

TOWN OF FREETOWN

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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



FREETOWN'S NEWLY-UPDATED ELM STREET BRIDGE

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010

Special thanks to Fire Chief, Gary Silvia for providing
the town with the photo that is on the cover.

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DEDICATIONS



Roy Howland Macomber
November 17, 1924 – April 12, 2010

Born in 1924, Roy Macomber lived his entire life in Assonet. He married his wife Helen in 1951, and built a home on Howland Road, where they raised four children.

During World War II, he volunteered at the Narrows Road Observation Post keeping watch for enemy planes.

In 1942, Mr. Macomber joined the Freetown Fire Department as a hoseman, and quickly moved up the ranks. He was named Chief in 1957, and oversaw the creation of the town's first Communications Center in 1966. Chief Macomber retired in 1975 after 33 years with the department. The fire station on Elm Street in Assonet is named in his honor.

Aside from being Fire Chief, many people in town knew Roy as the owner of Macomber Brothers Oil. He ran the business for 50 years before retiring in 1987. He was also a member and former president of the Freetown Lions Club, and the Bristol County Fire Chief's Association.

Roy was also an active member of The Freetown Historical Society. His favorite exhibit was the Narragansett fire truck, which he helped restore. Roy also helped build the Wilson Saw Mill on the museum's property.

For many decades, he served on the United Church of Assonet's board of trustees. In 1994, he paid for the restoration and electrification of the church's clock tower in memory of his brother, Rufus.

Known for his sense of humor, Roy often touted himself as the founder and president of the Freetown Temperance Society.

Mr. Macomber will long be remembered for his many years of dedicated, reliable, loyal, and fun loving service to the Town of Freetown.



Lynwood Hathaway French
September 27, 1915 – February 28, 2010

Lynwood French lived nearly his entire life in Assonet, coming here in 1917 from Steep Brook in Fall River. In 1940, he married his wife of seventy years, Virginia (Ginny). Beginning just prior to World War II, and lasting for the remainder of his life, “Lynny” took many paths in serving the community.

He was a member of the Fire Department and the former Board of Fire Engineers from 1938 to 1950. He volunteered as Scoutmaster in Assonet from 1939 to 1941, having been a Boy Scout himself in the troop run by the Rev. Clarence Gifford. With the Scouts, he helped the town secure the land for the park at Assonet Four Corners where the bandstand was soon built. During the war, he and Ginny volunteered at the Observation Post on Narrows Road, and he also served on the Ration Board. Later, he served on the Board of Assessors from 1964 to 1973 and on the Historical Commission and Bicentennial Committee from 1973 to 1979. He was also a member of the Lions Club, and a trustee of the United Church of Assonet.

Perhaps the best known of Lynny’s many accomplishments and contributions to our community is the Freetown Historical Society, of which he was a founder and for more than thirty years the president. He had an uncanny ability to secure donations, both tangible and financial, that helped grow the society from a small basket of memorabilia in the late 1960s to over eleven acres of buildings and grounds by 2010. His passion for the town’s history will likely never be matched, and for many there is no surprise as to why.

Lynny’s incomparable memory continued to astound those who knew him right up until his passing. Growing up and living his life in town, he seemed to make a mental note of every person, every noteworthy event, even the items we may think of as mundane as they’re happening. He kept each of those notes in a sort of organized, cross-referenced card catalogue in his mind, recalled and recapitulated with ease. These memories allowed him to captivate audiences young and old alike, recounting a Freetown that many of us today find difficult to even imagine.

With Lynwood French passed the firsthand accounts of people and places of times long past, though because of him the memories will live on. We honor him whenever we take the time to learn a new piece of information about the history of Freetown and the surrounding cities and towns, and we are fortunate for having known and learned from him while he was with us.

TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

Annual Town Election
Held on the first Monday in April.

Polls Open: 12:00 Noon to 8:00 P.M.
For State Elections: Polls Open: 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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

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

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

MEETINGS: BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS

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

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

BOARD:

Board of Selectmen
Board of Health
Personnel Board
Police Commission

Board of Assessors

Cemetery Committee

Conservation Commission

Council on Aging

MEETING INFORMATION:

Every other Monday – 6:00 P.M. at
Freetown Elementary School – Activities' Room
43 Bullock Road
East Freetown, MA.

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

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

Second and fourth Monday of each month at
7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall.

Meeting dates and times posted;
Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Finance Committee	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Freetown School Committee	Second Wednesday of each month, September – June at Freetown Elementary School, 43 Bullock Road.
Freetown-Lakeville Regional June, at 7:30 School Committee Howland	Third Wednesday of each month, September - P.M. at Apponequet Regional High School, 100 Road, Lakeville, MA.
Historical Commission	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.
Library Trustees	Second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at James White Memorial Library, Planning Board, First and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Freetown Town Hall.
Soil Conservation Board	Meeting dates and times posted. Meetings held when necessary. Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Water Commission	Meeting dates and times posted. Meetings held when necessary. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. As needed. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held on the First Monday in June – 7:30 P.M.
Apponequet Regional High School
100 Howland Road
Lakeville, Massachusetts

TOWN HALL - HOURS OF OFFICE OPERATION

Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Personnel Board, Police Commission:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Board of Assessors: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.

First Monday of each month: 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Building Commissioner/Board of Health Agent:

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Tax Collector: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

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

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Town Clerk: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

First Monday of each month: 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Treasurer: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

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

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

TRANSFER STATION – HOURS OF OPERATION

55 Howland Road

Assonet, Massachusetts

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

Resident Stickers available at the Sanitary Landfill.

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

227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

The Council on Aging Multi-Purpose Senior Center is closed on holidays.

If School is closed due to inclement weather, the Council on Aging van will not operate.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

Monday: 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Friday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Saturday: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon;

James White Memorial Library – 508-763-5344

5 Washburn Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The Libraries are closed on holidays.

OTHER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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

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

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

*When school is in session.

OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FREETOWN

(EO) – Denotes Elected Official or Committee.

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

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

TERM EXPIRES

(EO) **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Jean C. Fox	2013
Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman	2011
Lisa A. Pacheco	2012

(AE) Elsie A. Soares, Administrative Assistant, appointed
Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant, retired January 21, 2010

(EO) **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman	2012
Jean C. Fox	2013
Lawrence N. Ashley	2011

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

(AE) Elsie A. Soares, Administrative Assistant, appointed
Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant, retired January 21, 2010

(EO) **PERSONNEL BOARD**

Jean C. Fox, Chairman	2013
Lisa A. Pacheco	2012
Lawrence N. Ashley	2011

(AO) Elsie A. Soares, Administrative Assistant, appointed
Linda H. Lynn Remedis, Administrative Assistant, retired January 21, 2010

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

John F. Healey, Interim Town Administrator

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENTS BUILDING COMMISSIONER

(AE) Elsie A. Soares, Senior Clerk, transferred to Board of Selectman
Alexandra H. Golz, Senior Clerk, appointed

(AE) Keven V. Desmarais, transferred to Water Department

(AE) Mark Audette, Maintenance/Custodian, appointed

(AE) Joseph M. Biszko, Alternate Building Inspector

(AO) **INSPECTORS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING**

Marcus H. Ashley III
Christopher J. Cabral

(AO) **INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING**

William J. Alphonse, Jr.
Thomas M. Barlow, Assistant

(AO) **INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING**

William J. Alphonse, Jr.

(AO) **BOAT RAMP ATTENDANTS**

Richard Saunders

Wayne Saunders

HEALTH AGENT

Paul R. Bourgeois

(AE)

Joseph Lee, Assistant Health Agent
Elsie A. Soares, Senior Clerk – transferred to Board of Selectman
Alexandra H. Golz, Senior Clerk, appointed

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER

(AE)

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

(AO)

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Christopher J. Lebo, M.D.

(AO)

VETERANS' AGENT & DIRECTOR, GRAVES' OFFICER

Richard J. Levesque

(AO)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

(AE)

Suzanne M. Moquin
Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk

(EO)

MODERATOR

Bruce W. Wilbur

2012

(EO)

TOWN CLERK

Jacqueline A. Brown

Elected Tenure

Diane L. Souza, Assistant Town Clerk

Burial Agent

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

Census Liaison

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

(AO)

Board of Registrars

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

March, 2012
March, 2011
March, 2013

(AO)

Election Workers

Election Workers - Terms expire: August 15, 2010.

Republican:

Kenneth Bock, Election Worker/Inspector
Lauren J. Collins, Election Worker/Inspector
Paul Denault, Election Worker/Inspector
Gwendolyn Fernandes, Election Worker/Inspector
Miriam S. Gurney, Election Worker/Warden - Precinct III
Jennifer Kitchen, Election Worker/Clerk - Precinct II
Judy A. Reese, Election Worker/Inspector
Roger Martin, Election Worker/Inspector

Democrat:

Althea H. Brady, Election Worker/Inspector
Amy L. Copeland, Election Worker/Inspector
Nancy Graca, Election Worker/Inspector
Constance J. Hogan, Election Worker/Inspector
Myrna C. Lubin, Election Worker/Clerk, - Precinct III
Paul C. Lubin, Election Worker/Warden, - Precinct II
Michael T. McCue, Election Worker/Inspector
James M. Rego, Election Worker/Inspector
Grace Rose, Election Worker/Clerk - Precinct I
Elizabeth Youngblood, Election Worker/Inspector
Nancy Roberts, Election Worker/Inspector

Unenrolled:

J. Carol Angus, Election Worker/Inspector
Elizabeth D. Ashley, Election Worker/Inspector
Judith Gurney, Election Worker/Inspector
Joy Grunwald, Election Worker/Inspector
Graciete M. Medeiros, Election Worker/Inspector
Florence Petkoff, Election Worker/Inspector

(EO)

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Sheila Scaduto, Chairman
Michael J. Motta
Suzanne R. Ashley

2011
2013
2012

(AE)

Karen M. Mello, Assistant Assessor
Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(EO)

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Stephen G. Curran

2010

(AE)

Christina R. Jussaume, Assistant Tax Collector

(AO)

Taxation Aid Committee

Anita L. Howland
Barbara A. Place

Odelia Thomas
Richard L. Field

Paul G. Sadeck

(EO)

TREASURER

Anita L. Howland

2012

(AE)

Marian Payant, Senior Clerk

Health Insurance Advisory Committee

Anita L. Howland
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.
Paul Sadeck
Joann Lord
Betsey Carter

Brenda Christiansen
Laurie Carvalho
Neal Lafleur
Charles Sullivan
Paula A. Money

(EO)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

William J. Lombardi, Chairman
Robert H. Alderson
Paul L. Deneault
Bradford Paiva
Kathleen Ann Paiva

2013
2011
2011
2012
2012

(EO)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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

2012
2012
2013
2011
2013
2011

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, Library Director

Library Personnel

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

Cheryl M. Belliveau, Library Technician

(AO)

Library Planning Committee

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

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

(EO)

FREETOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
Alexandre Magalhaes	2011
Robert W. Clark	2012
Robert Nogueira	2012
William Sinkiewicz	2013

(EO)

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sandra L. Souza	2012
Robert W. Clark	2013
Alexandre Magalhaes*	2011

*Appointed one year to Regional Committee from Town Committee.

(EO)

PLANNING BOARD

Robert N. Raymond, Chairman	2014
Michael J. Motta	2013
Keven V. Desmarais	2012
Marc J. Tisdell	2011
Mark W. Rogers	2015

(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Planning/Land Use Administrator

(EO)

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Charles J. Macomber	2012
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(AE)

Highway Department Employees

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

(EO)

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Michael T. McCue, Chairman	2011
Keven V. Desmarais	2013
Adrianne Levesque	2012

(EO)

TREE WARDEN

Maurice W. DeMoranville	2012
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(AO) **MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER**

Ralph E. Gurney, Jr.	2010
Paul S. Darling	2010

(AO) **MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

Maurice W. DeMoranville	2010
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(EO) **WATER COMMISSION**

John J. Walsh, Chairman	2012
Robert W. Kelliher	2011
Michael P. Pillarella	2013

(AE) Helen Medeiros, Senior Clerk, resigned 10/09
Karen J. Robitaille, part-time Senior Clerk
Keven V. Desmarais, Data Acquisition/Infrastructure Maintenance, appointed 3/22/10

(AO) **HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH WARDEN**

Mark A. Jose	2010
Paul R. Bourgeois, Assistant	2010

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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

(AO) **PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Marianno Rezendes, Jr.	2010
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(AO) **ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Joseph H. Cambra resigned April 2010	2010
David Frates, Assistant	2010

(AO) **DOG OFFICER**

David Frates – (Part-time)	2010
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POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Ex Officio)

Jean C. Fox	2013
Lawrence N. Ashley	2011
Lisa A. Pacheco	2012

POLICE DEPARTMENT

All Full-Time and Reserve Police Officers are appointed by the Board of Selectmen serving as the Police Commissioners, (Ex-Officio.) The terms of police officers listed are July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

POLICE PERSONNEL

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

Steven E. Abbott, Sergeant
Elton E. Ashley, III Sergeant
Thomas E. Ashley, Jr. Auxiliary
Donald B. Bullock, Patrolman
Mark B. Bullock, Patrolman
Craig J. Cabral, Reserve
Chad S. Carvalho, Patrolman
Brenda J. Christiansen, Lock-Up Attendant
Michael J. Connell, Jr. Patrolman
Paul M. DeMelo, Reserve
Bethiah R. Dwyer, Reserve
Edward J. Dwyer, Sergeant
Mark Fornaciari, Patrolman
Robert C. Fouquette, Reserve, Resigned 08/10/09
Constable, Appointed 08/10/09
Kevin M. Garell, Reserve
Shane V. Kelley, Patrolman
Michael C. Lecuyer, Constable
Patrick R. Lee, Auxiliary
Benjamin A. Levesque, Patrolman
Jeremy A. Lockwood, Reserve
John G. Lopes, Reserve
Swede M. Magnett, Sergeant
Christopher M. Medeiros, Auxiliary
Edward A. Mello, Constable
Anthony M. Pereira, Reserve
Ryan W. Pereira, Patrolman
Felicia A. Porowski, Lock-Up Attendant
Jacob R. Raposo, Reserve
Scott M. Rose, Sergeant
Paul G. Sadeck, Reserve
Walter J. Sawicki, Constable
Joshua J. Simmons, Auxiliary
Charles B. Sullivan, Jr. Lieutenant
Jon M. Taylor, Patrolman
Marc A. Vachon, Reserve
Brandon R. Wixon, Reserve

CONSTABLES

For service of Town processes, only:

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

Other Constables:

Edward A. Mello
Walter J. Sawicki

Michael C. Lecuyer

For Civil Processes, only:

Richard C. Raposa
Kenneth W. Upham

James E. Sadeck

(AE)

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

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

Full-Time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Brenda J. Christiansen, Supervisor

Debra J. Souza

Richard J. Levesque

Felicia A. Porawski, resigned 3/29/10

Margaret A. Beaulieu, appointed full-time 4/26/10

Part-time Police/Fire Signal Operators

Susan M. Jose

Daniel J. Stewart

Jacob R. Raposo

Cheryl A. Rau

Bethiah R. Dwyer

Patrick R. Lee, appointed 2/22/10

Felicia A. Porawski, appointed 3/29/10

Lock-Up Attendants

Brenda J. Christiansen

Felicia A. Porawski

FREETOWN FIRE & RESCUE

Full-Time Personnel

Gary Silvia, Fire Chief/Paramedic

Appointed by the Fire Chief:

Clifford A. Cardin, Deputy Fire Chief/Paramedic

Wesley S. Vaughan, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Harrie E. Ashley, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Neal J. Lafleur, Firefighter/Paramedic

Paul S. Ashley, Firefighter/E.M.T.-I

Keith Mello, Firefighter/Paramedic

Mark Brogan, Firefighter/Paramedic

Nicholas Lecuyer, Firefighter/Paramedic

Deborah Allerdt, Senior Clerk

Fire & Rescue - Call Personnel

Shawn Lopes, Firefighter/Paramedic
Kurt Biszko, Firefighter/Paramedic
Jeffrey Brum, Firefighter/Paramedic
Eric Reynolds, Firefighter/E.M.T.
Gregory Calbo, Firefighter/Paramedic
Gary Carrier, Firefighter/E.M.T.
Robert Ferreira, Firefighter/E.M.T.
Michael Fournier, Firefighter/Paramedic
Thomas Gauthier, Firefighter/E.M.T.
James Guilmette, F.F.O.P.
David Haskins, Firefighter/E.M.T.-I
Brent L'Heureux, Firefighter/E.M.T.-I

Christopher Higgins, F.F.O.P.
Stephen Medeiros, Firefighter/Paramedic
Ryan Page, F.F.O.P.
Eric Reynolds Jr., F.F.O.P.
Vernon Roberts, Captain
Joseph Sargo, F.F.O.P.
Raymond Schmidt, Firefighter/E.M.T.
Ryan Silvia, Firefighter/E.M.T.
Raymond Sinotte, F.F.O.P.
Kevin Smith, Firefighter
Edward Sylvia, Firefighter/E.M.T.
Kevin Whitley, Firefighter/E.M.T.

