genealogy research. We are grateful to Ken Sutcliffe, Professor of Sociology, who volunteered his time and expertise to present this program.

Buildings/Grounds: We would like to thank Building Commissioner Paul R. Bourgeois for his quick response to our need for an upgraded ramp at the Hathaway Library in Assonet. The White Library is privately owned so maintenance is provided through limited trust funds and volunteers.

The building is overseen by the Building Trustees who volunteer their time to serve on the Board. We would like to thank them for their service. We would like to thank Rick and Robin Kendrick, Keven Desmarais, and Dick Spencer for volunteering their time to help with maintenance tasks. We extend a special thanks to Frank Gregory who took care of the grounds throughout the summer. We also wish to thank the members of the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church, who generously allow us to use their parking lot and who paved the lot this year.

Personnel: At year end, Vicki Dawson indicated that she would be leaving her position as Library Director. She indicated that she was happy to have been associated with the libraries during their move from paper and pencil to an automated system, and she acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the staff and Trustees in making this happen. The SAILS library network has made it possible for Freetown residents to receive materials from other libraries in the network and provides a number of other services. This year, 29-percent of all items borrowed by Freetown residents came from other libraries. Deborah Conrad, Executive Director of SAILS, Inc., has obtained a number of grants on our behalf, the most recent of which resulted in an upgrade in telecommunication lines and equipment at both libraries, resulting in more efficient circulation related processes.

Of course, new services mean new responsibilities for the staff of our libraries. The Freetown libraries operate with 115 fewer hours per week than the average Massachusetts library in our population group. This means that our staff works very hard to maintain services for our residents. Despite the demands of their jobs, they maintain a wonderful attitude. In fact, one of the comments we hear most often is that people feel very welcome at the library and appreciate the friendly and helpful staff. Senior Librarian Althea Brady uses her knowledge of reference and circulation services for the benefit of our library patrons. She is also a very active member of the Friends of the Library, putting in many volunteer hours to organize and work at the semi-annual book sales to support the library. Cheryl Belliveau constitutes our entire Technical Services staff, and she has all of the responsibility for cataloging our library materials. Peg Riley's work with children is well-documented elsewhere in this report, but she also lends her talents as a graphic artist and helps with book sales. Mary Ouimet has been with us for a number of years through the Senior Volunteer Program. She has been very willing to fill in when we are short-handed, which is most of the time. Every staff member has to be willing to multi-task and be knowledgeable about library services, automated circulation, interlibrary loans, and delivery procedures. It is impossible to enumerate all of the things that these talented women do for the library, but we do know that their efforts are very much appreciated by the Trustees and by the residents of Freetown.

Fees Collected: Lost books = \$175.31; Printer/copier fees = \$317.30; Diskettes = \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Dawson
Library Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Honorable Board of Selectman and citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

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 continues to maintain a photo file of all buildings prior to demolition which is recorded as further documentation. This information is also maintained at <http://town.freetown.ma.us/demolition/>

This is the second year that the town of Freetown was able to continue with the Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant to work as a Freetown Zoning Study Committee. Peter Erwin and Mary E.R. Brown have been representing the Commission on the committee for the past two years. The committee is made up of members of the Planning Board, Historical Commission, residents, Selectman and representatives from SRPEDD. Numerous zoning proposals for the entire town have been discussed while taking into consideration needs and typography of the land. Proposals for Village Residential and Village Business Zones for both Historic Districts in town are included. Public hearings have been held and resident's suggestions have been implemented. A final town zoning map with updated by-laws and table of uses is planned for continued review and finalization for town meeting approval. 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.

