

**2016** **TOWN OF FREETOWN** **2017**  
**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**



THE HISTORIC ASSONET INN CLOSED IN 2017 AFTER 81 YEARS OF BUSINESS

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016– JUNE 30, 2017**

---

## DEDICATIONS

---



**Amy L. Copeland**  
August 11, 1934 – October 26,  
2016

Election Worker

Council on Aging

Recreation Committee

Teacher's Aide,  
Freetown Elementary School

Girl Scout Leader

---

If it could be said that Freetown had an official Town Mom, that mom might have been Amy Copeland, and if it could be said that Freetown had an official Town Grandmother, that grandmother might have been Sheri Hadley.

Both women, great friends in life, had a tremendous positive impact on the young people growing up in town over the last fifty years. They worked together as Girl Scout leaders, as promoters of recreational opportunities, and as organizers of family-friendly events for the whole community, including our beloved Independence Day parade and fireworks.

Their love for our town and its people was unyielding, and while we are saddened to have lost them, the many wonderful memories we have of them will live on in our hearts forever. We know they'll have much fun and excitement planned for us whenever we arrive.

---

**Sharon L. "Sheri" Hadley**  
April 25, 1945 – March 27, 2017

Cultural Council

Recreation Committee

Parade & Fireworks Committee

325th Anniversary Committee

Scholarship Committee

Girl Scout Leader



*Front Cover Photo provided by Timmothy McIntosh*

# **TOWN OF FREETOWN**

**2016**

**2017**

## **ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**



**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016– JUNE 30, 2017**

# **TOWN OF FREETOWN – ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

## **JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016**

### **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

In Memoriam .....	3
Town Bulletin Board .....	5
Town Hall Business Hours .....	6
Hours of Operation – Various Departments .....	5
Officials and Employees of the Town of Freetown .....	7
 GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS:	
Board of Selectmen.....	10
Board of Health.....	12
Transfer Station .....	14
Board of Assessors .....	15
Treasurer/Tax Collector .....	16
Town Clerk .....	21
Town Meetings, State and Town Elections .....	26
Town Accountant.....	33
 PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION REPORTS:	
Police Department .....	72
Fire Department .....	79
Emergency Management Agency .....	82
Building Commissioner .....	84
Animal Control .....	86
 PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS:	
Highway Department .....	88
Water and Sewer.....	90
Cemetery Commission.....	92
 HUMAN SERVICE AND CULTURAL REPORTS:	
Council on Aging.....	98
Veterans Services.....	100
Libraries.....	101
Historical Commission .....	104
Cultural Council.....	106
Parade and Fireworks Committee .....	108
Scholarship Committee .....	111
 PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCE REPORTS:	
Planning Board .....	112
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	113
Tree Warden .....	114
Soil Conservation Board .....	115
Conservation Commission .....	116
S.E. Regional Planning & Economic Development (SRPEDD) District.....	118
 PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORTS .....	 121

---

---

IN MEMORIAM

---

---

**Paul W. Couture**

1956 – 2016

Social Studies Teacher,  
Apponequet Reg. H.S.  
G.R.A.M.S. / F.L.M.S.

**Paul F. Courcy**

1951 – 2016

Special Education &  
Computer Science Teacher,  
G.R.A.M.S. / F.L.M.S.

**Merrill E. Snell**

1928 – 2016

Recreation Committee  
Special Police Officer, Rec. Areas

**Warren M. Clarke**

1928 – 2016

Public Weigher,  
Assonet Sand & Gravel

**Patricia M. Thorley**

1920 – 2016

Library Aide,  
Apponequet Reg. H.S.

**Evelyn L. Staples Macomber**

1931 – 2016

Business Teacher,  
Apponequet Reg. H.S.

**Lester N. C. Darling, Jr.**

1926 – 2016

Building Inspector

**Henry J. Curt, Jr.**

1927 – 2017

Recreation Committee

**Ethel Fielding Seifert**

1911 – 2016

Election Worker  
Council on Aging

**Barbara E. Trombley**

1933 – 2016

Music Teacher/Director,  
F.E.S. & A.R.H.S.

**Americo "Mack" Craveiro, Jr.**

1965 – 2017

Conservation Commission

**Paula M. Villiers**

1927 – 2017

Library Trustee

**Robert G. "Bob" Martel**

1935 – 2017

**May Ann Sykes**

1927 – 2017

Town Accountant

---

## IN MEMORIAM

---

**Edward L. Mitchell**

c.1931 – 2017

Chemistry/Physics Teacher,  
Apponequet Regional H.S.

**James R. Taylor, Jr.**

1945 – 2017

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

**John Ross Laronda**

1988 – 2017

Firefighter

## **TOWN BULLETIN BOARD**

Annual Town Election  
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 and Precinct III  
Freetown Elementary School  
43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts

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

### **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, MA, or at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown, MA, or the Freetown Elementary School, 43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, MA 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, (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays,) and on the town's website [www.freetownma.gov](http://www.freetownma.gov) except for those meetings called on an emergency basis.

#### **BOARD:**

#### **MEETING INFORMATION:**

Building Committee	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center
Police Sub-Committee	Meeting date and times posted; Meetings held at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center
Finance Committee	Meeting dates and times posted; Meetings held at Multi-Purpose Senior Center.
Regional School Committee	Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month unless noted differently, September - June
Historical Commission	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.
Soil Conservation Board	Meeting dates, times and location posted. Meetings are held when necessary.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Meetings are held on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M as needed. Meetings held at Freetown Town Hall.

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Held First Monday in June – 7:30 P.M.

Apponequet Regional High School

100 Howland Road

Lakeville, Massachusetts

or

Freetown Elementary School

43 Bullock Road

East Freetown, Massachusetts

## **OTHER OFFICE HOURS**

Veterans' Agent: By appointment by contacting Robert Klevecka or email at  
veteransagent@freetownma.gov



# OTHER APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF FREETOWN

## TERM EXPIRES

(AO)

### BOAT RAMP ATTENDANT

James Maciel  
Michele Castonguay

### TOWN PHYSICIAN

(AO)

Christopher J. Lebo, M.D.

### MODERATOR

(EO)

Michael McCue

2018

(AO)

Mark S. Logan, Sr., Asst. Moderator

06/05/17

(AO)

### TAXATION RELIEF COMMITTEE

Paul G. Sadeck  
Barbara LaFleur

Jessica Thomas  
Odelia Thomas

(AO)

### HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Keven Desmarais  
Paul Sadeck  
Walter Sawicki  
Mark Fornaciari

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.  
Neal Lafleur  
Jack Healey

(EO)

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert H. Alderson  
Paul L. Deneault  
Bradford Paiva, Chairman  
Kent Wilkins  
Joel Pacheco

2017  
2017  
2018  
2019  
2018

(EO)

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Walter Sawicki  
Ellen Lima  
John S. Ashley  
Susan Jose

2017  
2019  
2018  
2022

(AO)

**LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Lucille M. Rosa, Chairman  
Irene Ashley  
Paul Lubin

Cynthia Souza  
Joseph Zinni  
Michael Motta

(AO)

**HARBORMASTER AND SHELLFISH WARDEN**

Mark A. Jose

2017

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

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

(AO)

**CABLE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Curtis D. Dias

Lisa A. Pacheco

(AO)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Lisa A. Pacheco  
Bruce W. Wilbur  
James Rezendes

Charles Sullivan  
Robert Jose  
Derek Gracia

(AO)

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Jacqueline Brown  
Jeanette Tisdelle  
Lisa Pacheco, Chairman  
Lucille Rosa  
Paul Lubin  
Benjamin Levesque  
Paul Deneault  
Swede Magnett

Robert Jose  
Paul Sadeck  
Robert Alderson  
Gary Silvia  
Charles Sullivan  
Mary Rezendes-Brown  
Jack Healey  
Kent Wilkins

(AO)

**POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Lisa Pacheco, Chairman  
Benjamin Levesque  
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.  
Mary Rezendes-Brown  
Kent Wilkins

Robert Jose  
Paul Sadeck  
Charles Sullivan  
Jack Healey  
Mark Fornaciari

## **SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

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

Carl Brodeur – Freetown Rep. Taunton River Stewardship Council.

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

Jack 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; Ethics Commission Office; Rep. Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG); Chief Procurement Officer.

Alexandra Golz, Parking Clerk

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

Lauren Moreau – Representative to Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District; Representative to Joint Transportation Planning Committee.

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

Robert P. Jose; Board of Selectmen's Representative to Regional School's Finance Committee; Member-Negotiations Sub – Committee (Schools), SRTA Rep.

Gary Silvia – Emergency Planning Coordinator, Assistant; Forest Fire Warden; Hazardous Waste Coordinator; Municipal Coordinator "Right to Know" Assistant; Representative to Pre-Disaster Mitigation Committee of Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH & PERSONNEL BOARD

Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman 2018

Robert P. Jose, Personnel Chair 2019

Charles B. Sullivan, Board of Health Chair 2020

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN STAFF

Jack F. Healey, retired June 30, 2018

Alexandra Golz, Administrative Assistant

Timm McIntosh, Senior Clerk

*The Board of Selectmen's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.  
Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month at 6pm at the Council on Aging.*

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

Receipts were deposited to the Treasurer as follows:

#### Liquor Licenses:

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

Entertainment Licenses:	3	@	\$100.00	\$300.00
One Day Entertainment License (Sunday):	1	@	\$5.00	\$5.00
Jukebox Licenses:	1	@	\$20.00	\$20.00
Automatic Amusement Device Licenses:	1	@	\$50.00	\$ 50.00

#### Motor Vehicle Licenses:

Class II Dealers' Licenses:	22	@	\$100.00	\$2,200.00
Class III Dealers' Licenses:	8	@	\$100.00	800.00
M.V. Graveyard License:	1	@	\$100.00	100.00

#### Other Licenses:

Annual Auctioneer's License:	1	@	\$25.00	25.00
Sale of Second-Hand Furn./Merch. License:	1	@	\$25.00	50.00
One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License	1	@	\$50.00	50.00
Hawkers & Peddlers	3	@	\$ 50.00	150.00

Other Receipts:

Road Opening Permit	6	@	\$150.00	900.00
Parking Ticket Payment:				200.00
Ads for Annual Town Report	2	@	\$100.00	200.00
Donations for Town Hall Events				\$500.00
Other Dept. Rec – Net Meter Funds from NRG				\$1,793.42
Cable Franchise Fees				\$28,553.99
Cable License Fees				\$1,434.50
Reads Collaborative (payment for school classroom use)				\$25,000.00

**TOTAL SUBMITTED TO TREASURER: \$ 70,031.91**

Respectfully submitted,

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Lisa A. Pacheco, Chairman

# REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles B. Sullivan, Chairman, 2020

Lisa A. Pacheco, 2018

Robert P. Jose, 2019

## BOARD OF HEALTH STAFF

Kevin Bernardo, Health Agent

James Aguiar, Jr., Part Time Health Agent

Lori Desmarais, RN BSN, Public Health Nurse

Nadine Dimond, Senior Clerk

*The office of the Board of Health is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.  
Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month at 6pm at the Council on Aging.*