(AO)

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Barbara A. Place

(AO)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

(AO)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Wesley S. Vaughan, Jr., Director

Paul S. Ashley
Elizabeth R. Dennehy

Jacqueline A. Brown
Linda H. Lynn Remedis

Emergency Management Radio Operators:

Paul G. Sadeck

Michael P. Pillarella

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Paul R. Bourgeois, Chairman
Joseph H. Lee
Barbara A. Place
Jacqueline A. Brown

Lisa A. Pacheco
Linda A. Cass
Gary Silvia
Robert L. Frizelle
John L. McCarthy

Lawrence N. Ashley
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire
Linda H. Remedis
Charles J. Macomber

(AO)

CABLE COMMITTEE
Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

Lawrence N. Ashley
Alexander A. Stylos

(AO)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

(AE)

Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(AO)

COUNCIL ON AGING

Charles Gray, Chairman	2013
Leocadia V. Pittsley	2011
Joyce Cocke	2013
Marilyn Tripp	2013
Janice Gurney	2011
Robert Martel	2011
Amy L. Copeland	2013

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

(AE)

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

Council on Aging Van Drivers

Judith Reese

Clarence R. Dearden

(AO)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

John W. Remedis – 12/2011	Elizabeth D. Ashley – 11/2011
Elizabeth R. Dennehy, Chairman – 2/2011	Keven V. Desmarais – 11/2011
Sharon L. Hadley – 11/2011	Jeannine Ludovicz – 11/2011
Nancy VanNostrand – 9/2011	Joanne Thomas – 4/2011

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Terms Expires: June 30, 2010

Jean C. Fox
Lawrence N. Ashley
James Rezendes
Derek Gracia

Lisa A. Pacheco
Bruce W. Wilbur
Elwood Hutchens, Jr.

ELM STREET BRIDGE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

Lawrence N. Ashley
Lisa A. Pacheco
James Rezendes
Joseph Medeiros

Jean C. Fox
Charles J. Macomber
Mary E.R. Brown
Paul L. Deneault

FREETOWN'S 325TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

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

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

(AO)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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

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OPEN SPACE USE COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

Mary E.R. Brown
Thomas Manley

(AO)

PARADE/FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

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

(AO)

PARKS COMMISSION

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

Gary J. Blair, Chairman
Glenn Cowley

Paul R. Bourgeois

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

Michael T. McCue, Chairman
Sharon L. Hadley

Jean C. Fox
Robert L. Adams

Stephen J. Furtado
Mark S. Logan, Sr.

(AO)

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

Lisa A. Pacheco
Maria V. Ternullo

(AE)

Karen J. Robitaille, Senior Clerk

(AO)

SOLID WASTE STUDY COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

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

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

(AO)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Gary Guinen, Chairman
Kim Pina, resigned 7/6/09
Daniel A. Loranger
James Frates
Robert Jose, Alternate Member

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2010
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(AE)

Laurie A. Carvalho, Planning/Land Use Administrator

(AO)

ZONING STUDY COMMITTEE

Terms Expire: June 30, 2010

Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman
Laurie A. Carvalho
Peter D. Erwin, declined appointment 11/20/09
James Rezendes

Jean C. Fox
Mary E.R. Brown
Robert N. Raymond
Mark W. Rogers

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq. – Municipal Hearings Officer for State Fire and Building Codes.

Lawrence N. Ashley – Sexual Harassment Officer; Local Coordinator - Americans with Disabilities' Act; Member; Mass. Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board; Freetown's Representative to Southeastern Regional Transit Authority; Member – School District Facilities' Study Committee; Member – Collective Bargaining Committee – (Schools); Member – Negotiations Sub-Committee – (Schools); Freetown's Representative to the Casino Gaming Study Committee; Freetown's Representative to the Exit 8 ½ Committee; Member – Sewer Commission; Freetown's Representative to Southeastern Economic Development Corporation.

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

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

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

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

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

John F. Healey – Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD); Representative to Regional Economic Strategy Committee in conjunction with Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD); Representative to Council of SEMASS Communities.

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

Lisa A. Pacheco – Representative to Bristol County Advisory Board; Representative to Commuter Rail Task Force; Representative to Citizens for Citizens; Member – Sewer Commission; Freetown's Representative – Exit 8 ½ Committee.

Gary Silvia - Forest Fire Warden; Hazardous Waste Coordinator; Representative to Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee of Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (S.R.P.E.D.D.).

TO THE CITIZENS OF FREETOWN:

Linda Lynn Remedis recently retired from the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen after over 36 years of service to the Town in a number of different capacities.

Linda began her career by following her mother's footsteps as a Dispatcher for the Police and Fire Departments in 1974. In 1988, Linda took on a second job as the part-time Senior Clerk to the Finance Committee, Conservation Commission and Soil Board; and the following year, Linda was appointed as the clerk to the Building and Health Departments. In 1990, Linda became the Senior Clerk to the Board of Selectmen, and in 1999, Linda's position was elevated to Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, she served in that capacity until her retirement in January 2010.

Over the years, the Board of Selectmen assigned Linda a number of other titles and tasks including Procurement Officer, Assistant Grants Coordinator, Delegate to SRPEDD, Freetown Representative to the Advisory Board of Citizens for Citizens and Parking Clerk.

Linda's friends also wrote her name in for a vacant Finance Committee position in 2002.

Linda continues to serve on other Town Committees including Emergency Preparedness and Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Linda's service stands as an example to all. She was, and is, a true public servant. She served with a constant smile and extended a helping hand to all who came to her for assistance. Linda and her husband John continue to be active in Town organizations and enjoy their new granddaughter every chance they get!

We all wish Linda health and happiness in her retirement.

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, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

Receipts were deposited to the Treasurer as follows:

Liquor Licenses:

All Alcoholic Common Victualer Licenses:	3	@ \$ 1,000.00	\$3,000.00
All Alcoholic Innholder's License:	1	@ \$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses:	3	@ \$ 1,000.00	3,000.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Comm. Vic. Lic:	1	@ \$ 600.00	600.00
Wine & Malt Beverage Package Store Lic.	2	@ \$ 600.00	1,200.00
All Alcoholic Club License:	1	@ \$ 500.00	500.00

Entertainment Licenses:	3	@ \$ 100.00	300.00
Jukebox Licenses:	3	@ \$ 20.00	60.00
Lic.-Automatic Amusement Devices:	11	@ \$ 50.00	550.00

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class II Dealers' Licenses:	23	@ \$ 100.00	\$2,300.00
Class III Dealers' Licenses:	10	@ \$ 100.00	1,000.00
M.V. Graveyard License:	1	@ \$ 100.00	100.00

Other Licenses:

Annual Auctioneer's License:	1	@ \$ 25.00	25.00
Lic. For Sale of Second-Hand Furn./Merch.:	3	@ \$ 25.00	75.00
One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License (3 licenses)			60.00

Other Receipts:

Road Opening Permit	1	@ \$ 150.00	150.00
Public Hearing Fees:	4	@ \$ 100.00	400.00
Cable Fees:			1,489.50
Fees for Copies of Documents:			7.40
Ads for Annual Town Report	17	@ \$ 100.00	1700.00

TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER: \$17,516.90

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Lawrence N. Ashley, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Board of Health for the fiscal year,
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Septic Systems	12	\$ 2,400.00
Repaired Septic Systems	33	\$ 4,200.00
Repaired Septic Systems-Reinspection	5	\$ 300.00
Septic System Review	36	\$ 1,330.00
Cert. Of Compliance	34	\$ 340.00
Title 5 Review	63	\$ 3,150.00
Installers Licenses	29	\$ 5,700.00
Pump & Transport Licenses	9	\$ 1,800.00
Well Permits	14	\$ 1,700.00
Percolation Test Fees	30	\$ 7,000.00
Milk & Cream	20	\$ 200.00
Camp License	3	\$ 450.00
Temporary Food	22	\$ 200.00
Common Victualler	21	\$ 1,550.00
Food Establishment	25	\$ 3,550.00
Retail Food	14	\$ 1,400.00
Transient Vendor	3	\$ 60.00
Mobile Food	4	\$ 275.00
Bakery License	4	\$ 200.00
Piggery License	1	\$ 125.00
Rubbish	7	\$ 1,400.00
Tobacco	7	\$ 175.00
Total Permits/Fees Collected	396	\$ 37,505.00
Waived permits churches/schools	12	

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH/TRANSFER STATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Board of Health for the fiscal year, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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

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

Bulky Items	\$	24,630.00
Recycling	\$	13,649.50
Resident Stickers	\$	12,810.00
Tires	\$	712.00
Propane Tanks	\$	87.00
Batteries	\$	179.50
Misc.	\$	1,745.00
Total Fees Collected Transfer Station	\$	53,813.00
 Total Fees Collected Curbside Trash	 \$	 173,691.62

Respectfully submitted by

Paul R. Bourgeois
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2010 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed January 1, 2009 is as follows:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	\$ 1,206,110,270.00	
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 54,292,570.00	
TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE		\$ 1,260,402,840.00
Number of Dwelling Units Assessed	3220	
Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	4012	
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed	268	
Tax Exemptions for FY2010		
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$ 73,000.00	
Clause 22, 22A, 22E (Veteran)	\$ 38,300.00	
Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K	\$ 29,642.50	
Tax Abatements for FY2010	\$ 17,395.75	
TOTAL ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS		\$ 158,338.25
Amounts to be Raised		
Local Expenditures		\$ 20,704,270.47
State & County Assessments		\$ 193,172.00
Overlay		\$ 296,883.28
Gross Amounts to be Raised		\$ 21,194,325.75
Estimated Receipts & Local funds		\$ 6,869,698.32
Net Amounts to be Raised		\$ 14,324,627.43
Real Property Tax Levy	\$ 13,429,885.88	
Personal Property Tax Levy	\$ 894,741.55	
TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY	\$ 14,324,627.43	

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Scaduto, Chairman
FREETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the unaudited Annual Report of the former Collector of Taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

On 7/1/2010 the Tax Collector's Office and the Treasurer's Office were combined.

Fiscal Yr.	Real Estate	Per. Prop.	M.V. Excise	Boat Excise
2010	\$ 205,176.42	\$ 18,431.48	\$ 223,524.68	\$ 2,751.00
2009	\$ 2,450.98	\$ 12,643.65	\$ 19,571.15	\$ 284.00
2008		\$ 8,224.54	\$ 10,403.17	\$ 283.00
2007		\$ 8,362.60	\$ 22,035.35	\$ 920.00
2006		\$ 5,015.34	\$ 10,087.53	\$ 128.00
2005		\$ 4,241.59	\$ 3,822.31	
2004		\$ 5,565.14	\$ 4,532.08	\$ 306.00
2003		\$ 571.28	\$ 7,748.78	\$ 542.00
Totals	\$ 207,627.40	\$ 63,055.62	\$ 301,725.05	\$ 5,214.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen G. Curran
Collector

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the unaudited Annual Report of the Treasurer's Office for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Starting 7/1/10 the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office was combined. I look forward to working to combine these two offices.

Cash Summary

Balance June 30, 2009	\$ 3,029,291.73
Receipts	\$ 24,891,851.34
Sub-total	\$ 27,921,143.07
Expended	<u>\$ 24,092,015.39</u>
Balance June 30, 2010	<u>\$ 3,829,127.68</u>

Interest

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
Earned	\$ 107,697.83\$	48,335.22\$	13,077.34
Net	<u>\$ 107,697.83\$</u>	<u>48,335.22\$</u>	<u>13,077.34</u>

Account Balances

Bank America - Sch. Lunch	\$ 33,074.86
Ma Municipal Depository Trust	\$ 331.07
Rockland Trust - GF	\$ 2,629,839.29
Rockland Trust - Payroll	\$ 6.93
Rockland Trust - Vendor	-\$ 79,200.49
Rockland Trust - Sundry Trust	\$ 1,028,870.74
Webster - Performance Bonds	\$ 65,304.75
Webster - MM	\$ 105,331.79
Webster - Payroll	\$ 863.55
Webster - Vendor	\$ 42,542.79
UniBank	\$ 1,262.40
State Street	\$ 900.00
	<u>\$ 3,829,127.68</u>

Tax Title Collected

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
Principal	\$ 31,215.15\$	24,084.63\$	110,719.73
Interest	<u>\$ 16,716.79\$</u>	<u>14,224.51\$</u>	<u>37,284.98</u>
	<u>\$ 47,931.94\$</u>	<u>38,309.14\$</u>	<u>148,004.71</u>

Debt Service - Long Term
Inside the Debt Limit

	Elem. School
	<u>Bond Issue</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2009	\$ 7,880,000.00
Additional Borrowing	
Principal Payment	\$ 395,000.00
Interest Payment	\$ 281,308.75
Outstanding June 30, 2010	<u>\$ 7,485,000.00</u>

Debt Service
Serial State House Notes

	<u>Assonet Bay Sh.</u>	<u>Pump. Station</u>	<u>Pleasant St.</u>
Outstanding June 30, 2009	\$ 39,000.00\$	149,438.23\$	60,000.00
Principal Payment	\$ 13,000.00\$	15,438.23\$	15,000.00
New Debt Issued			
Interest Payment	\$ 1,989.00\$	9,713.48\$	3,562.50
Outstanding June 30, 2010	<u>\$ 26,000.00\$</u>	<u>134,000.00\$</u>	<u>45,000.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Anita L. Howland, C.M.M.T.
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS

SPECIAL FUNDS

Septic Grant Program	\$129,547.04
Planning Board Engineering	\$46,848.09
Appeals Board Engineering	\$4,327.16
Law Enforcement	\$2,457.69
Library Plan & Design	\$18,696.54
Arts Lottery	\$7,318.12
Conser. Bd. Eng. Fees	\$84.74
No Int. Bicycle Safety	\$391.85
Sub Total - Special Funds	\$209,671.23

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	\$173,167.00
Chace Cemetery	\$74,600.00
Rounsvlele Cemetery	\$10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	\$7,065.00
White Cemetery	\$25.00
Evans Cemetery	\$37,100.00
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$302,607.00

OTHER NON-EXPENDABLE

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

TRUST FUNDS CONT'D

Irene Plouffe	\$284.58
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$177.62
J. White Therrien	\$15,024.38
White Memorial	\$1,332.04
C. Clark Memorial	\$4,181.29
Douglas Dana	\$1,441.78
Annie Hunt	\$3,550.06
Warren Cudworth	\$4,883.53
Gagne	\$1,977.97
A.A. Paine	\$1,182.71
Betsey Hathaway	\$4,588.58
George Hathaway	\$30,116.12
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$2,003.61
C. Isabel Hathaway	\$1,312.73
Morgan Memorial	\$1,002.44
Parker Memorial	\$433.27
Clarence Kendrick	\$131.28
Sub Total Library Funds	\$73,623.99

CEMETERY FUNDS EXPENDABLE

Assonet Cemetery	\$7,713.07
Chace Cemetery	\$3,143.38
Rounseville Cemetery	\$6,422.48
Morton Cemetery	\$3,403.38
White Cemetery	\$927.92
Evans Cemetery	\$15,648.41
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	\$37,258.64

MISCELLANEOUS

Clark Scholarship	\$26.41
Symp. & Hosp.	\$1,467.09
Conservation	\$98,286.62
Stablization	\$106,270.62
Unfunded Pension	\$61,080.15
Fire-Call Disability	\$12,439.94
Post War Rehab	\$501.57
Parade & Fireworks	\$6,925.04
Federal Forfeiture	\$58,616.11
Police Reserve Disability	\$806.59
Education & Scholarship	\$587.17
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$3,028.65
Elderly & Disabled Int.	\$208.15
Cemetery Stabilization	\$2,094.42
Sub Total Miscellaneous	\$352,338.53

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/10	<u>\$1,028,870.59</u>
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is a report of the Town Clerk's Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

- **Budget** – The municipal budget constraints have carried on into another fiscal year resulting in further cuts to the staff's hours. The town hall office hours remain open to the public Mon. –Thurs., 8AM-4PM and Friday 8AM-12PM.
- **Burial Permits**- the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that municipalities have the legal right to charge a fee for burial permits. Effective January 1, 2010, the town began charging a \$15.00 fee for burial permits in line with other surrounding communities.
- **Certification**- In November 2009, the Town Clerk acquired her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) certification and in addition, obtained her second (4 year) Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk (CMMC) certification in January 2010.