The Elm Street Bridge located in the Assonet Village Historic District was built in 1822 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This past year much time and energy has been spent becoming informed and attending meetings regarding the bridge. As early as October 2006 Massachusetts Highway Department inspected the Elm Street Bridge and determined that there were serious concerns and concluded that "local failures were possible". Mass Highway Dept. felt that the level of deterioration was "Severe/ Major Deterioration. The bridge was rated for loads of 10.8 and was posted for 6 tons. This has had a major impact on traffic, school buses, and public safety for the town. Numerous meetings have taken place with Mass Highway Depart., Selectmen, residents, and the Highway Surveyor. The consulting firm of Jacobs, Edwards and Kelsey was secured by the town to develop a rehabilitation project for the bridge. Members of the Historical Commission have been in attendance supporting rehabilitation of the bridge while stressing the important of maintaining the integrity of this historic dry-laid, stone masonry three arch bridge. Mass Historical Commission has provided guidance and assistance for FHC. We have requested that a Bridge Oversight Committee be formed to work with selectman to help develop the best solution. We have serious concerns about changes to the bridge and the historic neighboring properties. We will continue to attend and participate in this project. As a result of being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, plans will need to be reviewed by Freetown Historical Commission and Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The town will be celebrating their 325th Anniversary in the year 2008. We look forward to participating and supporting a celebration of our town's history.

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. Peter Erwin has established a web site so that interested citizens may learn about our objectives and make

contributions on line. The site is <http://www.assonetriver.com/preservation/> The conditions of the Village School and of our historic bridges continues to be of concern.

Historic Photos 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.

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. Rezendes 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

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:

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| 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 325TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the 325th Anniversary Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

The 325th Anniversary Committee is comprised of the members of the Parade and Fireworks Committee. The 325th Anniversary Committee has added membership for a more diverse committee, but we are always seeking additional community input and support.

We were generously awarded \$1,000.00 from the Police Association last year; \$2,500.00 from The Boston Beer Company, Inc., and \$5,000.00 from Stop and Shop. Stop and Shop has consistently supported Freetown's Independence Day efforts since they set up shop in town.

The good work of the Town's Police and Fire Departments make the event possible, as does the support and cooperation of the community.

The Town of Freetown was incorporated by the General Court of the Plymouth Colony in July of 1683. In July of 2008, the Town of Freetown will celebrate its continued existence after 325 years. Our plans currently call for an extended Independence Day celebration, lasting from July 3rd through July 6th.

We as a town are very fortunate in having a surfeit of material to work with in coordinating this event. Aside from 350 years of recorded history to look back on, dating from "Ye Freeman's Purchase" in 1659, we have many physical and tangible aspects of our heritage right at hand. The preservation of these items and buildings is in no small part the responsibility of our Historical Society. We in Freetown have an active Historical Society with acres and acres of artifacts, replicas, buildings, and grounds to bring us back to simpler times and show our younger folks what life was like "back in the day"—even the ones young enough to believe the 1980s to be as long ago as the 1680s.

We have two wonderful historic districts, Assonet and East Freetown, cared for and watched over by our dedicated Historical Commission. In these districts, we have dozens upon dozens of homes, structures, and sites dating back to the 1700s and 1800s. We have such marvelous architectural examples as large as the Town Hall and the Assonet Inn, and as small as the Gurney Road Stone Arch Culvert or the gates marking the entrance to the Assonet Burying Grounds.

No town could have a history as rich and diverse as ours without owing its largest debt of gratitude to its townspeople. Each and every person residing in Freetown is contributing daily to our continued past and progress. Every time you attend town Meeting, vote in an election, write your Selectmen, register your children for school, open a small business, visit Hathaway Park, take a family photo at Profile Rock, or take on any of a number of other projects than can be done in town on a day to day basis, you alter the landscape of our heritage.

Next year, the report of this committee will be filled with information about events, plans, parades, and other fun and exciting activities to mark our collective birthday. On behalf of the 325th Anniversary Committee, I would like to take the time this year whilst space allows to thank all the people of Freetown for providing us with all of the above and so much more.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Townspeople of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Scholarship Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

The spring of 2007 saw the first application cycle for the awarding of scholarships under Section 3C of Chapter 60. Applications were made available on February 8th, and a due date of March 31st was set. Copies of the application were sent to Apponequet Regional High School, and were also made available at the Town Hall in Assonet and on the Town's website. A notice regarding the availability of applications was sent to the *Standard-Times*, the *Herald-News*, the *Taunton Daily Gazette*, and *The Boston Globe*.