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017

	Permits Issued	Permit Fees Collected
New Septic Systems	17	\$3,400.00
Repaired Septic Systems	46	\$5,750.00
Septic System Review	57	\$2,850.00
Cert. Of Compliance	54	\$540.00
Title 5 Review	75	\$3,750.00
Installers Licenses	31	\$6,200.00
Pump & Transport Licenses	9	\$2,000.00
Well Permits	30	\$4,500.00
Percolation Test	61	\$15,075.00
Milk & Cream	23	\$220.00
Camp License	5	\$750.00
Temporary Food	35	\$510.00
Common Victualler	24	\$1,800.00
Food Establishment	27	\$3,900.00
Retail Food	15	\$1,500.00
Transient Vendor	2	\$40.00
Mobile Food	3	\$225.00
Bakery License	5	\$250.00
Piggery License	0	\$0.00
Trash Hauler	5	\$900.00
Tobacco	8	\$440.00
Tattoo Establishment	0	\$0.00
Tattoo Practitioner	0	\$0.00
Public Beach	1	\$75.00

Outdoor Wood Burning Stove Permit	0	\$0.00
Tanning Facility	1	\$75.00
Pool Permits for Camp	3	\$225.00
<b>Total Permits/Fees Collected</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>\$54,975.00</b>
Waived Permits/Fees	1	

Respectfully submitted for

Kevin Bernardo  
Health Agent

## REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Charles B. Sullivan, Chairman, 2020

Lisa A. Pacheco, 2018

Robert P. Jose, 2019

### BOARD OF HEALTH STAFF

Kevin Bernardo, Board of Health Agent

Victoria King, Transfer Station Attendent

Robert Klevecka, Assistant Transfer Station Attendent

*The Transfer Station is located at 55 Howland Road in Assonet, Massachusetts,  
and is open Thursday-Sunday, from 8am-3:30pm.*

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017

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

Bulky Items	\$29,950.50
Recycling	\$4,300.00
Resident Stickers	\$12,240.00
Tires	\$704.00
Propane Tanks	\$250.00
Batteries	\$75.00
Misc.	\$995.00
<b>Total Fees Collected Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$48,514.50</b>
<b>Total Fees Collected by Town of Freetown for Trash Bag Sales</b>	<b>\$307,206.25</b>

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin Bernardo  
Health Agent



# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
Sheila Scaduto, Chairman, 2020  
Suzanne Ashley, 2018  
Michael Motta, 2019

BOARD OF ASSESSORS STAFF  
Karen Mello, Assistant Assessor

*The Board of Assessors office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.  
Meetings are scheduled Mondays at 5:30pm at the Town Hall.*

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The Fiscal 2017 Report of the Board of Assessors on property assessed January 1, 2016 is as follows:

Assessed Value of Land & Buildings	\$1,197,340,060.00	
Assessed Value of Personal Property	\$ 61,486,460.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE</b>	<b>\$1,258,826,520.00</b>	
Number of Dwelling Units Assessed	3,440	
Number of Real Estate Parcels Assessed	3,973	
Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed	271	
Tax Exemptions for FY2017		
Clause 41C (Elderly)	\$ 64,000.00	
Clause 22, 22A, 22C, 22E (Veteran)	\$ 66,150.00	
Clause 17D, 18, 37, 58/8, 59/5K	\$ 11,106.74	
Tax Abatements for FY2017	\$ 6,932.79	
<b>TOTAL ABATEMENTS &amp; EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>\$ 148,189.53</b>
Amounts to be Raised		
Local Expenditures		\$ 28,228,402.28
State & County Assessments		\$ 244,057.00
Overlay		\$ 642,927.50
Gross Amounts to be Raised		\$ 28,228,402.28
Estimated Receipts & Local funds		\$ 9,550,884.99
Net Amounts to be Raised		\$ 18,677,517.29
Real Property Tax Levy	\$ 17,372,774.61	
Personal Property Tax Levy	\$ 1,304,742.68	
<b>TOTAL TAX LEVIED ON PROPERTY</b>	<b>\$ 18,677,517.29</b>	

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Scaduto, Chairman  
FREETOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Jessica Thomas, Treasurer/Collector  
Linette Langevin-Uzzell, Assistant Collector

*The Treasurer/Collector's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.*

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Treasurer's Office for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

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

The following represents the unaudited year end tax balances of the Tax Collector as of June 30, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Thomas  
Treasurer/Collector

<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>
<b>Levy 2017</b>	<b>\$ 302,418.39</b>
<b>Levy 2016</b>	<b>\$ (51.65)</b>
<b>Levy 2015</b>	<b>\$ (72.24)</b>
<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 302,294.50</u></b>
<b>Personal Property</b>	
<b>Levy 2017</b>	<b>\$ 9,951.83</b>
<b>Levy 2016</b>	<b>\$ 8,902.95</b>
<b>Levy 2015</b>	<b>\$ 8,648.76</b>
<b>Levy 2014</b>	<b>\$ 8,117.37</b>
<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>\$ 28,741.93</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 64,362.84</u></b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	
<b>Levy 2017</b>	<b>\$ 148,138.99</b>
<b>Levy 2016</b>	<b>\$ 22,597.63</b>
<b>Levy 2015</b>	<b>\$ 12,221.60</b>
<b>Levy 2014</b>	<b>\$ 10,500.40</b>
<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>\$ 56,941.88</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 250,400.50</u></b>
<b>Boat</b>	<b>\$ 2,987.91</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,987.91</u></b>

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Jessica Thomas, Treasurer/Collector  
Isabel Ferriera, Assistant Treasurer

*The Treasurer/Collector's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.*

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Treasurer's Office for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Thomas  
Treasurer/Collector

### Cash Summary

Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$7,527,299.26
Receipts	\$26,617,249.49
Expended	<u>-\$22,501,066.46</u>
Balance June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$11,643,482.29</u></u>

### Interest

	<u>FY 14</u>	<u>FY 15</u>	<u>FY 16</u>	<u>FY 17</u>
Earned				
Net	<u>\$5,472.93</u>	<u>\$4,319.08</u>	<u>\$11,553.66</u>	<u>\$30,785.99</u>

### Account Balances

Bristol County Savings	\$3,270,532.35
MMDT	\$338.53
Manfield MM	\$51,012.39
Rockland Trust - GF	\$1,595,260.98
Rockland Trust - Payroll	\$0.07
Rockland Trust- New Vendor	\$4.44
Rockland Trust - Old Vendor	\$0.02
Rockland Trust - Sundry Trust	\$1,247,790.86
Unibank - Town Clerk	\$1,367.24
Unibank - Fire Permits	\$3,907.34
Unibank - On line	\$681,467.60
Unibank - Money Market	\$301,069.48
Harbor One- Stabilization	\$2,256,211.34
Harbor One- Capital Stabilization	\$2,202,697.04
Cash and Checks in Office	\$450.00
TD Bank - Ambulance	\$31,372.60
	<u><u>\$11,643,482.28</u></u>

<b><u>Tax Title Collected</u></b>	<b>FY 14</b>	<b>FY 15</b>	<b>FY 16</b>	<b>FY 17</b>
Principal	\$26,601.84	\$308,032.66	\$211,419.84	\$184,797.01
Interest	\$14,802.20	\$165,111.76	\$119,109.86	\$146,196.40
Total	<u>\$41,404.04</u>	<u>\$473,144.42</u>	<u>\$330,529.70</u>	<u>\$330,993.41</u>

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE  
TRUST FUND  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

Septic Grant Program	\$76,108.50
Planning Board Engineering	\$14,572.47
Law Enforcement	\$1,007.18
Library Plan & Design	\$18,869.04
Arts Lottery	\$5,420.47
Conser. Bd. Eng. Fees	\$1,894.66
Bicycle Safety	\$391.85
Sub Total - Special Funds	<b>\$118,264.17</b>

**LIBRARY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE**

J. White Therien	\$14,874.05
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
Paine	\$100.00
Betsey Hathaway	\$1,000.00
George Hathaway	\$10,000.00
Douglas Dana	\$400.00
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,000.00
Gager	\$2,000.00
Isable Hathaway	\$500.00
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$1,000.00
Sub Total - Library Funds	<b>\$43,245.25</b>

**CEMETERY FUNDS NON-EXPENDABLE**

Assonet Cemetery	\$199,535.00
Chace Cemetery	\$76,700.00
Rounsvelle Cemetery	\$10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	\$7,065.00
White Cemetery	\$500.00
E. Freetown Cemetery	\$600.00
Evans Cemetery	\$36,270.00
Nichols Cemetery	\$345.00
Richmond Cemetery	\$612.00
Ruby W. Linn Trust	\$18,640.00
Tripp Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	<b>\$351,917.00</b>

**LIBRARY FUNDS EXPENDABLE**

Irene Plouffe	\$294.30
J.L. Lawton Kirker	\$188.50
J. White Therrien	\$3,116.15
White Memorial	\$1,349.16
C. Clark Memorial	\$2,203.13
Douglas Dana	\$1,458.76
Annie Hunt	\$2,059.87
Warren Cudworth	\$4,937.75
Gager	\$819.21
A.A. Paine	\$1,193.54
Betsey Hathaway	\$3,958.30
George Hathaway	\$28,636.35
M. Marvin Fletcher	\$1,663.53
C. Isabel Hathaway	\$1,329.38
Morgan Memorial	\$1,022.72
Parker Memorial	\$441.99
Clarence Kendrick	\$136.29
Sub Total Library Funds	<b>\$54,808.93</b>

**CEMETERY FUNDS EXPENDABLE**

Assonet Cemetery	\$2,154.00
Chace Cemetery	\$408.54
Rounseville Cemetery	\$16.94
Morton Cemetery	\$6.40
White Cemetery	\$0.92
E. Freetown Cemetery	\$0.60
Evans Cemetery	\$5,764.19
Nichols Cemetery	\$2.26
Richmond Cemetery	\$1.60
Ruby W. Linn	\$6,722.66
Tripp Cemetery	\$5.21
Sub Total Cemetery Funds	<b>\$15,083.32</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Clark Scholarship	\$10,068.57
Symp. & Hosp.	\$1,480.73
Conservation	\$99,248.80
Unfunded Pension	\$60,144.50
Fire-Call Disability	\$12,554.66
Parade & Fireworks	\$27,092.59
Federal Forfeiture	\$57,875.88
Police Reserve Disability	\$814.11
Education & Scholarship	\$234.51
Elderly & Disabled Donation	\$5,171.60
Trinity Ln. Ext. Perf. Bond	\$5,072.58
Aduke Way. Perf. Bond	\$17,016.19
Terry Lane- 97 High Street	\$0.00
OPEB	\$367,697.47
Peacock Estates	\$0.00
Sub Total Miscellaneous	<b>\$664,472.19</b>