PASSPORTS: There were a total of 261 passport applications (\$6,525.00) and 109 passport photos (\$1,308.00) processed. The U S Dept of State increased their fees for Passport applications and renewals. Adult passport fees increased from \$75.00 to \$110.00 and minor passport fees increased from \$60.00 to \$80.00. Our execution fee to process an application remained at \$25.00. On Saturday, March 27th the Town Clerk's Office participated in the second "Passport Day in the USA".

ELECTIONS:

- **Special State Primary and State Election**- With sadness, Senator Edward Kennedy passed away in late August 2009. A Special State Primary was held on December 8, 2009 and a Special State Election was held on January 19, 2010 to fill the vacancy. Former State Representative Scott P. Brown, was elected to the position of Senator in Congress.
- **Annual Town Election**- There was only one contested race on the ballot which was the Assessor's position. Assessor Richard Field retired after 33 years of service. The local election generated a 5% voter turnout on April 5, 2010.
- **State Primary and State Election**- The State Primary was held on September 14, 2010 with a 21% voter turnout and the State Election was held on November 2, 2010 with a 63% voter turnout.

The Town Clerk's Office is an important part of the municipality and is sometimes regarded as the "hub" of local government. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk has the responsibility to preserve a democratic society by providing public service to the community, has a primary function to maintain fair process by being neutral and impartial and has a constitutional purpose to secure the individual rights of the citizens. These duties are part of a mission statement that was adopted by the Town Clerk's Office as a pledge to serve the residents of Freetown.

I would like to convey my many thanks to the Asst. Town Clerk, Diane L. Souza for all her assistance in helping to carryout this mission statement in serving the citizens of Freetown.

Respectfully submitted, Jacqueline A. Brown, MMC/CMMC, Town Clerk

JULY 2009 TO JUNE 2010

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	69
Deaths	53
Marriages Recorded	27

DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1475	}	Total \$ 18,036.00
Kennel Licenses Issued	61		

HUNTING & FISHING

Fishing	29	\$ 783.00
Fishing Minor	1	11.00
Fishing 65-69	8	126.00
Fishing Free	8	- 0 -
Hunting	26	702.00
Hunting Minor	1	11.00
Hunting Free	1	-0-
Duplicate Sporting	1	2.50
Sporting	20	890.00
Sporting 65-69	5	122.50
Sporting Free	25	- 0 -
Resident Minor Sporting	2	25.00
Archery Stamp	22	110.00
Waterfowl Stamp	15	71.25
Primitive Stamp	34	170.00

Paid to the Commonwealth of Mass. \$ 3024.25

OTHER REVENUE:

Street Maps	\$ 24.00
Street/Voting List	274.30
By-Laws/Rules & Regs	8.00
Appeals Fees	2,970.00
Copy Fees	44.30
Marriage Intentions	1,006.00
Birth Certificates	1,354.00
Death Certificates	1,080.00
Marriage Certificates	874.00
Business Certificates	1,290.00
Flammable Storage Certificates	350.00
Cemetery Plots	80.00
Miscellaneous	107.75
Dog Fines	2,275.00
Passports	6,525.00
Passport Photos	1,308.00
Bazaar/Raffle Permit	50.00
Non-Criminal Violations	8,500.00
Genealogy Research	26.00
Pole Location	80.00
Burial Permits	90.00

Other Revenue \$ 28,316.35

TOWN MEETINGS

◆ **October 26, 2009 – Special Town Meeting**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 66 registered voters in attendance to vote on 17 articles.

Highlights - announcement made before the meeting that the current Administrative Assistant, Linda Remedis would be retiring. The residents applauded her dedication and 35 years of service to the town.

The voters approved an article authorizing the Board of Selectmen, to seek special legislation in General Court, changing the current two elected (separate) positions of Treasurer and Tax Collector, to a combined, appointed position of Treasurer-Collector.

Funds appropriated for expenses related to the Elm St Bridge that was damaged in the spring flood.

Total appropriations approved: \$ 405,750.40 by Stabilization
 \$ 186,555.72 by Transfers
 \$ 5,000.00 Revolving Funds

◆ **June 7, 2010 – Special Town Meeting**

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 184 registered voters in attendance to vote on 3 articles.

Highlights- approved article (\$7,000,000.00/borrow) for costs associated to repairing, reconstructing or constructing roads, bridges, dams & other infrastructures damaged by the flood in the spring of 2010 while awaiting reimbursement from FEMA; also approved transfer of insurance recovery funds accumulated from previous years to Stabilization.

Total appropriations approved: \$ 132,729.26 by Transfers
 \$7,000,000.00 by Borrowing

◆ **June 7, 2010 – Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 235 registered voters in attendance to vote on 37 articles.

Highlights – General government budgets and Capital Improvement budget, approved; article to obtain an engineering firm to prepare Brownfield's Grant application for Freetown Screw property owned by the town; an article to have an engineering firm to prepare Request for Proposal to lease closed landfill as a site to install and operate solar energy panels approved.

Transfer of insurance recovery funds approved to replace town hall computer server and telephone server damaged by recent boiler backfire; three revolving accounts created for MCAS, Language Development for Elementary & Early Childhood programs.

Total appropriations approved: \$19,742,909.60 by Taxation
 \$ 64,953.28 by Other Available Funds
 \$ 690,319.52 Enterprise Funds
 \$ 378,000.00 Revolving Funds

OFFICIAL RESULTS - STATE PRIMARY 12/8/2009

of Votes Casts: 855
 Total # of Voters: 5640
 Total % Voted: 15%

DEMOCRAT

Offices/Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Michael E. Capuano	58	56	57	171
Martha Coakley	76	83	128	287
Alan A. Khazei	22	12	14	48
Stephen G. Pagliuca	30	37	49	116
Write-in	1	2	0	3
Blank	0	0	1	1
Total	187	190	249	626

REPUBLICAN

Offices/Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Scott P. Brown	69	61	67	197
Jack E. Robinson	12	6	8	26
Write-in	2	0	1	3
Blank	0	1	1	2
Total	83	68	77	228

LIBERTARIAN

Offices/Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Write-in	0	0	1	1
Blank	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
Absentee Ballots Casts	3	4	10	17
Provisional Ballots Casts	0	0	0	0

OFFICIAL RESULTS - SPECIAL STATE ELEC 1/19/2010

of Votes Casts: 3448

Total # of Voters: 5653

% Voted: 60%

Offices/Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Scott P. Brown	766	686	769	2221
Martha Coakley	385	441	365	1191
Joseph L. Kennedy	13	11	11	35
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	0	1	0	1
Total	1164	1139	1145	3448
	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
Provisional Ballots	4	2	0	6
Absentee Ballots Casts	45	42	23	110

OFFICIAL RESULTS - ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/5/2010

of Votes Casts: 274
 Total # of Voters: 5697
 % Voted: 5%

Offices/Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH & PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER				
Jean C. Fox	83	66	46	195
Write-in	4	3	10	17
Blank	21	23	18	62
Total	108	92	74	274
ASSESSOR				
Michael T. McCue	39	33	30	102
Michael T. Motta	68	52	37	157
Write-in	0	2	0	2
Blank	1	5	7	13
Total	108	92	74	274
COLLECTOR OF TAXES				
Stephen G. Curran	79	67	65	211
Write-in	1	1	0	2
Blank	28	24	9	61
Total	108	92	74	274
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (vote for 2)				
William M. Sienkewicz, Jr.	75	61	57	193
Write-in*	6	10	4	20
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	135	113	87	335
Total	216	184	148	548
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE				
Write-in**	17	20	13	50
Blank	91	72	61	224
Total	108	92	74	274
CEMETERY COMMITTEE				
Keven V. Desmarais	81	67	60	208
Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	26	25	14	65
Total	108	92	74	274
LIBRARY TRUSTEES (vote for 2)				
Michael T. McCue	73	58	58	189
Write-in	9	5	5	19
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	134	121	85	340
Total	216	184	148	548

Offices/Candidates	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
WATER COMMISSIONER				
Michael P. Pillarella	84	61	60	205
Write-in	0	0	0	0
Blank	24	31	14	69
Total	108	92	74	274
PLANNING BOARD (5 yr term)				
Mark W. Rogers	77	60	61	198
Write-in	0	1	0	1
Blank	31	31	13	75
Total	108	92	74	274
FINANCE COMMITTEE (vote for 3)				
William J. Lombardi	82	57	59	198
Write-in***	6	4	1	11
Write-in****	4	2	0	6
Write-in	1	0	0	1
Blank	231	213	162	606
Total	324	276	222	822
QUESTION 1 - Acceptance of MGL Chap 32B Sec 9G, Continuation of insurance coverage for spouse due to death of a police officer in the line of duty.				
Yes	68	52	47	167
No	36	29	15	80
Blank	4	11	12	27
Total	108	92	74	274
QUESTION 2- Acceptance of MGL Chap 32B Sec 9C, Continuation of insurance coverage for spouse due to death of a fire fighter in the line of duty.				
Yes	65	53	50	168
No	36	30	15	81
Blank	7	9	9	25
Total	108	92	74	274
Provisional Ballots Casts	0	0	0	0
Absentee Ballots Casts	5	8	3	15

Write-ins:

- ***School Committee:** Jay **Correira** received most write-in votes, 5 - declined position
- ****Regional Sch Committee:** Robert **Clark** elected by 20 write-ins - accepted position
- *****Library Trustees:** Lori **Weider** elected by 9 write-ins - accepted position
- ******Finance Committee:** Sandra **Souza** received most write-in votes, 3 - did not respond to notification

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Report of the Town Accountant for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Moquin
Town Accountant

TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS - AS OF JUNE 30, 2010

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	WATER ENTERPRISE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AND AGENCY	MEMORANDUM ONLY
ASSETS AND ST INVESTMENTS						
CASH	2,049,414	861,549	133,627	(350,460)	774,379	3,468,509
PETTY CASH						0
RECEIVABLES, NET OF UNCOLLECTABLE						0
ACCOUNTS						0
PROPERTY TAX	256,943					256,943
TITLE V		16,190				16,190
EXCISES	303,641					303,641
WATER LIENS			44,329			44,329
TAX LIENS	850,538					850,538
TAX FORECLOSURES	275,927					275,927
TAXES IN LITIGATION						0
ROLL-BACK TAXES						0
IN-LIEU OF TAXES						0

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES			TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	WATER ENTERPRISE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AND AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
DEPARTMENTAL	99,559						99,559
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS			95,894				95,894
DUE FROM STATE GOVERNMENT		157,486					157,486
DUE FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS							0
PROJECT AUTHORIZED							0
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR:							0
NOTES PAYABLE							0
BONDS PAYABLE						7,705,000	7,705,000
TOTAL ASSETS:	3,836,022	1,035,225	273,850	(350,460)	774,379	7,705,000	13,274,016
LIABILITIES							0
WARRANTS PAYABLE	(2,486)	3,072	118				704
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	43,139						43,139
ACCRUED PAYROLL PAYABLE	182,457		(133)				182,324
WITHHOLDINGS PAYABLE	153,307						153,307
OTHER LIABILITIES	150,928		8,250		51,086		210,264
DEFERRED REVENUE:							0
PROPERTY TAXES	26,255						26,255
LIENS/FORECLOSURE	1,126,465						1,126,465
OTHER EXCISES	303,641						303,641
TITLE V		16,190					16,190
OTHER RECEIVABLES	99,559	157,486	44,329				301,374
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS			95,894				95,894
PROVISIONS FOR ABATEMENTS							0
& EXEMPTIONS	230,687						230,687
PROJ. AUTHORIZED NOT COMPLETE							0
NOTES PAYABLE							0
BONDS PAYABLE						7,705,000	7,705,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,313,952	176,748	148,458	0	51,086	7,705,000	10,395,244

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES		TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	WATER ENTERPRISE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AND AGENCY	LONG TERM DEBT	MEMORANDUM ONLY
FUND EQUITY							0
RESERVED FUND BALANCE							0
ENCUMBRANCES PRIOR YEAR	215,322						215,322
RESERVE FOR NON EXPEND TRUST					359,303		359,303
PETTY CASH							0
RESERVED FOR EXPENDITURES	300,000						
RESERVE FOR EXPENDABLE					363,990		
RESERVED FOR APPRO. DEFICIT	(94,101)						
TOTAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE	421,221	0	0	0	723,293	0	574,626
							0
TOTAL UNRESERVED	1,100,849	858,477	125,392	(350,460)			1,734,258
							0
TOTAL UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	1,100,849	858,477	125,392	(350,460)	0	0	1,734,258
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	1,522,070	858,477	125,392	(350,460)	723,293	0	2,878,772
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	3,836,023	1,035,225	273,850	(350,460)	774,379	7,705,000	13,274,017

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2010**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		FUND TYPES	CAPITAL	WATER	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	PROJECTS FUND	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
REVENUES:						
PROPERTY TAXES	14,070,411					14,070,411
EXCISE-MOTOR VEHICLE	1,418,465					1,418,465
TAX LIENS REDEEMED	48,114					48,114
SALE OF TAX FORECLOSURE						0
TITLE V		284				284
OTHER EXCISE	3,076					3,076
OTHER TAXES						0
IN LIEU OF TAXES	9,583					9,583
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	152,937				5,708	158,645
WATER CHARGES-SERVICES					437,977	437,977
WATER BOND PROCEEDS						0
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	176,320					176,320
DEPARTMENTAL	442,183	632,497				1,074,680
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS					14,179	14,179
LICENSE/PERMITS	143,759					143,759
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FED		139,949				139,949
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	3,299,927	891,204				4,191,131
FINES & FORFEITS	57,719					57,719
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	6,519	803	10,649			17,971

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	WATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
CONTIB/REFUNDS/DONATIONS		4,231	14,650			18,881
MISCELLANEOUS	46,225	-				46,225
MISCELLANEOUS						0
TOTAL REVENUES	19,875,239	1,668,967	25,299	0	457,864	22,027,368
						0
EXPENDITURES						0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	783,713	88,901				872,614
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,561,729	41,527				2,603,256
EDUCATION	11,334,969	901,877	1,651			12,238,497
PUBLIC WORKS	998,598	177,628	25,403	350,460		1,552,089
WATER					436,448	436,448
HUMAN SERVICES	198,009	19,084				217,093
CULTURE & RECREATION	89,392	13,310	9,954			112,656
DEBT SERVICES	676,309				58,705	735,014
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	207,485					207,485
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,451,259					1,451,259
RETIREMENT	723,149					723,149
INSURANCE	149,097					149,097
COURT JUDGMENTS	200,000					200,000
MISC						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,373,709	1,242,327	37,009	350,460	495,153	21,498,658

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	FUND TYPES EXPENDABLE TRUSTS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	WATER ENTERPRISE FUNDS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>501,530</u>	<u>426,640</u>	<u>(11,710)</u>	<u>(350,460)</u>	<u>(37,289)</u>	<u>528,710</u>
OTHER FINANCING USES:						
TRANSFER IN	486,721		13,975			500,696
TRANSFER OUT	<u> </u>	<u>(94,946)</u>	<u>(405,750)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>(500,696)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>486,721</u>	<u>(94,946)</u>	<u>(391,775)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(0)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	<u>988,251</u>	<u>331,694</u>	<u>(403,485)</u>	<u>(350,460)</u>	<u>(37,289)</u>	<u>528,710</u>
						0
						0
						0
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2008	533,819	526,783	1,126,778	-	162,681	2,350,061
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2009	1,522,070	858,477	723,293	(350,460)	125,392	2,878,771