A total of twenty-five applications were returned by the March 31st deadline, and twenty-two were deemed complete and adjudicable. Successful applicants and award amounts are listed on the following page. The skill with which many of this year's applicants write is beyond impressive. Their essays have proven to exceed expectations, and are a testament to the quality education our younger residents receive in our homes and schools. In a society that places so much public emphasis on success in mathematics and the sciences, we may rest assured that our students are still excelling as authors.

The beginning balance of the Scholarship & Donation Fund as of September 30, 2006, was \$16,597.90. With interest accrued, the balance was \$16,807.50 as of December 31st. The total amount awarded for the Fiscal Year 2007 was \$10,000.00. Printing, postage, and miscellaneous supplies resulted in an additional \$28.96 charged to the account. Our closing balance on June 30, 2007, was \$7,208.40.

The Scholarship Fund receives 100% of its revenue via donations from residents and the community. Any and all donations to help keep this program alive are welcomed and appreciated. Donations may be sent to Scholarship Committee, Town Hall, P. O. Box 438, Assonet, Mass. 02702. Cheques should be made payable to Town of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Chairman

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED • SPRING 2007

The Scholarship Committee awarded a twenty-two scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. These were divided into three award amount categories: \$250, \$400, and \$600.

\$250.00 Scholarships

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| Matthew J. Amaral | East Freetown | Westfield State College | Westfield, Mass. |
| Colin Andrade | Assonet | College of the Holy Cross | Worcester, Mass. |
| Ross J. T. Mayo | East Freetown | University of Massachusetts | N. Dartmouth, Mass. |
| Melissa Potvin | East Freetown | University of New Haven | West Haven, Conn. |

\$400.00 Scholarships

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|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Heather Berthelette | East Freetown | Rhode Island College | Providence, RI |
| Amanda Bolduc | Assonet | Bridgewater State College | Bridgewater, Mass. |
| Philip Fagundes | East Freetown | University of Massachusetts | Amherst, Mass. |
| Kyle Ferguson | East Freetown | Ma. Col. of Pharm. & Health | Boston, Mass. |
| Samantha Gagnon | East Freetown | Northeastern University | Boston, Mass. |
| Kathryn E. Garcia | Assonet | Westfield State College | Westfield, Mass. |
| Jessica Mondillo | Assonet | Syracuse University | Syracuse, NY |
| Stephen J. Mueller | East Freetown | Worcester Polytechnic Inst. | Worcester, Mass. |
| Ricardo J. Soares, Jr. | East Freetown | University of Massachusetts | N. Dartmouth, Mass. |

\$600.00 Scholarships

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| Erica Brown | Assonet | Salve Regina University | Newport, RI |
| Michael Jasinski | East Freetown | Bryant University | Smithfield, RI |
| Michael S. Logan | Assonet | University of Massachusetts | N. Dartmouth, Mass. |
| Mollie Loranger | East Freetown | Curry College | Milton, Mass. |
| Andrew Masse | East Freetown | Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. | Troy, NY |
| James M. O'Leary | Assonet | Emerson College | Boston, Mass. |
| Robert K. Rushton | East Freetown | Rhode Island College | Providence, RI |
| Jeffrey A. Scudder | Assonet | Ringling Sch. of Art & Design | Sarasota, Fla. |
| Kathleen Vander Kaaden | Assonet | Salem State College | Salem, Mass. |

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board endorsed 8 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in an additional 15 buildable lots. The Planning Board collected \$1,500.00 in Form A filing fees. The Planning Board reviewed 8 Form C subdivision plans thereby collecting \$38,348.00 in filing fees, \$32,325.00 in technical review fees and \$1,827.00 in advertising reimbursements. The Planning Board also reviewed one Special Permit resulting in the collection of \$100.00 in filing fees.

During the fiscal year 2007, the Planning Board held public hearings to review petition articles submitted for Annual Town Meeting vote. These articles included zoning district changes from General Use to Residential Use for properties located on North Main Street, Gramp Deane Road and Jeffrey Lane, and a zoning district change from General Use to Business Use for a property located on Mason Road.

