

TOWN OF FREETOWN

2007

2008

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



"KING PHILLIP'S CAVE," LOCATED IN ROCKY WOODS, EAST FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2007 – JUNE 30, 2008

DEDICATION

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to retired Fire Chief Wayne A. Haskins who retired in January, 2009, after 32 years of dedicated service in the Freetown Fire Department. We are indeed grateful for Chief Haskins' numerous accomplishments, the most noteworthy of which was the construction and implementation of the central Fire Station located at 25 Bullock Road that provides 24-hour coverage to Freetown residents. This fire station will now be officially designated as the "Wayne A. Haskins Fire Station."

The Town of Freetown salutes Chief Haskins for his high level of professionalism and leadership. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

IN MEMORY OF ...

Nancy-Jean Bock – A Conservation Commissioner and proprietor of a local business, "Affair with Flowers."

Harris H. Chace – A Cemetery Commissioner and proprietor of Chace's Wood Yard.

Donald J. Dickinson – A volunteer/painter for the Freetown Highway Department, and a member of the Freetown Lions' Club.

These three individuals all made a very positive impact on the Town of Freetown, serving the community in various capacities. Their dedication to the Town of Freetown, as well as their friendship, will always be remembered and truly missed.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH NOTATION

The photograph on the cover of this year's Annual Town Report was donated for our use by Nancy and Albert Foster, Jr. of Foster's Hardware Store. The town would like to thank the Foster family for their generosity.

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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
Freetown Elementary School – Activities' Room
43 Bullock 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 Freetown Town Hall.
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

(Vote to be taken at 2009 Annual Town Meeting
to change the date of the Annual Town Meeting to the first Monday in June.)

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Personnel Board, Police Commission:
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Board of Assessors: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.
First Monday of each month: 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Building Commissioner/Board of Health Agent:
Monday - Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Tax Collector: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Town Accountant: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Town Clerk: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.
First Monday of each month: 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Treasurer: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Water Commission: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

CURRENT LIBRARY HOURS

Guilford H. Hathaway Library: Monday: 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M., Friday: 1:00-5:00P.M.;
James White Memorial Library: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

LIBRARY HOURS

Guilford H. Hathaway Library – 508-644-2385
6 North Main Street, Assonet, Massachusetts
Monday: 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday: 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Friday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Saturday: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon;

James White Memorial Library – (508-763-5344)
5 Washburn Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts
Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.; Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
The Libraries are closed on holidays.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Howland Road
Assonet, Massachusetts

Thursday through Sunday: 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Resident Stickers available at the Sanitary Landfill - Cost: \$10.00 each.

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	
	Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman	2009
	Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
	Jean C. Fox	2010

(AE) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

(EO)	BOARD OF HEALTH	
	Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman	2009
	Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
	Jean C. Fox	2010

The Board of Selectmen/Health also serves as the Sewer Commission.

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

(EO)	PERSONNEL BOARD	
	Jean C. Fox, Chairman	2010
	Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
	Lisa A. Pacheco	2009

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

E. Winn Davis, appointed February, 2008

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.

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, CONTINUED

(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 & DIRECTOR, GRAVES' OFFICER**

Richard J. Levesque

(AO) **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Steven M. Dooney, resigned
Suzanne M. Moquin, appointed

(AE) Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk

(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, 2011

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, 2008.

Republican:

Helen Allard, Election Worker/Inspector

Kenneth Bock, Election Worker/Inspector

Lauren J. Collins, Election Worker/Inspector

Kathleen Deneault, Elector 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, resigned March 10, 2008

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, deceased

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
Grace Rose, 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

(EO)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Ronald R. Batacao, Chairman 2009
Richard L. Field 2010
Sheila Scaduto 2011

(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 Eugene J. Rymaszewicz
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire

(EO)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William J. Lombardi, Chairman	
David A. Theriault	2010
Robert H. Alderson	2011
Paul L. Deneault	2011
Dennis F. Belanger	2009
Jeffrey D. Amaral	2010

(EO)

FREETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sandra L. Souza, Chairman	2010
Alexandre Magalhaes, appointed chairman in May, 2008	2011
Robert W. Clark	2009
Jeanne M. Tierney	2009
Joseph B. Shaw, Jr.	2010

(EO)

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jean C. Fox, Chairman	2009
Robert W. Clark*	2011
David W. Brown	2010

*Appointed one year to Regional Committee from Town Committee.

(EO)

PLANNING BOARD

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

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Planning/Land Use Administrator

(EO)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Irene Ashley, Chairman	2009
Lucille M. Rosa, Vice Chairman	2009
Lori M. Weider, Secretary	2010
Janice C. Gurney, did not seek re-election	2008
Richard E. Spencer	2008
Michael T. McCue	2010
Vicki L. Dawson, Library Director, resigned	
Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, Library Director, appointed	

Library Personnel

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

(AO)

Library Planning Committee

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

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
Nancy-Jean Bock, deceased	2010
David C. Mannion	2008
Americo "Mack" Craveiro	2010
Richard V. Furlong, resigned	2010

(AE)

Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(AO)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Gary Guinen, Chairman	2010
Kim Pina	2009
Daniel A. Loranger	2008
James Frates, Alternate Member	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
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(AE)

Highway Department Employees

Henry L. Jussaume, Equipment Operator	William J. Simmons, Mechanic
Edward P. Walsh, Truck Driver/Laborer	Andrew J. Simmons, Equipment Operator
John Bernardo, Jr., Truck Driver/Laborer	Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

(EO)

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Ralph E. Gurney, Jr., Chairman	2010
Harris H. Chace, Sr., deceased	2009
Michael T. McCue	2011
Adrienne Levesque	2012

(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		2009
(EO)	WATER COMMISSION	
John J. Walsh, Chairman		2009
Robert W. Kelliher		2011
John T. Conway, Jr., resigned		2010
Michael P. Pillarella, appointed		2009
(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
Darcy Lee – (Part-time)		
	POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Ex Officio)	
Lawrence N. Ashley		2011
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 July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

POLICE PERSONNEL

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire, Chief, Keeper of the Lock-Up

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. Magnett, 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

Lieutenant Walter J. Sawicki

Detective/Sergeant Michael J. Byrnes

Other Constables:

Edward A. Mello

Michael C. Lecuyer

For Civil Processes, only:

Richard C. Raposa

James E. Sadeck

Joseph Migliori

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, transferred
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

2007-2008

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

James Berg, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Kurt Biszko, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Mark Brogan, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Jeffrey Brum, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
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
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.-P
Eric Reynolds, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Vernon Roberts, Call Captain
Raymond Schmidt, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Ryan Charles Silvia, Call Firefighter
Kevin Smith, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Edward Sylvia, 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
Paul R. Bourgeois
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Gary Silvia
Jacqueline A. Brown

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
Leocadia V. Pittsley
Joyce Cocke
Marillyn Tripp
Janice Gurney
Robert Martel
Amy L. Copeland
Wayne A. Snell, resigned
Susan A. Rousseau, resigned

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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

Judith Reese

Clarence R. Dearden

(AO)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

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

Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

Jean C. Fox, Chairman
Robert L. Adams
Ellen C. Lima
John W. Remedis

Suzanne R. Ashley
Michael T. McCue
Sharon L. Hadley
James M. O'Leary

FREETOWN'S 325TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

Michael T. McCue, Chairman
Rev. Bill Comeau
Suzanne R. Ashley
Elizabeth A. Lawton

Jean C. Fox
James O'Leary
John W. Remedis
Judith M. Gregory
Robert L. Gregory

Robert L. Adams
Ellen C. Lima
Sharon L. Hadley
Andrew A. Fitzgerald

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

Michael T. McCue, Chairman
Sharon L. Hadley

Jean C. Fox
Robert L. Adams

Stephen J. Furtado
Mark S. 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
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

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

Lawrence N. Ashley
Alexander A. Stylos

(AO)

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

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

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

(AO)

PARKS COMMISSION
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

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

Paul R. Bourgeois
Keven V. Desmarais
Jill Swartzendruber

(AO)

RUBBISH COLLECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

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

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

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

Lawrence N. Ashley
Lisa A. Pacheco
Robert N. Raymond

Laurie A. Carvalho
E. Winn Davis
Helen E. Medeiros

Jean C. Fox
Mary E.R. Brown
J. David Mannion

ELM STREET BRIDGE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

Lawrence N. Ashley
Charles J. Macomber
Mary E.R. Brown
Paul L. Deneault

Jean C. Fox
James Rezendes
Joseph Medeiros
Robert N. Raymond

(AO)

ZONING STUDY COMMITTEE
Terms Expire: June 30, 2008

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., Esq. – Municipal Hearings Officer for State Fire and Building Codes.

Lawrence N. Ashley – Sexual Harassment Officer; Local Coordinator - Americans with Disabilities' Act; Member, Mass. Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board. Freetown's Representative to Southeastern Regional Transit Authority. Member – School District Facilities' Study Committee; Member – Elm Street Bridge Committee; Freetown's Representative to the Casino Gaming Study Committee; Freetown's Representative to the Exit 8 ½ Committee.

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

Althea H. Brady – Representative to Assawompsett Ponds Complex Advisory Committee. Member - Regional Open Space Committee through SRPEDD.

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

E. Winn Davis – Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD); Representative to Regional Economic Strategy Committee in conjunction with Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

Jean C. Fox – Representative to Metropolitan Planning Organization in conjunction with Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD.)

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.)

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

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

Linda H. Lynn Remedis – Assistant Procurement Officer; Assistant Grants' Coordinator-Office of the Board of Selectmen; Parking Clerk.

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Receipts were deposited to the Treasurer as follows:

Liquor Licenses:

All Alcoholic Common Victualer Licenses:	3 @	\$1,000.00 =	\$ 3,000.00
All Alcoholic Innholder's License:	1 @	\$1,000.00 =	1,000.00
All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses:	3 @	\$1,000.00 =	3,000.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Package Store Lic.	2 @	\$600.00 =	1,200.00
All Alcoholic Club License:	1 @	\$900.00 =	900.00
Entertainment Licenses:	3 @	\$100.00 =	300.00

Food Licenses/Permits:

Bakery Licenses:	2 @	\$50.00 =	\$ 100.00
Common Victualer Licenses:	8 @	\$50.00 =	400.00
Food Establishment Permits:	13 @	\$100.00 =	1,300.00
Retail Food Permits:	7 @	\$50.00 =	350.00
Temporary Food Permits-2 Day	5 @	\$20.00 =	100.00
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:	15 @	\$50.00 ea. =	\$ 750.00
Annual Auctioneer's License:	1 @	\$25.00 ea. =	25.00
1-Day Auction Licenses:	2 @	\$15.00 ea. =	30.00
Camp Licenses:	1 @	\$50.00 ea. =	50.00
Hawker's & Peddler's License:	2 @	\$50.00 ea. =	100.00
Jukebox Licenses:	3 @	\$20.00 ea. =	60.00
Lic. For Sale of Second-Hand Furn./Merch.:	1 @	\$10.00 ea. =	10.00
Lic. For Sale of Second-Hand Furn./Merch.:	4 @	\$25.00 ea. =	100.00
Tattoo Establishment Licenses:	1 @	\$150.00 ea. =	150.00
Tattoo Practitioner Licenses:	2 @	\$50.00 ea. =	100.00
Transient Vendor Licenses:	2 @	\$20.00 ea. =	40.00
Licenses to Transport Rubbish on Town Roads:	1 @	\$200.00 ea. =	200.00

Other Permits:

Road Opening Permit:	1 @	\$150.00 =	\$ 150.00
Tobacco Vendor Permits:	7 @	\$25.00 ea. =	175.00

Other Receipts:

Public Hearing Fees:	3 @	\$100.00 ea. =	\$ 300.00
Cable Fees:			1,384.00
Fees for Copies of Documents:			34.60
Timber Harvesting Projects:			10,107.97
Parking Ticket Fines:			420.00

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER: \$ 28,856.57

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman
Lawrence N. Ashley
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, 2007 through June 30, 200:

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	19	\$	3,800.00
Repaired Septic Systems	41	\$	3,175.00
Septic System Review	33	\$	1,050.00
Cert. Of Compliance	36	\$	360.00
Title 5 Review	21	\$	1,050.00
Installers Licenses	55	\$	7,650.00
Pump & Transport Lic.	12	\$	2,200.00
Well Permits	28	\$	2,550.00
Percolation Test Fees	87	\$	16,725.00
Milk & Cream	12	\$	130.00
Camp License	2	\$	100.00
Temporary Food	5	\$	280.00
Common Victualler	9	\$	900.00
Food Establishment	9	\$	900.00
Retail Food	4	\$	200.00
Transient Vendor	3	\$	60.00
Mobile Food	1	\$	50.00
Bakery License	3	\$	150.00
Piggery License	1	\$	125.00
Rubbish	3	\$	600.00
Tobacco	1	\$	25.00
Total Permits/Fees Collected	385	\$	42,080.00

Respectfully submitted

Paul R. Bourgeois
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2008 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed January 1, 2007 is as follows:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	\$1,319,976,400.00	
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 42,069,560.00	
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE		\$1,362,045,960.00
Number of Dwelling Units Assessed	3055	
Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	4266	
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed	272	
Tax Exemptions for FY2008		
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$ 77,000.00	
Clause 22, 22A, 22E (Veteran)	\$ 42,200.00	
Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K	\$ 28,757.49	
Tax Abatements for FY2008		\$ 26,483.18
TOTAL ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS		\$ 174,440.67
Amounts to be Raised		
Local Expenditures		\$ 20,661,636.37
State & County Assessments		\$ 233,381.00
Overlay		\$ 166,707.05
Gross Amounts to be Raised	\$ 21,061,724.42	
Estimated Receipts & Local funds	\$ 7,840,122.40	
Net Amounts to be Raised	\$ 13,221,602.02	
Real Property Tax Levy		\$ 12,629,262.62
Personal Property Tax Levy		\$ 592,339.40
TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY		\$ 13,221,602.02

Respectfully submitted

Ronald Batacao, Chairman
FREETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
FY2008 YEAR ENDING BALANCES (UNAUDITED)**