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2010**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		GENERAL FUND
	FINAL		VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:			
PROPERTY TAXES	14,324,627	14,118,526	(206,101)
EXCISE TAXES	1,360,100	1,418,465	58,365
OTHER EXCISE	5,000	3,076	(1,924)
PEN & INT CHARGES	110,000	152,937	42,937
IN LIEU OF TAXES	10,000	9,583	(417)
OTHER CHARGES-SERVICES	303,250	176,320	(126,930)
LICENSE & PERMITS	173,265	143,759	(29,506)
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE	3,208,656	3,299,927	91,271
FINES & FORFEITS	72,000	57,719	(14,281)
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	15,000	6,519	(8,481)
DEPARTMENTAL	364,500	442,183	77,683
MISCELLANEOUS	225	46,225	46,000
DONATIONS/CONTRIB/REFUND	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES	19,946,623	19,875,239	(71,384)
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	908,962	783,713	125,249
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,596,533	2,561,729	34,804
EDUCATION	11,546,662	11,334,969	211,693
PUBLIC WORKS	929,530	998,598	(69,068)
HUMAN SERVICES	204,482	198,009	6,473
CULTURE & RECREATION	96,000	89,392	6,608
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	193,172	207,485	(14,313)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,823,918	1,451,259	372,659
RETIREMENT	723,649	723,149	500
INSURANCE	166,250	149,097	17,153
DEBT SERVICE	676,309	676,309	0
COURT JUDGMENTS	200,000	200,000	0
OTHER (UNCLASSIFIED)	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,065,467	19,373,709	691,758

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		GENERAL FUND
	FINAL		VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE
			(UNFAVORABLE)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(118,844)	501,530	620,374
OTHER FINANCING USES:			
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS			
TRANSFERS IN/OUT	486,721	486,721	
PROVISION FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS			
APPROPRIATION DEFICIT			
ASSESSMENT DEFICIT	0	0	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	486,721	486,721	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		988,251	620,374

TOWN OF FREETOWN

BREAKDOWN OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FY 2010

SCHOOL FUNDS:

CAFETERIA	(43,856.53)
CHAPTER 1	0.00
REAP GRANT	0.00
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	226,269.42
IMPROV EDUCATOR	0.00
PRE SCHOOL	6,045.89
SAFE/FREE DRUG GRANT	1,637.41
FED ENHANCE TECH	3,329.77
CIRCUIT BREAKER	108,219.00
MCAS	29.81
AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT	1,538.68
ARRA IDEA	3,065.53
ARRA TITLE I	6,760.36
YELLOW SCHOOL BUS	400.00
 TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS	 <hr/> 313,439.34

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:

SEPTIC GRANT	129,830.87
HIGHWAY FUNDS	8,158.77
CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WETLANDS	31,766.92
TELEPHONE ALARM	4,777.75
SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	24,272.00
STATE FORFEITURE FUNDS (POL LAW ENFORCE)	2,657.69
RECYCLING FUND	1,549.73
PLANNING ENGINEERING FEES	12,859.18
APPEALS ENGINEERING FEES	1,577.05
SALE REAL ESTATE	7,266.88
CONSERVATION ENGINEERING FEES	29.74
ELDER AFFAIRS	531.05
ARTS LOTTERY GRANT	5,668.12
AID TO LIBRARIES	7,703.07
POLICE EQUIPMENT GRANT	16,422.00
POLICE COMMUNITY GRANT	4,436.66
FIRE SAFE GRANT	2,704.12
CABLE PUBLIC ACCESS	32,466.80
POL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2,204.50
FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT	0.00

FIRE EMERG OPER PLANNING	134.50
POLICE HOME SECURITY GRANT	5,205.36
CIVIL DEFENSE LOCAL PREPARENESS	0.00
SMART GROWTH	12,546.81
WATER CONSERVATION	5,701.80
TAUNTON WATERSHED	1,320.00
43D	33,185.34
H1N1	3,105.61
BICYCLE FUND	391.85
CABLEVISION FUND	10.00
DRUG EDUCATION REFORM	2,022.38
COUNCIL ON AGING DONATIONS	22,801.82
LIBRARY DONATIONS	10,344.82
BOSTON BEER DONATION	13,874.80
COMPOST BINS	1,354.20
BOAT REVOLVING FUND	12,773.27
TREE WARDEN DONATION	1,070.00
HISTORICAL DONATION	442.00
STOP & SHOP DONATION	3,384.34
CEMETERY DONATIONS	20.00
LANDFILL	97,060.79
LIBRARY PLAN & DESIGN	18,402.54
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	26,127.31
CJIS	(23,125.00)
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	545,037.44
 TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	 858,476.78

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF AGENCY FUNDS FY 2010**

PROPERTY RECORDING		261.77
UNCLAIMED ITEMS	6505.63	\$26,921.11
PLANNING DEPOSITS		\$44,067.53
SPORT LICENSES		\$0.00
POLICE FIREARM LICENSES		\$3,172.50
OTHER LIABILITY		
POLICE OFF-DUTY	2517.88	(\$23,336.58)
TOTAL AGENCY		<hr/> \$51,086.33

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S OFFICE

STATEMENT OF LOCAL RECEIPTS

	ESTIMATED FISCAL 2010	ACTUAL FISCAL 2010
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	1,360,100	1,421,541
BOAT TAXES	5,000	3,076
PENALTY & INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISES	110,000	152,937
IN LIEU OF TAXES	10,000	9,583
OTHER TAXES (ROLL BACK)	0	-
CHARGES		
TRASH DISPOSAL	303,250	176,320
OTHER CHARGES -- SERVICES	0	-
FEES	364,500	442,183
DEPT OF REVENUE -- SCHOOLS	0	0
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	225	0
LICENSES & PERMITS	133,265	143,759
FINES & FORFEITURES	72,000	57,719
INVESTMENTS	15,000	6,432
PRIOR YR		
REFUNDS/DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS		
MISCELLANEOUS (SPECIFY) non-recurring	40,000	47,225
	<u>Budget</u>	
Bank Misc Charges	2,793	
Prem Sale of Bond		
Insurance Reimb	603	
Misc Rev Adjust	27,611	
Health Insurance Reimb	4,903	
Medicare Part D	11,316	
	<u>47,225</u>	
TOTALS	<u>2,413,340</u>	<u>2,460,776</u>

**TOWN OF FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDABLE AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS
FY 2010**

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS:

J. WHITE THERRIAN	13,524.38
WHITE MEMORIAL	(2,356.96)
C. CLARK MEMORIAL	2,129.98
MORGAN MEMORIAL	1,002.54
R.PARKER MEMORIAL	433.27
KENDRICK MEMORIAL	131.28
I.B. PLOUFFE	284.58
ANNIE S. HUNT	2,550.06
WARREN CUDWORTH	4,883.53
GAGER	789.13
A.A. PAINE	1,181.62
BETSEY HATHAWAY	3,910.49
GEORGE HATHAWAY	31,176.38
H.DOUGLAS DANA	1,441.78
M. MARVIN FLETCHER	1,637.70
C. ISABEL HATHAWAY	1,312.73
J.L. LAWTON KIRKER	974.57
ASSONET CEMETERY	5,171.68
CHACE CEMETERY	(256.62)
ROUNSEVELLE CEMETERY	6,422.48
MORTON CEMETERY	3,403.38
WHITE CEMETERY	3.22
EVANS CEMETERY	15,678.41
CLARK SCHOLARSHIP	64.81
 TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS	 <hr/> 95,494.42

OTHER TRUST FUNDS:

CONSERVATION	98,341.62
STABILIZATION	20,245.45
SYMP & HOSP	1,467.09
POST WAR REHAB	501.57
FIRE CALL DISAB.	12,439.94
UNFUNDED PENSION	61,080.15
PARADE & FIREWORKS	7,195.04
TOWN HALL BLDG	2,083.28
FED. FORFEITURE	58,614.11
POLICE RESERVE DISAB	806.59
SCHOLAR & EDUCATION	387.17
ELDERLY & DISABLED	3,236.80
STABILIZATION CEMETERY	2,094.42
TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS	<hr/> 268,493.23

TOTAL EXPENDABLE AND OTHER TRUST FUNDS	363,987.65
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REPORT OF THE FREETOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The following is the annual report of the Finance Committee for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The finance committee is the official fiscal watchdog of the town. Because it is difficult for all taxpayers to be completely informed about every aspect of the town's finances, finance committees were established so a representative group of taxpayers could conduct a thorough review of municipal finance questions on behalf of all citizens.

The finance committee is primarily responsible for submitting its recommendations on the annual budget to the town meeting. The committee is usually involved in budget preparation which involves the establishment of budgetary guidelines for department heads. This task has been usurped by the Board of Selectmen.

The Reserve Fund exists to fund extraordinary and unforeseen expenses. It is disbursed through transfers approved by the finance committee. Your finance committee has been rigorous in monitoring the proper use of these funds. We have required departments to utilize all funds budgeted before any disbursements are made from the reserve account. We have asked departments to seek finance committee approval before seeking reserve funds in non-emergency situations. The finance committee was allocated \$80,000 for the reserve account for the past fiscal year. We approved reserve requests for the following departments:

Highway	\$19,500.00
Dog Officer	\$11,660.29
Tax Collector	\$10,000.00
Street Lights	\$2,200.00
Soil Board	\$83.81

Total reserve account disbursements total \$43,444.10. We returned \$36,555.90 to the town treasury.

The finance committee members and their term expirations are:

Robert H. Alderson	2011	
Paul L. Deneault	2011	
William J. Lombardi	2013	Chair
Bradford E. Paiva	2012	
Kathleen A. Paiva	2012	

There are two openings on the committee. Interested taxpayers are asked to contact the committee chair.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Lombardi

REPORT OF THE TOWN WEBSITE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the annual report of the Town Website for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

In March, the Town of Freetown was awarded a 2010 eGovernment Award with Distinction by Common Cause Massachusetts. These awards are presented to Massachusetts cities and towns based on website content, recognizing communities that have given their residents greater access to serve beyond the normal business hours of Town Hall. This was our second consecutive year being so recognized.

A new feature of general interest added to the website this year was the Assessors' maps. When combined with last year's addition of the field cards, the Assessors' maps have greatly aided those performing research on property ownership. Fees, forms, and general information for many departments are also routinely posted.

As the year concluded, a new area of the website was being prepared for the posting of meeting notices with agendas, in order to comply with the newly-revised Open Meeting Law. The General Court has established a strict standard of posting meeting information forty-eight hours in advance in a format available to all interested persons in locations accessible at all hours of the day and night. This is expected to result in a considerable increase in the demands of the website.

Presently, the following boards post their minutes on the website once approved: the Board of Selectmen, the Cemetery Commission, the Finance Committee, the Parade & Fireworks Committee, the Parks Commission, all school committees, and the Scholarship Committee. Additionally, the Town Clerk posts election and town meeting results. Several boards previously appearing herein did not contribute minutes to the website during this fiscal year.

Unique visitors to the website, by month, were as follows: July - 5136, August - 4140, September - 3920, October - 4152, November - 3488, December - 3517, January - 4405, February - 4678, March - 5296, April - 5248, May - 4583, and June - 5364. Additionally, as of June 30, 2010, there were 590 subscribers to the e-news mailing list. If you received these messages in the past and no longer do, please check your e-mail settings and attempt to re-subscribe. Sometimes addresses are deleted if they bounce back several messages in a row.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Webmaster

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Police Department for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

Mission Statement

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

Core Values

The following values guide our work:

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

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

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

Personnel Transitions

Thomas E. Ashley, Patrick R. Lee, Christopher M. Medeiros, and Joshua J. Simmons, were appointed as Auxiliary Police Officers.

There were no promotions, retirements or resignations made during this fiscal year.

Commendations

The Freetown Police Department recognized the following officers who demonstrated uncommon initiative and dedication to serving our community; often these incidents place officers at exceptional risk in the performance of their duties.

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

The following officers were commended:

January 26, 2010: Sergeant Edward J. Dwyer, Patrolman J. Michael Connell and Auxiliary Patrolman Christopher M. Medeiros

Synopsis: While on cruiser patrol, Connell and Medeiros signaled a vehicle to stop and it's operator eventually brought it to a halt on Route 140. Two of the passengers provided the officers

with false names. One of these subjects was arrested on three outstanding warrants and escorted by Medeiros to the cruiser.

Dwyer, who subsequently arrived on the scene, accompanied Connell to the stopped vehicle where the second subject fled from the officers across two lanes of darkened highway. Connell pursued on foot as Dwyer was prevented from immediately joining him due to passing traffic. Connell tackled the subject at the edge of the high-speed lane where a struggle ensued. The struggle continued in darkness as vehicles sped by within a few feet. Dwyer joined the struggle while Medeiros monitored the prisoner in the cruiser and driver of the vehicle.

Although Tasered by Dwyer several times, the subject continued to fight with the officers and attempted to wrestle the Taser from Dwyer’s hands. Due to the violent struggle, Medeiros then made his way across the highway to assist. Connell successfully applied his Taser to the subject bringing the fight to stop.

This subject was brought to the police station where it was discovered that he was wanted for armed robbery and a home invasion. Additionally, \$1,300 in bills, organized by denominations was found on his person. Further investigation revealed that he had committed a bank robbery in the City of Taunton

Budget

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

Police Department FY 09-10 Budget

The FY 09-10 budget represented a reduction of \$13,650 or .98 % from the previous FY 08-09 budget, and a reduction of \$60,543 or 4.21% from the FY 07-08 budget.

The Department was successful in obtaining state and federal grant monies. These monies included a federal grant for training and state 9-1-1 grants for training and equipment.

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

Detail Administration fees.....	\$ 25,588.00
Court Restitution.....	\$ 750.00
Firearm Fees	\$ 1,735.00
Report Fees	\$ 615.00
Oversize Load Permits:	\$ 50.00
Parking Tickets	\$ 1,328.00

BCI

The police union continued to work with management and utilize the resources of the Plymouth County Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). BCI provides services, at no charge, such as handwriting analysis, composite drawings, and crime scene processing for fingerprints and DNA.

Facility

The existing police facility is inadequate for the safety, security and equipment needs of a department our size and the demands placed upon it.

Regional Collaboration

The Department is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) and has access to important resources, including search and rescue, canine, rapid response, tactical, marine, and dive team units. SEMLEC consists of 22 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel and equipment.

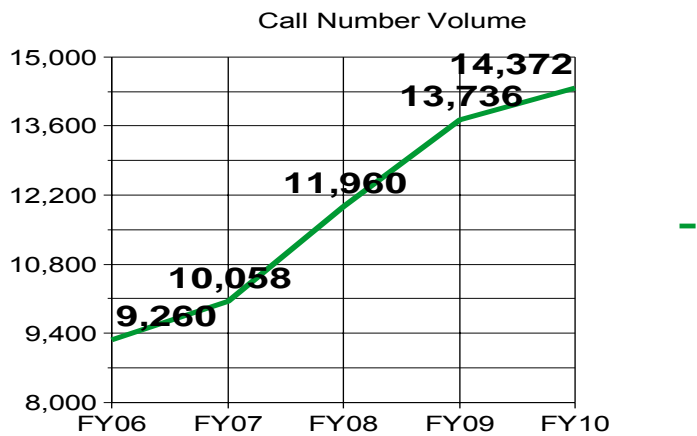
Firearm Licensing

The following activity occurred:

License to Carry Issued	61
License to Carry Renewal	22
License to Carry Suspended	4
Firearm Identification Card Issued	18
Firearm Identification Card Renewal.....	1
Total Activity	106

Statistics & Crime Trends

Call Numbers

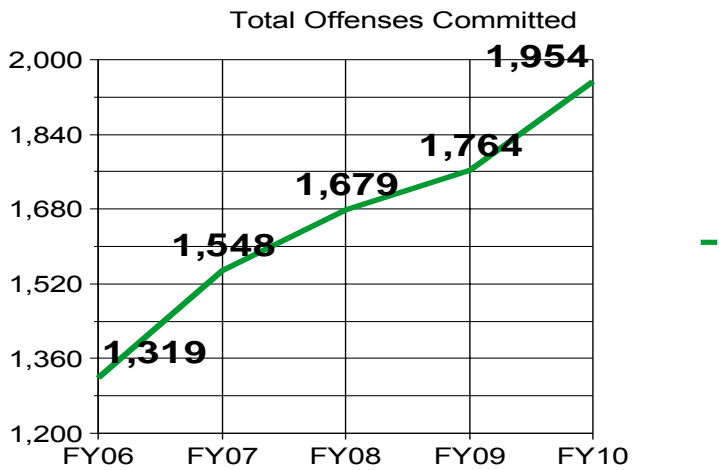


Offenses Reported

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10
Rape & Sodomy	3	7	2	1	2
Robbery	6	0	1	0	3
Aggravated (weapon) Assault	22	35	41	40	40
Simple Assault	41	53	52	85	81
Intimidation	37	48	59	30	49
Arson	2	2	2	10	4
Burglary	42	56	77	77	74
Pocket Picking	0	0	1	1	0
Purse Snatching	1	1	1	0	0

Shoplifting	1	3	10	1	5
Theft from Building	60	68	85	84	78
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	30	18	37	57
All other Larceny	45	92	71	68	51
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	20	24	26	21
Counterfeiting/Forgery	4	9	5	11	14
False Pretenses	16	24	12	14	11
Credit Card/ATM	3	9	1	4	2
Stolen Property Offenses	3	9	5	4	15
Impersonation	3	8	8	19	6
Embezzlement	0	2	1	1	1
Vandalism	84	168	133	117	79
Drug Violations	33	17	29	20	38
Drug Equipment Violations	1	1	0	0	0
Incest	1	0	0	0	1
Statutory Rape	3	6	4	2	4
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	2	0
Prostitution	0	1	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	1	13	18	1	4
Bad Checks	26	12	11	14	11
Disorderly Conduct	12	11	14	24	5
Driving Under the Influence	28	31	36	28	32
Drunkenness	18	18	21	24	15
Family Offenses, Non Violent	1	4	2	3	4
Liquor Law Violations	8	15	29	17	16
Runaway	0	0	0	1	
Trespassing	18	17	25	29	18
Town By-Law Offenses	611	542	569	705	869
All Other Offenses	150	216	311	264	341
TOTALS	1,319	1,548	1,679	1,764	1,954

Case Activity



	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10
Total Felonies	316	507	462	430	438
Total Arrests (On View)	139	128	123	157	134
Total Arrests (Warrants)	86	103	80	89	131
Total Summons Arrests	174	160	172	225	320
Total Arrests	399	391	375	471	585
Total Protective Custody	20	19	18	17	11
Total Juvenile Arrests	12	17	9	12	12
Total Restraining Orders	28	46	46	39	45

Other Violations

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10
Motor Vehicle Citations	1,479	1,767	1,901	1,442	1,898
Municipal By-Law Violations	39	61	61	67	175
Parking Tickets	15	56	63	78	84

Collisions

	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10
Motor Vehicle Accidents Reports – Town Roads	184	215	191	179	167
Route 24 Responses	48	40	75	67	33
Route 140 Responses	17	14	10	21	6
TOTAL	249	269	276	267	206

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

The following is the Annual Town Report of Freetown Fire Department for the fiscal year of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The fire department had two call members leave during the last year. Firefighter Edward Sylvia retired from the active roster after 9 years but continues to serve as a member of the Freetown Firefighters Association. Firefighter Raymond Schmidt resigned after his employer relocated him to Texas. Ray was a member of the fire department for 13 years assigned to Station 1 and is one of the finest firefighters that I have had the pleasure to serve with. "Big Blue" will always be a friend but it saddens me to see him pass from my life as a professional, someone will take his place on the truck but no one will ever replace him.

