



# Town of Freetown Annual Town Report

Fiscal Year 2022

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022



## DEDICATIONS

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*We are pleased to dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to four department heads retiring after long periods of service to the Town of Freetown. The following highlights only scratch the surface of the service they have provided to our residents over the years.*

**Jacqueline A. Brown** first served residents as the Senior Clerk for the Water Department in the mid-1990s, soon transitioning to work under Virginia J. Terry in the Town Clerk's office. Upon Ginny's retirement in 2001, Jackie was elected Town Clerk in her own right and served until her own retirement in December 2020. Her knowledge, dedication, and famous desserts have been missed by friends, colleagues, and residents alike.

**Gary Silvia** will retire January 3, 2023, after 13 years as Fire Chief and over 40 years of service on the Freetown Fire Department. Gary has embodied the can-do spirit of the Fire Department, serving with humility and good humor, always lending a helping hand no matter the circumstance.

**Barbara Place** will retire March 1, 2023, after 26 years working for the Freetown Council on Aging, the last 24 years as the Director. Barbara's efforts to grow the COA from a part-time agency to a full-time activity and assistance center will long be appreciated.

**Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.**, will retire on June 30, 2023, after 25 years as Chief of Police and a long career of service with the Freetown Police Department. Carlton leaves an accredited department operating out of a state-of-the-art facility as just two of many accomplishments under his watch that our residents will continue to benefit from for years to come.

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### On the Cover

#### Top Left:

This home on The Lane, built c.1750, was at one time owned by the Lawton family, and later by the family of Capt. William Read. Today, it is one of Freetown's many historic gems.

#### Top Right:

Snack time for one of Freetown's many squirrels.

#### Bottom:

Cranberries remain an important part of our town's economy. This cranberry bog on Quanapoag Road was at one time operated by the Sassaquin Cranberry Company, and later by the Lopes family.



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### Acknowledgements

*This Annual Town Report was the work of the many different contributors whose names appear throughout.*

## IN MEMORIAM

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**Ronald R. Batacao**

1933 – 2022

Board of Assessors  
Finance Committee

**Sandra A. Cates**

1955 – 2022

Teacher,  
G.R.A.M.S. / F.L.M.S.

**Leonard H. Chace, Jr.**

1935 – 2021

Firefighter

**Lauren J. Collins**

1958 – 2022

Election Worker

**Melanie J. Dodenhoff**

1942 – 2022

Library Trustee  
Historical Commission  
*Standard-Times* Woman of the Year

**John W. Donaghy, III**

1926 – 2021

Firefighter  
Maintenance Worker, Apponequet R.H.S.

**Robert S. Dorsey**

1939 – 2021

Board of Selectmen  
Finance Committee  
Soil Conservation Board  
Conservation Commission  
Southeast Regional Transit Authority  
SRPEDD Representative  
History & Social Studies Teacher,  
Apponequet Regional High School

**James A. Hunt**

1945 – 2021

Principal,  
Freetown-Lakeville Middle School

**Elizabeth J. "Libby" Keister**

1946 – 2022

Home Economics Teacher,  
Apponequet Regional High School

**Claire Lavoie**

1941 – 2022

School Nurse,  
George R. Austin Middle School

**William J. McCue**

1933 – 2022

Finance Committee  
G.R.A.I.S. Building Committee  
Planning Board  
Town Administrator Search Committee  
Democratic Town Committee

**Louise Schellenberger**

1932 – 2022

Election Worker

**Michael A. Shurtleff**

1943 – 2021

Groundskeeper,  
Apponequet Regional High School

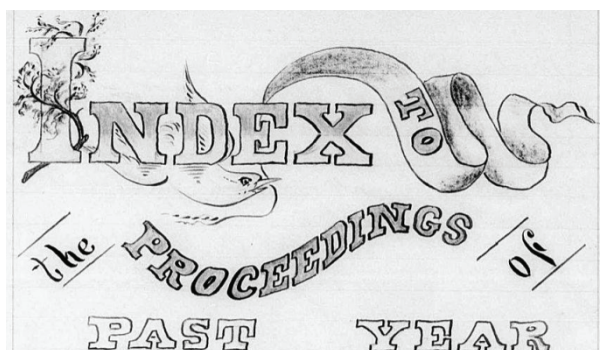
**Susan Tucker-Coelho**

1951 – 2021

Music Teacher,  
G.R.A.M.S./F.L.M.S.

*In different ways, they have touched the lives of many who call Freetown home.*

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*Palo Alto Peirce, son of Ebenezer W. & Irene I. (Payne) Peirce, lived from 1853-1931 and served as Town Clerk from 1879-1897, 1885 excepted. Mr. Peirce's records are known for their beautiful illustrations, such as the one adorning this page, reduced from his index for records during 1879. In addition to his time as Town Clerk, Mr. Peirce served as an Assessor from 1888-1894 and School Committeeman in 1896-97. The picture at right is from the History of the Town of Freetown, published in 1902, for which he wrote the chapter on notable physicians to have practiced in Freetown.*



## FACTS ABOUT FREETOWN

Freemen's Purchase April 2, 1659  
Town of Freetown Incorporated July 1683

*"This Court orders that the inhabitants of the freemens land, att the Fall River, shalbe a townshipp, and have a constable and grandjurymen, and be henceforth called by the name of Freetowne."*

The Pocasset Purchase added New Freetown, now East Freetown, in 1747. Fall River, formerly a part of Freetown, was set off as a separate town on February 26, 1803. A portion of New Freetown in the area of Keene Road and the Keene River was annexed to Fairhaven, now Acushnet, on June 15, 1815.

### Registered Voters June 30, 2022

Precinct I	2,167
Precinct II	2,218
Precinct III	<u>2,185</u>
	6,570

### Population Statistics

1765	1,492	1900	1,394
1776	1,901	1910	1,471
1790	2,202	1920	1,532
1800	2,535	1930	1,656
1810	1,878	1940	1,584
1820	1,863	1950	2,104
1830	1,909	1960	3,039
1840	1,772	1970	4,270
1850	1,615	1980	7,058
1860	1,521	1990	8,522
1870	1,372	2000	8,472
1880	1,329	2010	8,870
1890	1,417	2020	9,206

### Town Election

The Annual Town Election is held the first Monday of April at the Freetown Elementary School, Memorial Drive entrance, with polls open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Special elections may be called throughout the year as necessary.

### Town Meetings

Freetown employs the Open Town Meeting form of government, where major decisions on community affairs are voted on at meetings open to all registered voters. The Annual Town Meeting, at which the town's annual operating budget is adopted, is held the first Monday evening in June at 7:30 p.m. Special town meetings may be called throughout the year as necessary.

### Villages

Freetown is divided into two villages, Assonet and East Freetown. Each village has its own post office, library, fire station, telephone exchange, and ZIP code. When giving your address, always remember to specify Assonet or East Freetown, and to use the correct ZIP code (02702 for Assonet, 02717 for East Freetown).



### Town Seal

The Town Seal was designed in 1890 by Col. Silas P. Richmond, chairman of the Board of Selectmen at that time. The seal depicts the "one little kettle" that was a part of the exchange of goods known as the "Freemen's Purchase" in 1659. The seal, when displayed on a white, rectangular background, also constitutes the town's flag.

## LOCATIONS & HOURS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

### Town Hall Hours

The Town Hall is located at 3 North Main Street in Assonet, just north of Assonet Four Corners at the foot of Taunton Hill. While some offices have hours that vary, most offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The following offices are located in the Town Hall:

#### First Floor

Board of Assessors  
Cemetery Commission  
Parking Clerk  
Tax Collector  
Treasurer / Payroll  
Town Clerk / Elections  
Water & Sewer Commission

#### Second Floor

Building Department  
Board of Health  
Board of Selectmen  
Personnel Board  
Town Accountant  
Town Administrator

#### Third Floor (Stage)

Conservation Commission  
Planning Board  
Soil Conservation Board  
Zoning Board of Appeals

### Council on Aging

The Multi-Purpose Senior Center is located at 227 Chace Road in East Freetown. The Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Highway Department Hours

The Highway Department is headquartered at the Town Barn located at 201 Chace Road in East Freetown. The Highway Department is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Library Hours

The Guilford H. Hathaway Library is located at 6 North Main Street in Assonet, across from the Town Hall. Parking is available at the Town Hall. The Hathaway Library is open Mondays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

The James White Memorial Library is located at 5 Washburn Road in East Freetown, across from the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church. Parking is available at the church. The White Library is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Both libraries are closed on holidays.

### Transfer Station Hours

The Transfer Station is located at 49 Howland Road in Assonet. The Transfer Station is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. From April through October, the Transfer Station is open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The front gate closes one half-hour prior to closing.

# Elected Officers

*The terms of all elected officers expire at the Annual Town Election of the year indicated.*

## Board of Selectmen

Trevor R. Matthews, Chairman	2023
Carlos A. Lopes	2025
Jared C. Zager	2024

## Board of Health

Jared C. Zager, Chairman	2024
Trevor R. Matthews	2023
Carlos A. Lopes	2025

## Personnel Board

Carlos A. Lopes, Chairman	2025
Trevor R. Matthews	2023
Jared C. Zager	2024

## Board of Park Commissioners

Carlos A. Lopes, Chairman	2025
Trevor R. Matthews	2023
Jared C. Zager	2024

## Town Clerk

Cheryl C. A. Estrella	2024
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## Moderator

Michael T. McCue	2024
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## Highway Surveyor

Charles J. Macomber	2024
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## Tree Warden

Maurice W. DeMoranville, Sr.	2024
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## Board of Assessors

Jeffrey D. Field, Chairman	2023
Michael J. Motta	2025
Paul G. Sadeck	2024

## Board of Library Trustees

Linda Fournier, Chairman	2025
Amy Lynne Sypher, Vice Chairman	2024
Beverly Sadeck, Secretary	2025
Irene L. Ashley	2024
Christine R. Paiva	2023
Paul G. Sadeck	2023

## Cemetery Commission

Michael T. McCue, Chairman	2023
James M. Jose	2025
Adrianne Levesque	2024

## Finance Committee

Gary A. Martin, Chairman	2023
Margaret French, Vice Chairman	2025
Robert H. Alderson	2023
Katie L. Calheta	2025
Christine S. Dupras	2024
Emily Anne Dors	2025
Kent Wilkins	2024

## Housing Authority

Ellen C. Lima	2024
Brian W. Miller	2023
Suzanne M. Moquin	2026
Vacant	2027
Vacant, State Appointee	2025

## Planning Board

Robert P. Jose, Chairman	2023
David Crose	2027
James J. Frates	2024
Christopher M. Mello	2025
Debra L. Robbins	2026

## Associate Member (appointed)

Vacant	2022
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## Water & Sewer Commission

Robert Parker, Chairman	2024
Keven V. Desmarais	2023
Paul G. Sadeck	2025

## Freetown-Lakeville

### Regional School District Committee

Jennifer Blum	2023
Robert W. Clark	2023
Jean C. Fox	2024
William H. Sienkiewicz, Jr.	2025

*Additionally, four residents from Lakeville serve on the School Committee.*

# Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

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*As of June 30, 2022. The terms of all appointed officers expire on that date, unless otherwise noted.*

## **Agricultural Commission**

*All five seats currently vacant.*

## **Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator**

Jeffrey Chandler

## **Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector**

Lisa M. Podielsky

## **Assawompset Pond Complex Management Team Representative**

Deborah L. Pettey

## **Board of Assessors**

Timothy J. McIntosh, Senior Clerk

## **Board of Health**

Keven V. Desmarais, Health Agent  
Dale Barrows, Health Services Inspector  
Lori Desmarais, R.N., B.S.N., Public Health Nurse  
Joseph Carvalho, Tobacco Compliance Ofcr.  
Humberta St. Louis, Senior Clerk

## **Board of Registrars**

Sandra DiLillo	March 31, 2024
Blessing Rogers	March 31, 2023
Vacant	March 31, 2025

Cheryl C. A. Estrella, Town Clerk

## **Board of Selectmen**

Deborah L. Pettey, Interim Town Administrator  
Lu-Ann Souza, Executive Assistant  
Lola Furtado, Administrative Assistant  
Deborah L. Pettey, Chief Procurement Officer

## **Bristol County Advisory Board Delegate**

George L. Grunwald

## **Building Department**

Jeffrey Chandler, Building Commissioner  
Jeffrey Chandler, Sign Certification Officer  
Jeffrey Chandler, Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Joseph Biszko, Alt. Building Inspector/ZEO  
Nadine Devine-Diamond, Principal Clerk  
Timothy Devine, Custodian

## **Burial Agent**

Cheryl C.A. Estrella

## **Building Committee**

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman  
Robert H. Alderson  
Harrie E. Ashley, Jr.  
Nicole L. Davignon  
Cheryl C.A. Estrella  
Mark Fornaciari  
Robert P. Jose  
Paul D. Lubin  
Michael T. McCue  
Deborah L. Pettey  
Mary E. Rezendes Brown  
Paul G. Sadeck  
Charles B. Sullivan, Jr.  
Kent Wilkins  
Jared C. Zager

## Council on Aging Subcommittee

Robert H. Alderson  
Jeffrey Amaral  
Alfred Barros  
Paula Charette  
Margaret French  
George L. Grunwald  
Wayne Jaye  
Norman Landreville  
Deborah L. Pettey  
Bruce Wilbur  
Kent Wilkins

## Police Station Subcommittee

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman  
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.  
Mark Fornaciari  
Robert P. Jose  
Benjamin Levesque  
Mary E. Rezendes-Brown  
Paul G. Sadeck  
Charles B. Sullivan, Jr.

## **Cable Advisory Committee**

Bruce W. Wilbur, Chairman  
Robert H. Alderson  
James Campbell  
Joshua Tefft

## **Cemetery Commission**

Owen P. Borges, Sexton  
Robert J. Klevecka, Veterans Graves Officer

**Census Liaison**

Cheryl C. A. Estrella

**Citizens for Citizens Representative**

Barbara Place

**Communications Center**

Margaret A. Dwyer, Supervisor

Signal Operators (full-time)

Timothy M. Dwyer

Kobey J. Imbert

Nicole Rodriguez-Rios

Logan A. St. Louis

Signal Operators (part-time)

Thomas E. Ashley, Jr.

Samantha R. Cardin

Michael R. Dagenais

Lisa M. Podielsky

Lydia E. St. Laurent

Joshua J. Simmons

**Community Aggregation Delegate**

Deborah L. Pettey

**Conservation Commission**

Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman 2023

Charles B. Sullivan, Jr., Vice Chairman 2022

Christopher Mather 2022

Keith M. Mello 2023

Margaret French 2024

Vacant, Alternate 2022

Vacant, Alternate 2022

**Council on Aging**

Robin Kendrick, Chairman 2024

Evelyn Alves, Vice Chairman 2022

Bruce W. Wilbur, Treasurer 2023

Victoria Brownell 2023

Ruth Ferland 2024

Brenda Motta 2022

Marion Rylands 2023

Council on Aging Staff

Barbara Place, Director

Jacqueline Garell, Senior Clerk

Andrea Lima, Senior Clerk

Council on Aging Van Drivers

John Pye, Jr.

Judy Reese

Donna Silva

**Cultural Council**

Michael T. McCue, Co-Chairman 10/19/2023

John W. Remedis, Co-Chairman 10/19/2023

Courtney Brightman 12/14/2024

Nicole L. Davignon 10/19/2023

Emily Anne Dors 11/01/2024

Sarah Dudley 12/14/2024

Jeannine Ludovicz 11/15/2024

Abigail S. Michaels 10/19/2023

Jay M. Michaels 10/19/2023

Donna Motta 10/18/2024

**Custodian of Tax Title Possessions**

Patricia Rodrick

**Economic Development Committee**

Robert P. Jose, Chairman

Trevor R. Matthews

Deborah L. Pettey

James Rezendes

Bruce W. Wilbur

**Election Workers**Wardens

Vacant, Precinct I

Paul D. Lubin, Precinct II

Myrna C. Lubin, Precinct III

Clerks

Vacant, Precinct I

Jennifer Lewis, Precinct II

Christine Paiva, Precinct III

Inspectors/Tellers

Jeffrey D. Amaral

Lois A. Amaral

Manuel Arruda, Jr.

Elizabeth D. Ashley

Louise Boucher

Karen Carling-Chudolij

Michele Castonguay

Paula Charette

Kenneth W. Collard

Lauren J. Collins

Coral G. Costello

Rochelle B. Cox

Pamela Dellarocco

Nicole DeMoranville

Leo Desorcy

Paula Desorcy

Linda A. Feijo

Betty Ferreira

Linda Fournier

Susan Freeman-Aronofsky  
 Joy R. Grunwald  
 Melissa LaPerriere  
 Marjorie LaPorte  
 Michael T. McCue  
 Caitlyn Moore  
 Carolyn Kiley Moore  
 Amanda Murphy  
 Alyson Pereira  
 Lois Pereira  
 Nicole Perrault  
 Sandra L. Pettey  
 Rhonda Porawski  
 Judy A. Reese  
 Samantha J. Rezendes  
 Paula J. Riley  
 Nancy Roberts  
 Grace Rose  
 Robert Rushton, III  
 Beverly Sadeck  
 Margaret Seward  
 Myra Sweet  
 Steven J. Terceira  
 Paul Thibodeau  
 Susan Velozo-Simao

#### **Electrical Inspectors**

Christopher J. Cabral  
 Allen Beaupre, Assistant

#### **Emergency Management Agency (CD)**

Gary Silvia, Director  
 Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.  
 Harrie Ashley  
 George L. Grunwald  
 Trevor R. Matthews  
 Deborah L. Pettey  
 Jared Zager

#### Radio Operators

Stephen Medeiros  
 Paul G. Sadeck

#### **Ethics Commission Liaison**

Deborah L. Pettey

#### **Fence Viewers**

Jeffrey Chandler  
 Keven V. Desmarais  
 Michael T. McCue  
 Samuel J. Ruest

#### **Fire Department**

Gary Silvia, Chief/Paramedic  
 Linda H. Remedis, Senior Clerk

#### **Harbormaster & Shellfish Warden**

Mark Jose

#### **Health Insurance Advisory Committee**

Walter Sawicki, Chairman  
 Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.  
 Thomas E. Ashley, Sr.  
 Jeffrey Brum  
 Keven V. Desmarais  
 Mark Fornaciari  
 Kobey Imbert  
 Linette Langevin-Uzzell  
 Patrick Lee  
 Jared C. Zager

#### **Highway Department Employees**

Eric S. Richard, Foreman  
 Kenneth J. Pleiss, Mechanic  
 John E. Hartford, Equipment Operator  
 Andrew J. Simmons, Sr., Equipment Operator  
 Ronnie Frates, Truck Driver  
 Donald P. Souza, Jr., Laborer  
 Jacob Morelli, Laborer  
 Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk  
 Mark Audette, Seasonal Plow Operator  
 Edward P. Walsh, Seasonal Plow Operator

#### **Historical Commission**

Mary E. Rezendes Brown, Chairman	2022
Paul L. Deneault, Vice Chairman	2023
Jacqueline Petrouski, Clerk	2022
Travis Bowie	2023
Nicole M. Bruno	2023
Steven D. Chandler	2024
Osee C. Mallio	2024
Peter D. Erwin, Associate Member	2022
James Rezendes, Associate Member	2022

#### **Librarians**

Nicole L. Davignon, Library Director  
 Brittany Normandin, Senior Librarian  
 Alyssa Silva, Library Technician

#### **Library Planning Committee**

Paul D. Lubin, Chairman  
 Emily-Anne Dors  
 Linda Fournier  
 Thomas Matthews  
 Michael T. McCue  
 Timm McIntosh  
 John T. Rumbut, Sr.  
 Beverly Sadeck  
 Sara Valero

**Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr.  
Cheryl E.A. Estrella  
George L. Grunwald  
Carlos A. Lopes  
Charles J. Macomber  
Trevor R. Matthews  
Eric Morin  
Deborah L. Pettey  
Gary Silvia  
Jared C. Zager

**Measurers of Wood, Bark, and Lumber**

Paul S. Darling  
Vacant

**Moth Superintendent**

Maurice W. DeMoranville, Sr.

**Municipal Coordinator, re: "Right to Know"**

Gary Silvia

**Municipal Hearing Officer, Fire/Building Codes**

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.

**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Comm.**

Jeffrey Amaral, Chairman  
Amanda Barlow, Vice Chairman  
Brian Almeida  
Lynn Furtado  
Ellen C. Lima  
Carlos Lopes  
Brian W. Miller

**Parade & Fireworks Committee**

Judith M. Gregory, Chairman  
Robert L. Adams  
Ashley M. Emery  
Karen Facchiano  
Jean C. Fox  
Robert L. Gregory  
Ellen C. Lima  
John W. Remedis  
Linda H. Remedis  
Patricia Wilbur  
Vacant

**Parking Clerk**

Linette Langevin-Uzzell

**Planning Board**

Victoria D'Antoni, Planning Technician

**Plumbing & Gas Fitting Inspector**

William Alphonse, Jr.  
Thomas Barlow, Assistant

**Police Department**

*The members of the Board of Selectmen serve as the Police Commissioners ex officio.*

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq., Chief of Police  
Steven E. Abbott, Lieutenant  
Melanie Foley, Confidential Secretary

Sergeants

Elton E. Ashley, III  
Michael J. Connell (acting)  
Edward J. Dwyer  
Benjamin A. Levesque  
Swede M. Magnett  
Scott M. Rose

Patrolmen

Thomas E. Ashley, Jr.  
Nicholas J. Drinkwine  
Mark Fornaciari  
Kaylin A. Jose  
Shane V. Kelley (Detective)  
Patrick R. Lee  
Thomas D. Long  
Christopher M. Medeiros  
Ryan W. Pereira  
Philip J. Pine

Reserve Officers

Seth M. DeMello  
Marc A. Gaspar  
Michael R. MacDonald  
Douglas R. Mongeon  
Adam D. Salinaro

Auxiliary Police Officers

Michael R. Dagenais

K-9 Officer

Koda

Chaplain

Rev. Fr. Michael S. Racine

Keeper of the Lock-Up

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.

Lock-Up Attendants

Lisa M. Podielsky  
Lydia E. St. Laurent

Constables

Donald B. Bullock  
Michael C. Lecuyer

Paul M. Melo  
Edward A. Mello  
Paul G. Sadeck

Constables for Town Processes

Steven E. Abbott  
Elton E. Ashley, III

**Priority Development Committee**

Jeffrey Chandler  
Keven V. Desmarais  
George L. Grunwald  
Gary Silvia

**Regional School Negotiating Committee**

Trevor R. Matthews, Selectmen's Rep.

**Regional School Finance Committee**

Katie L. Calheta, Finance Committee Rep.  
George L. Grunwald, Selectmen's Rep.

**Scholarship Committee**

Michael T. McCue, Chairman	2023
Richard Medeiros, Superintendent	2022
Jean C. Fox	2022
Judith M. Gregory	2022
Robert L. Gregory	2024
Sharon J. Rosen	2024
Sandra M. Souza	2023

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Commonwealth of Mass., Division of Standards

**Sexual Harassment Officer**

Trevor R. Matthews

**Soil Conservation Board**

Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman  
Debra L. Robbins  
Carlos Lopes  
Trevor R. Matthews  
Jared C. Zager

Soil Conservation Board Staff

Victoria D'Antoni, Soil Board Clerk

**Southeastern Regional Planning  
and Economic Development District**

Victoria D'Antoni, SRPEDD Commission  
Deborah L. Pettey, SRPEDD Commission  
Althea H. Brady, Reg. Open Space Comm.  
Victoria D'Antoni, Joint Transp. Planning Grp.  
Deborah L. Pettey, Joint Transp. Planning Grp.  
Gary Silvia, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Comm.  
Deborah L. Pettey, Reg. Econ. Strtgy. Comm.

**Southeastern Regional Transit Authority**

George L. Grunwald, Representative

**Taunton River Stewardship Council**

Linda Fournier, Representative  
Robert Kerstiens, Alternate

**Tax Increment Financing Board**

Robert P. Jose	April 30, 2023
Gary A. Martin	April 30, 2023
Trevor R. Matthews	April 30, 2023
Jeffrey D. Field	April 30, 2023
Patricia Rodrick	April 30, 2023
Deborah L. Pettey	April 30, 2023
Vacant (Resident)	April 30, 2023

**Taxation Relief Committee**

Jeffrey D. Field  
Barbara A. Place  
Patricia Rodrick  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Town Accountant**

Kimberly S. Fales, Town Accountant  
Pamela J. Sousa, Assistant Town Accountant

**Town Clerk**

Stacey Moniz, Senior Clerk (resigned)  
Timothy J. McIntosh, Temporary Indexer

**Town Beach/Boat Ramp**

Timothy E. Dacey, Beach Attendant  
Michele Castonguay, Boat Ramp Attendant  
James Maciel, Boat Ramp Attendant  
Aiden Flood, Parking Control Officer  
Aydan Fournier, Parking Control Officer  
Lauren Goyette, Parking Control Officer

**Town Counsel**

KP Law, P.C.

**Town Physicians**

Dr. Christopher Lebo  
Dr. Lynn Maloney

**Transfer Station**

Victoria King, Supervisor  
Thomas E. Ashley, Sr., Attendant/Equip. Op.  
John Brodeur, Attendant, per diem

**Treasurer & Collector of Taxes**

Patricia Rodrick, Treasurer & Tax Collector  
Linette Langevin-Uzzell, Asst. Treas./Collector  
Melissa Frappier, Payroll Coordinator

**Veterans Agent & Veterans Director**

Robert J. Klevecka March 31, 2023

**Vocational Education Exploratory Committee**

Cheryl C.A. Estrella

Jean C. Fox

William H. Sienkiewicz, Jr.

Alan Strauss

Jared Zager

**Water & Sewer Commission**

David Thibodeau,

Data Acquisition &amp; Infrastructure Maint.

Steven D. Chandler, Senior Clerk

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

Nicolas J. Velozo, Chairman 2023

James J. Frates 2024

Robert P. Jose 2025

Swede M. Magnett, Associate 2022

Vacant, Associate 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals Staff

Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk

## Appointed by Others

*As of June 30, 2022. The terms of all appointed officers expire on that date, unless otherwise noted.***Appointed by the Board of Assessors**

Michael T. McCue, Assistant Assessor

**Appointed by the Cemetery Commission**

Michael T. McCue, Superintendent

Richard P. Brown, Assistant Superintendent

**Appointed by the Conservation Commission**

Victoria D'Antoni, Senior Clerk

Jonathan Rocca, Gatekeeper

Mark Rocca, Gatekeeper

Michael T. McCue, Open Space Consultant

Town Forest Committee

Daniel N. Rezendes, Chairman 2022

Steven D. Chandler, Secretary 2023

Vacant 2024

**Appointed by the Fire Chief**Full-Time Personnel

Harrie E. Ashley, Deputy Chief/Paramedic

Neal Lafleur, Captain/Paramedic

Paul Ashley, Lieutenant/EMT-A

Mark Brogan, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Keith Mello, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Paul Ashley, Jr., Firefighter/EMT

Jeffrey Brum, Firefighter/Paramedic

James Gonneville, Firefighter/Paramedic

Mark Lawrence, Firefighter/Paramedic

Nicholas Lecuyer, Firefighter/Paramedic

Stephen Medeiros, Firefighter/Paramedic

Zackary Petitpas, Firefighter/Paramedic

Call Personnel

Vernon Roberts, Captain

Brent L'Heureux, Captain/EMT

Ryan Silvia, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Breanne Abreau, Firefighter/EMT

Matthew Bomes, Firefighter/EMT

Tyler D. Bower, Firefighter/EMT

Mallorie Brouns, Firefighter/EMT

Samantha Cardin, Firefighter/EMT

Alex Copeland, Firefighter/EMT

Lori Desmarais, Firefighter/EMT

Nathan Gagnier, Firefighter

Joshua Hathaway, Firefighter/EMT

Jesse Lamy, FFOP

Jesue Lopes, FFOP

Davin Madeira, Firefighter

Jason Martin, FFOP

Brad Plissey, Firefighter

Kevin Smith, Firefighter

Caitlin Thomas, Firefighter/EMT

Daniel Zajac, FFOP

**Appointed by the Moderator**By-Law Review Committee

Christine Shea Dupras

Cheryl C. A. Estrella

Trevor R. Matthews

Timothy J. McIntosh

Deborah L. Pettey

Paul G. Sadeck

# General Government Reports

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## Report of the Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator

To the Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

The Selectmen and the Town Administrator are honored to write the 2022 annual report for the Town of Freetown. The beginning of the fiscal year began while still observing some restrictions due to the pandemic. Many meetings were being held via Zoom and the Town's COVID policies continued to change and evolve as the number of cases went up and down.

Like many other municipalities, Freetown experienced high employee turnover during Fiscal Year 2022 including the resignation of Town Administrator, Peter Jankowski. In August, Deborah L. Pettey was appointed as the Interim Town Administrator.

In November 2021, the Town became a Purple Heart Community honoring the men and woman of Freetown that have bravely served in the Armed Forces. A ceremony was held at the Freetown Veterans Park honoring the local veterans.

In January, the Selectmen contracted with the Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management to conduct an Organizational Study of the Town Departments. This study revealed that the Town Departments would be better able to accommodate Freetown's needs with additional staffing. The report went on further to identify the critical need for additional office space and updated Town buildings. The report is posted on the Freetown web page.

The need for updated Town buildings continued to be a priority. With the growth of our Fire Department and the addition of female firefighters the need to expand the fire station was apparent. A consultant was hired to complete a feasibility study for this project.

Construction has continued at the MBTA station located at South Main Street and scheduled to open in 2023.

As the Town prepares for growth spurred by the construction of an MBTA station the Selectmen have begun focusing on obtaining grant funding to improve the town's infrastructure and foster economic growth. The Interim Town Administrator, Deborah Pettey, applied for and received grant funding to create a Master Plan. This plan will guide Freetown as it continues to grow and evolve over the next 20 years. The Interim Town Administrator also applied for and received a grant to fund the engineering of the sewer line extension. This project will support new growth in the Industrial Park and the areas surrounding the MBTA station. These projects will begin in the upcoming year.

The Interim Town Administrator, Deborah Pettey, applied for and received Shared Streets grant funding in the amount of \$104,000 to upgrade the crosswalk between the Freetown Elementary

School and Little Fenway and to purchase safety equipment for the police department. These Improvements will start in Spring of 2023.

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the Town received funding in the amount of \$2,554,651.58 to respond to the economic impacts from the Pandemic. These funds can be used for various needs of the Town and must meet varying criteria to do so. The Selectmen approved expending \$400,000 of this funding to improve the water infrastructure in Town by installing remote read water meters. This project will begin in the following Fiscal Year.

Town Administration successfully negotiated four of the five labor union contracts, with the fifth being finalized after the close of the fiscal year.

The Town said good-bye and thank you to Selectman George Grunwald for his three years of service on the Board and welcomed Carlos Lopes to serve on the Board for the upcoming three years.

The Fireworks were able to be held on July 3, 2022. This was the first time since 2019 and it provided some hope that activities after the pandemic were returning to normal.

The Selectmen held informational meetings to discuss becoming a member of the Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School District and reviewed their plans for building a new school. The benefits of being a member of a vocational school district were discussed as well as the projected costs and the possible impacts to the budget and ultimately the taxpayers. The decision to join the district will be decided at the Special Town Meeting held in October of 2022.

In June the Selectmen went to the Freetown Elementary School and discussed with 3rd graders what it is like to be a selectman. The students wrote essays as to what Freetown means to them and three essay winners were chosen. They attended a Selectmen's meeting and acted as the Selectmen for the night.

The Town has begun instituting online permitting and with the use of funds from the Community Compact IT grant has been able to digitize many of its records.

Over the course of the Fiscal Year, the Board of Selectmen called for a Special Town Meeting on October 18, 2021 and the Annual & Special Town Meeting on June 6, 2022.