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/17 **\$1,247,790.86**

# REPORT OF TREASURER'S OFFICE

## 30-JUN-17

### INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS

Date

Loan

### LONG TERM DEBT

#### **INSIDE DEBT LIMIT**

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

Outstanding June 30, 2016	\$	4,580,000.00
Borrowed FY 2017	\$	-
Paid Principal FY 2017	\$	535,000.00
Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$	4,045,000.00
Interest Paid FY 2017	\$	86,250.00

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

Outstanding June 30, 2016	\$	490,000.00
Borrowed FY 2017	\$	-
Paid Principal FY 2017	\$	70,000.00
Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$	420,000.00
Interest Paid FY 2017	\$	9,100.00

#### **OUTSIDE THE DEBT LIMIT**

4/3/2009 **Water Pump Station**

Outstanding June 30, 2016	\$	44,250.00
Borrowed FY 2017	\$	-
Paid Principal FY 2017	\$	14,750.00
Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$	29,500.00
Interest Paid FY 2017	\$	2,876.25

### SHORT TERM DEBT

Bridge Repairs & S. Main Filter Site Imp. BAN

Date of Votes

10/27/2015 & 6/15/2015

Amount Authorized	\$	925,000.00
Issued FY 2016	\$	925,000.00
Paid Principal FY 2017	\$	625,000.00
Renewed FY 2017	\$	300,000.00
Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$	300,000.00
Interest Paid FY 2017	\$	3,468.75

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

### **TOWN CLERK**

Jacqueline A. Brown, MMC/CMMC, Elected Tenure  
Cheryl Estrella, Senior Clerk

### **BURIAL AGENT**

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

### **CENSUS LIAISON**

Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

Raymond Roderiques (resigned 10/16/16), March 2018  
Mary L. Bowen, March 2019  
James O'Leary, March 2017  
Jacqueline A. Brown, Town Clerk

### **ELECTION WORKERS**

Terms expire: August 15, 2017

#### **Republican:**

Elizabeth D Ashley, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Kenneth Bock, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Lauren J. Collins, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Gwendolyn Fernandes, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller (until 10/20/16)  
Judith Gurney, Election Worker/Warden – Precinct 3  
Jennifer Lewis, Election Worker/Clerk- Precinct 2  
Michael T. McCue, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Roger Martin, Election Worker/Warden – Precinct 1  
Lorraine Noel, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Christine Paiva, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Melony Parris, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Sandra Pettey, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Rhonda Porawski, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Judy A. Reese, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Terry Shaw, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

#### **Democrat:**

Susan Freeman-Aronofsky, Election Worker, Clerk (Inspector/Teller until 10/23/16; Prec 1 Clerk as of 10/23/16)  
Manuel Arruda Jr, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Travis Bowie, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Michele Castonguay, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Nancy Graca, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Marjorie Laporte, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Myrna C. Lubin, Election Worker/Clerk – Precinct 3  
Paul D. Lubin, Election Worker/Warden – Precinct 2  
Diane Martin, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller  
Edward Orlowski, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller



Nancy Roberts, Election Worker, Clerk (Prec 1 Clerk 5/25/16-10/23/16; Inspector/Teller as of 10/23/16)

Grace Rose, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Patricia Rushton, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Susan Simao-Veloza, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Elizabeth Youngblood, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Unenrolled:

Arnold C. Boucher, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Victoria A. Brownell, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Paula Charette, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Peter Charland, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Karen Carling-Chudolij, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Kenneth Collard, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Rochelle Cox, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Leo Desorcy Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Joy Grunwald, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Anita Howland, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Susan Jose, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Frank A. Lach, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Lois Pereira, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Linda H. Remedis, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Grace M. Medeiros, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

Carol M. Weiner, Election Worker, Inspector/Teller

*The Town Clerk's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.*

*The Annual Town Meeting is held on the first Monday in June, typically at the Freetown Elementary School. The Annual Town Election is held on the first Monday in April, from 12pm-8pm, with all three Precincts voting in the Freetown Elementary School Gymnasium. For state elections, polls are open from 7am-8pm, at the same location.*

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, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

- 1) Public Records Law -The updated state Public Records Law went into effect in January 2017 and the Town Clerk was appointed as the Master RAO (Records Access Officer) for the town's public records requests. Guidelines and a public records request form was created and placed on the town website to accommodate the individuals with requesting records.
- 2) Federal Census – The State/Local Census is carried out on an annual basis, but the Federal Census is completed every 10 years. January 2017 was the kick-off for the Town Clerk's Office to participate in the long process of reviewing, changing, deleting and adding data (LUCA) for the 2020 Federal Census. The 3 year process helps communities obtain federal funds by providing accurate census information within the municipality.
- 3) Online Dog Licensing Program- Beginning with 2017 licensing period, residents were able to request their dog licenses online by paying the fee with a credit/debit card or ACH. The program

also enables the resident look at the account and download or upload the rabies vaccination certificate for their dog(s). If an email is provided, residents can receive limited notifications from the town such as, when the rabies clinic is scheduled, a reminder at the beginning of the year that licenses are available, etc.

**ELECTIONS:** New to Massachusetts this FY, was the option to register to vote online. In addition, for the first time in Massachusetts, Early Voting was available for the Presidential/State Election giving voters the opportunity to vote 10 days prior to the election. In Freetown, 1,365 voters participated in the Early Voting process. It was a challenge for both the Town Clerk's Office and the Election Workers who did an outstanding job during the Early Voting period and on the Election Day.

- ❖ **Presidential/State Election-** There was an 87% turn out for the Presidential/State election that was held on November 8, 2016 with 4 questions on the ballot. The questions addressed on the ballot were: Expanded Slot Machines, Charter School Expansion, Conditions for Farm Animals and the Legalization, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana. In Freetown, the questions on the first two questions were defeated. The Freetown voters voted in favor of the questions on the Conditions for Farm Animals and Legalization, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana.
- ❖ **Local Annual Election-** There was a 10% turn out for the annual town election that was held on April 3, 2017. There were 16 positions available on the ballot. The Board of Selectmen's and the Regional School District Committee-Freetown positions were contested races on the ballot.

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

**REVENUES & TOWN MEETINGS:** The following pages reflect the revenues collected in the Town Clerk's Office and information regarding the town meetings held during this fiscal year.

In closing, I would like to extend a special thank you to the Wardens, Clerks and Election Workers for their assistance with the Early Voting and for working in unison non-stop on Election Day. On a typical state election day, some election personnel work a straight 16 hours at the polls. Their day begins at 6AM setting-up for the election and then they do not get to leave until 10PM after the tallying is completed. Their unwavering commitment is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to express my endless thanks to the Senior Clerk, Cheryl Estrella for her assistance with the 10 day Early Voting process and in addition, for her perseverance in helping to maintain stability and rationality in the Town Clerk's Office on a daily basis, especially during a FY with so many new changes within the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline A. Brown, MMC/CMMC  
Town Clerk

## TOWN CLERK RECORDINGS - JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017

### VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded	54
Deaths Recorded	56
Marriages Recorded	35

### DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses Issued	1,806	
Kennel Licenses Issued	30	\$ 2,420
Dog Licenses -Paid in person or by mail		\$ 18,187
Dog Licenses -Paid Online		\$ 1,235
Dog Licenses-Late Fee Paid Online		\$ 35
Total Dog Revenue		\$ 21,877

<u>OTHER REVENUE:</u>	<u>In Office</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Total</u>
Street Maps	\$10		\$10
Street/Voting List	127		127
ZBA Appeals Fee	2,430		2,430
Copy Fees	90		90
Marriage Intentions	1,115		1,115
Birth Certificates	1,258	11	1,269
Death Certificates	2,063		2,063
Marriage Certificates	1,037	11	1,048
Business Certificates	2,596		2,596
Flammable Storage Certificates	430		430
Cemetery Plots	120		120
Dog Fines	3,240		3,240
Passport Photos	216		216
Bazaar/Raffle Permit	50		50
Non-Criminal Violations	4,550		4,550
Genealogy Research	2		2
Pole Location	20		20
Burial Permits	345		345
Non-resident Stickers	1,085		1,085
Resident Stickers	1,700		1,700
Conservation Stickers	510		510
Miscellaneous	207		207
Total Other Revenue	\$ 23,201	\$ 22	\$23,223
Total Revenue			\$43,808

## TOWN MEETINGS

### ❖ October 18, 2016 – Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 102 registered voters in attendance to vote on 23 articles.

#### Highlights:

*Article 1-* Approved to raise/appropriate (\$2,300) to purchase a Dog Licensing Database

*Article 3-* Approved to supplement the Tree Warden's FY17 budget (\$5,000)

*Article 4-* Approved raise/appropriate (\$5,000) to contract services to evaluate Town Hall permanent records

*Article 5-* Approved raise/appropriate funds (\$250,000) to Supplement the Capital Stabilization Fund

*Article 6-* Approved to allocate funds (\$34,225) from FY16 appropriation (ATM 6/5/15) and to appropriate from free cash (\$92,000) for CBA

*Article 7-* Approved to appropriate from free cash (\$700,000) to reduce outstanding BAN

*Article 8-* Approved to fund from free cash (\$750,000) for engineering, design & project management for construction of new police station.

*Article 16-* Transfer funds (\$4,300) from Landfill Solid Waste Project Cost Fund to purchase 2 methane detectors and 1 round of mowing/brush cutting of the landfill.

Total appropriations approved: \$ 1,542,000 by Free Cash  
\$ 262,520 by Taxation  
\$ 184,392 by Enterprise Funds  
\$ 28,525 by Other Available Funds

### ❖ June 5, 2017 – Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 285 registered voters in attendance to vote on 4 articles.

#### Highlights:

*Article 1 –* Defeated article (\$70,000) to pave gravel portion of Copicut Rd

*Article 4-* Approved to appropriate (\$65,900) from the Stabilization Fund to upgrade chemical compliance system at the water pit treatment site.

Total appropriations approved: \$ 65,900 by Stabilization Fund  
\$ 300 by Enterprise Funds

### ❖ June 5, 2017 – Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting was held at the Freetown Elementary School Auditorium with 286 registered voters in attendance to vote on 32 articles.