Call Firefighters James Guilmette, Christopher Higgins, Ryan Page and Eric Reynolds Jr. successfully completed Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Class # 031. This training consists of over two hundred hours of academic exams and practical skill applications. This program is time and labor intensive and speaks volumes of the dedication and commitment to serving the town by these firefighters.

Firefighters performed 209 in-service inspections during the past fiscal year. These inspections included schools, churches and daycare centers as well as smoke and carbon monoxide inspections for new and resale homes. Firefighters are also responsible for station cleaning, hose testing, equipment and vehicle maintenance. Fire department members have attended over 1500 hours of fire training both in-house and at Massachusetts Firefighting Academy sponsored programs.

Fire Department Paramedics assisted the Board of Health with the inoculation of town residents for H1N1 virus. The fire department continues to maintain the town's H1N1 / Flu vaccine inventory / stock at fire department headquarters.

In the spring, two significant rain events impacted the town with record-setting rainfall. All department members were recalled and the three fire stations were staffed. The fire department responded to 224 calls for assistance during the five day period. In addition to their normal duties, firefighters pumped out basements, checked door to door on residents and homes in the heaviest impacted areas, assisted the highway department by operating heavy equipment to load and unload sandbags, driving dump trucks to deliver sandbags and other supplies, maintained and stood watch over various portable light towers and portable high capacity pumps, assigned paramedics to support the military personnel operating in town, delivered drinking water to those residents in need, as well as opening their firehouses to displaced residents and visitors. Our firefighters are indeed the "boots on the ground" when it comes to disasters whether man made or natural events.

During the past year, 12 firefighters received certification from The Massachusetts Fire Training Council to the NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications as Firefighter I/II certified. The department now stands with 33% of its members certified to the NFPA 1001 standard. Our goal is to achieve 100% certification in the next five years.

Last fiscal year, 711 open-air burning (brush) permits were issued. Burning season begins January 15th and runs through May 1st (weather permitting). Burning permits are available at the Bullock Road Fire Station (Sta.3) beginning January 1st each year. Burning hours are between 10AM and 4PM, but residents must call the fire department each day before they burn to confirm that burning is allowed that day.

The Fire Department was awarded three grants during the past fiscal year. We received a Public Safety ‘SAFE’ Grant in the amount of \$4,100, a Federal Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$35,850 and DCR grant in the amount of \$2,000. The SAFE Grant is used to train and equip firefighters to be public fire education instructors and conduct fire safety classes throughout town. The Fire Act Grant will be used to purchase new hydraulic extrication tools to replace the thirty year old Jaws of Life Units. The Department also received a grant from Department of Conservation and Recreation “Volunteer Fire Assistance” Grant Program which was used to defray the costs of a new portable pump for one of the department’s brush breakers.

The Fire Department is in dire need of Fire Apparatus replacement. The 1983 Pumper in Assonet had previously been removed from service for safety concerns and was replaced with a 1973 Foam Unit that had previously been housed at Station 2 in East Freetown. The 37 year old Foam Unit proved to be unreliable and inefficient as a municipal pumper and has since been replaced with a 1993 government surplus pick-up truck at a loss of a 1000 gallon per minute pump and 500 gallons of water available to residents. The 1986 Pumper housed at Station Three on Bullock Road is now twenty-four years old. The 1983 vehicle should have been replaced in 2003 and the 1986 Pumper in 2006. The town is now down to 3 Class-A Pumps. The department has no pumpers in reserve and now has to use the 1978 Aerial Ladder Truck as the first out unit at Station 2 or 3 when one of those pumpers goes out for repairs or service. In the event of a major repair or damage to the pumper at station 1 (Assonet Village) the town will have to borrow or rent a fire engine that will fit into the small historic fire station.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention our unsung heroes, the Freetown Communications Personnel. Their work goes mostly unnoticed, but they are the vital link between the fire department and those in need and they truly are the heartbeat of Freetown’s emergency services.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 1,813 calls for service during the fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	760	Station Coverage	10
Medical Transfers	5	Investigations	142
Medical Mutual Aid	54	Public Assistance	125
Structural Fires	35	Fire Alarms	102
Brush Fires	19	Illegal Burning	22
Mutual Aid Fires	15	Motor Vehicle Accidents	179
Motor Vehicle Fires	32	Water Rescues	0
Carbon Monoxide Calls	19	Details	47
Electrical Emergencies	22	Miscellaneous	<u>225</u>
		Total Responses	1,813

Fire Department receipts deposited to Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees Collected	\$ 306,906.09
Permits & Reports	\$ 11,696.30
Total	\$ 318,602.39

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Silvia, Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

The events that occurred this year have made the record books. In February, we received notification from the D.C.R. engineer, reporting the immediate threat of failure at the Forge Pond Dam and that Town officials take action to protect the citizens along the waterway. Evacuation of residences took place, constant monitoring followed and an Emergency Order was granted for funding from the D.C.R. to make the corrective measures a reality. This took a collaborative effort from local and state officials and agencies to bring a safe resolution and protect our citizens.

We followed with a Spring of heavy rains and snow melt. Water levels reached record levels causing an overflow on Long Pond, Route 140 being consumed with water and closing, the Narrows Road causeway to collapse, the Forge Road Bridge to collapse and eventually the failure of the Gurney Road Bridge. Many other streets and roads underwent various emergency actions to prevent further damage, make temporary repairs, and to make citizens accessible to safe conditions.

The Town operated a Regional Shelter at the Freetown Elementary School, for eight days. Assistance from the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, various communities providing C.E.R.T. members and our own staff from the Council on Aging and EMA led the way. They provided a remarkable service to many in need. The cooperation, incredible efforts and commitment to public safety from all our Town Employees was the bond keeping the community together. We received much support, supplies and services from businesses and individuals aiding in this difficult event.

We must acknowledge Governor Patrick's visit to view the destruction first hand. He made available the numerous State Resources (State and Environmental Police, Ma DOT, and the hundreds of men and women of the National Guard and Air Guard). MEMA took Freetown as the high priority and provided a direct line of contact to accelerate our request. We coordinated efforts to get FEMA responses where they were needed. Many of the small projects are complete, large projects are moving forward (design and permits) and the continuation of repairs will proceed into next year. The paperwork never ends. Our members did attend and complete the shelter management training this fall and could relate to their experiences. We have begun efforts to work with the Town of Lakeville to prevent duplication of services and provide better services in an emergency event.

Thank you to all who assisted during the Federal Disaster and continue to make our community whole again.

Respectfully submitted,

Wesley S. Vaughan, Jr.
Emergency Management Director

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Building Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Homes	13	\$ 11,667.90
Additions	18	\$ 5,353.80
New Commercial	6	\$ 2,498.00
Commercial Misc	10	\$ 1,997.00
Commercial Remodel	16	\$ 4,488.00
Garages	15	\$ 2,929.00
Sheds	8	\$ 480.00
Decks	42	\$ 2,877.00
Residential Remodel	20	\$ 1,850.00
Above-Ground Pools	9	\$ 360.00
Inground Pools	8	\$ 600.00
Fireplaces	4	\$ 200.00
Chimneys	8	\$ 290.00
Wood Stoves	30	\$ 1,330.00
Occupancy Permits	28	\$ 1,400.00
Foundations	10	\$ 650.00
Demolition Permits	10	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	11	\$ 650.00
Roofing/Siding	93	\$ 4,950.00
Home Occupation	5	\$ 170.00
Certificates of Inspection	37	\$ 1,480.00
Zoning Permits	5	\$ 160.00
Gas Permits	98	\$ 5,082.00
Plumbing Permits	79	\$ 5,657.00
Wiring Permits	178	\$ 12,898.75
Trench Permits	41	\$ 2,050.00
Total Permits/Fees Collected	802	\$ 73,068.45
Waived permits	6	
Churches/schools		

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Bourgeois
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Highway Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed: Beech Bluff Road, Beechwood Road, Burns Lane, Howland Road, Memorial Drive, Morton Road, Old Slab Bridge Road, and Walnut Street were shimmed and chip sealed; Memorial Drive, Chace Road Ext., South Main Street, Elm Street, Mill Street, and Richmond Road were crack sealed; and drainage was installed on Rounsevell Drive and South Main Street. Also, the Highway Department took delivery of a DynaPac Tandem Asphalt Roller, which was paid for through Chapter 90 funds.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows: Catch basins were repaired on Billy's Way, Copley Drive, Cushman Avenue, Estelle Avenue, Highland Ridge Road, Howland Road, Kenneth Pettey Drive, Louise Avenue, Morey Avenue, Morton Road, at FFD Station 2, and at the landfill; grindings were placed on Copicut Road and Lang Road; a low spot on the Elm Street bridge was patched; aprons were placed on Quanapoag Road; berms were placed on Chace Road and Forge Road; and brush was cut on Dunham Road, Highland Ridge Road, Joaquin Avenue, and at the James White Library. In addition, the Highway Department assisted CSX with repairs to the railroad crossings in Assonet.

On March 30th, the Great Floods swept through town, taking with them the Narrows Road culverts and the Forge Road bridge. The Elm Street bridge and Gurney Road culvert were also closed due to flood damage, and Christy Lane was widened, paved, and opened to all traffic under three tons as a detour. Richmond Road at Maple Tree Crossing was closed temporarily until repairs could be made. Numerous other repairs and infrastructure improvements were begun later in the spring and will continue into the summer.

Routine building and vehicle maintenance was carried out as needed. The 1977 International sander was taken out of service. In addition, the motor on the 1987 John Deere front end loader was replaced following failure; and the lower portion of the salt shed was resided. A generous donation of jersey barriers was received from Peter Borges, and a number of surplus items, much of it furniture, was received from the army barracks in Brockton.

The Highway Department also assisted with removing the backstop at Hathaway Park, re-landscaping the boat ramp and elementary school, and setting up for and breaking down the parade and fireworks, flu clinics, all elections, the Strawberry Festival, Lakeside Festival, the Robinson Estates Yard Sale, and the Historical Society Open House. Together with the police and fire departments, an Open House was held at the Town Barn in October.

All routine tasks were performed such as snowplowing, sanding, sweeping roads, the mowing of town parks, roadsides, ball fields, and the transfer station; replacing signs, painting signs, and the general maintenance of the town and its equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Street Lighting Account for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

This was the first fiscal year in which the Highway Department was responsible for the Street Lighting account. Prior to this year, this account was managed by the Board of Selectmen.

STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT

Appropriations:

2009 Annual Town Meeting:	\$12,000.00
2010 Transfer Request:	<u>2,200.00</u>
	<u>\$14,200.00</u>

Expenditures:

Balance Due, FY09:	\$ 1,897.92
“ “ July:	927.69
“ “ August:	967.25
“ “ September:	983.37
“ “ October:	1,047.56
“ “ November:	1,085.91
“ “ December:	1,151.79
“ “ January:	1,141.14
“ “ February:	1,073.61
“ “ March:	1,009.81
“ “ April:	954.48
“ “ May:	893.39
“ “ June:	<u>867.79</u>
	<u>\$14,001.71</u>

Balance returned to General Fund: \$ 198.29

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber
Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the Report of the Freetown Water Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The Water Commission is comprised of three (3) members, who are elected to serve three (3) year terms.

Michael P. Pillarella, term expires 2013

John Walsh, term expires 2012

Robert Kelliher, term expires 2011

The Freetown Water Commission is responsible for providing quality drinking water to over 580 customers in both Assonet and East Freetown. We have approximately 17 miles of water supply lines, a booster pump station located on East Chipaway Road and a canister filtration facility located on South Main Street. The Freetown Water Commission purchases water from both Fall River and New Bedford which makes us a Consecutive Water System. We are required by the Department of Environmental Protection to perform periodic testing to ensure that our water meets all local, state and federal drinking water standards. Our annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available at the Water Commission office located at 3 North Main Street, Assonet.

The Freetown Water Commission operates using an Enterprise Fund budget which allows us to operate with only the monies collected through fees and water usage charges. We do not utilize any general funds or tax dollars to operate. The Water Department collected \$460,000.00 for fiscal year 2010.

The Water Commission contracts WhiteWater Inc. as their licensed operators as required for a water system our size. Other employees include;

Keven Desmarais, full-time Data Acquisition and Infrastructure Maintenance

Karen Robitaille, part-time Senior Clerk

Helen Medeiros, full-time Senior Clerk (resigned October 2009)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Pillarella, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Cemetery Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

As a foreword to this year's report, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ralph E. Gurney, Jr., who retired from the Cemetery Commission this spring. Ralph served on the Cemetery Commission for fifteen years beginning in 1995, and his decision to step down when his term expired has left a great void for the rest of us to try and fill. His keen knowledge and gentlemanly nature are unmatched, and the town is fortunate for having benefitted from his service.

Public Cemeteries

A second round of headstones was repaired at the Assonet Burying Ground this year, beginning in October and concluding in the spring. These repairs are funded through the perpetual care account and restore headstones primarily from the nineteenth century. Some have suffered from age; however, many were the victims of vandalism in 1989 and 1992, and are now being permanently repaired. Albanese Monuments of Westport is to be commended for their excellent work and diligence in these projects, and thanked for keeping the cost consistently low.

We thank Miss Danielle Chudolij of East Freetown, who in June volunteered to photograph all the headstones in the Assonet Burying Ground. Her efforts will make revising and correcting our records much easier, and will also provide us with a visual reference if a headstone ever needs to be repaired or replaced. In addition, we thank Letourneau Products for donating six yards of mulch to improve the appearance of the Assonet Burying Ground prior to Memorial Day. The mulch was spread by Durfee Tree Service, giving us a professional and dignified appearance before this most solemn and respectful holiday.

The town-owned cemetery on East Chipaway Road, east of the railroad, was evaluated. Due to its size, no lots are available for sale in this cemetery, but we will hopefully be able to keep it regularly maintained from now on. Anyone with records regarding this cemetery is asked to come forward with the same in hand, for the town has no records for this cemetery whatsoever.

Additional mapping was begun at the East Freetown Cemetery, and we expect to have lots available for sale in this cemetery by summer. There are existing graves in this cemetery, and we are doing our best to ensure they remain undisturbed. Dave Cass is working diligently to lay out this cemetery, and is thanked for his efforts.