	Beg Bal	Commits	Receipts	Abatements Exemptions	Tax Title	Refunds	Ending Bal
Real09	-	6,314,631	(3,063,525)	0	0	942	3,252,049
Real08	352,534	0	(50,269)	0	(60,045)	33,046	275,265
Real07	157,183	0	(12,294)	0	(14,864)	12,453	142,478
Real06	26,661	0	(7,798)	0	(15,880)	0	2,983
Real05	4,028	0	0	0	0	0	4,028
Real04	1,863	0	0	0	0	0	1,863
Real03	0	0	0	0	0	0	(22)
Real02		0	0	0	0	0	
Real 01			0	0	0	0	
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PProp09	-	296,170	(200,565)	0	0	0	95,605
PProp08	12,776	0	(3,220)	0	0	1,050	10,607
PProp07	10,497	0	0	0	0	0	10,497
PProp06	5,160	0	0	0	0	0	5,160
PProp05	7,114	0	0	0	0	0	7,114
PProp04	9,718	0	0	0	0	0	9,718
PProp03 & Prior	22,403	0	0	0	0	0	22,403

	Beg Bal	Commits	Receipts	Abatements Exemptions	Tax Title	Refunds	Ending Bal
Boat09	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boat08	2,762	0	(1,927)	0	0	0	836
Boat07	863	0	0	0	0	0	863
Boat06	916	0	0	0	0	0	916
Boat05	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Boat04	306	0	0	0	0	0	306
Boat03	527	0	0	0	0	0	527
Boat02	308	0	0	0	0	0	308
Boat01	328	0	0	0	0	0	328
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	2,496	0	0	0	0	0	2,496
MV09	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
MV08	54,814	149,825	(101,128)	(9,811)	0	2,513	96,212
MV07	37,584	4,819	(9,865)	(504)	0	707	32,741
MV06	14,673	0	(923)	(112)	0	112	13,750
MV05	4,845	0	(45)	0	0	0	4,800
MV04	5,161	0	(29)	0	0	0	5,132
MV03 & Prior	103,868	0	(460)	0	0	0	103,408

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen G Curran, Tax Collector Term Expires March 2010
Christina Jussaume, Assistant Collector Appointed

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

I will continue to keep the best of the past investing methods and continue to make improvements where I see opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Howland, Treasurer

Cash Summary

Balance June 30, 2007	\$3,314,554.02
Receipts	\$24,027,221.04
Sub-total	\$27,341,775.06
Expended	\$24,275,974.45
Balance June 30, 2008	\$3,065,800.61

Interest

	FY06	FY07	FY08
Earned	\$144,856.38	\$162,438.00	\$107,697.83
Paid on Temporary Loans			
Net	\$144,856.38	\$162,438.00	\$107,697.83

Account Balances

Bank America - Sch. Lunch	\$555,179.54
Ma Municipal Depository Trust	\$323.02
Webster - Performance Bonds	\$84,824.44
Webster - MM	\$1,309,102.91
Webster - Payroll	\$299.85
Webster - Vendor	-\$19,281.87
Webster - Concentration	\$971,475.26
Webster - MM	
UniBank	\$162,977.46
State Street	\$900.00
	\$3,065,800.61

Tax Title Collected

	FY06	FY07	FY08
Principal	\$49,969.79	\$90,011.89	\$31,215.15
Interest	\$74,137.88	\$28,929.41	\$16,716.79
	\$124,107.67	\$118,941.30	\$47,931.94

Debt Service - Long Term
Inside the Debt Limit

	<u>Elem. School Bond Issue</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2007	\$8,625,000.00
Additional Borrowing	
Principal Payment	\$365,000.00
Interest Payment	\$304,602.50
Outstanding June 30, 2008	<u>\$8,260,000.00</u>

Debt Service - Long Term
Outside Debt Limit

	<u>Water - Serial House Note Assonet Bay Sh.</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2007	\$66,000.00
Principal Payment	\$14,000.00
Interest Payment	\$3,244.45
Outstanding June 30, 2008	<u>\$52,000.00</u>

Debt Service - Short Term

	<u>Pump. Station</u>	<u>Water Water & Pleasant</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2007	\$158,836.00	\$85,000.00
Principal Payment	\$5,197.77	\$6,640.00
Interest Payment	\$3,569.83	\$3,475.00
Outstanding June 30, 2008	<u>\$153,638.23</u>	<u>\$78,360.00</u>

TRUST FUNDS

SPECIAL FUNDS

Septic Grant Program	\$126,559.53
Planning Board Engineering	\$22,759.57
Appeals Board Engineering	\$2,076.48
Law Enforcement	\$413.27
Library Plan & Design	\$18,327.02
Arts Lottery	\$2,064.15
Conser. Bd. Eng. Fees	\$83.04
No Int. Bicycle Safety	\$391.85
Sub Total - Special Funds	\$172,674.91

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	\$157,617.00
Chace Cemetery	\$74,600.00
Rounsvlele Cemetery	\$10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	\$7,065.00
White Cemetery	\$1,650.00
Evans Cemetery	\$37,100.00
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$288,682.00

OTHER NON-EXPENDABLE

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

LIBRARY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Irene Plouffe	\$263.99
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$154.55
J. White Therrien	\$18,685.03
White Memorial	\$1,082.88
C. Clark Memorial	\$3,999.83
Douglas Dana	\$1,405.45
Annie Hunt	\$3,420.83
Warren Cudworth	\$4,767.43
Gagne	\$1,899.47
A.A. Paine	\$1,157.41
Betsy Hathaway	\$4,478.31
George Hathaway	\$34,005.62
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,965.61
C. Isabel Hathaway	\$1,276.96
Morgan Memorial	\$959.11
Parker Memorial	\$414.57
Clarence Kendrick	\$155.22
Sub Total Library Funds	\$80,092.27

CEMETERY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$17,273.16
Chace Cemetery	\$5,272.29
Rounseville Cemetery	\$8,456.15
Morton Cemetery	\$3,690.85
White Cemetery	\$475.10
Evans Cemetery	\$19,544.04
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$54,711.59

MISCELLANEOUS

Clark Scholarship	\$98.72
Symp. & Hosp.	\$1,438.08
Conservation	\$96,398.22
Stablization	\$60,692.79
Unfunded Pension	\$59,872.87
Fire-Call Disability	\$12,194.05
Post War Rehab	\$491.67
Pararde & Fireworks	\$15,558.75
Town Hall Building	\$2,042.70
Federal Forfeiture	\$68,808.63
Police Reserve Disability	\$790.66
Education & Scholarship	\$588.35
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$1,695.31
Elderly & Disabled Int.	\$203.95
Cemetery Stabilization	\$1,068.54
Sub Total Miscellaneous	\$321,943.29

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/08 **\$971,475.26**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report showing activity that occurred in the Town Clerk's Office for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008:

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE: At the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, the fee schedule was reviewed for the Town Clerk's Office. A fee survey was done of other surrounding communities and the fees on vital records, etc., were adjusted accordingly.

PASSPORTS: The US Dept of State introduced the US Passport Card. The wallet size passport card is not a valid ID for travel by air. It is valid for land and sea crossings between the US and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. The Town Clerk's Office processed 431 applications (\$10,775) and 183 passports photos (\$2,197) during this period.

ELECTIONS:

Presidential Primary – On November 26, 2007 the Governor signed legislation to move the Presidential Primary date. The Town Clerks and City Election Commissions offices were notified by the Secretary of State's Office that the Presidential Primary date for this year had been changed from March 4, 2008 to February 5, 2008.

Annual Election – A change in the by-law concerning the local election date was changed at the May 2007 Annual Town meeting. This year the Annual Election was held on April 7th, the first Monday in April instead of the first Monday in March as in years past.

Recount – For the second year in a row, there was a Recount called for the Selectmen, Board of Health and Personnel Board Member position. The results of the election were: 527 votes for incumbent Lawrence N. Ashley, 523 votes for candidate Michael C. Lecuyer. The recount was held on April 29, 2008 at the Freetown Elementary School Cafeteria. The Board of Registrars issued a Certificate of Determination and declared Lawrence N. Ashley the winner of the election. The final results of the election were Mr. Ashley with 530 votes and Mr. Lecuyer with 524 votes.

Election Workers – In March, Virginia French retired after 60 years of service as an election worker and Warden in Precinct 1. At the annual town meeting, Mrs. French was presented with citations from the State in recognition of her years of service to the town. Without her there, Precinct 1 just seemed to be missing something this year.

On a very sad note, Jerry Reese, Precinct 2's Election Clerk passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2008. His friendly jovial presence will be forever missed in Precinct 2.

On a closing note, I would like to extend my many thanks to Diane Souza, the Assistant Town Clerk for her support and constant dedication to the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Brown, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

July 2007 to June 2008

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	78
Deaths	47
Marriages Recorded	38

DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1,621	}	Total	\$13,588.00
Kennel Licenses Issued	53			

HUNTING & FISHING

Fishing	45	\$ 1,215.00
Fishing Minor	1	11.00
Fishing 65-69	3	47.25
Non-Resident Fishing (3 days)	1	23.00
Fishing Free	7	- 0 -
Duplicate Fishing	1	2.50
Hunting	21	567.00
Hunting 65-69	2	31.50
Hunting, Big Game (NR)	1	99.00
Sporting	25	1,112.50
Sporting 65-69	5	122.50
Sporting Free	17	- 0 -
Duplicate Sporting	2	5.00
Archery Stamp	29	145.00
Waterfowl Stamp	17	80.75
Primitive Stamp	30	150.00

Paid to the Commonwealth of Mass. \$3,612.00

OTHER REVENUE:

Street Maps	\$	65.00
Street/Voting List		444.42
By-Laws/Rules & Regs.		380.00
Appeals Fees		3,780.00
Copy Fees		83.90
Marriage Intentions		1,052.00
Birth Certificates		1,322.00
Death Certificates		1,200.00
Marriage Certificates		982.00
Business Certificates		2,165.00
Flammable Storage Certificates		310.00
Cemetery Plots		90.00
Miscellaneous		365.44
Dog Fines		3,270.00
Passports		10,775.00
Passport Photos		2,197.00
Bazaar/Raffle Permit		40.00
Non-Criminal Violations		3,900.00
Genealogy Research		25.00
Pole Location		80.00

Other Revenue \$32,526.76

TOWN MEETINGS

November 19, 2007- SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 21 registered voters in attendance to vote on 15 articles. The meeting was adjourned without any action taken on the warrant articles.

December 3, 2007 – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 56 registered voters in attendance to vote on 14 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 70,300.00 Stabilization
\$ 332.60 Other Available Funds (Transfer)

February 25, 2008 – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium with 276 voters in attendance to vote on 7 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 15,000 Stabilization
\$ 625,000 Bond Issue/Debt Exclusion (contingent on passage of the
4/7/08 election referendum question-passed)

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 12 were also voted on and accepted to reduce the level of taxation in the amount of \$569,143.80

May 5, 2008- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium with 40 registered voters in attendance to vote on 28 articles. No action was taken on any of the articles. The annual town meeting was continued to June 11th to be held at the Freetown Elementary School Gymnasium.

June 11, 2008 (continuation of May 5th meeting)- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Gymnasium with 394 registered voters in attendance to vote on 28 articles.

Total appropriations approved:
\$ 19,409,786. Taxation
\$ 18,500. Other Available Funds (Transfer)
\$ 469,889. Enterprise Funds
\$ 5,000. Revolving Funds
\$ 740,268. Prop 2 ½ Override (contingent on passage of the 7/21/2008 Prop 2 ½
election questions – all failed)

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY 2/5/2008

Total # of Voters: 5578

of Votes Casts: 2294

% Voted: 42%

DEMOCRAT

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Totals
Presidential Preference				
John R. Edwards	5	14	10	29
Hillary Clinton	312	356	363	1031
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	1	1	0	2
Christopher J. Dodd	2	1	0	3
Mike Gravel	1	1	0	2
Barack Obama	143	138	132	413
Dennis J. Kucinich	2	0	1	3
Bill Richardson	0	0	1	1
No Preference	3	0	7	10
Write-in	2	0	0	2
Blank	8	1	0	9
Total	479	512	514	1505
State Committee Man				
Ronald J. Cabral, Sr.	313	347	375	1035
Write-in	5	2	1	8
Blank	161	163	138	462
Total	479	512	514	1505
State Committee Woman				
Ida Cabral	321	343	375	1039
Write-in	5	1	0	6
Blank	153	168	139	460
Total	479	512	514	1505
*Town Committee				

Write-in	71	111	51	233
Blank	4719	5009	5089	14817
Total	4790	5120	5140	15050
Precinct Totals	479	512	514	1505

*Democratic Town Committee Elected by Write-ins

# of Democrat Votes Casts:	1505	Lawrence Ashley	Robert Fitzgerald
		Jean Fox	William Lombardi
Total # of Democrat Voters:	1585	Lisa Pacheco	Sharyn Fitzgerald
		Myrna Lubin	James O'Leary
		Paul Lubin	David Shurtleff

REPUBLICAN

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Totals
Presidential Preference				
John McCain	86	93	142	321
Fred Thompson	0	0	0	0
Tom Tancredo	1	0	0	1
Duncan Hunter	0	0	0	0
Mike Huckabee	13	13	22	48
Mitt Romney	137	125	130	392
Ron Paul	4	3	5	12
Rudy Giuliani	1	0	1	2
No Preference	2	1	1	4
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	0	1	2	3
Total	245	237	303	785
State Committee Man				
Stephen Martin	163	166	210	539
Write-in	1	3	1	5
Blank	81	68	92	241
Total	245	237	303	785
State Committee Woman				
Linda J. Rapoza	155	168	199	522
Write-in	0	1	1	2
Blank	90	68	103	261
Total	245	237	303	785
*Town Committee				

Write-in	16	38	38	92
Blank	8559	8257	10567	27383
Total	8575	8295	10605	27475
Precinct Totals	245	237	303	785

	<u>*Republican Town Committee Elected by Write-ins</u>
# of Republican Votes Casts:	785
Total # of Republican Voters:	650

No residents received the required 5 or more votes to be elected by write-ins.

