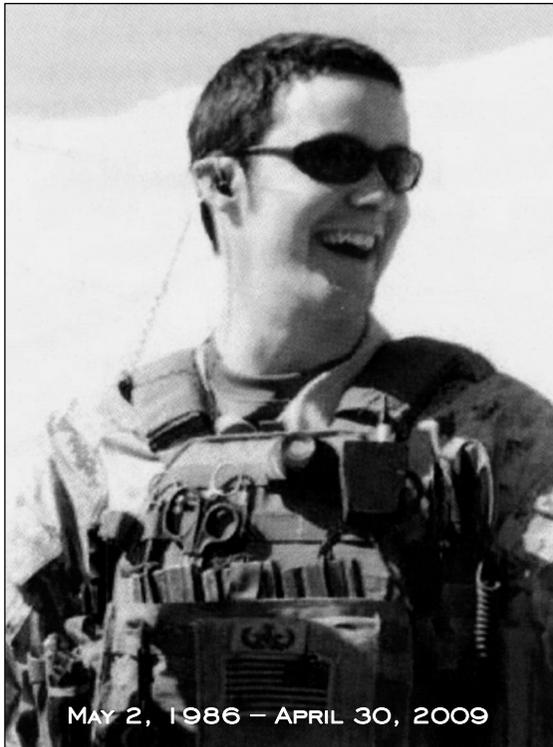


# TOWN OF FREETOWN

2008

2009

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



MAY 2, 1986 – APRIL 30, 2009

EOD PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS  
TYLER JOHN TRAHAN

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009

## **DEDICATION**

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to the memory of Navy Petty Officer Second Class Tyler J. Trahan who was killed in action in Iraq on Thursday, April 30, 2009, just two days shy of his 23rd birthday. He had been assigned to a Navy SEAL team performing combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tyler was a member of the Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit.

A lifelong resident of the town, Tyler attended Freetown Elementary School, George R. Austin Middle School, and was a 2004 graduate of Old Colony Regional Vocational High School in Rochester. He was at the top of his graduating class, a member of the National Honor Society, and a star quarterback on the football team.

After studying at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy for a year, he enlisted in the Navy and graduated from boot camp in 2006. He underwent naval dive and salvage training and naval engineering training prior to being assigned to the ordnance disposal unit.

The Navy has honored Tyler Trahan as an exemplary leader and exceptional EOD technician and bestowed upon him numerous military decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" (Valor) Distinguishing Device, Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. He has been described as a teammate, a warrior, and a friend to many. He had always planned to serve in the military, and he strongly believed in the cause. His motto was, "Tough times do not last, but tough people do."

Tyler left behind a loving family, including parents Jean Pierre and Maureen, and sister Molly, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. His brief life touched the heart and soul of all Freetown residents. He followed his dream, lived his short life according to his convictions, and left his imprint and example for others to admire for years to come.

The patriotic spirit of Tyler Trahan will live on in Freetown and beyond. We thank him for his unwavering service and acknowledge his commitment to the freedoms we hold dear. For his supreme sacrifice in an effort to preserve the freedom of our nation, we offer our most sincere gratitude.

Tyler Trahan will always remain Freetown's hero.

# TOWN OF FREETOWN

2008

2009

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009

**TOWN OF FREETOWN – ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Town Bulletin Board	3
Town Hall Business Hours	5
Hours of Operation – Various Departments	5
Officials and Employees of the Town of Freetown	7
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:</b>	
Board of Selectmen	20
Board of Health	21
Transfer Station	22
Board of Assessors	23
Collector of Taxes	24
Treasurer	25
Town Clerk	29
Town Meetings, State and Town Elections	31
Town Accountant	45
Website Development	58
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION REPORTS:</b>	
Police Department	59
Fire Department	64
Emergency Management Agency	66
Building Commissioner	67
Animal Inspector and Dog Officer	68
<b>PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:</b>	
Highway Department	69
Water Commission	70
Cemetery Commission	71
Open Space & Use Committee	74
<b>HUMAN SERVICE AND CULTURAL REPORTS:</b>	
Council on Aging	75
Veterans Services	76
Libraries	77
Historical Commission	79
Cultural Council	81
Parade and Fireworks Committee	82
325th Anniversary Committee	83
Scholarship Committee	85
<b>PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCE REPORTS:</b>	
Planning Board	86
Zoning Board of Appeals	88
Tree Warden	89
Soil Conservation Board	89
Conservation Commission	90
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORTS</b>	<b>91</b>

# TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

Annual Town Election  
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 each month, September – June at Freetown Elementary School, 43 Bullock Road.
Freetown-Lakeville Regional June, at 7:30 School Committee Howland	Third Wednesday of each month, September - P.M. at Apponequet Regional High School, 100 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, 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 on the First Monday in June – 7:30 P.M.  
Apponequet Regional High School  
100 Howland Road  
Lakeville, Massachusetts

## **TOWN HALL - HOURS OF OFFICE OPERATION**

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.

## **TRANSFER STATION – HOURS OF OPERATION**

55 Howland Road  
Assonet, Massachusetts  
Thursday through Sunday: 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.  
Resident Stickers available at the Sanitary Landfill - Cost: \$10.00 each.

## **COUNCIL ON AGING – MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION**

227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

The Council on Aging Multi-Purpose Senior Center is closed on holidays.  
If School is closed due to inclement weather, the Council on Aging van will not operate.

## **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.

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 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
The Libraries are closed on holidays.

## **OTHER OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

\*When school is in session.

# OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FREETOWN

(EO) – Denotes Elected Official or Committee.

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

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

## TERM EXPIRES

(EO)

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jean C. Fox, Chairman	2010
Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
Lisa A. Pacheco	2012

(AE)

Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

(EO)

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman	2011
Jean C. Fox	2010
Lisa A. Pacheco	2012

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

(AO)

Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

(EO)

### **PERSONNEL BOARD**

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman	2012
Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
Jean C. Fox	2010

(AO)

Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

John F. Healey, appointed Interim Town Administrator, April, 2009  
E. Winn Davis, resigned 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.

(AE)

Deborah A. Allerdt, Senior Clerk, transferred to Fire Department

Elsie A. Soares, Senior Clerk, appointed

(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

(AO)

**HEALTH AGENT**

Paul R. Bourgeois

(AE)

Deborah A. Allerdt, Senior Clerk – transferred to Fire Department  
Elsie A. Soares, Senior Clerk, appointed

**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**

(AE)

Suzanne M. Moquin  
Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk

(EO)

**MODERATOR**

Bruce W. Wilbur

2012

(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

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

March, 2012  
March, 2011  
March, 2010

(AO)

Election Wardens

Election Workers - Terms expire: August 15, 2009.

Republican:

Helen Allard, Election Worker/Inspector  
Kenneth Bock, Election Worker/Inspector  
Lauren J. Collins, Election Worker/Clerk, Precinct II  
Kathleen Deneault, Election Worker/Inspector  
Paul Denault, Election Worker/Inspector  
Beverly Dickinson, Election Worker/Inspector  
Gwendolyn Fernandes, Election Worker - Clerk, Precinct I  
F. Elaine Field, Election Worker/Inspector  
Miriam S. Gurney, Election Worker/Warden - Precinct III  
Jennifer Kitchen, Election Worker/Inspector  
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  
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, Precinct II  
Michael T. McCue, Election Worker/Inspector  
Bernadette Medeiros, 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  
Joy Grunwald, Election Worker/Inspector  
Graciette M. Medeiros, Election Worker/Inspector  
Judith A. Mello, Election Worker/Inspector  
Florence Petkoff, Election Worker/Inspector

(EO)

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Richard L. Field, Chairman	2010
Sheila Scaduto	2011
Suzanne R. Ashley	2012
Ronald R. Batacao, did not seek re-election	2009

(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	2012
------------------	------

(AE)

Marian Payant, Senior Clerk

Health Insurance Advisory Committee

Anita L. Howland	Gene J. Rymaszewicz, retired
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.	

(EO)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

William J. Lombardi, Chairman	2011
David A. Theriault	2010
Robert H. Alderson	2011
Paul L. Deneault	2011
Jeffrey D. Amaral	2010
Bradford Paiva	2012
Kathleen Ann Paiva	2012

(EO)

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Irene Ashley, Chairman	2012
Lucille M. Rosa	2012
Lori M. Weider	2010
Richard E. Spencer	2011
Michael T. McCue	2010
Melanie J. Dodenhoff	2011

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, Library Director

Library Personnel

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

Cheryl M. Belliveau, Library Technician

(AO) Library Planning Committee

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

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

(EO) **FREETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Joseph B. Shaw, Jr., Chairman	2010
Sandra L. Souza	2010
Alexandre Magalhaes	2011
Robert W. Clark	2012
Robert Nogueira	2012
Christopher Giglio, appointed	2009

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

Sandra L. Souza	2012
Robert W. Clark*	2009
David W. Brown	2010

\*Appointed one year to Regional Committee from Town Committee.

(AO) Stephen J. Furtado, Superintendent of Schools, retired 12/1/09  
(John E. McCarthy, Superintendent of Schools, appointed 7/1/09)

(EO) **PLANNING BOARD**

Robert N. Raymond, Chairman	2014
Michael J. Motta	2013
Keven V. Desmarais	2012
Marc J. Tisdell	2011
Mark W. Rogers	2010
Gary Guinen, Associate Member	

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

(EO) **HIGHWAY SURVEYOR**

Charles J. Macomber 2012

(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
Jeremy Bernardo, Equipment Operator, part-time	

(EO)

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Michael T. McCue, Chairman	2011
Ralph E. Gurney, Jr.	2010
Adrienne Levesque	2012

(EO)

**TREE WARDEN**

Gary C. Loranger, did not seek re-election	2009
Maurice W. DeMoranville, elected	2012

(AO)

**MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER**

Ralph E. Gurney, Jr.	2009
Paul S. Darling	2009

(AO)

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Maurice W. DeMoranville	2009
-------------------------	------

(EO)

**WATER COMMISSION**

John J. Walsh, Chairman	2012
Robert W. Kelliher	2011
Michael P. Pillarella	2010

(AE)

Helen E. Medeiros, Senior Clerk  
 Keven V. Desmarais, Water Meter Reader/Repairman

(AO)

**HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH WARDEN**

Mark A. Jose	2009
Paul R. Bourgeois, Assistant	2009

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Duties handled through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
 Division of Standards, Weights and Measures Services

(AO)

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Marianno Rezendes, Jr.	2009
------------------------	------

(AO)

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Joseph H. Cambra	2009
David Frates, Assistant	2009

(AO)

**DOG OFFICER**

David Frates – (Part-time)	2009
Darcy Lee – (Part-time)	
Alan Snyder – (Part-time)	

**POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Ex Officio)**

Jean C. Fox	2010
Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
Lisa A. Pacheco	2012

**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, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

**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
- Craig J. Cabral, Reserve Officer
- Chad S. Carvalho, Patrolman
- Michael J. Connell, Jr., Patrolman
- Paul M. DeMelo, Reserve Officer
- Bethiah R. Dwyer, Reserve Officer
- Edward J. Dwyer, Sergeant
- Mark Fornaciari, Patrolman
- Robert C. Fouquette, Reserve Officer
- Kevin M. Garell, Reserve Officer
- Shane V. Kelley, Patrolman
- Benjamin A. Levesque, Patrolman
- Jeremy A. Lockwood, Reserve Officer
- John G. Lopes, Reserve Officer
- Swede M. Magnett, Sergeant
- Anthony M. Pereira, Reserve Officer
- Ryan W. Pereira, Patrolman
- Jacob R. Raposo, Reserve Officer
- Scott M. Rose, Sergeant
- Paul G. Sadeck, Reserve Officer
- Walter J. Sawicki, Lieutenant, retired 1/3/09
- Charles B. Sullivan, Jr., Sergeant, promoted to Lieutenant 7/1/09
- Jon M. Taylor, Patrolman
- Marc A. Vachon, Reserve Officer
- Brandon R. Wixon, Reserve Officer
- Father Michael Racine, Police Department Chaplain

(AO)

**CONSTABLES**

For service of Town processes, only:

Police Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire  
Lieutenant Charles B. Sullivan, appointed

Lieutenant Walter J. Sawicki, retired

Other Constables:

Edward A. Mello  
Walter J. Sawicki

Michael C. Lecuyer

For Civil Processes, only:

Richard C. Raposa  
Kenneth W. Upham

James E. Sadeck

(AE)

**COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

The Communications Center is managed jointly by Police Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr. and Fire Chief Gary Silvia.

Full-Time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Brenda J. Christiansen, Supervisor  
Richard J. Levesque

Debra J. Souza  
Felicia A. Porawski

Part-time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Susan M. Jose  
Jacob R. Raposo  
Cheryl A. Rau

Daniel J. Stewert  
Andrea P. Seaman, resigned 12/29/08  
Margaret A. Beaulieu

Lock-Up Attendants

Brenda J. Christiansen

Felicia A. Porawski

**FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE**

2008-2009

Full-Time Personnel

Wayne A. Haskins, Fire Chief, E.M.T.-I, retired 1/2/09  
Gary Silvia, Fire Chief/Paramedic, promoted

Appointed by the Fire Chief:

Gene J. Rymaszewicz, Captain, retired 3/2/09  
Clifford A. Cardin, Lieutenant/Paramedic  
Wesley S. Vaughan, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Harrie E. Ashley, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Neal J. Lafleur, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Paul S. Ashley, Firefighter/E.M.T.-I  
Keith Mello, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Mark Brogan, Firefighter/Paramedic  
Nicholas Lecuyer, Firefighter/Paramedic

Florence J. Cabral, Senior Clerk, retired 9/26/08  
Deborah Allerdt, Senior Clerk, appointed

Fire & Rescue - Call Personnel

James Berg, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P  
Kurt Biszko, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P  
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.-P  
Thomas Gauthier, Call Firefighter  
David Haskins, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I  
Brent L'Heureux, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I

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 Silvia, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B  
Raymond Sinotte, Probationary Firefighter  
Kevin Smith, Call Firefighter  
Edward Sylvia, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B  
Kevin Whittey, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B

(AO) **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Gary Silvia  
Paul R. Bourgeois  
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire

Wayne A. Haskins, retired  
Barbara A. Place

(AO) **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

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

(AO) **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Wesley S. Vaughan, Jr., Director, appointed  
Wayne A. Haskins, Director, retired 1/2/09

Paul S. Ashley  
Elizabeth R. Dennehy

Jacqueline A. Brown  
Linda H. Lynn Remedis

Emergency Management Radio Operators:

Paul G. Sadeck

Michael P. Pillarella

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

(AO) **CABLE COMMITTEE**  
**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

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

Lawrence N. Ashley  
Alexander A. Stylos

(AO) **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman	2011
Maria V. Ternullo	2012
Janine C. Robidoux	2011
Americo “Mack” Craveiro	2010
J. David Mannion	2011
Felicia A. Porawski	2010
Troy Audyatis	2010

(AE) Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(AO) **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Charles Gray, Chairman	2010
Leocadia V. Pittsley	2011
Joyce Cocke	2010
Marillyn Tripp	2010
Janice Gurney	2011
Robert Martel	2011
Amy L. Copeland	2010

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

(AE) Barbara A. Place, Council on Aging Director  
Rosemary Haley, Senior Clerk

Council on Aging Van Drivers

Judith Reese Clarence R. Dearden

(AO) **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

John W. Remedis, Chairman – 12/2008	Elizabeth D. Ashley – 10/2008
Elizabeth R. Dennehy – 2/1/2011	Keven V. Desmarais – 10/2008
Sharon L. Hadley – 11/11	Jillian Hegarty – 10/2008
Holly M. Panagos – 10/2008	Jeannine Ludovicz – 11/11
Nancy VanNostrand – 9/11	Joanne Thomas – 4/11

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expires: June, 2009**

Jean C. Fox	Lisa A. Pacheco
Lawrence N. Ashley	Bruce W. Wilbur
James Rezendes	Elwood Hutchens, Jr.
Derek Gracia	

**ELM STREET BRIDGE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Lawrence N. Ashley	Jean C. Fox
Lisa A. Pacheco	Charles J. Macomber
James Rezendes	Mary E.R. Brown
Joseph Medeiros	Paul L. Deneault

**FREETOWN’S 325<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Michael T. McCue, Chairman  
Rev. Dr. A.M. "Bill" Comeau  
Suzanne R. Ashley  
Sharon A. Kaminski

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

(AO)

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Mary E.R. Brown, Chairman	2010
Miriam S. Gurney, Clerk	2011
John Laronda, Jr.	2010
Paul L. Deneault	2011
Peter D. Erwin	2009
Jacqueline Petrouski	2010
Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Associate Member	2009
Charles J. Macomber, Associate Member	2009

(AO)

**OPEN SPACE USE COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Althea H. Brady, Chairman  
Kenneth B. Green  
Paul W. Ziobro

Mary E.R. Brown  
Thomas Manley

(AO)

**PARADE/FIREWORKS COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Jean C. Fox, Chairman  
Robert L. Adams  
Robert L. Gregory  
Ellen C. Lima  
John W. Remedis  
Rev. Dr. A.M. "Bill" Comeau  
Elizabeth A. Lawton

Suzanne R. Ashley  
Michael T. McCue  
Judith M. Gregory  
Sharon L. Hadley  
James M. O'Leary  
Andrew A. Fitzgerald

(AO)

**PARKS COMMISSION**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Gary J. Blair, Chairman  
Glenn Cowley

Paul R. Bourgeois

**PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Lawrence N. Ashley  
Jean C. Fox  
John F. Healey  
Robert N. Raymond  
J. David Mannion

Laurie A. Carvalho  
Lisa A. Pacheco  
Mary E.R. Brown  
Helen E. Medeiros

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Michael T. McCue, Chairman  
Sharon L. Hadley

Jean C. Fox  
Robert L. Adams

Stephen J. Furtado  
Mark S. Logan, Sr.