At the Annual Town meeting The Town voted to elect a separate Board of Health independent of the Board of Selectmen. Petition articles were approved which would give Freetown Residents two free stickers to the transfer station and the Town Beach. The Town also approved an article which provided funding in the amount of \$850,000 which will be used to improve the public safety radio communication system. The approved omnibus budget was \$29,864,540.72 for fiscal year 2023.

The Office of the Selectmen is responsible for issuing various licenses and permits and in doing so received the following income:

**Liquor/Entertainment Licenses:**

All Alcoholic Common Victualer License	2 @ \$1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
All Alcoholic Package Store License	2 @ \$1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Wine & Malt Package Store License	3 @ \$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00
All Alcoholic Club License	1 @ \$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Temporary Liquor License	1 @ \$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Auctioneer License	1 @ \$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Automatic Amusement Device License	1 @ \$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Jukebox License	1 @ \$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Entertainment License	3 @ \$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
Hawkers & Peddlers License	1 @ \$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

**Motor Vehicle Licenses:**

MV Graveyard License	1 @ \$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
MV Class II License	17 @ \$ 100.00	\$ 1,700.00
MV Class III License	9 @ \$ 100.00	\$ 900.00

**Miscellaneous Permits/Fees/Donations Collected:**

Road Opening Permit	2 @ \$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
Parking Tickets		\$ 140.00
Annual Town Report Advertisement	18 @ \$ 100.00	\$ 1,800.00
Donations to Town Hall		\$ 3,023.15
Cable Franchise Fees		\$ 89,396.51
SouthCoast Educational Collaborative (payment for school classroom use)		\$ 60,000.00
Public Hearing Fees		\$ 450.00
Development Fee/HCA		\$ 30,836.00
Net Meter Funds		\$ 6,195.36
Boat Ramp		\$ 4,084.75
<hr/> Total Submitted to Treasurer		\$205,770.77

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the dedicated employees that continue to serve the public and carry out the enormous work that is involved in operating a Town. In addition to the employees the Selectmen would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers, elected and appointed officials who help make the Town of Freetown a great community to live and work in. Finally, the Board would like to recognize our staff, Lu-Ann Souza and Lola Furtado who assist the Board and Town Administrator to carry out the duties and responsibilities of our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Pettey, Interim Town Administrator  
Trevor Matthews, Chair, Board of Selectmen  
Jared Zager, Chair, Board of Health  
Carlos Lopes, Chair, Personnel Bd. & Parks Comm.

## Report of the Finance Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Finance Committee is a seven-member volunteer elected committee that makes recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting voters on the annual Omnibus Budget prepared by the Town Administrator and on financial articles on the Town Meeting Warrants.

The Finance Committee also administers the Reserve Fund, which has been set at \$175,000.00 for the past fiscal year. This fund is set aside for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures. Transfers from the Reserve Fund require the approval of the Finance Committee. We try to make sure departments use their budgeted funds before we will allocate more from the Reserve Fund. We are rigorous in protecting these funds so they are properly used.

Transfers approved during this fiscal year were as follows:

Water & Sewer Commission .....	\$50,000.00
Gas & Diesel Fuel .....	\$ 8,698.35
Gas & Diesel Fuel .....	\$16,146.00
Trash and Disposal (Landfill) .....	\$ 9,000.00
Trash and Disposal (Recycle) .....	\$ 6,000.00
Forestry/Tree Warden .....	\$ 4,312.00
Electrical Inspectors.....	\$ 315.00

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret French  
Vice Chairman

## Report of the Town Accountant

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2022 in the following schedules:

Combined Balance Sheet	All Funds
Combined Balance Sheet	Special Revenue Funds
Combined Balance Sheet	Trust & Agency Funds
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Assets	All Funds
General Fund	
Revenues – Budget vs. Actual	
Statement of Appropriations	
Expenditures – Budget vs. Actual	
Changes in Fund Balance	
Special Revenue Funds	
Changes in Fund Balance	Federal Grants
Changes in Fund Balance	State Grants
Changes in Fund Balance	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation
Changes in Fund Balance	Revolving Funds
Changes in Fund Balance	Other Special Revenue
Capital Project Funds	
Changes in Fund Balance	All Funds
Enterprise Funds	
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Assets	Water-Sewer
Trust Funds	
Changes in Fund Balance	Non-Expendable
Changes in Fund Balance	Expendable
Changes in Fund Balance	Other
Agency Funds	
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Agency
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Payroll Withholdings
Municipal Indebtedness Analysis	

Free cash as of July 1, 2022 as certified by the Bureau of Accounts was \$ 2,746,147.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberley S. Fales*  
Town Accountant

*Pamela Sousa*  
Assistant Town Accountant

*Town of Freetown*  
*All Funds - Combined Balance Sheet*  
*Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	General Fund	General Fund Fixed Assets	General Long Term Obligations	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Fund	Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fixed Assets	Water Long Term Obligations	Trust Funds & Agency Accounts	Totals
<b>Assets</b>										
Cash	\$ 6,348,535.31			\$ 1,440,672.03	\$ 2,046,550.66	\$ 344,240.27			\$ 10,569,253.50	\$ 20,749,251.77
Cash, Other Equivalent	\$ -								\$ -	\$ -
Long Term Investments	\$ 85,857.60								\$ -	\$ 85,857.60
Personal Property Taxes	\$ 708,368.48								\$ -	\$ 708,368.48
Real Estate Taxes	\$ -									\$ -
Rollback Taxes	\$ (2,037,806.73)									\$ (2,037,806.73)
Allowance for Abatements	\$ 667,613.88									\$ 667,613.88
Tax Liens	\$ 29,813.43									\$ 29,813.43
Deferred Property Taxes	\$ -									\$ -
Taxes in Litigation	\$ 224,713.40									\$ 224,713.40
Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$ -									\$ -
Boat Excise Taxes	\$ 2,672.91									\$ 2,672.91
User Charges						\$ 129,457.01				\$ 129,457.01
User Liens-Added To Taxes						\$ 185.13				\$ 185.13
Police Detail, Receivable	\$ 6,422.40					\$ 569.38				\$ 569.38
Fire Detail, Receivable	\$ 405.70							\$ 69,602.58		\$ 76,024.98
Other Departmental Receivables								\$ 4,057.05		\$ 4,462.75
Ambulance Receivable	\$ 305,724.88									\$ 305,724.88
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due				\$ 52,467.54						\$ 52,467.54
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due						\$ 4,190.23				\$ 4,190.23
Apportioned Assess-Added To Taxes						\$ 923.75				\$ 923.75
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes						\$ 174.60				\$ 174.60
Suspended Assessments						\$ 4,065.77				\$ 4,065.77
Assessment Liens in Tax Title										\$ -
Accrued Revenue Receivable				\$ 17,158.21						\$ 17,158.21
Due from Federal Government	\$ 69,619.00			\$ 43,869.22	\$ 28,226.03					\$ 141,714.25
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts										\$ -
Due from/to Other Fund(s)	\$ 925.00									\$ 925.00
Prepaid Expenditures	\$ 140,388.93									\$ 140,388.93
Tax Foreclosures							\$ 1,880,454.46			\$ 1,880,454.46
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment, net		\$ 28,925,848.59								\$ 28,925,848.59
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt			\$ 23,405,596.31	\$ 1,554,167.00	\$ 2,074,776.69	\$ 483,806.14	\$ 1,880,454.46	\$ -	\$ 10,642,913.13	\$ 23,405,596.31
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 6,553,254.19	\$ 28,925,848.59	\$ 23,405,596.31	\$ 1,554,167.00	\$ 2,074,776.69	\$ 483,806.14	\$ 1,880,454.46	\$ -	\$ 10,642,913.13	\$ 75,520,816.51
<b>Liabilities</b>										
Warrants Payable	\$ 391,535.84			\$ 20,555.21	\$ 16,893.13	\$ 13,372.89		\$ 30,382.06		\$ 472,739.13
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,257.29			\$ 139.90		\$ -				\$ 2,397.19
Retainage Payable										\$ -
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld	\$ 352.49							\$ 29,483.58		\$ 29,836.07
Due to Other Governments								\$ 4,178.65		\$ 4,178.65
Other Liabilities	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 17,575,744.60					\$ 282,594.59		\$ 17,860,339.19
Deferred Revenue	\$ (333,477.16)			\$ 80,694.53	\$ 28,226.03	\$ 139,565.87		\$ 73,659.63		\$ (11,331.10)
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due	\$ 50,000.00									\$ 50,000.00
Capitalized Leases Payable			\$ 1,049,851.71							\$ 1,049,851.71
Bonds, BAN's & Notes Payable			\$ 4,780,000.00					\$ -		\$ 4,780,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ 112,668.46	\$ -	\$ 23,405,596.31	\$ 101,389.64	\$ 45,119.16	\$ 152,938.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420,298.51	\$ 24,238,010.84

Fund Equity									
Net Assets, Restricted for Encumbrances									\$ 6,713.41
Net Assets Restricted for Expenditures									\$ 33,705.00
Net Assets Restricted for Continuing Appropriations									\$ 65,500.00
Net Assets, Unrestricted									\$ 224,948.97
Investment in Fixed Assets									\$ 30,806,303.05
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances	\$ 438,183.43								\$ 438,183.43
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures	\$ 12,200.00								\$ 12,200.00
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures	\$ 925.00								\$ 925.00
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Appropriations	\$ 729,885.87								\$ 729,885.87
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits	\$ (153,022.99)								\$ (153,022.99)
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated	\$ 5,412,414.42	\$ 1,448,012.09						\$ 407,779.26	\$ 9,814,835.36
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated	\$ 6,440,585.73	\$ 4,765.27	\$ 2,029,657.53					\$ 10,222,614.62	\$ 17,261,672.58
Total Fund Equity	\$ 28,925,848.59	\$ -	\$ 2,029,657.53	\$ 330,867.38	\$ 1,880,454.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,642,913.13	\$ 51,282,805.67
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 6,553,254.19	\$ 23,405,596.31	\$ 1,554,167.00	\$ 483,806.14	\$ 1,880,454.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,642,913.13	\$ 75,520,816.51

Reserved 3200-3300  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated 3400-3589  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated 3590-3595

*Town of Freetown*  
*Combined Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds*  
*Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	Federal Grants	State Grants	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	Revolving Funds	Other Special Revenue Funds	Septic Title V Betterments	Totals
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash	\$ 479,787.12	\$ 202,052.93	\$ 427,572.26	\$ 158,843.57	\$ 77,236.97	\$ 95,179.18	\$ 1,440,672.03
Personal Property Taxes							\$ -
Real Estate Taxes							\$ -
Rollback Taxes							\$ -
Allowance for Abatements							\$ -
Tax Liens							\$ -
Deferred Property Taxes							\$ -
Taxes in Litigation							\$ -
Motor Vehicle Taxes							\$ -
Boat Excise Taxes							\$ -
User Charges							\$ -
User Liens-Added to Taxes							\$ -
User Liens-In Tax Title							\$ -
Police Detail, Receivable							\$ -
Fire Detail, Receivable							\$ -
Other Departmental Receivables							\$ -
Ambulance Receivable							\$ -
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due					\$ 52,467.54		\$ 52,467.54
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due							\$ -
Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes							\$ -
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes							\$ -
Suspended Assessments							\$ -
Assessment Liens In Tax Title							\$ -
Accrued Revenue Receivable							\$ -
Due from Federal Government	\$ 17,158.21	\$ 43,869.22					\$ 17,158.21
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts							\$ 43,869.22
Due from (to) Other Fund(s)							\$ -
Prepaid Expenditures							\$ -
Tax Foreclosures							\$ -
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due							\$ -
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment							\$ -
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt							\$ -
Total Assets	\$ 496,945.33	\$ 245,922.15	\$ 427,572.26	\$ 158,843.57	\$ 77,236.97	\$ 147,646.72	\$ 1,554,167.00

<u>Liabilities</u>									
Warrants Payable								333.98	20,555.21
Accounts Payable								139.90	139.90
Retainage Payable									-
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld									-
Due to Other Governments									-
Other Liabilities									-
Deferred Revenue									-
Capitalized Leases Payable								52,467.54	80,694.53
Bonds Payable									-
Total Liabilities	\$	17,158.21	\$	14,693.45	\$	5,527.78	\$	473.88	\$
	\$	17,158.21	\$	25,762.23	\$	5,527.78	\$	52,467.54	\$
				-					101,389.64
<u>Fund Equity</u>									
Net Assets, Restricted									-
Net Assets, Unrestricted									-
Investment in Fixed Assets									-
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances									-
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures									-
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures									-
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp									-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits									-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated									-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated									-
Total Fund Equity	\$	479,787.12	\$	220,159.92	\$	148,550.52	\$	76,763.09	\$
	\$	479,787.12	\$	220,159.92	\$	4,765.27	\$	95,179.18	\$
				427,572.26		153,315.79		95,179.18	
	\$	496,945.33	\$	245,922.15	\$	158,843.57	\$	147,646.72	\$
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity									1,554,167.00

Reserved 3200-3300  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated 3400-3589  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated 3590-3599

*Town of Freetown  
Combined Balance Sheet - Capital Project Funds  
Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	Chapter 90 Highway	Police Station	Highway Barn Roof	COA Senior Center Renovation	Public Safety Comm Equip Upgrade	Water Filtration Site Improvements	Totals
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash	\$ (73,824.74)	\$ 46,428.31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 73,947.09	\$ 2,046,550.66
Personal Property Taxes							\$ -
Real Estate Taxes							\$ -
Rollback Taxes							\$ -
Allowance for Abatements							\$ -
Tax Liens							\$ -
Deferred Property Taxes							\$ -
Taxes in Litigation							\$ -
Motor Vehicle Taxes							\$ -
Boat Excise Taxes							\$ -
User Charges							\$ -
User Liens-Added to Taxes							\$ -
User Liens-In Tax Title							\$ -
Police Detail, Receivable							\$ -
Fire Detail, Receivable							\$ -
Other Departmental Receivables							\$ -
Ambulance Receivable							\$ -
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due							\$ -
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due							\$ -
Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes							\$ -
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes							\$ -
Suspended Assessments							\$ -
Assessment Liens In Tax Title							\$ -
Accrued Revenue Receivable							\$ -
Due from Federal Government							\$ -
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 28,226.03						\$ 28,226.03
Due from (to) Other Fund(s)							\$ -
Prepaid Expenditures							\$ -
Tax Foreclosures							\$ -
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due							\$ -
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment							\$ -
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt							\$ -
Total Assets	\$ (45,598.71)	\$ 46,428.31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 73,947.09	\$ 2,074,776.69

*Town of Freetown*  
*Combined Balance Sheet - Capital Project Funds*  
*Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	Chapter 90 Highway	Police Station	Highway Barn Roof	COA Senior Center Renovation	Public Safety Comm Equip Upgrade	Water Filtration Site Improvements	Totals
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Warrants Payable	\$ 16,893.13						\$ 16,893.13
Accounts Payable							\$ -
Retainage Payable							\$ -
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld							\$ -
Due to Other Governments							\$ -
Other Liabilities							\$ -
Deferred Revenue	\$ 28,226.03						\$ 28,226.03
Capitalized Leases Payable							\$ -
Bonds & BAN Payable							\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ 45,119.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,119.16
<u>Fund Equity</u>							
Net Assets, Restricted							\$ -
Net Assets, Unrestricted							\$ -
Investment in Fixed Assets							\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances							\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures							\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures							\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp							\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits							\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated							\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated							\$ -
Total Fund Equity	\$ (90,717.87)	\$ 46,428.31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 73,947.09	\$ 2,029,657.53
	\$ (90,717.87)	\$ 46,428.31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 73,947.09	\$ 2,029,657.53
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ (45,598.71)	\$ 46,428.31	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 73,947.09	\$ 2,074,776.69

Reserved 3200-3300  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated 3400-3589  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated 3590-3599

*Town of Freetown*  
*Combined Balance Sheet - Trust & Agency Funds*  
*Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Expendable Trust Funds	Other Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Payroll Withholding Agency Fund	Totals
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash	\$ 407,779.26	\$ 82,068.31	\$ 9,732,767.05	\$ 317,025.32	\$ 29,613.56	\$ 10,569,253.50
Personal Property Taxes						-
Real Estate Taxes						-
Rollback Taxes						-
Allowance for Abatements						-
Tax Liens						-
Deferred Property Taxes						-
Taxes in Litigation						-
Motor Vehicle Taxes						-
Boat Excise Taxes						-
User Charges						-
User Liens-Added to Taxes						-
User Liens-In Tax Title						-
Police Detail, Receivable				69,602.58		69,602.58
Fire Detail, Receivable				4,057.05		4,057.05
Other Departmental Receivables						-
Ambulance Receivable						-
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due						-
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due						-
Apportioned Assess-Added To Taxes						-
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes						-
Suspended Assessments						-
Assessment Liens In Tax Title						-
Accrued Revenue Receivable						-
Due from Federal Government						-
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts						-
Due from (to) Other Fund(s)						-
Prepaid Expenditures						-
Tax Foreclosures						-
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due						-
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment						-
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt						-
Total Assets	\$ 407,779.26	\$ 82,068.31	\$ 9,732,767.05	\$ 390,684.95	\$ 29,613.56	\$ 10,642,913.13

*Town of Freetown*  
*Combined Balance Sheet - Trust & Agency Funds*  
*Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Expendable Trust Funds	Other Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Payroll Withholding Agency Fund	Totals
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Warrants Payable				\$ 30,252.08	\$ 129.98	\$ 30,382.06
Accounts Payable						\$ -
Retainage Payable						\$ -
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld				\$ 4,178.65	\$ 29,483.58	\$ 29,483.58
Due to Other Governments				\$ 282,594.59		\$ 4,178.65
Other Liabilities				\$ 73,659.63		\$ 282,594.59
Deferred Revenue						\$ 73,659.63
Capitalized Leases Payable						\$ -
Bonds Payable						\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 390,684.95	\$ 29,613.56	\$ 420,298.51
<u>Fund Equity</u>						
Net Assets, Restricted						\$ -
Net Assets, Unrestricted						\$ -
Investment in Fixed Assets						\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances						\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures						\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures						\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp						\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits						\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated	\$ 407,779.26	\$ 82,068.31	\$ 9,732,767.05			\$ 407,779.26
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated	\$ 407,779.26	\$ 82,068.31	\$ 9,732,767.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,814,835.36
Total Fund Equity	\$ 407,779.26	\$ 82,068.31	\$ 9,732,767.05	\$ 390,684.95	\$ 29,613.56	\$ 10,222,614.82
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 407,779.26	\$ 82,068.31	\$ 9,732,767.05	\$ 390,684.95	\$ 29,613.56	\$ 10,642,913.13

Reserved 3200-3300  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated 3400-3589  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated 3590-3599

*Town of Freetown*  
*All Funds - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets*  
*Year Ending June 30, 2022*

	General Fund	Federal Grants	State Grants	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	Revolving Funds	Other Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Water-Sewer Enterprise	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals
<b>Revenues</b>											
Local Taxes	\$ 26,923,215.33										\$ 26,923,215.33
Local Receipts	\$ 2,259,316.37	\$ 71.52	\$ 1.95	\$ 103,767.01	\$ 195,906.20	\$ 53,068.61		\$ 1,311,889.93	\$ (228,243.03)	\$ 890,761.81	\$ 4,586,540.37
Transfers for Payroll Withholdings										\$ 2,103,414.99	\$ 2,103,414.99
Federal Receipts	\$ -	\$ 553,827.17	\$ 169,647.96	\$ 328.60	\$ -		\$ 329,934.72	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 553,827.17
State Receipts	\$ 2,579,026.00	\$ 553,888.69	\$ 169,649.91	\$ 104,095.61	\$ 195,906.20	\$ 53,068.61	\$ 329,934.72	\$ 1,311,889.93	\$ (228,243.03)	\$ 2,994,176.80	\$ 3,078,937.28
SUBTOTAL	\$ 31,761,557.70										\$ 37,245,935.14
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>											
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 5,476.54										\$ 5,476.54
Enterprise Funds	\$ 74,645.00										\$ 74,645.00
General Fund	\$ -		\$ 2,762.48				\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 25,283.24	\$ 3,238,360.70		\$ 4,266,406.42
Capital Projects							\$ 400,000.00	\$ 69,937.92			\$ 469,937.92
Agency Funds	\$ 3,419.10										\$ 3,419.10
Trust Funds	\$ 255,000.00										\$ 255,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 338,540.64	\$ -	\$ 2,762.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 95,221.16	\$ 3,238,360.70	\$ -	\$ 5,074,884.98
<b>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</b>	\$ 32,100,098.34	\$ 553,888.69	\$ 172,412.39	\$ 104,095.61	\$ 195,906.20	\$ 53,068.61	\$ 1,729,934.72	\$ 1,407,111.09	\$ 3,010,117.67	\$ 2,994,176.80	\$ 42,320,820.12
<b>Expenditures</b>											
General Government	\$ (1,535,967.88)	\$ (15,114.30)	\$ (51,451.78)	\$ (532.94)	\$ (125,576.72)	\$ (3,281.53)			\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (1,623.25)	\$ (1,734,548.40)
Public Safety	\$ (4,198,691.39)	\$ (108,344.62)	\$ (61,239.51)		\$ (63,717.21)	\$ (32,617.30)	\$ (167,732.85)			\$ (563,563.14)	\$ (5,195,906.02)
Education	\$ (13,762,247.35)										\$ (13,762,247.35)
Public Works	\$ (2,058,003.95)										\$ (3,566,063.68)
Human Services	\$ (381,082.08)		\$ (1,257.92)		\$ (489.93)	\$ (5,800.00)	\$ (400,354.67)	\$ (1,100,020.23)	\$ (136.98)		\$ (404,326.06)
Culture & Recreation	\$ (189,531.13)		\$ (19,470.91)			\$ (3,773.07)					\$ (240,366.86)
Debt Service	\$ (1,282,200.00)		\$ (14,792.42)		\$ (24,541.31)	\$ (494.95)			\$ (11,007.05)		\$ (1,282,200.00)
Intergovernmental Assessments	\$ (293,552.38)										\$ (293,552.38)
Employee Benefits	\$ (2,975,110.19)									\$ (2,103,125.82)	\$ (5,078,236.01)
Other	\$ (195,859.70)										\$ (195,859.70)
Capital Equipment	\$ (653,246.02)										\$ (653,246.02)
Capital Building Improvements	\$ (36,981.46)										\$ (36,981.46)
SUBTOTAL	\$ (27,562,473.53)	\$ (123,458.92)	\$ (148,212.54)	\$ (532.94)	\$ (214,325.17)	\$ (45,966.85)	\$ (568,087.52)	\$ (1,100,020.23)	\$ (12,144.03)	\$ (2,668,312.21)	\$ (32,443,533.94)
<b>Other Financing Uses:</b>											
Special Revenue Funds	\$ (2,762.48)										\$ (2,762.48)
Capital Projects	\$ (1,000,000.00)						\$ (400,000.00)				\$ (1,400,000.00)
Enterprise Funds	\$ (69,937.92)							\$ (25,283.24)			\$ (95,221.16)
General Fund	\$ -	\$ (0.60)		\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (1,976.94)			\$ (74,645.00)	\$ (255,000.00)	\$ (3,419.10)	\$ (338,540.64)
Trust Funds	\$ (3,238,360.70)										\$ (3,238,360.70)
Agency Funds	\$ -										\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$ (4,311,061.10)	\$ (0.60)	\$ -	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (1,976.94)	\$ -	\$ (400,000.00)	\$ (99,928.24)	\$ (255,000.00)	\$ (3,419.10)	\$ (5,074,884.98)
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	\$ (31,873,534.63)	\$ (123,459.92)	\$ (148,212.54)	\$ (4,032.94)	\$ (216,301.11)	\$ (45,966.85)	\$ (968,087.52)	\$ (1,199,948.47)	\$ (267,144.03)	\$ (2,671,731.31)	\$ (37,518,418.92)
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	\$ 226,563.71	\$ 430,439.17	\$ 24,199.85	\$ 100,062.67	\$ (20,394.91)	\$ 7,101.76	\$ 761,847.20	\$ 207,162.62	\$ 2,742,973.64	\$ 322,445.49	\$ 4,802,401.20
Net Assets, Beginning	\$ 6,214,022.02	\$ 49,347.95	\$ 195,960.07	\$ 327,509.59	\$ 173,710.70	\$ 164,840.51	\$ 1,267,810.33	\$ 123,704.76	\$ 7,479,640.98	\$ -	\$ 15,996,546.91
Other Adjustments	\$ -									\$ (322,445.49)	\$ (322,445.49)
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 6,440,585.73	\$ 479,787.12	\$ 220,159.92	\$ 427,572.26	\$ 153,315.79	\$ 171,942.27	\$ 2,029,657.53	\$ 330,867.38	\$ 10,222,614.62	\$ -	\$ 20,476,502.62

Reserved 3200-330X  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated 3400-3589  
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated 3590-3599

TOWN OF FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR 2022

REVENUES - BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference
<u>LOCAL TAXES:</u>			
Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$ 1,765,398.38	\$ 1,752,311.76	\$ (13,086.62)
Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$ 21,456,688.55	\$ 23,083,423.26	\$ 1,626,734.71
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ -	\$ 127,042.91	\$ 127,042.91
Tax Foreclosure Redeemed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rollback Taxes	\$ -	\$ 73,109.59	\$ 73,109.59
Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Local Taxes	\$ 23,222,086.93	\$ 25,035,887.52	\$ 1,813,800.59
<u>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ 1,750,000.00	\$ 1,880,588.89	\$ 130,588.89
Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,437.83	\$ 1,437.83
Excise Paid After Abatement	\$ -	\$ 301.09	\$ 301.09
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 122,173.03	\$ 7,173.03
Fees/Other Dept. Revenue-Trash Disposal	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 341,100.00	\$ 111,100.00
Fees	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 275,540.11	\$ 110,540.11
Charges for Services-Ambulance	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 692,099.56	\$ 312,099.56
Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 99,910.41	\$ 79,910.41
Alcohol Licenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 5,350.00
Other Licenses	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 44,056.00	\$ 29,056.00
Permits	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 211,188.56	\$ 88,188.56
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 6,645.72	\$ 1,045.72
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 52,140.94	\$ 26,140.94
Proceeds from Sale of Property - Foreclosures	\$ -	\$ 312,500.00	\$ 312,500.00
Earnings on Investments	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 4,929.63	\$ (16,320.37)
Miscellaneous Revenue - Non Recurring	\$ -	\$ 29,682.41	\$ 29,682.41
Miscellaneous Revenue - Recurring	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total Local Receipts	\$ 2,907,850.00	\$ 4,146,644.18	\$ 1,238,794.18
<u>STATE RECEIPTS:</u>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly	\$ 68,380.00	\$ 143,374.00	\$ 74,994.00
State Owned Land	\$ 265,041.00	\$ 265,041.00	\$ -
Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115*	\$ 88,358.00	\$ 76,899.00	\$ (11,459.00)
Chapter 70	\$ 461,524.00	\$ 464,802.00	\$ 3,278.00
Mass. School Building Authority	\$ 479,742.00	\$ 479,742.00	\$ -
Unrestricted General Government Aid Chapter 29	\$ 1,043,612.00	\$ 1,043,612.00	\$ -
Other Revenue From the State	\$ -	\$ 84,701.00	\$ 84,701.00
School Transportation	\$ -	\$ 20,855.00	\$ 20,855.00
Total State Receipts	\$ 2,406,657.00	\$ 2,579,026.00	\$ 172,369.00
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</u>			
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,476.54	\$ 1,976.54
Enterprise Funds	\$ 93,128.00	\$ 74,645.00	\$ (18,483.00)
Trust Funds	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 255,000.00	\$ -
Agency Funds	\$ -	\$ 3,419.10	\$ 3,419.10
General Stabilization-Reduce Levy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers From Other Funds	\$ 351,628.00	\$ 338,540.64	\$ (13,087.36)
 TOTAL ALL REVENUES	 \$ 28,888,221.93	 \$ 32,100,098.34	 \$ 3,211,876.41

\*Includes 60 day accruals

## GENERAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

	Appropriations ATM-Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrances	Continuing Appropriations	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Approp. STM - Fall-Oct	Add'l Approp. STM - Sprg-June	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2022	Unexpended Appropriation
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>											
Moderator	\$ 470.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00	-	\$ (530.00)	\$ -
Board of Selectmen	\$ 36,100.00	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 93.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (32,503.07)	\$ 20,490.41
Administrator	\$ 249,620.00	\$ -	\$ 13,324.29	\$ 60,733.29	\$ -	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	-	\$ (235,904.37)	\$ 342,773.21
Finance Committee	\$ 8,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (3,102.60)	\$ 2,747.40
Reserve Fund	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (75,338.35)	-	\$ -	\$ 49,661.65
Accounting	\$ 124,746.00	\$ -	\$ 1,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,428.48	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (136,815.13)	\$ 3,309.35
Audit	\$ 19,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (19,750.00)	\$ -
Board of Assessors	\$ 93,955.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,629.48	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (86,213.81)	\$ 13,370.67
BOA Revaluation	\$ 68,220.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (53,720.00)	\$ 39,500.00
Town Treasurer	\$ 205,740.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,054.18	\$ -	\$ 8,795.00	-	\$ (213,639.95)	\$ 14,949.53
Legal Services	\$ 135,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (92,609.37)	\$ 42,390.63
Management Information Systems	\$ 55,105.00	\$ -	\$ 3,602.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 12,562.00	-	\$ (63,770.87)	\$ 62,499.06
Tax Title	\$ 15,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (11,385.16)	\$ 4,114.84
Town Clerk	\$ 110,254.90	\$ -	\$ 1,141.05	\$ 11,384.85	\$ -	\$ 2,285.64	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (105,674.51)	\$ 19,391.93
Elections	\$ 26,791.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (21,407.22)	\$ 5,384.53
Registration	\$ 9,775.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (8,330.96)	\$ 1,444.04
Conservation Commission	\$ 17,591.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (6,068.24)	\$ 11,522.76
Planning Board	\$ 56,286.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,121.04	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (40,563.24)	\$ 16,844.20
Board of Appeals-Zoning	\$ 2,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (705.50)	\$ 1,844.50
Soil Board	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (46.26)	\$ 1,053.74
Economic Development	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Public Buildings	\$ 328,587.40	\$ -	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 2,507.71	\$ -	\$ 3,326.48	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (314,803.27)	\$ 53,618.32
Property Insurance	\$ 84,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (85,983.10)	\$ 1,879.25
Town Reports	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (2,441.25)	\$ 58.75
	\$ 1,776,792.75	\$ 15,800.00	\$ 79,111.75	\$ 74,625.85	\$ -	\$ 186,845.30	\$ 180,000.00	\$ (53,921.35)	\$ (12,437.65)	\$ (1,535,967.88)	\$ 710,848.77
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>											
Police	\$ 2,308,879.37	\$ -	\$ 31,192.96	\$ 2,650.00	\$ -	\$ 14,871.00	\$ 90,002.00	\$ -	-	\$ (2,117,509.09)	\$ 330,086.24
Communications	\$ 431,195.12	\$ -	\$ 23,292.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 17,414.46	\$ 48,000.00	\$ -	-	\$ (379,585.79)	\$ 144,815.79
Fire	\$ 1,430,171.00	\$ -	\$ 7,930.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,094.00	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (1,436,726.51)	\$ 50,469.47
Building Department	\$ 128,820.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,525.10	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (125,172.05)	\$ 5,173.05
Gas	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (4,795.00)	\$ 1,205.00
Plumbing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (3,990.00)	\$ 2,010.00
Sealer of Weights/Measures	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 315.00	-	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ -
Electrical	\$ 18,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (18,305.00)	\$ 10.00
Civil Defense-EMA	\$ 19,691.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (16,397.90)	\$ 3,293.88
Animal Control	\$ 46,485.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (41,278.26)	\$ 5,206.74
Forestry	\$ 33,090.00	\$ -	\$ 3,749.14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,312.00	-	\$ (50,931.79)	\$ 219.35
Harbormaster	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 100.00
	\$ 4,432,432.27	\$ -	\$ 66,165.08	\$ 7,150.00	\$ -	\$ 92,904.56	\$ 138,002.00	\$ 4,627.00	\$ -	\$ (4,198,691.39)	\$ 542,589.52
<b>EDUCATION</b>											
School Committee	\$ 4,424.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (4,424.00)	\$ -
Regional School Assessment & Debt Service	\$ 12,338,041.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,969.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (12,338,040.12)	\$ 53,970.69
Bristol County Agricultural School	\$ 105,559.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (105,559.92)	\$ -
Old Colony Voc Assessment & Transportation	\$ 1,149,588.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (104,470.00)	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (8,500.00)	\$ 39,739.55
Other Voc Assessment & Transportation	\$ 267,765.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,859.00	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ (317,344.86)	\$ 779.14
	\$ 13,865,377.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,969.81	\$ -	\$ (62,611.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (13,762,247.35)	\$ 94,489.38

## GENERAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

	Appropriations ATM-Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrances	Continuing Appropriations	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Approp. STM - Fall-Oct	Add'l Approp. STM - Sprg-June	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2022	Unexpended Appropriation
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS</u></b>											
Highway	\$ 543,226.00	\$ 255,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,419.90	-	\$ 9,450.00	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ (798,338.11)	\$ 36,757.79
Snow & Ice Removal	\$ 150,000.00	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ (303,022.99)	\$ (153,022.99)
Street Lights	\$ 5,000.00	-	\$ 6,701.28	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ (2,226.28)	\$ 9,475.00
Trash Collection & Disposal	\$ 689,125.00	-	\$ 6,652.60	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ 15,000.00	-	\$ (685,456.28)	\$ 5,321.32
Transfer Station	\$ 287,911.84	-	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,658.14	-	-	-	\$ (229,113.22)	\$ 77,456.76
Cemetery	\$ 35,464.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,216.00	\$ 9,556.20	\$ -	\$ 9,945.00	\$ 7,500.00	-	-	\$ (39,847.07)	\$ 28,834.13
	\$ 1,690,726.84	\$ 259,000.00	\$ 29,569.88	\$ 11,556.20	\$ -	\$ 65,023.04	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 24,450.00	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ (2,058,003.95)	\$ 4,822.01
<b><u>HUMAN SERVICES</u></b>											
Board of Health	\$ 144,199.65	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,154.23	-	-	-	\$ (114,085.21)	\$ 33,268.67
Council on Aging	\$ 163,705.20	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,219.34	-	-	-	\$ (152,572.49)	\$ 16,352.05
Veterans Services	\$ 162,240.00	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ (112,594.58)	\$ 49,645.42
Memorial & Veterans Day	\$ 2,200.00	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ (1,829.80)	\$ 370.20
	\$ 472,344.85	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,373.57	-	-	-	\$ (381,082.08)	\$ 99,636.34
<b><u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u></b>											
Library	\$ 169,189.38	-	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,111.29	-	-	-	\$ (172,694.17)	\$ 15,606.50
Cable Advisory Committee	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 51,817.94	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ (16,224.86)	\$ 35,593.08
Arts Local Cultural Council	\$ 1,500.00	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ (612.10)	\$ 887.90
Historical Commission	\$ 500.00	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 500.00
	\$ 171,189.38	-	\$ -	\$ 66,817.94	\$ -	\$ 4,111.29	-	-	-	\$ (189,531.13)	\$ 52,587.48
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>											
Retirement of Debt	\$ 1,160,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,160,000.00)	\$ -
Principal Payments	\$ 122,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (122,200.00)	\$ -
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$ 1,282,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,282,200.00)	\$ -
<b><u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSESSMENTS &amp; CHARGES</u></b>											
State Assessments & Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,054.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (129,614.00)	\$ 2,440.00
County Assessments & Charges	\$ 1,745.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 162,193.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (162,192.76)	\$ 0.24
SRPEDD Assessment	\$ 1,745.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 294,247.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,745.62)	\$ -
										\$ (293,552.38)	\$ 2,440.24
<b><u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u></b>											
Retirement & Pension Contributions	\$ 1,313,165.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,311,779.45)	\$ 1,385.55
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 83,630.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,600.00	-	-	-	\$ (86,443.00)	\$ 5,787.00
Unemployment Benefits	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 39,519.57	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (22,916.86)	\$ 37,802.71
Health Insurance	\$ 1,717,389.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,550.00	-	-	\$ (7,713.13)	\$ (1,477,987.06)	\$ 240,239.48
Life Insurance	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	\$ (1,651.15)	\$ 548.85
Medicare	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	\$ 6,513.13	\$ (74,332.67)	\$ 2,180.46
	\$ 3,206,384.67	\$ -	\$ 42,519.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,975,110.19)	\$ 287,944.05

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

	Appropriations ATM-Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrances	Continuing Appropriations	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Appropri- STM - Fall-Oct	Add'l Appropri- STM - Sprg-June	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2022	Unexpended Appropriation
<b>OTHER</b>											
Liability Insurance	\$ 54,630.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,437.65	\$ (68,067.32)	\$ 1,000.33
Town-wide Fueling	\$ 108,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,844.35	\$ -	\$ (127,792.38)	\$ 5,051.97
	\$ 162,630.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,844.35	\$ 12,437.65	\$ (195,859.70)	\$ 6,052.30
<b>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET:</b>											
Capital Equipment Leases & Purchases	\$ 616,789.84	\$ -	\$ 57,783.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,800.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (653,246.02)	\$ 107,127.54
	\$ 616,789.84	\$ -	\$ 57,783.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,800.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (653,246.02)	\$ 107,127.54
<b>CAPITAL BUILDING BUDGET:</b>											
Town Building Improvements	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 168,726.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36,981.46)	\$ 276,745.21
	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ 168,726.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36,981.46)	\$ 276,745.21
<b>Current Fiscal Year Transfers</b>											
Transfer to Special Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,762.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,762.48)	\$ -
Transfer to Capital Project Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 450,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,000,000.00)	\$ -
Transfer to Enterprise Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,437.92	\$ 65,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (69,937.92)	\$ -
Transfer to Conservation Land Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,635.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (15,635.57)	\$ -
Transfer to Trust Fund - OPEB	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 229,950.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (429,950.49)	\$ -
Transfer to Trust Fund - Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,000.00)	\$ -
Transfer to Trust Fund - Capital Stabilization	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,706,774.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,781,774.64)	\$ -
Total Transfers	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 86,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,762.48	\$ 554,437.92	\$ 3,467,860.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,311,061.10)	\$ -
Total FY2021 Appropriations	\$ 27,968,614.14	\$ 360,800.00	\$ 443,876.67	\$ 214,119.80	\$ 297,009.48	\$ 865,234.68	\$ 3,909,162.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (31,873,534.63)	\$ 2,185,282.84

TOWN OF FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR 2022

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

		Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference
<u>TOWN BUDGETS:</u>				
General Government	Personnel	\$ 860,438.35	\$ 775,043.86	\$ 85,394.49
	Overtime	\$ 2,243.40	\$ 156.99	\$ 2,086.41
	Expenses	\$ 904,597.30	\$ 697,877.19	\$ 206,720.11
	Special Articles	\$ 392,123.94	\$ 36,867.00	\$ 355,256.94
	Encumbrances	\$ 87,413.66	\$ 26,022.84	\$ 61,390.82
Public Safety	Personnel	\$ 3,662,211.49	\$ 3,407,305.30	\$ 254,906.19
	Overtime	\$ 436,482.62	\$ 413,798.51	\$ 22,684.11
	Expenses	\$ 431,269.72	\$ 350,023.85	\$ 81,245.87
	Special Articles	\$ 145,152.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 142,502.00
	Encumbrances	\$ 66,165.08	\$ 24,913.73	\$ 41,251.35
Education	Personnel	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 4,424.00	\$ -
	Expenses	\$ 13,798,342.92	\$ 13,757,823.35	\$ 40,519.57
	Special Articles	\$ 53,969.81	\$ -	\$ 53,969.81
Public Works	Personnel	\$ 569,964.58	\$ 522,771.32	\$ 47,193.26
	Overtime	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,551.04	\$ 448.96
	Expenses	\$ 1,113,680.00	\$ 1,188,673.91	\$ (74,993.91)
	Special Articles	\$ 327,611.50	\$ 301,701.12	\$ 25,910.38
	Encumbrances	\$ 29,569.88	\$ 23,306.56	\$ 6,263.32
Human Services	Personnel	\$ 284,185.42	\$ 256,159.34	\$ 28,026.08
	Expenses	\$ 196,533.00	\$ 124,922.74	\$ 71,610.26
Culture & Recreation	Personnel	\$ 129,872.05	\$ 129,274.53	\$ 597.52
	Expenses	\$ 45,428.62	\$ 44,031.74	\$ 1,396.88
	Special Articles	\$ 66,817.94	\$ 16,224.86	\$ 50,593.08
Debt Service		\$ 1,282,200.00	\$ 1,282,200.00	\$ -
Inter-governmental Assessments		\$ 295,992.62	\$ 293,552.38	\$ 2,440.24
Employee Benefits	Personnel	\$ 3,220,534.67	\$ 2,972,878.66	\$ 247,656.01
	Encumbrances	\$ 42,519.57	\$ 2,231.53	\$ 40,288.04
Other	Expenses	\$ 201,912.00	\$ 195,859.70	\$ 6,052.30
Capital Equipment	Expenses	\$ 641,789.84	\$ 607,723.79	\$ 34,066.05
	Encumbrances	\$ 57,783.72	\$ 45,522.23	\$ 12,261.49
	Special Articles	\$ 60,800.00	\$ -	\$ 60,800.00
Capital Bldgs&Otr Impr	Expenses	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 26,211.88	\$ 63,788.12
	Special Articles	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
	Encumbrances	\$ 168,726.67	\$ 10,769.58	\$ 157,957.09
Total Current Fiscal Year Budget Appropriations		\$ 29,747,756.37	\$ 27,562,473.53	\$ 2,185,282.84
<u>OTHER FINANCING USES:</u>				
<u>Current Fiscal Year Transfers:</u>				
	Transfers to Special Revenue	\$ 2,762.48	\$ 2,762.48	\$ -
	Transfers to Enterprise Funds	\$ 69,937.92	\$ 69,937.92	\$ -
	Transfers to Capital Projects	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -
	Transfers to Trust Funds- Conservation Land Fund	\$ 15,635.57	\$ 15,635.57	\$ -
	Transfers to Trust Funds - Stabilization-Regular	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ -
	Transfers to Trust Funds - Stabilization-Capital	\$ 2,781,774.64	\$ 2,781,774.64	\$ -
	Transfers to Trust Funds - OPEB	\$ 429,950.49	\$ 429,950.49	\$ -
	Transfers to Agency Funds			\$ -
Total Other Financing Uses		\$ 4,311,061.10	\$ 4,311,061.10	\$ -
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES		\$ 34,058,817.47	\$ 31,873,534.63	\$ 2,185,282.84

TOWN OF FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR 2022

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR GENERAL FUND

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2021	\$ 5,682,144.48
Reverse PY Reserve for Appropriation Deficit (Snow & Ice)	\$ (122,845.46)
Reverse PY Reserve for Appropriation Deficit (Tax Title Costs)	\$ (3,273.47)
Reverse PY Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ 443,876.67
Reverse PY Reserve for Overlay Deficit	\$ -
Reverse PY Reserve for Expenditures	\$ -
Reverse PY Reserve for Continued Appropriations	\$ 214,119.80
Reverse PY Reserve for Special Purposes (Prepaid)	\$ -
Current Year Overlay Surplus Released	\$ -
Current Year Revenues	\$ 31,761,558.30
Current Year Other Financing Sources	\$ 338,540.04
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Subtotal	\$ 38,314,120.36
Reserve Fund Balance for Encumbrances	\$ (438,183.43)
Reserve Fund Balance for Special Purposes (Prepaid)	\$ (925.00)
Reserve Fund Balance for Expenditures	\$ (12,200.00)
Reserve Fund Balance for Continued Appropriations	\$ (729,885.87)
Current Year Overlay Surplus Closed	\$ -
Current Year Appropriation Deficits (Snow & Ice)	\$ 153,022.99
Current Year Appropriation Deficits (Tax Title Costs)	\$ -
Current Year PY Expenditure Control	\$ (5,794.20)
Current Year Expenditures	\$ (28,111,117.25)
Current Year Other Financing Uses	\$ (3,756,623.18)
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Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2022	<u><u>\$ 5,412,414.42</u></u>

FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 438,183.43
Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purpose (Prepaid)	\$ 925.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	\$ 12,200.00
Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Future Excluded Debt	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Continued Appropriations	\$ 729,885.87
Fund Balance Reserved for Court Judgment	\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Appropriation Deficit	\$ (153,022.99)
Unreserved Fund Balance-Overlay Deficits	\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 5,412,414.42
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Fund Balance, June 30, 2022	<u><u>\$ 6,440,585.73</u></u>

# CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 200 FEDERAL GRANTS

Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<b>FEDERAL GRANTS</b>								
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>								
0205-19 Fire FY19 AFG Federal Grant	\$ -							\$ -
0209-00 Fire SAFER Grant	\$ 0.60				(0.60)			\$ (0.00)
0212-20 EMS HHS Stimulus Grant	\$ (5,223.13)	\$ 25,551.25	\$ (20,328.12)					\$ -
0211-00 EMA FEMA DR-4496 COVID-19	\$ (81,081.50)	\$ 78,118.19	\$ (8,926.15)					\$ -
0213-20 EMA Fed Coronavirus "CARES"	\$ 135,651.98	\$ (60,403.81)	\$ (75,248.17)					\$ (11,889.46)
0201-22 EMA FY22 EMPG Federal Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,900.00	\$ (2,900.00)					\$ -
0202-00 Fire/EMA SHSP Federal Grant	\$ -	\$ 942.18	\$ (942.18)					\$ -
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 49,347.95	\$ 47,107.81	\$ (108,344.62)	\$ -	\$ (0.60)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,889.46)
<b><u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u></b>								
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b><u>HUMAN SERVICES</u></b>								
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>								
0216-22 BOS- ARPA Recovery Grant	\$ -	\$ 491,676.58						\$ 491,676.58
0217-00 BOS- Ma Covid EPSL Grant	\$ -	\$ 15,114.30	\$ (15,114.30)					\$ -
0214-21 Elections - CARES Postage	\$ -	\$ 506,790.88	\$ (15,114.30)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 491,676.58
TOTAL OTHER	\$ -	\$ 506,790.88	\$ (15,114.30)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 491,676.58
TOTAL ALL FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 49,347.95	\$ 553,898.69	\$ (123,458.92)	\$ -	\$ (0.60)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 479,787.12 *

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**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 210 STATE GRANTS**

Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<b>STATE GRANTS</b>								
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
1026-20	\$ 148,538.45	\$	\$ (30,103.06)					\$ 118,435.39
1031-22	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)					\$ -
1022-18	\$ 10,000.00							\$ 10,000.00
1023-18	\$ 3,924.46	\$	\$ (1,348.72)					\$ 2,575.74
	\$ -							\$ -
	\$ 162,462.91	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (51,451.78)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 131,011.13
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
1001-17	\$ (0.01)							\$ (0.01)
1001-20	\$ (2,762.48)			\$ 2,762.48				\$ -
1001-21	\$ (12,939.28)	\$ 1,875.00						\$ (11,064.28)
1002-19	\$ (0.01)							\$ (0.01)
1002-21	\$ (23,402.46)	\$ 23,397.96						\$ (4.50)
1002-22	\$ (0.00)		\$ (4,814.72)					\$ (4,814.72)
1003-00	\$ -	\$ 37,128.31	\$ (32,253.31)					\$ 4,875.00
1024-22	\$ -	\$ 15,500.00	\$ (15,500.00)					\$ -
1032-22	\$ -	\$ 1,665.00	\$ (1,665.00)					\$ -
1004-22	\$ -	\$ 7,430.00	\$ (110.20)					\$ 7,319.80
1004-21	\$ 6,896.28		\$ (6,896.28)					\$ -
	\$ (32,207.96)	\$ 86,996.27	\$ (61,239.51)	\$ 2,762.48	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (3,688.72)
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>								
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>								
1019-21	\$ 7,085.00		\$ (1,257.92)					\$ 5,827.08
1019-22	\$ -	\$ 7,800.00						\$ 7,800.00
1012-00	\$ 661.80							\$ 661.80
	\$ 7,746.80	\$ 7,800.00	\$ (1,257.92)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 14,288.88
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>								
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>								
1028-20	\$ 42.84							\$ 42.84
1005-22	\$ -	\$ 21,012.00	\$ (7,478.67)					\$ 13,533.33
1005-21	\$ 1,125.41							\$ 1,125.41
	\$ 1,168.25	\$ 21,012.00	\$ (7,478.67)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 14,701.58
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING</b>								
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>								
1008-00	\$ 8,119.28	\$ 6,600.00	\$ (2,675.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12,044.28
	\$ 8,119.28	\$ 6,600.00	\$ (2,675.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12,044.28
<b>LIBRARY</b>								
1006-	\$ -							\$ -
1006-19	\$ 4,014.19	\$	\$ (4,014.19)					\$ -
1006-20	\$ 11,266.29	\$	\$ (8,103.23)					\$ 3,163.06
1006-21	\$ 13,967.31							\$ 13,967.31
1006-22	\$ -	\$ 15,479.69						\$ 15,479.69
1007-00	\$ 19,190.76	\$ 1.95						\$ 19,192.71
	\$ 48,438.55	\$ 15,481.64	\$ (12,117.42)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 51,802.77
<b>TOTAL LIBRARY</b>								
<b>OTHER</b>								
1033-22	\$ -	\$ 11,760.00	\$ (11,760.00)					\$ -
1019-17	\$ 232.24	\$	\$ (232.24)					\$ (0.00)
	\$ 232.24	\$ 11,760.00	\$ (11,992.24)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ (0.00)
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>								
	\$ 195,960.07	\$ 169,649.91	\$ (148,212.54)	\$ 2,762.48	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 220,159.92
<b>TOTAL ALL STATE GRANTS</b>								
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 220 RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<u>RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION</u>								
2000-00 Conservation Wetlands	\$ 70,906.36	\$ 6,680.50	\$ (532.94)					\$ 77,053.92
2007-00 Transportation Network Co Fund	\$ 776.30	\$ 328.60						\$ 1,104.90
2005-00 PEG Access & Cable	\$ 170,317.26	\$ 90,646.51						\$ 260,963.77
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED	\$ 241,999.92	\$ 97,655.61	\$ (532.94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 339,122.59
<u>INSURANCE OVER \$20,000.00</u>								
TOTAL INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2002-00 Sale of Real Estate	\$ 7,266.88							\$ 7,266.88
2001-00 Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 10,482.00	\$ 6,440.00			\$ (3,500.00)			\$ 13,422.00
<u>OTHER</u>								
2004-00 Landfill	\$ 67,760.79							\$ 67,760.79
2003-00 Recycling Fund	\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 67,760.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,760.79
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS RESERVED FUNDS	\$ 327,509.59	\$ 104,095.61	\$ (532.94)	\$ -	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 427,572.26 *
								\$ 427,572.26

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**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 230 REVOLVING FUNDS**

Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<b>REVOLVING FUNDS</b>								
<b><u>INSURANCE RECOVERY</u></b>								
3000-00 Police Insurance Recovery	\$ 1,190.37	\$ 18,299.55	\$ (17,520.65)					\$ 1,969.27
3001-00 Fire/EMS Insurance Recovery	\$ (0.01)	\$ 2,339.43	\$ (2,339.43)					\$ (0.01)
3005-00 Water Insurance Recovery	\$ -	\$ 5,400.00						\$ 5,400.00
3003-00 Council on Aging Insurance Recovery	\$ 215.00							\$ 215.00
3004-00 Highway Insurance Recovery	\$ 500.00		\$ (489.93)					\$ 10.07
TOTAL INSURANCE RECOVERY	\$ 1,905.36	\$ 26,038.98	\$ (20,350.01)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,594.33
<b><u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u></b>								
3702-00 Arts Council	\$ 4,908.90	\$ 109.26	\$ (252.89)					\$ 4,765.27
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 4,908.90	\$ 109.26	\$ (252.89)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,765.27
<b><u>CH. 44, S 53E-1/2 REVOLVING</u></b>								
3202-00 Long Pond (Boat Ramp/Beach) Revolv	\$ 41,563.10	\$ 4,084.75	\$ (24,288.42)					\$ 21,359.43
3200-00 Annual Town Reports	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 1,800.00						\$ 5,700.00
3201-00 Communications Alarms	\$ 1,975.94	\$ -			\$ (1,975.94)			\$ -
TOTAL DEPT REVOLVING	\$ 47,439.04	\$ 5,884.75	\$ (24,288.42)	\$ -	\$ (1,975.94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,059.43
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>								
3700-00 Police State Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 1,238.14	\$ 0.12						\$ 1,238.26
3701-00 Police Federal Forfeiture Funds	\$ 57,184.56	\$ 5.88						\$ 57,190.44
3600-00 Police/Fire Special Injury Indemnity	\$ (4,142.87)	\$ 49,999.99	\$ (43,857.13)					\$ 1,999.99
3503-00 Town Admin Legal Fees - Cannabis	\$ -	\$ 8,000.22	\$ (6,627.50)					\$ 1,372.72
3500-00 Planning Board-Consulting Accounts	\$ 60,281.73	\$ 93,746.38	\$ (102,902.62)					\$ 51,125.49
3502-00 Conservation-Consulting Accounts	\$ 4,895.84	\$ 12,120.62	\$ (16,046.60)					\$ 969.86
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 119,457.40	\$ 163,873.21	\$ (169,433.85)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,896.76
TOTAL ALL REVOLVING FUNDS	\$ 173,710.70	\$ 195,906.20	\$ (214,325.17)	\$ -	\$ (1,975.94)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 153,315.79

\*ok cash - warrants payable

**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 240 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE & 241 SEPTIC BETTERMENTS**

<u>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</u>		Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<u>Title V Septic Betterments</u>		Fund # 241	\$ 92,179.07	\$ 5,700.11	\$ (2,700.00)					\$ 95,179.18
<u>GIFTS &amp; DONATIONS</u>										
	Hathaway Park	4008-00	\$ 4,848.30							\$ 4,848.30
	Patriot Half Triathlon	4013-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
	Town Hall Events	4016-00	\$ 1,753.61							\$ 1,753.61
	Bandstand	4018-00	\$ 100.00							\$ 100.00
	MIA Wellness Picnic Area Grant	4021-00	\$ -	\$ 2,033.19	\$ (3,281.53)					\$ (1,248.34)
	TRWA-Open Space & Rec. Plan	4009-00	\$ 1,320.00							\$ 1,320.00
	Bicycle Safety	4000-00	\$ 391.85							\$ 391.85
	Police Drug Education Program	4011-00	\$ 2,022.38							\$ 2,022.38
	Fire Donations	4020-00	\$ -	\$ 32,470.00	\$ (32,470.00)					\$ -
	Animal Control Officer	4015-00	\$ 887.00	\$ 245.00	\$ (147.30)					\$ 984.70
	Tree Warden	4006-00	\$ 1,070.00							\$ 1,070.00
	Highway MIA Electronic Message Board	4022-00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)					\$ -
	Compost Bins	4004-00	\$ 1,354.20							\$ 1,354.20
	Cemetery	4005-00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 642.81	\$ (800.00)					\$ 1,017.81
	Council on Aging	4001-00	\$ 41,369.56	\$ 1,626.00	\$ (1,073.07)					\$ 41,922.49
	COA - SouthCoast Comm Foundation	4028-00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00						\$ 5,000.00
	Library Donations	4003-00	\$ 5,427.54		\$ (494.95)					\$ 5,284.09
	Historical	4007-00	\$ 442.00							\$ 442.00
	Cable PEG Access-Capital Grant	4010-00	\$ 10,000.00							\$ 10,000.00
			\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			\$ 72,661.44	\$ 47,368.50	\$ (43,266.85)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,763.09
<u>OTHER</u>			\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL OTHER			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			\$ 164,840.51	\$ 53,068.61	\$ (45,966.85)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,942.27 *
										\$ 171,942.27

\*ok cash - warrants payable

# CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CAPITAL PROJECTS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenditures	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>							
Highway-Chapter 90	Fund # 300	\$ (20,297.92)	\$ 329,934.72			\$ (400,354.67)	\$ (90,717.87)
Police Station	Fund # 302	\$ 614,161.16			\$ (400,000.00)	\$ (167,732.85)	\$ 46,428.31
Highway Barn Roof	Fund # 304	\$ 50,000.00					\$ 50,000.00
COA Senior Center Reno	Fund # 305	\$ 550,000.00		\$ 550,000.00			\$ 1,100,000.00
Public Safety Communication Upgrade	Fund # 306	\$ -		\$ 850,000.00			\$ 850,000.00
Water Cap Proj - Filter Site Improv	Fund # 615	\$ 73,947.09					\$ 73,947.09
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS		\$ 1,267,810.33	\$ 329,934.72	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ (400,000.00)	\$ (568,087.52)	\$ 2,029,657.53 *
							\$ 2,029,657.53

\*ok cash - warrants payable - retainage

TOWN OF FREETOWN

WATER-SEWER ENTERPRISE

FISCAL YEAR 2022

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Budget	Actual	Difference
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Water Usage and Liens Collected	\$ 804,369.80	\$ 826,865.03	\$ 22,495.23
Sewer Usage	\$ 364,500.00	\$ 423,034.13	\$ 58,534.13
Interest and Penalties	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,742.98	\$ 2,542.98
Other Non-Usage Charges	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 48,425.40	\$ (9,174.60)
Water Lien Costs & NSF Fees	\$ -	\$ 317.25	\$ 317.25
Permit Fees	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 700.00	\$ (5,800.00)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 200.00	\$ 272.59	\$ 72.59
Transfer in from General Fund	\$ 69,937.92	\$ 69,937.92	\$ -
Transfer In from Water Assessment Fund	\$ -	\$ 25,283.24	\$ 25,283.24
Total Receipts - Operations	\$ 1,305,307.72	\$ 1,399,578.54	\$ 94,270.82
<u>WATER ASSESSMENTS</u>			
App. Betterments-Added to Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,291.62	\$ 291.62
Committed Interest-Added to Taxes	\$ 1,094.01	\$ 276.77	\$ (817.24)
App. Betterments-Not Yet Due	\$ -	\$ 1,621.93	\$ 1,621.93
Interest on Betterments-Not Yet Due	\$ -	\$ 48.21	\$ 48.21
Penalties & Interest on Betterments in Tax Title	\$ -	\$ 806.71	\$ 806.71
Water Betterment Liens-Added to Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,487.31	\$ 2,487.31
Total Receipts - Assessments	\$ 3,094.01	\$ 7,532.55	\$ 4,438.54
<u>OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u>			
Retained Earnings Voted to Support Reserve Fund at Annual Town Meeting	\$ 90,000.00		\$ (90,000.00)
Total Receipts - Other Available Funds	\$ 90,000.00	\$ -	\$ (90,000.00)
Grand Total All Revenues & Transfers	\$ 1,398,401.73	\$ 1,407,111.09	\$ 8,709.36
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Water-Sewer- Personnel	\$ 100,223.73	\$ 95,598.90	\$ 4,624.83
Water-Sewer - Use Charges for Purchased Sewer Service	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 220,342.60	\$ 49,657.40
Water-Sewer - Expenses, with Supplemental Appropriation	\$ 829,550.00	\$ 784,078.73	\$ 45,471.27
Special Articles	\$ 65,500.00	\$ -	\$ 65,500.00
Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Transfer to General Fund-Indirect Costs	\$ 93,128.00	\$ 74,645.00	\$ 18,483.00
Total Expenditures - Operations	\$ 1,398,401.73	\$ 1,174,665.23	\$ 223,736.50
<u>WATER ASSESSMENTS - Transfer Out to Operations</u>	\$ -	\$ 25,283.24	\$ (25,283.24)
Grand Total All Expenditures & Transfers	\$ 1,398,401.73	\$ 1,199,948.47	\$ 198,453.26

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets, June 30, 2021	\$ 123,704.76
Actual Revenues Closed for FY2022	\$ 1,407,111.09
Actual Expenditures Closed for FY2022	\$ (1,199,948.47)

Net Assets, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 330,867.38</u>
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FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

Net Assets Restricted for Encumbrances	\$ 6,713.41
Net Assets Restricted for Expenditures	\$ 33,705.00
Net Assets Restricted for Continued Appropriations	\$ 65,500.00
Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$ 215,594.62
Net Assets, Unrestricted-Water Assessments	\$ 9,354.35

Net Assets, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 330,867.38</u>
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Retained Earnings Certified as of 7/1/2022 by the Bureau of Accounts was \$ 224,949.00.

