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**TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

POLICE FIRE AMBULANCE

DIAL 911

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

TOWN SERVICES

POLICE AND FIRE - FOR GENERAL BUSINESS:

Communications Center508-763-4017

TOWN HALL:

Board of Selectmen508-644-2201
Building Commissioner/Health Agent.....508-644-2202
Town Clerk508-644-2203
Treasurer508-644-2204
Board of Assessors.....508-644-2205
Collector of Taxes.....508-644-2206
Town Accountant508-644-2207
Water Commission.....508-644-4000
Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals,
Conservation Commission508-644-2270

OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS:

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

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

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

LIBRARIES:

James White Memorial Library, East Freetown508-763-5344
Guilford H. Hathaway Library, Assonet.....508-644-2385

TOWN OF FREETOWN

2003

2004

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



County Road, East Freetown, Late 1800's

FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

CURRENT FACTS ABOUT FREETOWN

Settled: In 1659. Incorporated: In 1683

Population: Federal Census, 2000: 8,475

Registered Voters:	Precinct I:	1,732
	Precinct II:	1,716
	Precinct III:	1,818
	TOTAL:	5,266

Town Mileage:	Accepted Town Roads:	76.68 Miles
	State Forest:	15.36 Miles
	State Highway:	15.93 Miles
	Private:	20.44 Miles

Total Square Miles of Area: 34.57 Miles

State Representatives:

Rep. David B. Sullivan (Precinct I) – 6th Bristol District
Room 443, State House, Boston, MA 02133 617-722-2460
799 North Main Street, Fall River, MA 02720 - 508-676-1008

Rep. John F. Quinn (Precinct II) – 9th Bristol District
Room 42, State House, Boston, MA 02133 617-722-2370
5 East River Drive, Dartmouth, MA 02747 - 508-996-2260

Rep. Stephen R. Canessa (Precinct III) – 12th Bristol District
Sworn to duties January 1, 2005
Room 443, State House, Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2460, Fax: 617-626-0839

Senator in the State House – 1st Bristol District:

Senator Joan M. Menard
Room 520, State House, Boston, MA 02133 617-722-1114
Somerset Town Hall, County Street @ Wood Street, Somerset, MA 02726
508-673-8408

U.S. Representative: Rep. Barney Frank 4th Congressional District 508-999-6462
558 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740

2210 Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
Phone: 202-225-5931

Senators in Congress: Senator Edward M. Kennedy 617-565-3170
Room 2400, J.F.K. Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203

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

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

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

Governor: His Excellency Mitt Romney - 617-727-3600
State House, Room 360, Boston, MA 02133

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JULY 1, 2003—JUNE 30, 2004**

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DEDICATIONS

JOSEPH F. SIMMONS, JR.

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to Joseph F. Simmons, Jr., who served as Freetown's beloved Highway Surveyor from 1963 to 2005, when he passed away. He served the Town with dedication, integrity, and "Yankee ingenuity." Previously, his father had served for 14 years as Highway Surveyor, and Joe assumed the position in 1963.

During the following years, the Town expanded in population and increased in development, constructing more streets. The Highway Department grew only modestly despite the growth in the scope of Joe's responsibility. He guided the finances of the Highway Department as if they were his own funds, never overspending and always finding the most economical means to do the best job. He earned the Town's trust and confidence. Residents of Freetown have always been proud of the condition of their streets, especially during winter storms. It was Joe's nightly rides, working during storms, and attention to detail that enabled Freetown to boast.

Joe worked side by side with his men, right to the end, giving his best. He had a gentle spirit which shone through to anyone needing help. He assisted at special town events without a complaint, but with a pleasant attitude. Many people tell stories of how Joe helped them with a problem and solved it in an unassuming manner. That was his style. Yes, he was Freetown's "Unsung Hero," and he will be greatly missed.

WILLIAM F. HUGHES

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to Mr. William F. Hughes who passed away in January, 2005.

Bill was employed by the Town of Freetown as Electrical Inspector for over 35 years. He will be missed by all who knew him. His kindness and sense of humor will never be forgotten. Bill had the ability to tell a joke or story that would have everyone in the room smiling. We will always fondly remember: "Have you heard the latest? It's not out yet."

C. LINWOOD COPELAND

This year's Annual Town Report is dedicated to C. Linwood Copeland who passed away in January, 2005. Linwood, a lifelong Town resident, served his country with pride in World War II, as a member of "The Greatest Generation." His army group helped in the liberation of Belgium, and to this day, the family with whom he spent time then, honors him for his role in making their lives free again.

His life was filled with a passion for the Freetown Fire Department, on which he served for over forty years. He started the Emergency Medical Technician program and was eventually promoted to the rank of Fire Chief. Linwood was a plant safety supervisor at Algonquin S.N.G., Inc. A man of many talents, and particularly knowledgeable of mechanics and woodworking, he took great pride in doing countless odd jobs whenever anyone asked him to build or repair something. He also enjoyed serving as a volunteer at the Freetown Historical Society.

Linwood's spirit will always be with his family, friends, the Fire Department, and the Town of Freetown. He will never be forgotten.

CLIFFORD P. TERRY

It is with great pleasure that we dedicate this Annual Town Report to Clifford P. Terry, who passed away in January, 2005. Cliff was a lifelong resident of Freetown.

In the 1930's, he worked at Charles P. Terry's Store, One South Main Street, owned by his father. He played the tuba during the band concerts typically held on Monday evenings at the Village Bandstand. Later, he was employed by Macomber Bros. Oil Co. and delivered heating oil to most of the residences in Assonet. He was a Call Firefighter on the Freetown Fire Department. Cliff is also warmly remembered as the school bus driver of Bus #5 who for numerous years transported Assonet students to their respective schools.

Cliff was a devoted husband, father, and friend, and he will be greatly missed. We pay tribute to him for his many years of service within the Town of Freetown.

TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS: BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

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

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

BOARD:

MEETING INFORMATION:

Board of Selectmen Board of Health Personnel Board Police Commission	Monday – 7:00 P.M. at Multi-Purpose Senior Center 227 Chace Road East Freetown, MA.
Board of Assessors	Monday – 7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA
Cemetery Committee	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.
Conservation Commission	Second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall.
Council on Aging	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Finance Committee	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Freetown School Committee	Second Wednesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., May, July. Joint meeting with Lakeville and Regional School Committees on third Wednesday of Oct., Dec., Feb., April, and June.

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

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held First Monday in May – 7:30 P.M.
 Freetown Elementary School
 43 Bullock Road
 East Freetown, MA

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS

Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Personnel Board, Police Commission:
 Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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

Building Commissioner/Board of Health Agent:
 Monday: 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
 Tuesday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Tax Collector: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 Monday: 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

Town Clerk: Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 Monday: 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Treasurer: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 Monday 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

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

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Howland Road
Lakeville, Massachusetts
Thursday through Saturday: 8:00 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Resident Stickers are available at the Sanitary Landfill. Cost: \$1.00 each.

LIBRARY HOURS

Guilford H. Hathaway Library – 508-644-2385
6 North Main Street, Assonet, Massachusetts

Monday and Wednesday: 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Friday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon;

James White Memorial Library – 508-763-5344
5 Washburn Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.;
Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

OTHER OFFICE HOURS

Veterans' Agent: Monday evening: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
at Multi-Purpose Senior, or by appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

*When school is in session.

OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FREETOWN

(EO) – Denotes Elected Official or Committee.

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

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

	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
(EO)		
	Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman	2005
	John S. Ashley	2007
	John Laronda, Jr.	2006

(AE) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

	BOARD OF HEALTH	
(EO)		
	John Laronda, Jr. Chairman	2006
	John S. Ashley	2007
	Lawrence N. Ashley	2005

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

	PERSONNEL BOARD	
(EO)		
	Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman	2005
	John S. Ashley	2007
	John Laronda, Jr.	2006

(AO) Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

(AE) BUILDING COMMISSIONER/BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

Paul R. Bourgeois

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

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

- Robert M. Darling, Alternate Building Inspector/Health Agent
- Joseph M. Biszko, Alternate Building Inspector
- Lawrence Perry, Alternate Board of Health Inspector

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER

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

(AO)	INSPECTORS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING	
	Marcus H. Ashley III Christopher J. Cabral	
(AO)	INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING	
	William J. Alphonse, Jr. Thomas M. Barlowe, Assistant	
(AO)	INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING	
	William J. Alphonse, Jr.	
(AO)	BOAT RAMP ATTENDANTS	
Richard Saunders		Wayne Saunders
(AO)	TOWN PHYSICIAN	
	Christopher J. Lebo, M.D.	
(AO)	VETERANS' AGENT AND VETERANS' DIRECTOR	
	Richard J. Levesque	
(AO)	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Steven M. Dooney		Term Expires June 30, 2006
(AE)	Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk	
(EO)	MODERATOR	
William E. White		2006
(EO)	TOWN CLERK	
Jacqueline A. Brown		2007
	Diane L. Souza, Senior Clerk	
	<u>Burial Agent</u>	
	Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk	
(AO)	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	
Jeanne A. Haskins		March, 2007
Colleen Lacroix		March, 2007
Donald F. Gurney		March, 2005
Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk		March, 2007
(AO)	ELECTION WARDENS	
	Precinct I - Virginia L. French Precinct II - Carol A. DiChiara Precinct III - Miriam S. Gurney	

Election Workers

Althea H. Brady
J. Carol Angus
Lauren J. Collins
Paul L. Deneault
Beverly L. Dickinson
Velma A. Dunham
Gwendolyn Fernandes
Pauline P. Forand
Nancy P. Graca
Anita L. Howland
Bernadette E. Laronda
Judith A. Mello
Jerry A. Reese
Carolyn M. Richard
Roberta A. St. Yves
Sandra L. White

Helen Allard
Florence M. Brown
Amy L. Copeland
Lucille I. Depin
Donald J. Dickinson
M. Gail Elford
F. Elaine Field
Constance J. Hogan
Mary Jeronymo
Myrna C. Lubin
Graciete M. Medeiros
Judith A. Reese
Virginia R. Romanski
Louise D. Schellenberger
Beatrice A. Wilcoxon
Elizabeth Youngblood

(EO)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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

2006
2007
2005

(AE)

Karen M. Mello, Assistant Assessor
Helen E. Medeiros, Senior Clerk/Floating Clerk

(EO)

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Stephen G. Curran

2007

(AE)

Christina R. Jussaume, Assistant Tax Collector

(AO)

Taxation Aid Committee

Oscar Dagenais
Odelia Thomas
Richard L. Field

Bonnie L. Howland
Anita L. Howland

(EO)

TREASURER

Anita L. Howland

2006

Health Insurance Advisory Committee

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

Eugene J. Rymaszewicz

(EO)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

George L. Grunwald, Chairman
Neal J. Lafleur, Vice Chairman
Ruth A. Gagne
Robert H. Alderson
William J. McCue
Christine Cassel
David A. Theriault
Suzanne M. Moquin

2006
2004
2004
2005
2007
2007
2007
2005

(AE) Karen J. Robitaille, Resigned
Christopher D. Holt, Senior Clerk, appointed 10/27/03

(EO) **FREETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Karen L. Greenberg, Chairman, resigned 1/5/04	2004
Lisa A. Pacheco	2005
Robert W. Clark	2006
Sandra L. Souza	2007
Judith A. Magalhaes	2006
Patrick T. Matthews	2007

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

Jean C. Fox	2006
Robert W. Clark*	2003
David W. Brown	2007

*Appointed one year to Regional Committee from Town Committee.

(AO) **FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

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

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Includes both Freetown and Lakeville members.)

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Includes both Freetown and Lakeville members.)

Lawrence N. Ashley	Richard LaCamera
Jeanne Bonneau	Brian Lawton
Joseph Capone	Janet D. Nassr
Thomas Cirignano	Sherry Maroney
John Cummings	Robert Marshall
Darlene Donnelly	Patrick Matthews
Kristine Donnelly	Lisa A. Pacheco
Steven Driscoll	Cris D. Parker
Gordon Goodfellow	Rodney Rezendes

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
(Includes both Freetown and Lakeville members.)