With regard to our smaller cemeteries, Town Meeting voted in October to transfer ownership of the Mother's Brook Cemetery to Fall River; however, the city developed cold feet, frostbitten perhaps, when the time came to move forward. As a result, we will now begin planning for its future. An effort is also being made to raise awareness of the unmarked Old Quaker Cemetery on South Main Street. The Richmond Cemetery was maintained throughout the year. The Tisdale Burying Ground is worked on when time permits, and is markedly improved over last year.

Private Cemeteries & Perpetual Care

There are five private cemeteries for which the Town is custodian of some or all perpetual care funds, namely the Chace, Evans, Morton, Rounsevell, and White cemeteries. Presently, the town arranges for maintenance services at the Evans and Morton cemeteries at their expense, while the Chace, Rounsevell, and White cemeteries make their own arrangements. In addition, the town

maintains the Winslow Cemetery as required by laws regarding the care of veterans' graves. We keep in contact with as many of this cemetery's owners as we can locate.

We were asked by several parties to look into the present state of the Dr. Braley Cemetery. It was found that a mostly vacant part of the property had been cleared to allow for the sale of new lots, but the work on the cleared area was incomplete. We have been assured there are plans in place to complete the project. When complete, it should be a noteworthy transformation. Also, upon the request of the owner of the Nichols Cemetery, who now resides in California, we secured quotes on his behalf from our local caretakers to enter and restore this cemetery. This cemetery contains approximately sixty-four graves, and was once owned by the patriot and statesman Robert Treat Paine of Taunton.

Volunteer maintenance and other projects were carried out as follows this year: Plummer Burial Ground was worked on by Mr. & Mrs. Rick Bowie and family, Matt Logan, and Mike McCue; and Roger Guimond continued volunteering to fell trees in our cemeteries where needed. Those wishing to restore or maintain an abandoned cemetery are asked to contact the Cemetery Commission in advance for permission and guidance.

Interments

There were seventeen interments in the Assonet Burying Ground during this fiscal year. Nine of these were residents of Assonet, two were residents of Somerset, and one each was a resident of Berkley, East Freetown, Fall River, North Dighton, Weymouth, and Wiscasset, Maine. The youngest person interred was 23, and the eldest was 100. Two were veterans, one of the navy and one of the army with service in World War II. There were no burials recorded in any other town-owned cemeteries this year.

Veterans' Graves

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

Fee Schedule

The prices for graves remain unchanged from the previous fiscal year. Each individual grave for a full burial is \$800.00. Separate graves for cremated remains only, however, remain \$200.00 per lot. All prices include perpetual care. Anyone wishing to purchase a lot, or to add to a cemetery's perpetual care endowment, is asked to contact a member of the Cemetery Commission, and we will be happy to oblige.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Chairman

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

RECEIPTS

Received for the sale of 23 graves in the Assonet Burying Ground:	\$ 7,450.00
Received for perpetual care for 23 graves in the Assonet Burying Ground:	12,550.00

BUDGET

2008 Annual Town Meeting Sale of Lots Transfer:	\$ 2,690.00
2009 Annual Town Meeting Sale of Lots Transfer:	5,000.00
2009 Annual Town Meeting Appropriation:	<u>4,400.00</u>
	\$12,090.00

EXPENDITURES

Assonet Burying Ground

Budget – Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance:	\$ 9,605.56
Perpetual Care – Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance:	7,444.44
Perpetual Care – Albanese Monuments, repair of headstones:	1,165.00
Perpetual Care – Durfee Tree Service, mulching trees:	375.00
Perpetual Care – Lowe’s Home Centers, Inc., grass seed/fertilizer mix:	49.96
Perpetual Care – Carrot-Top Industries, Inc., flag holders for stone gates:	47.80
Perpetual Care – Wal-Mart, Durfee/Hatheway geranium bequest:	<u>7.50</u>
	\$18,695.26

Other Cemeteries, Budget

Richmond Cemetery – Anna DeMoranville, care and maintenance:	\$ 375.00
Winslow Cemetery – Anna DeMoranville, care and maintenance:	<u>600.00</u>
	\$ 975.00

Other Cemeteries, Perpetual Care

Evans Cemetery – Gregory K. Myers, care and maintenance:	\$ 2,975.00
Morton Cemetery – Gail P. Camara-Marks, care and maintenance:	250.00
Rounsevell Cemetery – Robert S. Rounsevell, care and maintenance:	1,200.00
White Cemetery – White Cemetery Association, grant agreement:	28.00

Printing & Postage

Budget – United States Post Office, Assonet, postage and envelopes:	\$ 9.44
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RETURNS & CARRYOVERS

Unexpended funds from FY10 Sale of Lots transfer carried forward to FY11:	\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended funds from Town Meeting Appropriation returned to the Town:	\$ 0.00

DONATION ACCOUNT

No receipts or expenditures. Balance:	\$ 20.00
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CEMETERY LAND STABILIZATION FUND

As of July 1, 2009, the balance of this fund was \$2,085.98. Interest accumulated throughout the year brought the closing balance to \$2,094.42 on June 30, 2010.

REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND USE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Open Space and Use Committee for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

An updated list of Chapter, Conservation, Town Properties, A.P.R. and Conservation Restriction lands was received from the Assistant Town Planner. Discs of the report with information updated to July 29, 2009 were distributed to members for review and correction.

An application notice was received for two citizens of Freetown to apply for representation to the Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC). This group is offering grant money up to \$4,000.00 to each represented community based upon approval of a proposal for programs to raise community awareness and involvement in protecting the Taunton River watershed area. The TRSC was established by SRPEDD and the National Park Service after the Taunton River was designated as a Wild and Scenic River. To date, Freetown has one representative on this Council.

In August, "Peace Haven" was nominated to The Massachusetts Most Endangered Historic Resources Program by Alfred J. Lima of Greater Fall River Land Conservancy. The Freetown Open Space and Use Committee endorsed this nomination. The nomination letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen and the Assistant Town Planner. This area of 600 acres between South Main Street and the Taunton/Assonet Rivers is of enormous archaeological, historical and geological significance as well as possessing remarkable scenic qualities and shoreline. State nomination was approved. Currently zoned industrial, the remaining acreage will be greatly impacted by the new Route 24-8B interchange and the potential development to follow.

Funds received from a prior Taunton River Watershed Alliance grant were used to pay for mapping and printing fees of the Open Space Plan. This fee was \$600.00 and paid in March of 2010.

The effects of town wide flooding in March greatly altered various segments of the Open Space report, specifically Forge Pond, Long Pond and the Assonet River. It was suggested that annotations be included in the report instead of rewriting entire sections.

A public meeting presenting the Open Space report is in planning.

Meetings of the past year have been sporadic. They are posted in the Town Hall. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Althea H. Brady
Chair

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Report of the Council on Aging for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The fiscal year of June 2009 through July 2010 has been challenging. Some programs offered this year are Referral Service, WII, Blood Pressure Screening, Fuel Assistance Applications, Prescription Advantage Applications, Flu Clinic, Podiatry Clinic, Exercise Classes, Computer Classes, Bingo, Seated Massage, Card Games, Bridge Club, Line Dancing, Walking Club, Meals on Wheels Program, Legal Referrals, Legislative Hours, Medical Equipment Loans, Pool Table, Handicap Transportation, SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Kanakis Produce, Birthday Parties, Paper Embroidery, Catered Luncheons, Brown Bag (122 eligible family participants), Day Trips, Overnight Trips and Volunteer Opportunities.

Stop and Shop Warehouse and Tuesday Club donate on a monthly basis items such as cleaning products, personal products and non-perishables products. We currently serve 161 eligible families. Anyone from Town receiving assistance is urged to come and inquire about this program.

A Formula Grant is written every year to help pay for utilities for the building and mailing of our monthly newsletter. The newsletter has important information about upcoming events and activities. Other town departments and organizations are encouraged to submit any events they would like published in the monthly newsletter.

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

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

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

I would like to thank the Freetown VFW for letting the Council on Aging use the hall every Wednesday for country line dancing.

Respectively submitted,

Barbara A. Place
Director

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Report of the Office of Veterans' Services for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

I have the honor to report that we have served the following Veterans' of the town by administering Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 115 benefits, filing claims for benefits against the US Department of Veterans Affairs, and assisting town Veterans' with filing out forms and providing information and advice on Veterans' benefits. According to the records we have seen 82 veterans and/or their spouses since July of 2009. That report breaks down as follows: Chapter 115 benefits: 11 Veterans/spouses; Chapter 115 (medical only): 3; Chapter 115 (burial): 1; Filed VA Claims for Service Connected Compensation or Non-Service connected pension: 15; Veterans assisted with forms or advice: 102 Veterans or their spouses. We currently have 9 Veterans or spouses on our rolls at this time. This required an increase in budget and we had to go to the Selectmen and Finance Committee for that assistance for the amount of \$57,301.88 to finish the fiscal year thus increasing the Veterans Services budget.

We have decorated the four town war memorials and the new Memorial Park with appropriate wreaths for Veterans Day on November 10th for November 11th, 2010. Those monuments are: (a) Elementary School (WWII); (b) Monument across from Town Hall (WWI); (c) Monument at the 4 corners on Chace Rd (private); and (d) Monument at the VFW on Middleboro Rd. On the Saturday prior to Memorial Day we decorated the graves of Veterans in Town with the assistance of the VFW Post 6643 and the Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts troops in Freetown. Their assistance is always most appreciated and we look forward to their continued assistance this year. It is also a good lesson in Americanism for those young people who participate. Our thanks to you all.

More than 750 flags for Veterans' graves were purchased with corresponding grave markers being replaced as needed. The addition of the Mother's Brook Cemetery which is owned by the Town of Freetown does not have any significant impact on the number of flags or markers required. There are 7 graves of Freetown Veterans in that cemetery across the Fall River line from the earliest days of this town. We are available to mark any graves in Freetown that we might have inadvertently missed or graves of Veterans that are not marked as such. As always, we are on the search for Veterans graves throughout the town.

Our Town Clerk still provides this office, year long, with information on the death of town Veterans. The Veterans' Agent holds office hours at the Senior Center every Wednesday from 2:30PM to 4:00PM (or later if needed) and is available by appointment on other days as necessary. Our "alliance" with the Council on Aging is still a most beneficial relationship in terms of servicing the Veterans of Freetown. We report a considerable increased number of Veterans seen this year over last year. This has been both an exciting and rewarding job and I thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve those Veterans and their families in the Town of Freetown.

In Service to Our Veterans,

Richard J. Levesque
Director

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Library department for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

Children's Programs: This year we were once again able to offer a weekly story hour. Stories were read to the children followed by a craft lesson. This program was held on Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. We would like to thank Cynthia Souza for volunteering her time to once again make this program possible. Both children and their parents were pleased to have this program back in the library. One hundred and eighty-three children attended story hour in FY10.

There was an Earth Day Program held at the James White Library. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Freetown Libraries. The children that attended were given seedlings to plant at home and they also helped with the leaf clean-up around the outside of the library. This program was to teach the children the importance of our environment.

Buildings/Grounds: We would like to thank the Building Commissioner, Paul Bourgeois, for the maintenance that he provides at the Hathaway Library in Assonet. The White Library is privately owned and overseen by the Building Trustees. Due to limited funds and lack of volunteers, they were unable to keep up the grounds at the White Library this year. The Freetown Highway Department stepped forward and helped out greatly by taking care of the grounds. We would like to thank Chuck Macomber and his crew for their help. We also wish to thank the members of the East Freetown Congregational Christian Church who generously allow us to use their parking lot and who plowed the lot throughout the winter.

Personnel: Due to limited funds, we were unable to replace Margaret Riley who had to be released in FY09 due to budget cuts.

We were able to restore Saturday hours at both the Hathaway Library and the White Library this year. This was accomplished through creative scheduling and the willingness of the staff to shift around their traditional hours of work. Despite the demands of their jobs, the library staff maintains a wonderful attitude. Residents from other communities come to use our libraries. Patrons have made comments that they like to use our libraries because our staff is always knowledgeable and friendly. Senior Librarian, Althea Brady, uses her knowledge of reference and circulation services for the benefit of our library patrons. Her dedication to both The Hathaway and The White Library does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. She is also a very active member of the Friends of the Library, putting in many volunteer hours to organize and work at the semi-annual book sales to support the library. Cheryl Belliveau constitutes our entire Technical Services staff and she has all of the responsibility for cataloging our library materials. Her friendly personality is warm and inviting. Mary Ouimet has been with us for a number of years through the Senior Volunteer Program. She has been very willing to fill in when we are short-handed, which is most of the time. Mary Ouimet is an asset to the library. She goes above and beyond of what is expected of her. Every staff member has to be willing to multi-task and be knowledgeable about library services, automated circulation, interlibrary loan, and delivery procedures. It is impossible to enumerate all of the things that these dedicated, talented women do for the library, but we do know that they are appreciated by the Trustees and by the residents of Freetown.

Library visits, circulation, internet use, and resource sharing all increased in FY10. Resource sharing which takes place by being a member of the SAILS network increased by over 4,000, without certification this would not have been possible.

We had a fundraiser this year to help subsidize the library budget. Tee shirts were sold in the library and also at the Strawberry Festival. Many residents purchased the tee shirts to support their library.

Fees collected: \$303.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard
Library Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The Freetown Historical Commission, the town appointed board, continues to work to protect and preserve historic structures and landmarks. To date, the Commission has utilized the criteria of the Demolition Delay By-Law to review three structures of age, whose owners had requested permits for demolition. This year we have not had to review any applications for demolition. When viewing the properties, members of the Commission have been able to photograph the structures. The Commission continues to maintain a photo file of all buildings prior to demolition which is recorded as further documentation. This information is also maintained at <http://town.freetown.ma.us/demolition/>

Much time has been devoted to the Elm Street Bridge Restoration and Rehabilitation Project this year. The Elm Street Bridge located in the Assonet Village Historic District was built in 1822 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As early as October 2006 Massachusetts Highway Department inspected the Elm Street Bridge and determined that there were serious concerns and concluded that "local failures were possible". Mass Highway Dept. felt that the level of deterioration was "Severe/ Major Deterioration. The bridge was rated for loads of 10.8 and was posted for 6 tons. This has had a major impact on traffic, school buses, and public safety for the town. Numerous meetings have taken place with Mass Highway Depart., selectman, residents, and the highway surveyor. The consulting firm of Jacobs, Edwards and Kelsey was secured by the town to develop a rehabilitation project for the bridge. Members of the Historical Commission have been in attendance supporting rehabilitation of the bridge while stressing the important of maintaining the integrity of this historic dry-laid, stone masonry three arch bridge. A Bridge Oversight Committee was formed made up of one member each from the Planning Board, Finance Committee, Freetown Highway Surveyor Freetown Historical Commission, a representative from the Elm Street neighborhood, and a resident at large. Members were as follows: Elm Street Oversight Committee:

Lawrence Ashley, Chairman, Mary E. Rezendes Brown, Paul Denneault, Charles Macomber , Joseph Medeiros, James Rezendes.

Plans for the reconditioning and restoration of the bridge were approved by the committee and sent for approval to Massachusetts Historical Commission. Following recommendations from MHC for modifications to the proposal, the plan with funding was approved at a town meeting. The plan went out for bid but all bids submitted exceeded the amount that had been appropriated. The town of Freetown requested assistance from the state. In the fall of 2010, Mass DOT funded a proposal to repair and rehab the Elm Street Bridge. It was no longer a Town project. More engineering had to be completed to meet DOT and Federal standards. Much of the first design was upgraded which included improving the pedestrian Extensive research and field trips to other bridge sites were conducted by members of the committee sidewalk and adding a pedestrian railing, and a guard railing. and final recommendations were made to DOT and Mass Historical Commission. A letter of approval and support of the 25% design with listed conditions was sent from Freetown Historical Commission to Mass Historical Commission and to DOT. The choice of railing, color of mortar for the injection of the three arches, and the color of all visible cement would have to be approved by FHC. Numerous meetings were held by FHC and James Rezendes was invited by the FHC to serve as our consultant to review plans for our improved understanding. The FHC selected their choice of railing and the color of the railing as early as February 2010. A public hearing was conducted in

March and residents had an opportunity to submit concerns to Massachusetts Department of Transportation. However, the historic floods of March 2010 caused great damage to the Elm Street Bridge and as a result Mass DOT closed the Elm Street Bridge to all vehicles. A by pass route was provided and paved by the town through private property of Kristy Lane as a result of the kindness of property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jose, Kenneth R. Rezendes, and Mary Elizabeth Rezendes. The Elm Street Bridge Project went out to bid and as of June 2010 it was awarded to Manuel Pavao Construction Company of Swansea, Mass. Construction is to commence in July 2010.