(AO)

**SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman  
Jean C. Fox  
Kevin V. Desmarais

Lisa A. Pacheco  
Maria V. Ternullo

(AE)

Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(AO)

**SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

Paul R. Bourgeois, Chairman  
Laura Andrews  
Paul L. Deneault  
Elaine Hutchens

Joseph H. Lee  
Richard E. Spencer  
Charles B. Sullivan

(AO)

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Gary Guinen, Chairman  
Kim Pina  
Daniel A. Loranger  
James Frates, Alternate Member

2010  
2009  
2011  
2009

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Planning/Land Use Administrator

(AO)

**ZONING STUDY COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire: June 30, 2009**

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 – Collective Bargaining Committee – (Schools;) Member – Negotiations Sub-Committee – (Schools;) Freetown's Representative to the Casino Gaming Study Committee; Freetown's Representative to the Exit 8 ½ Committee; Member – Sewer Commission; Freetown's Representative to Southeastern Economic Development Corporation;

Paul R. Bourgeois – Project Coordinator in conjunction with Freetown Youth Sports Association Central Park/Ballfields' Project; Alternate Representative to Council of SEMASS Communities.

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

Jacqueline A. Brown – Member of the Capital Improvement Committee.

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

Jean C. Fox – Representative to Metropolitan Planning Organization in conjunction with Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD.) Member – Sewer Commission; Freetown's Representative to Southeastern Regional Transit Authority; Freetown's Representative to the Advisory Board of the Division of Transitional Assistance; Member – Southcoast Sustainability Council – Sub-committees for Economic Development and Transportation; Freetown's Representative to the Exit 8 ½ Committee; Delegate - Massachusetts Commission for the Status of Women.

John F. Healey – 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;) Representative to Council of SEMASS Communities.

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. Member – Sewer Commission; Freetown's Representative – Exit 8 ½ Committee.

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

Gary Silvia - 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.)

# 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

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 Comm. Vic. Lic:	1	@	\$600.00 =	600.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Package Store Lic.	3	@	\$600.00 =	1,800.00
All Alcoholic Club License:	1	@	\$500.00 =	500.00

<u>Entertainment Licenses:</u>	3	@	\$100.00 =	300.00
--------------------------------	---	---	------------	--------

Jukebox Licenses:	3	@	\$20.00 ea. =	60.00
Lic.-Automatic Amusement Devices:	11	@	\$50.00 ea. =	550.00

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class II Dealers' Licenses:	21	@	\$100.00 =	\$ 2,100.00
Class III Dealers' Licenses:	10	@	\$100.00 =	1,000.00
M.V. Graveyard License:	1	@	\$100.00 =	100.00

Other Licenses:

Annual Auctioneer's License:	1	@	\$25.00 ea. =	25.00
Hawker's & Peddler's License:	2	@	\$50.00 ea. =	100.00
Lic. For Sale of Second-Hand Furn./Merch.:	4	@	\$25.00 ea. =	100.00

Other Receipts:

Public Hearing Fees:	2	@	\$100.00 ea. =	200.00
Cable Fees:				1,395.00
Fees for Copies of Documents:				4.20
Town Auction, October, 2008:				18,834.50
Parking Ticket Fines: (41 tickets)				270.00
Donation:				
(Submitted to Treasurer on behalf of Parade & Fireworks Committee)				5,000.00

**TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER: \$ 39,938.70**

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Jean C. Fox, Chairman

# 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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.

	<b>Permits Issued</b>		<b>Permit Fees Collected</b>
New Septic Systems	14	\$	2,350.00
Repaired Septic Systems	40	\$	4,625.00
Septic System Review	45	\$	1,320.00
Cert. Of Compliance	30	\$	300.00
Title 5 Review	44	\$	2,200.00
Installers Licenses	38	\$	5,700.00
Pump & Transport Licenses	9	\$	1,800.00
Well Permits	13	\$	1,700.00
Percolation Test Fees	34	\$	8,100.00
Milk & Cream	14	\$	140.00
Camp License	3	\$	75.00
Temporary Food	16	\$	100.00
Common Victualler	19	\$	950.00
Food Establishment	26	\$	2,500.00
Retail Food	12	\$	600.00
Transient Vendor	5	\$	100.00
Mobile Food	5	\$	200.00
Bakery License	4	\$	200.00
Piggery License	1	\$	125.00
Rubbish	7	\$	1,400.00
Tobacco	10	\$	250.00
<b>Total Permits/Fees Collected</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,735.00</b>
Waived permits churches/schools	11		

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois  
Health Agent

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH/TRANSFER STATION

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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	\$	23,315.00
Recycling	\$	16,245.53
Resident Stickers	\$	8,730.00
Tires	\$	729.00
Propane Tanks	\$	60.00
Batteries	\$	290.50
Misc.	\$	825.00
<b>Total Fees Collected Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>50,195.03</b>
<b>Total Fees Collected Curbside Trash</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>310,805.50</b>

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois  
Health Agent

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2009 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed  
January 1, 2008 is as follows:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	<b>\$1,235,972,070.00</b>	
Assessed Value of Personal Property	<b>\$ 49,845,300.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</b>		<b>\$1,285,818,070.00</b>
Number of Dwelling Units Assessed	<b>3059</b>	
Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	<b>4270</b>	
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed	<b>268</b>	
Tax Exemptions for FY2008		
Clause 41C (Elderly)	<b>\$ 73,000.00</b>	
Clause 22, 22A, 22E (Veteran)	<b>\$ 43,026.42</b>	
Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K	<b>\$ 25,639.38</b>	
Tax Abatements for FY2008	<b>\$ 65,586.82</b>	
<b>TOTAL ABATEMENTS &amp; EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>\$ 207,252.20</b>
Amounts to be Raised		
Local Expenditures		<b>\$ 21,135,868.01</b>
State & County Assessments		<b>\$ 203,303.00</b>
Overlay		<b>\$ 336,115.09</b>
Gross Amounts to be Raised		<b>\$ 21,135,868.01</b>
Estimated Receipts & Local funds		<b>\$ 7,326,635.00</b>
Net Amounts to be Raised		<b>\$ 13,809,233.01</b>
Real Property Tax Levy	<b>\$ 13,033,141.69</b>	
Personal Property Tax Levy	<b>\$ 776,091.32</b>	
<b>TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 13,809,233.01</b>	

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Batacao, Chairman  
FREETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

The Collector of Taxes collects taxes and excises due to the town. The Tax Collector deposits all moneys received, and must turn over to the Treasurer all receipts at least once a week. Tax Collectors also pursue delinquent accounts.

The following represents the unaudited year end tax balances of the Tax Collector as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009:

Fiscal Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Motor Vehicle Excise	Boat Excise
2009	\$377,239.27	\$29,759.29	\$98,834.89	\$699.00
2008	\$133,899.55	\$ 7,827.59	\$28,999.81	\$341.00
2007	\$ 98,876.52	\$ 4,649.58	\$24,895.08	\$968.00
2006	\$ 2,967.62	\$ 5,054.26	\$10,412.01	\$128.00
2005	\$ 3,637.00	\$ 4,241.59	\$ 4,058.56	\$ 0.00
2004	\$ 1,863.00	\$ 5,565.14	\$ 4,687.08	\$306.00
2003		\$ 7,332.50	\$118,572.27	\$2,938.00
Totals	\$618,482.96	\$64,429.95	\$290,459.70	\$5,380.00

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Curran, Collector of Taxes  
Christina R. Jussaume, Assistant

# 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, 2008 to June 30, 2009. 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, 2008	\$3,065,800.61
Receipts	\$24,345,606.52
Sub-total	\$27,411,407.13
Expended	\$24,382,115.40
Balance June 30, 2009	<u>\$3,029,291.73</u>

## Interest

	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
Earned	\$162,438.00	\$107,697.83	\$48,335.22
Net	<u>\$162,438.00</u>	<u>\$107,697.83</u>	<u>\$48,335.22</u>

## Account Balances

Bank America - Sch. Lunch	\$17,473.91
Ma Municipal Depository Trust	\$329.63
Rockland Trust - GF	\$1,165,960.55
Rockland Trust - Payroll	\$0.25
Rockland Trust - Vendor	\$37,886.14
Webster - Performance Bonds	\$91,409.07
Webster - MM	\$74,571.61
Webster - Payroll	\$863.55
Webster - Vendor	-\$200,326.80
Webster - Concentration	\$1,300,286.31
UniBank	\$539,937.51
State Street	\$900.00
	<u>\$3,029,291.73</u>

**Tax Title Collected**

	<u>FY07</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
Principal	\$90,011.89	\$31,215.15	\$24,084.63
Interest	\$28,929.41	\$16,716.79	\$14,224.51
	<u>\$118,941.30</u>	<u>\$47,931.94</u>	<u>\$38,309.14</u>

**Debt Service - Long Term****Inside the Debt Limit**

	<u>Elem. School Bond Issue</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2008	\$8,260,000.00
Additional Borrowing	
Principal Payment	\$380,000.00
Interest Payment	\$293,428.00
Outstanding June 30, 2009	<u>\$7,880,000.00</u>

**Debt Service - Long Term****Outside Debt Limit**

	<u>Water - Serial House Note Assonet Bay Sh.</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2008	\$52,000.00
Principal Payment	\$13,000.00
New Debt Issued	\$224,438.00
Interest Payment	\$2,652.00
Outstanding June 30, 2009	<u>\$263,438.00</u>

**Debt Service - Short Term**

	<u>Pump. Station</u>	<u>Water Water &amp; Pleasant</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2008	\$153,638.23	\$78,360.00
Retired	\$153,638.23	\$78,360.00
Principal Payment		
Interest Payment	\$3,570.00	\$3,078.00
Outstanding June 30, 2009	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

## TRUST FUNDS 6/30/08

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Septic Grant Program	\$128,960.74
Planning Board Engineering	\$20,104.51
Appeals Board Engineering	\$4,309.54
Law Enforcement	\$1,692.03
Library Plan & Design	\$84.37
Arts Lottery	\$2,430.36
Conser. Bd. Eng. Fees	\$18,620.47
No Int. Bicycle Safety	\$391.85
Sub Total - Special Funds	<b>\$176,593.87</b>

### 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	<b>\$43,371.20</b>

### CEMETERY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$160,617.00
Chace Cemetery	\$74,600.00
Rounsvelle Cemetery	\$10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	\$7,065.00
White Cemetery	\$25.00
Evans Cemetery	\$37,100.00
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	<b>\$290,057.00</b>

### OTHER NON-EXPENDABLE

C. Clark Scholarship	\$10,000.00
Sub Total Other	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**LIBRARY FUNDS  
EXPENDABLE**

Irene Plouffe	\$280.38
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$173.06
J. White Therrien	\$17,884.33
White Memorial	\$1,324.58
C. Clark Memorial	\$4,143.93
Douglas Dana	\$1,434.36
Annie Hunt	\$3,523.63
Warren Cudworth	\$4,859.78
Gagne	\$1,961.91
A.A. Paine	\$1,177.54
Betsey Hathaway	\$4,566.02
George Hathaway	\$33,063.22
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,991.48
C. Isabel Hathaway	\$1,305.42
Morgan Memorial	\$993.50
Parker Memorial	\$429.45
Clarence Kendrick	\$129.14
Sub Total Library Funds	<b>\$79,241.73</b>

**CEMETERY FUNDS  
EXPENDABLE**

Assonet Cemetery	\$15,253.33
Chace Cemetery	\$6,551.22
Rounseville Cemetery	\$7,550.93
Morton Cemetery	\$3,610.48
White Cemetery	\$503.40
Evans Cemetery	\$18,176.80
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	<b>\$51,646.16</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Clark Scholarship	\$60.32
Symp. & Hosp.	\$1,461.10
Conservation	\$97,886.68
Stablization	\$402,266.33
Unfunded Pension	\$60,831.59
Fire-Call Disability	\$12,389.31
Post War Rehab	\$499.54
Parade & Fireworks	\$8,112.07
Town Hall Building	\$2,075.41
Federal Forfeiture	\$58,376.94
Police Reserve Disability	\$803.32
Education & Scholarship	\$597.79
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$1,722.37
Elderly & Disabled Int.	\$207.30
Cemetery Stabilization	\$2,085.98
Sub Total Miscellaneous	<b>\$649,376.05</b>

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/08	<b><u>\$1,300,286.01</u></b>
----------------------------	------------------------------

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Town Clerk Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:** Due to municipal budget constraints, the hours of the office were cut. The office is now open to the public Monday-Thursday, 8AM-4PM and Friday, 8AM-12PM. In addition, the constraint in funds have led to a freeze in any pertinent repair and record preservation measures that are normally taken (such as, binding the births, marriages, and deaths, as well as, any other historical records.)

**PASSPORTS:** The Town Clerk's Office processed 264 passport applications (\$6,600) and 128 passport photos (\$1,536) during this fiscal year. The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) went into effect on June 1, 2009. All US citizens are required to present a passport card, a passport book or other document approved by the US government to enter the United States by land or sea from Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean and Bermuda. In anticipation we held our first "Passport Day in the USA" on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Town Hall.

## **ELECTIONS:**

- **Annual Town Election** - The Planning Board's (2 yr unexpired) position was the only contested race on the ballot. It generated a 6% turnout of the voters for the Annual Town Election held on April 6, 2009.
- **Special Override Election** – The election was held on July 21, 2008 to supplement eight municipal department budgets that were not fully funded at the Annual Town Meeting. All eight questions on the ballot failed to gain approval from the voters.
- **State Elections** - The State Primary was held on September 16, 2008 and the State Presidential Election was held on November 8, 2008. On October 31<sup>st</sup> the Governor signed a one-day bill enacting the use of "Partial Ballots" and "Provisional Partial Ballots" (for voters who moved within a 6-18 mth period) at the November 8<sup>th</sup> election.

I would like to commend and thank all the Registrars and Election Workers for a job well done during this challenging year of elections.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** It was voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 1, 2009 to change the by-law and have all future annual town meetings from the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in June.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my thanks and appreciation to the Assistant Town Clerk, Diane L. Souza, for adapting to the many changes and constraints that have occurred in the Town Clerk's Office and at the same time maintaining her dedication and devotion to the office and the residents of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Brown, CMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## JULY 2008 TO JUNE 2009

### VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	71
Deaths	46
Marriages Recorded	34

### DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1607	}	Total \$ 13,579.00
Kennel Licenses Issued	57		

### HUNTING & FISHING

Fishing	33	\$ 891.00
Fishing Minor	2	22.00
Fishing 65-69	6	94.50
Res. Fishing (3 day)	2	24.00
Non-Resident Fishing (3 days)	2	46.00
Non-Resident Fishing	1	37.00
Fishing Free	12	- 0 -
Hunting	16	432.00
Hunting Minor	5	55.00
Hunting 65-69	2	31.50
Hunting, Big Game (NR)	2	198.00
Sporting	14	623.00
Sporting 65-69	8	196.00
Sporting Free	15	- 0 -
Trapping	1	19.75
Archery Stamp	28	140.00
Waterfowl Stamp	6	28.50
Primitive Stamp	36	180.00

Paid to the Commonwealth of Mass. \$3,018.25

### OTHER REVENUE:

Street Maps	\$ 21.00
Street/Voting List	154.00
By-Laws/Rules & Regs.	106.00
Appeals Fees	1,620.00
Copy Fees	37.40
Marriage Intentions	874.00
Birth Certificates	1,126.00
Death Certificates	1,240.00
Marriage Certificates	856.00
Business Certificates	1,980.00
Flammable Storage Certificates	380.00
Cemetery Plots	30.00
Miscellaneous	199.10
Dog Fines	2,765.00
Passports	6,600.00
Passport Photos	1,536.00
Bazaar/Raffle Permit	60.00
Non-Criminal Violations	3,700.00
Genealogy Research	1.20
Pole Location	120.00

Other Revenue \$ 23,405.70

## TOWN MEETINGS

- **October 27, 2008 - Special Town Meeting**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium with 151 registered voters in attendance to vote on 15 articles.