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 810 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST

OTHER:

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
C. Clark Scholarship Fund	6400-00	\$ 10,000.00							\$ 10,000.00
CEMETERY:									
Assonet Cemetery	6200-00	\$ 220,065.00	\$ 4,650.00						\$ 224,715.00
Chace Cemetery	6201-00	\$ 76,700.00							\$ 76,700.00
Rounseville Cemetery	6202-00	\$ 10,650.00							\$ 10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	6203-00	\$ 7,365.00							\$ 7,365.00
White Cemetery	6204-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
Evans Cemetery	6205-00	\$ 38,000.00							\$ 38,000.00
Friends Tripp Cemetery	6206-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
Nichols Cemetery	6207-00	\$ 345.00							\$ 345.00
Richmond Cemetery	6208-00	\$ 612.00							\$ 612.00
Ruby (Winslow) Linn Cemetery	6209-00	\$ 20,000.00							\$ 20,000.00
East Freetown Cemetery	6210-00	\$ 600.00							\$ 600.00
LIBRARY:									
J. L. Lawton Kirker Memorial	6001-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
Annie S. Hunt	6002-00	\$ 2,000.00							\$ 2,000.00
Warren Cudworth	6003-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
Gager	6004-00	\$ 635.00							\$ 635.00
A. A. Paine	6005-00	\$ 128.06							\$ 128.06
Betsey Hathaway	6006-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
George Hathaway	6007-00	\$ 5,000.00							\$ 5,000.00
H. Douglas Dana	6008-00	\$ 268.00							\$ 268.00
M. Marvin Fletcher	6009-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
C. Isabel Hathaway	6010-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
C. Clark Memorial	6013-00	\$ 5,000.00							\$ 5,000.00
I. B. Plouffe	6016-00	\$ 761.20							\$ 761.20
TOTAL ALL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		\$ 403,129.26	\$ 4,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407,779.26

# CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 820 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<u>EXPENDABLE TRUST</u>									
OTHER:									
C. Clark Scholarship Fund	6900-00	\$ 240.28	\$ 1.06						\$ 241.34
BOS - Rene Charbonneau Trust	6912-122	\$ -	\$ 3,023.16						\$ 3,023.16
COA - Rene Charbonneau Trust	6912-541	\$ -	\$ 3,023.28						\$ 3,023.28
CEMETERY:									
Assonet Cemetery	6700-00	\$ 2,746.21	\$ 22.97	\$ (31.98)					\$ 2,737.20
Chace Cemetery	6701-00	\$ 1,723.38	\$ 8.03						\$ 1,731.41
Rounseville Cemetery	6702-00	\$ 48.83	\$ 1.09						\$ 49.92
Morton Cemetery	6703-00	\$ 130.35	\$ 0.74						\$ 131.09
White Cemetery	6704-00	\$ 9.03	\$ 0.01						\$ 9.04
Evans Cemetery	6705-00	\$ 926.09	\$ 3.97	\$ (105.00)					\$ 825.06
Friends Tripp Cemetery	6706-00	\$ 22.37	\$ 0.12						\$ 22.49
Nichols Cemetery	6707-00	\$ 109.02	\$ -						\$ 109.02
Richmond Cemetery	6708-00	\$ 7.93	\$ 0.11						\$ 8.04
Ruby (Winslow) Linn Cemetery	6709-00	\$ 3,790.01	\$ 2.43						\$ 3,792.44
East Freetown Cemetery	6710-00	\$ 10.92	\$ 0.11						\$ 11.03
LIBRARY:									
Morgan Memorial	6500-00	\$ 2,255.55	\$ 0.24						\$ 2,255.79
J. L. Lawton Kirker Memorial	6501-00	\$ 208.78	\$ 0.12						\$ 208.90
Annie S. Hunt	6502-00	\$ 3,146.13	\$ 0.49						\$ 3,146.62
Warren Cudworth	6503-00	\$ 5,538.99	\$ 0.61						\$ 5,539.60
Gager	6504-00	\$ 2,232.27	\$ 0.25						\$ 2,232.52
A. A. Paine	6505-00	\$ 1,187.54	\$ 0.12						\$ 1,187.66
Betsey Hathaway	6506-00	\$ 4,542.84	\$ 0.49						\$ 4,543.33
George Hathaway	6507-00	\$ 34,295.12	\$ 3.98						\$ 34,299.10
H. Douglas Dana	6508-00	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 0.23						\$ 1,622.73
M. Fletcher Marvin	6509-00	\$ 1,708.95	\$ 0.25						\$ 1,709.20
C. Isabel Hathaway	6510-00	\$ 1,360.59	\$ 0.19	\$ (1,360.00)					\$ 0.78
J. White Therrien	6511-00	\$ 10,068.18	\$ 0.48	\$ (6,500.00)					\$ 3,568.66
White Memorial	6512-00	\$ 1,880.71	\$ 0.23						\$ 1,880.94
C. Clark Memorial	6513-00	\$ 2,325.94	\$ 0.74						\$ 2,326.68
R.Parker Memorial	6514-00	\$ 973.29	\$ 0.12						\$ 973.41
C. Kendrick Memorial	6515-00	\$ 545.44	\$ 0.01						\$ 545.45
I. B. Plourffe	6516-00	\$ 312.30	\$ 0.12						\$ 312.42
TOTAL ALL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS									
		\$ 83,969.54	\$ 6,095.75	\$ (7,996.98)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,068.31

## OTHER TRUST FUNDS

## STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS

## TOTAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS

## TOTAL ALL OTHER TRUST FUNDS

## TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 900 AGENCY FUNDS**

Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2021	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Receivable/Payable, Other Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2022
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash	\$ (6,580.11)	\$ 890,761.81	\$ (565,186.39)		\$ (1,370.11)	\$ (599.88)		\$ 317,025.32
Police Detail Receivable	\$ 73,587.50					\$ (3,984.92)		\$ 69,602.58
Fire Detail Receivable	\$ 3,299.19					\$ 757.86		\$ 4,057.05
<b>TOTAL ALL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 70,306.58</b>	<b>\$ 890,761.81</b>	<b>\$ (565,186.39)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,370.11)</b>	<b>\$ (3,826.94)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 390,684.95</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
Warrants Payable	\$ 30,851.96					\$ (599.88)		\$ 30,252.08
Accrued Payroll	\$ -							\$ -
<b>TOTAL ACCRUED PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$ 30,851.96</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (599.88)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 30,252.08</b>
<b>DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>								
Due to County - Property Recordings	\$ 316.15	\$ 1,583.25	\$ (1,583.25)					\$ 316.15
Due to School Districts/Others	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ (40.00)					\$ -
Firearms Overlay-FID Licenses	\$ 4,247.50	\$ 13,337.50	\$ (12,712.50)		\$ (1,010.00)			\$ 3,862.50
<b>TOTAL DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,563.65</b>	<b>\$ 14,960.75</b>	<b>\$ (14,335.75)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,010.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,178.65</b>
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>								
Police Details	\$ (60,170.50)	\$ 527,340.56	\$ (533,232.56)					\$ (66,062.50)
Fire Details	\$ (2,344.91)	\$ 16,860.15	\$ (17,618.08)			\$ (3,227.06)		\$ (3,102.84)
Def. Revenue-Departmental	\$ 76,886.69							\$ 73,659.63
<b>TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 14,371.28</b>	<b>\$ 544,200.71</b>	<b>\$ (550,850.64)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (3,227.06)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,494.29</b>
<b>UNCLAIMED ITEMS</b>								
Unclaimed Items	\$ 360.11				\$ (360.11)			\$ -
<b>TOTAL UNCLAIMED ITEMS</b>	<b>\$ 360.11</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (360.11)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE/BID DEPOSITS</b>								
Planning Board	\$ 20,159.58	\$ 331,600.35						\$ 351,759.93
Police Surety	\$ -							\$ -
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$ 20,159.58</b>	<b>\$ 331,600.35</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 351,759.93</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 70,306.58</b>	<b>\$ 890,761.81</b>	<b>\$ (565,186.39)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,370.11)</b>	<b>\$ (3,826.94)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 390,684.95</b>

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 901 AGENCY FUND - PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS

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TOWN OF FREETOWN

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS

06/30/22

Date	Loan	Interest Rate	Outstanding 6/30/2021	Borrowed FY 2022	Paid/Retired Principal FY 2022	Outstanding 6/30/2022	Interest Paid FY2022
<u>LONG TERM DEBT</u>							
	<u>INSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u>						
5/15/2013	Freetown Elem.-New GOB 74% State Reimbursed	1.2491%	\$ 1,800,000.00	-	\$ 590,000.00	\$ 1,210,000.00	\$ 30,100.00
5/15/2013	Flooding, Bridges, Spring 2010 GOB Subtotal - GOB's	1.0569%	\$ 140,000.00 \$ 1,940,000.00	- -	\$ 70,000.00 \$ 660,000.00	\$ 70,000.00 \$ 1,280,000.00	\$ 2,100.00 \$ 32,200.00
1/15/2021	Police Station-Serial State House Note	2.2500%	\$ 4,000,000.00	-	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
	<u>OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u>						
			\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
			\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Total Long Term Debt			\$ 5,940,000.00	-	\$ 1,160,000.00	\$ 4,780,000.00	\$ 122,200.00
<u>SHORT TERM DEBT</u>							
			\$ -		\$ -	-	\$ -
Total Short Term Debt			\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Grand Total All Debt			\$ 5,940,000.00	-	\$ 1,160,000.00	\$ 4,780,000.00	\$ 122,200.00
<u>AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT</u>							
		0.00%	Authorized	Issued FY2022	Rescinded FY2022	Unissued 6/30/2022	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Debt Authorized and Unissued			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

## Report of the Board of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the annual report of the Board of Assessors for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The assessment date for real estate and personal property accounts during this fiscal year was January 1, 2021, plus any new construction or improvements through June 30, 2021.

### Statistics:

Number of Real Estate Accounts Assessed.....	3,948
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed.....	377
Number of Exempt Accounts .....	208

### Classified Land Statistics:

Acres of Land in Chapter 61 Forestry Program.....	1,423.619
Acres of Land in Chapter 61A Agricultural Program .....	1,724.574
Acres of Land in Chapter 61B Recreational Program .....	<u>190.151</u>
	3,338.344 acres

### Tax Rate, per \$1,000.00 of value:

Residential .....	\$12.06
Commercial, Industrial, and Personal Property .....	\$20.56

### Total Assessments:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	\$ 1,669,247,450.00
Assessed Value of Exempt Property	\$ 117,224,200.00
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 85,865,680.00
Assessed Value of Motor Vehicles & Trailers	\$ 90,631,787.91
Assessed Value of Vessels (Boats)	<u>\$ 708,200.00</u>
	\$ 1,963,677,317.91

### Amounts to be Raised:

Appropriations	\$ 30,603,467.68
Other Amounts to be Raised	\$ 144,155.41
State & County Assessments	\$ 294,247.00
Overlay	<u>\$ 1,318,439.62</u>
	\$ 32,360,309.71
Estimated Receipts & Local Funds	<u>( 7,819,783.16)</u>
<b>Net Amounts to be Raised</b>	<b>\$ 24,540,526.55</b>

Real Property Tax Levy	\$ 22,775,128.27
Personal Property Tax Levy	<u>\$ 1,765,398.40</u>
	<b>\$ 24,540,526.67</b>

### Taxes & Liens Committed:

Real Estate	\$ 22,775,128.27
Real Estate Rollback (Ch. 61, 61A, 61B)	\$ 23,811.67
Pro Rata Assessment – G. L. Ch. 59, §2C	\$ 4,342.38
Omitted & Revised Assessments	\$ 449,394.32
Personal Property	\$ 1,765,398.40
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	\$ 1,959,425.12
Boat (Vessel) Excise	\$ 7,082.00
Septic Betterment Assessments	\$ 5,690.61

Water Line Betterment Assessments	\$	5,352.95
Special Assessment – Water Liens	\$	679.35
Payment in Lieu of Tax – N. B. Water Dept.	\$	<u>6,645.72</u>
	\$	27,002,950.79

**Real Estate Exemptions Granted, by Clause:**

5K (Senior Work-off)	5 @ ≤ \$	750.00 ea.	\$	3,750.00
5N (Veterans Work-off)	0 @ ≤ \$	1,500.00 ea.	\$	0.00
17D (Seniors, Surviving Spouses, Minors)	11 @ \$	175.00 ea.	\$	1,925.00
18 (Hardship)	0 @ \$	(various)	\$	0.00
22 (Veterans)	67 @ \$	400.00 ea.	\$	26,800.00
22A (Veterans)	0 @ \$	750.00 ea.	\$	0.00
22B (Veterans)	0 @ \$	1,250.00 ea.	\$	0.00
22C (Veterans)	6 @ \$	1,500.00 ea.	\$	9,000.00
22D (Veterans)	1 @ \$	(various)	\$	4,873.45
22E (Veterans)	29 @ \$	1,000.00 ea.	\$	29,000.00
22F (Veterans)	2 @ \$	(various)	\$	8,302.10
22H (Veterans)	1 @ \$	(various)	\$	5,615.14
37A (Blind)	6 @ \$	500.00 ea.	\$	3,000.00
41A (Deferral)	0 @ \$	(various)	\$	0.00
41C (Elderly)	39 @ ≤ \$	1,000.00 ea.	\$	38,000.00
50 (Elderly Housing)	1 @ \$	500.00 ea.	\$	<u>500.00</u>
			\$	130,765.69
Amount to be partially reimbursed by the Commonwealth:			\$	<u>(59,808.55)</u>
Net Real Estate taxes exempted by the Town of Freetown:			\$	70,957.14

**Real Estate Abatements Granted, by Fiscal Year:**

2022 .....	5	\$	<u>6,136.21</u>
		\$	6,136.21

**Personal Property Abatements Granted, by Fiscal Year:**

2022 .....	7	\$	<u>4,915.50</u>
		\$	4,915.50

**Motor Vehicle/Trailer Excise Abatements Granted, by Year:**

2016 .....	1	\$	48.75
2018 .....	1	\$	84.38
2019 .....	1	\$	10.42
2020 .....	3	\$	159.49
2021 .....	137	\$	14,500.12
2022 .....	179	\$	<u>16,932.52</u>
		\$	31,735.68
Amount to be partially reimbursed by the Commonwealth:			<u>( 2,365.39)</u>
Net Excise taxes abated by the Town of Freetown:		\$	29,370.29

**Boat (Vessel) Excise Abatements Granted, by Fiscal Year:**

2020 .....	1	\$	10.00
2021 .....	1	\$	15.00
2022 .....	14	\$	<u>356.01</u>
		\$	381.01

**Departmental Receipts:**

Abutters Lists .....	41 @ \$10.00 ea. ....	\$410.00
Copies .....	33 @ 5¢ ea. ....	<u>1.75</u>
		\$411.75 remitted to the Treasurer

### Top 10 Real Estate Taxpayers

	Value of Real Estate	Real Estate Tax
S & S Freetown, LLC (Stop & Shop)	\$ 79,424,700.00*	\$ 1,632,971.82
M. E. Hawes, LLC, etc. (Acushnet Saw Mills)	36,801,980.00	752,717.22
Copart of Connecticut, Inc.	33,411,100.00	686,932.22
Rezendes Family Limited Partnership No. 2	23,726,200.00	485,224.12
Green Apple Farms IV, LLC	10,832,000.00	222,705.92
Chipaway Corporation	10,448,940.00	214,830.21
Mass. Medical Properties, LLC (AmeriCann)	9,364,600.00	192,536.18
ISP Freetown Fine Chemicals, Inc.	9,371,800.00	191,217.96
LIT Fall River, LLC (Amazon)	8,870,400.00*	182,375.42
Mello, John F.	4,587,930.00	79,137.82

*\*Properties benefitting from a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement*

### Top 10 Personal Property Taxpayers

	Value of Pers. Prop.	Pers. Prop. Tax
Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC	\$ 39,861,600.00	\$ 819,554.50
NSTAR Electric Company	17,486,370.00	359,519.77
Verizon New England, Inc.	4,744,900.00	97,555.14
NSTAR Gas Company	4,137,140.00	85,059.60
Comcast Cable Communications	2,570,260.00	52,844.55
Amazon (BOS7)	2,364,490.00*	48,613.91
CHEP USA	1,841,440.00	37,860.01
Rezendes Construction	1,750,000.00	35,980.00
Manafort Brothers, Inc.	1,270,560.00	26,122.71
Cape Cod Aggregates Corp.	506,180.00	10,407.06

*\*Properties benefitting from a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement*

### Top Five Real Estate Transactions

Address	Sale Price
235 Middleboro Road, East Freetown	\$ 1,200,000.00
2 Crossroads Drive, East Freetown	1,100,000.00
Lots at Algonquin Way & Fall Brook Ln., E. Freetown	1,000,000.00
2 Pickens Avenue, East Freetown	960,000.00
46 Forge Road, Assonet	810,000.00

## Report of the Treasurer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rodrick, CMMT  
Treasurer/Collector

### Cash Summary

Balance as of June 30, 2021	\$ 16,643,766.37
Receipts	\$ 34,902,637.45
Expended	<u>\$ (30,797,152.05)</u>
Balance June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 20,749,251.77</u>

### Interest

	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY22</u>
Earned				
Net	<u>\$275,334.79</u>	<u>\$287,675.65</u>	<u>\$108,871.53</u>	<u>\$120,041.31</u>

### Account Balances

Bristol County Savings	\$2,207,007.93
MMDT	\$ 358.56
Rockland Trust - GF	\$3,191,990.42
Rockland Trust - Payroll	\$ 0.16
Rockland Trust- New Vendor	\$ 3.10
Rockland Trust - Sundry Trust	\$1,728,743.97
Rockland Trust - Debit Card	\$ 1,000.00
Unibank - Town Clerk	\$ 12,090.70
Unibank - Fire Permits	\$ 985.41
Unibank - On line	\$2,803,703.25
Unibank - Money Market	\$ 151,382.22
Harbor One- Stabilization	\$3,058,647.86
Harbor One- Capital Stabilization	\$4,828,040.15
Harbor One - Police Station	\$ 0.00
East Boston Savings Bank	\$ 895,201.04
Cash and Checks in Office	\$ 350.00
Santander- Ambulance	\$ 411,748.75
Bartholomew - OPEB	\$1,457,998.25

**\$16,643,766.37**

### Tax Title

<u>Collected</u>	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>	<u>FY 22</u>
Principal	\$170,483.50	\$287,078.00	\$105,509.42	\$133,123.30
Interest	\$ 86,233.49	\$218,170.38	\$ 39,748.58	\$ 52,609.20
Total	<u>\$256,716.99</u>	<u>\$505,248.38</u>	<u>\$145,258.00</u>	<u>\$185,732.50</u>

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**SPECIAL FUNDS**

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Septic Grant Program	\$ 93,667.46
Planning Board Engineering	\$ 51,125.49
Law Enforcement	\$ 1,238.26
Library Plan & Design	\$ 19,192.71
Arts Lottery	\$ 10,609.55
Conservation Comm. Eng. Fees	\$ 2,541.11
Bicycle Safety	\$ 391.85
Subtotal – Special Funds	<b>\$178,766.43</b>

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**LIBRARY FUNDS**

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Philip H. Therrien - J. White Library	\$ 3,568.66
White Memorial	\$ 1,880.94
C. Clark Memorial	\$ 7,326.68
Morgan Memorial	\$ 2,255.79
Parker Memorial	\$ 973.41
Clarence Kendrick	\$ 545.45
Irene Plouffe	\$ 1,073.62
Annie S. Hunt	\$ 5,146.62
Warren H. Cudworth	\$ 6,039.60
Abraham & Abigail Paine	\$ 1,315.72
Betsey Hathaway	\$ 5,043.33
George Hathaway	\$ 39,299.10
H. Douglass Dana	\$ 1,890.73
Mary (Fletcher) Marvin	\$ 2,709.20
Gager Trust	\$ 2,867.52
Isabel Hathaway	\$ 500.78
J. & L. Lawton Kirker	\$ 1,208.90
Subtotal – Library Funds	<b>\$ 83,646.05</b>

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**CEMETERY FUNDS**

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Assonet Cemetery	\$227,452.20
Chace Cemetery	\$ 78,431.41
Rounsevell Cemetery	\$ 10,699.92
Morton Cemetery	\$ 7,496.09
White Cemetery	\$ 509.04
East Freetown Cemetery	\$ 611.03
Evans Cemetery	\$ 38,925.06
Nichols Cemetery	\$ 454.02
Richmond Cemetery	\$ 620.04
Winslow Cemetery – Ruby W. Linn Trust	\$ 23,792.44
Friends Cemetery – Philip Tripp Fund	\$ 1,022.49
Subtotal – Cemetery Funds	<b>\$389,913.74</b>

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
Clark Scholarship	\$ 10,241.34
Symp. & Hosp.	\$ 1,506.19
Conservation	\$ 104,797.91
Unfunded Pension	\$ 0.00
Fire-Call Disability	\$ 12,770.04
Parade & Fireworks	\$ 31,397.42
Federal Forfeiture	\$ 57,190.44
Police Reserve Disability	\$ 828.20
Education & Scholarship	\$ 199.06
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$ 6,631.48
Trinity Ln. Ext. Perf. Bond	\$ 5,159.56
PB Betty Spring Rd Ext. Perf Bond	\$ 15,002.06
C-Locust Subdivision	\$ 120,008.23
Fallbrook West – Form C Subdivision	\$ 211,590.08
Town Admin Legal Fees	\$ 1,372.72
Ex-BOS – Rene Charbonneau	\$ 3,023.16
Ex-COA – Rene Charbonneau	\$ 3,023.28
BOS – Fed ARPA (COVID) Recovery	\$ 491,676.58
Subtotal – Miscellaneous	<b><u>\$1,076,417.75</u></b>
 Trust Fund Balance 6/30/22	 <b><u>\$1,728,743.97</u></b>



*Fox Standing Watch – May 2022*

**REPORT OF TREASURER'S OFFICE**  
**June 30, 2022**

**INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS**

Date            Loan

**LONG TERM DEBT**

**INSIDE DEBT LIMIT**

5/15/2013    **Freetown Elem-New Bond**  
**74% State Reimbursed**

Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$	1,800,000.00
Borrowed FY 2022		
Paid Principal FY 2022	\$	590,000.00
Outstanding June 30, 2022	\$	1,210,000.00
Interest Paid FY 2022	\$	30,100.00

5/15/2013    **Flooding, Bridges, Spring 2010**

Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$	140,000.00
Borrowed FY 2022		
Paid Principal FY 2022	\$	70,000.00
Outstanding June 30, 2022	\$	70,000.00
Interest Paid FY 2022	\$	2,100.00

1/15/2021    **Building Construction - Police**

Outstanding June 30, 2021	\$	4,000,000.00
Borrowed FY 2022		
Paid Principal FY 2022	\$	570,000.00
Outstanding June 30, 2022	\$	3,500,000.00
Interest Paid FY 2022	\$	90,000.00



*This snapping turtle was observed attempting to apply for a library card, June 2022*

## Report of the Tax Collector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tax Collector for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Collector of Taxes collects taxes and excises due the town. The Tax Collector deposits all monies received, and a turnover of the monies is given to the Treasurer at least once a week. The Tax Collector also pursues delinquent accounts.

The following represents the unaudited yearend tax balances of the Tax Collector as of June 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rodrick, CMMT  
Treasurer/Collector

### Real Estate

Levy 2022	\$ 703,201.81
Levy 2021	\$ 656.58
Levy 2020	\$ 167.71
Prior Years	\$ 0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 704,026.10</u></b>

### Personal Property

Levy 2022	\$ 13,795.50
Levy 2021	\$ 5,982.03
Levy 2020	\$ 7,891.87
Levy 2019	\$ 5,180.71
Prior Years	\$ 53,007.49
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 85,857.60</u></b>

### Motor Vehicle

Levy 2022	\$ 156,184.26
Levy 2021	\$ 41,933.34
Levy 2020	\$ 9,723.52
Levy 2019	\$ 4,883.32
Prior Years	\$ 11,988.96
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 224,713.40</u></b>

<b>Boat</b>	<b>\$ 2,672.91</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,672.91</u></b>

## Report of the Town Clerk

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is a report of the Town Clerk's Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The Office of the Town Clerk was tasked in the Fiscal Year of 2022 with the planning, execution, implementation and recording of two town meetings and one election. The Annual Town Election was held on Monday, April 4, 2022. A total of 868 ballots were cast, which accounted for approximately 12% of the 6,750 voters at the time. I am proud and grateful for our election workers who together run fair, efficient and ethical elections. I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our Highway Department staff who always assist with the setup and removal of our polling location over several days and who are always there to offer assistance when called upon. A special thanks also goes to the presiding Police Officer at the polling location- Freetown Elementary School; Sgt. Scott Rose who has dutifully covered many elections days with me and consistently goes above and beyond to help with any concerns and tasks on election days. I am sad to report the passing of a long-standing election worker since her early twenties, Ms. Lauren Collins on March 12, 2022. It was a duty and responsibility she learned from both her parents and was very proud to serve as.

The Town Clerk acts as the Chief Elections Officer, responsible for administering all local, state, and federal elections in accordance with Massachusetts and Federal Election Laws and CMR's. This office handles voter registrations, deletions, party and address changes daily through the State's Voter Registration Information System (VRIS) and send notice to those individuals as required by law. Residents may register to vote in person, by mail and online at [www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com). Our offices notify those residents turning 18 years of age in our town by letter to educate them on the different ways they can register to become voters in our community.

The Board of Registrars provide certification of nomination papers and conducts voter recounts, when required. There are four Board of Registrars for the Town of Freetown: Cheryl C.A. Estrella, Town Clerk; Mary Bowen (Dem); Blessing Rogers (Dem); Sandra DiLillo (Rep). On December 21, 2022, Ms. Bowen submitted a letter resigning as a Registrar effective at the end of her term set for March 31, 2022. On behalf of the Town, I would like to personally thank Mary for her many years of service and commitment to the Town. She was originally appointed as a Registrar on February 13, 2006 and has always been available to assist with staffing evening deadlines for voter registration and assist with town meetings.

At the end of December, 2021, all 4,100+ households we mailed their 2022 Annual Street List (aka Local Town Census) form. The data collected from the returned census aids Freetown in a variety of ways including maintaining an accurate & current voter registration list and resident list, assists public safety and first responders in emergency calls, apply for grants to fund and offset costs, assist the Town & State in calculating State & Federal Aid, and serves as proof of residency. It is from this information that we annually publish the results in a permanent record, known as the Street List Book in accordance with MGL. Ch.51 §6.

The Town Clerk serves as the Town Registrar of Vital Records and Statistics, accepting filings, maintaining records and archiving permanent records of all births, deaths and marriages that occur in the Town of Freetown. We are authorized to issue certified copies of birth, death and marriage records that are on record with our office. The fee for certified copies of vital records is \$10 each. Persons wishing to obtain a marriage license must file their marriage intentions in-person with the Town Clerk. A license is available to have a marriage ceremony performed anywhere within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts three days after filing the intentions and is valid for 60 days from the date of filing. The Marriage Intention filing fee is \$30.00.

Upon each appointment or election, all members of a public body are required to be sworn to duty and acknowledge the receipt of the Open Meeting Law materials and State Ethics Conflict of Interest summary – which is completed through the Office of the Town Clerk. This office is also responsible for distributing the ethics summary annually and ensuring that all employees and board/committee members are in compliance with the state requirements by completing online training and assessment every two years. The Open Meeting Law requires all public bodies to post their meeting notices/agendas within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays). All postings are done through the Office of the Town Clerk and are posted on the town's website [www.freetownma.gov](http://www.freetownma.gov) as well as on the bulletin board located on the first floor of Town Hall. Meeting minutes are also submitted to our office for posting on the website and are archived as permanent records in accordance with the State Retention Schedule.

As the Records Access Officer we are responsible for coordinating a response to requests for access to public records and assisting individuals seeking public records. A total of 76 requests were tracked by this office in Fiscal Year '22.

All dogs in the Town of Freetown must be registered and licensed annually per State Law via the Office of the Town Clerk. The licensing period is January 1st through March 31st, annually. The fee for the dog license is \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15 for unaltered dogs. Dogs that are not licensed by June 1st will incur a late fee of \$5, and if not licensed by July 1st and additional dog officer fee of \$15 is added. Households that have more than 5 dogs on premises are considered Kennels, whether residential or commercial and are required to obtain a Kennel Inspection with the Animal Control Officer in order to obtain such license. The fees for kennel licenses are: 5-10 dogs at \$60, 11-24 dogs at \$110, and 25 or more dogs at \$160. Failure to license dogs are Kennels by September 1st are subject to a Non-Criminal Violation in accordance with town by-laws.

All businesses in Freetown, whether large or small, DBA's or home occupations are required to file Business Certificate's with the Office of the Town Clerk if the business is in a name other than that of the owner in accordance with State Law. The fee for a Business Certificate is \$10 and is valid for four years.

In addition to the many services listed above that the Office of the Town Clerk is mandated to provide, an additional public service I provide to the Town is that I am both a Notary Public (with exclusions) and a Justice of the Peace. It is my mission to provide the residents and businesses of Freetown with more efficient and improved services.

I would like to remind the citizens of Freetown to visit the town website and specifically the Office of the Town Clerk/Elections webpage: [www.freetownma.gov/town-clerk](http://www.freetownma.gov/town-clerk); for the most current and up-to-date information regarding our office, the services we provide, election information and board/committee meetings.

Lastly, I would like to give Thanks to the residents of Freetown for allowing me to continue to further educate myself as your Elected Town Clerk. During the Covid-19 Pandemic in-person meetings were restricted, therefore, in order to continue my education and training, I was able to take online courses offered through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in the summer of 2021. Once in-person restrictions were lifted, I attended educational conferences through the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, as well as the Massachusetts Town Clerks' Association to learn about the laws and mandates affecting our state and my role as Municipal Clerk. I am proud to announce that on June 9th 2022, I received my first certification as an Internationally Certified Municipal Clerk garnering more than 110 points in education and experience. The designation of CMC in my title is something I have worked hard and diligently for the past five years and I graciously thank Freetown residents affording me the opportunity. I look forward to continuing my professional education as I am slated to attend and graduate, as Class President, the New England Municipal Clerk Institute held at Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH this upcoming July. It is my goal to achieve my Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk certification within the next few years.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity, and am honored to serve you, the people of Freetown.

REVENUES, ELECTIONS & TOWN MEETINGS: The following pages reflect the revenues collected in the Office of the Town Clerk, the results of the elections and information regarding the town meetings held during this fiscal year.

Following this report, are the results and additional information on the elections listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl C.A. Estrella, CMC  
Town Clerk

## Revenue Report of the Town Clerk

July 2021 to June 2022

### VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	72
Deaths Recorded	70
Marriages Recorded	32

### DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1,877	\$19,360.00
Kennel Licenses Issued	27	<u>2,500.00</u>
<b>Total Dog Revenue:</b>		<b>\$21,860.00</b>

### REVENUE

Dog Fines	\$ 2,815.00
ZBA Appeals	1,890.00
Street/Voting List	60.00
Copy Fees	63.13
Marriage Certificates	1,252.00
Marriage Intentions	930.00
Birth Certificates	1,479.00
Death Certificates	2,905.00
Burial Permits	435.00
Flammable Storage Certificates	440.00
Business Certificates	2,312.00
Bazaar/Raffle Permits	40.00
Non-Criminal Violations	6,840.00
Cemetery Deed Recording	190.00
Non-Resident Stickers	35.00
Resident Stickers	2,040.00
Conservation Stickers	239.00
Town Maps	20.00
Miscellaneous	<u>243.00</u>
<b>Total Other Revenue:</b>	<b>\$24,228.13</b>

Dog Revenue:	\$21,860.00
Other Revenue:	<u>\$24,228.13</u>
<b>Total Departmental Revenue:</b>	<b>\$46,088.13</b>



*Chipmunks are among  
Freetown's many residents.*

## Election Results

### Annual Town Election April 4, 2022

Total Number of Voters: 6,750  
Total Votes Cast/Percentage: 868 / 12.86%

Selectman / Board of Health / Personnel Board	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Chad S. Carvalho	74	111	94	279
Robert P. Jose	106	90	53	249
Carlos A. Lopes	108	128	80	316
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	5	14	5	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

Assessor	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Michael J. Motta	228	260	167	655
Write-ins	0	0	3	3
Blanks	65	83	62	210
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

Cemetery Commission	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Write-ins	15	30	14	59
Blanks	278	313	218	809
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

Finance Committee (Vote for 3)	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Katie L. Calheta	203	242	151	596
Emily Anne Dors	196	215	147	558
Margaret M. French	209	217	156	582
Write-ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	271	354	241	866
<b>Total</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>2,604</b>

Housing Authority	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Write-ins	6	5	4	15
Blanks	287	338	228	853
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

<b>Library Trustees (Vote for 2)</b>	<b>Pct. I</b>	<b>Pct. II</b>	<b>Pct. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Linda Fournier	178	231	153	<b>562</b>
Beverly A. Sadeck	168	210	162	<b>540</b>
John T. Rumbut, Sr.	110	74	37	<b>221</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Blanks	130	171	112	<b>413</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>1,736</b>

<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>Pct. I</b>	<b>Pct. II</b>	<b>Pct. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
David J. Crose	224	246	166	<b>636</b>
Write-ins	1	1	1	<b>3</b>
Blanks	68	96	65	<b>229</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

<b>Water &amp; Sewer Commissioner</b>	<b>Pct. I</b>	<b>Pct. II</b>	<b>Pct. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paul G. Sadeck	227	261	184	<b>672</b>
Write-ins	2	0	0	<b>2</b>
Blanks	64	82	48	<b>194</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

<b>Water &amp; Sewer Commissioner (1-year Unexpired)</b>	<b>Pct. I</b>	<b>Pct. II</b>	<b>Pct. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
Keven V. Desmarais	225	259	178	<b>662</b>
Write-ins	3	1	0	<b>4</b>
Blanks	65	83	54	<b>202</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

<b>Regional School District Committee – Freetown</b>	<b>Pct. I</b>	<b>Pct. II</b>	<b>Pct. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
William M. Sienkewicz, Jr.	209	231	156	<b>596</b>
Samantha Jane Gomes	62	101	64	<b>227</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Blanks	22	11	12	<b>45</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

<b>Regional School District Committee – Lakeville</b>	<b>Pct. I</b>	<b>Pct. II</b>	<b>Pct. III</b>	<b>Total</b>
John Joseph Burke	138	181	121	<b>440</b>
Kerry S. Palaiologos	93	105	75	<b>273</b>
Write-ins	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Blanks	62	57	36	<b>155</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

**Question #1:** *Shall the Town of Freetown cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?*

	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Yes	147	175	125	<b>447</b>
No	69	87	54	<b>210</b>
Blanks	77	81	53	<b>211</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>868</b>

**Write-in Results (Most Votes Only)**

**Cemetery Commission:** James Jose, 4 votes – accepted, for 3-year term

**Housing Authority:** Michael McCue, 2 votes – declined, for 5-year term

Absentee Ballots Cast	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Total
Absentee Ballots Cast	23	9	10	<b>42</b>

**Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District  
Combined Results – April 4, 2022**

Regional School District Committee – Freetown (1)	Freetown	Lakeville	Total
William M. Sienkewicz, Jr.*	596	761	<b>1,357</b>
Samantha Jane Gomes	227	440	<b>667</b>
Write-ins	0	2	<b>2</b>
Blanks	45	214	<b>259</b>

Regional School District Committee – Lakeville (1)	Freetown	Lakeville	Total
John Joseph Burke*	440	634	<b>1,074</b>
Kerry S. Palaiologos	273	561	<b>834</b>
Write-ins	0	2	<b>2</b>
Blanks	155	220	<b>375</b>

*\*Declared winners (one seat for each town in 2022)*

## Report of the Board of Registrars

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Board of Registrars for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

As of June 30, 2022, Freetown voters were enrolled in the following political parties or designations:

Party/Designation	Precinct			Total
	I	II	III	
Democratic	395	392	323	1,110
Republican	255	274	262	791
Libertarian	9	17	16	42
United Independent	9	12	13	34
Conservative	3	5	1	9
Green Rainbow	1	2	1	4
American Independent	2	0	1	3
Interdependent 3rd	1	2	1	4
America First	0	0	2	2
Green Party USA	2	0	1	3
Pirate	0	0	2	2
Working Families	1	1	0	2
Constitution	0	0	1	1
MA Independent	0	0	1	1
Natural Law	1	0	0	1
Pizza	0	1	0	1
We The People	0	0	1	1
Unenrolled	1,488	1,512	1,559	4,559
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>6,570</b>

No voters were enrolled in the following parties or designations: American Term Limits, New Alliance, New World Council, Prohibition, Rainbow Coalition, Reform, Socialist, Timesizing Not Downsizing, Twelve Visions, Veteran Party of America, and World Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl C.A. Estrella  
Town Clerk

## Report of the Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Conservation Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

The role of the Conservation Commission is to protect the town's wetland areas. The commission reviews and, if appropriate, approves plans for any work that is contemplated within 100 feet of wetlands and within 200 feet of a river or stream. This approval process is to ensure that all work conducted within or near wetlands resource areas will not have a detrimental effect on the wetlands. Wetlands serve to provide storm and flood protection, pollution control, and habitats for various species of plants and animals. Groundwater also replenishes the wells that many residents rely on for water. As such, it is important that residents feel free to contact the Conservation Commission if they feel that a project may be endangering wetlands.