The Board also held hearings to review by-laws submitted by petition that would govern the construction of Retail and Wholesale Establishments and allow for Site Plan Review of buildings designed for business use which exceed a combined gross area of 10,000 square feet. The intent of these by-laws is to preserve the small-town character of Freetown by limiting the sizes of retail establishments, wholesale establishments, and shopping centers to a maximum of 25,000 square feet of floor area. Any proposed use greater than 25,000 square feet will be restricted to Industrial or Industrial 2 zones only by Special Permit from the Planning Board.

The Planning Board members are Chairman Joel Plissey, Keven Desmarais, Robert Raymond, Mark Rogers and Mike Rogers. Jean Pierre Trahan retired from the Board this year. Laurie Carvalho is the Planning/Land Use Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Plissey
Chairman

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN 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, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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 reviewed three special permits and five variances. The Zoning Board of Appeals collected \$2,160.00 in filing fees and \$2,739.90 in advertising reimbursement fees.

The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals are Chairman Gary Guinen, Daniel Loranger and Kim Pina. Jean Pierre Trahan resigned this year after serving the Town for many years. Laurie Carvalho is the secretary to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Guinen
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Tree Warden for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

There has been a major outbreak of gypsy and winter moth caterpillars. Hundreds of Town trees have died. The removal of these trees has begun, and N-Star has begun removing dead trees from the sides of the roadways in the vicinity of the power lines.

The Tree Warden was called out fourteen times during the fiscal year. Routine trimming by the Town and N-Star has kept power outages to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary C. Loranger
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, 2006 through June 30, 2007:

The Soil Conservation Board is a 5-member Board consisting of three Selectmen, one member of the Conservation Commission, and one member of the Planning Board.

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 seven Fall renewal permits, eight Spring renewal permits, and a quarry permit. The Board collected \$2,120.00 for application fees and \$17,107.22 for tipping fees, totaling \$19,227.22.

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

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 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 require filing fees. Thus, the amount of \$3,517.50 was collected during the fiscal year.

From July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, the Commission acted upon the following:

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| Requests for Determination: | 22 |
| Notices of Intent: | 10 |
| Certificate of Compliance: | 6 |
| Extension of Order of Conditions | 1 |
| Abbreviated Notices of Intent | 1 |
| Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation: | 2 |
| Amended order of Conditions: | 2 |
| Enforcement Orders: | 3 |

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
Joseph B. Shaw, Jr..... 2010
Jeanne M. Tierney 2008
Sandra L. Souza, Chair 2010
Meetings – Second Wednesday of Each Month (Sept. – June)

Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

Freetown Members

David W. Brown 2010
Robert W. Clark, Chair - 1 yr. Appointment
Jean C. Fox 2009

Lakeville Members

Robert Canessa 2008
Charlene Shea 2007
Lorraine Carboni - 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

Donald P. Noack, Interim

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Louis E. Rodrigues

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Gary Lincoln, Principal

**FREETOWN AND LAKEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FREETOWN ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
2006-2007**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

It is with great pleasure that I write this report to the good citizens of Freetown. Without a doubt this year was one of positive news in moving the school district forward. Our MCAS scores continue to improve and the all important target of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) implemented by the No Child Left Behind law was met. This is no small task as each year our MCAS scores must improve to a level set by the federal government. In meeting this target we demonstrate that our staff is teaching and assessing our students by delivering a solid curriculum.

The greatest joy came when our budget for the elementary school was passed at Town Meeting. Our request to restore FES with the staff and programs that had been lost over the past two years was heard. Working together with the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee a budget was developed that everyone could support and defend.

Our efforts will continue to seek alternative funding such as the Rural Schools grant that provided \$42,000 to assist us in hiring three special education paraprofessionals. We also know that the costs to maintain quality in all of our programs will remain a challenge.

On behalf of the school committee, administration, staff and students, I wish to congratulate the townspeople for recognizing the need to restore FES to the school we can all be proud of.

I now encourage you to read the annual school reports from our principals.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2006-2007

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

On Sunday, June 3, 2007, the Class of 2007, consisting of 215 students, received their diplomas. Michael Jasinski, Class President, along with Sarah Procknik, Valedictorian, led the class. Kendra Arruda was selected to give the "Charge to the Class." Thirty-three students were members of the National Honor Society. Rain fell everywhere on Graduation Day, except at Apponequet.