Total appropriations approved:

\$521,795.00 Other Available Funds (Free Cash)

- **June 1, 2009 – Special Town Meeting**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium with 145 registered voters in attendance to vote on 14 articles.

Total appropriations approved:

\$ 36,228.20 Stabilization

\$ 9,000.00 Other Available Funds

- **June 1, 2009 – Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Apponequet Regional High School Auditorium with 150 registered voters in attendance to vote on 31 articles.

Total appropriations approved:

\$19,277,803.48 Taxation

\$ 1,000.00 Stabilization

\$ 5,000.00 Transfer

\$ 566,650.52 Enterprise Fund

\$19,850,454.00

\$ 207,000.00 Revolving Fund

<\$ 238,000.00> Borrowing - Rescinded unused portion of Art.9, STM 10/2002

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/7/08 – OFFICIAL RESULTS

Precinct Votes Casts	487	407	348	
	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	
Offices/Candidates	1	2	3	Grand Totals
<b>Selectman, Board of Health &amp; Personnel Board Member</b>				
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
<b>Total</b>	487	407	348	1242
<b>Assessor</b>				
Sheila Scaduto	339	275	246	860
Write-in	3	4	1	8
Blank	145	128	101	374
<b>Total</b>	487	407	348	1242
<b>School Committee</b>				
Alexandre M. Magalhaes	319	261	233	813
Write-in	3	3	0	6
Blank	165	143	115	423
<b>Total</b>	487	407	348	1242
<b>Cemetery Committee</b>				
Michael T. McCue	346	286	237	869
Write-in	5	1	0	6
Blank	136	120	111	367
<b>Total</b>	487	407	348	1242
<b>Library Trustees (vote for 2)</b>				
Vacant				
Write-in	52	50	56	158
Blank	922	764	640	2326
<b>Total</b>	974	814	696	2484
<b>Water Commissioner</b>				
Vacant				
Write-in	44	39	28	111
Blank	443	368	320	1131
<b>Total</b>	487	407	348	1242

	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	
Offices/Candidates	1	2	3	Grand Totals
<b>Planning Board (5 year term)</b>				
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1242</b>
<b>Planning Board (3 year unexpired)</b>				
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1242</b>
<b>Finance Committee (vote for 2)</b>				
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2484</b>
<b>Finance Committee (2 year unexpired)</b>				
William J. Lombardi	329	249	238	816
Write-in	2	1	0	3
Blank	156	157	110	423
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1242</b>
<b>Question 1</b>				
Yes	230	196	156	582
No	194	160	141	495
Blank	63	51	51	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1242</b>

# SPECIAL PROP 2 ½ OVERRIDE 7/21/2008- OFFICIAL RESULTS

# of Ballots Cast: 1638    Total # of Voters: 5517    % Voted: 30%  
 Absentee Ballots: 64    Provisional Ballots: 1

## Special Prop 2 1/2 Override Election - 7/21/2008

	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Grand Totals
	1	2	3	
<b>Precinct Votes Casts</b>	573	572	493	1638
<b>Question 1 - Assessors</b>				
Yes	142	105	103	350
No	420	460	379	1259
Blank	11	7	11	29
<b>Total</b>	573	572	493	1638
<b>Question 2 - Police</b>				
Yes	234	260	242	736
No	330	307	247	884
Blank	9	5	4	18
<b>Total</b>	573	572	493	1638
<b>Question 3 - Fire</b>				
Yes	230	245	227	702
No	335	321	256	912
Blank	8	6	10	24
<b>Total</b>	573	572	493	1638
<b>Question 4 - Communications</b>				
Yes	156	153	157	466
No	407	412	329	1148
Blank	10	7	7	24
<b>Total</b>	573	572	493	1638
<b>Question 5 - Freetown Elem</b>				
Yes	182	211	182	575
No	385	355	300	1040
Blank	6	6	11	23
<b>Total</b>	573	572	493	1638
<b>Question 6 - Highway</b>				
Yes	172	163	144	479
No	390	399	335	1124
Blank	11	10	14	35
<b>Total</b>	573	572	493	1638

	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	<b>Precinct</b>	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Grand Totals</b>
<b>Question 7 – COA</b>				
Yes	171	214	201	586
No	396	351	283	1030
Blank	6	7	9	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1638</b>
<b>Question 8 -Libraries</b>				
Yes	218	244	233	695
No	348	326	254	928
Blank	7	2	6	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1638</b>

## STATE PRIMARY 9/16/2008 - OFFICIAL RESULTS

Total # of Voters: 5651      % Voted: 13%      Total Votes Casts: 719 (613 Dem + 106 Rep)

Total Absentee Ballots: 20 Democrats, 3 Republicans      Total Provisional Ballots: 0

### STATE PRIMARY 9/16/2008 – DEMOCRATS

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
John F. Kerry	150	126	110	386
Edward J. O'Reilly	81	64	68	213
Write-in	0	1	0	1
Blank	8	3	2	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>				
Barney Frank	186	148	150	484
Write-in	2	5	2	9
Blank	51	41	28	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
Carole A. Fiola	161	132	128	421
Oliver P. Cipollini Jr	41	34	27	102
Write-in	0	1	0	1
Blank	37	27	25	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Joan M. Menard	180	138	143	461
Write-in	2	4	1	7
Blank	57	52	36	145
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
David B. Sullivan	161			161
Linda M. Pereira	76			76
John F. Quinn		140		140
Stephen Canessa			145	145
Write-in	0	4	1	5
Blank	2	50	34	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>

	Precinct	Precinct	Precinct	Grand
Offices/Candidates	1	2	3	Total
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>				
John G. DeJesus	27	20	21	68
David J. Dennis	26	17	12	55
Gina L. DeRossi	60	88	109	257
John C. O'Neil	91	43	26	160
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	34	25	12	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Kevin J. Finnerty	162	122	137	421
Write-in	2	3	1	6
Blank	75	69	42	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Christopher T. Saunders	92	94	119	305
Paul B. Kitchen	142	104	81	327
Write-in	3	1	2	6
Blank	241	189	158	588
<b>Total</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>1226</b>

## STATE PRIMARY 9/16/2008 – REPUBLICANS

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
Jeffrey K Beatty	35	35	26	96
Write-in	2	0	1	3
Blank	5	1	1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>				
Earl H. Shlolley	33	32	26	91
Write-in	2	1	1	4
Blank	7	3	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
Write-in	3	3	1	7
Blank	39	33	27	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Write-in	4	2	1	7
Blank	38	34	27	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Write-in	6	2	1	9
Blank	36	34	27	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>				
Robert C. Heroux	34	31	26	91
Write-in	1	1	1	3
Blank	7	4	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Write-in	3	3	1	7
Blank	39	33	27	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Write-in	3	3	2	8
Blank	81	69	54	204
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>212</b>

## STATE PRIMARY 9/16/2008 - GREEN-RAINBOW

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## STATE PRIMARY 9/16/2008 - WORKING FAMILIES

Offices/Candidates	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Grand Total
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>				
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# STATE ELECTION 11/04/2008 – OFFICIAL RESULTS

# of Votes Casts: 4838      Total # of Voters: 5918      % Voted: 82%

Offices/Candidates/Questions	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
<b>ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT - Statewide</b>				
Baldwin and Castle, Constitution	3	3	2	8
Barr and Root, Libertarian	13	3	6	22
McCain and Palin, Republican	771	703	754	2228
McKinney and Clemente, Green Rainbow	5	7	3	15
Nader and Gonzalez, Independent	18	27	16	61
Obama and Biden, Democratic	769	816	820	2405
Write-in	14	17	9	40
Blank	17	20	22	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS- Statewide</b>				
John F. Kerry, Democratic	886	942	922	2750
Jeffrey K. Beatty, Republican	601	530	601	1732
Robert J. Underwood, Libertarian	60	66	59	185
Write-in	1	3	2	6
Blank	62	55	48	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 4th District</b>				
Barney Frank, Democratic	873	922	937	2732
Earl Henry Sholley, Republican	530	452	496	1478
Susan Allen, Independent	128	146	129	403
Write-in	3	4	3	10
Blank	76	72	67	215
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR- 1st District</b>				
Carole A. Fiola, Democratic	1105	1107	1205	3417
Write-in	22	19	15	56
Blank	483	470	412	1365
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - 1st Bristol &amp; Plymouth District</b>				
Joan M. Menard, Democratic	1160	1140	1222	3522
Write-in	25	26	15	66
Blank	425	430	395	1250
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
David B. Sullivan, Democratic 6th Bristol Dist.	1179			1179
John F. Quinn, Democratic 9th Bristol Dist.		1151		1151
Stephen R. Canessa, Democratic 12th Bristol Dist			1238	1238
Write-in	11	15	23	49
Blank	420	430	371	1221
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>

<b>Offices/Candidates/Questions</b>	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>REGISTER OF PROBATE - Bristol County</b>				
Gina L. <b>DeRossi</b> , Democratic	722	814	860	2396
Robert C. <b>Heroux</b> , Republican	562	387	397	1346
Roy D. <b>Santos</b> , Unenrolled	121	183	201	505
Write-in	4	4	1	9
Blank	201	208	173	582
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER- Bristol County</b>				
Kevin J. <b>Finnerty</b> , Democratic	1085	1097	1196	3378
Write-in	12	19	12	43
Blank	513	480	424	1417
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER- Bristol County- Vote for 2</b>				
Christopher T. <b>Saunders</b> , Democratic	518	767	907	2192
Paul B. <b>Kitchen</b> , Democratic	643	492	394	1529
Gregory <b>DeMelo</b> , Unenrolled	373	310	326	1009
Write-in	6	9	15	30
Blank	1680	1614	1622	4916
<b>Total</b>	<b>3220</b>	<b>3192</b>	<b>3264</b>	<b>9676</b>
<b>QUESTION 1- State Personal Income Tax</b>				
Yes	577	451	447	1475
No	985	1103	1132	3220
Blank	48	42	53	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>QUESTION 2 - Replace criminal penalties for marijuana</b>				
Yes	1004	965	961	2930
No	571	599	629	1799
Blank	35	32	42	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>
<b>QUESTION 3 - Prohibit dog racing &amp; racing meeting in MA</b>				
Yes	617	653	674	1944
No	958	906	915	2779
Blank	35	37	43	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>1610</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>4838</b>

**PROVISIONAL BALLOTS: 6**  
**PARTIAL BALLOTS: 10**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 215**  
**PARTIAL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS: 1**

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/6/2009 - OFFICIAL RESULTS

Offices/Candidates	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	Grand Totals
<b>SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH &amp; PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER</b>	152	117	104	373
Lisa Anne Pacheco	98	86	73	257
Write-in	10	5	8	23
Blank	44	26	23	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>ASSESSOR</b>				
*Write-in	45	29	21	95
Blank	107	88	83	278
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>				
Anita L. Howland	124	91	92	307
Write-in	0	1	0	1
Blank	28	25	12	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>				
Bruce W. Wilbur	120	89	85	294
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	31	27	19	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>HIGHWAY SURVEYOR</b>				
Charles J. Macomber	125	91	88	304
Write-in	3	1	0	4
Blank	24	25	16	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>				
**Write-in	37	34	37	108
Blank	115	83	67	265
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (vote for 2)</b>				
Robert W. Clark	105	83	76	264
Robert Nogueira	105	73	72	250
Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	93	78	60	231
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>746</b>
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>				
Sandra Lee Souza	105	83	80	268
Write-in	2	0	0	2
Blank	45	34	24	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>

Offices/Candidates	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	Grand Totals
<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>				
Adrienne Levesque	118	81	84	283
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	33	35	20	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES (vote for 2)</b>				
Irene Ashley	113	90	89	292
Lucille M. Rosa	107	72	76	255
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	83	71	43	197
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>746</b>
<b>WATER COMMISSIONER</b>				
John J. Walsh	114	81	82	277
Write-in	2	0	0	2
Blank	36	36	22	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>WATER COMMISSIONER - 1 yr unexpired</b>				
Michael P. Pillarella	122	81	78	281
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	29	35	26	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
Robert N. Raymond	114	78	80	272
Write-in	2	2	1	5
Blank	36	37	23	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD - 2 yr unexpired</b>				
Robert P. Jose	76	58	30	164
Marc Joal Tisdelle	64	47	68	179
Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	11	12	6	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>373</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE (vote for 2)</b>				
Bradford Paiva	104	73	79	256
Kathleen Ann Paiva	107	80	82	269
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	93	81	47	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>746</b>

\* Assessor voted by 48 write-ins: Suzanne R. Ashley

\*\* Tree Warden voted by 65 write-ins: Maurice Demoranville

**Total # of Voters: 5793      # of Votes Casts: 373      % Voted: 6%**

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Moquin  
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS  
 COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
 ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2009**

46

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES	FIDUCIARY FUND			ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TYPES TRUST AND AGENCY	CAPITAL PROJECTS	WATER ENTERPRISE	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
ASSETS AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS							
CASH	824,738	529,855	1,198,079		84,247		2,636,920
PETTY CASH							
RECEIVABLES, NET OF UNCOLLECTABLE							
ACCOUNTS							
PROPERTY TAX	682,891						682,891
TITLE V		1,071					1,071
EXCISES	295,849						295,849
WATER LIENS					97,728		97,728
TAX LIENS	360,623				78,419		439,042
TAX FORECLOSURES	275,927						275,927
TAXES IN LITIGATION							0
ROLL-BACK TAXES							0
IN-LIEU OF TAXES							0
DEPARTMENTAL	168,749						168,749
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS							0
DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		255,934					255,934
DUE FROM TRUST AGENCY							0
PROJECT AUTHORIZED							0
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR:							
NOTES PAYABLE							0
BONDS PAYABLE						8,143,438	8,143,438
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>2,608,776</b>	<b>786,860</b>	<b>1,198,079</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>260,394</b>	<b>8,143,438</b>	<b>12,997,547</b>

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	WATER ENTERPRISE	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TYPES TRUST AND AGENCY				MEMORANDUM ONLY
LIABILITIES							
WARRANTS PAYABLE		3,072			118		3,190
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	136,738						136,738
ACCRUED PAYROLL PAYABLE	81,829						81,829
WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	72,353	18,327			(133)		90,547
OTHER LIABILITIES			71,301				71,301
DEFERRED REVENUE:							0
PROPERTY TAXES	472,633						472,633
TITLE V		1,071					1,071
OTHER RECEIVABLES	1,101,147	255,934			97,728		1,454,809
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS							0
PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	210,257						210,257
DUE TO GENERAL FUND							0
PROJ. AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETE							0
NOTES PAYABLE							0
BONDS PAYABLE						8,143,438	8,143,438
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,074,957	278,404	71,301	0	97,713	8,143,438	10,665,814
FUND EQUITY							
RESERVED FUND BALANCE							
ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR YEAR	117,067						117,067
ENDOWMENTS			343,503				343,503
PETTY CASH							
TOTAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE	117,067	0	343,503	0	0	0	460,570
TOTAL RESERVED					29,787		29,787
TOTAL UNRESERVED	614,996	508,456	783,275		132,894		2,039,621

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND				TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	TYPES TRUST AND AGENCY	CAPITAL PROJECTS	WATER ENTERPRISE	ACCOUNT GROUP LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
DESIGNATED FOR:							
CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURES							0
OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS	(167,938)						(167,938)
PROPERTY TAX VARIANCE	(30,306)						(30,306)
SPEC PURP EDUC CARRY OVER							0
APPROPRIATION DEFICITS							0
OVER/UNDER ABATEMENTS	416,752	508,456	783,275	0	162,681	0	1,871,164
COURT JUDGEMENTS							
VARIANCE RESERVE	533,819	508,456	1,126,778	0	162,681	0	2,331,734
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	2,608,776	786,860	1,198,079	0	260,394	8,143,438	12,997,548
TOTAL FUND EQUITY							
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY							

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
 IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2009**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY	CAPITAL	WATER	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL	FUND TYPES	PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE	(MEMORANDUM
		REVENUE	EXPENDABLE	FUND	FUNDS	ONLY)
			TRUSTS			
REVENUES:						
PROPERTY TAXES	13,402,832					13,402,832
EXCISE-MOTOR VEHICLE	1,372,470					1,372,470
TAX LIENS REDEEMED	23,113					23,113
SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE						
TITLE V			284			284
OTHER EXCISE	6,334					6,334
OTHER TAXES	6,343					6,343
IN LIEU OF TAXES	7,241					7,241
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	120,910				9,520	130,430
WATER CHARGES-SERVICES					413,653	413,653
WATER BOND PROCEEDS					224,438	224,438
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	311,435					311,435
DEPARTMENTAL	395,906	578,721				974,627
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	568				13,611	14,179
LICENSE/PERMITS	133,610					133,610
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FED		284,469				284,469
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	3,349,257	901,440				4,250,697
FINES & FORFEITS	62,167					62,167
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	27,524	2,814	15,556			45,894