GREEN-RAINBOW

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Totals
Presidential Preference				
Jared Ball	0	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	1	0	0	1
Elaine Brown	0	0	0	0
Kat Swift	0	0	0	0
Cynthia McKinney	0	1	0	1
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	2
 State Committee Man				

Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	1	1	0	2
Total	1	1	0	2
 State Committee Woman				

Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	1	1	0	2
Total	1	1	0	2
 Town Committee				

Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	10	10	0	20
Total	10	10	0	20
Precinct Totals	1	1	0	2
 # of Green-Rainbow Votes Casts: 2				
 Total # of Green-Rainbow Voters: 7				

WORKING FAMILIES

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Totals
Presidential Preference				
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	1	0	0	1
Total	2	0	0	2
State Committee Man				

Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	1	0	0	1
Total	2	0	0	2
State Committee Woman				

Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	1	0	0	1
Total	2	0	0	2
Town Committee				

Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	19	0	0	19
Total	20	0	0	20
Precinct Totals	2	0	0	2

of Working Families Votes Casts: 2

Total # of Working Families Voters: 6

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/7/08

#Absentee Ballots: 45
 Total # of Voters: 5577

of Votes Casts: 1242
 % Voted: 23%

Precinct Votes Casts	487	407	348	
Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Totals
Selectman, Board of Health & Personnel				
Board Member (Recount held 4/29/08)				
Lawrence N. Ashley	214	164	149	527
John T. Conway, Jr.	103	40	38	181
Michael C. Lecuyer	167	198	158	523
Write-in	2	0	3	5
Blank	1	5	0	6
Total	487	407	348	1242
 Assessor				
Sheila Scaduto	339	275	246	860
Write-in	3	4	1	8
Blank	145	128	101	374
Total	487	407	348	1242
 School Committee				
Alexandre M. Magalhaes	319	261	233	813
Write-in	3	3	0	6
Blank	165	143	115	423
Total	487	407	348	1242
 Cemetery Committee				
Michael T. McCue	346	286	237	869
Write-in	5	1	0	6
Blank	136	120	111	367
Total	487	407	348	1242
 Library Trustees (vote for 2)				
Vacant				
*Write-in	52	50	56	158
Blank	922	764	640	2326
Total	974	814	696	2484
 Water Commissioner				
Vacant				
*Write-in	44	39	28	111
Blank	443	368	320	1131
Total	487	407	348	1242
 Planning Board (5 year term)				
George J. Lambert	175	157	155	487
Michael J. Motta	248	187	130	565
Write-in	2	0	1	3
Blank	62	63	62	187
Total	487	407	348	1242

(cont. 4/7/08 Annual Town Election	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Totals
Planning Board (3 year unexpired)				
George J. Lambert	111	91	96	298
William John McCue	168	123	90	381
Michael J. Motta	164	132	102	398
Write-in	0	3	0	3
Blank	44	58	60	162
Total	487	407	348	1242
Finance Committee (vote for 2)				
Robert H. Alderson	303	208	201	712
Paul L. Deneault	281	242	212	735
Write-in	2	2	1	5
Blank	388	362	282	1032
Total	974	814	696	2484
Finance Committee (2 year unexpired)				
William J. Lombardi	329	249	238	816
Write-in	2	1	0	3
Blank	156	157	110	423
Total	487	407	348	1242
Question 1 – Elm St Bridge Prop 2 ½				
Yes	230	196	156	582
No	194	160	141	495
Blank	63	51	51	165
Total	487	407	348	1242

***Elected by write-ins Library Trustees – Richard Spencer and Melanie Dodenhoff**
Water Commissioner – Robert Kelliher

**SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH &
PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER
4/29/08- ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RECOUNT RESULTS**

	ASHLEY	CONWAY	LECUYER	WRITE-INS	BLANKS	TOTAL		ASHLEY	CONWAY	LECUYER	WRITE-INS	BLANKS	
PREC. #1							PREC. #2						
Block # 1	34	4	13	0	0	51	Block # 1	21	9	20	0	0	50
2	28	6	16	0	0	50	2	25	0	25	0	0	50
3	21	12	17	0	0	50	3	22	3	25	0	0	50
4	14	16	20	0	0	50	4	17	6	25	0	2	50
5	23	8	19	0	0	50	5	17	5	28	0	0	50
6	20	4	26	0	0	50	6	24	6	20	0	0	50
7	21	13	16	0	0	50	7	18	5	27	0	0	50
8	22	15	13	0	0	50	8	19	5	26	0	0	50
9	22	9	18	0	1	50	9	3	2	2	0	0	7
10	10	16	10	0	0	36							
TOTALS	215	103	168	0	1	487	TOTALS	166	41	198	0	2	407
	ASHLEY	CONWAY	LECUYER	WRITE-INS	BLANKS	TOTAL	TOTAL TALLY	ASHLEY	CONWAY	LECUYER	WRITE-INS	BLANKS	TOTAL
PREC. #3													
Block # 1	20	7	18	0	3	48	PREC. #1	215	103	168	0	1	487
2	30	2	18	0	0	50							
3	16	8	26	0	0	50	PREC. #2	166	41	198	0	2	407
4	15	5	30	0	0	50							
5	27	5	18	0	0	50	PREC. #3	149	38	158	0	3	348
6	20	4	26	0	0	50							
7	21	7	22	0	0	50							
TOTALS	149	38	158	0	3	348	TOTALS	530	182	524	0	6	1242

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007
through June 30, 2008:

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Moquin
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
 ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

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	GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL	FUND TYPES SPECIAL REVENUE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES TRUST AND AGENCY	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS MEMORANDUM ONLY
ASSETS AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS						
CASH	1,430,568	784,935	850,291			3,065,794
PETTY CASH						
RECEIVABLES, NET OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS						
PROPERTY TAX	605,986					605,986
TITLE V		503				503
EXCISES	229,931					229,931
WATER LIENS		29,977				29,977
TAX LIENS	273,282					273,282
TAX FORECLOSURES	275,927					275,927
TAXES IN LITIGATION						
ROLL-BACK TAXES						
IN-LIEU OF TAXES						
DEPARTMENTAL	142,485					142,485
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		112,533				112,533
DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		351,153				351,153
DUE FROM TRUST AGENCY						
PROJECT AUTHORIZED						
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR:						
NOTES PAYABLE					8,312,000	
BONDS PAYABLE					8,312,000	
	2,958,179	1,279,101	850,291	0	8,312,000	5,087,571

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		CAPITAL	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST AND AGENCY	PROJECTS	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
LIABILITIES						
WARRANTS PAYABLE	433,974	3,224	2,480			439,678
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	179,424					179,424
ACCRUED PAYROLL PAYABLE	89,350					89,350
WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	21,494					21,494
OTHER LIABILITIES		8,250	60,492			68,742
DEFERRED REVENUE:						
PROPERTY TAXES	512,149					512,149
TITLE V		503				503
OTHER RECEIVABLES	923,156	381,130				1,304,286
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		112,765				112,765
PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	51,089					51,089
DUE TO GENERAL FUND						
PROJ. AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETE						
NOTES PAYABLE		231,998				231,998
BONDS PAYABLE					8,312,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,210,636	737,870	62,972	0	8,312,000	3,011,478
FUND EQUITY						
RESERVED FUND BALANCE						
ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR YEAR	245,845	0				245,845
ENDOWMENTS			342,053			342,053
PETTY CASH						
TOTAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE	245,845	0	342,053	0	0	587,898
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE						
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	649,293	541,231	445,266			1,635,790
DESIGNATED FOR:						

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST AND AGENCY			MEMORANDUM ONLY
CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURES						0
OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS						0
PROPERTY TAX VARIANCE	(2,040)					(2,040)
SPEC PURP EDUC CARRY OVER						0
APPROPRIATION DEFICITS	(99,062)					(99,062)
OVER/UNDER ABATEMENTS	(46,493)					(46,493)
COURT JUDGEMENTS						
TEACHER PAY DEFERRAL						
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	501,698	541,231	445,266	0	0	1,488,195
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	747,543	541,231	787,319	0	0	2,076,093
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	2,958,179	1,279,101	850,291	0	8,312,000	5,087,571

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS
REVENUES:				
PROPERTY TAXES	12,776,933			12,776,933
EXCISE-MOTOR VEHICLE	1,515,951			1,515,951
TAX LIENS REDEEMED	31,215			31,215
SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE TITLE V			8,905	8,905
OTHER EXCISE	5,950			5,950
OTHER TAXES	0			0
IN LIEU OF TAXES	10,030			10,030
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	73,535	13,883		87,418
WATER CHARGES-SERVICES		689,854		689,854
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	312,735			312,735
DEPARTMENTAL	572,573	551,338		1,123,911
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		13,872		13,872
LICENSE/PERMITS	173,717			173,717
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FED		131,376		131,376
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	3,599,737	341,050		3,940,787
FINES & FORFEITS	71,295			71,295
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	63,159	5,299	35,285	103,743
CONTIB/REFUNDS/DONATIONS			23,719	23,719
MISCELLANEOUS	46,719			46,719
TOTAL REVENUES	19,253,549	1,755,577	59,004	21,068,130

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY	CAPITAL	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS		
EXPENDITURES					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	846,803	62,287			909,090
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,700,256	27,567	2,656		2,730,479
EDUCATION	11,063,230	841,824	7,509	-	11,912,563
PUBLIC WORKS	959,057	301,961	9,330		1,270,348
WATER		574,759			574,759
HUMAN SERVICES	157,202	10,530			167,732
CULTURE & RECREATION	115,182	8,664	14,277		138,123
DEBT SERVICES	669,603	26,722			696,325
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	235,129	729			235,858
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,827,487				1,827,487
RETIREMENT	648,901				648,901
INSURANCE	184,000				184,000
COURT JUDGMENTS	200,000				200,000
MISC					0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,606,850	1,855,043	33,772	-	21,495,665
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(353,301)	(99,466)	25,232	-	(427,535)

	GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL	FUND TYPES SPECIAL REVENUE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
OTHER FINANCING USES:					
TRANSFER IN	475,356	1,346		-	476,702
TRANSFER OUT	(1,346)	(14,633)	(460,723)		(476,702)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES					
	474,010	(13,287)	(460,723)	-	0
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	120,709	(112,753)	(435,491)	-	(427,535)
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2006	626,834	653,984	1,222,810	-	2,503,628
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2007	747,543	541,231	787,319	-	2,076,093

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		GENERAL FUND
	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:			
PROPERTY TAXES	13,054,895	12,808,148	(246,747)
EXCISE TAXES	1,300,000	1,515,951	215,951
OTHER EXCISE	8,000	5,950	(2,050)
PEN & INT CHARGES	100,000	31,230	(68,770)
IN LIEU OF TAXES	4,000	10,030	6,030
OTHER TAXES	69,100	42,305	(26,795)
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	310,500	312,735	2,235
LICENSE & PERMITS	166,000	173,717	7,717
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	3,524,239	3,599,737	75,498
FINES & FORFEITS	60,000	71,295	11,295
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	100,000	63,159	(36,841)
DEPARTMENTAL	526,000	572,573	46,573
MISCELLANEOUS	10,000	46,719	36,719
DONATIONS/CONTRIB/REFUND	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	19,232,734	19,253,549	20,815
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,194,612	846,803	347,809
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,741,127	2,700,256	40,871
EDUCATION	11,078,493	11,063,230	15,263
PUBLIC WORKS	931,408	959,057	(27,649)
HUMAN SERVICES	159,571	157,202	2,369
CULTURE & RECREATION	135,887	115,182	20,705
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	234,904	235,129	(225)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,819,153	1,827,487	(8,334)
RETIREMENT	648,901	648,901	0
INSURANCE	250,000	184,000	66,000
DEBT SERVICE	669,600	669,603	(3)
COURT JUDGMENTS	200,000	200,000	0
OTHER (UNCLASSIFIED)	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,063,656	19,606,850	456,806

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(830,922)	(353,301)	477,621
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	449,186	449,186	
TRANSFERS IN/OUT	474,010	474,010	
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	(46,493)	(46,493)	
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	(42,514)	(42,514)	
ASSESSMENT DEFICIT	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>834,189</u>	<u>834,189</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		<u>480,888</u>	<u>477,621</u>

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FY 2008**

SCHOOL FUNDS:

CAFETERIA	24,386.41
CHAPTER 1	(4,328.97)
REAP GRANT	92.06
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	(11,296.51)
IMPROV EDUCATOR	(182.23)
PALMS	0.00
EMERGENCY EDUCATION	0.00
INSURANCE RECOVERY	3,770.95
LOST BOOKS	838.80
PRE SCHOOL	2,462.38
ENERGY IMPROVEMENT	0.00
BOILER GRANT	0.00
CLASS SIZE REDUCTION	0.00
SAFE/FREE DRUG GRANT	231.85
ACADEMIC ENTITLE	0.00
REMEDATION ASSISTANT	0.00
SCH INNOVATIVE PROGRAM	(788.72)
FED ENHANCE TECH	364.79
POTHOLE GRANT	0.00
CIRCUIT BREAKER	69,050.59
SCHOOL DONATION	0.00
AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT	1,980.00
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS	86,581.40

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

SEPTIC GRANT	126,559.53
HIGHWAY FUNDS	(55,172.33)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WETLANDS	31,410.38
POLICE INS RECOVERY	5,949.97
TELEPHONE ALARM	3,863.59
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	24,622.00
LANDFILL FUND (RES FOR APPROP)	97,060.79
RD MACHINERY FUND	0.00
POLICE PHOTO ID FUND	30.00
STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS (POL LAW ENFORCE)	1,683.27
RECYCLING FUND	1,549.73
HIGHWAY INSURANCE	5,301.44
WATER REVOLVING	118,754.43
WATER ABS LINE	(2,786.65)
WATER WATER ST LINE	(75,696.00)
ELDER AFFAIRS	581.05
RIVERWAYS GRANT	246.39
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	3,964.15
CENSUS REIMB GRANT	0.00
AID TO LIBRARIES	12,084.86