The historic March 2010 floods took their toll on other Freetown Bridges and roads. The historic Forge Dam was lost to the town as a result of the increased water at the site and the recommended breaching of the dam which also resulted in the loss of Forge Pond. In turn, the Forge Bridge collapsed and had to be closed. The Gurney Road Bridge also suffered damaged and was closed again to all vehicles. The Narrows Road Bridge was severely damaged and a temporary roadway has been constructed while decisions are being made to rebuild the bridge. Numerous homes were severely damaged in East Freetown due to increased levels at Long Pond. The town of Freetown is in the process of applying for support and funds from FEMA to help with the damage. The FHC will also be involved with the restoration and rehabilitation of the Gurney Road Bridge.

The FHC is still very concerned with the condition of the Assonet Village School and will work to secure grants to help with the repairs to prevent further destruction and plan for the future rehabilitation.

The Freetown Friends of Historic Preservation, a non profit organization, continues to support the goals of the Freetown Historical Commission by encouraging preservation in Freetown. Peter Erwin has established a web site so that interested citizens may learn about our objectives and make contributions on line. The site is <http://www.assonetriver.com/preservation/> The conditions of the Village School and of our historic bridges continue to be among our top priorities.

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month, except when noted as posted in the Town Hall. Presently, we have one vacancy on our Commission. Anyone interested should submit a letter to the Freetown Historical Commission at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rezendes Brown
Chairman

Freetown Historical Commission Members
Mary E. Rezendes Brown, Chairman
Paul Denneault
Peter Erwin
Miriam Gurney
John Laronda
Jacqueline Petrouski

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

To 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, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

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

The Massachusetts Cultural Council receives state funds solely from revenues generated by the State Lottery Commission. These funds are then allocated to the local Cultural Councils through the annual state appropriation process. Our local Cultural Council, in turn, awards grants to applicants who address cultural needs specific to our 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:

Applicant	Project Title	Grant Award
Little Folks Theatre	"The Jungle Book"	\$ 200.00
The Arc of Northern Bristol County	"FLAME: Changing the World for People with Disabilities"	250.00
Lakeville Arts Council (LAC)	Lakeville Arts & Music Festival	100.00
Assonet Bay Shores Association	"Natural History Program"	300.00
Richard Clark	Love Letters – A 2-Person Show	425.00
Karen Chace	Freetown Elementary Story Explorer's Troupe	1,300.00
New Bedford Festival Theatre	Summer Season of Two Musicals	200.00
Greater New Bedford Choral Society	GNBCS Winter and Spring Concerts	200.00
John Porcino, Storyteller/Musician	To Life: Celebrations in Story and Song	400.00
Southcoast Children's Theatre	"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"	200.00
David Bates and Roger Tincknell	"Under One Sky-A Multi-Cultural Celebration"	550.00
Freetown-Lakeville Middle School Drama Club	FLMS Drama Club Presents, "Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr."	445.00
Soule Homestead Education Center	20 th Annual Harvest Fair and Joe Davies Folk Festival	100.00
Sharon Jensen	Voices in Time	300.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 4,970.00

Meetings are posted and held to designate grant funding. The Cultural Council also co-sponsors the Annual Strawberry Festival in conjunction with the Tuesday Club of Assonet and organizes the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Village Bandstand on South Main Street.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Remedis
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Parade & Fireworks Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The annual fair was held at Hathaway Park on July 3, 2009 with several thousand in attendance. New and familiar booths alike were run by various organizations providing entertainment and refreshments for those gathered. The bonfire, which has proven a popular addition, was held for the third consecutive year. Closing out the night, the fireworks were shot off around 9:45 p.m., creating a beautiful display over the Assonet River.

The annual parade was held in Assonet on July 4, 2009. The parade was given the theme “Let Freedom Ring” as the surge in patriotism and military honor which overcame the town in late April continued into the summer. Grand Marshal this year was Walter Sawicki, who retired from the Police Department in January. Lt. Sawicki was selected for his many years of faithful, honorable, and dedicated service protecting and defending the lives and property of the townspeople. *Standard-Times* Man and Woman of the Year were retired Fire Chief Wayne Haskins, who was not able to attend the parade, and Miss Regina Lopes, who rode in style in an antique Volkswagen convertible provided by Mrs. Ellen Lima.

Taking first place in the parade was the Freetown-Lakeville Service Unit Tyler Trahan Memorial float. Second place was taken by the “Find Fun at Your Library” float entered by the Belanger family of East Freetown. Placing third was the marching band from Apponequet Regional High School under the direction of Mr. Edward Ledwith, accompanied by majorettes led by Mrs. Holly Deane.

In November and December, we were pleased to revive an old town tradition by bringing back the Christmastime house decorating contest. Our winners for 2009 were Mrs. Kathryn Mauro in Assonet, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manny in East Freetown. We hope this will become a great tradition in town once again.

We express our continued gratitude to the police, fire, and highway departments for their dedicated support of our activities. In addition, we thank Cape Cod Aggregates for its generosity in making a substantial financial contribution to our program.

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

I would like to begin this report by quoting a portion of the annual report submitted in 1960 by Mr. John F. Usher, Jr., then-principal of Apponequet Regional High School:

The work of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Berkley, Freetown, and Lakeville was one of the highlights of the last school year. From an introductory meeting sponsored by The Freetown PTA, the project grew until some thirteen Berkley, Freetown, and Lakeville high school seniors were awarded scholarships at graduation time.

Our plan is an imitation of the now famous plan conceived by Dr. Irving Franklin, and introduced in the city of Fall River several years ago.

Its success lies in the fact that everyone, regardless of how limited his means, can become a member by contributing \$1.00. This, of course, gives the whole effort a "grassroots" appeal which insures its success.

Although the Freetown Scholarship Fund serves only this town, it works in very much the same way. No matter how able or limited your means, you can help make a difference by donating as little as one dollar. Donations may be made via the check-off box on your excise tax bills, or by sending a check payable to "Town of Freetown" to the committee at Town Hall. Economic analysts have said the recession is ending; let's prove it!

This past year, we welcomed two new members to the Scholarship Committee, Mr. John McCarthy and Mrs. Sharon Rosen, the former of whom is our new Superintendent. Leaving us were Dr. Stephen Furtado, now-retired superintendent, and Mr. Louis Rodrigues, now-retired interim superintendent. We wish both Steve and Lou the best in their retirements.

We began this year with \$597.79. Over the course of the year, more than \$400 was added to the account through interest and general donations. Additionally, Cape Cod Aggregates of Assonet donated \$1,000 at Christmastime, and we are forever grateful for their generosity. Using all these funds collectively, we were able to distribute \$1,650 in scholarships this year. This left us with a balance on June 30, 2010, of \$387.17.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Chairman

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED • SPRING 2010

The Scholarship Committee awarded fifteen scholarships totalling \$1,650 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. These were divided into three award amount categories: \$50, \$100, and \$150. Since all of this year's applicants were students at Apponequet Regional High School, all scholarship checks were presented at Apponequet's "Senior Awards Night" held Tuesday, June 1, 2010 in the Robert C. Falcon Auditorium.

\$50.00 Scholarships

Danielle A. Chudolij	E. Freetown	Boston University	Boston, Mass.
Chelsea M. Duquette	Assonet	Suffolk University	Boston, Mass.
Evan S. Field	Assonet	Cooper Union/Science & Art	New York, N.Y.

\$100.00 Scholarships

Christine L. Amaral	E. Freetown	Salem State College	Salem, Mass.
Nathan S. Angus	Assonet	University of New Hampshire	Durham, N.H.
Alyssa K. Barbosa	Assonet	Johnson & Wales University	Providence, R.I.
Rebecca L. Crose	Assonet	University of Tampa	Tampa, Fla.
Matthew S. Logan	Assonet	University of Massachusetts	N. Dartmouth, Mass.
Kyle E. Murphy	Assonet	Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater, Mass.

\$150.00 Scholarships

Stephanie M. Carvalho	E. Freetown	Boston College	Boston, Mass.
Alyssa Correia	E. Freetown	Quinnipiac University	Hamden, Conn.
Kaitlyn L. Fagundes	E. Freetown	Assumption College	Worcester, Mass.
Sean P. King	Assonet	Bridgewater State College	Bridgewater, Mass.
Ashley E. McCormack	E. Freetown	Franklin Pierce University	Rindge, N.H.
Meagan K. Tolley	Assonet	Westfield State College	Westfield, Mass.

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board endorsed 3 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in the creation of 5 lots. The Planning Board collected \$500.00 in Form A filing fees. The Planning Board reviewed 2 Form C subdivision plans thereby collecting \$4,579.00 in filing fees and \$27,749.00 in technical review fees.

During the fiscal year 2010, the Planning Board held public hearings to review articles submitted for Special Town Meeting vote. These articles included road acceptances of King Philip Way and Buddy's Crossing within the Proprietors Acres subdivision and revisions to the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws. On recommendation by the Planning Board, the Special Town Meeting voted to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11, Section 11.3, Lot Sizes & Setback Requirements to include setback requirements for structures greater than three (3) floors or forty (40) feet in height located within an Industrial (I) and Industrial/2 (I/2) Zoning Use Districts, to amend Article 11, Section 11.17 100' High Structures to change the heading of the section by deleting the words "100' High Structures" and inserting in place thereof the words, "Height Limitations" and amend the wording of the section to specify height limitations within zoning districts; and to amend Article 11, Section 11.18E Zoning Districts – Industrial Districts (I), (I/2) to add setback requirements for structures greater than three (3) floors or forty (40) feet in height

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Carvalho Muncy
Planning/Land Use Administrator

Michael J. Motta
Marc J. Tisdelle

REPORT OF THE FREETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of three (3) members and two (2) associate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction in the manner prescribed in Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers:

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

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

During this fiscal year the Zoning Board of Appeals has reviewed one special permit and five variance requests. The Zoning Board of Appeals collected \$1,620.00 in application fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Carvalho Muncy
Planning/Land Use Administrator

REPORT OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Soil Conservation Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The Soil Conservation Board is a 5-member Board consisting of three Selectmen, Lawrence N. Ashley, Lisa A. Pacheco and Jean C. Fox, one member of the Conservation Commission, Maria Ternullo, and one member of the Planning Board, Keven Desmarais.

The responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Board are to oversee gravel operations and other soil removal activities in the town. During the fiscal year, the Board took action on four Fall renewal permits and three Spring permits. The Board collected \$1,295.00 in application fees and \$750.00 in tipping fees, totaling \$2,045.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence N. Ashley
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tree Warden for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

As Tree Warden, I was called approximately 100 times for tree removal and related issues. In addition, N-Star is still removing hundreds of dead and hazardous trees in the vicinity of the power lines because of gypsy and winter moth damage. They are also removing limbs that are around wires.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice W. DeMoranville
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Conservation Commission Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The Freetown Conservation Commission is composed of seven volunteers, appointed members serving to protect the wetland areas within the Town. Members are Keven Desmarais, Chairman, Americo Craveiro, David Mannion, Troy Audyatis, Janine Robidoux, Maria Ternullo and Felicia Porawski. The Commission reviews, and if appropriate, approves plans for any work that is contemplated either in or within 100 feet of wetlands. The Board also oversees implementation of the Rivers Protection Act. Both approval processes are to ensure that all work conducted in or near a wetland resource area will not have detrimental 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 of well water for drinking in Freetown, it is extremely important that citizens feel free to contact the Commission when they feel that a project may be endangering wetlands.

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

Notices of Intent and Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation require filing fees, thus \$1,120.00 was collected during the fiscal year. From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 the Commission acted upon the following:

REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION	15
NOTICES OF INTENT	10
CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE	3
EXTENSION PERMITS	6
ABBREVIATED NOTICES OF INTENT	0
ABBREVIATED NOTICES OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION	3
AMENDED ORDERS OF CONDITIONS	0
ENFORCEMENT ORDERS	0

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Town Hall, 3 North Main St, Assonet, and/or at specially advertised meetings to accommodate the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Keven Desmarais
Chairman

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF FREETOWN FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Freetown is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2010, the Town of Freetown paid \$1,368.48 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

- < SRPEDD Commission: Jean Fox and Laurie Muncy
- < Joint Transportation Planning Group: Charles Macomber and Lisa Pacheco

Jean Fox served as Vice Chair of the Commission as well as a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Finance Committee.

Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2010 were:

- SRPEDD's **Municipal Partnership** program launched new programs to help improve operating efficiencies of member cities and towns. The regional purchasing program teamed with the Town of Kingston for a group bid for office supplies, resulting in significant savings to participants. A Steering Committee consisting of local public safety officials and SRPEDD was awarded the largest grant in Massachusetts to conduct a feasibility study to benchmark current dispatch operations and make recommendations on enhancements to public safety that may include consolidation for some of the 19 communities covered by this study. The funding for these efforts was provided by the State's DLTA program.
- Completion and approval of the **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, and the **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)**. The TIP established priorities for federal and state regional targets for highway projects, and transit funds for GATRA and SRTA over the next 3 years.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts**, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- **The Taunton River** was designated by the US National Park Service as a Wild and Scenic River in 2009. The Taunton River Stewardship Council made up of representatives from the ten municipalities abutting the Taunton River, along with supporting agencies; continue to meet every other month at SRPEDD.
- **South Coast Rail** remained a major priority in 2009. SRPEDD continued to support the Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force, which includes representation

from SRPEDD municipalities and regional organizations. Plans for development around the train stations continued through 2010.

- SRPEDD continued as the designated fiduciary agent by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for the **Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security** serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded \$25 million in federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification, and 47 intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 125 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized “data layers” are added to the system.
- SRPEDD operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- In cooperation with UMass Dartmouth, SRPEDD supports the Southeastern Massachusetts Council on Sustainability. The broad-based Council is addressing how the region prepares for the future.
- SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 355 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion.

In addition, technical assistance was provided to the Town of Freetown in the following areas:

- Continued work on the South Main Street Corridor Study working with the South Main Street Committee to determine a vision for the corridor and began work on zoning bylaws to implement this vision. (43D TAG)
- A Commuter Rail Station visualization process was undertaken, with over 100 people participating a public meeting, to develop renderings of a potential rail station. (SCR)

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Committees and Administration

Freetown School Committee

Lawrence N. Ashley	Appointed Oct. 2010
Robert W. Clark	2012
Alexandre M. Magalhaes	2011
Robert Nogueira	2012
William Sienkewicz, Jr.	2013

Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee

<u>Freetown Members</u>	<u>Lakeville Members</u>
Robert W. Clark 2013	Lorraine Carboni 2012
Alexandre M. Magalhaes - 1 yr. Appointment	Carl Peirce 2013
Sandra L. Souza - 2012	Carolyn Gomes - 1 yr. Appointment

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

John E. McCarthy

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Jessica L. Huizenga

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

Michael M. Ward

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Anne P. St. Pierre

SUPPORT STAFF

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

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Gary Lincoln, Principal – to June 30, 2010

Jill Proulx, Principal – Effective July 1, 2010

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

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

We are about to embark on a new journey as the communities of Freetown and Lakeville enter into a historic PK-12 regional schools agreement. This effort will allow us to pool our resources in the most efficient manner possible to provide a quality education to over three thousand students. It is both an exciting and daunting period in the educational history of the two towns. Combined with the most severe economic period our state has faced in the last seventy-five years, we will need to find creative funding solutions for our serious fiscal challenges. This will not be easy and will require both sacrifice as well as out-of-the box thinking. Together we *can* make this happen.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John E. McCarthy
Superintendent of Schools

APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Class of 2010 graduated on Sunday, June 6th with 203 students. Class Valedictorian was Evan Field, and Class President was Mariah Nolan. The charge to the class was delivered by Brienne Young. Thirty-six students were inducted into the National Honor Society, led by President Sydney Mazetis, VP Michael Malenfant, Treasurer Conor Peal, and Secretary Alison Racine. The President of Student Council was Analisa Cook.

We are very grateful for the years of service given by our staff members who retired in June: Deveney Boyajdian, Donna Dobrowsky, Denise Haskins, Denise Lamoureux, and Claudia Soares.

On June 1, 2010, one hundred-five members of the Apponequet Regional High School held their annual senior awards night. The Apponequet Scholarship Committee wishes to thank all the local organizations for donating \$110,000 in local scholarship money for our seniors.