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	CAPITAL PROJECTS	WATER ENTERPRISE	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	FUND	FUNDS	
CONTIB/REFUNDS/DONATIONS		60,245	10,520			70,765
MISCELLANEOUS	44,596					44,596
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL REVENUES	19,334,926	1,827,972	26,076		661,223	21,850,197
EXPENDITURES						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	890,325	87,985				978,309
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,621,506	33,958				2,655,465
EDUCATION	11,086,759	1,042,139		-	-	12,128,898
PUBLIC WORKS	1,027,869	605,619	10,148			1,643,636
WATER					498,482	498,482
HUMAN SERVICES	171,672	9,857				181,529
CULTURE & RECREATION	78,642	6,061	24,229			108,932
DEBT SERVICES	673,428				40,331	713,758
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	172,887	702				173,589
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,444,864					1,444,864
RETIREMENT	676,528					676,528
INSURANCE	172,411					172,411
COURT JUDGMENTS	200,000					200,000
MISC						0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,216,891	1,786,321	34,377	-	538,813	21,576,401
EXCESS ( DEFICIENCY ) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	118,036	41,651	(8,301)	-	122,410	273,795

	GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL	FUND TYPES SPECIAL REVENUE	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	WATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
OTHER FINANCING USES:						
TRANSFER IN	52,228		383,988	-	-	436,216
TRANSFER OUT	(383,988)	(16,000)	(36,228)		0	(436,216)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(331,760)</u>	<u>(16,000)</u>	<u>347,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
EXCESS ( DEFICIENCY ) OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	(213,724)	25,651	339,459	-	122,410	273,795
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2008	747,543	482,805	787,319	-	40,272	2,057,939
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2009	533,819	508,456	1,126,778	-	162,681	2,331,734
	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>	<u><u>          </u></u>

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2009**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		GENERAL FUND
	FINAL		VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
PROPERTY TAXES	13,809,233	13,426,512	(382,721)
EXCISE TAXES	1,395,550	1,372,470	(23,080)
OTHER EXCISE	1,000	6,334	5,334
PEN & INT CHARGES	80,000	120,910	40,910
IN LIEU OF TAXES	4,000	6,343	2,343
OTHER TAXES	4,000	7,241	3,241
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	315,000	311,435	(3,565)
LICENSE & PERMITS	166,000	133,610	(32,390)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	3,640,915	3,349,257	(291,658)
FINES & FORFEITS	70,000	62,167	(7,833)
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	70,000	27,524	(42,476)
DEPARTMENTAL	530,000	395,906	(134,094)
MISCELLANEOUS	10,000	115,218	105,218
DONATIONS/CONTRIB/REFUND	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>20,095,698</b>	<b>19,334,927</b>	<b>(760,771)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,106,815	890,325	216,490
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,628,195	2,621,506	6,689
EDUCATION	11,238,157	11,086,759	151,398
PUBLIC WORKS	885,131	1,027,869	(142,738)
HUMAN SERVICES	148,982	171,672	(22,690)
CULTURE & RECREATION	98,000	78,642	19,358
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	203,463	172,887	30,576
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,998,841	1,444,864	553,977
RETIREMENT	676,583	676,528	55
INSURANCE	175,000	172,411	2,589
DEBT SERVICE	673,428	673,428	0
COURT JUDGMENTS	200,000	200,000	0
OTHER (UNCLASSIFIED)	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>20,032,595</b>	<b>19,216,891</b>	<b>815,704</b>

EXCESS ( DEFICIENCY ) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	63,103	118,036	54,933
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	521,795	521,795	
TRANSFERS IN/OUT	(535,063)	(535,063)	
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	(25,567)	(25,567)	
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	(167,938)	(167,938)	
ASSESSMENT DEFICIT	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(206,773)</u>	<u>(206,773)</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		<u>(88,737)</u>	<u>54,933</u>

**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FY 2009**

SCHOOL FUNDS:

CAFETERIA	(38,522.16)
CHAPTER 1	(4,447.98)
REAP GRANT	92.06
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	46,654.56
IMPROV EDUCATOR	(7,785.57)
INSURANCE RECOVERY	3,770.95
LOST BOOKS	838.80
PRE SCHOOL	71,350.97
SAFE/FREE DRUG GRANT	282.41
SCH INNOVATIVE PROGRAM	(793.00)
FED ENHANCE TECH	3,685.77
CIRCUIT BREAKER	135,154.14
AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT	1,980.00
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS	212,260.95

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

SEPTIC GRANT	128,960.74
HIGHWAY FUNDS	(262,099.01)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WETLANDS	35,656.72
POLICE INS RECOVERY	4,297.12
TELEPHONE ALARM	3,917.03
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	21,822.00
POLICE PHOTO ID FUND	30.00
STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS (POL LAW ENFORCE)	1,692.03
RECYCLING FUND	1,549.73
HIGHWAY INSURANCE	5,301.44
PLANNING ENGINEERING FEES	11,296.71
APPEALS ENGINEERING FEES	1,559.43
SALE REAL ESTATE	7,266.88
CONSERVATION ENGINEERING FEES	29.37
FIRE INSURANCE	605.32
ELDER AFFAIRS	531.05
RIVERWAYS GRANT	246.39
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	6,330.36
AID TO LIBRARIES	12,640.58
ELECTIONS GRANT	10.00
POLICE C.O.P.S	25,290.75
POLICE EQUIPMENT GRANT	13,525.00
POLICE UNIVERSAL HIRE	29,280.85
POLICE COMMUNITY GRANT	8,476.66
FIRE SAFE GRANT	2,680.17
CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS	32,466.80
POL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2,204.50

FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT	1,311.00
SHORELIN WALKWAY	2,886.96
FIRE EMERG OPER PLANNING	134.50
FIRE HOME SECURITY GRANT	71.31
POLICE HOME SECURITY GRANT	5,205.36
CIVIL DEFENSE LOCAL PREPARENESS	2,500.00
SMART GROWTH	20,800.00
WATER CONSERVATION	307.80
TAUNTON WATERSHED	1,920.00
LIBRARY PLAN & ENG	18,620.47
BICYCLE FUND	391.85
CABLEVISION FUND	10.00
DRUG EDUCATION REFORM	2,022.38
COUNCIL ON AGING DONATIONS	19,996.93
LIBRARY DONATIONS	14,168.29
BOSTON BEER DONATION	13,874.80
COMPOST BINS	1,354.20
BOAT REVOLVING FUND	11,400.27
TREE WARDEN DONATION	1,070.00
HISTORICAL DONATION	442.00
STOP & SHOP DONATION	3,384.34
CEMETERY DONATIONS	20.00
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>217,461.08</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	429,722.03

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS  
BREAKDOWN OF AGENCY FUNDS FY 2009**

PROPERTY RECORDING		248.72
UNCLAIMED ITEMS	6505.63	\$26,921.11
PLANNING DEPOSITS		\$75,147.97
SPORT LICENSES		(\$28.50)
POLICE FIREARM LICENSES		\$762.50
OTHER LIABILITY		
POLICE OFF-DUTY	2517.88	(\$31,750.40)
<b>TOTAL AGENCY</b>		<b>\$71,301.40</b>

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

	<u>ESTIMATED FISCAL 2009</u>	<u>ACTUAL FISCAL 2009</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,395,550	1,372,470
BOAT TAXES	1,000	6,334
PENALTY & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISES	80,000	120,910
IN LIEU OF TAXES	8,000	13,584
OTHER TAXES (ROLL BACK)	0	-
CHARGES		
TRASH DISPOSAL	315,000	311,435
OTHER CHARGES -- SERVICES	0	-
FEES	529,550	395,906
DEPT OF REVENUE -- SCHOOLS	0	0
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	450	224
LICENSES & PERMITS	166,000	133,610
FINES & FORFEITURES	70,000	62,167
INVESTMENTS	70,000	27,524
PRIOR YR REFUNDS/DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS		
MISCELLANEOUS (SPECIFY) non-recurring	<u>10,000</u>	<u>44,596</u>
	Budget	
Bank Misc Charges	248	
Prem Sale of Bond	0	
Insurance Reimb	25,433	
Misc Rev Adjust	81	
Health Insurance Reimb	0	
Revene from Auction	18,834	0
	<u>44,596</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>2,645,550</u>	<u>2,488,760</u>

## REPORT OF THE TOWN WEBSITE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Town Website for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

In March, the Town of Freetown was awarded a 2009 E-Government Award with Distinction by Common Cause Massachusetts. These awards are presented to Massachusetts cities and towns based on website content, recognizing communities that have given their residents greater access to town services beyond the normal business hours of Town Hall.

New features of general interest added to the website this year have included the general and zoning by-laws, the zoning map, and the Assessors' database of field cards, which not only aides in real estate and other research, but in many ways supplants the Valuation List that was for many years printed in the Annual Town Report. Additionally, many Town Hall departments have new e-mail addresses. Fees, forms, and general information for many departments are also routinely posted.

Perhaps of special note, the town moved toward the beginnings of online payment systems this year as the Police Department contracted with the Plymouth County Commission to participate in their parking ticket payment system. Recipients of parking tickets may now pay these tickets online at <http://www.plymouthcountyparking.com>.

Presently, the following boards post their minutes on the website once approved: 325th Anniversary Committee, Board of Selectmen, Cemetery Commission, Council on Aging, Democratic Town Committee, Finance Committee, Parade & Fireworks Committee, Parks Commission, Planning Board, all School Committees, Scholarship Committee, Solid Waste Study Committee, Town Clerk, and Zoning Study Committee. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen posts agendas for their meetings on a regular basis.

Unique visitors to the website, by month, were as follows: July - 8963, August - 5006, September - 4964, October - 4298, November - 4760, December - 3463, January - 3721, February - 3698, March - 4449, April - 4069, May - 4248, and June - 4381. (It should be noted that the figures for July and August are anomalous.) In addition, as of June 30, 2009, there were 472 subscribers to the website's e-news mailing list.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Webmaster

# REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Police Department for Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

## **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.

## **Personnel Transitions**

Patrolman Chad S. Carvalho was laid off and subsequently recalled to duty.

Patrolman Marc A. Vachon was laid off. Patrolman Vachon had been appointed as an Auxiliary Police Officer during 2005, appointed as a Reserve Officer during 2006, and appointed a Patrolman during 2008.

Lieutenant Walter J. Sawicki retired after 33 years of service. He was appointed as a Patrolman during 1975, promoted to Sergeant in 1986, and promoted to Lieutenant in 1987. Lieutenant Sawicki's career included serving as the department's detective, court officer, evidence and property officer, public information officer, and Acting Chief of Police. We take this opportunity to thank him for his service, dedication, and commitment.

Auxiliary Police Officer Brandon S. Wixon, after volunteering many hours and completing the Reserve-Intermittent Academy, was appointed as a Reserve Police Officer.

There were no promotions made during this fiscal year.

**Commendations**

Throughout the fiscal 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:

April 1, 2009: Patrolman Chad S. Carvalho and Reserve Patrolman Brandon S. Wixon

Synopsis: Carvalho and Wixon observed a vehicle exiting a residential driveway at 12:00AM. Being familiar with the patrol area they recognized that the vehicle was not routinely parked in the driveway. Further observation revealed the vehicle had defective equipment. Carvalho and Wixon stopped the vehicle and discovered that they had interrupted two suspects making their getaway from the scene of a breaking and entering. Carvalho and Wixon took action to arrest the two suspects and recover the stolen property.

**Budget**

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

The Department’s budget was strained due to the financial burden created by increased activities, investigations, vacancies, injuries, and loss of patrol hours due to the lay-off of one officer and unfilled vacancy created by the retirement of a second officer. The loss of these two positions followed an unfilled vacancy occurring during 2007.

**Police Department FY 07-08 Budget**

The FY 08-09 budget represented a reduction of \$46,893 or 3.3 % from the previous FY 07-08 budget.

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

The federal COPS in School grant allowed the Department to deploy an officer at our school to facilitate safety programs and serve as a school resource officer. However, due to a reduction of full time officers created by a layoff and unfilled vacancy, the Town was unable to meet the grant conditions. Therefore, this grant was terminated.

The state Community Policing grant allowed the department to continue the auxiliary program, lease a Harley Davidson motorcycle for traffic enforcement, and augment manpower for various town events.

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

Detail Administration fees.....	\$10,662.00
Court Restitution .....	\$ 716.00
Firearm Fees.....	\$ 2,175.00
Report Fees.....	\$ 763.00
Oversize Load Permits: .....	\$ 40.00

**BCI**

The police union continued to work with management and utilize the resources of the Plymouth County Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). 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.

**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.

**Regional Collaboration**

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 20 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel and equipment.

**False Burglar Alarms**

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

Chargeable Alarms:	279
Non-Chargeable:	86
Unfounded:	105
TOTAL:	470

**Firearm Licensing**

The following activity occurred:

License to Carry Issued .....	82
License to Carry Renewal.....	18
License to Carry Suspended .....	2
Firearm Identification Card Issued .....	12
Firearm Identification Card Renewal.....	4
Total Activity .....	118

**Statistics & Crime Trends**

**Call Numbers**

	<b>FY 05-06</b>	<b>FY 06-07</b>	<b>FY 07-08</b>	<b>FY 08-09</b>
Call Numbers	9,260	10,058	11,960	13,736
E911 Calls Received				3,284

## Offenses Reported

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09
Rape & Sodomy	3	7	2	1
Robbery	6	0	1	0
Aggravated (weapon) Assault	22	35	41	40
Simple Assault	41	53	52	85
Intimidation	37	48	59	30
Arson	2	2	2	10
Burglary	42	56	77	77
Pocket Picking	0	0	1	1
Purse Snatching	1	1	1	0
Shoplifting	1	3	10	1
Theft from Building	60	68	85	84
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	30	18	37
All other Larceny	45	92	71	68
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	20	24	26
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	9	5	11
False Pretenses	16	24	12	14
Credit Card/ATM	3	9	1	4
Stolen Property Offenses	3	9	5	4
Impersonation	3	8	8	19
Embezzlement	0	2	1	1
Vandalism	84	168	133	117
Drug Violations	33	17	29	20
Drug Equipment Violations	1	1	0	0
Incest	1	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	3	6	4	2
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	2
Prostitution	0	1	0	0
Weapons Violations	1	13	18	1
Bad Checks	26	12	11	14
Disorderly Conduct	12	11	14	24
Driving Under the Influence	28	31	36	28
Drunkenness	18	18	21	24
Family Offenses, Non Violent	1	4	2	3
Liquor Law Violations	8	15	29	17
Runaway				1
Trespassing	18	17	25	29
Town By-Law Offenses	611	542	569	705
All Other Offenses	150	216	311	264
TOTALS	1,319	1,548	1,679	1,764

### Case Activity

	<b>FY 05-06</b>	<b>FY 06-07</b>	<b>FY 07-08</b>	<b>FY-08-09</b>
Total Offenses Committed	1,319	1,548	1,679	1,764
Total Felonies	316	507	462	430
Total Arrests (On View)	139	128	123	157
Total Arrests (Warrants)	86	103	80	89
Total Summons Arrests	174	160	172	225
Total Arrests	399	391	375	471
Total Protective Custody	20	19	18	17
Total Juvenile Arrests	12	17	9	12
Total Restraining Orders	28	46	46	39

### Other Violations

	<b>FY 05-06</b>	<b>FY 06-07</b>	<b>FY 07-08</b>	<b>FY 08-09</b>
Motor Vehicle Violations	1,479	1,767	1,901	1,442
Municipal By-Law Violations	39	61	61	

### Collisions

	<b>FY 05-06</b>	<b>FY 06-07</b>	<b>FY 07-08</b>	<b>FY 08-09</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents Reports – Town Roads	184	215	191	179
Route 24 Responses	48	40	75	67
Route 140 Responses	17	14	10	21
TOTAL	249	269	276	267

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the Annual Town Report of Freetown Fire Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

It is with mixed emotions that I report the retirements of the Department's three most senior members in the past year: The first being Chief Wayne Haskins who stepped down after 32 years of dedicated service. No one person in the department's one hundred and twenty two year history has impacted the fire department more than Chief Haskins. Chief Haskins instilled in all of us the attitude that we should remember our past, not live in it. He was a leader in every sense of the word, moving the Department forward with a new central fire station to reduce response times to emergencies, and provide twenty four hour paramedic coverage to the citizens of Freetown. It is a fitting tribute that the Board of Selectmen voted to name the central fire station in Chief Haskins' honor.