The Awards Ceremony was held the previous Tuesday, May 29th, with the Senior Banquet on Thursday, May 31st, 2007. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations that donated over \$134,000 in local scholarship money for our Seniors. During the Senior Banquet, held at the Hawthorne Country Club, yearbooks were distributed and a class video was presented.

Several teachers, representing over 240 years of experience in our district, retired. We are very grateful for the years of service given by Mr. Ed Dobrowsky, Mrs. Jenn Gady, Mr. Peter Homen, Mr. Henry Laferriere, Mr. Bob Robidoux, Mrs. Cindy Tinsley, and Mrs. Marie White.

The second annual Freshmen Orientation was attended by over 150 incoming freshmen and 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 organized into a formal P.T.O. in the fall. One of the projects they assumed was the designing and editing of a school newsletter. A fourth parent group was formed in the spring. Supporters of Apponequet Players, SOAP, expanded its support of 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. Many students also have the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing in M.A.D.D. Night. Our spring musical, *Disney's High School Musical*, was a huge success, selling out every performance. The fall play, *Rumors*, was also a success.

The DECA program completed its fourth year by attending the international competition in Orlando Florida. Colin Andrade earned a Top 10 Award in the Stock Market Competition. John Benevides and Jacob Cote earned a 9th Place in the Virtual Business Retailing Challenge. DECA advisor is Mr. Frank Rosa.

In athletics, 634 students participated in the 30 programs offered at Apponequet. The *Standard Times* named the following students as "Athletes of the Year" in their respective sports: Dario Correia and Amber DiNucci in soccer, Molly Loranger in field hockey, Joe Connor in golf and Rob

Rushton in baseball. In the spring all our teams qualified for the MIAA State Tournaments. The baseball advanced to the South Sectional Finals. Other teams playing in the spring tournaments were softball and the boys and girls tennis teams. Both the boys and girls track teams made significant progress during their seasons.

We remain very proud of our students' accomplishments on standardized tests, such as the MCAS and Advanced Placement tests.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary P. Lincoln
Principal

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2006-2007

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

GOALS 2006-2007

To improve student discipline across all grade levels and having surveyed the FLMS staff to determine their strongest concerns, the principal established new core values: *Respect, Responsibility, Resiliency*. These values were promoted and incorporated regularly within the school culture. A discipline committee, comprised of teachers and the principal, met monthly to address discipline issues and to recommend changes to the discipline policy (in the student handbook) which were later endorsed with a view toward securing School Committee endorsement.

INTERNET SAFETY

Several assemblies were held to address the growing concerns regarding the challenging issues of internet prudence and safety, including cyber bullying and cyber threats.

STAFFING

With the high number of retiring staff as well as the growing needs of our school, we were fortunate to welcome 17 new staff members this year in ELA, Modular Technology, Special Education, Problem Solving, Social Studies, MCAS Math, Art, Health/PE, Science, and Paraprofessional positions. Realizing students needed more personalized attention than a student/counselor ratio of 1:400, the principal lobbied the superintendent and members of the Regional School Committee for the funding to hire an additional counselor. FLMS now has three counselors who assume a number of roles critical in promoting and supporting their academic, personal and social development.

CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

The crisis team revised the FLMS Crisis Manual, adding three new drills and protocols. It was recommended that they be adopted by the entire district in order to establish a common safety response in all schools. Practice drills for Code Red (lockdown shelter in place) and Code Green (lockdown shelter in hallway) were held satisfactorily and periodically.

PTO

In the tradition of previous groups, the PTO worked tirelessly to provide enrichment opportunities for our students as well as fundraising programs, the profits of which supplemented learning goals: Book Fairs, a variety of student assemblies (music and storytelling, history lessons laced with humor and music of rural America, anti-bullying programs, history of Latin music and instruments, and folk tales and myths from Asian cultures, "Asia Fantasia" utilizing Asian mask theatre), Grade 8 Dinner Dance, all three grade level socials, teacher appreciation week, Fall breakfast, teacher gifts of flowers and \$50 (toward school supplies), and defraying of costs for students unable to meet the full expense of trips.