Thomas Cirignano
Steven Driscoll
Gordon Goodfellow
Richard LaCamera
Brian Lawton

James Marot
Joseph Simas
Rodney Rezendes
Christopher Ross

(EO)

PLANNING BOARD

Joel B. Plissey, Chairman	2008
Christopher J. Cabral	2006
Robert G. Martin	2005
Keven V. Desmarais	2007
Robert N. Raymond	2009
Roger R. Martin, Associate Member	2007

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Senior Clerk

(EO)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Irene Ashley, Chairman	2006
Elaine B. Dandrea, Vice Chairman	2007
Cheryl Field, Secretary	2005
Lucille M. Rosa	2006
Karen A. Rezendes	2005
Lori M. Weider	2007

Vicki L. Dawson, Library Director

Library Personnel

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

Cheryl M. Belliveau, Library Technician

(AO)

Library Planning Committee

Lucille M. Rosa	Elaine D'Andrea
George Chudolij	David Theriault
Irene Ashley	Rosa Neto Lopes

(AO)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Antonio M. Carreiro, Chairman	2005
Keven V. Desmarais, Vice Chairman	2007
Walter S. Crane III	2007
Maria V. Ternullo	2006
Jean-Pierre Trahan	2007
Janine C. Robidoux	2005
David C. Mannion	2005

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Senior Clerk

(AO)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Gary Guinen, Chairman	2007
Jean-Pierre Trahan	2006
Daniel A. Loranger	2005
Kim Pina, Alternate Member	2005

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Senior Clerk

(AO)	SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD	
Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman		John Laronda, Jr.
John S. Ashley		Keven V. Desmarais
Robert G. Martin		
(AE)	Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk	
(EO)	HIGHWAY SURVEYOR	
Joseph F. Simmons, Jr.		2006
(AE)	<u>Highway Department Employees</u>	
Henry L. Jussaume, Equipment Operator		William J. Simmons, Mechanic
Edward P. Walsh, Truck Driver		Andrew J. Simmons, Assistant Mechanic
Charles J. Macomber, Truck Driver		Stephen Cornell, Truck Driver
(EO)	CEMETERY COMMISSION	
Ralph E. Gurney, Jr., Chairman		2007
Elton E. Ashley III		2005
Harris H. Chace		2006
(EO)	TREE WARDEN	
Gary C. Loranger		2006
(AO)	MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER	
Ralph E. Gurney, Jr.		2005
Paul S. Darling		2005
(AO)	MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	
Gary Loranger		2006
(EO)	WATER COMMISSION	
Gregory J. Tavares, Chairman		2006
Robert A. Ward		2007
Howard E. Wilbur, Jr.		2005
(AE)	Carol Bonito, Senior Clerk	
(AE)	Ronald A. Beauregard, Water Meter Reader	
(AO)	HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH WARDEN	
Mark A. Jose		2005
Paul R. Bourgeois, Assistant		2005
(AO)	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	
Robin E. Andrews, resigned		2004
(AO)	PUBLIC WEIGHERS	
Marianno Rezendes, Jr.		2005

(AO)

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Joseph H. Cambra	2005
Robin E. Andrews, Assistant	2005

(AO)

DOG OFFICER

Robin E. Andrews Faltermeier	2005
David Frates, Assistant	2005

POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Ex Officio)

John S. Ashley	2007
Lawrence N. Ashley	2005
John Laronda, Jr.	2006

POLICE DEPARTMENT

All Full-Time and Reserve Police Officers are appointed by the Board of Selectmen serving as the Police Commissioners, (Ex-Officio.) The terms of police officers listed are July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Full-Time Ranking Officers

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire, Chief
 Walter J. Sawicki, Lieutenant
 Michael J. Byrnes, Detective-Sergeant
 Steven E. Abbott, Sergeant
 Charles B. Sullivan, Sergeant
 Elton E. Ashley III, Sergeant

Full-Time Patrolmen

Mark B. Bullock	Donald B. Bullock
Jon M. Taylor	Swede M. Magnett
Scott M. Rose	Ryan W. Pereira
Edward J. Dwyer	Michael J. Connell
Benjamin A. Levesque	

Reserve Police Officers

Robert C. Fouquette	Brenda J. Christiansen
Paul G. Sadeck	John G. Lopes
Craig J. Cabral	Shawn K. Harris
Mark Fornaciari	Kevin M. Garell

(AO)

CONSTABLES

For service of Town processes, only:

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

Other Constables:

Edward A. Mello	Susan M. Jose
Christopher J. Cabral	Paul G. Sadeck
Timothy M. Ashley	Michael C. Lecuyer

For Civil Processes, only:

Ronald Costa	Richard C. Raposa
George Grew	James E. Sadeck
Joseph Migliori	Kenneth W. Upham

FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE
2003-2004

Full-Time Personnel

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

Appointed by Fire Chief:

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

Florence J. Cabral, Senior Clerk

Fire & Rescue - Call Personnel

James Berg, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	Keith Mello, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Jeffrey Brum, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Michael Moreira, Call Firefighter
Gary Carrier, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	David Pothier, Call Firefighter
Clarence Dearden, Call Captain/E.M.T.-B	Vernon Roberts, Call Captain
Paul DeMelo, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Raymond Schmidt, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Antonio Fratalia, Call Firefighter	Kevin Smith, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
David Haskins, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I	Steven Smith, Call Firefighter
Brent L'Heureux, Call Firefighter-E.M.T.-I	Edward Sylvia, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Matthew Lafleur, Call Firefighter	Lincoln Thibeault, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Allen Lamere, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Edward Thomas, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Shawn Lopes, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	Kevin Whittey, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B

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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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

Full-Time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Brenda J. Christiansen, Supervisor-Secretary

Joanne C. Seneschal
Debra J. Souza

Suzanne M. Moquin
Craig O. Tjersland

Part-time Police/Fire Signal Operators

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

Joy Swartzendruber
Steven Mathias
Richard Levesque

Lock-Up Attendants

Suzanne Moquin

Jill Swartzendruber

(AO)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Wayne A. Haskins, Director
Timothy M. Ashley, Deputy Director
Paul S. Ashley
Patricia A. Oliveira

Emergency Management Radio Operators:

Paul G. Sadeck

Michael P. Pillarella

Auxiliary Police Officers:

Sergeant Timothy M. Ashley, Special Police Officer

Shane V. Kelley

(AO)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wayne A. Haskins, Chairman
Bruce W. Wilbur
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Eric Morin

John S. Ashley
Paul R. Bourgeois
Joseph F. Simmons, Jr.
Gary Silvia

(AO)

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

John S. Ashley
Barbara A. Place
Joseph F. Simmons, Jr.

(AO)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Gordon Helme, Chairman
Robert McCarthy, Vice Chairman
Clarence R. Dearden
Dolores I. Soucy
Charles Gray
Ellsworth Kershaw, appointed 8/18/03
Leocadia V. Pittsley
Janice C. Gurney
Amy Copeland, appointed 8/18/03
Joyce Cocke

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

(AE)

Barbara A. Place, Director
Rosemary Haley, Senior Clerk

Council on Aging Van Drivers

Carlton E. Abbott, Sr.
Roberta Ouellette

Walter Gregory
Sven Kristofferson

Thelma Jason, Senior Aide

(AO)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

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

(AO) **FOURTH-OF-JULY PARADE/FIREWORKS COMMITTEE**

Suzanne R. Ashley Jean C. Fox

(AO) **LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Joyce Mires, Chairman Althea Brady
Ruth Buckley Rena Nassr
Joan F. Shahdan Deborah A. Cahoon Didick
Sharon L. Hadley Carolyn Mills
Frances A. Lamontagne Nancy L. VanNostrand
Marilyn Schindler Yvette J. Perry
John W. Remedis Deborah Brillo

(AE) Joan F. Shahdan, Senior Clerk

(AO) **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Beverly J. Dickinson, Chairman 2005
Mary E.R. Brown, Assistant Chairman 2007
Miriam S. Gurney, Clerk 2005
John Laronda, Jr. 2007
Paul L. Deneault 2005
Peter D. Erwin 2006
Nanci Lown, resigned 2004
Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Associate Member 2007
Charles J. Macomber, Associate Member 2007

(AO) **CABLE COMMITTEE**

Monique O. Stylos, Chairman Alexander A. Stylos
Rev. Curtis D. Dias David J. Branco
Lawrence N. Ashley

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

John S. Ashley – Alternate Member, Joint Transportation Planning Group; Representative to Bristol County Retirement Advisory Board;

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

John Laronda, Jr. – Representative to Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Growth Study Task Force.

Wayne A. Haskins – Representative to Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee of Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (S.R.P.E.D.D.)

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

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

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

Michael Riley – Member, Long Pond Action Committee.

Walter J. Sawicki – Freetown's Representative to Assawompsett Pond Complex Management Team.

Joseph F. Simmons, Jr. – Representative to Joint Transportation Planning Group.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Board of Selectmen/Board of Health for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

Receipts were deposited to the Treasurer as follows:

Liquor Licenses:

All Alcoholic Common Victualer Licenses:	4 @	\$750.00 =	\$ 3,000.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Common Vic. Lic.:	1 @	\$400.00 =	400.00
All Alcoholic Innholder's License:	1 @	\$750.00 =	750.00
All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses:	3 @	\$600.00 =	1,800.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Package Store Lic.	1 @	\$300.00 =	300.00
All Alcoholic Club License:	1 @	\$400.00 =	400.00
1-Day Liquor Licenses:	2 @	\$25.00 =	50.00
Entertainment Licenses:	6 @	\$100.00 =	600.00

Food Licenses/Permits:

Common Victualer Licenses:	20 @	\$50.00 =	\$ 1,000.00
Food Establishment Permits:	26 @	\$50.00 =	1,300.00
Retail Food Permits:	9 @	\$50.00 =	450.00
Bakery Licenses:	3 @	\$50.00 =	150.00
Mobile Food Server Licenses:	5 @	\$50.00 =	250.00

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class II Dealers' Licenses:	26 @	\$100.00 =	\$ 2,600.00
Class III Dealers' Licenses:	10 @	\$100.00 =	1,000.00
M.V. Graveyard License:	1 @	\$100.00 =	100.00

Other Licenses and Permits:

Camp Licenses:	3 @	\$20.00 ea. =	\$ 60.00
Temporary Trailer Permits:	2 @	\$25.00 ea. =	50.00
Transient Vendor Licenses:	5 @	\$20.00 ea. =	100.00
Hawker's & Peddler's License:	1 @	\$20.00 ea. =	20.00
Muscular Therapy License:	3 @	\$100.00 ea. =	300.00
Lic. For Sale of 2 nd -Hand Furn./Merch.:	3 @	\$10.00 ea. =	30.00
Auctioneer's License:	1 @	\$25.00 ea. =	25.00
Lic.-Automatic Amusement Devices:	28 @	\$20.00 ea. =	560.00
Jukebox Licenses:	6 @	\$15.00 ea. =	90.00

Board of Health Licenses:

Piggery Licenses:	2 @	\$50.00 ea. =	\$ 100.00
Licenses to Transport Rubbish/Food Scraps:	7 @	\$75.00 ea. =	450.00
Tattoo Establishment License:	1 renewal @	\$150.00 =	\$ 150.00
Tattoo Practitioner Licenses:	2 @	\$50.00 ea. =	100.00

Other Receipts:

Town Auction:		\$ 3,497.50
Public Hearing Fees:	4 @ \$100.00 ea. =	400.00
Cable Fees:		1,329.00
Donations – From “Rodman Ride for Kids” Also, Stop & Shop:		152,000.00
Fees for Copies of Documents:		275.80
Grant Award:		1,770.67
Parking Ticket Fines:		730.00
TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER:		\$ 176,187.97

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman

John S. Ashley

John Laronda, Jr.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Board of Health for the fiscal year, July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

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

Permits	Permit Fees Number Issued	Collected
New Septic Systems	55	\$ 4,125.00
Repaired Septic Systems	57	\$ 2,830.00
Septic System Review	120	\$ 3,795.00
Installers Licenses	64	\$ 6,400.00
Pump & Transport Lic.	4	\$ 300.00
Well Permits	37	\$ 1,761.00
Percolation Test Fees	98	\$ 9,850.00
Total	435	\$ 29,061.00

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

Bulky Items	\$ 21,078.00
Recycling	\$ 2,604.00
Resident Stickers	\$ 4,975.00
Tires	\$ 424.00
Propane Tanks	\$ 138.00
Batteries	\$ 90.00
Misc.	\$ 643.00
Total	\$ 29,952.00
Total collected from Trash Bills:	\$ 187,523.50