#### Highlights:

*Article 6 -* Approved to raise/appropriate (\$9,000) for projects & preparations related to EPA's MA MS4 Permit compliance

- Article 7-* Approved to raise/appropriate (\$2,854) to purchase a shed for Assonet Burying Grounds
- Article 8-* Approved to raise/appropriate (\$3,500) to purchase scan tool for Highway Dept. mechanic.
- Article 9-* Approved to raise/appropriate (\$21,500) to purchase 20 archival shelving units with boxes, labels & other supplies & labor for redesign records storage.
- Article 13-* Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to certain parcels of town owned property to Dept. of Conservation & Recreation for consideration of not less than \$150,000.
- Article 14-* Voted to establish a Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund and rescind separate Water Enterprise Fund and separate Sewer Enterprise Fund and to transfer funds.
- Article 18-* Approved to transfer from Capital Stabilization (\$650,000) to construct required DEP upgraded to So Main St Water Treatment & Water Filtration System.
- Article 28 & 29 -* Approved temporary moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments and creation of a Medical Marijuana Overlay District

Total appropriations approved:

by Taxation	\$ 23,486,950
by Capital Stabilization	650,000
by Other Available Funds	4,500
by Enterprise Funds	702,624
by Revolving Funds	5,651

OFFICIAL RESULTS STATE ELECTION 11/08/2016		# of Votes Casts: 5077 Total # of Active Voters: 5839 % Voted: 87%		
Offices/Candidates/Questions	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
<b>ELECTORS OF PRES. AND VICE PRES.</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
Blank	18	14	26	58
Clinton and Kaine, Democratic	665	707	663	2035
Johnson and Weld, Libertarian	58	57	63	178
Stein and Baraka, Green-Rainbow	18	21	29	68
Trump and Pence, Republican	910	875	864	2649
Write-in	36	29	24	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - 4th District</b>				
Blank	59	66	54	179
Joseph P. Kennedy, III, Democratic	916	983	917	2816
David A. Rosa, Republican	728	652	696	2076
Write-in	2	2	2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR- 1st District</b>				
Blank	483	498	455	1436
Joseph C. Ferreira, Democratic	1203	1187	1200	3590
Write-in	19	18	14	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - 1st Bristol &amp; Plymouth District</b>				
Blank	491	506	464	1461
Michael J. Rodrigues, Democratic	1191	1180	1189	3560
Write-in	23	17	16	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT</b>				
Blank	500	514	467	1481
Carole A. Fiola, Dem-6th Bristol	1180			1180
Paul A. Schmid, III, Dem.- 8th Bristol		1173	1184	2357
Write-in	25	16	18	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>SHERIFF - Bristol County</b>				
Blank	342	362	326	1030
Thomas M. Hodgson, Republican	1337	1317	1322	3976
Write-in	26	24	21	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>

Offices/Candidates/Questions	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Grand Total
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER- Bristol County- Vote for 2</b>				
Blank	1587	1614	1562	4763
Paul B. Kitchen, Democratic	868	914	943	2725
John R. Mitchell, Democratic	936	861	820	2617
Write-in	19	17	13	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>3406</b>	<b>3338</b>	<b>10154</b>
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Bristol District (to fill vacancy)</b>				
Blank	462	455	429	1346
Thomas M. Quinn, III, Democratic	1223	1241	1228	3692
Write-in	20	7	12	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>QUESTION 1- Expanded Slot-Machine Gaming</b>				
Blank	85	98	85	268
Yes	716	799	690	2205
No	904	806	894	2604
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>QUESTION 2 - Charter School Expansion</b>				
Blank	29	26	32	87
Yes	625	557	601	1783
No	1051	1120	1036	3207
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>QUESTION 3 -Conditions for Farm Animals</b>				
Blank	40	34	43	117
Yes	1256	1203	1181	3640
No	409	466	445	1320
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>
<b>QUESTION 4 -Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana</b>				
Blank	27	17	19	63
Yes	924	890	840	2654
No	754	796	810	2360
<b>Total</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1703</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>5077</b>

<b>Provisional Ballots Cast</b>	1	0	0	1
<b>UOCAVA Ballots Cast</b>	5	3	2	10
<b>Federal Write-ins Cast</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Early Voter Ballots Cast</b>	561	437	367	1365
<b>Absentee Ballots Cast</b>	56	45	44	145

<b>OFFICIAL RESULTS</b> <b>ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION 4/3/2017</b>	<b># of Votes Casts:</b>		<b>636</b>
	<b>Total # of Voters:</b>		<b>6115</b>
	<b>% Voted:</b>		<b>10%</b>

Offices/Candidates	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	Grand Total
<b>SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH &amp; PERSONNEL BOARD MEMBER</b>				
Blank	4	2	1	7
Craig Cabral	68	79	63	210
Joel A. Pacheco	24	35	60	119
Charles B. Sullivan	114	112	70	296
Write-in	2	2	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>ASSESSOR</b>				
Blank	73	72	44	189
Sheila Scaduto	139	157	150	446
Write-in	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>CEMETERY COMMITTEE</b>				
Blank	55	59	47	161
Michael T. McCue	157	170	146	473
Write-in	0	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE - Vote for 2</b>				
Blank	185	184	151	520
Robert H. Alderson	121	138	124	383
Gary A. Martin	114	137	112	363
Write-in	4	1	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1272</b>

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2 yrs unexpired</b>				
Blank	203	217	187	607
Write-in	9	13	7	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE -1 yr unexpired</b>				
Blank	87	80	58	225
Michele B. Castonguay	125	150	136	411
Write-in	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>



Offices/Candidates	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	Grand Total
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - 5 yrs</b>				
Blank	204	224	188	616
Write-in	8	6	6	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY - 4 yrs unexpired</b>				
Blank	210	224	189	623
Write-in	2	6	5	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES - Vote for 2</b>				
Blank	275	293	202	770
Christine R. Paiva	137	151	149	437
Write-in	12	16	37	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1272</b>

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE- 2 yrs unexpired</b>				
Blank	194	208	162	564
Write-in	18	22	32	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
Blank	68	67	40	175
Keven V. Desmarais	142	161	153	456
Write-in	2	2	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>WATER &amp; SEWER COMMISSIONER</b>				
Blank	86	78	49	213
Bradford E. Paiva	125	152	145	422
Write-in	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE- Freetown - Vote for 2</b>				
Blank	114	108	82	304
Robert W. Clark	143	162	147	452
Derek Domingo Gracia	90	115	96	301
David A. Beard	76	73	61	210
Write-in	1	2	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1272</b>

<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE- Lakeville</b>				
Blank	183	201	168	552
Write-in	29	29	26	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>636</b>

<b>Combined votes for the Regional School District Committee as per the Regional School District Clerk</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Freetown Votes</b>	<b>Lakeville Votes</b>		<b>Total</b>
<b>Reg Sch Dist Committee- Freetown (3 yrs-Vote for 2)</b>				
Robert W. Clark	452	255		707
Derek Domingo Gracia	301	218		519
David A. Beard	210	187		397
Write-in	5	57		62
Blank	304	255		559
<b>Robert W. Clark &amp; Derek Domingo Gracia, winners of the 3 yr terms in Freetown</b>				

<b>Reg Sch Dist Committee- Lakeville (3 yr)</b>	<b>Freetown Votes</b>	<b>Lakeville Votes</b>		<b>Total</b>
Write-in Carolyn Gomes	67	160		227
Write-in John Powderly	3	132		135
Other Write-ins	14	4		18
Blank	552	190		742
<b>Carolyn Gomes, winner of the 3 yr term in Lakeville by 241 write-in votes</b>				

<b><u>Write-ins (with most votes only)</u></b>
*Finance Committee (2 yrs) - a tied vote (both with 2 votes); constitutes a vacancy; position open for appointment
**Library Trustees (vote for 2) Paul G. Sadeck, 42 votes- accepted the elected position for 3 yr term
***Library Trustees - Beverly Sadeck, 36 votes- accepted the elected position for 2 yr unexpired term
****Housing Authority - Sue Jose, 6 votes; accepted the elected position for 5 yr term
*****Housing Authority (4 yrs) - a tied votes (with 1 vote); constitutes a vacancy; position open for appointment

	<b>PREC 1</b>	<b>PREC 2</b>	<b>PREC 3</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
<b>ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAST</b>	10	3	8	21

# REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Kimberley Fales, Town Accountant  
Pamela Sousa, Senior Clerk

*The Town Accountant's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.*

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2017 in the following schedules:

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2017 in the following schedules:

Combined Balance Sheet	All Funds
Combined Balance Sheet	Special Revenue Funds
Combined Balance Sheet	Trust & Agency Funds
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Assets	All Funds
General Fund	
Revenues - Budget vs Actual	
Statement of Appropriations	
Expenditures - Budget vs Actual	
Changes in Fund Balance	
Special Revenue Funds	
Changes in Fund Balance	Federal Grants
Changes in Fund Balance	State Grants
Changes in Fund Balance	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation
Changes in Fund Balance	Revolving Funds
Changes in Fund Balance	Other Special Revenue
Capital Project Funds	
Changes in Fund Balance	
Enterprise Funds	
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets	Sewer

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets	Water
Trust Funds	
Changes in Fund Balance	Non-Expendable
Changes in Fund Balance	Expendable
Changes in Fund Balance	Other
Agency Funds	
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Payroll Withholdings
Municipal Indebtedness Analysis	

Free cash as of July 1, 2017 as certified by the Bureau of Accounts was \$2,064,178.

Respectfully submitted,

***Kimberley S. Fales***

Town Accountant

***Pamela Sousa***

Senior Clerk

**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
ALL FUNDS - COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

	General Fund	General Fund Fixed Assets	General Long Term Obligations	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Fund	Sewer Enterprise Funds	Water Enterprise Funds	Water Enterprise Fixed Assets	Water Long Term Obligations	Trust Funds & Agency Accounts	Totals
<u>Assets</u>											
Cash	\$	4,617,084.87		\$ 528,849.72	\$ 495,260.30	\$ 175,976.22	\$ 172,436.85			\$ 5,541,649.49	\$ 11,531,257.45
Cash, Other Equivalent	\$	219.57									\$ 219.57
Personal Property Taxes	\$	64,362.84									\$ 64,362.84
Real Estate Taxes	\$	302,294.50									\$ 302,294.50
Rollback Taxes	\$	15,523.51									\$ 15,523.51
Allowance for Abatements	\$	(1,470,562.66)									\$ (1,470,562.66)
Tax Liens	\$	1,197,960.03									\$ 1,197,960.03
Deferred Property Taxes	\$	15,879.26									\$ 15,879.26
Taxes in Litigation											\$ -
Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$	250,400.50									\$ 250,400.50
Boat Excise Taxes	\$	2,987.91									\$ 2,987.91
User Charges						\$ -	\$ 75,921.64				\$ 75,921.64
User Liens-Added to Taxes							\$ 4,767.44				\$ 4,767.44
User Liens-In Tax Title							\$ 15,043.75				\$ 15,043.75
Police Detail, Receivable	\$	1,259.50								\$ 20,490.50	\$ 21,750.00
Fire Detail, Receivable	\$	228.12								\$ 2,281.29	\$ 2,509.41
Other Departmental Receivables	\$	692.34									\$ 692.34
Ambulance Receivable	\$	257,471.75									\$ 257,471.75
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due				\$ 59,854.61							\$ 59,854.61
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due							\$ 24,965.87				\$ 24,965.87
Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes							\$ 613.14				\$ 613.14
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes							\$ 204.80				\$ 204.80
Suspended Assessments											\$ -
Assessment Liens In Tax Title							\$ 7,621.70				\$ 7,621.70
Accrued Revenue Receivable											\$ -
Due from Federal Government											\$ -
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$	112,980.27		\$ 31,952.33							\$ 144,932.60
Due from(to) Other Fund(s)											\$ -