With PTO support, our school embarked on participation in the Funding Factory Recycling Program. This effort recycles empty printer cartridges and used cell phones, thus alleviating the

volume of waste that goes into landfills, while earning extra cash. So far the returns have been impressive, \$500.90.

STUDY ISLAND

An MCAS program designed specifically to help students master the content specified in the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework, Study Island focus enables students to improve their performance in all skill areas tested on the MCAS, leading to improved test scores. The user-friendly interface helps students to move through the program step by step, and each section has a pretest and a post test, along with topics that cover each of the Learning Standards. Topics consist of questions, answers, explanations, and lessons that address the specific skills contained in the Curriculum Framework's Learning Standards.

C.A.R.E.

Every year the guidance department implements an effective character building program called Children Acting Responsibly Everyday (C.A.R.E.), which reinforces and encourages sound moral character among middle school students with a view toward establishing a positive school climate. Each month students are recognized for their exhibiting certain values, for example, respect, responsibility, resiliency, kindness, etc. Students are invited to an awards ceremony where they are commended for their excellent behavior. Awards, personal recognition, and light refreshments are standard fare. Over 225 students were proud recipients during 2006-2007, contributing greatly to our positive school culture.

SCHOOL MORALE/CULTURE

At the close of 2006-2007, results of a staff survey showed that in the areas of support with student discipline, guidance support, special education support, support with parents, communication with principal, staff meetings, school morale, and absorption of new core values, lunch time procedures and behavior, received staff approval ratings of satisfactory and excellent. With regard to the new dress code policy, parent/teacher communication, parent/administration communication, class size, school building, and bus transportation, discipline, safety, PTO, and health services, parents surveyed gave approval ratings of 80% or more. These numbers gave a general indication of areas where we could make improvements.

LIBRARY SERVICES

During 2006-2007, a total of 29,511 students visited the library to check out books, research, and complete projects. Both students and faculty checked out 14,813 items. 7,222 more students visited and used the library; 9,929 more books and other materials were checked out to students and teachers than the previous year. Book Talks (sharing their books with whole classes), the Literary Luncheon with Senior Citizens, creating Power Point presentations, database research, and other projects made for a most productive experience for all.

FIELD TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

Students visited the following: Quincy Market, Buttonwood Park, Slater Mill, Boston Freedom Trail, Pierce Park (Somerset), Cape Cod Museum of National History, Canobie Lake Park, Newport Rhode Island mansions, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Zeiterion Theatre, Berkley Performance Center (Boston), Bristol Community College Christmas Program, Boston Museum of Science, Chamberlain Farm Stand (Berkley), Massasoit Community College Christmas Program, New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Freetown State Forest.

The Massachusetts Science Frameworks require that students become aware of the safe and proper use of various tools, specifically hand and power tools. Home Depot was invited to FLMS to address students at no cost. Home Depot presented an assembly for Grade 6 students who were entertained, enlightened, and informed about the care and use of building tools. Students were encouraged to participate in discussions and to ask questions.

CLUBS

FLMS Grades 7 and 8 robotics club members went to the A.S.P.I.R.E. (after-school program in robotic engineering) competition at Westport Middle School. The three areas of competition were distance, accuracy, and speed. Seventeen (17) participated in the Creativity competition which required them to design and program a robot to carry out a task. Students were judged on their demonstration and oral presentation as well as their journal and display board. Grade 7 students won first place in the All-around Competition, and Grade 8 students placed second in the Creativity competition, to much of their advisors' (Bruce LaFave and Dave Friedrichs) credit.

CONTESTS

Two FLMS' students, Grades 6 and 8 received first and second place awards, respectively, in the Baker Books 10th Annual Poetry Contest.

Competitions were held for the FLMS' logo, and the winning selection, picturing a powerful eagle, adorns the school handbook as well as T-shirts.