The Conservation Commission is also a steward of much of the Town's open space and recreational properties. The Conservation Commission holds approximately 612.32 acres of land it has received through gifts to the townspeople over the years. Included in that acreage is approximately 8.74 acres of land acquired in this fiscal year by transfers from tax title foreclosures. The Conservation Commission appoints a Town Forest Committee consisting of three members to assist with developing our land holdings for passive recreation. Their report appears separately.

During this fiscal year, the Conservation Commission acted on the following:

Notices of Intent / Orders of Conditions		Requests for Determination of Applicability	
Standard .....	19	Negative Determination .....	29
Abbreviated .....	0	Positive Determination .....	0
Restoration.....	0		
Amendments.....	0	Notices/Orders, Resource Area Delineation	
Extensions.....	1	Standard .....	0
Withdrawals .....	0	Abbreviated .....	2
		Extensions.....	0
Certificates of Compliance			
Complete.....	3	Emergency Certifications .....	0
Partial.....	1		
Invalid .....	0	Enforcement Orders .....	0

The Conservation Commission collected \$6,680.50 in filing fees, which are retained to offset the administrative costs of the department. In addition, \$440.00 in local fees was collected and remitted to the General Fund to offset operating expenses of the department.

Meetings of the Conservation Commission are held via Zoom on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m., with adjustments to this schedule as holidays may require. Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keven V. Desmarais  
Chairman

## Report of the Open Space Consultant to the Conservation Commission

### Schedule of Properties Owned by the Freetown Conservation Commission

Property	Location	Approx. Acreage	Year Acquired
Mildred Ashley Property <sup>1</sup>	Chace Road	12.20	1969
The Porter Pasture <sup>2</sup>	Gramp Deane Road	22.00	1970
Pond Neck Woodlot <sup>3</sup>	Bryant Street	25.00	1971
Bosworth Lot <sup>4</sup>	Gurney Road	10.30	1971
Wilson Woodlot <sup>5</sup>	High Plains Street	14.50	1972
Summit Park – Kendrick <sup>6</sup>	Summit Park	0.04	1972
Kenswood Green Area <sup>7</sup>	Joaquin Avenue	5.53	1976
Old Town Well <sup>8</sup>	South Main Street	0.45	1976
Betsey Taber Estate <sup>9</sup>	Nestle's Lane	28.60	1978
Summit Park – Nisbet <sup>10</sup>	Summit Park	0.15	1978
Westcott Island <sup>11</sup>	Westcott Island	3.50	1996
Chace Farms <sup>12</sup>	East Howland Road	144.00	2003
Gull Lane <sup>13</sup>	56 Gull Lane	0.23	2011
Richmond Road <sup>14</sup>	Richmond Road	0.61	2016
Icehouse Lot <sup>14</sup>	Forge Pond	5.90	2016
High Plains <sup>14</sup>	High Plains Street	48.02	2016
Crapo Indian Lot <sup>15</sup>	Christopher Drive	29.09	2016
Julia Myrick Lot <sup>15</sup>	Proprietors Way	24.90	2016
Weetamoe Heights <sup>14</sup>	Matawa Drive	9.27	2016
Haskins Sawmill & Dam <sup>14</sup>	Maple Tree Crossing	8.06	2017
Bryant's Neck Marshland <sup>16</sup>	Bryant's Neck	39.76	2017
Olive Sherman Lot <sup>14</sup>	Proprietors Way	15.00	2018
Newhall Woodlot <sup>14</sup>	Proprietors Way	33.00	2018
Paull & Pierce Lots <sup>14</sup>	Proprietors Way	73.00	2018
Horse Pound Swamp <sup>14</sup>	Beechwood Road	0.26	2018
Bolton Cedar Swamp <sup>14</sup>	Bolton Cedar Swamp	0.98	2019
Assonet Boulevard <sup>14</sup>	4 Assonet Boulevard	0.23	2020
Wilson Woodlot <sup>14</sup>	Slab Bridge Road	49.00	2020
Lafayette Park <sup>14</sup>	Middleboro Road	8.74	2021
<b>Total Approximate Acreage:</b>		<b>612.32</b>	<b>Acres</b>

## Schedule of Conservation Restrictions Held by the Freetown Conservation Commission

Property	Location	Approx. Acreage	Year Acquired
Guimond Farm	South Main Street	132.00	2021
<b>Total Approximate Acreage:</b>		<b>132.00</b>	<b>Acres</b>

## Summary of Open Space Protected by the Freetown Conservation Commission

Category	Approx. Acreage
Commission-Owned Properties	612.32
Conservation Restrictions	132.00
<b>Total Approximate Acreage:</b>	<b>744.32 Acres</b>

During this fiscal year, the Conservation Commission acquired approximately 8.74 acres of tax title land on Long Pond, south of the boat ramp. The Conservation Commission also finalized its first state-approved Conservation Restriction easement, on approximately 132 acres along the Taunton and Assonet rivers in the area formerly known as Guimond Farm/Algonquin Gas.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Open Space Consultant

<sup>1</sup> Donated by Mildred Ashley, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Chace and Emily A. Delano.

<sup>2</sup> Partly donated by, and partly purchased from, the heirs of Milton I. "Gramp" Deane.

<sup>3</sup> Donated by the heirs of Helen Winslow.

<sup>4</sup> Donated by Henry R. Gurney, in memory of Charles E. Gurney.

<sup>5</sup> Donated by Robert & Helen Spencer, Mary V. Dana, and Merton B. Gurney, in memory of H. Douglass Dana, Mary V. Dana, Charles E. Gurney, and George E. Gurney.

<sup>6</sup> Donated by Ruth H. Kendrick, in memory of Eugene, Robert, and Frank Kendrick.

<sup>7</sup> Donated by Kenneth R. Rezendes.

<sup>8</sup> Donated by Olin Corporation.

<sup>9</sup> Bequeathed by Betsey W. Taber, for preservation as a wildlife sanctuary.

<sup>10</sup> Donated by Mabel N. Nisbet.

<sup>11</sup> Donated by George S. Mycock, Jr.

<sup>12</sup> Donated by Gene Bartlett & Francis A. Will.

<sup>13</sup> Donated by Lauren M. Cuzzi.

<sup>14</sup> These parcels were owned by the Town of Freetown through tax title foreclosures or for other purposes and were subsequently dedicated by Town Meeting for conservation purposes.

<sup>15</sup> Donated by Freetown Land Company, LLC (Endriunas Bros.).

<sup>16</sup> Donated by the Assonet Bay Shores Association, Inc., in memory of Dasco D. DeFeo and in honor of Nicolette J. DeFeo.

## Report of the Town Forest Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Forest Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

In fiscal year 2022 the Freetown Forest Committee was comprised of two members who are nominated to serve. The FY2022 members and term end dates are:

Daniel Rezendes, Chair (2022)  
Steven Chandler, Secretary (2023)

Forest Committee meetings are posted in advance and take place at the Freetown Town Hall.

The purpose of the Forest Committee is to assist the Conservation Commission with the management of its open space holdings. That could include, but is not limited to, passive recreational opportunities.

No meetings were held during the FY2022 period.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Chandler  
Secretary

## Report of the Agricultural Commission

Town Meeting voted in 2018 to form an Agricultural Commission consisting of five members to advocate for farmers, farm businesses, and farm interests; to assist farmers in resolving municipal problems or conflicts related to farms; and for other related purposes outlined in the enabling statute (M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8L). Three members must be residents who own farms or are employed in an agriculture-related field. If farmers or persons employed in agriculture are not available, these members shall have knowledge and experience in agricultural practices or knowledge related to agricultural business. Two members shall be residents of the town who are interested in promoting farming and agricultural pursuits.

During the Fiscal Year 2022, all five available seats on the Agricultural Commission were vacant.

## Report of the Planning Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

### Permits Issued

Form A – Approval Not Required .....	8
Form B – Preliminary Subdivision.....	0
Form C – Definitive Subdivision .....	4
Site Plan Review.....	9
Special Permit .....	3

### Fees Collected

Filing Fees.....	\$ 9,622.00
Engineering Fees .....	\$93,746.38

### Grants Received

The Planning Board received \$38,000 in technical assistance funds to develop a prioritization plan that will identify projects to improve roadway safety for all users through the Complete Streets Funding Program.

### Articles Submitted

The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding an article submitted for the 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant to consider a proposed amendment of the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11 Zoning By-laws to amend 11.18 H.1 Table of Use Regulations to allow veterinary offices and animal sales by special permit in the Village Business District (VB).

The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding an article submitted for the 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant to consider a proposed amendment of the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11 Zoning By-laws to amend the Town of Freetown Zoning Map.

The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding an article submitted for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to consider a proposed amendment of the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11 Zoning By-laws to amend the Town of Freetown Zoning Map.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria D'Antoni  
Planning Technician

## Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears applications for variances, special permits for accessory ("in-law") apartments and certain home occupations, and administrative appeals from certain actions of the Building Inspector or Board of Selectmen. In accordance with state law, the board's decisions must be unanimous for a petition to prevail; otherwise, in cases of split votes, the petition will fail. During this fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard and acted upon the following petitions:

- 592 Approved (3-0) an appeal to overturn the decision of the Building Inspector that the lots are under common ownership at 63 Chipaway Road, East Freetown.
- 593 Denied (3-0) a variance to construct a single-family home with 40 feet of frontage at 186½ Braley Road, East Freetown.
- 594 Approved (3-0) a special permit for an accessory apartment at 5 Ethan Circle, East Freetown.
- 595 Denied (3-0) an appeal to overturn the decision that the lots are under common ownership by the Building Inspector for 11 Woodlawn Road, Assonet.
- 596 Approved (3-0) a special permit for an accessory apartment at 68 Richmond Road, Assonet.
- 597 Approved (3-0) a special permit for an accessory apartment at 2 Fall Brook Lane, East Freetown.

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals during this fiscal year were James J. Frates, Robert Jose, and Nicolas J. Velozo, and associate member Swede Magnett.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria D'Antoni  
Senior Clerk

## **Report of the Soil Conservation Board**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Soil Conservation Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Soil Conservation Board is a 5-member Board consisting of three Selectmen (Carlos Lopes, Trevor Matthews, Jared Zager), one member of the Conservation Commission (Keven Desmarais), and one member of the Planning Board (Debra Robbins).

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 a total of 5 permits. The Board collected \$335.00 in application fees and \$105,464.66 in tipping fees, totaling \$105,799.66.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria D'Antoni  
Soil Board Clerk

## **Report of the Economic Development Committee**

The Economic Development Committee did not submit a report for publication.

## **Report of the Housing Authority**

The Housing Authority did not submit a report for publication.

## Report of the Building Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Building Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The work of the Building Committee during this fiscal year was carried out primarily by its subcommittees and affiliated committees, namely the Police Station Building Subcommittee and Council on Aging Building Subcommittee, and the Library Planning Committee. The Building Committee itself met as needed to receive updates from these groups.

Towards the end of the fiscal year, the Building Committee received input from the COA Building Subcommittee and Library Planning Committee that those two groups would proceed with consideration of a joint building. Plans were begun to consolidate the two committees into a new group in Fiscal Year 2023, as well as to establish a subcommittee to review improvements necessary to modernize Fire Station 3 on Bullock Road.

In June, Lisa Pacheco resigned as both chairman of the Building Committee and as a member of the Building Committee. Lisa's contributions to the town's various building projects have been substantial, beginning with the school building projects in the late 1990s and early 2000s and continuing through the recent police station project. Her knowledge and expertise will be missed by the Building Committee, as well as by the residents who have benefitted from these great undertakings.

With the impending extension of commuter rail service from Boston, our town is embarking on a period of potentially significant growth. The average age of the buildings currently in use for town services is 79 years (1943), with our oldest building (Village School, 1794) and our newest building (Police Station, 2019) approximately 225 years apart in age. We operate one facility (Guilford H. Hathaway Library, 1895) that has no indoor plumbing and another (Town Hall, 1888) with fewer parking spaces than it has employees, essentially shutting out the public. The ongoing evolution of town government and expansion of services only exacerbates these issues. The cooperative work of the departments housed in these buildings, the town's maintenance staff, and others such as the Highway Department and the Historical Commission, keep our facilities in fine condition, but we must continue to evaluate our needs both in the present and for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

## Report of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District

The Town of Freetown is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced "sir-ped") is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2022, the Town of Freetown paid \$1,745.62 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.17 cents per capita. SRPEDD's annual budget in 2022 was \$2,720,262.

SRPEDD also serves as the region's staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) and the regional Economic Development District (EDD) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). In both roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region's infrastructure and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD's recently updated agency website at [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) to review our work, read our 2022 Annual Report, and tour new projects, including: our Drone Program and Virtual Building Tours; our work to support communities as they comply with the new Section 3A of Chapter 40A; our watershed and resilience planning work program; our Complete Streets and Multi-Use Path transportation projects; our work with the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create Active Shooter/Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tools; and various municipal projects, such as Redevelopment Studies and Community Master Plans. Our website also includes departmental web pages, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

### **Local citizens/officials representing Freetown in SRPEDD activities:**

Victoria D'Antoni and Deborah Pettey on the SRPEDD Commission.

Victoria D'Antoni and Deborah Pettey on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

**In 2022, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Freetown in the following areas; please note that funding sources are provided, where available:**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>
Assonet Four Corners Technical Memo	MassDOT
Long Pond Weed Pull Technical Assistance	ARPA
Open Space and Recreation Plan Update	Local
Traffic Counts on several roadways (details available by request)	MassDOT
Turning Movement Count on S. & N. Main at Water and Elm St.	MassDOT

# Protection of Persons & Property Reports

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## Report of the Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Police Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

### **INTRODUCTION**

This will be the last time I have the opportunity to submit the Department's annual report, as I will be retired prior to next year's submission. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Town of Freetown for over 43 years, the past 24 years as your Chief of Police.

I would like to take this occasion to thank the residents of Freetown for your continuing support. I extend my thanks to the members of the Department, both sworn officers and civilian, for their loyal and dedicated service to our community. I would also like to recognize the efforts of all Town of Freetown departments, and elected and appointed officials, for their cooperation throughout the years.

### **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.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

For information on notable events, please visit us online. We maintain a webpage ([www.freetownpolice.org](http://www.freetownpolice.org)), Facebook account ([www.facebook.com/FreetownPD/](https://www.facebook.com/FreetownPD/)) and Twitter account (@FreetownPD). Please note that the Department's Facebook and Twitter accounts are not for the public to report crimes. We ask that you call 911 for emergencies and 508-763-4017 for non-emergency reports of crime and police related issues.

## **COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The Department's operations were impacted by COVID-19. Officers continued to work at an increased risk of exposure to the virus and some, unfortunately, contracted the virus and needed to quarantine. Police initiated activities with the public were reduced. This is understandable as so much of police work requires face-to-face interactions. For example, criminal investigations, which are critical to protecting public safety, require officers to interview victims, witnesses, and suspects and arrest and process suspects. Even more-mundane tasks, such as traffic enforcement, require some level of public engagement, as do such services as fingerprinting for various licenses and permits.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES**

### **Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault**

The Department works in collaboration with The New Bedford Women's Center (Center), a non-profit domestic violence/sexual assault victim community advocacy agency group to end domestic violence. The Center assigns civilian advocates to work with the Department and offers various training to the Department. The Department refers all domestic cases to the Center. Civilian advocates then contact every victim to review safety planning and offer resources and referral information. The Center is also part of an area high risk team, working with the Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence Unit, to classify offenders and track domestic violence activities.

### **Child Abuse & Violence**

The Department works in collaboration with the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Bristol County, a non-profit agency that assists children and families impacted by the trauma of abuse and violence. A coordinated multi-disciplinary team comprised of police investigators, family advocates, specialized health services and treatment services works together. The CAC provides a sensitive and coordinated response to allegations and disclosures of child abuse. For each child abuse case, a multi-disciplinary team is formed comprised of law enforcement, Department of Children & Families, District Attorney's office, Massachusetts Pedi-SANE program and community-based agencies. This collaborative approach is at the heart of the evidence-based model which provides a place and process for the child to provide the details of their victimization only one time during the investigative period in an effort to minimize their trauma.

## **CODE RED**

The CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a fast telephone communication service allowing Town of Freetown public safety officials to quickly notify residents of an emergency situation, what action needs to be taken, and notification that the situation has been resolved. It enables officials to provide mass notification quickly and easily. This service is free to all Freetown residents and businesses located within our incorporated limits.

To receive CodeRED, you must register your home, cell phone, or business phone number in the CodeRED database. To register, please visit the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department's webpage where you will find registration information: <https://www.pcsdma.org/codered.html>

## **PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF BOX**

Residents are urged to take advantage of the CVS Return prescription drug drop box located in the lobby of the police station. Unneeded or expired prescription are accepted. However, syringes, aerosols, inhalers and liquids are not. The drop box may be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Through a partnership with CVS Pharmacy, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Covanta Energy, prescription medication is deposited in the secure kiosk and later transported by the police department for destruction. We are fortunate for this partnership.

## **PERSONNEL TRANSITIONS**

During the course of the year, the Department lost the services of several valuable long-term employees.

Sergeant Swede Magnett's service exceeded 28 years. During 1993, he volunteered as an auxiliary police officer. Then, during 1996, he was appointed as a part-time reserve officer. He served in that capacity until 1999, whereupon he was appointed as a regular full-time patrolman. He was subsequently promoted to sergeant during 2005.

Secretary Debra Souza contributed over 23 years of service. During 1998, she began her career as a signal operator trainee and subsequently advanced to the position of full-time signal operator. During 2013, she was promoted to the position of dispatch-supervisor and, during 2021, became the Department's first secretary.

Patrolman Mark Fornaciari served for nearly 20 years. Beginning in 2002, he volunteered as an auxiliary police officer. During 2003, he was appointed as a part-time reserve officer and, during 2007, was appointed as a regular full-time police officer.

## **Appointments**

The following appointments were made:

### Confidential Secretary (full-time)

Debra J. Souza – 07/01/21

Melanie R. Foley – 11/22/21

### Student Officer (full-time)

Douglas R. Mongeon – 11/01/21

Adam D. Salinaro – 11/01/21

Appointed as Student Officers for the purpose of attending the police academy. Upon completion of the academy, were appointed as Regular Police Officers.

### Regular Police Officer, Patrolman (full-time)

Michael R. MacDonald – 08/02/21

Douglas R. Mongeon – 04/08/22

Adam D. Salinaro – 04/09/22

### Signal Operator, Supervisor (full-time)

Margaret A. Dwyer – 07/01/21

### Signal Operator (full-time)

Logan A. St. Louis – 07/01/21

Nicole Rodriguez-Rios – 07/02/21

Michael R. Dagenais – 08/12/21

### Signal Operator, Trainee (part-time)

Jessica M. Coray – 03/07/22

Elda M. Hague – 03/07/22

### Signal Operator (full-time)

Elda M. Hague – 03/21/22

### Special Police Officer (part-time)

Mark Fornaciari – 12/12/21

## Resignations

The following resignations were recorded:

### Signal Operator (full-time)

Joshua J. Simmons – 07/27/21

Nicole Rodriguez-Rios – 03/21/22

### Reserve Officer (part-time)

Seth M. Demello – 10/10/21

### Police Constable (part-time)

Paul M. Demelo – 12/06/21

## Retirements

The following retirements were recorded:

### Confidential Secretary (full-time)

Debra J. Souza – 12/20/21

### Regular Police Officer, Patrolman (part-time)

Mark Fornaciari – 11/30/21

### Regular Police Officer, Sergeant (full-time)

Swede M. Magnett – 09/16/21

## ACCREDITATION

During 2014, the Department achieved initial Accreditation through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) and has subsequently achieved successive Re-Accreditation. The next Re-Accreditation Assessment is scheduled to take place during November, 2022.

The Department continues to exceed the 323 professional standards that were established for the profession, by the profession. These carefully selected standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities. They cover areas such as policy development, emergency response planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation and holding facilities. This program not only sets standards for the law enforcement profession, but also for the delivery of police services to the residents of the Freetown.

## MONIES COLLECTED

A total of \$77,597.23 was generated by the Department activities:

Source	Amount
Court Restitution	\$ 2,243.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$40,998.00
Firearms Licensing	\$ 4,387.50
Misc. Permits	\$ 15.00
Parking Tickets	\$ 983.35
Police Detail Admin. Fees	\$28,090.38
Reports	\$ 880.00

## GRANTS

The Department was successful in obtaining state 9-1-1 Department grant monies. These monies were used for qualifying training, equipment, and expenses.

## **TRAINING**

Training remained an important aspect of the professional development of each and every member of the Department. Each officer trained a minimum of 40 hours per year in order to be in compliance with the Municipal Police Training Committee's regulations. Signal operators received training in excess of the Mass 911 Department's mandated 16 hours per year. During this time, all in-service training was delivered in a distance learning on-line process. The officers and signal operators adjusted to this learning environment and completed all requirements on time.

The continued use of an on-line document management program allowed all officers and signal operators to be trained on a multitude of policies and subjects and assisted in maintaining accreditation standards, thereby reducing risk and expanding productivity, efficiency, time and money.

## **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, detective, K-9, tactical, marine, and dive team units. SEMLEC consists of 30 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel and equipment.

The Department is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Police Training Association (SEMPTA), consisting of area police departments offering in-service and specialized training to hundreds of local full-time and part-time police officers.

## **FIREARM LICENSING**

The Department processed 203 transactions involving firearm licenses.

Licenses to Carry (LTC) Issued/ Renewed .....	185
Licenses to Carry (LTC) Suspended/Revoked.....	5
Firearm Identification Card (FID) Issued/Renewed .....	13
Firearm Identification Card (FID) Suspended/Revoked .....	0

## **STATISTICS**

### **Call Numbers**

The Communication Center documented 15,317 calls during the fiscal year.

<b>Case Activity Statistics</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>
Total Offenses Committed .....	813
Total Felonies.....	167
Total Arrests (On View).....	55
Total Arrests (Based On Incident/Warrants) .....	49
Total Summons Arrests.....	110
Total Arrests .....	214
Total Protective Custody .....	16
Total Juvenile Arrests .....	5
Total Juveniles Referred (Arrests) .....	5
Total Hearings.....	17

Total Summons.....	26
Total Open Warrants.....	3
Total Open Default Warrants.....	12
Total Orders.....	39

<b>Offenses Reported</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>
Kidnapping/Abduction .....	1
Forcible Rape.....	6
Forcible Sodomy.....	1
Forcible Fondling .....	3
Robbery .....	0
Aggravated (weapon) Assault.....	27
Simple Assault .....	60
Intimidation .....	40
Arson .....	1
Extortion .....	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering .....	24
Shoplifting .....	0
Theft from Building .....	14
Theft from Motor Vehicle.....	11
Theft from Motor Vehicle Parts.....	2
All Other Larceny.....	20
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	4
Counterfeiting/Forgery .....	1
False Pretenses/Swindle .....	9
Credit Card .....	0
Impersonation .....	14
Identity Theft.....	0
Embezzlement.....	0
Stolen Property Offenses .....	4
Vandalism/Malicious Damage .....	54
Drug Violations.....	9
Incest.....	0
Statutory Rape.....	5
Pornography/Obscene Material.....	0
Prostitution .....	0
Weapons Violations .....	21
Animal Cruelty .....	1
Bad Checks.....	0
Disorderly Conduct .....	13
Driving Under the Influence .....	18
Drunkenness.....	15
Liquor Law Violations.....	8
Trespass of Real Property.....	10
Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses.....	325
All Other Offenses.....	92
<b>TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED .....</b>	<b>813</b>

<b>Other Violations</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>
Motor Vehicle Citations .....	346
Parking Tickets.....	12

<b>Non-Criminal Activity Requiring Written Police Report</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>
Alcohol Substance Abuser - Civil Warrant.....	2
Animal Complaint .....	3
Assist Fire or EMS.....	8
Assist Other Agency .....	23
Assist Citizen .....	50
Cruiser Accident.....	0
Driver Competency .....	1
Discharge Firearm .....	6
Domestic Disturbance (No Crime) .....	49
Disturbance.....	20
Industrial Accident .....	16
Impaired and/or Under Influence Drugs .....	2
K-9 Deployment.....	15
Lost Property.....	10
Mutual Aid .....	15
Mental Health Issues.....	14
Mental Health – Civil Warrant .....	26
Missing Person .....	6
Overdose.....	4
Overdose - Heroin .....	1
Overdose - Pharmaceutical .....	2
Other .....	23
Police Information .....	24
Property Held for Safekeeping .....	20
Runaway.....	7
Sudden Death.....	15
Towed Vehicle (No Crime).....	11
Not Specified .....	0
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>371</b>

<b>Collisions</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents Reports Taken – Town Roads .....	173

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Report of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Fire Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

As the department readjusts back to a recognizable normal, our citizens and town leaders have been exceedingly bountiful in their support of the fire department. Community support is paramount, and we realize that without such support we would be unable to provide the utmost professional fire and rescue services to the community. We are constantly striving to improve our organization and our delivery of fire and rescue response to the community, a service both our residents and visitors expect and deserve.

Sadly, I first must report on the passing of a former member of the fire department:

Firefighter Leonard H. Chace Jr., passed away on September 25, 2021. Firefighter Chace was appointed to the department on January 1, 1957, and was assigned to Station 2 where he served for the next 13 years until his retirement from the department in 1969.

With the issuance of General Order #2022-10 the following members were promoted in a ceremony at Fire Station 3 on March 31, 2022 by order of the Fire Chief:

Lieutenant Neal Lafleur promoted to Fire Captain  
Lieutenant Brent L'Heureux promoted to Fire Captain  
Firefighter Kevin Smith promoted to Lieutenant

On December 2, 2021 Call Firefighter Paul Ashley Jr. was appointed to Fulltime Firefighter to cover the open shifts created by a firefighter out on long term medical leave. Firefighter Ashley then transitioned into the permanent replacement for the vacancy created by the retiring Fire Chief as part of our Succession Plan.

This was the last year of our SAFER staffing grant for two (2) of our firefighters. These positions have been invaluable for our emergency response capability, as they provided additional staffing during the critical day time hours during the week when a large percentage of our call department is out of town. Through the continued support of town meeting these positions will continued to be maintained as part of the department's operating budget. This will allow us to operate more safely and efficiently to serve the citizens of the community.

Call Firefighter Caitlin Thomas successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Class #093. The current recruit program being offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is generally held once a year in either Bridgewater or Fall River beginning in June and runs through the end of October. Being a small combination fire department, having both on-call and career firefighters, finding citizens who are willing to dedicate their time to the initial recruit training for over six (6) months is difficult and speaks volumes of the commitment of this young firefighter.

Call Firefighter turnover has become a continuing and resource-intensive activity for the fire department, and it is likely to be an issue into the foreseeable future, if ever be fully resolved. Although not unique to Freetown, the loss of Call Firefighters each year to career firefighter positions, relocation away from the area, or time constraints, the fire department tries to recruit three or four new firefighters each year to maintain an effective firefighting force. This is challenging because the cost of initial hire medical testing, outfitting the new member with new protective equipment, and training them is costly and sometimes all for naught.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 2,356 calls for service during the last fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	1,116	Station Coverage	66
Medical Transfers	3	Investigations	99
Medical Mutual Aid	215	Public Assistance	92
Structural Fires	18	Fire Alarms	191
Brush Fires	40	Illegal Burning	32
Mutual Aid Fires	9	Motor Vehicle Accidents	199
Motor Vehicle Fires	32	Water Rescues	9
Carbon Monoxide Calls	31	Details	100
Electrical Emergencies	25	Miscellaneous	79
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>2,356</b>

The department received a Public Safety 'SAFE' Grant in the amount of \$7,430.00. The SAFE Grant was used to train and equip firefighters to be public fire education instructors and to conduct fire safety classes throughout town. Additionally, funding from the SAFE grant was used to purchase address sign markers and to cover the cost associated with the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of our elderly and other needy families.

Additionally, the department received a Massachusetts Fire Equipment Grant in the amount of \$15,500.00 to purchase turnout gear for new members to attend the Mass Fire Academy Recruit program.

The department received a generous \$25,000 donation from Bristol County Savings Bank. These funds were used to purchase a utility task vehicle (UTV) for the fire department to use to transport injured persons from remote locations and to assist in hauling equipment into areas that are inaccessible to larger fire department vehicles.

Under the watchful eyes of Lieutenants Brogan, Mello, and Silvia, all of our Firefighters participate in fire and emergency medical training throughout the year. This reinforces practical skills that transfer directly to emergency scenes, ultimately enhancing firefighter safety and improving proficiency. The required yearly EMS training allows our dual trained firefighters to provide the most advanced pre-hospital emergency medical care to our residents and visitors, which in turn, can positively affect a patient's quality of life after a medical emergency. The live fire training, in which we participate allows our members to work together as a team under real fire conditions while performing fire suppression, ventilation, search and rescue, as well as incident command in a controlled atmosphere. By having members participate in live fire

training, it will help ensure that operations at actual fire scenes run as smoothly and safely as possible at a time when we cannot afford to make mistakes.