	General Fund	General Fund Fixed Assets	General Long Term Obligations	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Fund	Sewer Enterprise Funds	Water Enterprise Funds	Water Enterprise Fixed Assets	Water Long Term Obligations	Trust Funds & Agency Accounts	Totals
Prepaid Expenditures										\$	-
Tax Foreclosures	\$	4,789.15								\$	4,789.15
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due										\$	-
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment, net		\$ 19,152,672.70						\$ 2,116,751.95			\$ 21,269,424.65
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt			\$ 11,182,427.17						\$ 29,500.00		\$ 11,211,927.17
Total Assets	\$ 5,373,571.46	\$ 19,152,672.70	\$ 11,182,427.17	\$ 620,656.66	\$ 495,260.30	\$ 175,976.22	\$ 301,575.19	\$ 2,116,751.95	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 5,564,421.28	\$ 45,012,812.93
<u>Liabilities</u>											
Warrants Payable	\$	263,317.97		\$ 2,856.23	\$ 19,410.67	\$ 43.20	\$ 25,259.43			\$ 2,655.32	\$ 313,542.82
Accounts Payable	\$	19,401.11					\$ -				\$ 19,401.11
Retainage Payable				\$ 19,926.90							\$ 19,926.90
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld	\$	89.92								\$ 25,047.19	\$ 25,137.11
Due to Other Governments										\$ 5,335.08	\$ 5,335.08
Other Liabilities	\$	100.00	\$ 6,254,526.02							\$ 519.56	\$ 6,255,145.58
Deferred Revenue	\$	700,407.87		\$ 87,525.66	\$ -	\$ 129,138.34				\$ 22,771.79	\$ 939,843.66
Capitalized Leases Payable			\$ 462,901.15								\$ 462,901.15
Bonds & BAN Payable			\$ 4,465,000.00	\$ 300,000.00					\$ 29,500.00		\$ 4,794,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 983,316.87	\$ -	\$ 11,182,427.17	\$ 90,381.89	\$ 339,337.57	\$ 43.20	\$ 154,397.77	\$ -	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 56,328.94	\$ 12,835,733.41
<u>Fund Equity</u>											
Net Assets, Restricted										\$	-
Net Assets, Unrestricted						\$ 175,933.02	\$ 147,177.42				\$ 323,110.44
Investment in Fixed Assets		\$ 19,152,672.70						\$ 2,116,751.95			\$ 21,269,424.65
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances	\$	76,599.68									\$ 76,599.68
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures											\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures											\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp	\$	889,469.74									\$ 889,469.74
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits	\$	(219,423.76)									\$ (219,423.76)
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated			\$ 530,274.77							\$ 409,978.20	\$ 940,252.97
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated	\$	3,643,608.93		\$ 155,922.73						\$ 5,098,114.14	\$ 8,897,645.80
Total Fund Equity	\$ 4,390,254.59	\$ 19,152,672.70	\$ -	\$ 530,274.77	\$ 155,922.73	\$ 175,933.02	\$ 147,177.42	\$ 2,116,751.95	\$ -	\$ 5,508,092.34	\$ 32,177,079.52
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 5,373,571.46	\$ 19,152,672.70	\$ 11,182,427.17	\$ 620,656.66	\$ 495,260.30	\$ 175,976.22	\$ 301,575.19	\$ 2,116,751.95	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 5,564,421.28	\$ 45,012,812.93

**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>Federal Grants</u>	<u>State Grants</u>	<u>Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</u>	<u>Revolving Funds</u>	<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Septic Title V Betterments</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash	\$(5,006.56)	\$40,091.33	\$231,240.76	\$114,827.50	\$70,432.95	\$77,263.74	\$528,849.72
Personal Property Taxes							\$-
Real Estate Taxes							\$-
Rollback Taxes							\$-
Allowance for Abatements							\$-
Tax Liens							\$-
Deferred Property Taxes							\$-
Taxes in Litigation							\$-
Motor Vehicle Taxes							\$-
Boat Excise Taxes							\$-
User Charges							\$-
User Liens-Added to Taxes							\$-
User Liens-In Tax Title							\$-
Police Detail, Receivable							\$-
Fire Detail, Receivable							\$-
Other Departmental Receivables							\$-
Ambulance Receivable							\$-
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due						\$59,854.61	\$59,854.61
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due							\$-
Apportioned Assess-Added To Taxes							\$-
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes							\$-
Suspended Assessments							\$-
Assessment Liens In Tax Title							\$-
Accrued Revenue Receivable							\$-
Due from Federal Government							\$-
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$5,006.56	\$26,945.77					\$31,952.33
Due from (to) Other Fund(s)							\$-
Prepaid Expenditures							\$-
Tax Foreclosures							\$-

	<u>Federal Grants</u>	<u>State Grants</u>	<u>Receipts Reserved for Appropriation</u>	<u>Revolving Funds</u>	<u>Other Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Septic Title V Betterments</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due							\$-
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment							\$-
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt							\$-
Total Assets	\$-	\$67,037.10	\$231,240.76	\$114,827.50	\$70,432.95	\$137,118.35	\$620,656.66
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Warrants Payable		\$1,979.32	\$184.80	\$277.85	\$414.26		\$2,856.23
Accounts Payable							\$-
Retainage Payable							\$-
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld							\$-
Due to Other Governments							\$-
Other Liabilities							\$-
Deferred Revenue	\$2,880.00	\$24,791.05				\$59,854.61	\$87,525.66
Capitalized Leases Payable							\$-
Bonds Payable							\$-
Total Liabilities	\$2,880.00	\$26,770.37	\$184.80	\$277.85	\$414.26	\$59,854.61	\$90,381.89
<u>Fund Equity</u>							
Net Assets, Restricted							\$-
Net Assets, Unrestricted							\$-
Investment in Fixed Assets							\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances							\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures							\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures							\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp							\$-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits							\$-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated	\$(2,880.00)	\$40,266.73	\$231,055.96	\$114,549.65	\$70,018.69	\$77,263.74	\$530,274.77
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undeignated							\$-
Total Fund Equity	\$(2,880.00)	\$40,266.73	\$231,055.96	\$114,549.65	\$70,018.69	\$77,263.74	\$530,274.77
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$-	\$67,037.10	\$231,240.76	\$114,827.50	\$70,432.95	\$137,118.35	\$620,656.66



**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

	<b>Chapter 90 Highway</b>	<b>Bridge Rehab Highway</b>	<b>Water Filtration Site Improvements</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash	\$ (1,328.17)	\$ 384,614.65	\$ 111,973.82	\$ 495,260.30
Personal Property Taxes				\$ -
Real Estate Taxes				\$ -
Rollback Taxes				\$ -
Allowance for Abatements				\$ -
Tax Liens				\$ -
Deferred Property Taxes				\$ -
Taxes in Litigation				\$ -
Motor Vehicle Taxes				\$ -
Boat Excise Taxes				\$ -
User Charges				\$ -
User Liens-Added to Taxes				\$ -
User Liens-In Tax Title				\$ -
Police Detail, Receivable				\$ -
Fire Detail, Receivable				\$ -
Other Departmental Receivables				\$ -
Ambulance Receivable				\$ -
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due				\$ -
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due				\$ -
Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes				\$ -
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes				\$ -
Suspended Assessments				\$ -
Assessment Liens In Tax Title				\$ -
Accrued Revenue Receivable				\$ -
Due from Federal Government				\$ -
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts				\$ -
Due from(to) Other Fund(s)				\$ -
Prepaid Expenditures				\$ -
Tax Foreclosures				\$ -
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due				\$ -
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment				\$ -
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt				\$ -
Total Assets	\$ (1,328.17)	\$ 384,614.65	\$ 111,973.82	\$ 495,260.30

	<b>Chapter 90 Highway</b>	<b>Bridge Rehab Highway</b>	<b>Water Filtration Site Improvements</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Warrants Payable		\$ 4,836.17	\$ 14,574.50	\$ 19,410.67
Accounts Payable				\$ -
Retainage Payable		\$ 19,926.90		\$ 19,926.90
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld				\$ -
Due to Other Governments				\$ -
Other Liabilities				\$ -
Deferred Revenue				\$ -
Capitalized Leases Payable				\$ -
Bonds & BAN Payable		\$ 225,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 249,763.07	\$ 89,574.50	\$ 339,337.57
<u>Fund Equity</u>				
Net Assets, Restricted				\$ -
Net Assets, Unrestricted				\$ -
Investment in Fixed Assets				\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances				\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures				\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures				\$ -
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp				\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits				\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated				\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated	\$ (1,328.17)	\$ 134,851.58	\$ 22,399.32	\$ 155,922.73
Total Fund Equity	\$ (1,328.17)	\$ 134,851.58	\$ 22,399.32	\$ 155,922.73
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ (1,328.17)	\$ 384,614.65	\$ 111,973.82	\$ 495,260.30

**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>Non-Expendable</u>	<u>Expendable</u>			<u>Payroll</u>	
	<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>	<u>Withholding</u>	<u>Totals</u>
					<u>Agency Fund</u>	
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash	\$409,978.20	\$65,144.87	\$5,033,349.27	\$8,129.96	\$25,047.19	\$5,541,649.49
Personal Property Taxes						\$-
Real Estate Taxes						\$-
Rollback Taxes						\$-
Allowance for Abatements						\$-
Tax Liens						\$-
Deferred Property Taxes						\$-
Taxes in Litigation						\$-
Motor Vehicle Taxes						\$-
Boat Excise Taxes						\$-
User Charges						\$-
User Liens-Added to Taxes						\$-
User Liens-In Tax Title						\$-
Police Detail, Receivable				\$20,490.50		\$20,490.50
Fire Detail, Receivable				\$2,281.29		\$2,281.29
Other Departmental Receivables						\$-
Ambulance Receivable						\$-
Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due						\$-
Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due						\$-
Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes						\$-
Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes						\$-