ACQUISITIONS

Sixty computers, Math texts for all grade levels, Grade 7 English text — Educational videos and *Star Math* and United *Streaming* enhanced our preparation for MCAS proficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

David Patota, Principal

GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2006-2007

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Enrollment

4th grade - 161 5th Grade- Lakeville - 175, Freetown - 113 Total: 449

2006-2007 continued to be a year of transitions and growth for the staff and students at the George R. Austin Intermediate School. Our student body increased by about 40 students, we added two new teachers to the fifth grade and increased the number of staff that remained at the Intermediate school for the entire day to include 3 more special subject teachers. 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

The PTO supports the students and staff of GRAIS throughout the year. During the past school year the PTO funded and organized assemblies on tolerance and character education, creative storytelling and magic. The PTO organizes volunteers for classrooms, the book fair, field day, the library and recess duty. These volunteers are invaluable to the school and allow teachers to run many exciting projects and activities in their classrooms. This year the PTO organized three evening socials, the Halloween Social (5th grade only), the Luau and the 4th grade mixer (a joint effort between GRAIS and FES). These provide an excellent opportunity for students to meet and socialize outside the school day.

Our School Council which was composed of two teachers, the principal, one parent 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 March. The school council also assists the principal during the budget preparation and with recommendations. This upcoming year one of the goals of the school council is to create a survey to send to families to receive feedback on parents' perceptions about GRAIS and the academic progress their child is making.

Academic Report

With the growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. We took many steps over the past year to support our ability to track student progress and growth. In the fourth grade we began using the GRADE assessment to allow teachers to assess student abilities in reading comprehension twice a year. We continue to use the STAR Math program to track skills and growth in math. This past year we were able to hire a .5 teacher in the fourth grade to work with students in the area of ELA, and provide remedial services

to students within the school day. After-school we ran 2 groups of ELA extra support, targeting students who struggled on the 3rd grade MCAS assessment. Finally, we implemented the use of the Study Island program which allows students to practice MCAS type questions from home, as well as review previously learned material in ELA, Math and Science. Results from the state indicate that the fourth grade did make AYP this past year, changing our status Improvement Year I.

Within the area of ELA concerns exist that Title I funds were decreased to the level that we lost the services of our Title I teacher. In the 5th grade we are currently unable to provide ELA remediation or review. The 2007-2008 year will see the implementation of a new fifth grade Reading text, Storytown. This text is very student friendly and presents specific mini-lessons on vocabulary in each chapter and reading strategies are outlined for the students. The teachers guide supports differentiated instruction and supports the teacher in meeting the various skill levels within the classroom. Storytown also highlights the 6-trait writing program, which we are using to enhance our students' writing. 6-Trait writing is an initiative that we are implementing in grade K-5.

For 2006-2007 we implemented a new math series in grade four, Everyday Math. Grade four began utilizing this program in the fall of 2006. This series is now being used in all grades 1-5. Fifth grade teachers began this program in 2005 and have given positive feedback regarding the program. Our goal is that this Math program will extend the students' abilities to think mathematically and integrate math skills into their everyday lives. Currently in the fifth grade students receive extra support from the MCAS Math teacher who instructs two classes a day at GRAIS and spends the rest of the day at FLMS. Our concern in the area of Math is the lack of extra support provided to the fourth grade students who are having difficulty in math.

For the first time this year GRAIS had 4 of the 6 special subject areas taught by full-time staff at GRAIS, who did not need to travel between schools. This year we had full-time specialists in the areas of Computer, World Language, Library and Physical Education. We continue to share Music and Art teachers with both Assawompset and FLMS. This change has allowed for special subjects to be taught throughout the day and increased the ability of teachers to integrate multiple curriculum areas into their lessons. For example, our World Language teacher is covering Mexico and part of the 4th grade Social studies curriculum in her unit about world cultures. Another example is our computer teacher, who regularly uses creative writing assignments and writing assignments from the classroom for typing practice and WebQuests related to the science and social studies curriculum as he teaches about computer skills. None of this would be possible if teachers didn't have the common planning time and frequent contact that being in the same building provides. The goal for 2007-2008 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 remained fairly consistent in the 2006-2007 school year. This year secretarial support was limited to one full time administrative assistant and a part-time special education secretary. Counseling services were contracted out to Bayview Associates for only one day a week. This has changed for the 2007-2008 school year, as we now have a full-time adjustment counselor and no longer use the services of Bayview. Our goal is to increase support 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 increasing communication with parents and the community. A monthly newsletter from the principal highlights exciting activities and upcoming events. Our website is well maintained and regularly updated, providing parents with up to the minute details about school happenings. Many teachers have also created their own websites to increase commu-

nication with parents about upcoming tests, projects, and in some cases, daily homework assignments.