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Bourgeois
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2004 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed January 1, 2003 is as follows:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	\$ 904,087,900.00	
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 31,823,220.00	
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE		\$ 935,911,120.00
Number of Dwelling Units Assessed	2,917	
Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	3,881	
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed	277	
Tax Exemptions for FY2003		
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$ 31,500.00	
Clause 22, 22A, 22E (Veteran)	\$ 20,700.00	
Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K	\$ 16,637.30	
Tax Abatements for FY2004		
	\$ 145,197.28	
TOTAL ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	\$ 214,034.58	
Amounts to be Raised		
Local Expenditures		\$ 15,857,416.92
State & County Assessments		\$ 173,495.00
Overlay		\$ 274,037.10
Gross Amounts to be Raised		\$ 15,857,416.92
Estimated Receipts & Local funds		\$ 5,313,833.71
Net Amounts to be Raised		\$ 10,543,583.21
Real Property Tax Levy	\$ 10,023,910.03	
Personal Property Tax Levy	\$ 519,673.18	
TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY	\$ 10,543,583.21	

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Batacao, Chairman,
FREETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
FY2004 YEAR ENDING BALANCES (Unaudited)**

	Beg Bal	Commits	(Cash)	(Abates)	(TaxTtl)	Refunds	EndBal
Real04	252,364	10,204,751	(9,723,610)	(142,290)	0	85,189	424,040
Real03	7,914		(162,669)	(17,803)	(63,563)	21,762	30,091
Real02	4,261		(7,331)	0	(1,266)	0	(683)
Real 01	2,149		(2,690)	0	(1,583)	0	(12)
Real 00	-		(1,152)	0	(997)	0	0
Real 99	-		0	0	0	0	0
Real 98	-		0	0	0	0	0
Real 97Prior	-		0	0	0	0	0
PProp04	30,801	528,001	(485,754)	(20,766)	0	10,448	31,929
PProp03	16,131	0	(13,145)	(5,310)	0	55	12,401
PProp02	19,399		(1,874)	(394)	0	0	13,863
PProp01	9,463		(1,252)	(5,296)	0	0	12,851
PProp00	10,092		(941)	(6,215)	0	0	2,307
PProp99	14,145		(411)	(6,924)	0	0	2,757
PProp98	24,743		(604)	(9,114)	0	0	4,427
PProp97Prior			(6,180)	(15,017)	0	0	3,546
Boat04	6,291	4,405	(672)	0	0	0	3,733
Boat03	323		(4,624)	(1,006)	0	64	726
Boat02	364		(15)	0	0	0	308
Boat01	921		(15)	0	0	0	349
Boat00	863		0	0	0	0	921
Boat99	786		0	0	0	0	863
Boat98	2,550		0	0	0	0	786
Boat97Prior			0	0	0	0	2,550
MV04	125,461	992,170	(878,981)	(18,441)	0	4,875	99,623
MV03	25,088	172,294	(264,935)	(11,464)	0	7,733	29,089
MV02	14,092	4,478	(15,423)	(1,143)	0	1,144	14,144
MV01	7,015	0	(2,220)	0	0	0	11,872
MV00	3,319		(1,115)	0	0	0	5,900
MV99	1,789		(1,049)	0	0	0	2,270
MV98	72,588		(90)	0	0	0	1,699
MV97Prior			(60)	0	0	0	72,528

Annual Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year Ending June, 2004

Cash Summary

Balance June 30, 2003	<u>\$3,726,356.02</u>
Receipts	<u>\$28,927,225.43</u>
Sub-total	<u>\$32,653,581.45</u>
Expended	<u>\$28,446,289.09</u>
Balance June 30, 2004	<u>\$4,207,292.36</u>

Interest

	<u>FY02</u>	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>
Earned	\$117,663.40	\$66,115.54	\$50,594.44
Paid on Temporary Loans			
Net	<u>\$117,663.40</u>	<u>\$66,115.54</u>	<u>\$50,594.44</u>

Account Balances

Fleet	\$142,995.93
Ma Municipal Depository Trust	\$275.35
First Fed - SV	\$322,302.66
First Fed - MM	\$2,753,989.66
First Fed - Payroll	\$7,463.53
First Fed - Vendor	\$11,345.12
First Fed - MM	\$56,034.14
First Fed - MM	\$885,899.82
UniBank	\$26,086.15
State Street	\$900.00
	<u>\$4,207,292.36</u>

Tax Title Collected

	<u>FY02</u>	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>
Principal	\$124,594.88	\$123,826.34	\$60,460.04
Interest	\$30,627.16	\$26,028.76	\$17,059.41
	<u>\$155,222.04</u>	<u>\$149,855.10</u>	<u>\$77,519.45</u>

Debt Service

	Elementary	Elem. Sch.	Water <u>Assonet Bay</u>	Water <u>Water & Pleasant</u>
	<u>School</u>	<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>Shores</u>	
Balance June 30, 2003	\$9,650,000.00	\$9,650,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$192,000.00
Additional Borrowing				
Principal Payment	\$9,650,000.00		\$175,000.00	
Interest Payment	\$238,284.70	\$170,414.00	\$6,252.82	
Balance June 30, 2004	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$9,650,000.00</u>	<u>\$125,000.00</u>	<u>\$192,000.00</u>

SPECIAL FUNDS

Septic Grant Program	\$95,281.84
Planning Board Engineering	\$29,069.30
Appeals Board Engineering	\$15.39
Law Enforcement	\$27.53
Recreation Fund	
Arts Lottery	\$2,102.37
Police Local Block Grant	
No Int. Bicycle Safety	\$391.85
Sub Total - Special Funds	\$126,888.28

LIBRARY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE

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

CEMETERY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$140,277.00
Chace Cemetery	\$67,325.00
Rounsvelle Cemetery	\$10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	\$7,065.00
White Cemetery	\$1,650.00
Evans Cemetery	\$37,100.00
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$264,067.00

OTHER NON-EXPENDABLE

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

LIBRARY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Irene Plouffe	\$121.78
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$67.03
J. White Therrien	\$16,136.83
White Memorial	\$1,076.20
C. Clark Memorial	\$2,751.42
Douglas Dana	\$1,155.00
Annie Hunt	\$2,530.16
Warren Cudworth	\$3,967.37
Gagne	\$1,358.58
A.A. Paine	\$982.97
Betsey Hathaway	\$3,718.40
George Hathaway	\$27,901.31
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,554.23
C. Isabel Hathaway	\$1,030.45
Morgan Memorial	\$660.27
Parker Memorial	\$285.61
Clarence Kendrick	\$78.19
Sub Total Library Funds	\$65,375.80

CEMETERY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$4,017.97
Chace Cemetery	\$5,700.60
Rounsevelle Cemetery	\$9,333.28
Morton Cemetery	\$2,901.61
White Cemetery	\$170.22
Evans Cemetery	\$21,304.38
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$43,428.06

MISCELLANEOUS

Clark Scholarship	\$199.77
Symp. & Hosp.	\$1,238.60
Conservation	\$83,031.64
Stablization	\$150,305.26
Unfunded Pension	\$51,567.49
Fire-Call Disability	\$10,502.54
Post War Rehab	\$423.49
Pararde & Fireworks	\$7,393.90

Town Hall Building	\$1,759.35
Federal Forfeiture	\$4,155.71
Police Reserve Disability	\$681.02
Education & Scholarship	\$15,397.97
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$2,062.29
Elderly & Disabled Int.	\$432.36
Sub Total Miscellaneous	\$329,151.39

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/04 **\$882,281.73**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

This year brought changes to the Elementary School Project. In July '03 this project became a bond issue until July 15, 2023. The state is scheduled to reimburse the Town 70% in June 2007.

The Treasurer's Office will continue to keep the best of the past investing methods and will continue making improvements where I see opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Howland, Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
(Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004)

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Town Clerk's Office for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. During this period, Massachusetts Town Clerk's encountered two major changes within their offices.

1. Elections: The federal HAVA (Help America Vote Act) was implemented. Escrow ballots were omitted and for the first time Provisional Ballots became available at the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary. This would be just the beginning of a busy election year that would have more changes to follow in preparation for the November State Election. The March Primary had a 15% turnout and the April Annual Town Election had 22% turnout of town voters.
2. Marriage Licenses: On November 18, 2003 the Supreme Judicial Court rendered it's decision concerning the rights of same-sex couples to marry in this state and on May 17, 2004 same-sex marriages became legal in Massachusetts. New forms and procedures were enacted by the state regarding marriage licenses.

I would once again like to acknowledge and thank Diane Souza for her support, dedication and hard work in completing the daily tasks and challenges that meet us here in this office on a day to day basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Brown
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK ACTIVITY

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	73
Deaths	61
Marriages Recorded	39

DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1523	}	Total	\$7932.00
Kennel Licenses Issued	42			

HUNTING & FISHING

Fishing	45	\$990.00
Fishing Minor	1	6.00
Fishing 65-69	1	10.75
Fishing Free	7	- 0 -
Non-Resident Fishing	2	64.00
Hunting	43	946.00
Hunting 65-69	2	21.50
Non-Resident Big Game Hunting	5	470.00
Hunting Minor	1	6.00
Sporting	35	1382.50
Sporting 65-69	5	97.50
Sporting Free	22	- 0 -
Archery Stamp	48	240.00
Waterfowl Stamp	11	52.25
Primitive Stamp	48	240.00
Wild Conservation Stamp	134	670.00
Non-Resident Conservation Stamp	6	30.00

Paid to the Commonwealth of Mass.	\$5226.50
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OTHER REVENUE:

Street Maps	\$ 115.00
Street/Voting List	136.00
By-Laws/Rules & Regs.	1016.00
Appeals Fees	1890.00
Copy Fees	93.00
Marriage Intentions	870.00
Birth Certificates	1179.00
Death Certificates	1082.00
Marriage Certificates	905.00
Business Certificates	2470.00
Flammable Storage Certificates	165.00
Cemetery Plots	120.00
Miscellaneous	1036.00
Dog Fines	2726.00
Passports	4970.00
Bazaar/Raffle Permit	30.00
Non-Criminal Violations	2025.00
Genealogy Research	25.00

Other Revenue	\$20,853.00
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TOWN MEETINGS

OCTOBER 27, 2003 - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 119 registered voters in attendance to vote on 26 articles.

Total appropriations approved:

\$ 460,347 Free Cash
\$ 22,315 Transfers

MAY 3, 2004 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting was held in the Auditorium at the Freetown Elementary School with 160 registered voters in attendance to vote on 50 articles.

Total appropriations approved:

\$ 15,795,350	From Taxation
\$ 193,736	Transfers
\$ 144,000	From Stabilization
\$ 580,000	From Sale Of Land
\$ 5,000	Revolving Fund

**RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 2, 2004**

5,268 Eligible Voters
786 Total Ballots Cast representing 15% of eligible voters
(694 Democrats, 91 Republicans, 1 Green Rainbow, 0 Libertarian)

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>DEMOCRAT</u> (total votes)	220	239	235	694
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Richard Gephardt	0	2	0	2
Joseph Lieberman	0	2	2	4
Wesley K. Clark	0	1	0	1
Howard Dean	8	1	3	12
Carol Moseley Braun	0	0	0	0
John Edwards	38	33	41	112
Dennis J. Kucinich	0	0	3	3
John F. Kerry	168	198	183	549
Lydon H. Larouche, Jr.	0	0	0	0
Al Sharpton	3	1	1	5
No Preference	1	1	1	3
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	2	0	1	3
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Ronald J. Cabral, Sr.	146	171	163	480
Wrtie Ins	2	4	2	8
Blanks	72	64	70	206
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Ida Cabral	153	166	169	488
Write Ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	67	72	65	204
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Write Ins	30	18	54	102
Blanks	2170	2372	2296	6838

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY 3/2/2004

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>REPUBLICAN</u> (total votes)	32	29	30	91
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
George W. Bush	31	23	25	79
No Preference	1	4	4	9
Write Ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	0	1	0	1
<u>*STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Write Ins	4	3	3	10
Blanks	28	26	27	81
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Write Ins	2	0	3	5
Blanks	30	29	27	86
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Write Ins	3	2	4	9
Blanks	1117	1013	1046	3176
<u>*State Committee Man Write In Sticker Campaign</u>				
Thomas Mason	3	3	0	0
<u>GREEN RAINBOW</u> (total votes)	1	0	0	1
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0
Lorna Salzman	0	0	0	0
Paul Glover	0	0	0	0
David Cobb	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	0	0	0	0
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	0	1
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	0	0	1
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	0	0	10

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY 3/2/2004

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>LIBERTARIAN</u> (total votes)	0	0	0	0
<u>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</u>				
Jeffrey Diket	0	0	0	0
Ruben Perez	0	0	0	0
Aaron Russo	0	0	0	0
Michael Badnarik	0	0	0	0
Gary Nolan	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
<u>STATE COMMITTEE MAN</u>				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
<u>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN</u>				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0
<u>TOWN COMMITTEE</u>				
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 5, 2004

5,266 Eligible Voters	344 votes casts – Precinct I	}	1,151 total votes cast 22% of the voters
	379 votes casts – Precinct II		
40 Absentee Ballots	428 votes casts – Precinct III		