Next was Captain Gene Rymaszewicz who retired after 27 years of service. The "old man" was a Department fixture for over a quarter of a century. Capt. Rymaszewicz has influenced every member of the Fire Department in one-way or another. Gene had a passion for the job that was second to none. Gene taught us how to "sweat the small stuff" when it came to the upkeep and maintenance of our tools and firehouses. His love for the guys and his unique sense of humor will leave emptiness in all of us.

Last, but not least, is Senior Clerk Florence Cabral. Flo had been with the Fire Department for ten years and is best known for her dedication and loyalty to the organization. Florence always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and ambition. I wish Flo only good things in her upcoming years of retirement and to let her know that she is missed by all whose lives she has touched.

Members of the Fire Department were shocked and saddened with the news of Naval Petty Officer Second Class Tyler Trahan being killed in action on April 30, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Trahan family. The news of Tyler's death hit particularly close to home for the Fire Department since one of our members is currently serving in Afghanistan. Call Firefighter Chad Bettencourt, affectionately known to us as "Jarhead", is now on his second deployment overseas in the United States Marine Corps. Chad has been on extended leave from the Fire Department while pursuing a career in the armed forces. Chad was first deployed to Iraq in 2007 and is now currently serving in Afghanistan. Chad maintains regular contact with the Fire Department via email and the occasional phone call from "over there". To honor Chad for his service to the country, FFD badge number 33 will remain on the active duty roster until Chad comes home safe to reclaim it. Both of these young men epitomize what is good in America. Out of respect for all those who serve, members will wear red uniform shirts on Fridays to display our support of the troops.

Firefighters performed 243 in-service inspections during the past fiscal year. These inspections included schools, churches, and daycare centers, as well as smoke and carbon monoxide inspections for new and resale homes. Firefighters are also responsible for station cleaning, hose testing, equipment and vehicle maintenance. Fire Department members have attended over 1500 hours of fire training both in house and at Massachusetts Firefighting Academy sponsored programs.

The Fire Department 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 \$8,960.62.

In addition to funding our fire safety education programs, monies were used to purchase new water/ice rescue suits, traffic safety vests, and search and rescue ropes.

The Fire Department is still in dire need of Fire Apparatus replacement. The 1983 Pumper in Assonet has been permanently removed from service for safety concerns, being replaced with a 1973 Foam Unit, and the 1986 Pumper housed at Station Three on Bullock Road is almost twenty-four years old. The 1983 vehicle should have been replaced in 2003, and the 1986 in 2006.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not mention our unsung heroes, the Fire/Police dispatchers. Their work goes mostly unnoticed, but they are the vital link between the Fire Department and those in need, and they truly are the heartbeat of Freetown’s emergency services.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 1,569 calls for service during the fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	735	Station Coverage	6
Medical Transfers	19	Investigations	65
Medical Mutual Aid	52	Public Assistance	99
Structural Fires	51	Fire Alarms	119
Brush Fires	22	Illegal Burning	26
Mutual Aid Fires	12	Motor Vehicle Accidents	205
Motor Vehicle Fires	20	Water Rescues	6
Carbon Monoxide Calls	8	Details	37
Electrical Emergencies	37	Miscellaneous	<u>50</u>
		Total Responses	1,569

Fire Department receipts deposited to Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees Collected	\$ 268,591.13
Permits & Reports	\$ 11,014.00
Total	\$ 279,605.13

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Silvia,  
Fire Chief

# **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

We would like to acknowledge and thank Fire Chief Wayne A. Haskins for his many years as Director of Emergency Management. Good luck in your retirement.

Emergency Management has been very constructive this year. We have had numerous Town employees successfully complete the requirements for ICS 300 and ICS 400. We have completed the installation of a propane powered generator and heating unit for the back up Emergency Operations Center. These items consumed the budget.

Our goals for the upcoming year involve grant writing, pandemic preparation, and shelter organization classes.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley S. Vaughan, Jr.  
Director

# 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Homes	9	\$ 10,708.00
Additions	18	\$ 4,462.00
New Commercial	2	\$ 1,056.00
Commercial Misc	33	\$ 9,423.00
Commercial Remodel	7	\$ 2,832.00
Garages	8	\$ 1,471.00
Sheds	7	\$ 452.00
Decks	27	\$ 1,800.00
Residential Remodel	21	\$ 2,550.00
Above-Ground Pools	12	\$ 555.00
Inground Pools	3	\$ 225.00
Fireplaces	3	\$ 150.00
Chimneys	8	\$ 360.00
Wood Stoves	60	\$ 2,440.00
Occupancy Permits	20	\$ 1,000.00
Foundations	4	\$ 200.00
Demolition Permits	7	\$ 700.00
Miscellaneous	13	\$ 650.00
Roofing/Siding	63	\$ 3,150.00
Home Occupation	4	\$ 120.00
Certificates of Inspection	20	\$ 680.00
Zoning Permits	1	\$ 20.00
Gas Permits	91	\$ 4,445.00
Plumbing Permits	87	\$ 5,725.00
Wiring Permits	175	\$ 11,368.00
Trench Permits	13	\$ 650.00
<b>Total Permits/Fees Collected</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>\$ 67,192.00</b>
Waived permits	9	
Churches/schools		

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois  
Building Commissioner

## REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Animal Inspector including the number of inspections performed for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Dairy Heifers:	30	Steer:	21
Cows	42	Goats:	28
Sheep:	26	Hogs:	2
Horses:	75	Chickens:	170
Waterfowl:	41	Gamebirds:	72
Rabbits:	24	Guinea Hens:	5
Dog Bites & Others:	6	“Beefalo:”	3

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, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Stray Dogs Brought to Shelter:	65
Dogs Euthanized:	17
Dogs Adopted:	32
Dogs Picked up by Owners:	16

The amount of \$300.00 was turned into the Treasurer for fees collected.

Respectfully submitted,

David Frates  
Dog Officer

# REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Highway Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Using Chapter 90 Funds, the following projects were completed: High Plain Street, Allison Avenue, and the old portion of Louise Avenue were resurfaced; Bullock Road was chip sealed from Chipaway Road to Dartmouth using a 20-percent asphalt rubber surface treatment; roads in Proprietors' Acres were chip sealed; and various roads were cracksealed, including Billy's Lane, Leslie Lane, Water Street, and Howland Road. Also with Chapter 90 Funds, a John Deere 5425 tractor was purchased. The tractor replaced both a 1961 Ford 801 and a 1966 Ford 4400, both of which were sold at auction.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows: Catch basins were rebuilt on Braley Road, Cottle Lane, Glad Street, Gurney Road, Jacob's Mountain Road, Joaquin Avenue, Mason Road, Morton Road, North Main Street, and Slab Bridge Road; the stone wall on the Narrows Road bridge was rebuilt; grindings were placed on Lang Road; the edge of Cove Lane was rebuilt; berms were placed on Quanaoag Road; and general repairs were carried out on Walnut Street.

In addition to routine vehicle maintenance, two dump bodies were repaired or rebuilt, trailers were redecked, and the engine on the 1994 GMC dump truck was replaced following failure.

Roads were built and rebuilt at the Assonet Burying Ground by excavating dirt roads and placing asphalt grindings. A parking area at the Elementary School was also developed and built, and the old playground equipment at the School was removed. In addition, the Highway Department assisted with setting up for and breaking down the parade and fireworks, all elections, the Strawberry Festival, Lakeside Festival, the Robinson Estates Yard Sale, and the Historical Society Open House.

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 DEPARTMENT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Water Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

John Walsh and Michael Pillarella were both voted in as Commissioners for the FY 2009.

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. Meetings are held twice a month on Monday evenings the second and fourth week.

One new customer was added this year. Moneys collected for this Fiscal Year amounted to \$425,048.26.

The Commission has drafted an Enterprise fund budget for the water department for self-funding. The projected budget for next year is \$593,420.00 with the majority of the funds used to purchase water from New Bedford and Fall River.

Bacteriological Analysis was conducted monthly. The DEP now requires testing of Trihalomethanes, and Haloacetic Acids. These tests have also been done as required. Backflows were tested in the fall of 2008 and the spring of 2009. 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 and the Town Website.

The Water Commissioners is grateful for the services provided by WhiteWater, Inc., our Licensed Operators, Keven Desmarais, our part-time Meter Reader/Repair Person, Karen Robitiale, our part-time Senior Clerk, and Helen Medeiros, our full-time Senior Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

John Walsh, Chairman  
Michael P. Pillarella  
Robert Kelliher

# REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Cemetery Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

There are approximately forty-five cemeteries in town, the vast majority of which are a testimony to the tradition of the family burial plot, which prevailed for much of our town's history and continues in certain cemeteries today. Six of these cemeteries – Assonet Burying Ground, East Freetown Cemetery, Old Quaker Cemetery, Richmond Cemetery, Tisdale Burying Ground, and Mother's Brook Graveyard in Fall River – are owned by the Town.

## ***Burials***

There were eleven burials in the Assonet Burying Ground during this fiscal year, three of which were burials of veterans. No burials were recorded for any other town-owned cemetery. We are obliged to the funeral homes of this area for complying with our rule adopted in 2007 about advanced notice of burials. We have been caught by surprise only once in recent memory, and that has enabled us to better prepare for commitment services.

## ***Maintenance***

In July, the Highway Department excavated the majority of the dirt roads in the Assonet Burying Ground and replaced them with an asphalt grindings surface, which greatly improved all-weather access. This year also saw the beginning of a multi-phase project by Albanese Monuments to repair a number of broken or toppled headstones in the cemetery, with the cost of repairs to be borne by the perpetual care account. On the same front, our Veterans' Graves Officer, Rich Levesque, is working to secure replacements for the headstones of several Civil War veterans which have become illegible, with the cost to be borne by the VA.

Much help was received throughout the winter from Chuck Macomber and Keven Desmarais to keep the roads clear, especially in preparing for a funeral after the New Year's Eve snowstorm. We were also fortunate to continue receiving a helping hand in this and several other cemeteries from Roger Guimond, who has been taking down the dead trees for us at no cost to the town. All of these gentlemen have provided great service to the town and its people.

Springtime saw the first phase of mapping the East Freetown Cemetery come to be, with Dave Cass producing a topographic map showing the cemetery in its present state. In the coming year, we anticipate having lot layouts added to the map, and we hope to begin offering lots for sale in this cemetery in the near future.

Work continued in this fiscal year toward transferring the Mother's Brook Graveyard to the City of Fall River. As the cemetery is situated in that city, we feel it is properly their responsibility to maintain. Some clean-up was performed at the Tisdale Burying Ground; however, that cemetery remains grossly overgrown. Routine maintenance was carried out at the Old Quaker and Richmond cemeteries as needed, and one mowing was undertaken at the Winslow Cemetery in the spring which, when coupled with two separate volunteer clean-ups in the fall, made for a stunning sight to see.

Volunteer maintenance and other projects were carried out as follows this year: Braley Cemetery by Mr. & Mrs. Milton Bachellor and family, Dr. Braley Cemetery by the White Cemetery Association, Mother's Brook Graveyard by Mr. Dana Sumner, Plummer Burial Ground by Mr. & Mrs. Rick Bowie and family, Tisdale Burying Ground by the Conservation Commission,

and Winslow Cemetery by Assonet Boy Scout Troop 164 and Mr. Roger Guimond. Those wishing to restore or maintain an abandoned cemetery are asked to contact the Cemetery Commission in advance for permission and guidance.

***Perpetual Care***

There are five private cemeteries for which the Town is custodian of some or all perpetual care funds, namely the Chace, Evans, Morton, Rounsevell, and White cemeteries. Presently, the town arranges for maintenance services at the Evans and Morton cemeteries at their expense, while the Chace, Rounsevell, and White cemeteries make their own arrangements. A grant agreement was entered into with the White Cemetery Association, and information regarding that agreement is presented in our financial report.

***General Notes***

On the Saturday preceding Memorial Day, a cadre of volunteers under the direction of our Veterans’ Agent, Rich Levesque, placed flags on the graves of veterans throughout town. All known veterans’ graves are marked with flags prior to Memorial Day each year. This yearly tradition is a way of remembering the sacrifices made by the hundreds of former soldiers and sailors buried in town. If you are aware of a veteran’s grave which is not being marked, please contact either Mr. Levesque or a member of the Cemetery Commission.

We are thankful for the help of Karen Mello and the Board of Assessors in placing all known cemeteries on the Assessors’ maps. While this has not been a problem in town, we hope that this will go a great distance toward preventing the problems had by some of our neighboring towns, notably Dartmouth and Westport, whereby developers have damaged or destroyed historic cemeteries that were not well marked.

The prices for graves remain unchanged from the previous fiscal year. Each individual grave for a casket burial is \$800.00. In response to several inquiries, we find it important to remind the public that we no longer offer multi-grave lots on a sliding price scale; each separate grave incurs a separate cost of \$800.00. Separate graves for cremated remains only, however, are \$200.00 per lot. All prices include perpetual care. Anyone wishing to purchase a lot, or to add to a cemetery’s perpetual care endowment, is asked to contact a member of the Cemetery Commission, and we will be happy to oblige.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

**RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION**

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

**Receipts**

Received for the sale of six graves in the Assonet Burying Ground:	\$ 1,800.00
Received for perpetual care for six graves in the Assonet Burying Ground:	3,000.00

## **Budget**

2007 Annual Town Meeting Sale of Lots Transfer:	\$ 2,054.00
2008 Annual Town Meeting Sale of Lots Transfer:	5,000.00
2008 Annual Town Meeting Appropriation:	<u>4,400.00</u>
	<u>\$11,454.00</u>

### **Expenditures:**

#### **Appropriations & Sale of Lots Transfers**

Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance, Assonet Burying Ground:	\$ 7,632.00
Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance, Richmond Cemetery:	200.00
Wallace E. DeMoranville, care and maintenance, Winslow Cemetery:	200.00
David J. Cass, preliminary mapping, East Freetown Cemetery:	520.00
United States Post Office – Assonet, postage and envelopes:	<u>3.85</u>
	<u>\$ 8,555.85</u>

Unexpended funds from 2008 Sale of Lots transfer carried forward to FY10:	\$ 2,690.00
Unexpended funds from Town Meeting Appropriation returned to the Town:	\$ 208.15

### **Expenditures:**

#### **Perpetual Care Funds**

Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance, Assonet Burying Ground:	\$ 5,418.00
Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance, Evans Cemetery:	2,805.00
Jillian L. Marks, care and maintenance, Morton Cemetery:	250.00
Robert S. Rounsevell, care and maintenance, Rounsevell Cemetery:	1,200.00
White Cemetery Association, care and maintenance, White Cemetery:	475.10

#### **White Cemetery Grant Agreement**

At the Special Town Meeting held October 27, 2008, the Town voted to authorize a grant agreement between the Cemetery Commission and the White Cemetery. This divested the Town of \$1,150.00 of principal held for that cemetery. The Town retained \$500.00 in principal, and the White Cemetery will receive an annual payment equal to the interest earned thereon as of September 30th.

#### **Donation Account**

Since the creation of the Donation Account, we have received \$20.00 in donations designated to benefit the Terry-Davenport Cemetery in Assonet. We have received no other donations, and expended no funds.

#### **Cemetery Land Stabilization Fund**

As of July 1, 2008, the balance of this fund was \$1,068.54. Interest accumulated throughout the year brought the closing balance to \$1,085.98 on June 30, 2009. An additional \$1,000.00 was appropriated for the year beginning July 1, 2009, and will be reflected in next year's report.

## **REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND USE COMMITTEE**

Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Open Space and Use Committee for FY July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The Committee was invited to join with Lakeville Open Space for a community forum to be held at the Middle School. We attended a Lakeville Open Space meeting in October and drew up a matching “quest” to Lakeville’s environmental questions to identify regionally shared resources and sites to visit with the two towns. The “Quest” was distributed through the school and posted on the town’s Website. This Committee contacted Mass DCR to obtain ‘Park Passports’ which encourage families to visit and stamp in at State Parks throughout the Commonwealth. 200 passports were obtained.

Unfortunately, the November public forum was cancelled due to conflict with scheduling at the school. Thoughts were presented to continue this at the Lakeville Green Fair held at Ted Williams Camp in the spring. The passports obtained were distributed there and at the town libraries.

In February we applied for a mini grant through the Taunton River Watershed Campaign for financial assistance for the printing of required maps and the completed Open Space and Recreation Plan. Notification was received in March and a \$1920.00 grant awarded on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Taunton River Annual River Forum held at The Bristol County Agricultural School. Committee members attended many of the workshops presented on land stewardship, agriculture, and community preservation. We had a power point presentation and small display at the forum identifying Freetown Open Space and priority habitats.

Ongoing work includes updating and completion of plan sections, editing, picture insertion and the final mapping.