BICYCLE FUND	391.85
CABLEVISION FUND	10.00
DRUG EDUCATION REFORM	2,022.38
COUNCIL ON AGING DONATIONS	13,638.58
PLANNING ENGINEERING FEES	18,467.02
APPEALS ENGINEERING FEES	(1,481.95)
LIBRARY DONATIONS	13,513.89
ELECTIONS GRANT	0.00
POLICE C.O.P.S	8,129.28
POLICE EQUIPMENT GRANT	13,525.00
POLICE UNIVERSAL HIRE	29,280.85
POLICE COMMUNITY GRANT	3,326.64
FIRE SAFE GRANT	7,719.47
CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS	32,466.80
MTPC ENERGY GRANT	0.00
COMPOST BINS	1,354.20
FIRE AMBULANCE TASK GRANT	0.00
POL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2,204.50
BOAT REVOLVING FUND	9,349.60
HURRICANE GRANT	0.00
DOG OFFICER DONATION	0.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT	0.00
LIBRARY PLAN & ENG	18,327.02
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	6,937.84
FIRE HOME SECURITY GRANT	71.31
POLICE HOME SECURITY GRANT	5,205.36
SALE REAL ESTATE	7,266.88
CIVIL DEFENSE LOCAL PREPARENESS	0.00
SMART GROWTH	10,000.00
CONSERVATION ENGINEERING FEES	27.43
MEMORIAL PARK	0.00
CEMETERY DONATIONS	20.00
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>508,379.51</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	594,960.91

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF AGENCY FUNDS FY 2008**

UNCLAIMED ITEMS	\$26,921.11
PLANNING DEPOSITS	\$68,289.60
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DEPOSITS	\$0.00
POLICE FIREARM LICENSES	\$3,037.50
OTHER LIABILITY POLICE OFF-DUTY	(\$37,756.44)
TOTAL AGENCY	<hr/> \$60,491.77

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

	ESTIMATED FISCAL 2008	ACTUAL FISCAL 2008
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,300,000	1,515,951
BOAT TAXES	8,000	5,950
PENALTY & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISES	100,000	73,535
IN LIEU OF TAXES	4,000	10,030
OTHER TAXES (ROLL BACK) CHARGES	0	-
TRASH DISPOSAL	310,500	312,735
OTHER CHARGES -- SERVICES	0	-
FEES	526,000	572,110
DEPT OF REVENUE -- SCHOOLS	0	0
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	1,000	463
LICENSES & PERMITS	166,000	173,717
FINES & FORFEITURES	60,000	71,295
INVESTMENTS	100,000	63,159
PRIOR YR REFUNDS/ DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS MISCELLANEOUS (SPECIFY) non-recurring	10,000	46,719
	Budget	Actual
Bank Misc Charges	0	16,182
Prem Sale of Bond	0	0
Insurance Reimb	0	714
Misc Rev Adjust	0	6,604
Health Insurance Reimb	0	23,219
One time muni aid	0	0
	0	46,719
TOTALS	2,585,500	2,845,664

FREETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT FY 08

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Mission Statement

The Freetown Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of public safety and service to the citizens and business people within the community. The members of the Department are empowered to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the By-laws of the Town of Freetown to ensure that the peace and tranquility of our community is maintained and that crime and the fear of crime are reduced.

Core Values

The following values guide our work:

Integrity – We adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards. We are honest and sincere in dealing with each other and the community. We have the courage to uphold these principles and are proud that they guide us in all we do.

Respect – We recognize the value of individuality and treat all people with dignity. We cherish, defend and protect the rights, liberties and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

Fairness – We are consistent in our treatment of all persons. Our actions are tempered with reason, equity, and governed by law.

Department Recognition and Honors



MPAC CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION

On September 6, 2007, the Department was honored for its achievement of Certification through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC). The Department became one of fourteen in the Commonwealth to attain this distinction. To reach this milestone, the Department met or exceeded 151 professional standards that were 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.

Personnel Transitions

Detective - Sergeant Michael J. Byrnes retired after 28 years of service. Sergeant Byrnes began his service in 1979 as an Auxiliary Police Officer and continued through the ranks serving as a Reserve Patrolman, Regular Patrolman, and Sergeant. We take this opportunity to thank him for his service, dedication, and commitment.

During the fiscal year the following promotions were made: Patrolman Scott M. Rose to Sergeant and Patrolman Edward J. Dwyer to Sergeant. The promotional process involved a written examination, recommendation of the Chief of Police and interviews before a panel of police professionals and the Board of Selectmen.

Patrolman Marc A. Vachon graduated from the full-time recruit academy held at Plymouth. Patrolman Vachon had previously served as an Auxiliary Police Officer and a Reserve Police Officer.

Auxiliary Patrolmen Jacob R. Raposo and Anthony M. Pereira were appointed to serve as Reserve Police Officers.

Commendations

Throughout the year, the Freetown Police Department recognizes officers who have demonstrated uncommon initiative and dedication to serving our community; often these incidents place officers at exceptional risk in the performance of their duties.

Commendations are published internally and become a part of the officer's record.

The following officers were commended:

December 30, 2007: Sergeant Edward J. Dwyer and Reserve Patrolman Robert C. Fouquette

Synopsis: Dwyer and Fouquette interrupted two suspects who had broken into a newly constructed home during the early morning hours and were in the process of stealing various contents. Although the suspects fled the scene on foot, Dwyer and Fouquette gave pursuit and ultimately apprehended both suspects.

March 20, 2008: Sergeant Steven E. Abbott, Patrolman Ryan W. Perreira, and Reserve Patrolman Craig J. Cabral

Synopsis: An emotionally disturbed suspect had armed herself with a knife, attacked and injured a family member with the knife, and had attempted to barricade herself in her home. Abbott,

Perreira and Cabral gained entry and were confronted by the knife-wielding suspect. These officers disarmed her with the use of a Taser.

May 6, 2008: Sergeants Charles B. Sullivan and Swede M. Magnett, Patrolmen Donald B. Bullock, Mark B. Bullock, and Benjamin A. Levesque

Synopsis: Off-duty Patrolman Donald Bullock alerted the Department to suspicious activity. Sullivan, Magnett, Mark Bullock, and Levesque were involved in the investigation and apprehension of two suspects who had broken into a home and had stolen a firearm. As a result of the officers' actions, a firearm was recovered. One of the suspects, a career criminal, was held without bail pending trial, as a court determined him to be a dangerous person.

May 7, 2008: Sergeant Scott M. Rose, Patrolmen Mark Fornaciari, and Reserve Patrolman Jeremy A. Lockwood

Synopsis: Rose, Fornaciari, and Lockwood interrupted two suspects attempting to break into a local business during the early morning hours. The officers pursued the suspects on foot and ultimately captured one near the scene and the other at his nearby home.

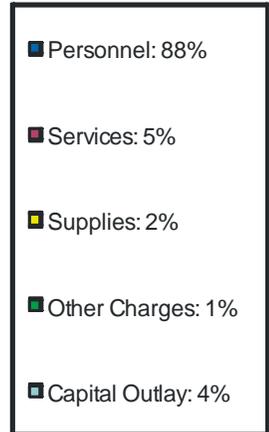
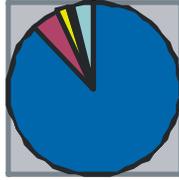
Budget

The Freetown Police Department's budget includes annual allotments for payroll and expenses. The fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th.

The Department's budget was strained due to the financial burden created by increased activities, investigations, vacancies, injuries, and patrol hours uncovered due the six-month absence of an officer attending the police academy. In addition to not replacing the vacancy created by Sergeant Byrnes' retirement, the Town contemplated the lay-off of two additional full time police officers.

Police Department FY 07-08 Budget

Personnel	\$1,224,137
Services	\$80,661
Supplies	\$26,227
Other Charges	\$1,900
Capital Outlay	\$59,282
Total	\$1,392,207



The FY 07-08 budget represented a reduction of \$47,594 or 3.3 % from the previous FY 06-07 budget.

The Department was successful in obtaining county, state, and federal grant monies. These monies included 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 2007 Harley Davidson motorcycle for traffic enforcement, and augment manpower for various town events.

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

Court Fines & Parking Fees.....	\$71,295.00
Detail Administration Fees.....	\$26,323.00
Court Restitution.....	\$ 1,092.00
Firearm Fees.....	\$ 4,887.50
Report Fees.....	\$ 989.00
Oversize Load Permits:.....	\$ 40.00

School Resource Officer

A School Resource Officer (SRO) position at the Freetown Elementary School was funded by a COPS in Schools grant awarded through the U.S. Department of Justice. The SRO’s duties included the coordination of drug awareness and anti-violence programs as well as various bicycle safety, stranger danger, and school bus safety classes.

Patrolman Benjamin A. Levesque was assigned as the Department’s SRO and worked with school officials to identify out of town students attending our school. Thousands of dollars worth of services have been exploited by out of town residents sending their children to our school. The cooperation between school officials and Patrolman Levesque has included the detection, investigation, and prosecution of child abuse cases.

Patrolman Levesque was also responsible for the detection and arrest of an unregistered sex offender near our school. The suspect was discovered to have been using an alias to evade sex offender registration.

When school is not in session, the S.R.O. grant conditions have allowed Patrolman Levesque to return to patrol duties thereby reducing the burden on the police budget and supplementing personnel.

BCI

The police union worked with management and an agreement was reached whereby the resources of the Plymouth County Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) would be utilized. BCI provides services, at no charge, such as handwriting analysis, composite drawings, and crime scene processing for fingerprints and DNA. Consequently, several suspects were identified in connection with breaking and entering crimes. This has also realized a substantial savings for the Town.

Facility

The existing police facility is inadequate for the safety, security and equipment needs of a department our size and the demands placed upon it. The holding facility does not provide a secure environment for officers to process prisoners. The locker room does not accommodate present staffing levels. There are no state approved juvenile or female holding areas. What remains of the building’s heating system was not designed to accommodate the building’s needs. The electrical system is overwhelmed by various technologies that have been implemented over the years. The building lacks proper storage areas. Officers process evidence, clean their weapons, and handle hazardous materials at the same table that they eat meals upon.

SEMLEC

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 response, tactical, marine, and dive team units. SEMLEC consists of 22 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel and equipment.

False Alarms

Police resources continue to be allocated to alarms. A chargeable alarm results after police have responded to the same premises on two previous false alarms within the preceding year.

Chargeable Alarms:	317
Non-Chargeable:	236
TOTAL:	553

Firearm Licensing

The Department issued the following Firearm Licenses:

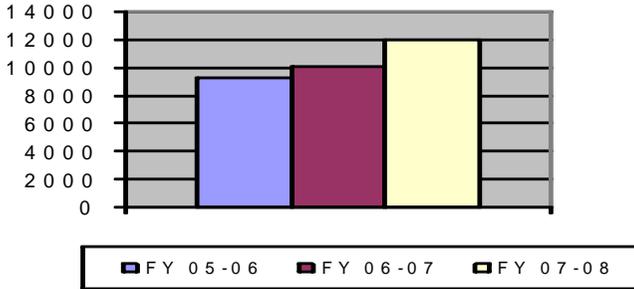
License to Carry.....	221
Firearm Identification Card.....	28
Total.....	249

Statistics & Crime Trends

Call Numbers

	FY 05-06	FY 06-06-07	FY 07-08
Call Numbers	9,260	10,058	11,960

CALL NUMBERS



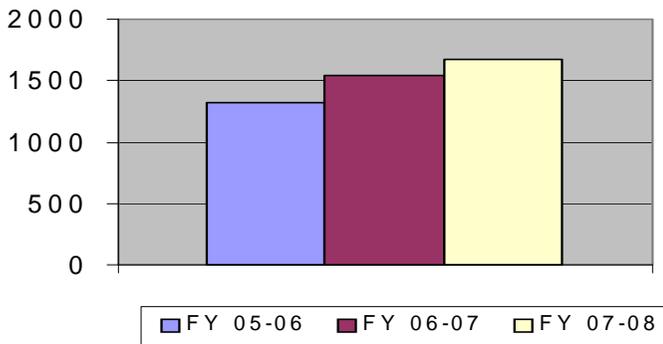
The total volume of calls increased by 2,700 or 29% from FY 05-06 to FY 07-08.

Offenses Reported

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08
Rape & Sodomy	3	7	2
Robbery	6	0	1
Aggravated (weapon) Assault	22	35	41
Simple Assault	41	53	52
Intimidation	37	48	59
Arson	2	2	2
Burglary	42	56	77
Pocket Picking	0	0	1
Purse Snatching	1	1	1
Shoplifting	1	3	10
Theft from Building	60	68	85
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	30	18
All other Larceny	45	92	71
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	20	24
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	9	5
False Pretenses	16	24	12
Credit Card/ATM	3	9	1
Stolen Property Offenses	3	9	5
Impersonation	3	8	8
Embezzlement	0	2	1
Vandalism	84	168	133
Drug Violations	33	17	29
Drug Equipment Violations	1	1	0
Incest	1	0	0
Statutory Rape	3	6	4

Prostitution	0	1	0
Weapons Violations	1	13	18
Bad Checks	26	12	11
Disorderly Conduct	12	11	14
Driving Under the Influence	28	31	36
Drunkenness	18	18	21
Family Offenses, Non Violent	1	4	2
Liquor Law Violations	8	15	29
Trespassing	18	17	25
Town By-Law Offenses	611	542	569
All Other Offenses	150	216	311
TOTALS	1,319	1,548	1,679

OFFENSES REPORTED

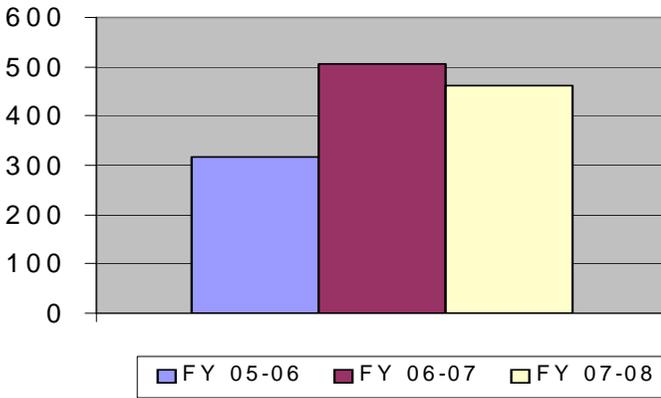


The total number of offenses committed increased by 360 or 27% from FY 05-06 to FY 07-08.