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH</u>				
<u>& PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER (3 yrs.)</u>				
John S. Ashley	183	226	311	720
Michael J. Motta	149	149	112	410
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	12	4	5	21
<u>ASSESSOR (3 yrs.)</u>				
Richard L. Field.	265	266	324	855
Write Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	79	113	103	295
<u>TOWN CLERK (3 yrs.)</u>				
Jacqueline A. Brown	252	304	354	910
Lisa S. Carlson	85	68	60	213
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	7	7	14	28
<u>COLLECTOR OF TAXES (3 yrs.)</u>				
Stephen G. Curran	255	267	325	847
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	89	112	103	304
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 yrs-vote for 2)</u>				
Patrick T. Matthews	234	246	284	764
Sandra Lee Souza	217	219	270	706
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	237	293	302	832
<u>SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 yrs)</u>				
Judith A. Magalhaes	245	258	298	801
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	99	121	130	350
<u>Regional School Committee (3yrs.)</u>				
David W. Brown	242	258	301	801
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	102	121	127	350
<u>CEMETERY COMMITTEE (3 yrs.)</u>				
Ralph E. Gurney Jr.	274	294	358	926
Write Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	70	85	70	225

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/5/04

	PRECINCT I	PRECINCT II	PRECINCT III	TOTAL
<u>LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 yrs.)</u>				
Elaine B. Dandrea	254	263	310	827
*Write Ins	5	30	14	49
Blanks	429	465	532	1426
<u>WATER COMMISSION (3 yrs.)</u>				
Robert A. Ward	153	201	295	649
Christopher J. Byrnes	160	120	89	369
Write Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	31	58	43	132
<u>PLANNING BOARD (5 yrs.)</u>				
Gary S. Amaral	88	168	200	456
Robert N. Raymond	209	129	131	469
Write Ins	1	0	0	1
Blanks	46	82	97	225
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE (3 yrs – vote for 3)</u>				
William J. McCue	201	204	256	661
Christine Cassel	226	224	251	701
David A. Theriault	211	214	251	676
Write Ins	4	1	3	8
Blanks	390	494	523	1407
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 yr unexpired term)</u>				
**Write Ins	10	13	13	36
Blanks	334	366	415	1115
 ♦ <u>WRITE INS</u>				
<u>*LIBRARY TRUSTEES</u>				
Lori M. Weider	1	21	7	29
Vicky Dawson		1		1
George Chudolij		1		1
William McCue		1		1
Cliff Wood	3	5		8
Charles Gray		1		1
Laurie Belanger			4	4
Janice Gurney			1	1
Paul Lubin			1	1
Susan Richard			1	1
K. Grace	1			1

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/5/04

	<u>PRECINCT I</u>	<u>PRECINCT II</u>	<u>PRECINCT III</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
♦ <u>WRITE INS</u>				
** <u>FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 yr unexpired)</u>				
Paul Deneault	1	5		6
Lucille Rosa		1		1
James Stern		1		1
Dan Rezendes	1	1		2
Mark Sorel		1		1
Steve Dooney		1		1
Ray Chace		1		1
Sandra Carreiro		1		1
Lisa Carlson		1		1
Michael Connell			2	2
Swede Magnet			2	2
Mark Pacheco			1	1
Rhonda Gurney			1	1
---Theriault			1	1
Chris Holt			1	1
Charles Larivive			1	1
Mike Motta	1		3	4
Richard Daley			1	1
Moore	1			1
Jean Fox	1			1
Ruth Gagne	3			3
Patrick Matthews	1			1
Robert Alderson	1			1

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectman
Freetown, Massachusetts

The fiscal year 2003-2004 Financial Statements appear in the UMASS method as recommended by the Bureau of Accounts.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dooney
Town Accountant

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2004**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY	CAPITAL	ACCOUNT	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND TYPES TRUST AND AGENCY		PROJECTS	GROUP LONG TERM DEBT
ASSETS AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS						
CASH	1,520,685	1,657,270	1,029,337			4,207,292
PETTY CASH						
RECEIVABLES, NET OF UNCOLLECTABLE ACCOUNTS						
PROPERTY TAX 2005	5,531,628					5,531,628
PROPERTY TAX	544,894					544,894
TITLE V		2,021				2,021
EXCISES	246,669					246,669
WATER LIENS		3,731				3,731
TAX LIENS	413,851					413,851
TAX FORECLOSURES	68,339					68,339
TAXES IN LITIGATION						
ROLL-BACK TAXES						
IN-LIEU OF TAXES						
DEPARTMENTAL	111,517					111,517
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		81,783				81,783
DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		142,516				142,516
DUE FROM TRUST AGENCY PROJECT AUTHORIZED						
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR:						
NOTES PAYABLE						
BONDS PAYABLE					9,650,000	
TOTAL ASSETS:	8,437,583	1,887,321	1,029,337	0	9,650,000	11,354,241
LIABILITIES						
WARRANTS PAYABLE	296,920	24,942	12,084			333,946
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	315,115					315,115
ACCRUED PAYROLL PAYABLE	67,231					67,231
WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	20,918					20,918
OTHER LIABILITIES			261,861			261,861
DEFERRED REVENUE:						
PROPERTY TAXES 2005	5,531,628					5,531,628
PROPERTY TAXES	48,842					48,842
TITLE V		2,021				2,021
OTHER RECEIVABLES	840,376	146,247				986,623
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		81,783				81,783
PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	281,132					281,132
DUE TO GENERAL FUND PROJ. AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETE						
NOTES PAYABLE		392,000				392,000
BONDS PAYABLE					9,650,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,402,162	646,993	273,945	0	9,650,000	8,323,100

FUND EQUITY						
RESERVED FUND BALANCE						
ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR YEAR	440,837	32,692				473,529
ENDOWMENTS			317,438			317,438
PETTY CASH						
TOTAL RESERVED FUND BALANCE	440,837	32,692	317,438	0	0	790,967
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE						
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	711,963	1,198,448	437,954			2,348,365
DESIGNATED FOR:						
CAPITAL PROJECTS						0
EXPENDITURES		9,188				9,188
OVER/UNDER ASSESSMENTS						0
PROPERTY TAX VARIANCE	(1,063)					(1,063)
SPEC PURP EDUC CARRY OVER						
APPROPRIATION DEFICITS	(90,133)					(90,133)
OVER/UNDER ABATEMENTS	(26,183)					(26,183)
COURT JUDGEMENTS						
TEACHER PAY DEFERRAL						
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	594,584	1,207,636	437,954	0	0	2,240,174
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,035,421	1,240,328	755,392	0	0	3,031,141
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	8,437,583	1,887,321	1,029,337	0	9,650,000	11,354,241

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2004**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FIDUCIARY	CAPITAL	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS		
REVENUES:					
PROPERTY TAXES	10,404,372				10,404,372
EXCISE-MOTOR VEHICLE	1,149,785				1,149,785
TAX LIENS REDEEMED	62,569				62,569
SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE	31,983				
TITLE V		11,251			11,251
OTHER EXCISE	5,261				5,261
OTHER TAXES					
IN LIEU OF TAXES	12,323				12,323
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	125,272	1,807			127,079
WATER CHARGES- SERVICES		329,186			329,186
OTHER CHARGES- SERVICES	187,574				187,574
DEPARTMENTAL	439,211	933,208			1,372,419
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		84,228			84,228
LICENSE/PERMITS	190,815				190,815
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FED		108,393			108,393
INTERGOVERNMENTAL- STATE	1,886,393	488,836			2,375,229
FINES & FORFEITS	72,270				72,270
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	38,176	1,372	4,316		43,864
CONTIB/REFUNDS/ DONATIONS			13,834		13,834
MISCELLANEOUS	12,061				12,061
TOTAL REVENUES	14,618,065	1,958,281	18,150		16,594,496
EXPENDITURES					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	710,474	27,960			738,434
PUBLIC SAFETY	1,989,528	42,193	400		2,032,121
EDUCATION	9,003,306	373,414	375	107,875	9,484,970
PUBLIC WORKS	775,196	238,258	22,095		1,035,549
WATER		414,750			414,750
HUMAN SERVICES	100,454	9,622			110,076
CULTURE & RECREATION	82,472	58,592	15,805		156,869
DEBT SERVICES	408,698	6,253			414,951
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	182,144	444			182,588
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,279,417				1,279,417
RETIREMENT	357,204				357,204
INSURANCE	182,328				182,328
COURT JUDGMENTS					
MISC			3,300		3,300
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,071,221	1,171,486	41,975	107,875	16,392,557
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(453,156)	786,795	(23,825)	(107,875)	201,939

OTHER FINANCING USES:					
TRANSFER IN	516,038		182,601	9,662,600	10,361,239
TRANSFER OUT	(188,933)	(10,188)	(505,850)		(704,971)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES					
	327,105	(10,188)	(323,249)	9,662,600	9,656,268
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	(126,051)	776,607	(347,074)	9,554,725	9,858,207
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2003	1,161,472	463,721	785,028	(9,554,725)	(7,144,504)
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2004	1,035,421	1,240,328	437,954	0	2,713,703

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2004**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	
REVENUES:			
PROPERTY TAXES	10,269,546	10,498,924	229,378
EXCISE TAXES	1,138,000	1,149,785	11,785
OTHER EXCISE	5,000	5,261	261
PEN & INT CHARGES	80,000	125,272	45,272
IN LIEU OF TAXES	40,000	12,323	(27,677)
OTHER TAXES	0	0	0
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	180,000	187,574	7,574
LICENSE & PERMITS	300,000	190,815	(109,185)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	1,871,574	1,886,393	14,819
FINES & FORFEITS	66,000	72,270	6,270
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	45,000	38,176	(6,824)
DEPARTMENTAL	431,000	439,211	8,211
MISCELLANEOUS	0	12,061	12,061
DONATIONS/CONTRIB/REFUND	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	14,426,120	14,618,065	191,945
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	807,720	711,121	96,599
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,006,347	1,989,674	16,673
EDUCATION	9,050,576	9,008,636	41,940
PUBLIC WORKS	745,974	775,196	(29,222)
HUMAN SERVICES	104,016	100,454	3,562
CULTURE & RECREATION	98,255	82,472	15,783
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	175,088	182,144	(7,056)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,266,267	1,279,417	(13,150)
RETIREMENT	357,204	357,204	0
INSURANCE	182,329	182,329	0
DEBT SERVICE	779,761	408,698	371,063
COURT JUDGMENTS	0	0	0
OTHER (UNCLASSIFIED)	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,573,537	15,077,345	496,192
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,147,417)	(459,280)	688,137
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS	960,526	960,526	
TRANSFERS IN (OUT)	327,105	327,105	
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	(13,200)	(13,200)	
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT	(127,014)	(127,014)	
ASSESSMENT DEFICIT	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	1,147,417	1,147,417	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		688,137	688,137

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FY 2004**

SCHOOL FUNDS:

CAFETERIA	(982.65)
CHAPTER 1	1,547.26
REAP GRANT	(5,892.46)
IMPROV EDUCATOR	2,284.73
PALMS	0.00
EMERGENCY EDUCATION	0.00
INSURANCE RECOVERY	534.95
LOST BOOKS	838.80
PRE SCHOOL	6,531.50
ENERGY IMPROVEMENT	0.00
BOILER GRANT	0.00
CLASS SIZE REDUCTION	0.00
SAFE/FREE DRUG GRANT	425.26
ACADEMIC ENTITLE	0.00
REMEDATION ASSISTANT	0.00
SCH INNOVATIVE PROGRAM	12.34
FED ENHANCE TECH	(98.16)
POTHOLE GRANT	0.00
CIRCUIT BREAKER	18,646.00
SCHOOL DONATION	1,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS	<hr/> 24,847.57

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

SEPTIC GRANT	95,281.84
HIGHWAY FUNDS	(19,752.01)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WETLANDS	12,754.48
POLICE INS RECOVERY	8,805.18
TELEPHONE ALARM	3,569.91
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	29,997.00
LANDFILL FUND (RES FOR APPROP)	129,660.79
RD MACHINERY FUND	332.60
POLICE PHOTO ID FUND	3,323.00
STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS (POL LAW ENFORCE)	27.53
RECYCLING FUND	1,549.73
HIGHWAY INSURANCE	5,301.44
WATER REVOLVING	225,518.63
WATER ABS LINE	(106,392.83)
WATER WATER ST LINE	(115,996.22)
ANTIRECESSION FUND	0.00
ELDER AFFAIRS	607.32
RIVERWAYS GRANT	246.39
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	2,102.37
CENSUS REIMB GRANT	0.00
AID TO LIBRARIES	9,300.33
BICYCLE FUND	391.85
CABLEVISION FUND	10.00
DRUG EDUCATION REFORM	2,434.61
COUNCIL ON AGING DONATIONS	4,998.80
PLANNING ENGINEERING FEES	29,069.30
APPEALS ENGINEERING FEES	15.39
LIBRARY DONATIONS	4,928.91