Today's response to emergencies represents only a fraction of the total activities of the fire department. Functions, such as: Fire safety inspections, public education, EMS response, building plans review, mutual aid response, community outreach, and fire prevention have become the foundations of the modern fire service. Other areas of involvement now include technical rescue, hazardous materials response, and emergency and disaster preparedness. All these responsibilities require us to be more aware, better trained, and more adept at planning for and responding to these ever challenging and rising demands. Under Captain Neal Lafleur's leadership, firefighters performed 640 in-service inspections and issued 266 permits during the past fiscal year. These inspections included schools, churches, daycare centers and commercial properties as well as smoke and carbon monoxide inspections for new and resale homes. The work of these inspectors and public educators is difficult to measure. Without a doubt, the inspection of properties and enforcement of codes reduces the number of fires, property losses, and potential loss of life and serious injury.

Last fiscal year, 677 open-air burning (brush) permits were issued. Burning season begins January 15th and runs through May 1st (weather permitting). Burning permits are available on-line or can be obtained in person at the Bullock Road Fire Station (Sta. 3) beginning January 1st each year. Burning hours are between 10AM and 4PM, but residents must notify the Fire Department either by logging in on-line or by calling the Fire Station each day before they burn to confirm that burning is allowed that day. No daily authorizations to burn brush will be given after 2 P.M.

The conditions of the town's fire stations are as follows:

Fire Station 1 (Assonet Village) is in relatively good shape despite its age, but space inside and outside of this building is very limited. This station continues to serve as a valuable asset, as its location in the center of the village allows the department to store vehicles and equipment for a rapid response to incidents in the Assonet area as well as having the capability to be staffed during significant weather events.

Fire Station 2 (Furnace Village) houses the majority of the town's firefighting apparatus, and its location is critical to providing fire and EMS service to the East Freetown section of the community. This station is staffed during the daytime hours Monday through Friday with one or two firefighters depending on available staffing. Its close proximity to the regional school campus is beneficial for rapid response to incidents occurring on school grounds as well as providing better coverage for those areas of Assonet near the Berkley/Lakeville line. Unfortunately, this station is desperately in need of attention. The roof is leaking and large areas of wood trim and soffits have holes or are broken and need to be repaired or replaced sooner rather than later. Additionally, several areas of the apparatus bay and training room need drywall repair or replacement. This station has no shower/locker room facilities and limited kitchen facilities but could be used as a temporary place of refuge or shelter during major events

Fire Station 3 (25 Bullock Road) is the town's headquarters fire station. This station is staffed 24/7/365 with a minimum of two firefighters with additional administrative staffing during the day during the week. As mentioned in the past this fire station is starting to show the wear and tear of a 23-year-old, 24/7, operating public safety building. This past year funding was approved to replace the boiler, which literally "blew up" at the end of March, leaving the fire station and the firefighters without heat for a few "chilly" weeks leading up to the Spring. After a few years of requesting that the space needs of this station be addressed, I am pleased to report, with support from the Board of Selectmen and Town Administration, the initial steps to renovate this fire station have begun. A feasibility/space study has been completed and several conceptional designs have been submitted for department leadership to review and provide their input. Funding for this renovation project has been identified, and it is our hope to start to break ground on this overdue project in the Spring of 2023.

Beginning in 1980, Chief Richard Buttermore developed a fire apparatus replacement schedule. This plan, through continued support from the town residents, has evolved over time substantially improving firefighter safety and the delivery of fire protection services to our community. To borrow a line from the 1947 Annual Town Report, 2022 "will find the fire department at its highest point of efficiency in its history" with the expected delivery of a new fire pumper to replace the 1994 International pumper in East Freetown and a new ambulance to replace the 2016 Ford ambulance. These new additions will leave the fire department with three (3) Class A pumpers that are 10 years old or newer, and both of the town's Class 1 ambulances will be 3 years old or newer.

In accordance with NFPA 1901/1911/1914: Standards for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Fire Apparatus, the town's three (3) Class A Pumpers, Aerial Ladder, and ground ladders received their annual performance tests and the results are as follows:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Year / Make</u>	<u>Fire Station</u>	<u>Test Results</u>
Engine 1	2021 KME Severe Service	1	Pass
Engine 2	1997 International	2	Pass
Engine 3	2014 KME/Panther	3	Pass
Ladder 2	1989 Pierce / Smeal 105' Aerial Ladder	2	Pass
Ground Ladders	Enginers 1, 2, 3, & Ladder 2	-	All Passed

With funding approved at town meeting, the overdue radio replacement and infrastructure project can now move forward. The final result will be improved fireground operations and the safety of our members.

On a final note, this will be my last report as your Fire Chief, as I will be retiring next January, after over 40 years of service to my beloved community. Through our plan of succession, the department has been actively preparing for my departure as chief. I have been assisting the Deputy Chief and other officers to help them prepare for a larger role leading the department from an administrative perspective with Deputy Chief Ashley assuming more and more of the day-to-day administrative tasks to remove some of the mystery of the fire chief's position. Demystifying how the Chief manages the department, makes decisions, and creates the budget has always been the number one goal of our succession plan. I would like to personally thank all of the members of the Freetown Fire Department for their continued dedication and

service to the residents and to the Town of Freetown. Regardless of the day or circumstance, the committed men and women of this department put their lives on hold and leave their families to answer the call for duty. Their diligence and attention to detail truly make the Fire Department the crown jewel of all of the town's operating departments, and I consider it a privilege to serve as their Chief.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to mention our unsung heroes, the Freetown Communications Center personnel; they are always there for us when we need them the most.

Fire Department receipts deposited to Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees Collected	\$770,607.56
Donations	\$ 32,470.00
Grants Received	\$ 88,216.74
Permits, Reports, & Fees	<u>\$ 15,413.49</u>
Total:	\$906,707.79

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Silvia  
Fire Chief



*Blacksmithing demonstration, Freetown Historical Society Open House, September 2021*

## Report of the Building Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Building Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in fulfilling its responsibilities during this time were Jeffrey Chandler, Inspector of Buildings and Zoning Enforcement Officer; Joseph Biszko, Alternate Building Inspector & Zoning Enforcement Officer; Allen Beaupre, Wiring Inspector, Christopher Cabral, Electrical Inspector; William Alphonse, Jr., Plumbing/Gas Fitting Inspector; Thomas Barlow, Plumbing/Gas Fitting Inspector Assistant; and Nadine Dimond, Principal Clerk.

Following is a list of fees collected for the Building Department:

	<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>Permit Fees Collected</b>
Abandoned/Foreclosed Property Registrations	2	\$ 200.00
Accessory Structures	7	\$ 204,095.81
Additions	13	\$1,000,200.00
Chimneys	0	\$ 0.00
Commercial Miscellaneous	37	\$ 21,691.72
Commercial Remodel	3	\$ 1,475.00
Decks	18	\$ 2,277.00
Demolition Permits	5	\$ 400.00
Electrical Permits	272	\$ 28,967.25
Fireplaces	0	\$ 0.00
Foundations	6	\$ 600.00
Garages	10	\$ 2,848.00
Gas Permits	137	\$ 9,856.00
Home Occupation	20	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	85	\$ 9,451.59
New Commercial	1	\$ 1,010.00
New Homes	20	\$ 43,169.00
Occupancy Permits	18	\$ 950.00
Plumbing Permits	101	\$ 10,551.00
Pools-Above ground	15	\$ 650.00
Pools-Inground	8	\$ 600.00
Remodel-Residential	33	\$ 10,065.00
Restaurant Inspection Certificates	2	\$ 40.00
Roofing/Siding/Doors/Windows	84	\$ 9,800.00

School/Daycare Inspection Certificates	32	\$	1,160.00
Sheds	0	\$	0.00
Sheet Metal	5	\$	350.00
Trench Permits	2	\$	100.00
Wood Stoves	9	\$	450.00
Zoning Determinations	27	\$	2,000.00
<b>Total Permits/Fees Collected</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$1,363,957.37</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Chandler  
Inspector of Buildings / ZEO

## Report of the Fence Viewers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Fence Viewers for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The office of Fence Viewer was established by the colonial government nearly 400 years ago, in response to the needs of a predominantly agrarian society. Although the needs of the community have evolved, the role and duties of the Fence Viewer have remained relatively unchanged over the centuries.

Anyone requiring the assistance of the Fence Viewers should contact us through the Building Department at (508) 644-2201.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Chandler  
Keven V. Desmarais  
Michael T. McCue  
Samuel J. Ruest

## Report of the Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Sealer of Weights & Measures is tasked with testing and sealing "weighing or measuring devices for the purpose of buying or selling goods, wares or merchandise, for public weighing or for hire or reward" – in other words, the Sealer's responsibility is to ensure that consumers in our

town are receiving a square deal. Residents are most likely to see the work of the Sealer of Weights & Measures at our local gas stations, where the pumps are sealed to ensure accuracy.

The responsibilities of the Sealer of Weights & Measures are currently handled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Standards.

## **Report of the Emergency Management Agency**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Emergency Management Agency for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The past year was slower than usual for Emergency Management. Working through the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, Freetown Emergency Management Agency members had to adjust to the “new normal” after spending some of the past year wearing masks, socially distancing, and adjusting to ZOOM meetings. The Delta and Omicron Variants may have made life a little more difficult, but we are coming out of this, and it appears that we are returning to a “recognizable normal”.

Emergency Management Agency members were called out a few times last year to aid various town boards, departments, and agencies, mostly to deliver supplies and provide lighting at various events. EMA Members were also placed on standby two (2) times last year in the event that a comfort station was needed and for the January 2022 Blizzard. Residents are reminded that warming/cooling shelters are available 24/7/365 on an as needed basis. Call 508-763-4828 or 508-763-4017 for more information or assistance.

The Freetown Emergency Management Agency received an EMPG federal grant in FY 22 in the amount of \$2,900.00 which was used to supplement the cost of equipping the Freetown Highway Department with an electronic message board.

Freetown Emergency Management owns three (3) trailers which store all of the supplies (except food) needed to set up a shelter for residents who may be displaced during a major emergency, and to move equipment and supplies for town departments when called upon. These trailers are housed at the Fire Department and are moved by fire department personnel when needed.

Although, Freetown is a member of the South Coast Regional Emergency Planning Committee along with the communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Westport, Freetown EMA strongly urges the Town to re-establish an active Local Emergency Planning Committee consisting of members from town departments and interested members from the local community to better serve the needs of our citizens.

Freetown EMA is a strong advocate of all hazard, personal, and family safety emergency preparedness. In an emergency, the assets of local and state agencies will be taxed to their

fullest and will take time to respond. The first response to disaster and recovery is a coordinated effort of neighbor helping neighbor. Every person and family should have an All-Hazard Disaster Plan and a Family Communication Plan. FEMA encourages everyone to have a readily accessible Go-Kit to get you through the first 72 hours of any emergency. The kit should be tailored to the special requirements of each member of the family. Don't forget to prepare a kit for each of your pets. Your kit may be your best friend during and following a disaster.

Emergency Management is always looking for volunteers and other interested persons to become members of the Freetown Emergency Management Agency.

In closing, I would like to remind all Freetown residents that All Emergencies are Local, and Emergency Preparedness starts at Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Silvia  
Director

## **Report of the Animal Control Officer**

The Animal Control Officer did not submit a report for publication.

## **Report of the Tree Warden**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tree Warden for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. During this fiscal year, the Tree Warden also served as Moth Superintendent.

As Tree Warden, I was called out over 100 times during the year for tree removal and related matters. The Tree Warden was on duty throughout snowstorms and other storms as necessary. With assistance from the Highway and Fire departments, trees that fell across roadways were removed throughout these storms. Branches, limbs, and other debris were removed and/or chipped where necessary. Any trees or limbs that came into contact with utility lines were referred to Eversource for safe removal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at either 763-3071 or (508) 264-8838.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice W. DeMoranville, Sr.  
Tree Warden

# Education Reports

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## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Boards of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown and Lakeville:

As the Superintendent of Schools for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, it gives me great pleasure to submit the District's Annual Report for the 2022-23 school year. In my first year as the educational leader of both towns, I look forward to ensuring that the storied and successful history of FLRSD is not only maintained, but is able to grow to support our students as they prepare for their future. The strength of our highly successful school community remains our dedicated and talented teaching staff. Combined with experienced support staff and personnel, we continue to focus on relevant and rigorous teaching and learning for all students. With over 2,650 students and 427 employees in five schools at all three sites, our mission and strategic goals keep our students safe and prepared for the 21st century and remain our top priority in decision-making at all levels.

Freetown-Lakeville RSD is committed to providing all the necessary resources for long-term success. I invite you to read the reports of the school principals where they note the academic, extra-curricular, and athletic accomplishments of our staff and students. Our commitment to excellence for all students is clear as we strive for continued success for all children. Our strategic plan and annual school improvements plans are roadmaps to future gains in both towns. To that end, the educators in the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District will continue the goal of responsibly meeting the needs of all our students in each Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Strauss  
Superintendent of Schools

## Report of the Freetown Elementary School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

### Freetown Elementary School Mission:

It is the intent of Freetown Elementary School to foster and enhance the development of the whole child and potential life-long learner by creating a responsible citizen who is capable of utilizing creative, critical and problem-solving skills.

Our mission statement is achieved by:

- Engaging students, teachers, parents, and citizens of Freetown to work in a cooperative manner to build pride, respect, and accountability for learning,
- Assisting all students to achieve their maximum potential.

- Utilizing current materials, technology, and research.
- Encouraging all staff to attend professional development seminars, programs, workshops or courses to enhance their skills and to be aware of current educational theory.
- Providing for the diversity of student's learning styles.
- Focusing on intellectual, emotional, social and physical development through the
- Maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.
- Aligning our curriculum to the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework standards.
- By placing a strong emphasis on responsibility, accountability, and mutual respect, we will develop and share a confident and contributing member of society.

#### **Enrollment:**

Total enrollment for the 2021 - 2022 school year was 441 students (PreK - 3). It was the sixth year of the principal's, Mr. Michael Ward, leadership role at Freetown Elementary School.

FES and the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District celebrated the many years of service that Mr. Richard Medeiros, Superintendent of Schools, gave to Freetown Elementary School Community when he retired at the end of the school year.

FES also celebrated the many years of service that Nurse Kimberli Jacobsen, School Nurse, gave to the Freetown Elementary School Community when she retired at the end of the school year.

#### **School Year 2021-2022:**

School year 2021 - 2022 began with all students coming back in person after moving forward from COVID-19 and the pandemic. Students and staff were still required to wear masks at all times in the school building to start the school. Upon return from February vacation it was decided upon that masks were recommended but no longer required for students and staff. Also, students and staff were no longer required to be socially distanced by means of six feet in the classroom and in the cafeteria. Normalcy was beginning to become evident in and around Freetown Elementary School.

Over the past year, the Freetown Elementary School (FES) has undertaken some changes to create a professional learning community where the staff has worked tirelessly to align the current curriculum to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and to create consistent delivery of instruction to all students. In addition to some academic changes, teachers and school-based teams have continued its implementation of a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program to ensure students are Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. The FES Community depends on this initiative to be the foundation for creating a learning environment that enables all students to be ready to learn.

The changes consisted of a focus on early literacy skills and strategies. Staff participated in extensive professional development in phonological awareness, phonics, word work, and vocabulary development through a grant provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Staff began to implement the newly developed strategies within the classroom and it became common practice for students to practice their literacy skills.

Additionally, selected staff parents volunteered to be part of a “pilot” program to purchase a new Reading Core Program. At the end of the school year it had been decided that Wonders (2023) Program would become the new Core Reading Program for the upcoming 2023 school year.

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) has long been a staple and focus of the FES Community to ensure that student social-emotional needs were being met. To further enhance the SEL of students the district purchased Positive Actions as the program of choice to be delivered in classrooms for the 2023 school year.

#### **PTO and School Council:**

Both our PTO and School Council were active and productive over the course of the school year. The PTO sponsored a staff welcome back lunch, three Scholastic Book Fairs with one of them being a Buy One, Get One Free. Yearbooks were bought for all outgoing third grade students. Also, a book vending machine was purchased for student incentives as well as a new basketball hoop for the recess yard. The Second Annual Trunk or Treat Event took place in October for all FES families to participate in some spooky fun. The PTO sponsored grade level field trips for all grade levels. Finally, the PTO sponsored the Annual Fox Festival in which students participate in field day events and wrap up the day with a nice cool snow cone. All monthly PTO Meetings for the 2021 - 2022 school year were held virtually and in-person for parents to attend. The field trips consisted of:

<b>Preschool:</b>	On site field trip with a story teller
<b>Kindergarten:</b>	Buttonwood Park/Zoo Visit
<b>Grade 1:</b>	On site field trip to Little Fenway to participate in much fun (Freetown Fire / Police K-9 Demonstration
<b>Grade 2:</b>	Soule Farm Visit
<b>Grade 3:</b>	Tour of Freetown / Plymouth Patuxet / Freetown Police Station

The PTO also sponsored parent engagement nights to ensure parents had the opportunity to be engaged in their child’s education by participating in educational based programs. The parent engagement nights included a Kindergarten Gingerbread Nigh, a Grade 1 Holiday Storybook Hour, Grade 2 Star-Spangled Spectacular, a Grade 3 Wax Museum, an Art Show, a Book Tasting (Library) and Tee Time (Mini-Golf in Gymnasium), and two choral performances.

The School Council was composed of four teachers, the principal, one parent, and one community member. The School Council assisted the principal in developing the budget, and creating and maintaining the annual School Improvement Plan.

#### **Academic Report:**

With the ever growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. MCAS results have been analyzed from the past years and this data was used to plan instruction, drive instruction, and provide interventions to meet the diverse needs of students.

Below one will find the MCAS data from previous years. Please note that the MCAS exam was not administered for the 2019 - 2020 school year due to COVID-19. MCAS was administered this

school year. Data was released for instructional purposes to gauge student progress and student challenges.

Data indicates...

#### English Language Arts - "Next Generation MCAS"

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Exceeding Expectations	4%	9%	6%	N/A	11%	7%
Meeting Expectations	58%	53%	49%	N/A	43%	44%
Partially Meeting Expectations	34%	33%	38%	N/A	40%	37%
Not Meeting Expectations	3%	5%	6%	N/A	6%	12%

#### Mathematics - "Next Generation MCAS"

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Exceeding Expectations	13%	17%	10%	N/A	3%	7%
Meeting Expectations	70%	47%	51%	N/A	39%	51%
Partially Meeting Expectations	14%	25%	32%	N/A	39%	33%
Not Meeting Expectations	4%	10%	7%	N/A	19%	12%

#### Student Portfolios:

Any student in need of intervention in the areas of math, ELA, and/or social/emotional needs were identified and a team of teachers and other school professionals worked together to create a child-study portfolio. These portfolios consisted of intervention goals, progress monitoring data graphs, and student work samples, if applicable.

#### Data Meetings:

Data Meetings were scheduled for three times this year at school. The data meetings took place after each benchmark testing (fall, winter, and spring). The purpose of the data meetings is to analyze data, complete a data drill down of data, develop strengths and challenges, and to develop and monitor goals.

#### Common Planning:

Common Planning Times (CPT) are used for colleagues to meet and collaborate about teaching and student learning. CPT is done daily for 25 minutes and has been vital in supporting teachers to collaborate in areas such as developing lessons, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention. During CPT the main focus was wrapped around our Early Literacy Grant as to enhance student phonemic awareness skills, phonics, skills and vocabulary development.

**School Services:**

With strong commitment and support from both Freetown residents and Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, FES continues to have five specialist areas (Music, Art, Library/Media Specialist, Physical Education and a Reading Specialist). All other school services have remained consistent over the past school year. Our reading specialist provides direct and explicit intervention to our students who are in need of assistance with English Language Arts. Our other four specialists provide direct instruction to our students. For music, we enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Assembly as well as two choral concerts. For PE, we enjoyed Tee-Time (Miniature Golf). For Art, we enjoyed the annual Art Show. For Library, we enjoyed a Book Tasting Event in which families could learn about various genres in literacy.

**Health and Safety Team:**

The Health and Safety Team ensured the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. The main focus of our Health and Safety Team was to ensure that DESE and CDC COVID guidelines were followed to the furthest extent as possible. Additionally, as a school community we refined and practiced our Emergency Response Protocol. Together, Freetown Elementary School, Freetown Police Department, as well as the Freetown Fire Department work closely to ensure our students and staff are safe at school and work.

**Community Involvement:**

- Christmas Stockings for Veterans - The Tuesday Club of Assonet
- Freetown Lions Club sponsorship of Santa Claus Visit to Freetown Elementary School
- Fire Safety Day with Freetown Fire Department
- Fire Prevention Day with Freetown Fire Department
- Grade 3 visit to the Freetown Police Station
- Grade 3 Tour of Freetown Field Trip which includes a visit to the Freetown State Forest, Profile Rock, Freetown Library, and Freetown Historical Society.
- FES students collecting donations for the Freetown 4th of July Fireworks
- "What Freetown Means to Me" Essay Contest with the Freetown Board of Selectmen

Overall at FES we have observed our MCAS scores increase, our curriculum revised with additional professional development, and our family involvement continues at such a high level. We at FES firmly believe that with the support of the community and the caliber of our personnel, our school will be one that reflects the pride of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ward  
Principal

## **Report of the George R. Austin Intermediate School**

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

### **Enrollment**

For the 2021-2022 school year, the intermediate school's enrollment was:

Grade 4 = 224

Grade 5 = 221

The total enrollment was 445 students.

### **Our Mission**

All members of the learning community at the intermediate school work interdependently to support students in a collaborative, cross-curricular environment to improve individual and collective results. Teaching and learning are based on universal grade-level outcomes driven by essential questions that advance the curriculum toward real-life applications, so that the learning process becomes more relevant and meaningful. Collective data are used to guide research-based interventions so that all individuals in our learning community make progress towards national and state curriculum standards. Students are encouraged to become lifelong learners, problem-solvers, and productive members of society.

### **Full Return to In-Person Teaching and Learning**

Following the start of the pandemic closing school in March of 2020 and the hybrid model in the 2020 - 2021 school year, we returned to full in-person learning in the fall of 2021, with approximately 21 students per each of the 20 homerooms, and four sub-separate classrooms with a much lower student to teacher ratio.

### **Personnel**

There were no full-time personnel changes at the intermediate school this year. We maintained 20 general educators, eight special educators, four special subject teachers, an ESL teacher shared with FLMS and ARHS, and a reading specialist. Through the ESSER grant, we added two math/literacy interventionists, working 7.5 hours each per week. Both interventionists are highly qualified educators licensed in the state.

### **MCAS**

Following an abbreviated model of MCAS in the spring of 2021 as a result of the pandemic, we returned to the usual state assessment in the spring of 2022. Each content consisted of two sessions. The scores were as follows. Grade 4 Math: 2% Exceeding, 45% Meeting, 48% Partially Meeting, and 5% Not Meeting. Grade 4 ELA: 2% Exceeding, 42% Meeting, 43% Partially Meeting, and 13% Not Meeting. Grade 5 Math: 6% Exceeding, 45% Meeting, 43% Partially Meeting and 6% Not Meeting. Grade 5 ELA: 5% Exceeding, 42% Meeting, 45% Partially Meeting, and 9% Not Meeting.

### **School Community Events**

Due to the limitations still in play as results of the pandemic, we did not have our typical two PTO-sponsored socials. We did have one field trip in each grade in the latter part of the year after the mask mandate was lifted and contact tracing was no longer required. We also enjoyed an in-school assembly sponsored by the PTO. While we did not have a band, we did have chorus performances in December and in May. Additionally, we had our annual field day--Survivor Day in June.

### **Special Subjects at GRAIS**

Students continue to enjoy four special subjects beyond their four academic classes. On a four-day rotation, they attend classes in art, music, library, and physical education/health. Our fifth graders participate in swim lessons as part of their PE curriculum.

### **Library/Media Services**

As restrictions from the pandemic were lifted, we returned to full circulation of resources in our library. The PTO, again, supported our library by purchasing many new titles for our inventory through monies acquired through fundraisers.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan  
Principal

## **Report of the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

### **Enrollment**

The total enrollment at Freetown-Lakeville Middle School was 676.

### **Personnel**

The following staff members retired in June after many years in the district: Jim Hallal, Caroline Tracy

### **MCAS**

The summary of the results of our Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) indicated that in English Language Arts, 45% of our students scored at the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations level. In Mathematics, 48% of our students scored at the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations level. On the 8th grade science assessment, 58% of the students scored at the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations level.

### **Charitable Work**

Freetown-Lakeville Middle School continued its annual support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In the spirit of giving to the community, the school provided large food baskets to help our families in need during the holiday season. The school also facilitated the gifting of Christmas presents and winter coats to students in need.

### **Freelake Leaders**

Freelake Leaders is a volunteer group that helps spread kindness and the importance of FLMS core values - respect, responsibility and resilience. The students raised funds for a teacher diagnosed with cancer, cleaned up the school courtyard landscaping, and raised money to support the citizens of Ukraine.

## Teams and Clubs

The following are the clubs and teams offered at FLMS: Co-Ed Soccer Team, Co-Ed Cross Country Team, Girls Basketball Team, Boys Basketball Team, Rubik's Cube Team, Yearbook Club, Newspaper Club, Robotics Club, Student Council, Chess Club, Band and Choir, Art Club, Drama Club, Freelake Leaders, and National Junior Honor Society.

## National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

The NJHS had members who maintained a high GPA while engaging in school and community service projects. Some of the NJHS projects were writing cards to soldiers stationed overseas, hosting a free car wash, conducting a canned food drive for a local food pantry, and conducting a fundraiser for a teacher diagnosed with cancer.

## Student Government (SGA)

The SGA consisted of an upper class Executive Board, two 6th grade Executive Liaisons, and Advisory Representatives for all three grades. Their goal is to work to improve school spirit and community involvement through various programs throughout the school year. Two wonderful programs are the SGA's Annual Giving Tree Program that donates to families in need during the holiday season and the American Heart Challenge which educates the students to be more health conscious while fundraising for the American Heart Association. At the end of the year, SGA students visited the Massachusetts State House to meet their state representatives. They had a special escorted tour with Representative Carol Doherty and Representative Norman Orrall.

## Library Media Services

The school library has a total of 13,998 library materials available to borrow. The annual total of library materials circulated was 6,158 and the total of student visits to the library was 15,327.

Respectfully submitted,

John Higgins  
Principal

## Report of the Apponequet Regional High School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Apponequet Regional High School (ARHS) was identified by *US News and World Reports* #62 out of 365 MA High Schools (Top 16%) and #1,475 out of 24,000 in the Nation (Top 6%). *Boston Magazine* ranked ARHS #52 in "The Best Public High Schools in Greater Boston." ARHS hosted a New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C) Decennial Visit in September 2022.

Enrollment as of June 2022 was Grade 9 - 183 students, Grade 10 - 190 students, Grade 11 - 183 students, Grade 12 - 155 students for a total of seven hundred and eleven (711) students enrolled at ARHS. The **Class of 2022** graduated on June 3, 2022, on Griffith Field. The graduates, consisting of one hundred and forty-eight (148) students who attained one hundred and twenty

(120) credits and met MA competency via MCAS, were led by Class Valedictorian, Karina Jacobsen, Class Salutatorian, Caleb Procaccini, and Class President, Lauren Goyette. Post-graduation, sixty-three percent (63) of students headed off to four year colleges and nineteen percent (19) to two year colleges and technical schools. Four (4) members of the class intended to proudly serve in the military and twenty-four (24) entered the workforce.

On May 31, 2022, ARHS held a Senior Awards Assembly at Apponequet Regional High School. Local awards and scholarships were awarded to 69 members of the Class of 2022. The Scholarship Committee thanks all of our local organizations and alumni for donating over \$120,000 to the Class of 2022. Eighty-five (85) Class of 2022 members took the **SATs**. Mean scores were: Evidence Based Reading and Writing, 571; and Math, 565. Though the Class of 2022 was exempt from full MCAS certification due to the 2020 shutdown, twenty-one seniors elected to participate in four optional MCAS testing days and received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

In May of 2022, three hundred twenty-nine (329) **Advanced Placement** (AP) exams were administered amongst one hundred and sixty-seven (167) students across fifteen (15) different subject areas. Seventy-five percent (75%) of exams administered achieved a score of 3 or higher, placing our students above both state and global percentages.

The **Core Values and Beliefs Committee**, again, oversaw the implementation of Learning Expectations and accompanying School-wide Rubrics, and further defined the school's Vision of the Graduate. Apponequet Regional High School promotes a graduate who achieves through writing, reading, and collaborating effectively while using higher-order thinking to problem solve.

Graduates will pair these academic skills with resilience as they persevere through challenges in preparation for adulthood. Students will graduate encouraged to be honorable members of their community through positive behavior, accountability and respect. Along with self-advocacy, students will graduate with the ability to identify their strengths and advocate for themselves and others.

The **Guidance Department** consisted of six (6) school counselors. In addition to providing individual responsive services and a comprehensive grade level based college/career exploration curriculum, the Guidance Department hosted a combination of virtual and in-person events to serve all students. Programming included a College Fair Mini-series (grades 10-12), Lifelines Suicide Prevention lessons (grade 9), PSAT/NMSQT administration (grade 11), and our first SAT administration. In partnership with Bristol Community College, admissions representatives presented a fall informational session as well as a spring "Enrollment Palooza" for on-the-spot admissions to seniors. In efforts to provide support to families as their students transition in and out of high school, a virtual Grade 8 Parent Night and an in-person Scholarship Information Session were held.

The **English Department** (ELA) consisted of nine (9) teachers. In addition to meeting the needs of the four (4) year requirement, semester electives in Creative Writing, Horror Fiction, Journalism, Theater, and Public Speaking were offered. MCAS was administered in March 2022. Out of 197 students, 10% scored in the Exceeding Expectations category, 57% scored in the Meeting Expectations category, 28% scored in the Partially Meeting category and 5% scored in the Not

Meeting Expectations category. AP English Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition were popular choices for students seeking the challenge of college coursework. Out of 105 students taking AP English Language and Literature 80% of students received a qualifying score with the potential to receive college credit. In remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the summer reading "One Book One School" selection was *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland*. An ARHS graduate from the class of 1995, Jenny (Reinhagen) Graham spoke to the student body in September about working in the Twin Towers during this time, and what life was like in NYC in the days following the tragedy.

The **World Language Department** consisted of six (6) teachers. All students have the opportunity to take Spanish or Portuguese each of their 4 years at Apponequet and AP Spanish is also offered during their senior year. Portuguese 2 was a new course this year and Portuguese 3 is being added to the Program of Studies for next year. This year, 24 students challenged themselves with AP Spanish and 92% of AP Spanish students received a qualifying score with the potential to receive college credit. In addition, nine (9) students earned the Seal of Biliteracy based on their qualifying AP scores. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy was awarded to Emma Comeau, Mia Comeau, Eden DaCosta, Ally Gleavy, Daniella Lyons, Caleb Procaccini, Elena Vargas and Dylan Weiner. Our Class of 2022 valedictorian, Karina Jacobsen, earned the Seal of Biliteracy with distinction.

The **History and Social Studies Department** consisted of eight (8) teachers. The Department took part in annual traditions including Constitution Day and The Voice of Democracy Competition; the Social Studies Department has been partnering with the East Freetown VFW Post 6643 to host this competition for over twenty seven (27) years. Student winners were: 3rd Place: Casey Mouradian, 2nd Place: Mallorie Carvalho, and 1st Place: Joshua Neff. The Department continued to offer many electives including Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Criminal Law, Leadership, Your World, AP Psychology, AP European History, and AP United States History. The department is working to meet the requirement of a Civics Project by 2022-23.

The **Mathematics Department** consists of nine (9) teachers. Benjamin Levesque and Ryan Koczela were hired for the 2021-2022 academic year. Ben Levesque is replacing a long-term math substitute teacher William Rocha and Ryan Koczela is replacing Jeff Gallant who was promoted to Assistant Principal of Apponequet Regional High School. The MCAS was administered, by cohort, in May of 2022, it was the first year that the test's standard no longer embedded the traditional Legacy Exam. Out of 195 students, 9% scored in the Exceeding Expectations category, 45% scored in the Meeting Expectations category, 38% scored in the Partially Meeting Expectations category and 8% scored in the Not Meeting Expectations category, which indicates that 92% of our students passed the Math MCAS.