	<u>Non-Expendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>	<u>Payroll Withholding Agency Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Suspended Assessments						\$-
Assessment Liens In Tax Title						\$-
Accrued Revenue Receivable						\$-
Due from Federal Government						\$-
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts						\$-
Due from(to) Other Fund(s)						\$-
Prepaid Expenditures						\$-
Tax Foreclosures						\$-
Revenue Received, Not Yet Due						\$-
Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment						\$-
Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt						\$-
Total Assets	\$409,978.20	\$65,144.87	\$5,033,349.27	\$30,901.75	\$25,047.19	\$5,564,421.28
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Warrants Payable		\$380.00		\$2,275.32		\$2,655.32
Accounts Payable						\$-
Retainage Payable						\$-
Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld					\$25,047.19	\$25,047.19
Due to Other Governments				\$5,335.08		\$5,335.08
Other Liabilities				\$519.56		\$519.56
Deferred Revenue				\$22,771.79		\$22,771.79
Capitalized Leases Payable						\$-
Bonds Payable						\$-
Total Liabilities	\$-	\$380.00	\$-	\$30,901.75	\$25,047.19	\$56,328.94

	<u>Non-Expendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>	<u>Payroll Withholding Agency Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Fund Equity</u>						
Net Assets, Restricted						\$-
Net Assets, Unrestricted						\$-
Investment in Fixed Assets						\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances						\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures						\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures						\$-
Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp						\$-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits						\$-
Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated	\$409,978.20					\$409,978.20
Unreserved Fund Balance-Undeisgnated		\$64,764.87	\$5,033,349.27			\$5,098,114.14
Total Fund Equity	\$409,978.20	\$64,764.87	\$5,033,349.27	\$-	\$-	\$5,508,092.34
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$409,978.20	\$65,144.87	\$5,033,349.27	\$30,901.75	\$25,047.19	\$5,564,421.28

**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**ALL FUNDS - COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

	General Fund	Federal Grants	State Grants	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	Revolving Funds	Other Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals
<u>Revenues</u>												
Local Taxes	\$18,625,819.32											\$18,625,819.32
Local Receipts	\$3,571,726.17		\$18.85	\$36,710.99	\$60,620.54	\$35,427.41		\$255,244.99	\$637,558.29	\$52,335.77	\$233,444.33	\$4,883,087.34
Transfers for Payroll Withholdings											\$1,635,935.28	\$1,635,935.28
Federal Receipts	\$12,524.96	\$18,605.31								\$-		\$31,130.27
State Receipts	\$2,240,444.66		\$115,301.25				\$395,078.26					\$2,750,824.17
SUBTOTAL	\$24,450,515.11	\$18,605.31	\$115,320.10	\$36,710.99	\$60,620.54	\$35,427.41	\$395,078.26	\$255,244.99	\$637,558.29	\$52,335.77	\$1,869,379.61	\$27,926,796.38
Other Financing Sources:												
Special Revenue Funds	\$8,800.00		\$4,160.90									\$12,960.90
Enterprise Funds	\$63,301.00											\$63,301.00
General Fund							\$767,405.41		\$55,323.07	\$890,000.00		\$1,712,728.48
Trust Funds	\$65,900.00											\$65,900.00
SUBTOTAL	\$138,001.00	\$-	\$4,160.90	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$767,405.41	\$-	\$55,323.07	\$890,000.00	\$-	\$1,854,890.38
												\$-
												\$-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$24,588,516.11	\$18,605.31	\$119,481.00	\$36,710.99	\$60,620.54	\$35,427.41	\$1,162,483.67	\$255,244.99	\$692,881.36	\$942,335.77	\$1,869,379.61	\$29,781,686.76
<u>Expenditures</u>												
General Government	\$(1,183,631.98)		\$(500.00)	\$(6,190.25)	\$(38,234.48)	\$(146.31)					\$(7,273.89)	\$(1,235,976.91)
Public Safety	\$(3,337,564.13)	\$(16,461.43)	\$(58,637.23)		\$(7,039.12)	\$(15,124.82)					\$(159,446.27)	\$(3,594,273.00)
Education	\$(11,182,423.60)										\$(65.00)	\$(11,182,488.60)
Public Works	\$(1,445,700.86)				\$(8,695.00)	\$(18.00)	\$(945,591.57)	\$(239,701.83)	\$(668,584.61)	\$(7,275.73)		\$(3,315,567.60)
Human Services	\$(357,135.30)		\$(17,510.23)			\$(49,417.20)						\$(424,062.73)
Culture & Recreation	\$(140,371.20)		\$(13,328.78)		\$(3,756.47)	\$(342.42)				\$(9,830.90)		\$(167,629.77)
Debt Service	\$(703,818.75)											\$(703,818.75)

	General Fund	Federal Grants	State Grants	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	Revolving Funds	Other Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals
Intergovernmental Assessments	\$(256,694.95)											\$(256,694.95)
Employee Benefits	\$(2,236,735.31)									\$(1,500.00)	\$(1,638,783.93)	\$(3,877,019.24)
Court Judgements	\$-											\$-
Other Insurance	\$(42,063.35)											\$(42,063.35)
Town-wide Fueling	\$(117,539.67)											\$(117,539.67)
Capital Equipment	\$(381,081.24)											\$(381,081.24)
Capital Building Improvements	\$(123,046.56)											\$(123,046.56)
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$(21,507,806.90)</b>	<b>\$(16,461.43)</b>	<b>\$(89,976.24)</b>	<b>\$(6,190.25)</b>	<b>\$(57,725.07)</b>	<b>\$(65,048.75)</b>	<b>\$(945,591.57)</b>	<b>\$(239,701.83)</b>	<b>\$(668,584.61)</b>	<b>\$(18,606.63)</b>	<b>\$(1,805,569.09)</b>	<b>\$(25,421,262.37)</b>
Other Financing Uses:												\$-
Special Revenue Funds			\$(4,160.90)									\$(4,160.90)
Capital Projects	\$(767,405.41)											\$(767,405.41)
Enterprise Funds	\$(55,323.07)											\$(55,323.07)
General Fund				\$(8,800.00)				\$(7,567.00)	\$(55,734.00)	\$(65,900.00)		\$(138,001.00)
Trust Funds	\$(890,000.00)											\$(890,000.00)
Agency Funds	\$-											\$-
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$(1,712,728.48)</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$(4,160.90)</b>	<b>\$(8,800.00)</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$(7,567.00)</b>	<b>\$(55,734.00)</b>	<b>\$(65,900.00)</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$(1,854,890.38)</b>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$(23,220,535.38)	\$(16,461.43)	\$(94,137.14)	\$(14,990.25)	\$(57,725.07)	\$(65,048.75)	\$(945,591.57)	\$(247,268.83)	\$(724,318.61)	\$(84,506.63)	\$(1,805,569.09)	\$(27,276,152.75)
												\$-
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$1,367,980.73	\$2,143.88	\$25,343.86	\$21,720.74	\$2,895.47	\$(29,621.34)	\$216,892.10	\$7,976.16	\$(31,437.25)	\$857,829.14	\$63,810.52	\$2,505,534.01
Net Assets, Beginning	\$3,022,273.86	\$(5,023.88)	\$14,922.87	\$209,335.22	\$111,654.18	\$176,903.77	\$(60,969.37)	\$167,956.86	\$178,614.67	\$4,650,263.20	\$-	\$8,465,931.38
Other Adjustments for Agency Liabilities	\$-										\$(63,810.52)	\$(63,810.52)
Net Assets, Ending	\$4,390,254.59	\$(2,880.00)	\$40,266.73	\$231,055.96	\$114,549.65	\$147,282.43	\$155,922.73	\$175,933.02	\$147,177.42	\$5,508,092.34	\$0.00	\$10,907,654.87

**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
FISCAL YEAR 2017  
REVENUES - BUDGET VS. ACTUAL**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference</b>
<u>LOCAL TAXES:</u>			
Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$ 1,304,742.68	\$ 1,279,821.81	\$ (24,920.87)
Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)*	\$ 16,729,847.11	\$ 17,107,279.56	\$ 377,432.45
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ -	\$ 185,015.76	\$ 185,015.76
Deferred Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rollback Taxes	\$ -	\$ 53,702.19	\$ 53,702.19
Other Taxes			\$ -
Total Local Taxes	\$ 18,034,589.79	\$ 18,625,819.32	\$ 591,229.53
<u>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ 1,550,000.00	\$ 1,869,532.98	\$ 319,532.98
Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excise Paid After Abatement	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 202,262.08	\$ 152,262.08
Fees/Other Dept. Revenue-Trash Disposal	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 303,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Fees	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 231,830.64	\$ 1,830.64
Charges for Services-Ambulance	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 393,261.22	\$ 73,261.22
Rentals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Departmental Revenue	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,819.51	\$ 5,819.51
Alcohol Licenses	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,750.00	\$ 750.00
Other Licenses	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 42,385.00	\$ 15,385.00
Permits	\$ 266,000.00	\$ 385,721.99	\$ 119,721.99
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 6,596.00	\$ 6,726.53	\$ 130.53
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 39,378.58	\$ 29,378.58
Sale of Inventory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Earnings on Investments	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,575.35	\$ 2,575.35
Miscellaneous Revenue - Non Recurring	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 19.34	\$ (980.66)
Miscellaneous Revenue - Recurring	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 50,462.95	\$ 30,462.95
Total Local Receipts	\$ 2,799,596.00	\$ 3,571,726.17	\$ 772,130.17
<u>FEDERAL RECEIPTS:</u>			
FEMA Reimbursements - Hurricane Irene	\$ -	\$ 12,524.96	\$ 12,524.96



	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference
<u>STATE RECEIPTS:</u>			
Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly	\$ 67,808.00	\$ 28,070.00	\$ (39,738.00)
State Owned Land	\$ 211,550.00	\$ 211,550.00	\$ -
Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115	\$ 115,542.00	\$ 111,042.66	\$ (4,499.34)
Chapter 70	\$ 452,684.00	\$ 452,684.00	\$ -
Mass. School Building Authority	\$ 479,742.00	\$ 479,742.00	\$ -
Unrestricted General Government Aid Chapter 29	\$ 913,004.00	\$ 913,004.00	\$ -
Other Revenue From the State	\$ -	\$ 34,883.00	\$ 34,883.00
FEMA Reimbursements Received through the State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School Transportation	\$ -	\$ 9,469.00	\$ 9,469.00
Total State Receipts	\$ 2,240,330.00	\$ 2,240,444.66	\$ 114.66
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</u>			
Special Revenue Funds	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ -
Capital Projects Funds	\$ -		\$ -
Enterprise Funds	\$ 66,184.00	\$ 63,301.00	\$ (2,883.00)
Trust Funds	\$ 65,900.00	\$ 65,900.00	\$ -
Agency Funds	\$ -		\$ -
General Stabilization	\$ -		\$ -
General Stabilization-Reduce Levy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Transfers From Other Fund	\$ 140,884.00	\$ 138,001.00	\$ (2,883.00)
TOTAL ALL REVENUES	\$ 23,215,399.79	\$ 24,588,516.11	\$ 1,373,116.32