ELECTIONS GRANT	0.00
DARE 8 POLICE GRANT	0.00
POLICE UNIVERSAL HIRE	29,280.85
POLICE COMMUNITY GRANT	16,828.28
FIRE SAFE GRANT	20.99
CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS	37,216.80
MTPC ENERGY GRANT	0.00
COMPOST BINS	1,354.20
POLICE EQUIP GRANT	13,525.00
POL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2,204.50
BOAT REVOLVING FUND	550.94
HURRICANE GRANT	0.00
DOG OFFICER DONATION	0.00
POLICE LOCAL BLOCK GRANT	0.00
LIBRARY PLAN & ENG	15,000.00
WATERLINE GRANT	0.00
SHORELIN WALKWAY	2,886.96
FIRE ASSIST GRANT	0.00
TREE WARDEN DONATION	1,070.00
BROWNFIELD ASSISTANCE GRANT	0.00
FIRE EMERG OPER PLANNING	0.00
HISTORICAL DONATION	320.40
STOP & SHOP DONATION	150,000.00
FIRE HOME SECURITY GRANT	7,283.51
POLICE HOME SECURITY GRANT	22,584.69
SALE REAL ESTATE	587,266.88
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>1,215,480.34</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	1,240,327.91

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDABLE AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS
FY 2004**

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:

J. WHITE THERRIAN	16,136.83
WHITE MEMORIAL	1,076.20
C. CLARK MEMORIAL	2,751.42
MORGAN MEMORIAL	660.27
R.PARKER MEMORIAL	285.61
KENDRICK MEMORIAL	78.19
I.B. PLOUFFE	121.78
ANNIE S. HUNT	2,530.16
WARREN CUDWORTH	3,967.37
GAGER	1,358.58
A.A. PAINE	982.97
BETSEY HATHAWAY	3,718.40
GEORGE HATHAWAY	27,901.31
H.DOUGLAS DANA	1,155.00
M. MARVIN FLETCHER	1,554.23
C. ISABEL HATHAWAY	1,030.45
J.L. LAWTON KIRKER	67.03
ASSONET CEMETERY	4,017.97
CHACE CEMETERY	5,700.60
ROUNSEVELLE CEMETERY	9,333.28
MORTON CEMETERY	2,901.61
WHITE CEMETERY	170.22
EVANS CEMETERY	21,304.38
CLARK SCHOLARSHIP	199.77
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	<u>109,003.63</u>

OTHER TRUST FUNDS:

CONSERVATION	83,031.64
STABILIZATION	150,305.26
SYMP & HOSP	1,238.60
POST WAR REHAB	423.49
FIRE CALL DISAB.	10,502.54
UNFUNDED PENSION	51,567.49
PARADE & FIREWORKS	7,393.02
TOWN HALL BLDG	1,759.35
FED. FORFEITURE	4,155.71
POLICE RESERVE DISAB	681.02
SCHOLAR & EDUCATION	15,397.97
ELDERLY & DISABLED	2,494.65
TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	<u>328,950.74</u>

TOTAL EXPENDABLE AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS 437,954.37

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF AGENCY FUNDS—FY 2004**

UNCLAIMED ITEMS	\$17,123.52
PLANNING DEPOSITS	\$276,387.99
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE DEPOSITS	\$5,000.00
OTHER LIABILITY POLICE OFF-DUTY	(\$36,650.71)
 TOTAL AGENCY	 <hr/> \$261,860.80

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
ASSONET, MA 02702
STATEMENT OF LOCAL RECEIPTS**

	<u>ESTIMATED FISCAL 2004</u>	<u>ACTUAL FISCAL 2004</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,138,000	1,149,785
BOAT TAXES	5,000	5,261
PENALTY & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISES	80,000	125,272
IN LIEU OF TAXES	40,000	12,323
OTHER TAXES (ROLL BACK)	0	0
CHARGES		
TRASH DISPOSAL	180,000	187,574
OTHER CHARGES – SERVICES	0	0
FEES	430,000	432,729
DEPT OF REVENUE – SCHOOLS	0	0
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	1,000	6,481
LICENSES & PERMITS	300,000	190,815
FINES & FORFEITURES	66,000	72,270
INVESTMENTS	45,000	38,176
PRIOR YR REFUNDS/DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS		
MISCELLANEOUS (SPECIFY) non-recurring	0	<u>12,061</u>
Bank Misc Charges	1,547	
Prem Sale of Bond	1,139	
Insurance Reimb	8,197	
Misc Rev Adjust	1,178	
	<u>12,061</u>	
TOTALS	<u>2,285,000</u>	<u>2,232,747</u>

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Police Department for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

The department was successful in obtaining state and federal grant monies. These monies included:

Community Policing	\$ 12,000.00
COPS in Schools	\$ 125,000.00
Dept. of Justice	\$ 3,000.00
Child Safety Seat Belt	\$ 1,000.00
Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 25,000.00
Total:	\$ 163,495.00

These grant monies allowed the department to train and equip new auxiliary officers, continue to lease a 2004 Harley Davidson motorcycle for traffic enforcement, replace aging handguns, transition to new high quality firearms, and issue every officer new ballistic protection.

The department continued its safety initiatives. Patrolman Scott Rose was successful in acquiring 50 bicycle helmets for distribution to children. Patrolman Rose and Sergeant Charles Sullivan were busy educating and assisting parents in the proper installation of infant and child car seats. Both officers are certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians. As part of the Kid Care program, officers were available to fingerprint children at various town events. The Officer Phil program, supported by local businesses, continued to educate our elementary school children about neighborhood safety.

Continued participation in the Project Child Safe program allowed for the distribution of gun locks and safety literature to town residents. This year the department became the recipient of a 10,000 lock grant and was successful in distributing these to departments in Bristol and Plymouth counties.

Patrolman Swede Magnett successfully completed a series of training courses involving accident investigation and analysis. He has been assigned as the department's accident reconstruction officer.

The department was selected as one of the first sites in the state to incorporate new computer information systems. The first allows driver's photographs to be displayed together with driver license information. The second allows for real time submission of firearm license applications and applicant photos.

The department's web page, town.freetown.ma.us/ps/police, provides residents with a source of information on such topics as crime prevention, firearm licensing, records, identity theft, annoying phone calls, and traffic safety. Funding for this initiative was made possible through grants.

The department continued to operate with two vacant positions during the fiscal year.

Police resources continue to be allocated to alarms. During the fiscal year, police responded to 699 false alarms. In an effort to reduce the number of false alarms, the department began enforcing the false alarm by-law.

The department issued the following Firearm Licenses:

Class A (License to Carry)	182
Class B (License to Carry).....	0
Class C (Firearm ID Card).....	35
Class D (Restricted Firearm ID Card).....	4
Class E: (Restricted Mace)	1
Total	222

Police department receipts turned into the general fund include:

Firearm Licenses.....	\$ 5,775.00
Traffic Detail Administrative Fees.....	\$ 25,014.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 72,270.00
Parking Tickets	\$ 725.00
Total	\$103,784.00

The department addressed 10,222 calls during the fiscal year.

The following is a summary of incidents for FY 03-04:

OFFENSES REPORTED

Kidnapping	2
Rape	4
Forcible Fondling	6
Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	38
Simple Assault	63
Intimidation	34
Arson	4
Burglary	45
Shoplifting	1
Theft from Building	26
Theft from Motor Vehicle	17
All other Larceny	121
Motor Vehicle Theft	31
Counterfeiting/Forgery	12
False Pretenses	2
Stolen Property Offenses	6
Vandalism	99
Drug Violations	21
Statutory Rape	2
Weapons Violations	3
Bad Checks	13
Disorderly Conduct	18
Driving Under the Influence	24
Liquor Law Violations	7
Trespassing	17
Town By-Law Offenses	414
All Other Offenses	1931
TOTAL	1,225

CASE ACTIVITY

Total Felonies	159
Total Arrests (On View)	129
Total Arrests (Warrants)	71
Total Summons Arrests	188
Total Arrests	388
Total Protective Custody	20
Total Juvenile Arrests	16
Total Restraining Orders	41

MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS2,746

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Respectfully submitted,

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

FREETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the annual report of Freetown Fire & Rescue for the fiscal year of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

All full-time firefighters have been busy with smoke detector inspections for homes that have been sold. Firefighters performed 162 in-service inspections during the fiscal year. Firefighters are also responsible for station cleaning and maintenance, and vehicle maintenance.

The two call fire stations are still in need of major maintenance. The 1983 Pumper in Assonet desperately needs to be replaced.

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

We received two County Homeland Security Grants, a Public Safety Homeland Security Grant and a large (\$102,870.00) Federal Fire Act Grant.

The County Grants were used to purchase a new defibrillator for our back-up ambulance and some radio equipment. The Public Safety Grant was used for our new radio system. The Federal Fire Act Grant was used to replace our self-contained breathing apparatus.

The total amount of these grants was \$131,879.00. A thank you to Linda, the Administrative Assistant, for her help with our grants.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 1,455 calls for help during the fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	612	Station Coverage	09
Medical Transfers	46	Investigations	60
Medical Mutual Aid	51	Public Assistance	42
Structural Fires	38	Fire Alarms	118
Brush Fires	20	Illegal Burning	13
Mutual Aid Fires	10	Motor Vehicle Accidents	249
Motor Vehicle Fires	44	Water Rescues	05
Carbon Monoxide Calls	11	Details	31
Electrical Emergencies	36	Miscellaneous	<u>60</u>
		Total Responses	1455

Fire Department receipts deposited with Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees	\$245,665.72
Permits & Reports	<u>\$10,400.00</u>
Total	\$256,065.72

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Haskins, Fire Chief

FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE

FULL-TIME PERSONNEL

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

Appointed by the Fire Chief:

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

Florence J. Cabral, Senior Clerk

FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE - CALL PERSONNEL

James Berg, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	Keith Mello, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P
Jeffrey Brum, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Michael Moreira, Call Firefighter
Gary Carrier, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	David Pothier, Call Firefighter
Clarence Dearden, Call Captain/E.M.T.-B	Vernon Roberts, Call Captain
Paul DeMelo, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Raymond Schmidt, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Antonio Fratalia, Call Firefighter	Kevin Smith, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
David Haskins, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I	Steven Smith, Call Firefighter
Brent L'Heureux, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-I	Edward Sylvia, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Matthew Lafleur, Call Firefighter	Lincoln Thibeault, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Allen Lamere, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B	Edward Thomas, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B
Shawn Lopes, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-P	Kevin Whittey, Call Firefighter/E.M.T.-B

**REPORT OF THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Emergency Management Agency for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

The Freetown Emergency Management Agency processed a few Snow Emergencies and we updated the Town Emergency Plan.

If this agency can assist any citizen, please feel free to contact me either in my office at 508-763-4828 or through our Communications Center at 508-763-4018.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne A. Haskins
Freetown Emergency Management Agency

Emergency Management Agency

Members

Wayne A. Haskins, Director
Timothy M. Ashley, Deputy Director
Paul Ashley
Patricia Oliveira

Auxiliary Police

Sgt. Timothy M. Ashley
Shane Kelley

Radio Operators

Michael P. Pillarella
Paul G. Sadeck

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Building Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Permits	Number Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Homes	54	\$ 23,042.00
Additions	30	\$ 2,470.00
Commercial Buildings	26	\$ 7,318.00
Garages	33	\$ 2,809.00
Sheds	31	\$ 828.00
Decks	88	\$ 2,480.00
Remodeling	26	\$ 1,650.00
Above-Ground Pools	25	\$ 750.00
Inground Pools	9	\$ 315.00
Fireplaces	36	\$ 1,260.00
Chimneys	65	\$ 1,625.00
Wood Stoves	14	\$ 350.00
Occupancy Permits	127	\$ 3,175.00
Foundations	5	\$ 125.00
Demolition Permits	3	\$ 75.00
Miscellaneous	44	\$ 1,464.00
Demolition Permits	3	\$ 75.00
Roofing/Siding	33	\$ 660.00
Home Occupation	10	\$ 300.00
Certificates of Inspection	32	\$ 1,280.00
Zoning Permits	4	\$ 80.00
Gas Permits	118	\$ 4,505.00
Plumbing Permits	140	\$ 11,990.00
Wiring Permits	239	\$ 63,245.00
Waived Permits	6	
Total	1201	\$ 131,871.00

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Bourgeois
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the Report of the Animal Inspector, including the number of inspections performed, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

Dairy Heifers:	34	Steer/Oxen:	3
Beef:	16	Goats:	18
Sheep:	28	Swine:	144
Horses:	106	Ponies:	20
Public Stables:	4	Llamas:	0
Chickens:	220	Waterfowl:	45
Gamebirds:	45	Rabbits:	40
Dog Bites & Others:	16	“Beefalo”:	3
Wild Animal Calls:	13	Donkeys:	1
Guinea Hens:	12		

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Cambra
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Highway Department for Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

Using Chapter 90 Funds, the Assonet Bay Shores project was completed. The following roads were asphalted: Baker Street, Berkley Avenue, Buena Vista Avenue, California Avenue, Central Avenue, Cliff Drive, Gull Lane, Hollywood Avenue, Lark Lane, Nevada Avenue, and Washington Street. The backfilling of all roads was then completed. The following roads were shimmed with asphalt and prepared to be chip-sealed: Friend Street, Elm Street, Memorial Drive, parts of South Main Street, and Braley Road. The following were completed by June 30, 2004: Friend Street, Elm Street, and South Main Street. Drainage was installed on South Main Street.