The ARHS **Science, Engineering and Technology Department**, consisting of ten (10) full teachers and one (1) teacher shared with the math department had a productive year. Changes were made in our computer science offerings to better reflect the subjects that are being taught. In addition to course name changes, a new cybersecurity course was created and offered. With students back in the classroom full time, the department members worked on revising curriculum to reflect changes that have happened since remote learning. In May, the Science Department held its annual Science Awards at the high school to recognize top science

students in each course and individual certificates were handed out to the students earning awards. The Biology MCAS was administered to freshmen in June, 2022.

The **Visual Arts Department** experienced a year full of exciting opportunities and achievements. The Art, Share, Travel (AST) club completed the Core Values mural in the hall near the library. They ended the school year by developing plans for their next mural that will be painted in the ARHS cafeteria. Approximately 80 students from various art courses, as well as the English department's journalism course, experienced a presentation given by photojournalist Peter Pereira. After a two year hiatus, students and art faculty were ecstatic to hold the ARHS Annual Art Show in person in April. Displayed at the exhibit were works of art from students in Art 1, Art 2 Honors, Art 2 Drawing & Painting, Art 2 Color and Design, Art 3 Honors, Art 4 Honors, Mixed Media, Digital Art and Photography, Advanced Placement Studio Art and the Art of Healthy Living. Second semester Art of Healthy Living students catered the event with an array of baked goods and savory treats.

The **Business/Technology Department** consisted of one (1) teacher. The Department updated its name to be the **Business/Entrepreneurship Department** to reflect the importance of Entrepreneurship. Students competed virtually in the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge at UMASS Dartmouth and earned college scholarship money. The **DECA** organization had over eighty- two (82) members who participated virtually and in person in various district, state and international competitions and conferences.

The **Music Department** returned to the practice of presenting live performances by the Bands and the Choirs. There were 3 school performances, and the Marching Band entertained the crowds at our home football games. Our Jazz Band and Select Choir performed at the St. John Neumann Family Festival on Memorial Day weekend. A number of our students participated in audition festivals. Two students were accepted into the 2021-2022 Senior SEMMEA Music Festival, and seven students were accepted into the 2021-2022 Senior SEMSBA Music Festival. Students in the Music Department were also involved in the return of live theater to our school, presenting the musical "Legally Blonde" on April 7, 8, and 9. Thanks to some active volunteering, 2021-2022 saw the return of the Apponequet Music Boosters (our parent support group), and they were able to award scholarships to seven graduating students, to assist them with college expenses.

The **Library** was an active place. It was visited by approximately 22,000 students for either Academic Lab class, VHS class, or due to classes being covered by the library media specialist. In addition, approximately 750 students were serviced by the library media specialist for technology issues relating to their school issued devices. The library also began using the SAILS library network.

The **Wellness Department** consisted of four (4) teachers. Grade 9-12 curriculum addressed the following broad topics: Personal Wellness, Mental Health, Human Sexuality, CPR/First Aid, Tobacco and Alcohol, Relationship Violence, Violence Prevention, Lifelong Activities, Non-Traditional Sports, Traditional Sports, and Strength Training and Cardiovascular Health. The Department also included the popular elective The Art of Healthy Living. Students take one semester of Wellness each of their four (4) years to meet their graduation requirement.

The **ARHS on-line program** continued to be successful. A program for students with Social Emotional needs continued in its third year. VHS Learning, an on-line learning opportunity, accommodated 14 students who took a total of 15 courses. ARHS Summer School ran for the sixth time. Approximately twenty-seven (27) students attended.

The **Athletic Department** offered twenty-six (22) Varsity sports that consisted of Thirty-three (33) teams with the various Freshmen, J.V. and Varsity levels. Apponequet continues to participate with some cooperative teams, Old Colony for boys ice hockey and Old Rochester for girls ice hockey. There were three distinct seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring. Unfortunately, the fall season was postponed and all three (3) seasons were compressed into a five (5) month period in the spring due to the pandemic.

Also, due to the pandemic, the following sports did not participate in the 2020-21 academic year: boys ice hockey, girls ice hockey, boys indoor track, girls indoor track, wrestling, and boys and girls swimming hosted virtual meets. Unified track was added to the spring athletic season.

Congratulations to the Laker Boys Basketball, Football, Baseball, Boys Tennis and softball teams for winning 2020-21 South Coast Conference Championships. MIAA post season tournaments were not conducted in the Fall and Winter seasons due to the pandemic. The athletic department boasted three hundred and nine (309) athletic participants involved in at least one sport, indicating a 43% participation rate, which was slightly down and can be attributed to the pandemic. Apponequet was entering its 12th year with an athletic user fee, which was waived for the 2020-21 academic year due to the compressed seasons resulting from the pandemic. The parent/guardian booster groups at Apponequet include the Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters Club.

In addition to participation in sports, a high volume of students participated in **clubs, activities, and school-sponsored events, though many were also impacted by the hybrid and distancing protocols.** Some of the **Annual Events/Fundraisers** that took place were as follows: **Events:** virtual New Student Orientation, Math Team Meets, virtual Grade 8 Showcase Night, BCC virtual Admissions, virtual Parent/Teacher Night, College Planning Seminar, virtual Financial Aid Night, Sr. Brunch, Sr. Banquet, and Graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kahlan Dessert  
Principal

## **Report of the Bristol County Agricultural High School**

Bristol County Agricultural High School did not submit a report for publication.

## Report of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School did not submit a report for publication.

## Report of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School

It is my pleasure to submit the 2022 Annual Report and showcase many highlights that took place throughout the year. The Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School Community continues to focus on the appropriate demand for excellence for all our students. It is our mission, guided by our core values, to enable all students to become skilled, productive members of a global workforce, responsible, and creative citizens ready and able to engage in the activities of our technological and diverse world. All students and staff focus on this mission through academic achievement, technical proficiency, and career readiness.

As 2022 began, with the COVID-19 pandemic still lurking, Bristol-Plymouth transitioned all students back to school without masks. To help students develop re-connections to school, support positive behaviors, and increase academic and vocational achievement, Bristol-Plymouth introduced new programs and practices. We promoted overall well-being in order to enable each student to acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills associated with the core competencies for social-emotional learning (SEL). All students were provided high-quality instruction and rigorous learning opportunities that foster the development of the knowledge, skills, and dispositions they will need in their future college, career, and civic endeavors.

Bristol-Plymouth offered an engaging and rigorous curriculum that focused on preparing students for a rapidly changing, technologically advanced, globally interdependent future. To support these objectives, we laid the foundation for Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) across all levels for both academic, vocational, and social-emotional learning. We began the phased implementation of professional learning for Universal Design for Learning (UDL), new co-teaching practices, Tiered Literacy Coaching, and The Social Institute. With the support of our School Committee and the hard work of our students and staff, we strive, on a continued basis, to assist every student to perform at their full potential.

### Academic Achievement

Our students, educators, and community all continue our commitment to providing educational opportunities that are meaningful, powerful, and which can positively change students' lives. This year, educators continue to offer Bristol-Plymouth students transformative educational opportunities that challenge them to solve complex problems, bridging the gap between theory and practice. A tour of Bristol-Plymouth will show students rising to the challenge, finding ways to work collaboratively with focus, determination, and integrity. Students and staff continue to adapt, problem-solve, and overcome. The students and staff at Bristol-Plymouth embody our core value of **belonging, persistence, teamwork, excellence, creativity, and honor**. Each year is an opportunity to show that these core values are more than just words on paper. They are the values that create successful future graduates. They are the

qualities that Bristol-Plymouth will continue to embrace as we move forward, building for the future.

Bristol-Plymouth strives to create and foster a shared understanding of high-quality, deeper learning through the widespread adoption of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. The UDL is a vision of what high-quality instruction looks like, including deep, personal engagement with learners that ensures that every student is engaged, can access the curriculum, and has opportunities to showcase the knowledge they have attained. Teachers and administrators are leading this effort, and a core group of “early adopters” have led the way, showcasing UDL strategies for others. This initiative is paired with our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), fortifying the education of students by making sure that they receive the help they need to be successful.

Bristol-Plymouth is also renewing our strong and long-standing commitment to using high-quality instructional materials with several content teams in Language Arts, Science, and Mathematics researching High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) through the “implement” process designed by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE), including a deep dive into high-quality instructional materials designated as “high-quality” by independent third-party researchers, as well as those designated as such by EdReports and DESE’s CURATE (Curriculum Ratings by Teachers). The Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks are DESE’s standards that present a vision for rigorous, coherent, and relevant student learning. The process of reviewing curriculum to ensure it meets HQIM standards means selecting curricular materials that accurately reflect these Frameworks. Research studies show that high-quality instructional materials contribute positively to student learning and student growth outcomes.

We welcome to strive to help students become critical thinkers who can work together to develop creative solutions for workplace and world problems. One example is the Civics Project, which requires students to develop civic knowledge and civil skills, encouraging them to develop civic values. As part of this project, students in Civics classes participate in a student-led civics project that enables them to make informed decisions about a particular civic issue. Students get to choose their topics, and they complete research to try to come up with a solution to a real-world problem. This inquiry-based and goal-driven project culminates in students contacting a Federal, State, or local government leader voicing their concerns on a current event or topic.

### **Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment**

Bristol-Plymouth continues to set high academic standards adapting to new Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, changes within the MCAS examinations in ELA, Math, and Science, and renewing our commitment to providing challenging coursework. Bristol-Plymouth now has Advanced Placement courses, including Biology, Calculus, U.S. History, Psychology, and Statistics.

Students in their junior and senior years can also participate in the dual-enrollment program through Bristol Community College, taking English 101 or English 102. Juniors have the opportunity to take English 101 in the Fall semester followed by Psychology in the Spring semester. If they have completed the English 101 prerequisite, Seniors have the opportunity to take English 102 in the Fall semester followed by Communications in the Spring semester. Participation in this

program brings the reward of experiencing a college-level course, and it also allows students to earn college credits while in high school.

## MCAS

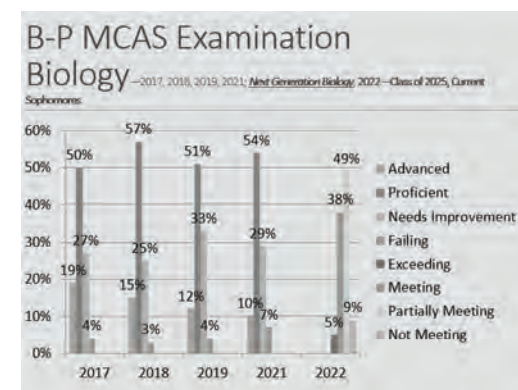
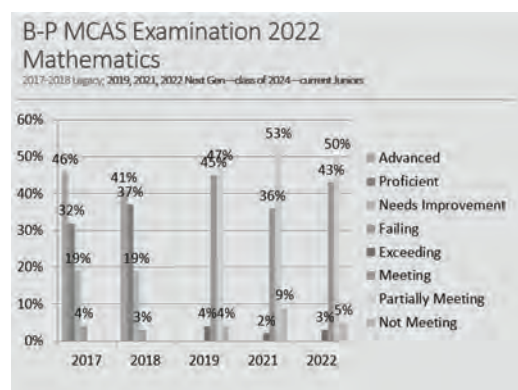
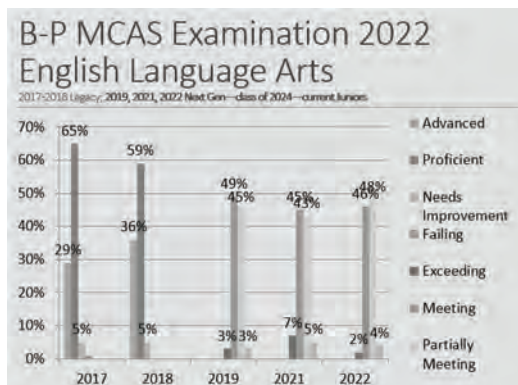
Bristol-Plymouth's graduating Class of 2023 has 99% of students meeting the minimum competency determination (CD) requirements in all content areas to qualify for graduation. Current seniors met CD requirements in ELA, Mathematics, and STE (science) by either earning a qualifying score on the corresponding MCAS examination or successfully completing a relevant high school course.

Instructors with students taking the MCAS exam continue to meet regularly to review student scores, analyze data, identify strengths and weaknesses, and develop timely, targeted curriculum changes designed to improve student learning and outcomes. This year's content teams in ELA have focused on the restructuring of curriculum, including revision of instruction related to essay writing, essay types, and UDL integration within the curriculum for each grade level. Content teams in Biology have worked to restructure the course sequence within Biology, instituting spiraling within the curriculum to review important topics from the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to better prepare students for the MCAS Biology examination. In a similar fashion, content teams in Mathematics have focused on spiraling core topics within Algebra I and Geometry to ensure students have adequate practice and review prior to MCAS Mathematics testing.

Compared to last year's twenty-eight recipients, this year, ninety-six students in the Class of 2023 have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Results are pending for additional students who did not get a chance to test previously in November to qualify for the scholarship. The Adams Scholarship is only awarded to students who have scored in the Exceeding category on one of the three high school State assessment tests in ELA, Math, or Science and in Meeting or Exceeding on the remaining two assessment tests.

In addition, students must have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that is within the top 25% of all test-takers in the District.

Student performance on the 2022 ELA MCAS examination was as follows: 2% Exceeding Expectations, 46% Meeting Expectations, 48% Partially Meeting, and 4% Not Meeting.



Student performance on the 2022 Mathematics MCAS examination was as follows: 3% Exceeding Expectations, 43% Meeting Expectations, 50% Partially Meeting Expectations, and 5% Not Meeting Expectations.

Student performance on the first year of administering the 2022 Next Generation STE (Biology) MCAS examination was as follows: 5% Advanced, 38% Proficient, 49% Needs Improvement, and 9% Failing.

Bristol-Plymouth teachers continue to adapt instructional strategies and curricula to meet the challenges and changing requirements of the MCAS examinations. This year marked the first year Bristol-Plymouth students participated in the new Next Generation MCAS examination in Biology, which is computer-based and tests on a newly updated set of standards. We continue to develop new approaches and curriculum materials to meet the high expectations set by the State's new Curriculum Frameworks, the variability of the new MCAS tests, and the changing scoring guidelines. The familiar categories of "Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, and Failing" have been replaced with "Exceeding Expectations, Meeting Expectations, Partially Meeting Expectations, and Not Meeting Expectations."

### **Technical Achievement**

The Spring and Fall semesters brought a much-welcomed return to "normal" vocational-technical education. Students participated in cooperative education and school-sponsored internships at pre-pandemic levels. Bristol-Plymouth students earned over 600 industry certifications.

In May, Steven Crombie, a 1983 graduate from Bristol-Plymouth's Carpentry Program, was gifted a customized car sign during a presentation at the school, some 36 years after winning first place in the school's annual car show with his GMC truck.

In October, the Metal Fabrication department created an entry for the annual Taunton Downtown Scarecrow Contest. For the third year in a row, their entry, "Lego Skeleton," won first place in the contest.

### **Technical Student Organizations**

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School is proud of our career and technical student organizations that provide unique opportunities for students to showcase their technical talents and develop strong leadership skills. In addition to sponsoring a variety of local events and fundraisers, students in these groups participate in competitions at the local, state, and national level demonstrating their technical expertise. These organizations include SkillsUSA, Business Professionals of America (BPA), HOSA – Future Health Professionals, and Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). In the Spring, our students returned to in-person state and national conferences.

On June 20-25, Tess Brunelle and Joseph Giuffre attended the SkillsUSA National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia. Tess competed in Esthetics and Joey competed in Information Technology Service.

Tess won the National Gold Medal in Esthetics. She competed against more than 40 contestants from across the country. She needed to complete a written skills exam, a written esthetics exam, perform a facial, complete a daytime makeup, and create a Disney-themed makeup on her model, Emily Rouleau.

### **Student Work in Our Community**

Services are provided to the community as part of our vocational-technical programs in order to provide authentic learning opportunities for our students.

Our Carpentry students completed a shed with a handicapped-accessible ramp for the Town of Dighton.

They also constructed a shed for the City of Taunton. In the Fall, they began the construction of a portico over the entrance of the Bridgewater Senior Center.

Our Metal Fabrication students constructed metal benches for the Town of Raynham's town hall outdoor patio area.

Our Graphic Arts program printed a variety of documents for numerous organizations throughout the city and member towns including newsletters, municipal documents, posters, banners, and signs.

Our students participated in clinical and internship opportunities in the community. Our Early Childhood Education students interned in multiple day-care centers in our community, as well as at the Berkley Community School, St. Mary's School, Leddy School, and Head Start in Taunton. Our Community Health students earned clinical experience at Life Care Center of Raynham and Longmeadow in Taunton. Our Dental Assisting students interned at various dental office locations within our sending communities.

### **Post-Secondary**

Eight adults graduated from the evening Dental Assisting program and are employed as dental assistants in local dental offices. Currently, there are eight students in the program that expect to graduate in June 2023.

Twenty-one practical nurse students completed the program in June. The program has again achieved a 100% pass rate on the national licensing exam. The majority are employed in a health-care setting, and a few are continuing their education. The part-time evening division is in the second year of the 2-year program with 16 students enrolled, and the full-time day division currently has 30 students enrolled.

### **Special Education**

The Special Education Department continued to work closely with local agencies to support our students as they transition to adult living and work. We referred 86 students to the Southeast Center for Independent Living (SCIL) to participate in Pre-Employment Training Services (Pre-ETS) and their Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP). Individual student services were provided in the areas of self-advocacy, job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, post-secondary education and training, and workplace readiness training. We also partnered with

SCIL to offer large group workshops in the areas of financial literacy, job exploration, vision statement planning, housing and insurance, and a driver's permit test preparation course. Additionally, Bristol-Plymouth referred four students for adult vocational rehabilitation services with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) met two times this year to share ideas and concerns that pertain to Bristol-Plymouth's special education programming, as well as to support other parents with students with disabilities. Meeting topics ranged from our annual parents' rights presentation to topics of transition.

### **Cooperative Education Program**

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School's Cooperative Education Program's mission is to enable students to become skilled professionals in a global workforce. Our goal is to engage students in a process of learning on-the-job skills from their shop teachers and then to utilize these traits while working in the surrounding communities. Students have been extremely interested in the idea of co-op and have set their sights on taking on new and exciting challenges in the real work world. Some of the new companies that have supported Bristol-Plymouth's Cooperative Education Program are: Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant (TMLP), GATRA Transit, and McKesson, to name a few.

**Student Cooperative Education Placement**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Companies</b>
2022	121	68	131
2021	101	48	113
2020	101	23	103
2019	135	52	125

On December 1 and 2, the junior students participated in a resume and mock interview workshop. Several of the students are very excited about starting their co-op journeys in January 2023 and many have already landed jobs prior to the end of the year.

It has been a record year for the Early Childhood and Biotechnology programs. Sixteen of the twenty-one senior students in Early Childhood are already out in the field working. Fourteen of the sixteen total Biotechnology seniors are currently out working. Kudos to both shops for their hard work and dedication to their crafts.

### **Student Services and Guidance**

The Guidance Department continued to assist all students in the areas of academic achievement, career, and social/emotional development both in small groups and through many opportunities to ensure our students stay on track with their future career goals and aspirations. Our Naviance program allowed us the ability to reach and notify students of college, career, and scholarship opportunities on a regular basis whereby students and families were able to access the information while at home. Our Career Center, connected to the Student Services Department, operates with small group presentations covering college application skills and scholarship workshops. We were able to bring back our in-person college

fairs in the month of September with over 80 colleges and universities in attendance. All 600+ grade 11 and 12 students attended this event. Additional events that took place in person included our financial aid evening and a wellness/mental health workshop for the benefit of parents and caregivers in our school community. Both events had unprecedented attendance. Guidance counselors continue to support the wellness of our entire student population.

The Credit for Life Fair, an interactive financial literacy program, took place in-person in June. Bristol-Plymouth was sponsored by FitMoney, an organization that provides an interactive financial literacy experience through the use of a website which students were able to access through their Chromebooks. All members from the Class of 2023 participated in this program which was designed to help high school students develop personal financial management skills that they will use throughout their lives. This event was a success with the help of over 20 local business professionals from our community.

A Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) subcommittee consisting of a Student Services administrator, counselor, and several teachers continued to work on resources to support the District initiative to build a robust MTSS program. Specifically, this subcommittee created an instructional guidebook with resources in Universal Design for Learning, including evidence-based strategies and intervention support for all educators to use in their lesson design and implementation. The subcommittee also created the following vision for the future of Bristol-Plymouth and our MTSS journey:

*All students will thrive in school, graduate with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in the college and/or career of their choice, while contributing positively to a technologically complex and diverse global community and workforce. Each day, students achieve mastery of grade-level knowledge, skills, and competencies and experience learning that matters to them and reflects their identity while creating responsible citizens. We do this by ensuring academic and technical excellence, cultural competence, and sociopolitical awareness through environments that foster persistence, teamwork, and creativity. All students, inclusive of English learners and students with disabilities, are immersed in grade-level work that is dynamic, relevant, and real-world while engaging in an environment where they feel safe and hold a sense of honor, belonging, agency, and value to reach their full potential.*

This work continues with the core leadership team and professional development opportunities extending into the 2022-2023 year.

### **Student Life**

We believe that the achievement of our goals can also be measured by interest in our school and the success of our graduates. Within the seven member communities of our District, the number of students interested in attending Bristol-Plymouth continued to be high. The number of students accepted to the Class of 2026 was 449. Our online admissions process, utilizing go2cte.org, continued to be a positive asset to the admissions process. It has been found to be essential in tracking applications and supporting paperwork for review. It has also provided additional pathways to communicating information, upcoming events, and periodic notices to

potential students and their parents/guardians. Interviews were successfully conducted throughout the admissions period.

This year, each class retained a high percentage of its students bringing the October 1 population of the school to 1,337. At Bristol-Plymouth's 49th commencement in June, 311 members of the class graduated with 59% continuing on to post-secondary education or training, 31% to the work force, and 2% to the military. Ninety-three graduates went on to four-year colleges, 45 graduates went on to two-year colleges, 5 graduates entered the military, and 34 graduates went to apprenticeship programs.

The Community Service Club continues to be a very active and involved organization within our district communities. Some of the work highlighted for this year included a collection of over 100 pairs of socks in Socktober donated for the homeless, Thanksgiving cards were distributed to the Raynham elderly, a food drive, and an event to help foster children with holiday gifts. Whether collecting, donating, or volunteering, our advisors and students in this club continue to be rewarded with the many meaningful ways that they are supporting our communities.

## **Sports**

On November 29, Mayor O'Connell and the Taunton City Council welcomed the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School Cheerleaders to City Hall to recognize their recent success. The B-P Fall Varsity Team completed its most successful season in Craftsmen history. The 25 cheerleaders on the fall team were selected by cheer judges in June out of nearly 50 candidates to the Game Day State Champions. There are six seniors, four juniors, five sophomores, and ten freshmen.

Here is a recap of their impressive season.

In August, the team attended a four-day Cheer Camp at the Game On Facility in Fitchburg. The camp hosted twelve varsity cheer teams from Massachusetts and Connecticut. During this camp, the cheerleaders learned progressions in stunting and pyramids, in addition to sideline cheers and dances. The final day was Camp Championships where the teams competed in the categories of cheer, dance, and hip hop. There was also an individual All-American tryout for the rising seniors.

The cheerleaders were placed in the Elite Division of the Camp Championship. On the final day, it was announced that two seniors were named All-Americans, and two were offered a chance to try out as UCA staff for next year. In the Cheer Category, B-P placed First. In the Dance Category, B-P placed First. In the Hip Hop Category, B-P placed First. Most notably, B-P was given the title of 2022 UCA Cheer Camp Grand Champions.

On October 23, the cheerleaders began their competition season placing first at the Weymouth Invitational. They followed up that win by defending the Game Day Mayflower Athletic Conference title and the Game Day State Vocational title, respectively. The next week, the team competed locally and placed first at Bridgewater-Raynham Trojan's Invitational.

Competition season culminated at the MSAA Game Day State Championship on November 13. The team tried to make school history by defending the Game Day title they earned in the

winter season. Despite the great showing by many of the 17 opponents, the B-P Cheerleaders held on to their title and were named 2022 Game Day State Champions.

The Cheerleaders will be attending the National Competition in Florida in February 2023.

### **Fiscal Outlook**

In March, the District's member communities voted affirmatively to approve a new school building project for Bristol-Plymouth under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program. The School Building Committee progressed forward with the MSBA, and the District entered into a Project Funding Agreement, which defined the scope, budget, and schedule for the project. The School Building Committee continues to work alongside the District's Owner's Project Manager, PMA Consultants, and design firm, HMFH Architects, to design the new school. The Superintendent will continue to keep the school committee and member communities up-to-date on the progress of the building project.

The District met its fiscal year net school spending amount established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and closed out the fiscal year at the end of June with a surplus. The District's Excess and Deficiency (E&D) account was certified and approved by the Department of Revenue for the full 5% allowance.

In July, Governor Baker released his fiscal year budget which increased aid across Massachusetts school districts by \$494.9 million or 8.99% more than Fiscal Year 2022. The District was made aware that the Chapter 70 program will continue to implement the Student Opportunity Act (An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students). This Act makes significant changes to the Chapter 70 formula based in large part on the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission. Additionally, the formula's minimum aid provision guaranteed all districts receive at least the same amount of aid in Fiscal Year 2023 as they did in Fiscal Year 2022 plus at least \$60 per pupil.

The District was fortunate to receive several grants from the state including competitive grants such as the Skills Capital Grant and the Massachusetts Life Science Grant to support the Biotechnology program offered at Bristol-Plymouth. Additionally, the District received Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II and III funds to allow the District to provide high quality professional development as well as state-of-the-art technology, equipment, supplies, and materials for our high school students.

The District is also very fortunate to have supportive member communities and an engaged School Committee who always have the students' best interests at heart. Thankfully, their support allows Bristol-Plymouth to continue to offer diverse, high-level educational programs to every student who attends. The District continues to be fiscally responsible and will continue to investigate methods to reduce costs while exploring additional revenue sources to prepare for the future. The District will continue to apply for federal, state, and competitive grants as they become available.

**School Committee**

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Taunton  
Berkley  
Bridgewater  
Dighton  
Raynham  
Rehoboth  
Taunton

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Alexandre M. Magalhaes  
Superintendent-Director



*Snowy scene on the Assonet River, January 2022*

## 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, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

The Scholarship Committee operated with approximately \$1,000.00 during the fiscal year. At its January meeting, the committee elected to award two scholarships, each in the amount of \$500.00.

Four applications were received from students at the Apponequet Regional and Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical high schools. All of the applicants were impressive in their accomplishments and showed great potential for success in their futures. The need to narrow the selection to two awardees presented the committee with difficult decisions to make.

As always, we remind the residents of our town that the Scholarship Fund is replenished entirely through donations. Donations may be made through your excise tax bills or at any time by mailing a check made out to "Town of Freetown" to the Scholarship Committee at Town Hall. The continued generosity and support of the townspeople is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED, SPRING 2022:

***Owen P. Borges***, of Assonet, is a senior at the Apponequet Regional High School in Lakeville. He has been accepted to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay.

***Adriana M. Medeiros***, of East Freetown, is a senior at the Apponequet Regional High School in Lakeville. She has been accepted to Bristol Community College in Fall River.

## Report of the Vocational Education Exploratory Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Vocational Education Exploratory Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

### Freetown Vocational Update 2022

The Freetown Vocational Exploratory Committee has secured the vocational opportunity for Freetown HS students to attend Bristol Plymouth. The town voted at town meeting on October 18, 2022 for Freetown to become a member of Bristol Plymouth Vocational School.

Freetown Vocational School Enrollment as of 10/1/22 (school year 22-23)

<u>School</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bristol County Agricultural School	9	5	4	0	18
Bristol-Plymouth Vocational School	13	15	2	0	30
Old Colony Vocational School	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>70</b>

The update on the BP membership includes:

- BP has received DESE approval of their revised agreement to include Freetown
- BP is awaiting the vote from one member town (spring '23) – all other towns have approved
- Freetown has been granted 10 extra slots for the 23/24 school year as requested. 25 students will be accepted.

Current committee membership includes Will Sienkewicz, Jr. and Jean Fox (Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee), Superintendent Alan Strauss, Selectman Jared Zager, and Town Clerk Cheryl Estrella.

# Public Works Reports

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## Report of the Highway Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Highway Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed:

- Chace Road was cold planed and paved from the railroad east to Cannon's Corner.
- Memorial Drive was cold planed and paved.
- A Crafcro crack sealing machine was purchased.
- A mini-excavator and trailer were purchased.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows:

- Bullock Road and Chipaway Road were shimmed.
- Catch basins, culverts, and drainage structures were repaired or rebuilt on Braley Road, Chace Road, Chipaway Road, Cranberry Drive, Darling Way, Gurney Road, Howland Road, Jacob's Mountain Road, Locust Street, Morton Road, Narrows Road, Shannon Lane, and Simmons Street.
- A sewer manhole was replaced on South Main Street.
- Berms were installed on Forge Road, Friend Street, and Weetamoe Drive.
- Grindings were set out on Burns Lane, Copicut Road, and Nestles Lane.
- The sidewalk was repaired on Elm Street, between Mill Street and Christy Lane.
- Drainage ditches and swales were mowed or cleaned out as needed.
- Other minor road repairs were completed throughout the town as needed.

In addition to the above, the sidewalk on the west side of South Main Street, from High Street to Water Street and continuing around to 1 Water Street, was completely reconstructed using a combination of town appropriation and Chapter 90 funds. This project included all new curbing, new ADA-compliant ramps at intersections and crosswalks, and new signage.

Work completed for other town departments, other than routine assistance, included:

- An asphalt apron was repaired at Fire Station 2 on County Road.
- Purple Heart Community signs were erected where the roads cross the town line.
- The asphalt walkway around the bandstand was replaced.
- Demolishing the old shed at the Assonet Burying Ground.
- Repaving part of the ring road at the Assonet Burying Ground.

No new roads were accepted at town meetings this year.

The Highway Department reconditioned a 1986 Ford Louisville fire engine, taken out of service by the Fire Department, to serve as a plow truck in the winter and a general use vehicle the remainder of the year. This added needed capacity to our fleet at minimal cost to residents. In addition, the department took delivery of a new riding lawn mower and two CONEX storage containers.

The Highway Department assisted with setting up for all elections, and for town events such as the Robinson Estates yard sale, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and the Independence Day fireworks. Assistance was also rendered to the Tree Warden as needed. In addition, all routine tasks were performed such as snowplowing, sanding, sweeping roads; mowing ball fields, the boat ramp, the landfill, the libraries, town parks, Assonet Burying Ground, and roadsides; replacing signs, painting signs, and the general maintenance of the town and its equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber  
Highway Surveyor



*Taunton Art Association Car Show at the Freetown Historical Society, June 2022*



## Report of the Transfer Station

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Transfer Station for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Serving on the Board of Health were the three members of the Board of Selectmen, who appointed Victoria King, Transfer Station Supervisor and Municipal Member. During this time Thomas Ashley was appointed as full-time attendant/heavy equipment operator, and John R. Brodeur, Per Diem Attendant.

During this time, we were able to chip a three-year pile of brush. It was utilized at the Transfer Station and throughout the community. Working alongside the DEP we have received grants to help us continue to serve the community better. We have had two HHW days also this past year, these HHW collection days are a great help to the community and help with the disposal of harmful items that are hard to dispose of. Thank you, New Bedford for including us on these events.