The high school completed its preparation for the 2010 NEASC accreditation visit in September.

The Business Department participated in many clubs and activities throughout the year including: DECA, Lifesmarts, field trips, competitions, professional presentations by businesses and colleges, sponsorship of school events, and management of the retail store. Apponequet's DECA Chapter had another successful season. Thirty-five attended a national competition in Louisville, KY. Mike Malenfant and Samantha Mazetis earned 4th Place in Financial Analysis. Paul Coulter and Greg Misodoulakis earned 8th Place in the Stock Market Game. Two teams (one consisting of Kylynn Enos, Tim Barbero, and Ben Crouse and another consisting of Josh Gonsalves, Keenan Marchesi & Steve Oliveira) earned top 16th Places in the Dollars & Sense Challenge. Michael Malenfant earned a National Finish Line Scholarship. Four students attended NARCON Conference in Buffalo, NY – Mike Malenfant and Ian Trombly earned a 1st place ribbon in a Role Play Competition. Three students competed in the Finish Line Challenge in Indianapolis, IN – Jennifer Connor, Mike Malenfant and Andrew Nelson earned 2nd place. Charlie Beal and Andrew Pappas were recognized for their 2nd Place finish in the MA Stock Market Game in Boston, MA at The Boston Globe. Kelsey Brennan, Katherine Curran, Zachary Lyons, Craig Soares and Nicholas Soares earned 5th place in the Capital Hill Challenge. Congressman Barney Frank personally presented the students with certificates for competing for him in the competition.

Department Head positions (.6 FTE teacher and .4 administrative) were eliminated. Curriculum Leaders were hired in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language. The leaders now teach a full course load. Public Speaking and Journalism were scheduled this year due to student interest and teacher availability. Lisha Cabral was hired as the Humanities Coordinator for grades 6-12. The ELA department sponsored the school literary magazine, *The Edge*, and the school newspaper, *The Laker Pride*. The department also sponsored *Laker TV* through the Television Production class which broadcasted to both Freetown and Lakeville.

The Foreign Language department lost 1.0 FTE position. The department offered one club/program. AFS is a Foreign Exchange Program. Families serve as host families to students from other countries, and our students travel as exchange students.

The history and social studies department continued to sponsor the following activities for students: National History Day, Student Government Day, James Otis Lecture Series, Voice of

Democracy, service-based learning, charity drives through Economics Class (\$175,000 raised since 1992), Election Night, Mock Election and Voter Registration.

A new library paraprofessional was hired with hours from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This helped keep the library open an extra hour after school.

To replace our three math retirees Apponequet welcomed Erin Carlson and Jeff Gallant.

The music program at Apponequet provided opportunities in many performing groups: Band (Concert and Marching), Jazz Ensemble, Choir, Sandpipers & Tribesmen (select choir by audition), Femmes (women's choir), and "Harmonized (men's choir)." In addition, there were two student-led groups: the Jazz Combo and the Barbershop Quartet. Music courses for non-performing students include: Guitar, Piano, Music Theory, Music Technology, and Music History. Mr. Edward Ledwith was in his 10th year as Band Director and taught all of the non-performance courses. Mr. Dennis Robinson was the Choral Director, and Mrs. Beth Anne Young was the Director of the select choral groups. Mrs. Denise Haskins retired in June of 2010. Mrs. Haskins directed the Choir and the Select Choirs for over 20 years, served as the Musical Director for Apponequet's Spring Musicals for the past 15 years, and her Choir students were regularly accepted by audition into District and All State Music Festivals. The music program at Apponequet Regional High School has enjoyed a great deal of success, and much of that success has been due to Mrs. Haskins' devotion and commitment.

Due to the loss of 1.0 FTE in science, the Research Methods course and one section Anatomy/Physiology was dropped from the Science Department Program of Studies. Virtual High School (VHS) AP Biology was taught by Bonnie Ferreira. Mrs. Katie Kirk was hired as a .6 FTE biology teacher. Ms. Susan Brelsford was hired as the Curriculum Leader for the Science Department, and Mrs. Constance Bebis was named the 6-12 STEM Curriculum Coordinator for FLRSD.

APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Due to budget constraints, 1.0 FTE woodshop was eliminated. The following electives were offered to students: Foreign Languages, Business/Technology, Art, Music, Industrial Technology, Pre-Engineering & Consumer Science.

Apponequet students demonstrated great success at the upper performance levels on the MCAS tests. In English, 90% of our students scored in the Advanced and Proficient levels. In math, 86% scored in the top two levels. English and math scores are used for determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Our students also scored significantly above the state average on the Biology MCAS test with 83% scoring in the Advanced and Proficient levels. Seventy-eight percent of the graduating class of 2010 took SAT's. SAT Mean Scores for the graduating class were as follows: Critical Reading-518, Math-526, and Writing-514.

Advanced Placement courses included Biology, Calculus, Literature, European History, Physics, Studio Art and U. S. History.

Apponequet Regional High school offered the following clubs/activities for students: Student Council, DECA, Diversity Coalition, International Student Exchange Club, *The Edge Literary Magazine*, Majorettes, Math Team, National Honor Society, *Laker Pride Newspaper*, S.H.A.P.E., Cheerleading, Yearbook, Spring Musical, Drama (Fall Play), (School and Concert) Choir, (Select) Choir, and TV Production.

Boy's soccer won the SCC Championship. The baseball team made it the farthest in the MIAA Tournament losing a heartbreaker to Norton in the South Sectional Semi-Final. Our teams compiled a varsity record of 128-159-12 in a total of 299 contests for a winning percentage of 42.8%. The boy teams finished 86-75-3 for a winning percentage of 52.4%, and the girls finished 42-84-9 for a winning percentage of 31%.

Our sport participants increased by 44 participants while the school population dropped by 31 students. The athletic user fee increased by \$50.00 and our athletic participation increased by 6%.

With a total enrollment of 811 (down 31) and our female population of 400 (49%) and sports participants at 347 (49.6%) and our male school population of 411, (51%), and our sports population of 352, (50.7%), we have an excellent ratio with the sports we offer. Apponequet athletes earned several SCC All Conference awards as well as sportsmanship and honorable mention awards.

The annual Freshmen Orientation was attended by over 200 incoming freshmen and their parents in late August.

Parents continued to offer support for Apponequet students. The Apponequet *After Prom Celebration Committee* worked throughout the year to plan a safe and healthy activity for our students after the prom. Other parent groups at Apponequet include the Music Boosters, the Athletic Boosters, Supporters of Apponequet Players (S.O.A.P.), the football Gridiron, and the Laker Hockey Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Proulx
Principal

FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School accepted a new mission statement as follows: “The Mission of the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School is to help each student develop into a respectful, responsible, and resilient individual, while acquiring the knowledge and skills to become an active contributor to society.” Our school nurse, Deb Levesque, organized the fund raiser ‘Pennies for Patients’ benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Our school was the second highest school in the state for contributions and our nurse was honored at an award ceremony in Worcester. Our school was recognized in the top 10 Massachusetts schools for youth leadership and academics from the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth. Fifty-eight students received the Perfect Attendance Award. Our majorette Novice Class, Class A and Class B won at the New England Championships. Our school was awarded the Toshiba Co. Grant which provided handheld global positioning system devices for students in Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Math classes. Our honored retiring professional staff included: Mr. Dee- Math Teacher, Mrs. Goodwin-ELA Teacher, Mrs. Jaye-Guidance Secretary, Mrs. Kenney-Paraprofessional, and Mrs. Linehan-Family and Consumer Science Teacher. Our new professional staff included: Laura Brophy - Special Education Teacher, Sasha DeMatos - ELA Teacher, Nate Eleuterio - Math Teacher, Carol Ann McDonough - Special Education Teacher, Elizabeth Steele - Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Karin Wallace – School Psychologist and SPED Coordinator, Bria Youderian – MCAS Math Teacher.

State and Regional Testing

The (NAEP) National Assessment of Educational Process test results placed Massachusetts number one in the country. FLMS was one of the randomly selected schools to be tested. Our MCAS results indicated English Language Arts (ELA) Performance and Achievement Levels Ratings as very high performance. The Mathematics rating was high performance. Our No Child Left Behind Status (NCLB) for ELA is in improvement year one for subgroups and restructuring year one for subgroups in mathematics.

Events and Activities

The Freetown-Lakeville Middle School offered Peer Leaders, Student Council, National Jr. Honor Society, School Newspaper, Yearbook Club, Computer Club, Media Club, Junior SEMSBA, Band and Choir Groups, Majorettes, and the Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. The Drama Club presented school and evening performances of “Beauty and the Beast Junior.” Additional funding for the production was provided by both the Freetown and Lakeville Arts and Culture Grants. The Bristol County Sheriff’s office presented a cyber bullying prevention assembly and discussion. Two STEM Ambassadors, Clyde Icuspit and Lisa Cantangallo, from the DIGITS program visited our Science classes. Assemblies included: Poetry Alive, the Bamidele Dancers and Drummers, Math Magic by Scott Jameson, the Harpist and the Minstrel, Rachel’s Challenge, and Veteran’s Day observances.

Library/Media Services

The school library staff created an inviting workspace for teachers and staff and provided opportunities which resulted in increased technologies skills for all. Activities conducted in the library included: PowerPoint presentations created by the students, voice threading, document scanning, database research, filmed presentations, and engagement in book talks. Forty students and twenty seniors from both Freetown and Lakeville took pleasure in a Literary Luncheon with round table discussions on the book, “Fever” which was partially funded by the SouthCoast Education Compact Grant. Other ongoing activities in the library included flight simulation tests, teacher training in Excel, blogs, and wikis.

Guidance Services

Student support services were provided for the personal, social, and emotional growth of our students. Guidance programs in place promoted tolerance for our school community. One program is known as “Mix it Up Day”. In thousands of schools, ‘Mix it Up Day’ occurred at lunch. Students took a brave step toward unity by sitting with someone new in the cafeteria. This practice helped break down social barriers that divide students. The second program was Rachel’s Challenge. Rachel’s Challenge was designed to help school staff and students create a safer and more productive place to learn and achieve. With both programs, the goal was to motivate and equip students with the skills to embrace values of kindness and compassion which in turn created a positive whole school climate. Regularly, guidance facilitated our monthly school C.A.R.E. awards, which acknowledged excellence in student character. Ongoing guidance services included: student support groups, peer tutoring, and preparations for final high school selections of Apponequet Regional, Old Colony and Bristol Aggie High Schools. The guidance department noted a very high number of nominations for both the John Hopkins Talent Search and the Presidential Academic Awards for Educational Excellence and Achievement.

Community Resources for Learning

Local businesses, individuals, and families have donated or assisted on behalf of our students. Their generosity positively enhanced the full learning experience here at FLMS. These donations were very important to the success of our school. We sincerely appreciated all of the support our local community and anonymous local individuals and families provided in 2009-2010. Thank you to each and every one of the following from all of the staff and on behalf of our students, parents and guardians.

Respectfully submitted,

David Patota
Principal

GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Enrollment: 5th Grade:Freetown – 115 Lakeville – 147

Over the past year the George R. Austin Intermediate School has had a large focus on building curriculum and ensuring unity across all classrooms regarding the different areas of the frameworks provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). In the past, teachers worked diligently to write curriculum guides as well as curriculum maps that outline the scope and sequence of the year. Our current focus is aligning our school action plan and goals to the district goals. The GRAIS staff has been working on creating a true Professional Learning Community focused on student learning (Goal 1), implementing an effective RTI program (Goal 2) and working with curriculum to create consistent learning outcomes across all classrooms, (Goal 3). From the district goals, GRAIS has also been working on creating its' own STRETCH and SMART goals. This is still in the working stages and only drafts have been put together. This will continue to be a focus of the staff at GRAIS as well as all schools in the district.

Our Mission

All members of the learning community at GRAIS will work together interdependently to support each student in a collaborative, cross curricular environment to improve our individual and collective results. Teaching and learning will be based on universal grade level outcomes driven by “essential questions” that advance the curriculum toward real life applications so that the learning process becomes more relevant and meaningful. Collective data will be used to provide research based interventions for students so that all individuals in our learning community are making progress towards National and State Curriculum Standards. We will strive to do this by developing an effective Response to Intervention program that uses progress monitoring to identify individual student needs. Students will be encouraged to become life-long learners and problem solvers who can efficiently use and interpret 21st century tools and media to seek knowledge and information that will help them to become productive members of society.

PTO and School Council

Both our PTO and School Council have been very active over the course of the 2010/2011 year. Our PTO presented several different assemblies, including a bullying assembly and a Write Traits assembly that aligned to our curriculum. This year students were able to attend a 5th grade Halloween Social, and 5th grade Luau.

Academic Report

With the growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. Our incoming 5th graders did not make AYP. While most schools are able to combine the students scores from across all grade levels in reaching AYP, GRAIS only can count the scores of one grade. MCAS data is currently being looked at during our monthly curriculum meetings. Math educators are working with David Ng, the math curriculum K-8 coordinator, and the ELA educators have been working with our Reading Specialist, Lucia Trivino. MCAS practice tests are given and then analyzed by the groups to see where the shortfalls lie.

School Services:

Our services have remained fairly constant, though due to a reduction in grant funding and budget cuts we have lost some services. Starting in September 2010, we lost our half-time music teacher, our librarian now teaches both computer and library, and our full-time computer technician was cut. These budget cuts continue to compromise our educational program.

Austin Pride:

Each quarter students are recognized in seven different areas: Improved Grades, Good Behavior, Extra-Curricular Activities, Community Service, Perfect Attendance, Reading and there is an extra nomination that teachers can complete for outstanding citizenship. Each quarter a drawing is completed in each category. Students receive an Austin Pride T-shirt and are recognized for their outstanding contribution or performance. In considering the new bullying law, Austin Pride was aligned to create values and expectations of all students that attend the school. A Kid's Cabinet meets once a month and discusses bullying issues, PTO, and other important events. The students took the word PRIDE in "Austin Pride" and created the following acronym:

P – perseverance

R – respect

I – imagination

D – determination

E – equality

Respectfully submitted,

Bethany Pineault

Principal

FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The degree to which a school serves its community is indicative of the character of the school. This past year we have provided assistance to the town during the Swine Flu outbreak, provided an evening to town employees for ethics training, provided logistical support to the Fire Department for their training academy, served as a Red Cross Shelter and provided multiple areas within the building for town committees to meet. To assist families that have suffered in the March and April floods we held a Flood Benefit Dinner during the evening of April 30th. Our proudest moment of the year came with the dedication of the gymnasium in honor of Petty Officer Tyler Trahan. We have met the needs of the community and continue to find ways in which we can help our friends and neighbors.

December and May were once again highlighted by our Grade 4 Chorus delighting the crowds with songs of Christmas and spring. June saw our eighth annual Storytelling Festival for grades 3 and 4. Since late in September the students in both these programs had been practicing and rehearsing.

As we approached the last days in June we did so knowing that Mrs. Carter will be retiring after thirty-six years of dedicated service to the children and staff of Freetown Elementary School. Over this span, Mrs. Carter has taught in Grades 1 and 2 as well as an Enrichment Program, served on the School Council and the Principal Advisory Council and a whole range of committees that have made our school a better place for your children. She is currently the President of the Educators' Association of Freetown-Lakeville Public Schools. As a corner stone of our school she will be missed in the years ahead.

Our staff has completed our Self-Study in the NEASC accreditation process. In October a visiting team of educators spent three days observing our programs, meeting with students, staff, parents and local officials. This has provided them with sufficient information to make a determination for our continued accreditation.

In March and May our third and fourth graders completed MCAS. The results of these assessments indicate that we are not making Adequate Yearly Progress in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. To address these issues we have instituted a Professional Development Plan, under the direction of the Director of Student and Professional Learning, which calls for regular in-house student assessment in reading. Once the data is collected meetings are conducted with each grade level to review this data and determine effective strategies in the classroom. We have also instituted regular math meetings with our district level math coordinator to review our needs and develop strategies in this area. We are hoping that with the strategies and skills taught this year that our performance will improve.

Over the past several years we have seen an enormous reduction in our budget. The ramifications have been felt school-wide in increased class size, loss of programs, services and supplies. At the end of June we closed French and Art and did not fill a retirement position.

I would like to thank all of our families for their support throughout the year. We have a great school and we can only become better.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Frizelle
Principal

CURRENT FACTS ABOUT FREETOWN

Settled: In 1659. Incorporated: In 1683

Population: Approximately 8,900.

Registered Voters:

Precinct I:	1,836	Precinct II:	1,785
Precinct III:	1,849	TOTAL:	5,470

State Representatives:

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