Normally, The Open Space and Use Committee meets once a month at the Town Hall. During FY 09, health issues among members and their families prevented us from meeting that frequently. Meetings are posted in the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Althea H. Brady,  
Chair

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Freetown:

The fiscal year of June 2008 through July 2009 has been very busy. Some programs offered this year are referral service, WII, blood pressure screening, fuel assistance applications, Prescription Advantage applications, flu clinic, podiatry clinic, exercise classes, computer classes, bingo, 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 transportation, SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Kanakis produce, birthday parties, paper embroidery, brown bag (115 income eligible participants), Stop & Shop Groceries (monthly donation 145 income eligible participants), volunteer opportunities.

A grant is written every year to help pay for utilities for the building and mailing of the bi-monthly newsletter. The newsletter 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 USDA Rural Development qualified seniors can receive up to \$7500. (seven thousand five hundred) to fix their home. This grant does not have to be paid back as long as the senior remains in the home for 3 (three) years after. Some examples are deck repair, doors, furnaces, railings, steps, new well, roof work and new windows.

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

Free luncheons that were held for the seniors given by IDDI in Assonet, luncheon held at the Freetown VFW sponsored by our Legislative Representatives, Literary Luncheon by the Freetown Lakeville Middle School, Stop & Shop Warehouse gave two cookouts for the seniors; they supplied all the food and volunteers to do the cooking.

I would like to thank the Freetown VFW for letting the Council on Aging use the hall every Wednesday for country line dancing at no charge and Stop & Shop for their monthly donations. They donate a variety of items like cleaning products, soap products plus food products. Anyone, any age, can come and pick up some groceries. You do not have to be a senior. Bring in your approval letter that you are on food stamps, fuel assistance, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Place  
Director

# REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I have the honor to report that we have served the following Veterans' of the town by administering Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115 benefits, filing claims for benefits against the US Department of Veterans Affairs, and assisting town Veterans' with filing out forms and providing information and advice on Veterans' benefits. According to the records we have seen 78 veterans and/or their spouses since July of 2008. That report breaks down as follows: Chapter 115 benefits: 7 Veterans/spouses; Chapter 115 (medical only): 3; Chapter 115 (burial): 1; Filed VA Claims for Service Connected Compensation or Non-Service connected pension: 26; Veterans assisted with forms or advice: 88 Veterans or their spouses. We currently have 9 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 in April 2008 for the amount of \$3,654.24 to finish the fiscal year. This is over the \$25,000 budgeted for Veterans Benefits.

We have decorated the four town war memorials and the new Memorial Park with appropriate wreaths for Veterans Day on November 10<sup>th</sup> for November 11th, 2007. Those monuments are: (a) Elementary School (WWII); (b) Monument across from Town Hall (WWI); (c) Monument at the 4 corners on Chace Rd (private); and (d) Monument at the VFW on Middleboro Rd. On the Saturday prior to Memorial Day we decorated the graves of Veterans in Town with the assistance of the VFW Post 6643 and 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 750 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 earliest 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 death 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 Our Veterans,

Richard J. Levesque  
Director

## 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Library Trustees: This years' Board consisted of Irene Ashley (Chair); Lucille M. Rosa (Vice-chair), Lori Weider (Secretary), Richard Spencer, Michael McCue, and Melanie Dodenhoff.

Children's Programs: We began the summer by having a benefit concert for the library. The Tow Jam Puppet Band performed at the concert. It was held at the United Congregational Church in Assonet. The theme of the concert was summer time fun. It was very well attended. In May, we once again held a benefit concert for the library. It as held at the Freetown Elementary School. The theme for this concert was "Half Way to Halloween". Most of the children as well as many parents came dressed in costumes. The Toe Jam Puppet Band again was so gracious to donate their time to help the library. Attendance for this event was low. Many people were confused to what time the event was being held.

A huge "thank you" once again goes to The Toe Jam Puppet Band for their outstanding contribution in volunteering their time and talent for these benefits concerts. The proceeds from these concerts have helped the library buy new materials for both children and adults. We would like to thank The Friends of the Freetown Libraries for paying for the rental of the hall at the United Congregation Church in Assonet so that we were able to have our first benefit concert for fiscal year 2009. We also would like to thank Mr. Frizelle and the custodial staff of FES for making the spring benefit concert possible.

We were unable to have any story hours this year. Peg Riley was the librarian responsible for one of the story hours because of budget cuts; her position as eliminated as of June 30, 2008. Holli Panagos who in previous years volunteered to a story hour for older preschooler was unable to offer her service in this year. We would like to thank both of these dedicated women for their many years of fine service to the library, especially the children.

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, the James White Library was painted. This cost was paid by the Building Trust.

Personnel: Due to budget cuts, we were forced to lay-off Margaret Riley. She was a very valuable member of the staff. She served in her position for over fifteen years. Ms. Riley was responsible story hour. With her departure, we were no longer to offer the children in the community a story hour. Her leaving was a loss to the Freetown library community. We would like to extend her our thanks and gratitude.

The Freetown libraries operate with well over 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. 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 \$ 157.09; Printer/copier fees \$ 80.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard,  
Library Director

# REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Honorable Board of Selectman and citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

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. This year we are currently reviewing a request for demolition of a barn at 9 East Howland Road. The structure dates to 1803, and has historic significance to the history and architecture of the East Freetown Historic District. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission requested a demolition plan review. The applicant submitted the plan with the necessary accompanying documents and a final decision will be made by next month. When viewing the property, members of the Commission were able to photograph the barn and adjoining structures. 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 the Freetown Zoning Study Committee. Peter Erwin and Mary E.R. Brown have been representing the Commission on the committee for the past three and half years. The committee is made up of members of the Planning Board, Historical Commission, residents, Selectman and representatives from SRPEDD. A final zoning proposal for the entire town was brought to town meeting and approved on October 27 2008. 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 of Assonet Village and East Freetown 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. 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, Selectman, 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 made up of one member each from the Planning Board, Finance Committee, Freetown Highway Surveyor, Freetown Historical Commission, 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 but 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.

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.assonetrivier.com/preservation>. The conditions of the Village School and of our historic bridges continues to be of concern.

Historic Photos have been on display at the Town Hall and have helped to create a curiosity and interest in some of our historic structures. The Commission will continue to reproduce and display these historic photos to help develop an appreciation and pride in town history. Recognition, pride, and preservation of our town's historic resources remain a priority despite our many exciting challenges.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month, except when noted as posted in the Town Hall. 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, 2008  
through June 30, 2009:

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 is Magic	\$ 250.00
Soule Homestead	Harvest Fair	200.00
Southcoast Historical Associates	17 <sup>th</sup> 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 in conjunction with the Tuesday Club of Assonet 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,

Elizabeth R. Dennehy,  
Chairman

# REPORT OF THE PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Parade & Fireworks Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The events of the Parade & Fireworks Committee this year were folded into, and a major part of, the “Anniversary Weekend” for the 325th anniversary. All members of this committee served on the 325th Anniversary Committee.

The annual faire was held at Hathaway Park on July 3, 2008 with several thousand in attendance. New and familiar booths alike were run by various organizations providing entertainment and refreshments for those gathered. The bonfire, which has proven a popular addition, was held for the second year. Closing out the night, the fireworks were shot off around 9:45 p.m., creating a beautiful display over the Assonet River.

The annual parade was held in Assonet on July 4, 2008. The parade featured a volume of entries that was larger than usual, owing perhaps to the anniversary celebration. Grand Marshals this year were John Ashley, Lynwood and Virginia French, and Ralph and Janice Gurney. These individuals were selected for their many years of service to the Town and its people in a variety of capacities. *Standard-Times* Man and Woman of the Year were Henry Reis and Linda Remedis. Congressman Barney Frank also marched in the parade on account of the festivities, returning to the parade after partaking in 1983.

Taking first place in the parade was Rainbow Workshop & Learning Center of Assonet. Second place was taken by Kara’s Dance Center of East Freetown. Placing third was the cadre of military vehicles known as Fighting Iron which were entered by Jon Philbrook of Rochester.

We express our continued gratitude to the police, fire, and highway departments for their dedicated support of our activities. In addition, we thank Stop & Shop for its generosity in making a substantial financial contribution to our program, and Cape Cod Aggregates for its promise of an equally-generous donation in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Gregory, Co-Chairman  
Sharon L. Hadley, Co-Chairman  
Michael T. McCue, Clerk  
Robert L. Adams, Treasurer  
Rev. A. M. “Bill” Comeau  
Andrew A. Fitzgerald  
Jean C. Fox  
Robert L. Gregory  
Sharon A. Kaminski  
Ellen C. Lima  
James M. O’Leary  
John W. Remedis

## REPORT OF THE 325TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the 325th Anniversary Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Our final year began with a beautiful display of fireworks and a spectacular parade with wonderful guests and entrants. These two events are described in the report of the Parade & Fireworks Committee appearing elsewhere in this book.

On Sunday, July 6th, a ceremony was held at Memorial Park at 1:00 P.M. to dedicate a Peace Pole given to the town as a birthday gift from the Rainbow Workshop & Learning Center on Slab Bridge Road. The ceremony featured live music and local color guards, all of which added to the atmosphere, both solemn and festive. Following this dedication, a luncheon was provided by, and held at, the VFW. We owe the VFW and Rainbow Workshop much thanks.

That evening saw the Anniversary Weekend close with an ecumenical service held at St. Bernard's Church. The front lawn of the church was sprinkled with 325 American flags donated by the VFW, and the church bell was rung 325 times by Barret Castro, the church Sacristan. Serving as color guard was Boy Scout Troop 164 of Assonet. Musical selections were provided by Apponequet Summerring Chorus and Ms. Laurie Lopes. Refreshments were served in the church hall after the service.

Taking part in the service were members of the clergy from all churches in town, as well as a rabbi from Fall River to represent the Jewish population of the area. These ladies and gentlemen included Cantor Richard Wolberg of Temple Beth El in Fall River, Fr. Michael Racine of St. Bernard's Church, Rev. Don Bliss of the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church, Rev. Dr. Bill Comeau and Rev. Joann Wheeler of the United Church of Assonet, Rev. Curtis Dias of Calvary Pentecostal Church, Rev. David Lima of New Seasons Worship Center, Rev. Richard Degagne of St. John Neumann Church, and Rev. Arlene Paiva of Star of the Sea Spiritual Center. We owe great thanks for their generous participation.

After taking a deserved rest for the remainder of July, the Anniversary Committee returned in August and September to compile and seal a twenty-five year time capsule. This time capsule features a myriad of items to help signify what life was like here in 2008. The capsule itself, handcrafted by our talented craftsman and committeeman Bob Adams, is being stored at the Freetown Historical Society.

The Anniversary Committee, with the help of committeeman Bob Gregory, secured a replacement sign for Veterans' Square in East Freetown. We also celebrated the 225th birthday of the Hon. Marcus Morton, the only Massachusetts governor to be born in town, by having the Board of Selectmen declare the week of February 16th – February 22nd as "Marcus Morton Week" in Freetown. As our final activity as a committee, we commissioned a plaque to hang in the lobby of the Town Hall commemorating April 2, 2009, as the 350th anniversary of "Ye Freemen's Purchase" – the purchase of Assonet and Fall River from the Wampanoag Indians.

We wish to remind the many contributors that our planned book commemorating the history of the town from 1900-2008 will continue to be worked on until its completion, despite this committee's disappearance on June 30th. We also wish to take one last opportunity to thank the many people who helped make our events possible, with special attention paid to the Freetown Police, Fire, and Highway departments, the Historical Society, and Stop & Shop.

As I close out this, the final report of the 325th Anniversary Committee to the town which has so fervently supported our efforts, I wish to quote the Hon. Rufus A. Soule, late of New Bedford and President of the Massachusetts Senate at the turn of the last century, who spoke briefly at the Old Home Festival held in Assonet on July 30, 1902. At that festival, remarking on the beauty and richness of Freetown, Sen. Soule concluded by saying,

“My friends, my time is up. I am going to stop. But I will tell you what my text would be if I were to talk longer. It would be the first four lines of the ode which has been sung and which commences, ‘How shall we best the work complete?’ To you much has been given and of you much shall be required. See to it that the generations which are to come have the same reason to look back and point with pride to their ancestors as we have to ours.”

This report is, with the thanks of a grateful committee,

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Sadly, we must report that for want of funds, we were unable to award any scholarships this year. This was not unexpected, as we have all felt the pinch of the current recession in one way or another. Residents are asked to keep in mind the needs of our student population beyond their high school years, and to consider exercising greater generosity when the economy improves and the bankbook allows.

Dr. Stephen Furtado retired as Superintendent of Schools on December 31, 2008. He was succeeded by the interim superintendent, Mr. Louis E. Rodrigues, whose term expires June 30, 2009. We wish to thank Dr. Furtado for his assistance and insight during his time with us. It is very easy for someone in such a busy position to pass on taking part in a program like this, but we have been fortunate during our time to have the support of the schools and the school administrators.

We began this year with \$561.47. Over the course of the year, an additional \$36.32 was added to the account through interest and donations. No awards were presented due to the financial shortfall. This left us with a balance on June 30, 2009, of \$597.79.

The Scholarship Fund received 100-percent 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 may be mailed to the Scholarship Committee, Town Hall, P.O. Box 438, Assonet, MA 02702. Checks should be made payable to: Town of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue,  
Chairman

# **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, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board endorsed 4 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in the creation of 8 lots. The Planning Board collected \$800.00 in Form A filing fees. The Planning Board reviewed 2 Form C subdivision plans thereby collecting \$3,475.00 in filing fees and \$17,295.00 in technical review fees. The Planning Board also reviewed three Special Permits resulting in the collection of \$870.00 in filing fees.

During the fiscal year 2009, the Planning Board held public hearings to review articles submitted for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting vote.

The Planning Board held public hearings to review the revised Zoning By-laws approved at the Special Town Meeting held October 27, 2008. The STM Warrant Article to update the zoning in town is the culmination of more than three years of work by the Zoning Study Committee with guidance, using grant money, from the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). The Committee reviewed the current Zoning By-Law and updated areas to enhance and add clarity to the By-Law, as well as to improve the Table of Uses.

New zoning districts were established as Open Space and Recreation, Village Residential District and Village Business District. It is the intent of the Village Residential District and the Village Business District to preserve the architectural and historic character of Assonet Village and East Freetown Village. A mix of limited commercial and residential uses is permitted to allow development keeping with the look and feel of Freetown's historic villages. The Town of Freetown's intent for the Village Residential District and Village Business District is to encourage rehabilitation of existing structures and development of new buildings with high architectural standards that is compatible with the historic development pattern that gives Assonet Village and East Freetown Village their special character.

Additionally, the zoning map has been updated to protect the areas that have been developed since the 1996 zoning By-Law was first put into place as well as to provide guidance for future growth.

The Planning Board held public hearings to review the Town of Freetown Protective Bylaws, Article 11 Section 11 Floodplain Overlay District. This Zoning By-Law, approved at the Annual Town Meeting held in June, 2009, will update regulations relative to floodplain district information in the Town of Freetown. This by-law is necessary in order for homes in Freetown to be covered by flood insurance.

The Planning Board drafted an Adult Retirement Community By-law that was adopted at the Annual Town Meeting. The Adult Retirement Community use granted by Special Permit allows an alternative housing opportunity for persons fifty-five (55) years of age and older. It is intended to encourage the preservation of common land for open space and recreation, while at the same time providing an attractive residential environment more suitable to the needs of people in their later years.

The Planning Board also drafted the Continuing Care Retirement Community Bylaw which was also adopted at the Annual Town Meeting. The Continuing Care Retirement Community use

granted by Special Permit allows a greater flexibility in development from the guidelines otherwise permitted in the General Use and Residential zoning districts. It is intended to encourage the preservation of open spaces, while at the same time allowing a greater mixture of buildings, structures and uses, with special attention given to the concerns of the elderly and the ill in a campus-like setting.

The Planning Board members are Chairman Robert Raymond, Keven Desmarais, Mark Rogers and Mike Motta. William McCue chose not to run for re-election at the expiration of his term. Marc Tisdelle was elected as the newest member of the Board; Gary Guinen is the alternate member serving as needed on the Special Permit Granting Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Carvalho  
Planning/Land Use Administrator

# 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, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of three (3) members and two (2) 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 one special permit and four variance requests. The Zoning Board of Appeals collected \$7,250.00 in engineering review fees and \$470 in advertising fees. The Board continued to hold 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 and Robert Jose were appointed associate members of the Board. Kim Pina retired after serving more than 10 years on the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Carvalho  
Planning/Land Use Administrator

## **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

The following is the report of the Tree Warden for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Because of gypsy and winter moth damage, N-Star is still removing hundreds of dead, hazardous trees in the vicinity of the power lines.

As Tree Warden from April 6, 2009 through June 30, 2009, I was called fifteen times. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 508-763-3071 or 508-264-8838.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice W. DeMoranville  
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, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

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

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 \$1,475.00 in application fees and \$5,016.25 in tipping fees, totaling \$6,491.25.