The old roller shed on Richmond Road was demolished and removed.

All routine tasks such as snowplowing, sanding, sweeping roads, mowing of parks, roadsides, ballfields, and the transfer station, replacing signs, painting signs, and the general maintenance of the Town and its equipment were completed.

The Highway Department would like to acknowledge Stephen Cornell for his years of service, as he retired in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber, Foreman
Highway Department

Highway Department Employees, 2003-2004:

Joseph F. Simmons, Jr., Highway Surveyor
Henry L. Jussaume, Equipment Operator
Edward P. Walsh, Truck Driver
William J. Simmons, Mechanic
Stephen Cornell, Truck Driver
Charles J. Macomber, Truck Driver
Andrew J. Simmons, Assistant Mechanic

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Water Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

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

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

Forty-nine new customers were added this year. Lines were extended into Water Street and into Pleasant Street. Moneys collected for this Fiscal Year amounted to \$229,662.99. Coler & Colantonio Engineers have been hired to design a pump station to improve the Braley Road line.

Bacteriological Analysis was conducted monthly. The DEP now requires testing of Trihalomethanes, Haloacetic Acids and Chlorine Residuals, so these tests have also been done as required. Backflows were tested in the Fall of 2003 and the Spring of 2004. Our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available in the office.

In May we received a Letter of Recognition from the Department of Environmental Protection for compliance with their drinking water regulations. Also, Recognition for ten years membership in Northeast Rural Water Association.

The Water Commissioners are grateful for the services provided by Ronald Beauregard, our Meter Reader/Repair Person, Jerry Reese our former Meter Reader/Repair Person, and Carol Bonito our Senior Clerk this past fiscal year. Also Donald Dickinson for his assistance to our department in reading meters.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Ward
Chairman

Howard E. Wilbur Jr.

Gregory J. Tavares

Robert A. Ward, Chairman	2007
Howard E. Wilbur Jr.	2005
Gregory J. Tavares	2006

Carol Bonito, Senior Clerk

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Cemetery Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

This year, we opened a new area, Section 31, on the north side of the Assonet Burying Grounds, at the side of Route 24. As the population grows older, we experience a need for more cemetery lots. This year, we sold an increasingly larger number of lots than in past years. Money from the sale of lots goes to the Town of Freetown. Perpetual care money is placed into a separate fund for grass mowing and general upkeep.

With interest rates so low, we anticipate a rise in the cost of perpetual care for each lot.

Individuals should feel free to contact Cemetery Committee members when grave lots are wanted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. Gurney, Jr., Chairman
Harris H. Chace
Elton E. Ashley III

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal year of July 2003 through June 2004 has been exciting and busy. Some new programs offered this year were Bridge Training, Seated Massage, Brown Bag, Mexican Train Dominoes, and a Pool table. Other programs offered are Referral service, Blood pressure, Blood sugar screening, Fuel assistance applications, Prescription Advantage, Flu clinics, Podiatry clinic, Exercise classes, Computer classes, Pot luck and movie, Bingo, Writing class, Card games, Line dancing, Walking club, Day trips, Overnight Trips, Meals on Wheels program, Are you OK? Program, Food Stamp Applications, Income Tax Preparation, Intergenerational Programs, Legal Referrals, Legislative hours, Medical Equipment Loans, Pool Table, Transportation, SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders) SERVE and Volunteer Opportunities.

Seminars offered were Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Benefits, AARP Driving, Medicare, New York Life Insurance, Hear Better Now, Protecting Your Nest Egg.

Grants were written for individual seniors to fix their homes. Through the USDA Rural Development a qualified senior can receive up to \$7,500.00 (seven thousand five hundred dollars) to fix their home for health and safety. This grant does not have to be paid back as long as the senior remains in their home for 3 (three) years after. Some examples are deck repair, doors, furnaces, railings, steps, new well, roof work, new windows.

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

A Cultural Grant was written for a presentation of Humor Talks and Workshops. It was held at the Freetown Veterans' of War Post 6643. Some functions are held at the VFW (free of charge) because the Senior Center cannot accommodate the approximately 100 seniors in attendance. Riccardi's catered the gathering.

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

Free luncheons held, Senior Sweetheart Luncheon given by Charles Young, May Breakfast and Turkey dinner given by the Lakeville Eagles, Christmas Luncheon by our Legislative Representatives, Literary Luncheon held at the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School.

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

Gordon Helme-Chairman	2004
Robert McCarthy-Vice Chairman	2004
Janice Gurney-Secretary	2005
Clarence Dearden	2005
Leocadia Pittsley	2005
Grace Manchester	2004
Dolores I. Soucy	2004
Ellsworth Kershaw	2007
Joyce Cocks	2007
Charles Gray	2007

Staff:

Barbara A. Place	COA Director
Rosemary Haley	Senior Clerk
Carlton E. Abbott, Sr.	Van Driver
Walter Gregory	Van Driver
Roberta Ouellette	Van Driver (alternate)
Sven Kristofferson	Van Driver (alternate)
Thelma Jason	Senior Aide

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Place
Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Historical Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003:

In order to protect our buildings and landmarks of historical value, the Historical Commission, working with the Planning Board and Christopher Skelly of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, researched and wrote a Demolition Delay By-Law that was presented at the Annual Town Meeting and approved by citizens of the town. This by-law established a procedure to prevent the demolition of any building or landmark of at least 100 years to obtain the approval from the Historical Commission which would determine its historical value, and if necessary, stop the demolition until a positive solution hopefully could be found. This was a cooperative effort involving the Historical Commission, Building Commissioner, and the Planning Board over a 9-month period.

Mary E.R. Brown attended meetings and made known our concerns about the proposed Chapter 40B, "The Purchase," in a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She was successful in protecting the cemetery boundaries with a fence and leaving the trees along the boundaries.

A bridge restoration proposal was received. The services of a structural engineer will also be required. Contact was made with the Louis Berger Group, Inc. of Needham. A proposal was received. Joseph F. Simmons, Jr., Highway Surveyor, has offered his support and use of equipment. There have been many telephone calls and contacts made to restore the Gurney Road Stone Arch Culvert; the lack of funds continues to be the problem. A letter of application for a grant from the Grimshaw-Gudewicz Foundation was sent in August, but was not acknowledged.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission offered matching grants through the State Preservation Act. Miriam Gurney and Beverly Dickinson attended the workshop in Sandwich in April. We were unable at that time to obtain the matching grant money for the Gurney Road Stone Arch Culvert and/or the Village Schoolhouse. We proposed a fund-raising including bridge and school buttons offered at the Strawberry Festival for a \$5.00 donation.

For the occasion, Suzanne Ellinwood volunteered her photography services, creating a 3-fold standup collage of descriptive slogans and pictures of the Village Schoolhouse and the Gurney Road Stone Arch Culvert as they were originally, and as they are now. She also designed fold-up flyers in color depicting the same motif, to be given as handouts. The Commission greatly appreciates her special talents. The collage can be seen in the Town Hall outside the Town Clerk's Office.

In the spring, before the Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen proposed to sell the Village Schoolhouse. The Commission opposed that suggestion and was given time to find another solution. In June, the Commission visited the Little Compton Town Hall in Rhode Island. They have uniquely attached a veterans' building to the existing Town Hall building. The situation is much the same as our Schoolhouse and Town Hall. We were graciously received and shown original plans. Many pictures were taken.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. Any changes are posted in the Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly L. Dickinson
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Freetown Cultural Council for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

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

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

During this funding cycle, the following grants were awarded:

Freetown Council on Aging:	\$ 250.00
Middle School – Food Play	690.00
Taunton City Band, Inc.	900.00
Karen Chace	2,000.00
John Porcino	340.00

TOTAL: \$ 4,180.00

The Freetown Cultural Council is currently comprised of thirteen volunteer members, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Quarterly meetings are posted and held, as well as meetings to designate grant funding. The Cultural Council also co-sponsors the Annual Strawberry Festival, a fun-filled Freetown event, and organizes the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Bandstand on South Main Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Remedis
Chairman

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the report of the Library Department for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Library Trustees: Incumbent Elaine Dandrea won re-election to the Board of Library Trustees. Board Member Lori Weider was also elected this year. Irene Ashley was re-elected as Chair of the Board and Elaine Dandrea was re-elected as Vice-chair. Lucille Rosa continued as Chair of the Library Planning Committee. Other members of the Board were Cheryl Field (Secretary) and Karen Rezendes. We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our Library Trustees who are responsible for library policy, overseeing library management, goal-setting, and library advocacy. Board members have never received monetary compensation or health benefits for their service to the Town. They have volunteered their time and talents to insure that our libraries remain certified and that Freetown residents' access to our libraries and other state libraries is preserved.

Impact of fiscal hardship on library services: During this year the libraries faced the most serious financial difficulties to date. Cuts of 5% at the local level and 23% at the state level forced us to reduce staff hours, hours open, and the number of children's programs offered. Fortunately donations helped us to restore some of the programs but we still offered 41% fewer programs in FY04 than in the previous year. We were also forced to reduce homework support hours.

All programs at the library this year were funded through donations. We are very grateful to the many people (residents of both Freetown and Lakeville) who made donations to the library during this difficult year.

Summer Reading Program: Once again Laurie Belanger provided a summer full of fun stories and activities for the preschool aged and elementary school aged participants in the Summer Reading Program. Peg Riley presented a program for Middle Schoolers and helped with advertising and soliciting donations for the program as a whole. Althea Brady, who serves both as Senior Librarian and Children's Librarian coordinated and oversaw the summer activities. We are grateful to the many businesses and individuals who donated reading prizes and for the support of the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System.

Beechwoods Lecture: In August we were very fortunate to host a lecture, slide show, and book signing by Kenneth Leonard on his book entitled The Beechwoods Confederacy: 1709-1809. The lecture on the colonial history of the area drew people from as far away as Rhode Island and Vermont and prompted very interesting questions and discussion. In addition to his generous offer to lecture, Mr. Leonard offered his book for sale at the library with all profits going directly to the library. He also donated two copies of the book to the libraries. We are very grateful to Ken and to his spouse Linda Grubb who helped with research for the book, coordinated the sale of the books for the library, and who also has been an active member of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors.

School Year Programs: Peg Riley once again provided story hours for children from birth to age 5 accompanied by adults. These programs involve stories, music, and hands-on activities, all of which are important to developing social and cognitive skills. Peg worked hard to keep the programs interesting and fun for both children and adults.

September is library card sign-up month and we were delighted when Freetown Elementary School librarian Mrs. Maria Sylvain invited us to participate in a library card sign-up event during the school's Open House. Staff members Peg Riley and Althea Brady provided information about the library, handed out bookmarks and were happy to welcome 59 new patrons during this event.

For our November Library Open House, renowned story-teller Karen Chace volunteered her considerable talents and presented a truly magical participatory story-telling experience for the children in attendance.

In April, approximately 100 people were treated to an evening of fun and fundraising when the Toe Jam Puppet Band performed a concert to benefit our upcoming summer reading program. We are very grateful to Tom Poitras and the other members of the band who volunteered their time for this cause. Without their generosity and the generosity of those who purchased tickets for this event it is very likely that our summer program would have been greatly reduced or nonexistent.