Case Activity

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08
Total Offenses Committed	1,319	1,548	1,679
Total Felonies	316	507	462
Total Arrests (On View)	139	128	123
Total Arrests (Warrants)	86	103	80
Total Summons Arrests	174	160	172
Total Arrests	399	391	375
Total Protective Custody	20	19	18
Total Juvenile Arrests	12	17	9
Total Restraining Orders	28	46	46

FELONIES

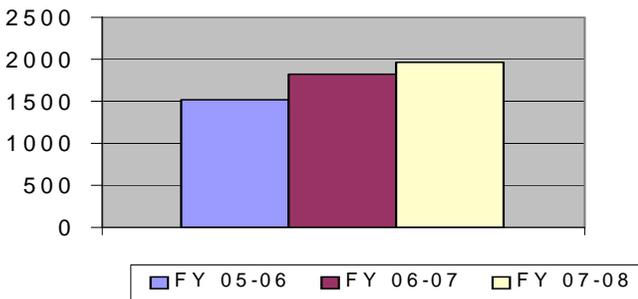


The total number of felonies increased by 146 or 46% from FY 05-06 to FY 07-08.

Other Violations

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08
Motor Vehicle Violations	1,479	1,767	1,901
Municipal By-Law Violations	39	61	61

OTHER VIOLATIONS

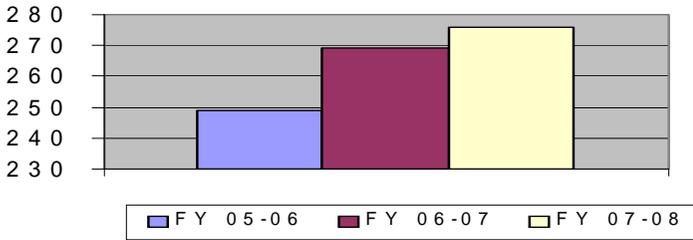


The total number of motor vehicle and by-law violations increased by 444 or 29% from FY 05-06 to FY 07-08.

Collisions

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08
Motor Vehicle Accidents Reports – Town Roads	184	215	191
Route 24 Responses	48	40	75
Route 140 Responses	17	14	10
TOTAL	249	269	276

C O L L I S I O N S



The total number of collisions increased by 27 or 11% from FY 05-06 to FY 07-08.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE

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

The following is the Annual Town Report of Freetown Fire & Rescue for the fiscal year of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

As most are aware this will be my last Annual Town Report as Fire Chief for Freetown. I started on September 21, 1977 as a Fulltime Firefighter/EMT and was promoted to Fire Chief on April 1, 1990. We have all experienced many changes over thirty one years with the new Fire Station on Bullock Road, Fulltime Fire and Ambulance coverage, Paramedic Level Ambulance Service to name a few. I have truly enjoyed my career in the Fire Service and want to thank Flo, our Firefighters, Department Heads, Boards of Selectmen, all Town Employees, and the Citizens of Freetown for all thirty-one years.

All full-time firefighters have been busy with smoke detector and co detector inspections for homes that have been sold. Firefighters performed 163 in-service inspections during the fiscal year. Firefighters are also responsible for station cleaning and maintenance, and vehicle maintenance.

Call Firefighters Kurt J. Biszko and Ryan C. Silvia successfully completed Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Class # 023. This class is over two hundred hours of academic exams and practical skill applications. Call Firefighter Ryan C. Silvia was the recipient of the Martin H. McNamara Award given to the outstanding student of Call/Volunteer Training Class # 023. Congratulations to Kurt and Ryan!!

Freetown Fire & Rescue was awarded two grants during the fiscal year. We received a Public Safety 'SAFE' Grant and an EOPS Public Safety grant. The total of these grants was \$9,150.00.

Freetown Fire & Rescue is still in dire need of Fire Apparatus replacement. The 1983 Pumper in Assonet has been permanently removed from service for safety concerns and the 1986 Pumper housed at Station Three on Bullock Road is almost twenty four years old. The 1983 Apparatus should have been replaced in 2003 and the 1986 in 2006.

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Gary Silvia on his promotion to Freetown Fire Chief effective January 1, 2009.

The Freetown Fire & Rescue responded to 1,549 calls for help during the fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	638	Station Coverage	155
Medical Transfers	3	Investigations	48
Medical Mutual Aid	39	Public Assistance	33
Structural Fires	34	Fire Alarms	110
Brush Fires	32	Illegal Burning	26
Mutual Aid Fires	9	Motor Vehicle Accidents	244
Motor Vehicle Fires	36	Water Rescues	5
Carbon Monoxide Calls	8	Details	16
Electrical Emergencies	54	Miscellaneous	<u>59</u>
		Total Responses	1,549

Fire Department receipts deposited to Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees	\$274,948.85
Permits & Reports	<u>\$11,302.00</u>
Total	\$286,250.85

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne A. Haskins,
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE 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 July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The Freetown Emergency Management Agency had a quiet year; we are in the process of updating the Town Emergency Dam Evacuation section of our Emergency Plan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Haskins
Freetown Emergency Management Agency

Emergency Management Agency Members

Wayne A. Haskins, Director

Paul Ashley	Jacqueline A. Brown
Elizabeth R. Connell	Linda H. Remedis
Wesley Vaughan	

Radio Operators

Michael P. Pillarella
Paul G. Sadeck

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Building Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

	Permits Issued		Permit Fees Collected
New Homes	14	\$	17,313.00
Additions	25	\$	5,043.00
New Commercial	8	\$	12,964.00
Commercial Misc	40	\$	10,912.00
Commercial Remodel	10	\$	3,615.00
Garages	15	\$	4,677.00
Sheds	13	\$	613.00
Decks	41	\$	3,273.00
Residential Remodel	13	\$	1,493.00
Above-Ground Pools	17	\$	680.00
Inground Pools	4	\$	250.00
Fireplaces	9	\$	360.00
Chimneys	19	\$	760.00
Wood Stoves	56	\$	2,240.00
Occupancy Permits	36	\$	1,800.00
Foundations	1	\$	50.00
Demolition Permits	6	\$	300.00
Miscellaneous	21	\$	1,498.00
Roofing/Siding	78	\$	3,900.00
Home Occupation	19	\$	570.00
Certificates of Inspection	28	\$	1,120.00
Zoning Permits	4	\$	80.00
Occupancy Inspections	4	\$	160.00
Gas Permits	76	\$	4,535.00
Plumbing Permits	94	\$	6,910.00
Wiring Permits	191	\$	13,624.50
Total Permits/Fees Collected	842	\$	98,740.50
Waived permits	11		
Churches/schools			

Respectfully submitted,

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 including the number of inspections performed for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Dairy Heifers:	18	Steer:	16
Cows	26	Goats:	21
Sheep:	28	Hogs:	14
Horses:	78	Chickens:	86
Waterfowl:	26	Gamebirds:	90
Rabbits:	22	Guinea Hens:	6
Dog Bites & Others:	9	"Beefalo:"	2

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Stray Dogs Brought to Shelter:	48
Dogs Euthanized:	14
Dogs Adopted:	16
Dogs Picked up by Owners:	18

The amount of \$350.00 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 annual report of the Highway Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed: Bullock Road was chip sealed from Slab Bridge Road to Chipaway Road using a 20% asphalt rubber surface treatment, and Kelly Drive was shimmed.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows: Drainage was installed and repaired on Dr. Braley Road, a culvert was replaced on Flagg Swamp Road, berms were installed on numerous roads, and routine repairs and patches were undertaken as needed.

Highway Department personnel were trained and certified in CPR once again this year. Bay State Roads Program workshops on various topics were also attended.

The Highway Department assisted other town departments as necessary throughout the year. The parking lot at the police station was expanded, and a retaining wall was built around the new area. An additional parking area was cleared and prepared at Freetown Elementary School off the Bullock Road driveway. The parking area at Memorial Park was also paved.

Various small projects were undertaken at the Assonet Burying Ground. Trash barrels and other supplies were delivered to Hathaway Park for the parade and fireworks. Signs purchased by the Anniversary Committee were installed at the town lines. Sand was hauled to the Town Beach to improve the area for visitors. A tree stand was installed at the Bandstand for the Cultural Council. 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, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

John Conway resigned as Water Commissioner in March of 2008, and Michael Pillarella was appointed in September 2008. The Water Commission was grateful for the services Mr. Conway provided, and he will be missed.

The Water Commission is responsible for overseeing the installation, maintenance and safety of the water supply lines extending into the Town from New Bedford and Fall River. In addition, the Commissioners instituted new connection fees to cover the cost of water and the maintenance of the system. The Commission has drafted an Enterprise fund budget for the water department for self funding.

The projected budget for next year is \$469,889.00 with the majority of the funds used to purchase water from New Bedford and Fall River.

Seven new customers were added this year, for a total of (575) customer.

A new pump was added to the Pump Station located on East Chipaway Road. Which now gives a total of (5) pumps.

A Water Conservation Grant was awarded to the Freetown Water Commission for the amount of \$35,000.00 from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Bacteriological Analysis is 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 2007 and the spring of 2008. A stage II testing was required by the Department of Environmental Protection for additional testing areas throughout the town which was a requirement throughout the state. 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, Ronald Beauregard, our Meter Reader/Repair Person, and Helen Medeiros, our Senior Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walsh, Chairman
Michael P. Pillarella
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, 2007, through June 30, 2008.

As New Englanders, we are known for our work ethic, our close-knit communities, and our passion for our storied history. As a town, we have been fortunate over the last few years to see more residents taking an interest in restoring and preserving a crucial aspect of our history: our ancient cemeteries. These cemeteries, most with no funds left for their preservation, are often abandoned. They wait, hidden in the brush, for interested people to bring them back into the light of day.

Each year we thank dedicated volunteers. This year we thank Roger Guimond for his work in both the Assonet Burying Ground and the Richmond Cemetery. Much of his efforts have been spent removing dead trees at no expense to the town, a task which has saved us immeasurable sums. It has also benefited our elder residents, as many of the trees Mr. Guimond has felled have been delivered as firewood to the Senior Center. We also thank the Cabral family for restoring the ancient cemetery at Payne's Cove, which is roughly across the Assonet River from Independence Harbor.

At last count, we have over forty cemeteries in town, most of which have seen better days in terms of upkeep. Those interested in restoring a cemetery are asked to contact the Cemetery Commission beforehand for permission and guidance.

The Saturday preceding Memorial Day saw a group of volunteers consisting of veterans, our town's two Boy Scout troops, and others place flags on the graves of veterans throughout town under the careful guidance of our Veterans' Agent, Rich Levesque. All known veterans' graves are marked with flags prior to Memorial Day each year. If you are aware of a veteran's grave which is not being marked, please contact Mr. Levesque or a member of the Cemetery Commission.

On April 18, 2008, we were saddened by the loss of Harris Chace, who had served the town as a member of the Cemetery Commission since 1962. The loss of Harris, his memory, and his knowledge will be greatly felt. Mrs. Adrienne Levesque was appointed to fill the remainder of Harris' term, and she joined Ralph Gurney and Mike McCue.

Section 31 was closed this year, as the final graves in that section were sold. Section 32 (consisting of 60 graves) and Section 35 (consisting of 80 graves) have both opened, and sales in those sections have begun. This year also saw the first sale of a lot exclusively for cremated remains, and it is expected that these may become more popular as time progresses.

Our fees for lots and perpetual care were last reviewed on the evening of Monday, October 1, 2007, and it was decided at that time to raise them. Our fees are now \$800 per grave for all graves, and \$200 for cremated remains. The Town Clerk's recording fee remains unchanged at \$10. 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 happy to oblige.

GRAVES SOLD OR TRANSFERRED

Assonet Burying Ground • South Main Street

During the Fiscal Year 2008, twelve whole-burial graves and one cremation-only grave were sold. Additionally, four deeds were filed to effect transfers of existing lots between family members.

Received for the sale of thirteen graves and remitted to the Treasurer a total of:	\$4,300.00
Remitted to the Town Clerk for the recording of deeds for nine actions a total of:	\$ 90.00

BURIAL STATISTICS

Assonet Burying Ground • South Main Street

Interments currently on record for 2003:	14	Interments currently on record for 2006:	20
Interments currently on record for 2004:	13	Interments currently on record for 2007:	16
Interments currently on record for 2005:	15	Interments currently on record for 2008:	7

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

RECEIPTS

Revenue	Sale of Lots	\$1,925.00	Deposited into the Sale of Lots Acct.
Endowment	Perpetual Care	\$2,375.00	Deposited into Perpetual Care Acct.

BUDGET

Carryover	2006 Annual Town Meeting	\$2,500.00	Transferred from Sale of Lots Acct.
Carryover	2006 Special Town Meeting	\$2,435.00	Maintenance under §§ 16 & 18
Carryover	2006 Special Town Meeting	\$2,500.00	To update cemetery maps
Budget	2007 Annual Town Meeting	\$5,000.00	Operating budget
Budget	2007 Annual Town Meeting	\$5,000.00	Transferred from Sale of Lots Acct.

EXPENDITURES

Budget	Maintenance of the Assonet Burying Ground	\$ 12,650.00
Budget	Update and bind cemetery record books	\$ 21.00
Budget	Printing & Postage	\$ 7.06
Perp. Care	Maintenance of the Assonet Burying Ground	\$ 2,250.00
Perp. Care	Maintenance of the Chace Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Perp. Care	Maintenance of the Evans Cemetery	\$ 2,200.00
Perp. Care	Maintenance of the Morton Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Perp. Care	Maintenance of the Rounsevell Cemetery	\$ 1,080.00
Perp. Care	Maintenance of the White Cemetery	\$ 0.00
Transfer	Map money transferred to FY09 budget	\$ 2,500.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT BALANCES

Land	Cemetery Land Stabilization Fund	\$ 1,068.54
Donation	Terry-Davenport Cemetery	\$ 20.00
Donation	Unrestricted	\$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McCue, Ralph Gurney, and Adrienne Levesque
Cemetery Commissioners for 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, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

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. 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, Veterans' Memorial Park, and Porters 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:

Credit

\$ 500.00 – Recreation Committee Budget

Debit

\$ 273.00 – Rental and Leases

Balance

\$ 227.00 - turned over to Parks Committee

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN PARKS COMMITTEE
Gary J. Blair, Chairman

REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Open Space and Use Committee for Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Ongoing work on the Open Space draft included maps of Hazardous Waste Sites, Base, Water Resources, Analysis of Needs and Open Space. A printed draft was provided by SRPEDD (Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District) to more easily review spaces and blanks of what is needed for report completion.

We looked at areas of chronic flooding and the existence of sewerage lines, including a draft of Sewerage Commission Bylaws. Additional historical information was added into the Community Setting section. It was voted to include in the report the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Bio Map and Living Waters Core Habitats of Freetown.