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:

Following is the report of the Freetown Conservation Commission Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The Freetown Conservation Commission is composed of seven volunteers, appointed members serving to protect the wetland areas within the Town. Members are Keven Desmarais, Chairman, Americo Craveiro, David Mannion, Troy Audyatis, Janine Robidoux, Maria Ternullo, and Felicia Porawski.

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 effects on the wetlands. Wetlands serve to provide storm and flood protection, pollution control, and most importantly, a habitat for various species of plants and animals. With the increased understanding of how wetlands interact with the water table, combined with the reliance 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.

Notices of Intent and Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation require filing fees, thus \$8,456.50 was collected during the fiscal year. From July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 the Commission acted upon the following:

REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION	9
NOTICES OF INTENT	12
CERTIFICATES F COMPLIANCE	3
EXTENSION PERMITS	6
ABBREVIATED NOTICESOF INTENT	0
ABBREVIATED NOTICES OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION	3
AMENDED ORDERS OF CONDITIONS	0
ENFORCEMENT ORDERS	0

Meetings are held bi-weekly at the Town Hall, 3 North Main St, Assonet, 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	2012
Alex M. Magalhaes	2011
Robert Nogueira	2012
Joseph B. Shaw, Jr., Chair	2010
Sandra L. Souza	2010

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

### Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

#### Freetown Members

David W. Brown 2010  
Robert W. Clark - 1 yr. Appointment  
Sandra L. Souza - 2012

#### Lakeville Members

Lorraine Carboni 2012  
Charlene Shea 2010  
Carolyn Gomes- 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  
JoAnn M. Cournoyer  
Jennifer L. Seaberg

Martha A. Deneault  
Joyce V. Essenburg  
Kathleen D. Cincotta

Nora E. Murphy  
Carol A. Gregory  
Margaret Robinson

### Central Office Administration

Apponequet Regional High School  
98 Howland Road  
Lakeville, MA 02347

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

Superintendent: FAX: 508-923-9960 Business/SPED: FAX: 508-923-0674

---

Freetown Elementary School  
43 Bullock Road  
E. Freetown, MA 02717  
Tel: 508-763-5121  
Fax: 508-763-3986  
Robert Frizelle, Principal

George R. Austin Intermediate School  
112 Howland Road  
Lakeville, MA 02347  
Tel: 508-923-3506, 508-763-4933  
Fax: 508-946-0266  
Megan Beaubien, Principal

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

**FREETOWN AND LAKEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FREETOWN ANNUAL TOWN REPORT  
2008-2009**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

As the new Superintendent of the Freetown and Lakeville Public Schools, it is an honor to introduce this report on the schools to you. As we all know, the schools are by far the largest budget in the town. Education is, and always has been, a high priority for the citizens of Freetown and you fully recognize the importance of investing in your school system. A good public school system adds real value to your property and improves the quality of life in your community. We take our responsibility to provide the best possible education with the resources available very seriously. As you read the individual reports you will get a sense of the wonderful educational, social, and recreational opportunities being provided to your children through your public schools.

With that said, we all realize these are times of severe economic stress at the state and local level. Our towns and schools have been directly and severely impacted by this situation. Reductions in staffing have created unreasonably large class sizes. Programs have been cut back. Class size is an important factor in educational quality at the lower grades. We must work together to ensure that all Freetown students get the very best start possible in their educational careers. If we do not, we will spend an inordinate amount of our resources on trying to catch them up in later grades. We are challenged by *No Child Left Behind* that all our students are achieving proficiency in school. There is no such thing as a “do over” in education.

This is a time of a transition in leadership and significant challenges to not only maintain the quality of what we have, but to build upon the success of the past for a better future. I look forward to working with the elected officials and the citizens of Freetown to provide the very best educational system you can afford. Please join me in that challenge.

Sincerely,

John E. McCarthy  
Superintendent of Schools

# APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

### 2008-2009

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

On Sunday, June 7, 2009, graduation was held on Griffith Field for the Class of 2009, consisting of 214 students. Devon Williams, Class President, along with Amelia Tatarian, Valedictorian, led the class. Thomas Bachant was selected to give the "Charge to the Class." Thirty-five students were members of the National Honor Society. The NHS officers were President Jessica Mueller, Vice President Emily Rodenbush, Secretary Laura Douillette and Treasurer Christa Coscia. Jessica Levy served as President of Student Council.

The Senior Awards Night was held the previous Tuesday, June 2nd, with the Senior Banquet on Thursday, June 4, 2009. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations for donating over \$100,000 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.

Juniors Analisa Cook and Loryn Moynihan attended the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee meetings as our Student Representatives.

The high school continued its preparation for the 2010 NEASC accreditation visit by approving a new Mission Statement, Academic Expectations, Social and Civic Expectations and the School and Community Profile. The tri-chairs for our self-study are Ms. Susan Brelsford, Mrs. Kahlani Dessert and Ms. Barbara Starkie.

We are very grateful for the years of service given by our staff members who retired in June: David Courtemanche, Marsha Maxwell, Norma McNally, Linda Pittsley and Darlene Raposa.

Our International Student Exchange Program welcomed Senior Yun-Fung Kam from Hong Kong and Junior Lacy Kryakvina from the Ukraine. Matthew Davis completed his senior year as an exchange student to Germany.

Apponequet students demonstrated great success at the upper performance levels on the MCAS tests. In English, 88% of our students scored in the Advanced and Proficient levels. In math, 75% scored in the top two levels. English and math scores are used for determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our students also scored significantly above the state average on the Biology MCAS test with 72% scoring in the Advanced and Proficient levels. The DESE now requires an Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP) for all students who scored in the Needs Improvement category on either the English or math tests.

Advanced Placement Physics was added to our offerings of advance placement courses. Other courses include Calculus, Composition and Literature, Biology, United States History, European History and Studio Art.

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 walk through their new schedules and find their classrooms. The evening ended with Student Council members providing a "What-Not-To-Wear" Fashion Show.

Parents continued to offer a tremendous amount of support for Apponequet students. Parents in the PTO assist in the main office, guidance office, nurse's office and library. The Apponequet After Prom Celebration Committee worked throughout the year to plan a safe and healthy activity for our students after the prom. Other parent groups at Apponequet include the Music Boosters, the Athletic Boosters, Supporters of Apponequet Players (S.O.A.P.), the football Gridiron, and the Laker Hockey Club. New members are always welcome to join any of our parent groups.

The Music Program continues to do outstanding work under the direction of Mrs. Denise Haskins and Mr. Ed Ledwith. Benjiman Durfee became only the third Apponequet student to be selected to the MENC All Eastern Honors Chorus. All-State recommendations were earned by Ben Durfee and Matt Logan. Evan Case was selected to the Senior SEMSBA Orchestra. Jacob Bernando and Marc Christiansen were chosen for the Junior SEMMEA District Orchestra. Molly McCabe and James Trubiano were accepted into the District Concert Band. Fourteen (14) students were selected for the Southeast District Music Festival. This represented the largest delegation from any school in the district. The Apponequet Choir performed in four school concerts, including Apponopalooza in October. Many students also have the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing in M.A.D.D. Night. Eighty-two students, representing the vocal and instrumental groups participated in the Boston Heritage Music Festival in March. Our spring musical, *My Fair Lady*, was a huge success, selling out every performance. Over forty students were involved in the fall play, *George Washington Slept Here*.

The following seven (7) students had their artwork entered into the *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Award Program: Gillian Bissonnette, Kayla Cochran, Kalynne DeMelo, Catherine Laraia, Hillary Locke, Julie Nash, and Abigail Tatarian. Kalynne, Julie and Abigail received Honorable Mention certificates for their artwork.

The Apponequet Hall of Fame held its Induction Ceremony on Saturday, November 29, 2008. Inducted were Timothy Garofalo (1975), Robert Clarke (1980), Nancy Sparrows Scruggs (1989), Donald Seifert (1990), Kristi Wills-Falzone (1995), along with Special Recognition Award recipient Bob Sylvia. 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, under the direction of Mr. Frank Rosa, continued its successful program. Students attended the Southern and North Atlantic Regional Conference in Nashville Tennessee, the New York Experience Conference, the District 1 Conference, the Massachusetts State Conference, ICDC Conference in Anaheim, California. Students attended the LifeSmarts National Competition in St. Louis Missouri. The team of Kelsey Forward, William Hanna, Jessica Levy and Andrew Saccone won the 2009 Massachusetts LifeSmarts Challenge. Eric Edelman scored in the top one percentile in the country on the 2008 National Financial Literacy Challenge.

Our students participated in the Voice of Democracy Essay contest. We are appreciative of the Freetown V.F. W. Post for sponsoring the contest. The theme for the essay was "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth". Amelia Tatarian earned first place followed by Nicholas Snow and Danielle Atwood.

Our Political Science class conducted the National Student-Parent Mock Election on October 30, 2008. Students voted for President and the three ballot questions in Massachusetts. Hosted by the Social Studies Department and the Student Council, "Election Night" at the school was attended by more than 125 students.

The Environmental Committee was fortified by receiving a grant for \$500.00 for the purpose of coordinating our recycling efforts.

The Math Team finished in third place in the 19-team Southeastern Massachusetts Conference Math League. From the 19 schools, only ten students are chosen for the All Star Team. Evan Field and Steven Barrett were chosen from Apponequet.

In athletics, user fees were instituted to offset the cost of fielding the 30 programs offered at Apponequet. Participants for the year totaled 654 students. The MIAA Sportsmanship Committee presented Apponequet with a new banner for the gymnasium for qualifying for the 2008 MIAA Sportsmanship Honor Roll. Kelsey Craveiro and Jackie Procknik represented Apponequet at the annual national Girls and Women in Sports Day at Faneuil Hall. Our ice hockey co-op team was redesigned with Apponequet serving as the host school and Bishop Connolly serving as the guest school. This switch was necessitated by the growing numbers of Apponequet players and the decreasing number of Connolly players. Boys' and girls' lacrosse teams began as clubs teams with coaches Mrs. Janet Tavares and Mr. Trevor Gagnier. If the teams continue to grow, Apponequet will have varsity lacrosse teams for the 2010-2011 school year. The football team won the South Coast Conference title going 11-0 on the season. Our boys' tennis team also won an SCC Championship. Teams qualifying for the MIAA tournament included girls' and boys' soccer, field hockey, golf, volleyball, girls' basketball, and girls' and boys' tennis teams. Individual athletes qualified for state tournament in swimming and diving, and girls' winter and spring track. The cheerleading squad finished third in the SCC Championship competition.

Our majorettes had another outstanding year. In April, the A squad and the Open Class squad were overall champions in the Championship Competition.

We remain very proud of our students' accomplishments in the classroom, on the athletic field, in our music programs and on standardized tests, such as the MCAS and Advanced Placement tests.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary P. Lincoln  
Principal

# **FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 2008-2009**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

## **FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School continued to provide a challenging, safe learning environment for 813 students. Sixty-four students received awards for perfect attendance. Our professional staff focused on preparations for the upcoming NEAS&C (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation visit, which necessitates a self-study spotlighting the overall educational program. Teachers, parents, guardians, students, and our regional school committee members completed surveys made available through Endicott College. The survey will be utilized to help us assess our school in the areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Our new professional staff included: Aaron Andrade- ELA Teacher, Angel Boisvert- Special Education, Tracy Cabral- Physical Education Teacher, Ralph Hunnewell- Guidance Counselor, Melissa Lever- Science Teacher, and Jacqueline Ryan- Art Teacher. Our website, utilized by parents, students, and staff members was, and continues to be, a wealth of information and education thanks to our webmaster Mr. Paul Courcy.

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School offered Peer Leaders, Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society, School Newspaper, Yearbook Club, Computer Club, Media Club, Band and Choir Groups, Majorettes, and the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. The Drama Club presented school and evening performances of "Willy Wonka Jr." Additional funding for the production was provided by a Lakeville Arts and Culture Grant. We added a Mileage Walking/Running Club this year which was available during the lunch/recess time and seasonally after school. Our school nurse, Deb Levesque, organized the following two assemblies. First, the Bristol County Sheriff's office presented an anti-drug and alcohol slide show and discussion. Second, Bob Marshall (a former FLMS teacher) addressed the students on the topics of Leukemia and Lymphoma. Other full school assemblies were funded by the FLMS PTO. These assemblies included: Hyannis Sound (a local a cappella group), Hello Mahalo (a local rock band), and the MTV Status Quo (dance crew). These performers discussed time management, responsibility, business management, and teamwork with the students in conjunction with their individual performances.

## **LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES**

A banner year for the library resulted in a total of 35,188 visits to check out 16,353 items and complete research projects. The school library staff created an inviting workspace for teachers and staff and provided opportunities which resulted in increased technologies skills for all. Activities conducted in the library included: Powerpoint presentations created by the students, document scanning, database research, filmed presentations, and engagement in book talks. The students and visitors to the library enjoyed the "Picturing America" reproductions from a grant that the library received from the National Endowment for the Arts. Forty students and as many seniors from both Freetown and Lakeville took pleasure in a Literary Luncheon which was partially funded by the South Coast Education Compact grant. Other ongoing activities in the library included flight simulation tests, teacher training in Excel, blogs, and wikis. Our library hosted the MSLA Massachusetts School Librarians Association annual meeting.

## **GUIDANCE SERVICES**

Student support services were provided for the personal, social, and emotional growth of our students. Guidance programs in place promoted tolerance for our school community. One program is known as 'Mix It Up Day.' In thousands of schools, 'Mix It Up Day' occurred at lunch. Students took a brave step toward unity by sitting with someone new in the cafeteria. This practice helped

break down social barriers that divide students. The second program was Rachel's Challenge. Rachel's Challenge was designed to help school staff and students create a safer and more productive place to learn and achieve. With both programs, the goal was to motivate and equip students with the skills to embrace values of kindness and compassion which in turn created a positive whole school climate. Regularly, guidance facilitated our monthly school C.A.R.E. awards, which acknowledged excellence in student character. Ongoing guidance services included: student support groups, peer tutoring, and preparations for final high school selections of Apponequet Regional, Old Colony and Bristol Aggie High Schools. The guidance department noted a very high number of nominations for both the John Hopkins Talent Search and the Presidential Academic Awards for Educational Excellence and Achievement.

#### **STATE AND NATIONAL TESTING**

Our students completed the MCAS ELA, Math and Science tests in March and May. Our school passed Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in the major aggregate categories. Our school did not pass in the subgroup category of special education. Our school was randomly chosen and completed the National Assessment of Educational Process (NEAP) results for our state can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/profile.asp>. These results clearly demonstrate a continued increase in Reading and Math scores.

#### **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

The Grant Committee worked diligently to commandeer funds which increased materials, technology equipment, afforded field trip funds for a 'green home' in Woods Hole, and other services for our students and staff. We received the following grants and funds: The Lakeville Arts and Culture grant, The South Coast Educational Compact Grant, Hannaford's Market School Funds, Stop and Shop MCAS snacks and supplies funds, Shaw's Rewards funds, Yellow School Bus Grant, The Boston Society of Architects Grant, BJ's of Dartmouth donation, BestBuy Grant, and the Exxon/Mobile New England Farms Grant, which totaled over \$10,500 dollars. The committee continuously worked after school and on their own personal time to advising and directly applying for upcoming grants. They focused on best matches for our school and completed one full in-house training day. Committee members were Laurie Belanger, Maria Bernard, Caren Campbell, Louise Brady, Ruthann Sensabaugh, Sarah Duggan, 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 2008-2009. 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 and the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School PTO are our school's best supporters!**

Olive Garden of Raynham (**new**)

**Returning donors thank you very much!**

Dunkin Donuts of Assonet, Freetown and Lakeville

Shaw's of 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)

Brockton Enterprise Newspaper

Lakeville Area Mothers' Club

Lakeville Haunted House

National Dairy Council

Melanoma Society

Gillette

Proctor and Gamble

Unilever

The Community Bank of Lakeville  
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 & 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  
Ocean Spray of Lakeville  
Creations by Cathy at Crossroads Commons

Funding Factory Recycling  
Box Tops by General Mills  
Sox Tops by Hood  
King Arthur Flour  
Standard Times Newspaper  
Freetown Trading Post  
Kevin Thew, Electrician  
Baldies Pizza of Lakeville  
Walmart in Raynham  
Subway of Raynham  
Savas Liquors of Lakeville  
Chamberlain Farms in Berkley

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Patota, Principal  
Sarah Duggan, Assistant Principal

# GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2008-2009

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

## Enrollment:

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 146     **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Freetown – 113     Lakeville – 172

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 culture that encourages students to be active and responsible members of their community both in and outside of school.