Outreach Program: The library has continued its Outreach Program providing delivery of books to those who cannot easily come to the library due to circumstances such as illness or injury. The program is made possible through the work of volunteers Elaine Dandrea, Peg Riley, and Vicki Dawson.

Network membership: The Town has continued its valued relationship with the SAILS Library Network. Library Director Vicki Dawson was elected to the SAILS Board this year and served on the network Planning Committee. The SAILS Library Network provides access to the collections of over 60 local libraries and (through participation in the Virtual Catalog Project) access to the collections of public and academic libraries across the state. The online feature IBistro provides access to catalogs, databases, indexed web sites, and book reviews. Freetown patrons are able to order books, movies, CDs, and more from other libraries to be delivered to their home library and are able to check their accounts and renew books online with this service. Access to IBistro is provided through our website at www.sailsinc.org/freetown. We are grateful to Executive Director Deborah Conrad and the rest of the SAILS staff for their crucial role in maintaining quality library services. Our affiliation with SAILS allows us to bring big library services to our small town facilities.

In Appreciation: Although space does not allow us to individually name all of the people who have contributed to the library this year, we would like you all to know how much we appreciate your efforts. In addition to the people already mentioned in this report, we would like to acknowledge the contribution of Brownie Troop 248 who not only donated money to buy children's books but were active participants in the selection of those books which have been greatly enjoyed by many of our young readers. We would also like to acknowledge the support of the James White Memorial Library Trustees. Because the White Library is owned by a trust and not by the Town, this board is responsible for overseeing building-related matters. As in the case of the Board of Library Trustees, they serve without compensation and we are very appreciative of their efforts on behalf of the library. The Friends of the Freetown Libraries under the leadership of President Rosa Neto Lopes, helped with book sales, open house, and fund-raisers including the benefit concert. Their help and support is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank Louise Dearden and Mary Ouimet, Senior Tax Rebate Program Volunteers, for their much-needed and much-appreciated assistance during the year.

Last but never least, we are also grateful to the library staff, the contributions of whom cannot be given justice in a report of this length. Some of Peg Riley's work has been acknowledged above. She also provided homework assistance and many other services at the library. As mentioned above, Aithea Brady as Children's Librarian has responsibility for the summer program. She is also Senior Librarian and can be relied upon by staff and patrons alike for her reference skills and impressive knowledge of books. Cheryl Belliveau was responsible for the cataloging and barcoding of all library materials. Her good nature and conscientious service to patrons is very much appreciated. All staff members have helped to establish the library as a welcoming and helpful place. They have worked tirelessly for the Town under circumstances that seem to increasingly require that they accomplish more and more work in less and less time. They have done so with grace and skill.

Fees collected: The Library Department submitted a total of \$ 604.03 to the general fund of which \$416.95 was for printer and copier fees, \$ 1.00 was a diskette fee, \$ 1.00 was a FAX fee, and \$ 185.08 was for lost books.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Dawson
Library Director

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board reviewed 16 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in an additional 29 single family house lots. The Planning Board collected \$2,900.00 in Form A filing fees. The Board also reviewed 5 Form C subdivision plans thereby collecting \$15,068.00 in filing fees, \$6,107.50 in technical review fees and \$2,788.70 in advertising review fees. The Planning Board collected cash surety in the amount of \$90,600.00 to ensure the completion of subdivisions.

The Planning Board members are Chairman Joel Plissey, Robert Martin, Keven Desmarais, Christopher Cabral and Robert Raymond. Roger Martin is the Planning Board Alternate, and Laurie Carvalho is the secretary to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Plissey,
Chairman

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, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

The responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Board are to oversee gravel operations and other such activities in the town. During the fiscal year, the Board took action on seven Fall renewal permits. One was voted to be closed, and six permits were renewed. Eleven Spring permits were issued, including one new permit and ten renewals. The Board collected \$7,970.82 in application and tipping fees this fiscal year.

The Soil Conservation Board customarily meets in May and October, also when new applications or requested meetings make it necessary. The Board members are Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman, John S. Ashley, John Laronda, Jr., Robert G. Martin, and Keven V. Desmarais. Senior Clerk is Karen J. Robitaille.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence N. Ashley
Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Freetown:

The Freetown Conservation Commission is composed of seven volunteers, appointed members serving to protect the wetland areas within the Town. The Commission reviews, and if appropriate, approves plans for any work that is contemplated either in or within one hundred feet of wetlands. The Board also oversees implementation of the Rivers Protection Act. Both approval processes are to ensure that all work conducted in or near a wetland resource area will not have a detrimental effect on the wetlands. Wetlands serve to provide storm and flood protection, pollution control, and most importantly, a habitat for various species of plants and animals. With the increased understanding of how wetlands interact with the water table combined with the reliance on well water for drinking in Freetown, it is extremely important that citizens feel free to contact the Commission when they feel that a project may be endangering wetlands.

The Commission has a small amount of acreage deeded to it in the form of gifts to the Town. The ownership by the Commission ensures that the property is available for all to enjoy while simultaneously protecting any wetlands that may be on it. During the upcoming year, the Conservation Commission will work to create regulations provided for under the Town of Freetown Wetlands Protection By-Law.

The Conservation Commission collected Notice of Intent filing fees in the amount of \$6,145.70 and advertising reimbursements in the amount of \$3,706.95. From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, the Commission acted upon the following:

REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION	38
NOTICES OF INTENT	40
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE	7

Meetings are held bi-monthly at the Town of Freetown Town Hall or at specially advertised meetings to accommodate the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio M. Carreiro
Chairman

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Following is the report of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

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

The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

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

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

During this fiscal year the Zoning Board of Appeals has granted four special permits and ten variances. The Zoning Board of Appeals collected \$3,780.00 in filing fees.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Guinen
Chairman

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I have the honor to report that we have served the following Veterans' of the Town by administering Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115 benefits, filing claims for benefits against the US Department of Veterans Affairs, and assisting town Veterans' with filing out forms and providing information on benefits. According to the records kept by the Freetown COA we have seen 39 veterans and/or their spouses since June of 2004. That report breaks down as follows:

Chapter 115 benefits:	3 Veterans
Chapter 115 (medical only):	0
Chapter 115 (burial):	0
Filed VA Claims for Service Connected Compensation:	9 Veterans
Assisted with forms:	28 Veterans/Spouses.

This office has decorated the four monuments with appropriate wreaths for Veterans Day on November 11th, 2003. Those monuments are: (a) Elementary School (WWII), (b) Monument across from Town Hall (WWI), (c) Monument at the 4 corners on Chase Rd (private), and (d) Monument at the VFW on Middleboro Rd. On the Saturday prior to Memorial Day we decorated the graves of Veterans in Town with the assistance of the VFW Post 6643. Their assistance is always most appreciated and we look to their continued assistance this year. The Freetown Memorial Park is a priority item for the coming year with the arrival of the helicopter and the work that this will entail. It's a work in progress. A dedication of the park will take place later in 2005.

More than 600 flags for Veterans' graves were purchased with corresponding grave markers being replaced as needed. Unfortunately, no gardenias were purchased because of budget cuts again this year. We simply did not have the \$800 that this would require. The addition of the Mother's Brook Cemetery, which is owned by the Town of Freetown will not have any significant impact on the number of flags or markers required. There are 7 graves of Freetown Veterans in that cemetery across the Fall River line from the early days of this town.

Town Clerk still provides this office year long with information on the death of town Veterans. The Veterans' Agent holds office hours at the Senior Center on every Wednesday from 2PM to 4PM and is available by appointment. This "alliance" with the Council on Aging has still been a beneficial relationship in terms of servicing the elderly Veterans of Freetown. We report an increased number of Veterans seen this year over last year. This has been both an exciting and rewarding job. As always, it is my privilege to serve those Veterans and their families in the Town of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Levesque
Veterans' Agent/Director

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tree Warden for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

There was one blizzard during the fiscal year that affected the town trees. Many small trees and large trees with broken tops were removed. Generally, many dead and damaged were removed. The Tree Warden was called out fifteen times for limb cleanup. Routine trimming by the Town and N-Star has kept power outages to a minimum.

We celebrated Arbor Day in May by planting one tree at the Central Park Complex with first-grade students from Freetown Elementary School. We also distributed five hundred spruce seedlings.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary C. Loranger
Tree Warden

SCHOOL REPORTS
School Committees and Administration

Freetown School Committee

Robert Clark.....2005
Judith Magalhaes.....2007
Patrick Matthews.....2007
Lisa Pacheco2005
Sandra Souza (Karen Greenberg resigned Jan.04).....2006
(Committee was changed to five members in March 2004)

*(Meetings – Second Wednesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., May, July
Joint Meeting with Lakeville and Freetown-Lakeville Regional School
Committees Third Wednesday of Oct., Dec., Feb., Apr., June)*

Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

Freetown Members

David Brown 2004
Robert Clark - 1 yr. Appointment
Jean Fox 2006

Lakeville Members

Thomas Cirignano 2005
Cynthia Benard 2005
Philip Oliveira - 1 yr. Appointment

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

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DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Vincent P. McKay, Ph.D.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Paul B. Kitchen

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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James Hunt, Principal

Sandra Young, Principal

**FREETOWN AND LAKEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

William P. Conners, Ed.D.
Annual Town Report 2004

The last twelve months have been full of a myriad of activities: Completion of the George R. Austin Intermediate School building renovations; Lakeville's fourth graders and the Region's fifth graders reported, ready to learn and excited with their "new" school, in September 2004.

Successor contracts were negotiated with the Educators Association of Freetown and Lakeville for our teachers, paraprofessionals, computer technicians and secretaries.

A student exchange program with France was established through P.C.C. (Project Contemporary Competitiveness).

The Cable TV Studio at Apponequet Regional High School came on line, staffed by students.

The traditional pre-Thanksgiving Bonfire was reinstated, bolstering school spirit.

Ongoing curriculum modifications have been implemented to improve student performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).

Competitive and entitlement grants brought in more than \$200,000.00 to supplement local resources for educational needs throughout the district. The first Superintendent's Challenge Fund grants were awarded.

Food purchasing has been centralized among the three districts as a cost-savings device.

A Foundation Reserve Award of \$135,000.00 was secured for the Freetown Public Schools on January 20, 2004.

A new principal and a new assistant principal were hired to serve Apponequet Regional High School. Other new staff members were hired for teaching, support staff, custodial, and transportation positions, bringing new vitality to our district.

I was able to continue an active involvement in the life of our student body and the community, including attending the spring musical performance at Apponequet, "Fiddler on the Roof," the Saturday orientation program for parents of entering Kindergarten students at Assawompset Elementary School, various athletic events, Senator Menard's visit to Freetown, etc.

We hosted the Education Quality and Accountability team from Boston for a three-day on-site audit of our districts' compliance with the Education Reform Act of 1993.

In my role as Chairman of the Technology Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, I presided over a two-day conference held at Harvard University in October 2004.

It is my privilege to serve as the leader of this vital school district. We have a hard-working, dedicated staff. Our children are getting the tools they need to be successful when they leave us. We sincerely thank all the community members who support us in a variety of ways. We recognize that this is a team effort and promise to always do the best we can for the children entrusted to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. Conners, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2003-2004

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools, Freetown Elementary School has been the site of much activity during the 2003-2004 school year. The Playground Committee has been quite successful in generating money and a proposal that they hope to implement at the close of school in 2005.

Staff has been involved with curriculum review and staff development training. During the past year, curriculum leaders, under the direction of the principal and the Director of Instructional Services, have been working to update and further align our curriculum with the State Curriculum Frameworks. The curriculum leaders have conducted a series of staff development sessions with the F.E.S. staff to keep everyone apprised and current. This is an ongoing process that will be continued during the current school year. The Principal's Advisory Council, composed of members representing the entire staff has also played an integral role in the process. This past year the staff completed a Special Progress Report as requested by the NEAS&C. The report was the result of recommendations made in the final report received in May 2001. This special two year Special Progress Report was submitted in April 2004.

Teachers have been attending conferences and workshops on developmentally appropriate education. This past year, due to the Health Grant, PALMS (math and science) Grant, the D.D. Eisenhower Grant, Title VI, Rural School Grant and money provided by the school department as mandated by Educational Reform 1993, staff members were encouraged to attend at least two conferences that would enhance their teaching proficiency. We had several staff members attend either Math Their Way or AIMS (math and science) workshops during the summer of 2003 and 2004. In addition, two staff members attended a one-week summer conference at the University of Connecticut on enrichment. The entire staff has completed the Talents Unlimited training, an enrichment program for all students. The staff continued to participate in the staff development collaborative SEESA (Southeast Educational Supervisory Association). This collaborative provided a number of workshops and conferences for our staff during the school year and summer recess periods.