Public sites such as The Bandstand, Welcome Hathaway Park, the boat ramp, sports fields, etc. were visited and assessed for compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Ken Green traveled to Haynes Memorial Park in Barrington, RI, to observe that site's handicapped accessible boat ramp. Tom Manley continued to be our link with personnel at The Freetown State Forest. In June, Paul Ziobro met twice with Nancy Durfee at SRPEDD to review Sections 1-4 as well as picture placement in the final report. We are extremely grateful to have the continued commitment and support of Ms. Durfee as funding for her contributions has been exhausted.

Normally, the Open Space and Use Committee meets once per month at the Town Hall. During FY 08, we met sporadically due to other commitments and health issues among members' families. Plans were made for various dates for Public Meeting review but were postponed for the same reasons.

Meetings are posted in the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Althea H. Brady, Chair

TRANSFER STATION

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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.

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

Bulky Items	\$	27,635.00
Recycling	\$	18,966.14
Resident Stickers	\$	9,485.00
Tires	\$	566.00
Propane Tanks	\$	212.00
Batteries	\$	70.00
Misc.	\$	990.00
Total Fees Collected Transfer Station	\$	57,924.14
Total Fees Collected Trash Billing	\$	312,734.50

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Bourgeois
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal Year of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 has been very busy. Some programs offered this year are referral service, blood pressure screening, fuel assistance applications, Prescription Advantage applications, flu clinic, podiatry clinic, exercise classes, computer classes, bingo, writing classes, 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, handicap van transportation, SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders,) Kanakis Produce, birthday parties, paper embroidery, brown bag (105 income eligible participants,) Stop & Shop groceries (monthly donation 100 participants, income eligible,) and Volunteer Opportunities.

A grant is written each 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 are written for individual seniors to fix their homes for health and safety. Through the U.S.D.A. Rural Development, qualified seniors can receive up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) dollars to fix their homes. This grant does not have to be paid back as long as the senior remains in the home for three (3) years after. Some examples are deck repair, doors, furnaces, railings, steps, new well, roof work, and new windows.

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

Free luncheons were held for the seniors given by Charles Young at I.D.D.I.. A luncheon was held at the Freetown V.F.W. sponsored by our Legislative Representatives, and a Literary Luncheon was held by the Freetown Lakeville Middle School. Stop & Shop Warehouse gave two cookouts for the seniors whereby they supplied all the food and volunteers to do the cooking.

The Freetown Council on Aging is comprised of several board members: Charles Gray-Chairman, Robert Martel-Vice Chairman, Joyce Cocke-Secretary, Marillyn Tripp, Leocadia Pittsley, Janice Gurney, and Amy Copeland. Staff includes Barbara A. Place, Director, Rosemary Haley, Senior Clerk, Clarence R. Dearden, Van Driver, and Judy Reese, Van Driver.

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 U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, and assisting town Veterans with filling out forms and providing information and advice on Veterans' benefits. According to the records, we have seen 106 veterans and/or their spouses since July of 2007. That report breaks down as follows: Chapter 115 benefits: 3 Veterans/spouses; Chapter 115 (medical only): 1; Chapter 115 (burial): 0; Filed VA Claims for Service Connected Compensation or Non-Service connected pension: 16; Veterans assisted with forms or advice: 86 Veterans or their spouses. We currently have 6 Veterans or spouses on our rolls at this time. This required an increase in budget, and we had to go to the Selectmen and Finance Committee for that assistance.

We have decorated the four monuments and the Memorial Park with appropriate wreaths for Veterans' Day on November 10th for November 11th, 2007. Those monuments are: (a) Elementary School (WWII); (b) Monument across from Town Hall (WWI); (c) Monument at the four corners on Chace Road (private); and (d) Monument at the V.F.W. on Middleboro Road. On the Saturday prior to Memorial Day, we decorated the graves of Veterans in Town with the assistance of the V.F.W. Post 6643 and the Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts troops in Freetown. Their assistance is always most appreciated, and we look forward to their continued assistance this year. It is also a good lesson in Americanism for those young people who participate. Our thanks to you all.

More than 700 flags for Veterans' graves were purchased with corresponding grave markers being replaced as needed. The addition of the Mother's Brook Cemetery which is owned by the Town of Freetown (and may soon belong to Fall River) 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 are available to mark any graves in Freetown that we might have inadvertently missed or graves of Veterans that are not marked as such.

Our Town Clerk still provides this office year long with information on the deaths of town Veterans. The Veterans' Agent holds office hours at the Senior Center on every Wednesday from 2:30PM to 4PM (or later if needed) and is available by appointment on other days as necessary. Our "alliance" with the Council on Aging is still a beneficial relationship in terms of servicing the all Veterans of Freetown. We report a considerably increased number of Veterans seen this year over last year. This has been both an exciting and rewarding job. As always, it is my privilege to serve those Veterans and their families in the Town of Freetown. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve.

In Service to Veterans,

Richard J. Levesque,
Veterans Agent

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the report of the Library department for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Library Trustees: This years' Board consisted of Irene Ashley (Chair); Lucille M. Rosa (Vice-chair), Lori Weider (Secretary), Richard Spencer, Michael McCue, Janice Gurney, and Melanie Dodenhoff. Janice Gurney left the board in March after many years of service. Her contributions have been very much appreciated and she will be greatly missed. Janice Gurney not only served on the Board but she once was the Library Director.

Children's Programs: We began the summer by kicking off our Summer Reading Program with a very well-attended performance by Bates and Tinknell. This performance was held at the GR Austin Intermediate School Cafetorium. The title of the Summer Reading Program was "Catch the Beat at Our Library." 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. Laurie Belanger presented story hours to children from the age of 5-10. All of the story hours were well attended. 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 prized, including long-time supporters Freetown Trading Post, Foster's Hardware, Mrs. Cheryl 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.

A huge "thank you" once again goes to The Toe Jam Puppet Band for their outstanding contribution in volunteering their time and talent for our annual benefit concert. The proceeds of this concert have funded our children's program since the Town cut funding several years ago. This year the concert was held at the Freetown Elementary School. Many families showed up for this fun event. Thanks to Mr. Frizelle, Paula Rose, and the custodial staff of FES for making this possible.

During the first part of the academic year, preschool story hours were held bi-weekly. After December, preschool story hours were held 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 May we celebrated Children's Book Week. Peg Riley was instrumental in coordinating this event. During this week we gave away free books to children who visited the library. Thanks to those who donated books for this event.

Other Programs: On November 17th, John Root presented a program at the James White Library entitled "Feeling the Beat, Feeling the Spirit". Mr. Root played many conventional instruments as well as instruments that he created. The children helped to create and enact new verses to familiar music. Those who attended this program were given handouts showing them how to make homemade instruments.

Buildings/Grounds: We would like to thank the Building Commissioner Paul Bourgeois for the maintenance that he provides 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, Kevin Desmarais, and Dick Spencer for volunteering their time to help with the 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 plowed the lot throughout the winter.

This year, there were some improvements made to the James White Library. Trees that surround the building were trimmed and those that were dead or dying were removed. The roof on the building was replaced. These costs were paid by the Building Trust. The lighting system in the building was replaced with an energy efficient system, in hopes of saving money on the in the long-term.

Personnel: Vicki Dawson resigned as Library Director in December of 2007. She served in this position for eight years. During her tenure as Library Director, the Freetown Public Libraries thrived. She ushered both libraries into the 21st century by making it possible to automate the library collection and bringing computers and internet access to both the Hathaway Library and the White Library. By automating the libraries, she made it possible to be a member of the SAILS network. Being a part of the SAILS gives the residents access to hundreds of thousands of books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, etc., that are owned by other libraries all over Massachusetts. This was achieved by the hard work and dedication that Vicki Dawson demonstrated during her time as Library Director. We would like to extend her our thanks and gratitude.

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard was hired in December 2007 to replace Vicki Dawson as the new Library Director.

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, the library staff maintain a wonderful attitude. Residents from other communities come to use our libraries. Patrons have made comments that they like to use our libraries because our staff is always knowledgeable, and friendly. Senior Librarian Althea Brady uses her knowledge of reference and circulation services for the benefit of our library patrons. Her dedication to both The Hathaway and The White Library does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. 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. Her friendly personality is warm and inviting. Peg Riley's work with children is well-documented elsewhere in this report, but she also lends her talents as a graphic artist. She is very instrumental in preparing the publicity for special events being held by the library. Peg also helps with the 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. Mary Ouimet is an asset to the library. She goes above and beyond of what is expected of her. Every staff member has to be willing to multi-task and be knowledgeable about library services, automated circulation, interlibrary loan, and delivery procedures. It is impossible to enumerate all of the things that these dedicated, talented women do for the library, but we do know that they are appreciated by the Trustees and by the residents of Freetown.

Fees collected: Lost books \$ 192.61; Printer/copier fees \$ 243.25

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard,
Library Director

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Library Planning Committee experienced a resurgence of activity this past year. Our main goal is to complete the execution of the Planning and Design grant which we got in 2001. The initial grant totaled \$15,000.00 from the state and a matching \$15,000.00 from the Town. With interest on the \$15,000.00 from the state, we now have over \$30,000.00 to spend.

We continued to work on the Library Building Program. This is a document that tells the architect what you want in your new building. It is required to be written as part of the grant agreement.

The Committee visited the new library in Lakeville to see what features they have incorporated into their building that might work for us. We were also able to learn about things they wish they had done differently. The visit helped us in the planning of our own library.

Our committee understands that the current economy is not booming and that a new library is not to be in the near future, but planning is especially important during times like these. When the economy allows, we will be ready to move ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Rosa, Chairman
Library Planning Committee

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

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/>

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 three years. The committee is made up of members of the Planning Board, Historical Commission, residents, a Selectman, and representatives from SRPEDD. A final zoning proposal for the entire town was brought to town meeting and approved this year. We are pleased that not only are many areas of the town designated and zoned for residential, business-commercial, general and open space, but Historic Districts, Assonet Village and East Freetown Districts, were also accepted. The boundaries of these two districts followed the recommendation from the designation of the National Register of Historic Places. However, within these districts there will be Village Business and Village Residential. The zoning proposals and town zoning map can be viewed at the Freetown Town Hall. Meetings were held with the Planning Board and the Zoning Study Committee. It was important to incorporate and be aware of our historic structures and our past history to better prepare us for future planning and growth. Serving on Study Committee provided valuable experience for our commission members.

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. 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 Department., the Board of 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 importance of maintaining the integrity of this historic dry-laid, stone masonry three arch bridge. A Bridge Oversight Committee was formed, comprised of one member each from the Planning Board, Finance Committee, Freetown Highway Surveyor, a representative from the Elm Street neighborhood, and a resident at large. Plans for the reconditioning and restoration of the bridge were approved by the committee and sent for approval to Massachusetts Historical Commission. Following recommendations from MHC for modifications to the proposal, the plan with funding was approved at a town meeting. The plan went out for bid in May, however, all bids submitted exceeded the amount that had been appropriated. The Town of Freetown has also requested assistance from the State. No further action has been taken at this time as we wait for future meetings and determinations. We continue to monitor this historic bridge. 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 continue 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. Presently, we have one vacancy on our Commission. Anyone interested should submit a letter to the Freetown Historical Commission at the Town Hall.

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

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:

Karen Chace	Reading isMagic	\$ 250.00
Soule Homestead	Harvest Fair	200.00
Southcoast Historical Associates	17 th Century Trading Post	100.00
Lakeville Arts Council	Lakeville Arts Festival	100.00
Assonet Bay Shores	Art Appreciation	200.00
New Bedford Festival Theatre	Les Miserables	250.00
The Harper and The Minstrel	School Assembly Program	350.00
The Harper and The Minstrel	Summer Concert Series	500.00
John Root	Senior Music Program	250.00
New Bedford Symphony Orchestra	Young People's Concert	200.00
Greater New Bedford Choral Society	Winter and Spring Concerts	300.00
Cindy Lane, True Country Band	Strawberry Festival	400.00
New Bedford Festival Theatre College	College Intern Performer	150.00
Freetown Elementary School	Flight Show	250.00
Freetown Elementary School	Science Program	250.00
Austin Intermediate School	Science Program	250.00
Total Grants:		\$ 4,000.00

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 Townspeople of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the 325th Anniversary Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

In a town with as much history as has Freetown, it should come as no surprise to any of us when history repeats itself. In compiling their report for the year ending December 31, 1983, the Board of Selectmen reported that “the highlight of this past year was the Tricentennial celebration of the founding of Freetown. Numerous events, involving the hardworking participation of many dedicated Freetown residents, provided us with a diverse range of activities with which to celebrate this auspicious occasion. President Ronald Reagan sent the Town his congratulations and Congressman Barney Frank marched in our Tricentennial Parade. The Selectmen wish to extend their thanks to Chairman Edmund Buckley and all of the various committees who worked so hard to make this anniversary a memorable event.”

Twenty-five years later, this committee can report very similar findings. Over the last year, we have seen our anniversary celebration grow considerably due in no small part to the countless volunteers who have come to our aide. Whether it’s been assisting with t-shirt sales, writing a passage for our new town history book, or simply attending one of our events with a smile and a splendid attitude, the residents of this community have shown their willingness to take part and their interest in our history in ways truly immeasurable. As for repetitive history, the town did receive the “best wishes” of President George W. Bush, and Congressman Frank will soon be reacquainting the soles of his shoes with the pavement of South Main Street.

In early February, Mike McCue presented the Selectmen with a transcription of the act passed in January of 1747 annexing East Freetown to Assonet and Fall River. In March, the committee held a spaghetti supper to raise funds for the Anniversary Weekend, and owes its greatest debts to the men and women of VFW Post 6643 and to our ever-reliable auctioneer, John Ashley. In April and May we stepped up awareness by promoting special t-shirts and magnets designed by committeeman Bob Adams as souvenirs of the year’s events, and purchased signs that were placed at the town lines welcoming visitors and letting them know it was our collective birthday. We thank the Highway Department for erecting these signs.