## Our Mission

The mission of the 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 year. Our PTO presented several different assemblies, one each on Mr. Magnet, BMX rider on School goals, Mr. Science. The PTO also organizes and runs after school socials. This year students were able to attend a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Social, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Luau.

Our School Council was composed of two teachers, the principal, and one parent. The School Council assists the principal in developing the budget and creating and maintaining the annual School Improvement Plan. This year the School Council sent out a survey to parents to gather feedback regarding services, policies, and their overall experiences at the Intermediate School. The results are as follows:

## **RESULTS OF GRAIS PARENT SURVEY – SPRING 2009**

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No Experience
Transition from grade 3 to 4	54%	39%	7%	
Transition from grade 4 to 5	40%	56%	4%	
Quality of Education	43%	55%	2%	
Homework Policy	32%	52%	16%	
Class size	20%	68%	12%	
Parent/Teacher Communication	45%	45%	10%	
Parent/Administration Communication	28%	65%	7%	
Student Discipline	26%	68%	6%	
Student Safety	45%	54%	1%	
Dismissal Procedure	43%	56%	1%	
Bus Dismissal	32%	65%	3%	
Pickup/signout	42%	56%	2%	

Support Services (Counseling, SPED)	33%	64%	1%	
Nurse/Health Services	40%	57%	3%	
PTO	45%	54%	1%	
Library/Media Center	51%	48%	1%	
Bus Transportation	37%	58%	5%	
Quality of lunch	21%	56%	23%	
Menu Selection	25%	58%	17%	
Overall quality	34%	65%	1%	

**Academic Report**

With the growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. Our incoming 5th graders and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders did not make AYP. It is important to understand that the reason these grades are separated in reporting this statistic is due to the unique configuration of this school. While most schools are able to combine the students’ scores from across all grade levels in reaching AYP, we are viewed by DESE as two separate schools. Tutoring was available for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students (Lakeville) in Math and ELA to help support student growth in both these areas. Teachers have been using ½ day curriculums to analyze the MCAS data and adjust curriculum towards the weaknesses. All curriculums are available to staff on the district email system.

GRAIS continued to share some special subject teachers with FLMS and Assawompset.

**School Services:**

Our services have remained fairly constant; though due to grant funding and budget cuts we have lost some services. Starting in September 2009, we have lost World Language, Title I, and Remedial Math. This year secretarial support was once again limited to one full time administrative assistant.

This year we are focused on promoting the importance of community service and giving back to the community. Each month we are sponsoring a spirit day. On this day a local community organization is chosen and students may make a contribution to the organization and in return may wear what the theme for that spirit day is. Our first spirit day is to sponsor the Lakeville Animal Shelter which takes in animals from Freetown and Lakeville.

**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 an Austin Pride T-shirt and are recognized for their outstanding contribution or performance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethany Pineault,  
Principal

# **FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

### **2008-2009**

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

We began the 2008 – 2009 school year with less staff and higher class sizes. The financial difficulties that have been prevalent across the country have had a severe impact on the local level. Due to these constraints we closed both our technology labs and closed four classrooms as well as eliminated a custodial position and a part-time secretarial clerk. Other cuts in our budgets, although not seen, will be felt throughout the year. For the first time in a number of years we increased our lunch prices to keep pace with rising costs.

We were a little disappointed with our performance on the 2008 spring MCAS in Mathematics and Language Arts. We did not meet adequate Yearly Progress in English Language Arts. A close analysis of the scores showed that we did meet AYP in Mathematics. Our analysis included examining all the questions and responses, discussing modifications to address these areas and implementing them in the classroom. We are confident our approach will bring about positive results.

In 2000 our school received accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. We began preparation for our recertification in October. This is a process in which we complete a very extensive self-study in Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment as well as all areas of the school. Our accreditation visit is scheduled for the fall of 2010.

Throughout the year we have held family Fun Days, A Motorcycle Run, a Halloween Dance and other fun events to raise money for a new early childhood playground. We were pleased that these efforts provided sufficient funding to order and install the equipment in July of 2009. We also opened a new parking lot near the kindergarten wing via a small ramp. The excavation and pavement were provided to us by the Freetown Department of Public Works. Over the past year we have taken steps to increase parking in front of the school. Increasing parking and providing a safe vehicle area around our school remains a priority.

Our school chorus gave beautiful performances in December and May to overflowing audiences. Listening to our children's voices brings out the best in all of us. Our third grade performed, "The Night Before Christmas" and the "Wizard of Oz" for our families and friends. During the early part of June our Third and Fourth Grade Story Explorers held their annual Storytelling Performance. All of these groups have been practicing since late in September. There performances show us just how talented they can be given the right opportunity!

FES hits the airwaves! After months of hard work and preparation Ms. Pineault's class, along with Mrs. Pauline McGrath, completed the first installment of our very own news program. The students worked hard on this project since October. They formed news teams, wrote scripts, interviewed various people throughout the building and then reported this via video. We aired this first to the school community via our internal network and then via the ARHS cable station, channel 9 to the entire community. It is sensational!

Our Reading Incentive Program began in February 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 Mining. Weekly incentive prizes were a surprise. We were pleased that so many children participated and had fun along the way!

At the end of the school year Mr. Dias retired. For the past twenty-one years Mr. Dias dedicated himself to improving the fitness and athletic ability of our children. He has taught them the basic, fundamental skills of sports and the importance of good sportsmanship. He has graced our halls with his signature greetings, everyday, bringing smiles to everyone. We wish him well as he looks forward to his “second career.”

We began the school year adjusting to dramatic reductions in our staff and as the school year ended we were once again faced with a further 6% reduction. As the summer months began we were looking through federal and state grants to support us in areas that face possible reductions. We are proud of our school and the outstanding characteristics of our students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Frizelle  
Principal

## 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: 1,836	Private:	20.44 Miles
Precinct II: 1,785	Total Square Miles of Area:	34.57 Miles
Precinct III: 1,849		
TOTAL: 5,470		

### State Representatives:

Rep. David B. Sullivan (Precinct I) – 6<sup>th</sup> Bristol District  
Room 279, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2666; Fax: 617-722-2821;  
799 North Main Street, Fall River, MA 02720 - 508-676-1008  
E-Mail: [rep.davidsullivan@hou.state.ma.us](mailto:rep.davidsullivan@hou.state.ma.us)

Rep. John F. Quinn (Precinct II) - 9<sup>th</sup> Bristol District  
Room 527A, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2020; Fax: 617-722-2186  
5 East River Drive, Dartmouth, MA 02747 - 508-996-2260  
E-Mail: [rep.johnquinn@hou.state.ma.us](mailto:rep.johnquinn@hou.state.ma.us)

Rep. Stephen R. Canessa (Precinct III) – 12<sup>th</sup> Bristol District  
Room 443, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
617-722-2460, Fax: 617-626-0839; E-Mail: [rep.stephencanessa@hou.state.ma.us](mailto:rep.stephencanessa@hou.state.ma.us)

### Senator in the State House – 1<sup>st</sup> Bristol District:

Senator Joan M. Menard  
Room 520, State House, Boston, MA 02133 – 617-722-1114  
Somerset Town Hall, County Street @ Wood Street, Somerset, MA 02726  
Telephone: 508-673-8408; E-Mail: [joan.menard@state.ma.us](mailto:joan.menard@state.ma.us)

U.S. Representative: Rep. Barney Frank – 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Phone: 508-999-6462; Fax: 508-999-6468.  
558 Pleasant Street, Suite 309, New Bedford, MA 02740  
  
2210 Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: 202-225-5931

Senators in Congress: Senator Edward M. Kennedy – 617-565-3170 – (deceased)  
Room 2400, J.F.K. Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203;  
Also, Room 315, Russell Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-2742

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

Room 421, Russell Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-2742

Governor: His Excellency Deval L. Patrick - 617-727-3600  
State House, Room 360, Boston, MA 02133



JOHN LARONDA JR.  
Proprietor



## JOHN'S AUTO BODY

TOWING &  
COLLISION SPECIALIST

26 GURNEY RD. P.O. BOX 105  
EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717

508-763-4004  
FAX 508-763-8449

**FREETOWN MEMORIAL POST #6643  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
89 MIDDLEBORO ROAD  
EAST FREETOWN, MA**



---

**Thank you, all Veterans!  
God Bless America!  
Hall Available: Call 508-763-2292**



## GAIL CARTER REALTY

Cell: (774) 644-4059  
gailcarterrealty@comcast.net

Owner/Broker

Seller or Buyer's Broker  
"Free Market Evaluation"

Licensed in MA and RI



## BOB'S MOTOR WORKS

68 LOCUST STREET • ASSONET, MA 02702

*Imported and Domestic  
Automotive Specialist  
Collision Repair*

**(508) 644-2887**



CAPE COD AGGREGATES CORP.

DAVID V. PETERSON, JR.

508-775-3716

FAX 508-790-3227

Falmouth Plant: 508-548-2756

e-mail: dave@capecodagg.com

40 Ready Mix Drive

P.O. Box 96

Hyannis, MA 02601-0096

**Assonet**



*Authentic Italian Recipes*

**Pizza**

66 So. Main Street  
Assonet, MA 02702

**OPEN**

Monday & Tuesday: 11 am - 9 pm  
Wednesday - Saturday: 11 am - 10 pm  
Sunday: 12 pm - 9 pm

**Call to Order**

**508-644-2062 508-644-5731**

Full Liquor License  
Full Massachusetts Lottery Service

## **FREETOWN TRADING POST**

**FREETOWN'S FLOWER SHOP -  
NANCY SAVOIE  
508-763-5700**

**WE PACK & SHIP UPS  
1 CHACE ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MA  
508-763-3114  
DICK PADELDFORD**

## **JUNIOR'S CONVENIENCE**

58 South Main Street  
Assonet, MA 02702  
**508-644-5800**

**Gasoline - Liquor - Deli**

# FOSTER'S HARDWARE

Hours  
Monday - Friday 8-5 - Saturday 8-2  
Closed Sunday

P.O. Box 747  
175 County Road  
East Freetown, MA 02717

Tel: 508-763-2608  
Fax: 508-763-5403

# Assonet Inn



(508) 644-2777

16 Water Street  
Assonet, MA

(508) 763-2729

JAY PLISSEY, PRESIDENT

## *JaySan Gas Service, Inc.*

L.P. GAS SALES & SERVICE

80 COUNTY ROAD  
P.O. BOX 746  
EAST FREETOWN, MA 02717



# Crossroads Liquors

*Specializing in Fine Wines*

1 Chace Road  
East Freetown, MA 02717

(508) 763-8008

**DONNA L. FREITAS**  
ACCOUNTANT

*The*  
**Balanced  
Book**

• Bookkeeping

• Tax Returns

• Quickbooks

set up &  
technical support

CERTIFIED  
**QuickBooks**  
ProAdvisor

[✓] Post Office Box 427, Assonet, Massachusetts 02702

[✓] Tel: (508) 644-1760 [✓] Fax: (508) 644-7156

[✓] E-mail: [thebalancedbook@comcast.net](mailto:thebalancedbook@comcast.net)



*Independence Harbor*

*"A 20-Acre Private Estate,  
Unequaled in Beauty, Reserved Exclusively for One Event"*

10 Narrows Road  
P.O. Box 118  
Assonet, Massachusetts 02702

800-287-8300  
508-644-2225  
Fax 508-644-2320  
Website: [www.ihweddings.com](http://www.ihweddings.com)  
Email: [info@ihweddings.com](mailto:info@ihweddings.com)

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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.

Department	Contact Person	E-mail Address
Interim Town Administrator	John F. Healey	<a href="mailto:JackHealey@freetownma.gov">JackHealey@freetownma.gov</a>
Assessors, Board of	Karen M. Mello	<a href="mailto:KMello@freetownma.gov">KMello@freetownma.gov</a>
Building Department	Paul R. Bourgeois	<a href="mailto:building@freetownma.gov">building@freetownma.gov</a>
Collector of Taxes	Stephen G. Curran	<a href="mailto:taxcollector@freetownma.gov">taxcollector@freetownma.gov</a>
Conservation Commission	Karen J. Robitaille	<a href="mailto:KRobitaille@freetownma.gov">KRobitaille@freetownma.gov</a>
Council on Aging	Barbara A. Place	<a href="mailto:coa@town.freetown.ma.us">coa@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Emergency Management Agency	Wesley S. Vaughan, Jr.	<a href="mailto:ema@town.freetown.ma.us">ema@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Fire Department	Gary Silvia	<a href="mailto:fire@town.freetown.ma.us">fire@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Historical Commission	Mary E. R. Brown	<a href="mailto:history@town.freetown.ma.us">history@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Health, Board of	Paul R. Bourgeois	<a href="mailto:building@freetownma.gov">building@freetownma.gov</a>
Library Planning Committee	Lucille M. Rosa	<a href="mailto:libraryplanning@town.freetown.ma.us">libraryplanning@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Library Trustees, Board of	Dorothy Stanley-Ballard	<a href="mailto:library@town.freetown.ma.us">library@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Parade & Fireworks Committee	Jean C. Fox	<a href="mailto:bigbang@town.freetown.ma.us">bigbang@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Parking Clerk	Linda H. Remedis	<a href="mailto:LRemedis@freetownma.gov">LRemedis@freetownma.gov</a>
Planning Board	Laurie A. Carvalho	<a href="mailto:planning@freetownma.gov">planning@freetownma.gov</a>
Police Department	Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.	<a href="mailto:police@town.freetown.ma.us">police@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Schools:		
Freetown Elementary	Robert L. Frizelle	<a href="mailto:fes@freelake.org">fes@freelake.org</a>
G. R. Austin Intermediate	Megan Beaubien	<a href="mailto:ais@freelake.org">ais@freelake.org</a>
Freetown-Lakeville Middle	David Patota	<a href="mailto:dpatota@freelake.org">dpatota@freelake.org</a>
Apponequet Regional High	Gary P. Lincoln	<a href="mailto:apponequet@freelake.org">apponequet@freelake.org</a>
Superintendent of Schools	Louis E. Rodrigues	<a href="mailto:fico@freelake.org">fico@freelake.org</a>
School Committees	Linda Anderson	<a href="mailto:fico@freelake.org">fico@freelake.org</a>
Selectmen, Board of	Linda H. Remedis	<a href="mailto:LRemedis@freetownma.gov">LRemedis@freetownma.gov</a>
Sewer Commission	Board of Selectmen	<a href="mailto:LRemedis@freetownma.gov">LRemedis@freetownma.gov</a>
Soil Conservation Board	Karen J. Robitaille	<a href="mailto:KRobitaille@freetownma.gov">KRobitaille@freetownma.gov</a>
Town Accountant	Suzanne M. Moquin	<a href="mailto:townacct@freetownma.gov">townacct@freetownma.gov</a>
Town Administrator	E. Winn Davis	<a href="mailto:townadministrator@freetownma.gov">townadministrator@freetownma.gov</a>
Town Clerk	Jacqueline A. Brown	<a href="mailto:townclerk@freetownma.gov">townclerk@freetownma.gov</a>
Treasurer	Anita L. Howland	<a href="mailto:treasurer@freetownma.gov">treasurer@freetownma.gov</a>
Water Commission	Helen E. Medeiros	<a href="mailto:water@town.freetown.ma.us">water@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Veterans' Agent	Richard J. Levesque	<a href="mailto:vetagent@town.freetown.ma.us">vetagent@town.freetown.ma.us</a>
Zoning Board of Appeals	Laurie A. Carvalho	<a href="mailto:zoning@freetownma.gov">zoning@freetownma.gov</a>

Visit the website for the Town of Freetown at [www.freetownma.gov](http://www.freetownma.gov)

## 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 Center.....508-763-4017

#### **TOWN HALL:**

Board of Selectmen..... 508-644-2201 Ext. 1  
Town Administrator..... 508-644-2208 Ext. 1  
Building Commissioner/Health Agent ..... 508-644-2202 Ext. 3  
Town Clerk ..... 508-644-2203 Ext. 2  
Treasurer ..... 508-644-2204 Ext. 9 then Ext. 2  
Board of Assessors..... 508-644-2205 Ext. 4  
Collector of Taxes..... 508-644-2206 Ext. 5  
Town Accountant..... 508-644-2207 Ext. 9 then Ext. 5  
Water Commission..... 508-644-4000 Ext. 9 then Ext. 1  
Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals ..... 508-644-2270 Ext. 9 then Ext. 3  
Conservation Commission ..... 508-644-3691 Ext. 9 then Ext. 4

#### **OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS:**

Council on Aging Senior Center.....508-763-9557  
Wayne A. Haskins Fire Station – Non-emergency ..... 508-763-4829  
Highway Department – Town Garage ..... 508-763-2359  
Police Department – Non-emergency ..... 508-763-4017

#### **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:**

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

#### **LIBRARIES:**

James White Memorial Library, East Freetown.....508-763-5344  
Guilford H. Hathaway Library, Assonet.....508-644-2385