This has been the fifteenth year that Freetown Elementary School has implemented an integrated model for our special needs students. Those students eligible for resource assistance receive the instruction in the classroom. During the past year, as has been the case since Freetown Elementary School adopted an integrated special needs model, several local school systems have been to Freetown Elementary School to review our program.

Our fourth grade students were able to again journey to Nature's Classroom at Prindle Pond Conference Center in Charlton, MA. A total of 92 students made the journey the last week of March. This represented 91% of the fourth grade students. The students who participated in this outdoor experience found the week beneficial and returned to school with a renewed enthusiasm for learning.

This past year, our Nature Trail that was constructed by staff members on school grounds at the rear of the building several years ago, has continued to be maintained by our staff. Due to a special fund drive, several benches have been added to the trail. This has enabled our staff and specifically our science lab technician to engage our students with hands on science experiences.

Our new Scantek – Science Lab has continued to be a big success with the staff and students this past year. The lab has eight modules that are grouped into four key areas: “Living with Life Science”, “Living with Physical Science”, “Living with Earth Science”, and “Living with Scientific Reasoning.” Students in grades two through four are currently using the lab on a weekly basis. Each module contains eight forty minute assignments plus two pre and two post tests. Our students really look forward to their weekly science lab session as they have an opportunity to explore their world through manipulation of objects and materials they find in their environment and also use one of our lap top computers to access the programs. Mrs. Azar is our science lab technician and she assists the students and staff with the programs. This past year, we continued to serve as a demonstration site for our Scantek - Science Lab.

Another aspect of our curriculum is the development of our cultural arts programs. The P.T.O. has been instrumental in providing funds for these programs. Our students saw presentations from Pat Mendoza and his whaling stories, Birds of Prey, Barn Babies, David Zucker, and Joe Wos-Once Upon a Toon – Simple Machines, Leland Faulkner who presented a program on folk tales through origami. In addition, our P.T.O. helped defray the cost of the following trips: Whaling Museum, Lloyd Center, Zeiterion Theatre, Museum of Science, Plimoth Plantation, Trolley Tour of Boston, and Roger Williams Park Zoo. The P.T.O. also sponsored two Book Fairs, “Reading Makes Me Smile” Reading Incentive Program, Boo-Hoo Yahoo Breakfast for the incoming new parents, and a spaghetti dinner family night with entertainment. These are but a few of the activities supported by our P.T.O.

Officer Rose, from the Freetown Police Department, has continued to come to the Freetown Elementary School and teach safety lessons to our students. Topics include School Bus Safety, Seat Belt and Winter Safety, Drugs and Alcohol, Personal Safety, Crime Prevention and Bicycle Safety. These programs are extremely beneficial to our students. In addition, Cliff Cardin from the Freetown Fire Department presented a series of programs to our students focusing on fire prevention. In early March, our third grade also participated in our third annual Reading Sleepover. The Reading Sleepover is part of the school’s literacy initiative.

Our Title I budget was \$65,834. This was a decrease from the previous year of over \$7,000. There were 70 students in the Title I Reading Program for the 2003-2004 school year. However, some students were moved into the Special Education program during the course of the year. There were other students that participated due to incidental inclusion since the majority of instruction was given in the classrooms. Students appear to have done well this year and have made significant gains. The breakdown of students and their progress is detailed below. The Standard Diagnostic Reading Test was given both pre and post for grades two (Red versions 1.5-2.5) and three (Green versions 2.5-3.5). First grade was given the reading test that came with our new basal reading series.

Twenty-four first graders were involved in the Soar To Success Program by Houghton Mifflin. Their average NCE gain was 11.7. The majority of the first graders made significant gains with some scoring grade equivalent.

Eleven second graders were involved in the program. Their instruction was given in the classroom on the lessons they were doing. This resulted in average NCE gains of 6.9 and average GE of 1.4. There was success for most of the students. Two students entered in the middle of the year and were not involved in the pre testing. However, they were involved in the post testing. The part-time reading paraprofessional serviced 22 fourth graders in the classroom. No pre or post tests were done on these students as they were selected based on the third grade MCAS scores or teacher referral.

There were thirteen third graders in the program. Every third grade student made progress with an average gain of 1.4. The average NCE gain was 4.6. Eight students were instructed in their classroom on the material that was being taught that day. Occasionally students were involved in a pull out program to help with the reading of social studies and/or science.

Again, as in past years, our Holiday and Spring Concerts, under the direction of Mrs. Correia were outstanding. The music curriculum has adopted the ORFF-SCHUKLWERK experimental approach. Music, movement, song, speech, and instrument playing are integrated in the music classes. The Physical Education Program, under the direction of Mr. Dias, focuses on skill development, related non-competitive games and movement experiences at the primary level. In our third and fourth grade program, we teach the basic fundamentals that lead toward team sports; e.g., soccer, basketball, and volleyball. Ms. Maccaferri, our second year art teacher, has enhanced our skill based Art Program by introducing an art appreciation program to encourage children in creating visual art and to aid in developing their sensory perception and awareness. We were also able to present our annual Art Festival in late May. Every student at Freetown Elementary had a piece of their original art on display. For the second year the third and fourth grade students were able to join our Storytelling Club. This activity is coordinated by Mrs. Karen Chace, a professional storyteller. A "Storytelling Festival" was held in early June.

Our last week of school saw the students involved in our eighth annual Spirit Week. Activities for the week included having the students dress as their favorite sports team, Western Day, Beach Day, Circus Day, Pal Day and the final day of school with an outside picnic.

The Volunteers at Freetown Elementary (V.A.F.E.) completed their thirteenth successful year. Twenty-six teachers and the school nurse used over 120 parent volunteers during the past school year. Mrs. Christine Poitras, a parent volunteer, coordinates the V.A.F.E. Program.

In looking at the daily operation of our school, there are many things that happen that are taken for granted, such as the cleanliness of our school, provided by our custodians, the individual health needs of our students, provided by our school nurse, the many answers to questions, provided by our school secretaries, and the cooperation of our parents.

In conclusion, the success of our school is due to our hard working staff and the cooperation that we have received from the community at large, the elected officials, and especially the Superintendent and the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Noack
Principal

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

*“Each day is an opportunity to start all over again . . . to cleanse our minds and hearts anew,
and to clarify our vision...”*

Anonymous

With the opening of the new George R. Austin Intermediate School, we initially focused our energy and time on a variety of tasks inherent in the reconfiguration of Grades 4 -8. Our master schedule included accommodations for special subject instruction for 380 fourth and fifth graders at the Austin School and 787 sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School. The good news included the fact that we were able to schedule our entire special subject teachers on the Middle School time schedule while accommodating the fourth grade 9:00 A.M. arrival and 3:00 P.M. dismissal.

We coordinated efforts with Mr. Heywood and Laidlaw Transportation in the design and implementation of a tiered Intermediate/Middle School Grade 5-8 bus schedule. The design included four busses arriving at the Middle School at approximately 7:35 A.M. after dropping off fifth graders at the Intermediate School. The early arrival facilitated the transportation needs of Lakeville’s fourth graders scheduled for drop-off at the Intermediate School at 9:00 A.M.

In The Skillful Teacher, Jon Saphier and Robert Gower note the importance of “Space-Matching Instruction - Ownership and Privacy”. They state, “. . .the way things are arranged in space (including the space itself) makes a difference in how people function”. While we miss the collegiality of our fifth grade colleagues, we have enjoyed the opportunity to recapture space that was designed to support true Middle School team configurations and specialized instruction and services. I am pleased we have been able to assign every teacher an appropriate, dedicated classroom including world languages, health education, family consumer science, and special education. Additionally, we have recaptured the TV production room allowing us to move forward with a TV Production Standing Committee that will generate new opportunities for staff, students, and parents. Our Art Department has enjoyed their adjacent office/planning center, formerly used for student support services. Our innovative computer construction classes now have dedicated space in the construction lab, formerly a fifth grade classroom. Our speech teacher and her students now work in a space designed for small group instruction leaving behind the constraints of the former office/closet space assigned in previous years. Ms. Dooley-Zamaitis and all staff welcome the opportunity to utilize the Projects Room in our media center, formerly occupied by a fifth grade class. Physical education teachers find the dedicated health education classroom adjacent to the gym, formerly a fifth grade classroom, a wonderful resource right in the midst of their own team area. We even found a dedicated small storage area that supports the needs of our outstanding PTO and Eighth Grade Dance Committee.

Recruiting and hiring competitive, progressive, and highly professional staff remained one of our most important responsibilities over the course of the summer. I am pleased to announce the following new staff joined us on September 1st:

Dennis Almeida	Physical Education
Meredith Beaton-Rubini	Nurse
Scott Connell	Paraprofessional
Nancy Harrison	Paraprofessional
Greg Johnson	Music
Elizabeth Rayner	Special Education 7
Martianne Sullivan	English 7

Curriculum coordination and leadership remains at the heart of our mission. The reinstatement of Program Leaders has been a welcome resource for all staff in the year. I am pleased to confirm the following appointments for the 2004-2005 School Year:

Nancy Annichiarico	Language Arts
Jeff Beauchamp	Social Studies
Joe Capone	Science
Deb Cole	Mathematics
Michelle Silvia	World Languages

Our Ferry Beach Ecology School Grade 8 Adventure Trek continued to generate increasing interest among students and parents. Over 125 eighth graders enrolled in the two-night, three-day trek scheduled on November 8 -10.

Ms. Bartolo, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Jaye completed intense summer Rediker training related to the implementation of new computer programs. Prior to that, all administrative secretaries completed detailed training for developing an entirely new data interface related to approximately 140 fields including transferring and updating student demographics from Win School to Rediker. We believe these technology updates pay off in a more effective and efficient system.

“Kites rise against not with the wind”
Winston Churchill

I am pleased to confirm the initial moisture/mold challenges we faced during the first few months of the school year have been corrected with all rooms 100% currently on-line. During the stringent air quality remediation efforts, staff and students demonstrated a spirit of collaboration and positive expectation that enabled all to move forward with the business of education.

As Thomas Edison stated, “There’s always a better way.” I remain confident that with the positive energy and resources of the Freetown-Lakeville Community our Middle School will continue to grow and flourish. The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students of Freetown and Lakeville represent one of the most positive, refreshing, energized, and sensitive groups of students I have had the privilege to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hunt, Principal

**APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004**

Sandra J. Young, Principal

On Sunday, June 6, 2004, the Class of 2004, consisting of 182 students, received their diplomas on a rain soaked day that forced graduation into the gymnasium. Steven Douillette, Class President, along with Courtney Petrouski, Valedictorian, and Talia Sepersky, Salutatorian led the class. Thirty-five students were members of the National Honor Society. Sean Hallinan was a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist.

The Awards Ceremony was held the previous Tuesday, June 1, with the Senior Banquet on Thursday, June 3, 2004. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations that donated over \$81,500 in local scholarship money for our Seniors. Yearbooks were distributed, and a class video was presented, during the Senior Banquet.

Sadly, our school community lost Mr. Lloyd Dudley, English Department Chair, who passed away during the school year. Members of our staff who joined the ranks of honored retirees included Gordon Goodfellow, Ronald Hennings, Sandra Smusz, Bruce Stark, and Principal Sandra Young.

The Music Program continues to impress. The Apponequet Choir performed in four school concerts, including Apponapalooza in October. The choir also performed off campus at the Taught Lights On Choral Extravaganza on the eve of the big December snowstorm, the Middleboro Thanksgiving Concert, The Assonet Christmas in the Village, the Fall River Rotary Club Christmas party, and at one of the Brockton Rox baseball games. Performing in Symphony Hall as members of the Massachusetts All State Chorus were Shawn Bolduc, James O'Leary and Meghan Madore. The three select choral groups (the Sandpipers and Tribesmen, Femmes and Har-Men-Ized) each earned a gold medal at the great East Music Festival in Springfield.

In the first year of our DECA program, Steve Douillette traveled to Lexington, Kentucky and won a first place at the national level.

In athletics, 580 students participated in the 30 programs offered at Apponequet. Our first year cooperative ice hockey team with Bishop Connolly had ten players from Apponequet. Eleven teams competed in MIAA Tournaments, with the boys' tennis team making it to the South Sectional Semi-Final Round. Other tournament teams were boys' and girls' swimming, boys' soccer, girls' tennis, boys' basketball, field hockey, winter and spring track, volleyball and golf. In football, Dennis Bancroft and Bryan Blair were chosen to play in the very prestigious "Shriners All-Star Game." Lindsay Woodward won a state championship in swimming.

What great memories the Seniors will take with them!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary P. Lincoln

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