As the fiscal year closes, we are in the final stages of preparing for the Anniversary Weekend, which serves as the climax (but certainly not the end) of the year’s activities. Plans call for the Independence Day fireworks and faire to be held July 3rd and for the parade to be held July 4th. July 6th will be our biggest day; the afternoon will feature a Peace Pole donated by Rainbow Workshop to be dedicated at Memorial Park and a luncheon to be held at and sponsored by the VFW. In the evening, an ecumenical service will be held at St. Bernard’s Church featuring the clergymen of town and opened with a ringing of the church bells 325 times.

We owe continued thanks to the Police and Fire departments for their watchful eyes and careful assistance, and to Stop & Shop for its generous donations of food and funds. Without the support of businesses and public safety personnel, our celebrations would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike 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, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

The spring of 2008 saw our scholarship program enter its second year. Applications were made available on January 10th, and a due date of March 17th was set. Copies of the application were sent to Apponequet Regional High School, and were also made available both at the Town Hall in Assonet and on the town website.

Several changes were made to the scholarship program during this fiscal year. Donations were less than expected, requiring an adjustment in the availability of scholarships. With regret, the program was restricted for the year to graduating high school seniors. Stricter financial documentation was also implemented this year. It is our hope that the level of donations will increase to a point where we may once again open the program to all town residents.

The beginning balance of the Scholarship Fund as of July 1, 2007, was \$7,208.40. With interest accrued and donations, the balance was \$7,373.30 as of December 31st and \$7,492.80 as of March 31st. The total amount awarded for the Fiscal Year 2008 was \$7,000.00. Printing, postage, and miscellaneous supplies resulted in an additional \$9.02 charged to the account. Our closing balance on June 30, 2008, was \$561.47.

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 made using the check-off box on excise tax bills, or they may be sent to the Scholarship Committee, Town Hall, P.O. Box 438, Assonet, MA 02702. Cheques should be made payable to Town of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Chairman

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED • SPRING 2008

The Scholarship Committee awarded sixteen scholarships totalling \$7,000 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. These were divided into three award amount categories: \$250, \$400, and \$600.

\$250.00 Scholarships

Andrew D. Bergeron	Assonet	Bristol Community College	Fall River, Mass.
Chelsea Chudolij	E. Freetown	Mass. Col. of Pharm. & Health	Boston, Mass.
Kelsy DeMelo	E. Freetown	Simmons College	Boston, Mass.
Chelsea Poitras	E. Freetown	Westfield State College	Westfield, Mass.

\$400.00 Scholarships

Lindsey Michelle Abbott	E. Freetown	Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater, Mass.
Samantha Crose	Assonet	Skidmore College	Saratoga Springs, NY
Carolyn Elizabeth Fox	Assonet	Northeastern University	Boston, Mass.
Peter Martin	Assonet	Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY
Kristine Norcross	E. Freetown	Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater, Mass.
Chelsea Souza	E. Freetown	George Washington University	Washington, DC

\$600.00 Scholarships

Mary Lynn Ashley	E. Freetown	Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater, Mass.
Zachary Galbato	E. Freetown	Curry College	Milton, Mass.
Bruce H. McCormack, III	E. Freetown	University of Hartford	West Hartford, Conn.
Kerrin O'Leary	Assonet	University of New Hampshire	Durham, NH
Tara Pappas	Assonet	Stonehill College	North Easton, Mass.
Jacob Setera	E. Freetown	University of New Hampshire	Durham, NH

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board endorsed 19 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in an additional 37 lots. The Planning Board collected \$3,700.00 in Form A filing fees. The Planning Board reviewed 1 Form B Preliminary subdivision and collected \$1,350.00 in application fees. The Planning Board reviewed 3 Form C subdivision plans thereby collecting \$5,946.00 in filing fees, \$19,517.00 in technical review fees and \$2,162.00 in advertising reimbursements. The Planning Board also reviewed one Special Permit resulting in the collection of \$100.00 in filing fees. The Planning Board performed two Site Plan Reviews under the newly adopted Site Plan Review Bylaw collecting \$200.00 in filing fees.

During the fiscal year 2008, the Planning Board held public hearings to review articles submitted for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting vote. These hearings include the South Main Street Overlay District submitted by petition and hearings to review proposed changes to the Town of Freetown Protective Bylaws, Article 11, The Zoning Bylaw submitted by the Zoning Study Committee. Both of which were approved on town meeting floor.

The Planning Board members are Chairman Robert Raymond, Keven Desmarais, Mark Rogers and Mike Motta. Joel Plissey retired from the Board after more than 17 years of service to the Town. Laurie Carvalho is the Planning/Land Use Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Raymond
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, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

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 permit and six variance requests. The Zoning Board of Appeals collected \$2,430.00 in filing fees. The Board also began hearings to review a proposed Chapter 40B development to be located on South Main Street.

The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals are Chairman Gary Guinen, Daniel Loranger and Kim Pina. James Frates was appointed associated member of the Board. Laurie Carvalho serves the Board as Planning/Land Use Administrator of the Town of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Guinen
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The following is the report of the Tree Warden for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Because of gypsy and winter moth damage, we have lost hundred of our street trees. We have been able to remove hundreds of dead, hazardous trees with the help of extra funds secured from Town Meeting. N-Star has removed hundreds of trees in the vicinity of the power lines.

The Tree Warden was called out eleven times during the fiscal year. Routine trimming by the Town and N-Star has kept power outages to a minimum. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-763-2348.

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, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

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 six Fall renewal permits and eight Spring permits. The Board collected \$1,487.50 in application fees and \$109,250.00 in tipping fees, totaling 110,737.50.

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 following is the report of the Freetown Conservation Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

The Freetown Conservation 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 100 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 detrimental effect on the wetlands. Wetlands serve to provide storm and flood protection, pollution control, and most importantly, a habitat for various species of plant and animals. With the increased understanding of how wetlands interact with the water table, combined with the reliance of well water for drinking in Freetown, it is extremely important that citizens feel free to contact the Commission when they feel that a project may be endangering wetlands.

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

Notice of Intents and Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation require filing fees, thus \$4,151.50 was collected during the fiscal year. From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 the Commission acted upon the following:

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION	19
NOTICES OF INTENT	14
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE	7
EXTENSION PERMIT	3
ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT	1
ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION	4
AMENDED ORDER OF CONDITIONS	1
ENFORCEMENT ORDER	4

Meetings are held bi-monthly at the Town Hall, 3 North Main St, 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	2011
Joseph B. Shaw, Jr., Chair.....	2010
Jeanne M. Tierney.....	2008
Sandra L. Souza	2010

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

Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

Freetown Members Lakeville Members

David W. Brown 2010	Robert Canessa 2008
Robert W. Clark - 1 yr. Appointment	Charlene Shea 2010
Jean C. Fox 2009	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

Michael M. Ward

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Louis E. Rodrigues

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Anne P. St. Pierre

SUPPORT STAFF

Linda Anderson	Martha A. Deneault	Nora E. Murphy
JoAnn M. Cournoyer	Joyce V. Essenburg	Carol A. Gregory
Jennifer L. Seaberg	Kathleen D. Cincotta	Margaret Robinson

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Lakeville, MA 02347

Telephone: 508-923-2000 or 508-763-5183

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Freetown-Lakeville Middle School 96 Howland Road Lakeville, MA 02347 Tel: 508-923-3518, 508-763-8717 Fax: 508-946-2050 David Patota, Principal	Apponequet Regional High School 100 Howland Road Lakeville, MA 02347 Tel: 508-947-2660, 508-763-5140 Fax: 508-946-2350 Gary Lincoln, Principal
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FREETOWN AND LAKEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FREETOWN ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
2007-2008

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The word to describe the 2007-2008 school year was exciting. The restoration of programs and staff at Freetown Elementary School created a positive environment and the belief that we had turned the corner on decreasing budgets. To watch students again utilizing the library, the computer and Scan-Tek science labs validated the need for these programs and their importance in a quality K-4 education. Throughout the year many programs involving the community and the school continued to foster a partnership of support and awareness. Without the support of the fine citizens of Freetown our efforts to ensure quality would be diminished.

It will be the school districts' (both Freetown and Regional Schools) mission to reach for excellence and promote success for all students PreK-4. As we continue down the path of financial struggles we will all need to keep in mind that the community and schools must work together in securing the resources necessary to ensure quality.

The following reports from our principals highlight the wonderful activities that occurred over the past year. We hope you enjoy these reports.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Furtado,
Superintendent of Schools

APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

2007-2008

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

On Sunday, June 1, 2008, the Class of 2008, consisting of 186 students, received their diplomas. Chelsea Souza, Class President, along with Samuel Markson, Valedictorian, led the class. Kian Ross was selected to give the "Charge to the Class." Twenty-six students were members of the National Honor Society.

Seniors Chelsea Souza and Rachel Pink served as the School Committee Student Representatives. Our new International Student Exchange Program welcomed its first students: Frederico Bus from Italy, Claudia Benavides from Chile and Marieke Werner from Germany.

The Awards Ceremony was held the previous Tuesday, May 27th, with the Senior Banquet on Thursday, May 29, 2008. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations that donated over \$118,000 in local scholarship money for our Seniors. During of the Senior Banquet, held at the Hawthorne Country Club, yearbooks were distributed and a class video was presented.

Apponequet students demonstrated great success at the upper performance levels on the MCAS tests. In English, 81% of our students scored in the Advanced and Proficient levels. In math, 76% scored in the top two levels. Our students also scored significantly above the state average in the first year of the Biology MCAS test.

We are very grateful for the years of service given by our staff members who retired in June: Mrs. Irene Ashley, Mrs. Joan Casey, and Mr. Ed Worcester.

The 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 expanding 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. A record twelve (12) students were selected for the Southeast District Music Festival. All-State recommendations were earned by Sam Markson, Ben Durfee, Kayla Roth and Erik Richard. The Apponequet Choir performed in four school concerts, including Apponapalooza in October. The choir also performed off campus at the 34th Annual Somerset Music Town Festival, The Middleboro Music Guild, the Taught Lights On Choral Extravaganza, the Middleboro Thanksgiving Concert, and The St. John Neumann Center. 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. Evan Case was selected to the Senior SEMSBA Orchestra, Abegale Nelson chosen for the Junior SEMMEA District Orchestra and, Molly McCabe and James Trubiano were selected for the Senior

SEMSBA concert Band.. Our spring musical, *South Pacific*, was a huge success, selling out every performance. The fall play, “You Can’t Take It With You,” was also a success. Our groups also had the opportunity to work with Hyannis Sound.

The following seven (7) students had their artwork entered into the *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Award Program: Abigail Tatarian, Jessica Mueller, Julie Nash, Paula Morall, Hillary Locke, Jen Catalano and Janelle Krone.

Our cheerleaders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Campbell, were chosen to be the subject of MTV MADE program. The cheerleaders worked with special cheer instructors and choreographers to prepare for their show. The MTV production crew followed the cheerleaders for many weeks. Everyone was pleased with the final show.

Our majorettes were again the New England Champions.

The Apponequet Hall of Fame held its Induction Ceremony on Saturday, November 24, 2007. Inducted were Kelly Brady Rego (1987), Laurie Piasecki Perkins (1983), Mark Gonsalves (1995), Jason Walmsley (1989), coaches Dennis Thibeault and Victor Bissonnette, and Special Recognition Award recipient Don Fronzaglia. If citizens have people they would like to nominate for induction into the Apponequet Hall of Fame, nomination forms are available on the Apponequet website.

The DECA program continued its successful program. In the Stock market Game, three teams placed in the Top 16 for the North Atlantic Region. Attending the National DECA conference in Atlanta Georgia were Justin Bell, John Cody, Amanda Davis, Eric Edelman, Matt Howarth, Randy Jose, Katie Kwiatkowski, Sarah martin, Jamie Mills, Theron Patrick, Ross Rezendes and Matt Storms. Apponequet students traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota to compete at the National LifeSmarts Competition as the Massachusetts state champions. They placed fourth (4th) in the country!

Our students participated in the Voice of Democracy Essay contest sponsored by the Freetown V.F.W. Post. Matt Gagne earned first place followed by Devon Williams and Daryll Levesque.

In athletics, 634 students participated in the 30 programs offered at Apponequet. The field hockey team, under coach Cindy Cuthbertson, won the South Coast Conference championship. The boys’ soccer team lost its MIAA tournament games after compiling a 13-2-2 season. Also qualifying for the MIAA tournament were the following teams: volleyball, golf, girls’ basketball, girls’ tennis, boys’ tennis and softball. Joe Connor was named “Golfer of the Year” by the New Bedford *Standard Times* for the second straight year. The *Standard Times* Leadership Award Winners were Alyssa Shea and Matt Gaouette.

The high school also began its preparation for the 2010 NEASC accreditation visit by approving a new Mission Statement and Academic Expectations. Social and Civic Expectations will be approved in the fall.

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 2007-2008

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Freetown-Lakeville Middle School Highlights Summary:

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School continued to focus on educational excellence for all students. The sixth grade was restructured into three teams as a result of the increased enrollment. Our professional staff came together and updated an on-line version of our school curriculum. This project will be a vital resource for our entire school district. This information will assist us to improve and fine tune our district wide K-12 curriculum. Due to a large number of teacher retirements we were able to hire the following new professional staff: Kerie Annichiarico- Reading Teacher, Robert Baker- Modern Technology Instructor, Danielle Brodeur- Special Education Teacher, Melissa Langaas, Art Teacher, Caren Campbell- Math Teacher, Paul Couto- Social Studies Teacher, Catherine Furtado- English Teacher, Ruthann Sensabaugh- Science Teacher, Tristin Haggerty- Guidance Counselor, Susan Lahaie- MCAS Math Teacher, Amanda LeMarier- Special Education Teacher

Events and Activities

Students participated in a wide variety of events and activities. The FLMS website maintained by our teacher and resident webmaster, Paul Courcy, continued to provide information on all school events and activities such as the school-wide Young Authors Day which can still be viewed on the FLMS website. The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School continued to offer Peer Leaders, Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society, School Newspaper, Yearbook, Computer Club, Media Club, Band and Choir Groups and Concerts, Majorettes, Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. The newly formed Drama Club presented both in school and evening performances of “Annie.” The FLMS PTO provided funding for a multitude of supplies and services for the teachers and students including the cultural art events for all grades. In 2007-2008, the full school assemblies included the Prismatic Laser Light Show, Hyannis Sound, Cape Cod Double Dutch Jump Rope Team, and The Mime-Robert Rivest.