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 we have an assembly where a drawing is completed in each category. Students receive an Austin Pride T-shirt and 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 10-speed bicycle donated by Target.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Beaubien, Principal

FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2006-2007

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

It is always exciting to begin a new school year. Whether you are a child, parent, or a teacher, September and the first day of school is always special! The 2006-2007 school year was an exciting school year. We began with the addition of a Grade Four classroom to accommodate the additional students that have moved into our community over the summer months. While adding one position we also tipped our hats in salute to Mrs. Bulis as she retired after teaching Kindergarten to hundreds of our children in the community.

I believe this year we have accomplished quite a bit both academically and socially. Twice each month we held Grade Level meetings to review our practices in literacy and to look at student work in Math. Three times this year we administered an in-house literacy assessment called DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) to all our students that gave us a snapshot of the progress they have made during the year. This would allow us the opportunity to adjust instruction for children experiencing difficulties in reading.

Our MCAS scores have indicated that we still have areas to improve upon. Math remains our focus as we have introduced the Every Day Math Program in every grade level. This program allows teachers to revisit skills regularly rather than teaching skills through unit instruction. We are confident that with change in teaching strategies and professional development in this area our children will improve their skills. Writing is also an area that we have begun to investigate and find new and better ways to make writing exciting for the children. Write Traits is a program our staff has viewed and expressed an interest in exploring. Professional Development opportunities have been planned for August of 2007 for all classroom teachers to attend and learn more about the traits of writing.

Our Playground Committee has been planning many fundraising events to generate funds for renovating the early childhood playground in the rear of the school. These have included a Halloween Costume Dance, collecting used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, a can and bottle drive held on April 28th, and sponsoring a visit by Kim Brown. Kim is the sister of Marc Brown, author of the Arthur books. He modeled the character DW after his sister Kim.

Grade 4 students had a terrific time at Nature's Classroom! They had the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, discover new things in science and experience four days and three nights away from home! Nature's Classroom just opened a new facility in the same location, and our school was the first group to try the new dorms and field houses! Schools are primarily for academics, but it is also the place where memories are made and kept for a life-time. Nature's Classroom is one of those experiences that children will carry with them for years to come!

Several times during the year we have held Family Nights in Literacy, Math, or French. We've listened to our Chorus as they performed in our annual concerts at Christmas and in the spring. We were delighted and impressed with the quality and quantity of art work our children have produced this year! Our annual Spaghetti Supper was a big success as many of you enjoyed the dining and conversation. As I review this partial list I see the commonality of bringing families into our school and having them involved in their child's education as our focus. If we have accomplished this during the year, then we have achieved a major portion of our mission; to engage

students, teachers, parents, and citizens of Freetown to work in a collaborative manner to build pride, respect, and accountability.

We would be remiss if we did not thank our PTO Board and their members for the hard work and thousands of hours of time they have donated to our students. Our sincere thanks are extended to: Chairperson: Mrs. Waldron, Recording Secretary: Mrs. Morningstar, Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Bettencourt, Treasurer: Mrs. Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator: Mrs. Cooney, Volunteer Co-Coordinator: Ms. Diaz. Together with many supporting board members and volunteers they have made a tremendous difference in the lives of our children. It has been a great pleasure to work with such fine people. I look forward to working with our new PTO Board, chaired by Ms. Diaz, in the upcoming school 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
Town Administrator508-644-2208
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

OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS:

Council on Aging Senior Center.....508-763-9557
Fire Chief's Office508-763-4828
Highway Department–Town Garage508-763-2359

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

Freetown Elementary School.....508-763-5121
Freetown-Lakeville Middle School508-923-3506
George R. Austin Middle School.....508-763-8717
Apponequet Regional High School508-763-5140
Superintendent of Schools508-763-5183

LIBRARIES:

James White Memorial Library, East Freetown508-763-5344
Guilford H. Hathaway Library, Assonet508-644-2385