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

Miscellaneous	\$ 7,915.00
Bulky Items	\$ 49,630.00
Recycling	\$ 3,750.00
Resident Stickers	\$ 21,345.00
Tires	\$ 785.00
Propane Tanks	\$ 170.00
<b>Total Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$ 83,595.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria King  
Transfer Station Supervisor

## Report of the Water & Sewer Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Freetown Water & Sewer Commission is comprised of three members who are elected to serve three-year terms. The current members are Robert Parker (term expires 2024), Paul G. Sadeck (term expires 2025), and Keven Desmarais (term expires 2023).

Commissioner Lee Baumgartner resigned December 2021 and Keven Desmarais was elected as Commissioner in April 2022. Keven Desmarais resigned from his position as Data Acquisition and Infrastructure Maintenance in January 2022 and David Thibodeau was hired in February 2022 to fill that position. Full-time employees: Steven Douglas Chandler, Senior Clerk; David Thibodeau, Data Acquisition and Infrastructure Maintenance.

The Town of Freetown has secured funding from the federal ARPA program to upgrade and replace all water meters throughout our system as well as the software and equipment to read these meters. This upgrade ensures all meter infrastructure has the latest technology throughout our system, and will provide efficiency when reading meters, interfacing with our database, and getting bills out quarterly.

In 2021 the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission received a Public Water System Award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for Outstanding Performance and Achievement in the Consecutive Community category in 2020.

Responsible for providing quality drinking water to 673 customers in Assonet and East Freetown, the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FW&SC) has approximately 17 miles of water supply lines, a booster pump station located on East Chipaway Road.

The FW&SC purchases water from both Fall River and New Bedford which makes us a Consecutive Water System. We are required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to perform periodic testing to ensure that our water meets or exceeds all local, state, and federal drinking water standards. Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available at the Town Hall located at 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA. Additionally, the FW&SC has two commercial and one residential sewer customers for which we are responsible.

The Freetown Water & Sewer Commission contracts with WhiteWater, Inc. as our licensed operator which allows us to meet the minimum staffing requirements, as prescribed by the MassDEP, for a water system of our size.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Parker  
Chairman

## 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

### ***Retirement***

Keven Desmarais retired from the Cemetery Commission at the Annual Town Election in April. Keven had been on the Cemetery Commission for twelve years, and brought with him passion for pursuing improvements to our cemeteries and commitment to making those improvements a reality. He was also instrumental in helping establish our Veterans Section in Assonet. We wish him well in his new professional pursuits and continued volunteering on other committees.

### ***Assonet Burying Ground***

The Assonet Burying Ground saw several improvements this year. Signs identifying each of our sections were installed in December by the Highway Department, which we hope will aid in navigation for those who are not familiar with the layout of the cemetery. Our larger storage building, having been deemed beyond reasonable repair by the Building Department, was demolished by the Highway Department in May. This building owed the townspeople nothing, having given its services to the cemetery since 1895. A new storage building, approved at the Special Town Meeting held in October, was delivered in June. This new building will complement the shed erected in 2017.

We were fortunate to begin the year with Richard Brown continuing to gift us with his considerable volunteer efforts, assisted by our very able part-time Sexton, Owen Borges. We were less fortunate when Mr. Borges resigned in January to engage in other pursuits. As beneficial as the Sexton position has been to maintaining the Assonet Burying Ground, its limited hours and limited pay have made it difficult to retain quality employees. We continue to debate whether it would be more advantageous to keep this position as-is, to create a full-time position to be shared with the Highway Department, or to eliminate the position altogether and contract this work out as we do in the other cemeteries. We believe it best for the cemetery to have focused personnel, but we must be realistic in recognizing the amount of turnover we experience in the wake of the limitations we face.

With regard to cremations, the following guidance given in our report for Fiscal Year 2020 is repeated as it remains relevant: "More and more often, we seem to find out after the burial has taken place that cremated remains were buried in the cemetery. The Cemetery Commission must be notified before the burial takes place, as is the case with all other burials."

### ***Other Cemeteries***

Most of the cemeteries aside from the Assonet Burying Ground are overseen by hired caretakers. In this fiscal year, those caretakers were Heath Chace of East Freetown and the Assonet firm of T.E.C. Landscaping, Inc., under the direction of Tom Copeland. A few scattered cemeteries are tended by dedicated volunteers, such as the Crapo Cemetery looked after by Linwood and Carol Bailey and the Friends Cemetery looked after by one of the area Friends meetings.

The opening of the Copart auto auction facility at the former Guimond Farm was initially viewed as a challenge, as the security fencing was feared to potentially obstruct access to the Capt. Job Terry Burial Ground and the Robinson Burying Ground. We appreciate the cooperation of Copart in ensuring ready access as needed.

Several headstones and monuments were repaired at the Plummer Burial Ground through the efforts of Albanese Monuments of Westport. These repairs were funded through a warrant article approved at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, but were not able to be carried out until late in 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic. We hope to continue these efforts in future years as funds may allow.



*Monument to Capt. Charles Mercier (1806-1853) and Ariadna B. Mercier (1821-1874), repaired in 2021.*

### ***Vandalism***

We were deeply saddened in March 2022 when the proprietors of the privately-operated White Cemetery in East Freetown reported nearly two dozen headstones had been vandalized there. We were again saddened when the same cemetery saw nearly three dozen headstones vandalized in May. We were saddened a third time in June when what appeared to be the same vandals migrated to the Assonet Burying Ground, targeting dozens of headstones and one of our sheds.

### ***Interments***

There were twenty interments in the Assonet Burying Ground during this fiscal year, of persons formerly residing in Assonet (5), Berkley (3), Brockton (1), East Freetown (1), East Taunton (1), Fall River (3), New Bedford (2), North Dartmouth (1), Swansea (1); Franklin, N.H. (1); and Walpole, N.H. (1). Twelve were men and eight were women. The youngest person interred was 32 and the eldest was 96. Five were veterans, with service in World War II, the Korean War, and peacetime.

<b>Burials Overseen by the Cemetery Commission, Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years.</b>						
Fiscal Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Full Burials	13	16	11	4	7	51
Crem. Burials	9	15	15	10	13	62
Total Burials	22	31	26	14	20	<b>113</b>

### ***Veterans' Graves***

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 soldiers and sailors buried in town. We were pleased to have the help of the Boy Scout from Assonet and Lakeville in placing flags at the Assonet Burying Ground this year. If you are aware of a veteran's grave that is not being marked, or have questions regarding veterans' benefits, please contact Bob Klevecka, Veterans Graves Officer for the town.

### ***Gravediggers***

A license is required of any person who wishes to open graves in the public cemeteries. The fee for obtaining a license is \$1.00 per year, issued for five years at a time (\$5.00 total). As of June 30, 2022, the following are licensed:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>First Issued</b>	<b>Next Expires</b>	<b>Type(s)</b>
5	Heath H. Chace	October 5, 2011	December 31, 2026	Full & Cremation
7	Abigail S. Michaels	August 21, 2019	December 31, 2024	Cremation Only

### ***Fee Schedule***

A single grave for residents or qualified former residents is \$700.00, and for nonresidents a single grave is \$1,000.00. A cremation lot for residents and qualified former residents is \$300.00, and for nonresidents \$500.00. Payment plans are available. Lots in the Veterans Section are free, and there are discounts for veterans outside this area. Anyone wishing to purchase a lot, or to add to a perpetual care endowment, is encouraged to contact a member of the Cemetery Commission. In particular, we encourage adding to the perpetual care endowment in those instances where a family is still making use of a lot purchased prior to 1986; with declining interest rates, what was paid back then is no longer truly caring for the cemeteries in perpetuity.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

## **RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Prepared in accordance with General Laws Chapter 114, Section 26.

### **RECEIPTS**

Revenue received for the sale of lots in the Assonet Burying Ground:	\$ 6,440.00
Endowments received for the perpetual care of the Assonet Burying Ground:	5,350.00
Refunds of perpetual care, Assonet Burying Ground:	(700.00)
Receipts for renewals of gravediggers' licenses (to General Fund):	5.00
Donations received for care of the Assonet Burying Ground:	7.81
Donations received for care of the Evans Cemetery:	300.00
Donations received for care of the White Cemetery:	35.00

### **APPROPRIATIONS**

2015 Special Town Meeting, Tree Removal:	\$ 1,850.00
2019 Annual Town Meeting, Repairs to Lanes and Drainage:	2,440.72
2020 Annual Town Meeting, Encumbrance:	416.00

2020 Annual Town Meeting, Sale of Lots Transfer:	1,265.48
2020 Annual Town Meeting, Repairs to Monuments:	2,500.00
2021 Special Town Meeting, Tree Removal:	1,500.00
2021 Annual Town Meeting, Appropriation:	35,464.00
2021 Annual Town Meeting, Sale of Lots Transfer:	3,500.00
2021 Annual Town Meeting, Veterans' Graves:	500.00
2021 Special Town Meeting, Assonet Burying Ground Shed:	9,945.00
2022 Special Town Meeting, Repairs to Monuments:	<u>7,500.00</u>
	\$66,881.20

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Perp. Care</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salary – Part-time Sexton	\$ 3,125.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,125.25
Assonet Burying Ground	5,881.74	31.98	0.00	5,913.72
Assonet B.G. – Vandalism	1,157.01	0.00	0.00	1,157.01
Braley's Station Cemeteries	4,855.00	0.00	0.00	4,855.00
Capt. Job Terry Burial Gr.	640.00	0.00	0.00	640.00
Dean Family Cemetery	405.00	0.00	0.00	405.00
East Freetown Cemetery	2,325.00	0.00	0.00	2,325.00
Evans Cemetery	1,360.00	105.00	125.00	1,590.00
Michael Hathaway Burial Gr.	650.00	0.00	0.00	650.00
Morton Cemetery	1,350.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00
Mother's Brook Cemetery	1,620.00	0.00	0.00	1,620.00
Nichols Cemetery	720.00	0.00	0.00	720.00
Payne's Cove Cemetery	530.00	0.00	0.00	530.00
Plummer Burial Ground	5,190.00	0.00	0.00	5,190.00
Quaker Hill Cemetery	225.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Richmond Cemetery	890.00	0.00	0.00	890.00
Robinson Burying Ground	1,640.00	0.00	0.00	1,640.00
Rounsevell Cemetery	0.00	0.00	675.00	675.00
Tisdale Burying Ground	1,340.00	0.00	0.00	1,340.00
Winslow Cemetery	1,620.00	0.00	0.00	1,620.00
Groundskeeping Supplies	671.42	0.00	0.00	671.00
D/2 Biological Solution	812.46	0.00	0.00	812.46
Mileage Expenses	64.80	0.00	0.00	64.80
Printing	523.95	0.00	0.00	523.95
Postage	90.20	0.00	0.00	90.20
Office Supplies	333.25	0.00	0.00	333.25
Tools & Equipment	26.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 38,047.07</b>	<b>\$ 136.98</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b><u>\$ 38,984.05</u></b>

<b>DONATION ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Ending</b>
Assonet Burying Ground	\$ 0.00	\$ 7.81	\$ 0.00	\$ 7.81
Evans Cemetery	350.00	300.00	125.00	525.00
Rounsevell Cemetery	825.00	0.00	675.00	150.00
White Cemetery	0.00	35.00	0.00	35.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 1,175.00</b>	<b>\$ 342.81</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b><u>\$ 717.81</u></b>

## PERPETUAL CARE ENDOWMENTS

### ASSONET BURYING GROUND

Beginning balance: .....	\$220,065.00
Brightman, John H. P., Jr., & Nancy A.....	\$ (100.00)
Joncas, Philip A. & Mary M. Midura .....	1,400.00
Kanakis, Peter A. & Catherine A. ....	350.00
Levesque, David J. & Donna J. ....	450.00
Ludovicz, Jeannine E. ....	300.00
Manuels, Robert & Rhonda .....	700.00
Medeiros, Joel P. & Cheryl A. ....	250.00
Ouimet, Paul D. & Mary.....	(600.00)
Souza, Kenneth J.....	350.00
Terry, Leonard & Gail E. ....	700.00
Turner, Luis, Jr. ....	150.00
Vander Kaaden, Gerrit & Eugenia C.....	<u>700.00</u>
	\$ 4,650.00

Ending balance:..... \$224,715.00

### TOTAL ENDOWMENTS

Assonet Burying Ground .....	\$224,715.00
Chace Cemetery .....	76,700.00
East Freetown Cemetery.....	600.00
Evans Cemetery .....	38,000.00
Friends Cemetery .....	1,000.00
Morton Cemetery.....	7,365.00
Nichols Cemetery .....	345.00
Richmond Cemetery .....	612.00
Rounsevell Cemetery.....	10,650.00
White Cemetery .....	500.00
Winslow Cemetery .....	<u>20,000.00</u>
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b><u>\$380,487.00</u></b>

## Burials Overseen by the Cemetery Commission July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

### ASSONET BURYING GROUND

Catherine M. Adams  
William M. Athayde  
Joan I. Cabral  
Chester W. Cannon  
Jean Cannon  
Dorothy H. Chew  
Albert V. Comerford  
Nancy Couto  
Garrett R. Galvin  
Mary E. Goff  
Leonora Kaminski  
Peter A. Kanakis  
William J. McCue  
Joel P. Medeiros  
Barry K. Moore  
Leon H. Paquette  
Ronald F. Sousa  
Kenneth R. Souza  
Marion M. Souza  
Bruce Deane White

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*We extend our deepest sympathies to  
the families of those who have come  
home for their final rest.*

# Health & Human Services Reports

## Report of the Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Board of Health for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Board of Health office is open Monday through Thursday, 8am – 4pm, and Friday, 8am – 12pm. Board of Health Members are also the Board of Selectmen. Meetings are scheduled in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary.

The following is a list of fees collected for the Board of Health:

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
Total Fees Collected for Trash Bag Sales	----	\$341,100.00
Bakery License	3	\$ 225.00
Camp	2	\$ 300.00
Common Victualler	16	\$ 1,200.00
Food Establishment	24	\$ 4,895.00
Installer Licenses	36	\$ 7,200.00
Mobile Food	5	\$ 625.00
New Septic Systems	24	\$ 4,800.00
Percolation Tests	56	\$ 17,200.00
Piggery License	0	\$ 0.00
Pool Permits for Camp	3	\$ 300.00
Public Beach	0	\$ 0.00
Pump & Transport Licenses	8	\$ 1,600.00
Reinspection Fees	1	\$ 50.00
Retail Food	18	\$ 1,800.00
Septic Certificates of Compliance	64	\$ 640.00
Repaired Septic Systems	60	\$ 11,475.00
Septic System Review	76	\$ 7,450.00
Tanning Salon	0	\$ 0.00
Temporary Food	15	\$ 510.00
Title 5 Review	73	\$ 3,650.00
Tobacco	8	\$ 600.00
Trash Hauler	6	\$ 1,200.00
Trench Permits	1	\$ 50.00
Wells	29	\$ 4,350.00
<b>Total Permits/Fees Collected</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>\$ 70,120.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Keven V. Desmarais  
Board of Health Agent

## Report of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

This year marks the 63rd anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The Project continues to make investments in new technologies that increase our efficiency and accuracy when fulfilling our mandate. We remain committed to applying environmentally responsible larvicide and adulticide products. Our surveillance program, along with service request data and updated GPS and computer equipment, allow us to focus our pesticide applications to targeted areas.

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years. The summer of 2022 experienced severe drought throughout the County that significantly affected the mosquito population.

During the 2022 mosquito season, 12,196 individual mosquitoes in 452 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were no isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 5 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with no reported human cases. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV.

The Project continues its year round efforts to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. Our goal is to remove debris, silt and vegetation from drainage ditches to improve water flow, thus eliminating standing water conducive to larval development. Work is conducted using mechanized machines and by hand.

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Freetown during the time period of January 1, 2022– December 31, 2022.

- Sprayed over 1,980 acres
- Treated 28 acres in 28 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 328 requests for spraying
- Treated 1080 catch basins
- Additionally, 421 acres of the Bolton Swamp was treated by aerial larvicide

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways residents can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs available including speaking at public health events, radio/newspaper interviews, visiting local schools, senior centers, and creating informational handouts for distribution. Be sure to check out our website: [www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol](http://www.mass.gov/eea/bristolcountymosquitocontrol) for updates and information.

I would like to thank the town officials and residents of Freetown for their continued support and cooperation. Our Project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the Project's efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton  
Superintendent

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STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

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**Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners**

Joseph Barile, Chairman  
Gregory D. Dorrance  
Christine A. Fagan  
Henry R. Vaillancourt



*View from Porter Pasture, looking north.*

## Report of the Council on Aging

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Council on Aging for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Programs that were offered are Referral Service, Fuel Assistance applications, Food Stamp applications and a KIOSK is available, Podiatry Clinic, AARP Income Tax Preparation, Line Dancing, Bingo, Card Games, Pitch, Meals on Wheels, Grab & Go meals, Senior Work Program, Legal referrals, Legislative hours, Medical Equipment Loan, Pool Table, Painting class, Handicap Transportation, Farmers Market Coupons, SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone) free books, Senior Club, Blood Pressure, Scrabble, Farmers Market Coupons and puzzle exchange. There were many programs that were not utilized for several months, due to the Pandemic.

The Covid Pandemic still has changed how services are prioritized, to include necessities as food and water, wellness calls and delivering those basic needs to their homes if they are unable to visit the center. Outside visits also took place at their home or at the center.

Citizens for Citizens, Inc. (Fuel Assistance) Applications are available here for new applicants. We also help with repeat applications. Citizens for Citizens also helped with their water bills from the Town.

USDA Rural Development Grants. The grants are written for individual seniors to repair their homes for health and safety purposes. Seniors may receive up to \$7,500.00 (seven thousand five hundred). Some examples are wheelchair ramp, heating systems, deck repair, door, windows, and roof work.

The Council on Aging receives donations to help with the needy families in Town regardless of age. Volunteers help with our small grocery room (food donated from S&S Warehouse, United Church of Assonet, Tuesday Club, Saint John Neumann Parish and Lions Club.

Brown Bag Program recently changed to Mobile Market. This program is for anyone that needs help with food regardless of your age or income. Food is distributed from the Senior Center and some are delivered to homes that cannot pick up.

South Coast grant was received from Senator Rodrigues. It was used to install new flooring downstairs and purchase new stove. We cannot thank him enough for helping us.

Formula grant was received. In the past we have used it for printing and mailing our Newsletter, hired a part time clerk, paid utilities for the building and various other purchases that the Council on Aging Board feels are needed within the State guidelines.

Grab & Go meals were offered from Bristol Elder Services. Seniors utilize this program 4 days a week. They receive a complete meal that they warm up. We have 96 participants in this program.

Thank you to the Freetown VFW for welcoming the Council on Aging to use their hall every Wednesday free of charge for line dancing. We have activities that cannot be held here, we do not have the capacity to hold some programs.

The Council on Aging building is used by different boards and committees. It has been used as a shelter/cooling station for inclement weather and/or any disaster for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Place  
Director

## **Report of the Veterans' Services Department**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Office of Veterans' Services for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

This year we were proud and honored to have the Town of Freetown join the ranks as a Purple Heart Town. The proclamation was signed by the Select Board September 20, 2021. A ceremony was held at the town's Memorial Park November 14, 2021. Purple Heart Town signs were obtained and placed on roads leading into Freetown thanks to the Highway Department.

The COVID-19 pandemic, continued to make it exceptionally difficult to assist Veterans and for Veterans to receive Chapter 115 benefits, Veteran Health Care services and Veterans Benefits Administration assistance.

This office has maintained a roster of over thirteen clients/families with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 115 and Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) benefits. Provided financial assistance this past year to these clients was in the amount of \$92,827.84. All benefits that were provided were audited by both the Town Auditor and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services which did not report any discrepancies. The office has had a 75% reimbursement of expenses incurred in the amount of \$69,620.88, which will be issued to the town in the next fiscal year. Also a Cost of Living Allowance of \$5,451.00 fully funded by the Department of Veteran Services was distributed to the Chapter 115 clients.

However, over this past year this office has not only maintained and provided assistance and guidance to those Chapter 115 clients but also to numerous other Veterans and their families, receiving hundreds of calls and questions regarding veteran status, obtaining Veteran Discharges (Form DD214), requests for metals/ribbons, Department of Veterans' Affairs eligibility for health care, burial benefits, disability compensation claims, Veteran ID cards and Veteran driver's license initiative through the Registry of Motor vehicles as well as other entitlements to both State and Federal benefits.

The mandatory requirement for the Director/Veterans Agent to be certified by the Department of Veteran Services by attending training and passing a written exam was met.

This office also works with the Cemetery Commission to identify and maintain flags in cemeteries in Town where veterans' are buried. Last year we flagged over 735 graves at 26 cemeteries in East Freetown and Assonet replacing old worn flags with new flags and providing new veteran flag holders where necessary. Also replaced seven wreaths at the Memorials in town. The total cost for these flags, flag holders and wreaths last year was \$2,173.14. Seventy-five percent of the grave marker flags cost is reimbursed by the State DVS. All other flags/wreaths purchased are our responsibility. I wish also, to personally thank the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freetown Memorial Post 6643, the Assonet American Legion Post 0425, the Cemetery Commission and the parents and members of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Assonet and East Freetown who assisted in the Memorial Day flagging of the veteran graves. Without their help every year this would be an extremely difficult task especially during the pandemic.

This Fiscal report was written by Director / Veterans' Services Robert Klevecka who was appointed to the position on April 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Klevecka  
Director of Veterans Services



*World War I Honor Roll*

# Culture & Recreation Reports

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## Report of the Library Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Library Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The staff of the Freetown Public Libraries worked diligently throughout the year to bring exceptional library services to Freetown residents. We continued in our mission to make the Freetown Public Libraries spaces where people of all ages can feel welcome to gather, socialize, and share ideas. As we continued to grow our services, staff ensured that we fostered the joy of reading, supported the pursuit of knowledge and information, and encouraged creativity.

The Freetown Public Libraries were open for 2,169 hours and visited 6,365 times. Reference transactions<sup>1</sup> totaled 2,808. Tech Help<sup>2</sup> was given 164 times. Our public computers were used 400 times, while the WiFi was used 80 times.

1 Reference Transactions are when Librarians assist or instruct in the use of the library, and/or locate or suggest materials.

2 Tech Help can include anything from help with computers/printing, to teaching patrons how to use our digital book resource, Libby, etc.

Circulation Statistics		
	FY21	FY22
Adult	11,238	14,958
Young Adult	488	565
Children's	2,201	5,849
Total	13,927	21,372

### Programs:

This year saw the addition of many great programs at the Freetown Public Libraries. While some programs were able to be held at the James White Memorial Library, space and seating limitations, as well as noise and disturbance levels, were factors that had to be considered when scheduling programs. Due to a lack of parking, space, and bathrooms, no programs were held at the Guilford H. Hathaway Library. The severe limitations of our library facilities forced several of our programs off-site. When available, the Police Station Community Room was used as it has adequate parking and space, is ADA compliant, and has the technology needed as well.

### Adults

This year saw the start of two book clubs for adults. The Morning Book Club met on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00AM. The other, an Evening Book Club, met the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM. We also started an Adult Craft Night; once a month, community members were invited to come and complete a craft at the James White Memorial

Library on the third Thursday from 4:00-7:00PM. Crafts included macramé key chains and plant hangers, art journaling, yarn wall hangings, painting, and more! Other adult programs were a Sweet Swap and Estate Planning seminars. In total, we had 31 programs with a total attendance of 275 people.

As a way to have more activities, the library offered Take and Make Crafts to adult patrons. Each month staff would create kits that would include materials and instructions needed for each craft to be completed at home. On average between 15-25 kits were given out each month. In total, 294 Adult Take and Make Crafts were distributed throughout the year.

### **Teens**

We had our first attempt at teen programming this year with Dungeons & Dragons. Unfortunately, due to low interest we only held 2 sessions before cancelling. We look forward to trying to bring more programs to teens in the future.

### **Children**

After a long pause in Storytime due to Covid, we were able to begin offering it again this year. Tuesdays at 10:30, Miss Alyssa read several books and had a craft for the children and their parents to complete. There were 33 Storytimes throughout the year with an average of 12 children per session. We had one special Halloween Storytime with local author Stacey Lourenco.

Our two big programs for children of all ages this year were our Earth Day Celebration and our Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Kick-off Party. For the Earth Day program, we had 75 attendees. Our Kick-Off Party had 213 attendees.

Take and Make Crafts were also offered for children. Most of these kits were available during our Summer Reading Program. Similar to the adult versions, staff would create kits that would include materials and instructions needed for each craft. In total 305 Take and Make Crafts were distributed throughout the year to children and their families.

### **Budget/Expenditures:**

The budget for the Freetown Public Libraries was \$173,300.67 for FY22. From that, \$129,274.53 was spent on wages. The rest of the budget was spent on books and other materials, network assessments, program supplies, office supplies, and replacement equipment.

### **State Aid, Fees and Donations:**

The Freetown Public Libraries received \$15,479.69 in State Aid this year, which was an increase from last year's \$13,967.31. State Aid is generally used to supplement the materials budget to purchase books and DVDs. The money is used for programming as well. We collected \$129.50 in printing/copy fees. Donations totaling \$351.50 were received by the Freetown Public Libraries this year as well.

Building/Grounds:

We would like to thank Chuck Macomber and the Freetown Highway Department for helping to maintain the grounds. We would also like to thank Tim Devine for his help maintaining the inside of the libraries as well as keeping the walkways clear of snow in the winter.

Since the James White Memorial Library is not a town-owned building, money from the Therrien Trust Fund (which is to be used for building maintenance) was used to pay for a new A/C system this year.

Special thank you to Jon Tavares who did a beautiful job restoring the Guilford H. Hathaway Library sign.

We also wish to thank the members of the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church and Pastor Bliss for their continued generosity in allowing us to share their parking lot.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Davignon  
Library Director



*Guilford H. Hathaway Library, built 1895*

## Report of the Cultural Council

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Cultural Council for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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 our town and the surrounding community. The local funding cycle is advertised, and grant application forms are available online (paper applications are no longer available). The deadline to submit local grant applications to the Freetown Cultural Council is typically October 15th. Meetings are posted and held to designate grant funding.

The Freetown Cultural Council sponsors and organizes the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, and also sponsors or co-sponsors community activities throughout the year.

There are multiple available positions on the Cultural Council, and anyone is welcome to attend a meeting and express their interest in serving as a member. Our activities can also be followed on our Facebook page, "Freetown Cultural Council".

Respectfully submitted,

S. Chandler  
Secretary

## Report of the Historical Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The Freetown Historical Commission, the town appointed board continues work to protect and preserve historic structures and landmarks.

The FHC has remained enthusiastic and persistent in its efforts to preserve and rehabilitate historic structures and sites in the town of Freetown, especially focusing on town owned buildings. The FHC had requested funds from the town for repairs and restoration of the Historic Assonet Bandstand at the Four which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The funds were appropriated. We also reached out to Representative Carole Fiola who was able to secure additional state funds which enabled us to proceed. The project included the following: addition of a fence along the river for safety, cement repairs to the floor, foundation, and stairs, repair and replicate the original rails at the 1940's bandstand. Lattice was added to resemble the original Bandstand and the entire structure was repainted. The walkways were repaved and we met the deadline for the Annual Tuesday Club Strawberry Festival. Many people came together to make this happen, such as Acting Town Administrator, Deborah Pettey, Jeff Chandler, Building Commissioner, Carole Fiola, Chuck Macomber and the Highway Dept. and Tim Devine. We look forward to having the Bandstand utilized for concerts, once again. The Bandstand is located on the parcel of land that the Ye Olde Tavern occupied.

We are pleased and appreciate that the sidewalks on South Main Street beginning at Water Street to High Street (located in the Historic District) were repaired, repaved and updated with new curbing and handicap access and crosswalks for safety under the Freetown Highway supervision.

The Assonet Village School, circa 1794 has had improvements made to the basement and serves as a location for the Freetown archives. Once again Representative Carole Fiola has secured funds that will enable us to remove lead paint and repaint the Village School. We will continue repairing the windows to persist to make the building weather tight for future use.

Demolition Delay Bylaw: There was one demolition permit granted for an 1895 shed in the Assonet Historic District at 46 South Main Street which is the Historic Assonet Burial Ground. The shed was owned by the Town of Freetown and had not been maintained. It was in very poor condition and in need of much repair.

East Freetown Historic District: A Historic house located at 14 Washburn Road circa 1850, Bracketed Greek Revival, had been empty for numerous years but is being repaired and saved by a new homeowner. This house contributes to the East Freetown Historic District. We hope that we can all support the homeowner with historical information for this challenging project, that will be a positive impact on historic neighborhood.

The Freetown Historical Commission would like to thank former FHC member Paul Deneault, Vice Chairman, for his unwavering support of the FHC. Paul actively served on the Commission for 20 + years, while serving on Freetown Finance Committee for many of those years. He enthusiastically contributed to many projects utilizing his common sense approach financial knowledge while maintaining integrity. Paul accepted responsibility and was conscientious for committee work for replacing the Village School Roof, the repair of the Village School Windows, and making sure that these improvements would create space at the School house to serve as an archives for the town. He was a member of the Elm Street Bridge Oversight Committee and the Forge Bridge Committee that were very successful. We miss Paul's good intuition and participation.

Meetings of the FHC are usually held on the second Thursday of the month, except when noted in official postings at the Town Hall. Interested residents are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rezendes Brown  
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, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Once again, the lingering effects of the pandemic put a stop to our activities for 2021. The good news, however, was that as things returned to normal we were able to begin planning a comeback for 2022. These efforts picked up in earnest in the first few months of 2022, and by spring we had resumed our annual Coin Drive for the students at Freetown Elementary School and our annual T-Shirt Design Contest, which this spring was won by Emilee Place. Emilee's design premiered at the Strawberry Festival – also making its comeback this year – and by the end of June, our \$5.00-apiece shirts were nearly sold out. The backs of these shirts once again featured the names of dozens of generous sponsors, whose names will appear in next year's report.

Our committee is unusual in that the bulk of our activities take place within the first week of the fiscal year. Our town's annual fireworks display will be back for Fiscal Year 2023, on July 3, 2022; our annual parade will make its return for Fiscal Year 2024, in July 2023. Until then, we wish each of you and your families a healthy year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Gregory  
Chairman

# E-mail Directory

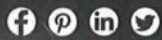
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## ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

The following listing of community events is for general planning purposes. Please consult the sponsoring organization to determine if the event is actually taking place, and the specific dates.

Event	Usual Date(s)	Sponsor
Candidates Night	Late March	Freetown Lions Club
Lakeside Family Festival	Memorial Day Weekend	St. John Neumann Church
Strawberry Festival	Father's Day	Tuesday Club of Assonet
Independence Day Fireworks	July 3rd	Parade & Fireworks Committee
Independence Day Parade	July 4th	Parade & Fireworks Committee
Farmers & Artisans Market	Summer/Autumn Sundays	East Freetown Grange #307
Historical Society Open House	Sunday After Labor Day	Freetown Historical Society
Police/Fire Charity Softball Game	Mid-September	Police/Firefighters Associations
Robinson Estates Yard Sale	Mid-September	Residents of Robinson Estates
Harvest Festival	Mid-September	St. Bernard's Church
Christmas Tree Lighting	Early December	Freetown Cultural Council



*The Tuesday Club of Assonet's Strawberry Festival was one of several annual events that made a comeback this year.*

## NOTES

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Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet (508) 644-2201  
*Hours:* Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Freetown Police Department/Dispatch, 15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown (508) 763-4017  
Freetown Fire Headquarters (Station #3), 25 Bullock Road, East Freetown (508) 763-4828  
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Freetown Highway Department, 201 Chace Road, East Freetown (508) 763-2359  
*Hours:* Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Transfer Station, 49 Howland Road, Assonet (508) 644-2403  
*Hours:* Tuesdays & Saturdays 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Guilford H. Hathaway Library, 6 North Main Street, Assonet (508) 644-2385  
*Hours:* Mondays & Fridays 12 noon - 5 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

James White Memorial Library, 5 Washburn Road, East Freetown (508) 763-5344  
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Council on Aging Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown (508) 763-9557  
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