Library/Media Services

Our school library had a total of 32,335 visitors. Some noted activities in the library included self created and directed videographed projects posted on the districts Channel 20 broadcast station, a Literary Luncheon connecting local Seniors with FLMS students, Spanish weather forecasts, flight simulation tests, student book talks, teacher training in Excel, blogs, and wikis, and storytelling by nationally recognized storyteller, Karen Chase (a former teacher from our district). Our library also hosted the MSLA Massachusetts School Librarians Association annual meeting.

Guidance Services

Student support services continued to be provided for the personal, social, and emotional growth of our students. Guidance introduced two new activities to encourage tolerance known nationally as Mix It up Day and Rachel’s Challenge. Regularly, guidance provides the C.A.R.E. awards program, student support groups, peer tutoring, informational field trips and assemblies about high school selections for Apponequet, Old Colony and Bristol Aggie. A highlight was the 70 nominations for the John Hopkins MCAS academic talent search and the high numbers of Presidential Academic Awards for the year.

State and National Testing

In addition to the annual MCAS testing, our school was selected to participate in the NAEP National Assessment of Educational Progress test to collect 2009 data for Public Schools.

Grants Committee

The newly formed Grants Committee assembled to review and search for available local and national grant opportunities. The committee worked diligently after school and on their own personal time to keep teachers, PTO, and administration advised on upcoming grants and deadlines. This resulted in the acquisition of two new grants from Best Buy and New England Farms-Exxon/Mobile. Committee members were Laurie Belanger, Maria Bernard, Caren Campbell, Louise Brady, Ruthann Sensabaugh, Winnie Beasley, and Dave Patota.

Community Resources for Learning

Local businesses, individuals, and families have donated or assisted on behalf of our students. Their generosity positively enhanced the full learning experience here at FLMS. These donations were very important to the success of our school. We sincerely appreciated all of the support our local community and anonymous local individuals and families provided in 2007-2008. Thank you to each and every one of the following from all of the staff and on behalf of our students, parents, and guardians: Stop and Shop Warehouse of Assonet, Dunkin Donuts of Assonet, East Freetown, and Lakeville, Shaw's Supermarket in Raynham, Grandpa's Place in Assonet, Heritage Flowers of Lakeville, B&C Floor Refinishing (Chris Lynch and Bill Cabral), Mary Kay (Monique Christiansen), Martial Arts & Fitness Institute of Lakeville, Andrew's Construction (Paul Andrews), The Community Bank of Lakeville, Freetown-Lakeville Middle School PTO, A&A Automotive & Towing LLC of Middleboro, Lakeville Family Medicine (Dr. Robert Gagnon), Sam J. Ruest Building & Remodeling of Assonet, East Coast Electronics Communications Sales and Service, Tommy's Music Shop of Assonet, Stargazer's Flowers and Gifts of Lakeville, Building #19 of New Bedford, Christmas Tree Shops in South Yarmouth, Target of Taunton, Hannaford's Superstore and Pharmacy of Middleboro, Savas Liquors of Lakeville, Ocean Spray of Lakeville, Chamberlain Farms in Berkley, Walmart in Raynham, Subway of Raynham, Baldies Pizza of Lakeville, Kevin Thew, Electrician, Freetown Trading Post, Creations by Cathy at Crossroads Commons Freetown, King Arthur Flour, Standard Times Newspaper, Brockton Enterprise Newspaper, Lakeville Area Mother's Club, St. Bernard's Church of Assonet, Lakeville Haunted House, National Dairy Council, Melanoma Society, Gillette, Proctor and Gamble, Unilever, Funding Factory Recycling, Box Tops by General Mills, Sox Tops by Hood.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Patota, Principal
Sarah Duggan, Assistant Principal

GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2007-2008

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Enrollment:

4th grade- 146 5th Grade- Lakeville- 172, Freetown-116 Total: Total: 434

Over the past year the George R Austin Intermediate School has had a large focus on building curriculum and ensuring unity across all classrooms regarding the different areas of the frameworks provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Teachers worked diligently to write curriculum guides as well as curriculum maps that outline the scope and sequence of the year. We have also focused on building a school cultures that encourages students to be active and responsible members of their community both in and outside of school.

Our Mission

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

PTO and School Council

Both our PTO and School Council have been very active over the course of the 2008. Our PTO presented 3 different assemblies, one each on animals, science and bully. The PTO also organizes and runs after school socials and provides invaluable volunteers to the school that support activities in the classroom. This year students were able to attend a 5th grade Halloween Social, 4th and 5th grade Luau and a 4th grade “meet and greet” social which took place in the spring to support the transition into the 5th grade. This year at the “meet and greet” students participated in a pen pal activity where students from Freetown Elementary were matched up with friends from GRAIS and exchanged letters in the months preceding the social.

Our School Council is composed of two teachers, the principal, two parents elected by the PTO and one community member. The School Council assists the principal in developing the budget and creating and maintaining the annual School Improvement Plan. This plan was reviewed and accepted by the School Committee in May. This year the School Council also sent out a survey to parents to gather feedback from parents regarding services, policies and their overall experiences at the Intermediate School. 130 families’ responded results are as follows:

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Transition from grade 3 to 4	43%	48%	9%
Transition from grade 4 to 5	47%	47%	6%
Quality of Education	39%	56%	5%
Homework Policy	37%	55%	8%
Class size	22%	72%	6%
Parent/Teacher Communication	50%	46%	4%
Parent/Administration Communication	35%	59%	6%
Student Discipline	34%	59%	7%
Student Safety	43%	50%	8%
Dismissal Procedure	36%	57%	7%
Support Services (Counseling, SPED)	37%	56%	7%
Nurse/Health Services	48%	50%	2%
PTO	46%	50%	4%

Academic Report

With the growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. We are pleased to report that we made AYP in all areas for the 5th grade we did not, however, make AYP this year in the 4th grade for English Language Arts or Math. It is important to understand that the reason these grades are separated in reporting this statistic is due to the unique configuration of our school. While most schools are able to combine the students' scores from across all grade levels in reaching AYP, we are viewed by the DESE as two separate schools. We have been able to provide tutoring after school for students in the fourth grade this year in both Math and ELA to help support student growth in both these areas. Teachers also have been using the ½ curriculum days to analyze the MCAS data and adjust our curriculum and teaching to target areas of weakness.

For 2007-2008 we implemented a new Reading text in grade five, Storytown. The text has been well received by teachers, students and parents. The stories in this text are updated and of greater interest to the students.

May of 2008 also saw the completion of curriculum and curriculum maps being written and completed for every subject and every grade level. This was a huge endeavor spearheaded by our Director of Curriculum and Instruction. This year we are focusing on reviewing these documents as grade level teams and revising them as necessary. All curriculums are available to staff on the district email system and is the first step in ensuring that we are being consistent throughout the grade levels.

GRAIS continued to share some special subject teachers with FLMS and Assawompset this year (Art and Music). As a result our schedule is still constrained by the schedules at the middle school and Assawompset.

School Services

Our services have remained fairly constant; though due to grant funding we have lost some services, while gaining others. Starting in September 2008, the fifth grade lost the MCAS Math program, which provided remedial math support to general education students. We did, however, receive Title I grant money which enabled us to increase remedial Reading support from just grade four to the entire school. Our Title I teacher is able to support general education students with weaknesses in Reading through small group support, collaborating with teachers and co-teaching. This year secretarial support was again limited to one full time administrative assistant. We continue to struggle with maintaining sufficient supports in the area of special education. Caseloads have risen to as high as 26 for one special education teacher, a number that makes it difficult to provide appropriate services. Also lost were the band and choir, along with the Head Custodian position, which was supplemented with a .5 custodian.

This year we also focused on promoting the importance of community service and giving back to the community. Each quarter we are sponsoring a "hat day." On this day a local community organization is chosen and student may make a contribution to the organization and in return may wear a hat in school. Our first hat day was to sponsor the Freetown and Lakeville Senior centers.

Austin Pride

Each quarter students are recognized in seven different areas: Improved Grades, Good Behavior, Extra-Curricular Activities, Community Service, Perfect Attendance, Reading and there is an extra nomination that teachers can complete for outstanding citizenship. Each quarter a drawing is completed in each category. Students receive a School T-shirt and are recognized for their outstanding contribution or performance.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Beaubien, Principal

FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2007-2008

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The strength of our school is not found in our beautiful surroundings nor in the rural environment we do live in, but in the sum total of the education and character of our people. We are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful, strong support from so many areas in our community. It is with this thought in mind that we began the 2007-2008 school year.

We were fortunate to have several programs restored after being closed for two years. Our Library was reopened with Mrs. Sylvain coming back as our Librarian. Our computer lab was opened this year as well under the guidance of Mr. DeGaetano, a former technology instructor. The Science Scan Tek Lab was opened this year. We were fortunate to bring back Mrs. Azar to her former position. The students in Grades 2, 3, and 4 benefited from using technology combined with experimentation to learn about the world of Science. In a cost saving move we created a new Special Needs Preschool Program. Mrs. Anderson has been teaching this class. This program is district wide, but housed in Freetown. The growth of the community does have an impact on our schools. We have added one additional classroom in grade one.

Our volunteers, over a hundred strong, have been helping in the classrooms while our PTO has been active organizing family activities such as the Spaghetti Dinner and the Family Fun Night. Our Playground Committee hosted the annual Halloween Dance and expanded the activities to accommodate the overwhelming number of Trick or Treaters. The Literacy Committee planned several Family Literacy Nights that were held several times this year.

Since September we have been reviewing and revising our entire curriculum. Beginning in January our teachers began working on mapping our curriculum. Mapping the curriculum is a process that allows us to view monthly what actually takes place in the classroom. A good analogy would be to view planning instruction as the blueprint of the home we would like to build. Mapping is the house we actually constructed. Change happens in the classroom and the Curriculum Map is a tool we will use to guide us along the way. This is a work in process and one which continued through the end of the school year.

Recognizing that writing is an area of need, we have attended professional development training in the Six Traits of Writing both this last spring and again in August. Our teachers are familiar with the program and have begun implementing lessons within the classrooms. The Six Traits are: Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, and Conventions. Put together they provide a common language for talking about writing, makes revisions more manageable, and empowers the students to write.

We received our MCAS scores for the spring of 2007 for Grades 3 and Grade 4 and we are pleased that we are seeing progress in most areas. In Grade 3, 53% of our students were proficient in Reading while 49% were shown to need improvement. This was an increase of 3% over last year. The Mathematics results indicated that 56% of the students were proficient and 44% need improvement. We were pleased to see that this was an improvement of 14% over last year. Grade 4 results indicated that 44% of our students were proficient in English Language Arts while 56% were in need of improvement. In the area of Mathematics 40% were proficient while 60% need improvement. Our efforts are showing improved student learning and are within range of the state performance levels.

Literacy is very important in our school. Children's Book Week was celebrated during the week of November 12, 2007 and was a great success! Our guest readers were terrific in the classrooms! In particular, the students from Apponequet Regional High School showed their skills at reading stories as well as their creative talents with the props and costumes they made to go along with their story! Our Reading Incentive Program began on February 25, 2008 and ran for six weeks. Mrs. Grasela worked with our PTO to develop a theme that captured the interest of all our children. The theme this year was "Reading Is a Treasure". Weekly incentive prizes included small replicas of Pirates' jewels!

It is with mixed emotions that we closed the school year with the layoffs of twelve staff members and the closing of our Library, Science Scan Tek Lab and our Computer Lab. The financial difficulties facing the town made it necessary to reduce our budget dramatically.

Although it is a difficult way to end the school year we are proud of the successes we experienced this past year. We have seen our MCAS scores increase, our curriculum revised and mapped, and our family involvement continue at such a high level. We know that with the support of the community and the caliber of our personnel, our school will continue to be one that reflects the pride of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Frizelle, Principal

NOTES

CURRENT FACTS ABOUT FREETOWN

Settled: In 1659. Incorporated: In 1683

Population: Approximately 8,900.	Town Mileage: Accepted Town Roads:	78.83 Miles
	State Forest:	15.36 Miles
Registered Voters:	State Highway	15.93 Miles
Precinct I: 1,858	Private:	20.44 Miles
Precinct II: 1,773	Total Square Miles of Area:	34.57 Miles
Precinct III: 1,886		
TOTAL: 5,517		

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2210 Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
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Senators in Congress: Senator Edward M. Kennedy – 617-565-3170
Room 2400, J.F.K. Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203

Room 315, Russell Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-2742

Senator John F. Kerry – 1-617-565-8519
One Bowdoin Square, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02114

Room 421, Russell Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510
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Governor: His Excellency Deval L. Patrick - 617-727-3600
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For departments not listed, e-mail should be directed to the Town Clerk.
Please note that multiple domain names are still in use for e-mail.

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Conservation Commission	Karen J. Robitaille	KRobitaille@freetownma.gov
Council on Aging	Barbara A. Place	coa@town.freetown.ma.us
Emergency Management Agency	Wesley S. Vaughan, Jr.	ema@town.freetown.ma.us
Fire Department	Gary Silvia	fire@town.freetown.ma.us
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Library Planning Committee	Lucille M. Rosa	libraryplanning@town.freetown.ma.us
Library Trustees, Board of	Dorothy Stanley-Ballard	library@town.freetown.ma.us
Parade & Fireworks Committee	Jean C. Fox	bigbang@town.freetown.ma.us
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Planning Board	Laurie A. Carvalho	planning@freetownma.gov
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Schools –		
Freetown Elementary	Robert L. Frizelle	fes@freelake.org
G. R. Austin Intermediate	Megan Beaubien	ais@freelake.org
Freetown-Lakeville Middle	David Patota	dpatota@freelake.org
Apponequet Regional High	Gary P. Lincoln	apponequet@freelake.org
Superintendent of Schools	Louis E. Rodrigues	fico@freelake.org
School Committees	Linda Anderson	fico@freelake.org
Selectmen, Board of	Linda H. Remedis	LRemedis@freetownma.gov
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Town Administrator	E. Winn Davis	townadministrator@freetownma.gov
Town Clerk	Jacqueline A. Brown	townclerk@freetownma.gov
Treasurer	Anita L. Howland	treasurer@freetownma.gov
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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 Taxes508-644-2206
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, Assonet.....508-644-2385