**\*Includes 60 day accruals**

# GENERAL FUND

## STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

	Appropriations ATM- Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrance/ Carryforward	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Approp. STM - Summer	Add'l Approp. STM-Fall	Add'l Approp. STM- Spring	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2017	Unexpended Appropriation
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>											
Moderator	\$413.00									\$(413.00)	\$-
Board of Selectmen	\$82,006.69	\$2,000.00	\$110,996.35			\$(34,225.00)				\$(155,502.37)	\$5,275.67
Administrator	\$118,202.68	\$25,000.00	\$47,861.08			\$750,000.00				\$(138,437.87)	\$802,625.89
Finance Committee	\$1,500.00									\$(1,056.30)	\$443.70
Reserve Fund	\$131,395.00							\$(131,395.00)			\$-
Accounting	\$107,050.00		\$350.00			\$5,000.00				\$(107,626.20)	\$4,773.80
Audit	\$19,500.00									\$(19,500.00)	\$-
Board of Assessors	\$77,474.00		\$1,969.92							\$(75,607.79)	\$3,836.13
BOA Revaluation	\$-	\$41,400.00	\$32,150.00							\$(41,400.00)	\$32,150.00
Town Treasurer	\$205,672.28									\$(161,412.21)	\$44,260.07
Legal Services	\$65,000.00							\$41,059.37		\$(106,059.37)	\$-
Management Information Systems	\$25,800.00							\$14,040.83		\$(38,966.74)	\$874.09
Tax Title	\$15,500.00									\$(12,698.98)	\$2,801.02
Town Clerk	\$91,932.80		\$14,966.94			\$2,519.60				\$(93,942.79)	\$15,476.55
Elections	\$18,072.00							\$635.40		\$(18,433.13)	\$274.27
Registration	\$5,158.00									\$(4,441.61)	\$716.39
Conservation Commission	\$11,000.00		\$2,500.00							\$(11,352.26)	\$2,147.74
Planning Board	\$48,747.78									\$(47,209.36)	\$1,538.42
Board of Appeals-Zoning	\$2,861.00									\$(2,519.89)	\$341.11
Soil Board	\$1,100.00									\$(148.73)	\$951.27
Public Buildings	\$212,163.88		\$31,035.51							\$(63,790.42)	\$179,408.97
Property Insurance	\$95,076.00									\$(77,939.46)	\$17,136.54
Public Property - Hazmat Site	\$2,500.00									\$(2,455.00)	\$45.00
Town Reports	\$3,500.00									\$(2,718.50)	\$781.50
	\$1,341,625.11	\$68,400.00	\$241,829.80	\$-	\$-	\$723,294.60	\$-	\$(75,659.40)	\$-	\$(1,183,631.98)	\$1,115,858.13
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>											
Police	\$1,785,419.46		\$13,624.76			\$126,225.00				\$(1,802,063.46)	\$123,205.76
Communications	\$288,896.30									\$(256,204.80)	\$32,691.50
Fire	\$1,128,639.00		\$511.56							\$(1,074,869.75)	\$54,280.81

	Appropriations ATM- Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrance/ Carryforward	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Approp. STM - Summer	Add'l Approp. STM-Fall	Add'l Approp. STM- Spring	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2017	Unexpended Appropriation
Building Department	\$99,993.40									\$(89,259.57)	\$10,733.83
Gas	\$10,080.00									\$(5,670.00)	\$4,410.00
Plumbing	\$7,580.00									\$(6,300.00)	\$1,280.00
Sealer of Weights/Measures	\$4,000.00									\$(4,000.00)	\$-
Electrical	\$40,000.00									\$(22,925.00)	\$17,075.00
Civil Defense-EMA	\$19,639.00									\$(10,479.12)	\$9,159.88
Animal Control	\$41,909.41									\$(38,736.02)	\$3,173.39
Forestry	\$17,829.00		\$933.81			\$5,000.00		\$3,305.00		\$(27,056.41)	\$11.40
Harbormaster	\$100.00									\$-	\$100.00
	\$3,444,085.57	\$-	\$15,070.13	\$-	\$-	\$131,225.00	\$-	\$3,305.00	\$-	\$(3,337,564.13)	\$256,121.57
<u>EDUCATION</u>											
School Committee	\$4,424.00									\$(4,424.00)	\$-
Regional School Assessment & Debt Service	\$9,507,536.00							\$7,620.00		\$(9,515,156.00)	\$-
Bristol County Agricultural School	\$32,589.00									\$(19,170.00)	\$13,419.00
Old Colony Voc Assesment & Transportation	\$1,860,280.00									\$(1,643,673.60)	\$216,606.40
	\$11,404,829.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$7,620.00	\$-	\$(11,182,423.60)	\$230,025.40
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>											
Highway	\$471,863.57							\$7,136.00		\$(460,151.95)	\$18,847.62
Highway - Construction	\$-									\$-	\$-
Snow & Ice Removal	\$100,000.00									\$(319,423.76)	\$(219,423.76)
Street Lights	\$13,266.00									\$(9,649.41)	\$3,616.59
Trash Collection & Disposal	\$491,026.00								\$(5,000.00)	\$(468,353.07)	\$17,672.93
Transfer Station	\$157,142.00							\$769.92	\$5,000.00	\$(158,281.05)	\$4,630.87
Landfill	\$-					\$4,300.00				\$(4,300.00)	\$-
Cemetery	\$22,155.00	\$4,850.00	\$7,038.75							\$(25,541.62)	\$8,502.13
	\$1,255,452.57	\$4,850.00	\$7,038.75	\$-	\$-	\$4,300.00	\$-	\$7,905.92	\$-	\$(1,445,700.86)	\$(166,153.62)
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>											
Board of Health	\$95,876.40									\$(90,258.45)	\$5,617.95
Council on Aging	\$137,822.06									\$(131,054.96)	\$6,767.10
Veterans Services	\$180,750.00		\$1,510.87					\$-		\$(133,673.19)	\$48,587.68
Memorial & Veterans Day	\$2,200.00									\$(2,148.70)	\$51.30
	\$416,648.46	\$-	\$1,510.87	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(357,135.30)	\$61,024.03

	Appropriations ATM- Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrance/ Carryforward	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Approp. STM - Summer	Add'l Approp. STM-Fall	Add'l Approp. STM- Spring	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2017	Unexpended Appropriation
<u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u>											
Library	\$122,677.00		\$15,000.00		\$-					\$(117,353.17)	\$20,323.83
J. White Library	\$5,719.00									\$(3,413.57)	\$2,305.43
Parade & Fireworks	\$3,000.00									\$(3,000.00)	\$-
Cable Advisory Committee	\$-		\$87,553.14							\$(15,804.87)	\$71,748.27
Arts Local Cultural Council	\$1,000.00									\$(799.59)	\$200.41
Historical Commission	\$500.00									\$-	\$500.00
	\$132,896.00	\$-	\$102,553.14	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(140,371.20)	\$95,077.94
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>											
Retirement of Debt											
Principal Payments	\$605,000.00									\$(605,000.00)	\$-
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$95,350.00									\$(95,350.00)	\$-
Interest on Short Term Debt & Other Int.	\$18,500.00									\$(3,468.75)	\$15,031.25
	\$718,850.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(703,818.75)	\$15,031.25
<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSESSMENTS &amp; CHARGES</u>											
State Assessments & Charges	\$-			\$119,246.00						\$(120,565.00)	\$(1,319.00)
County Assessments & Charges	\$-			\$134,587.00						\$(134,587.01)	\$(0.01)
SRPEDD Assessment	\$1,542.96									\$(1,542.94)	\$0.02
	\$1,542.96	\$-	\$-	\$253,833.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(256,694.95)	\$(1,318.99)
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>											
Retirement & Pension Contributions	\$795,748.00									\$(795,576.91)	\$171.09
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$73,149.00		\$149.07							\$(71,369.50)	\$1,928.57
Unemployment Benefits	\$30,000.00		\$6,000.00							\$-	\$36,000.00
Health Insurance	\$1,390,872.00		\$31,788.63		\$-	\$-			\$(3,278.98)	\$(1,315,350.00)	\$104,031.65
Life Insurance	\$1,200.00									\$(1,159.92)	\$40.08
Medicare Insurance	\$50,000.00								\$3,278.98	\$(53,278.98)	\$-
Retirement Sick Buyback	\$-									\$-	\$-
	\$2,340,969.00	\$-	\$37,937.70	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(2,236,735.31)	\$142,171.39
<u>COURT JUDGMENTS</u>											
Court Judgments	\$-										\$-
	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-

	Appropriations ATM- Oper/Capital	Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles	Encumbrance/ Carryforward	Other Amount To Raise	Add'l Approp. STM - Summer	Add'l Approp. STM-Fall	Add'l Approp. STM- Spring	Reserve Fund Transfers	Line Item Transfers	Expended FY2017	Unexpended Appropriation
<u>OTHER</u>											
Liability Insurance	\$45,858.00				\$-	\$-				\$(42,063.35)	\$3,794.65
Town-wide Fueling	\$138,000.00									\$(117,539.67)	\$20,460.33
	\$183,858.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(159,603.02)	\$24,254.98
<u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET:</u>											
Capital Equipment Leases	\$319,383.46									\$(317,222.76)	\$2,160.70
Capital Equipment Purchases	\$68,359.00									\$(63,858.48)	\$4,500.52
	\$-										\$-
	\$387,742.46	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(381,081.24)	\$6,661.22
<u>CAPITAL BUILDING BUDGET:</u>											
Town Building Improvements	\$142,000.00		\$33,078.97							\$(123,046.56)	\$52,032.41
	\$-		\$-							\$-	\$-
	\$142,000.00	\$-	\$33,078.97	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$(123,046.56)	\$52,032.41
<u>Current Fiscal Year Transfers</u>											
Transfer to Special Revenue	\$-						\$-				\$-
Transfer to Capital Stabilization	\$-	\$440,000.00				\$250,000.00	\$-			\$(690,000.00)	\$-
Transfer to Capital Project Fund	\$-					\$700,000.00	\$65,900.00			\$(765,900.00)	\$-
Transfer to Enterprise Funds	\$-							\$56,828.48		\$(56,828.48)	\$-
Transfer to Trust Fund	\$200,000.00									\$(200,000.00)	\$-
Transfer to Agency Fund											\$-
Total Transfers	\$200,000.00	\$440,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$950,000.00	\$65,900.00	\$56,828.48	\$-	\$(1,712,728.48)	\$-
Total FY2017 Appropriations	\$21,970,499.13	\$513,250.00	\$439,019.36	\$253,833.00	\$-	\$1,808,819.60	\$65,900.00	\$-	\$-	\$(23,220,535.38)	\$1,830,785.71

**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2017**  
**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET VS. ACTUAL**

				Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference	
		Budget	Actual		
<u>TOWN BUDGETS:</u>					
General Government	Personnel	\$ 704,740.11	\$ 641,233.89	\$ 63,506.22	
	Expenses	\$ 561,445.20	\$ 370,075.91	\$ 191,369.29	
	Special Articles	\$ 999,957.08	\$ 168,067.27	\$ 831,889.81	
	Encumbrances	\$ 33,347.72	\$ 4,254.91	\$ 29,092.81	
Public Safety	Personnel	\$ 2,855,058.42	\$ 2,631,356.12	\$ 223,702.30	
	Overtime	\$ 366,689.15	\$ 356,402.66	\$ 10,286.49	
	Expenses	\$ 356,868.00	\$ 335,085.91	\$ 21,782.09	
	Special Articles	\$ 13,852.57	\$ 13,851.88	\$ 0.69	
	Encumbrances	\$ 1,217.56	\$ 867.56	\$ 350.00	
Education	Personnel	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 4,424.00	\$ -	
	Expenses	\$ 11,408,025.00	\$ 11,177,999.60	\$ 230,025.40	
	Special Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Public Works	Personnel	\$ 451,917.49	\$ 433,680.97	\$ 18,236.52	
	Overtime	\$ 25,525.00	\$ 19,308.88	\$ 6,216.12	
	Expenses	\$ 785,916.00	\$ 981,174.39	\$ (195,258.39)	
	Special Articles	\$ 15,238.75	\$ 10,756.62	\$ 4,482.13	
	Encumbrances	\$ 950.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 170.00	
Human Services	Personnel	\$ 217,054.46	\$ 210,189.47	\$ 6,864.99	
	Expenses	\$ 199,594.00	\$ 145,434.96	\$ 54,159.04	
	Encumbrances	\$ 1,510.87	\$ 1,510.87	\$ -	
Culture & Recreation	Personnel	\$ 83,907.00	\$ 80,644.06	\$ 3,262.94	
	Expenses	\$ 48,989.00	\$ 43,922.27	\$ 5,066.73	
	Special Articles	\$ 102,553.14	\$ 15,804.87	\$ 86,748.27	
Debt Service		\$ 718,850.00	\$ 703,818.75	\$ 15,031.25	
Inter-governmental Assessments		\$ 255,375.96	\$ 256,694.95	\$ (1,318.99)	

		Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference
Employee Benefits	Personnel	\$ 2,340,969.00	\$ 2,235,250.91	\$ 105,718.09
	Encumbrances	\$ 37,937.70	\$ 1,484.40	\$ 36,453.30
Other		\$ 183,858.00	\$ 159,603.02	\$ 24,254.98
Capital Equipment		\$ 387,742.46	\$ 381,081.24	\$ 6,661.22
Capital Building	Expenses	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 104,335.55	\$ 37,664.45
	Encumbrances	\$ 33,078.97	\$ 18,711.01	\$ 14,367.96
Total Current Fiscal Year Budget Appropriations		\$ 23,338,592.61	\$ 21,507,806.90	\$ 1,830,785.71
<u>OTHER FINANCING USES:</u>				
<u>Current Fiscal Year Transfers:</u>				
Transfers to Special Revenue				\$ -
Transfers to Enterprise Funds		\$ 56,828.48	\$ 56,828.48	\$ -
Transfers to Capital Projects		\$ 765,900.00	\$ 765,900.00	\$ -
Transfers to Stabilization Accounts		\$ 690,000.00	\$ 690,000.00	\$ -
Transfers to Trust Funds		\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -
Transfers to Agency Funds				\$ -
Total Other Financing Uses		\$ 1,712,728.48	\$ 1,712,728.48	\$ -
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES		\$ 25,051,321.09	\$ 23,220,535.38	\$ 1,830,785.71

**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2017**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR GENERAL FUND**

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

5Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$ 2,728,352.56
Reverse PY Reserve for Appropriation Deficit (Snow & Ice)	\$ (145,098.06)
Reverse PY Reserve for Appropriation Deficit (Tax Title Costs)	\$ -
Reverse PY Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ 108,042.82
Reverse PY Reserve for Overlay Deficit	\$ -
Reverse PY Reserve for Expenditures	\$ -
Reverse PY Reserve for Continued Appropriations	\$ 330,976.54
Reverse PY Reserve for Special Purposes (Prepaid)	\$ -
Current Year Overlay Surplus Released	\$ -
Current Year Revenues	\$ 24,450,515.11
Current Year Other Financing Sources	\$ 138,001.00
	<hr/>
Subtotal	\$ 27,610,789.97
Reserve Fund Balance for Encumbrances	\$ (76,599.68)
Reserve Fund Balance for Special Purposes (Prepaid)	\$ -
Reserve Fund Balance for Expenditures	\$ -
Reserve Fund Balance for Continued Appropriations	\$ (889,469.74)
Current Year Overlay Surplus Closed	\$ -
Current Year Appropriation Deficits (Snow & Ice)	\$ 219,423.76
Current Year Appropriation Deficits (Tax Title Costs)	\$ -
Current Year Overlay Deficits	\$ -
Current Year Expenditures	\$ (21,507,806.90)
Current Year Other Financing Uses	\$ (1,712,728.48)
	<hr/>
Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ 3,643,608.93</u></u>

FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 76,599.68
Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purpose (Prepaid)	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditures	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Debt Service	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Future Excluded Debt	\$ -
Fund Balance Reserved for Continued Appropriations	\$ 889,469.74
Fund Balance Reserved for Court Judgment	\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance-Appropriation Deficit	\$ (219,423.76)
Unreserved Fund Balance-Overlay Deficits	\$ -
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 3,643,608.93
	<hr/>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2017	<u><u>\$ 4,390,254.59</u></u>



## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 200 FEDERAL GRANTS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>FEDERAL GRANTS</u>									
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>									
Police FY17 Traffic Enforcement Grant	0203-17	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,501.43	\$ (6,501.43)					\$ -
Police FY16 Traffic Enforcement Grant	0203-16	\$ (2,243.88)	\$ 2,243.88						\$ -
Fire SHSH Federal Grant	0202-00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ (4,680.00)					\$ (2,880.00)
Fire FY16 AFG Federal Grant	0205-16	\$ -							\$ -
EMA FY17 EMPG Federal Grant	0201-17	\$ -	\$ 2,780.00	\$ (2,780.00)					\$ -
EMA FY16 EMPG Federal Grant	0201-16	\$ (2,780.00)	\$ 2,780.00						\$ -
EMA FY17 CCP CERT	0200-17	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)					\$ -
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ (5,023.88)	\$ 18,605.31	\$ (16,461.43)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,880.00)
<u>FEMA GRANTS</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL FEMA GRANTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u>									
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>OTHER</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL OTHER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL FEDERAL GRANTS		\$ (5,023.88)	\$ 18,605.31	\$ (16,461.43)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,880.00)
									\$ (2,880.00)

## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 210 STATE GRANTS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>STATE GRANTS</u>									
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>									
Stop & Shop Smart Growth	1011-00	\$ 771.25							\$ 771.25
Elections	1000-14	\$ 1,870.00							\$ 1,870.00
Elections - Early Voting	1000-17	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)					\$ -
43D	1010-00	\$ 1,466.45							\$ 1,466.45
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 4,107.70	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,107.70
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>									
MAC I'm Animal Friendly FY15	1015-15	\$ 15.00							\$ 15.00
Police/Comm 911 Training FY14	1001-14	\$ (159.00)							\$ (159.00)
Police/Comm 911 Training FY15	1001-15	\$ (4,584.13)	\$ 4,584.13						\$ -
Police/Comm 911 Training FY16	1001-16	\$ (9,908.80)	\$ 9,908.80						\$ -
Police/Comm 911 Training FY17	1001-17	\$ -	\$ 964.86	\$ (9,018.91)					\$ (8,054.05)
Police 911 Support & Incentive FY17	1002-17	\$ -	\$ 10,742.46	\$ (27,320.46)					\$ (16,578.00)
Police 911 Support & Incentive FY16	1002-16	\$ (27,192.00)	\$ 27,212.00						\$ 20.00
Fire Hazmat	1003-00	\$ (1,903.20)	\$ 17,424.72	\$ (15,521.52)					\$ -
Fire Safe Grant FY16	1004-16	\$ 6,776.34		\$ (6,776.34)					\$ -
Fire Safe Grant FY17	1004-17	\$ -	\$ 6,547.00						\$ 6,547.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ (36,955.79)	\$ 77,383.97	\$ (58,637.23)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (18,209.05)
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>									
Water Conservation Grant	1012-00	\$ 5,701.80							\$ 5,701.80
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$ 5,701.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,701.80
<u>EDUCATION</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>MEMA GRANTS</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL MEMA GRANTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>COUNCIL ON AGING</u>									
Council On Aging-Elderly Affairs	1005-17	\$ -	\$ 13,349.33	\$ (17,510.23)	\$ 4,160.90				\$ -
Council On Aging-Elderly Affairs	1005-15	\$ 0.23				\$ (0.23)			\$ (0.00)
Council On Aging-Elderly Affairs	1005-16	\$ 4,160.67				\$ (4,160.67)			\$ -
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING		\$ 4,160.90	\$ 13,349.33	\$ (17,510.23)	\$ 4,160.90	\$ (4,160.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0.00)
<u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u>									
Arts Cultural Council	1008-00	\$ 5,593.28	\$ 4,600.00	\$ (5,326.00)					\$ 4,867.28
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		\$ 5,593.28	\$ 4,600.00	\$ (5,326.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,867.28
<u>LIBRARY</u>									
Library	1006-00	\$ -							\$ -
Library Grant FY17	1006-17	\$ -	\$ 10,068.95						\$ 10,068.95
Library Grant FY15	1006-15	\$ 7,242.26		\$ (7,242.26)					\$ -
Library Grant FY16	1006-16	\$ 10,171.53		\$ (60.52)					\$ 10,111.01
Library Plan & Design	1007-00	\$ 18,850.19	\$ 18.85						\$ 18,869.04
TOTAL LIBRARY		\$ 36,263.98	\$ 10,087.80	\$ (7,302.78)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,049.00
<u>OTHER</u>									
BOH MassDEP Mat'ls Recovery	1019-16	\$ 700.00		\$ (700.00)					\$ -
BOH MassDEP Roll Off Rigid Plastic	1020-16	\$ (4,649.00)	\$ 4,649.00						\$ -
BOH MassDEP Mat'ls Recovery	1019-17	\$ -	\$ 4,750.00						\$ 4,750.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$ (3,949.00)	\$ 9,399.00	\$ (700.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,750.00
<u>COUNTY GRANTS</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL COUNTY GRANTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL STATE GRANTS		\$ 14,922.87	\$ 115,320.10	\$ (89,976.24)	\$ 4,160.90	\$ (4,160.90)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,266.73
									\$ 40,266.73

## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 220 RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION</u>									
Conservation Wetlands	2000-00	\$ 37,080.45	\$ 4,222.50	\$ (6,190.25)					\$ 35,112.70
PEG Access & Cable	2005-00	\$ 80,405.37	\$ 29,988.49						\$ 110,393.86
TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED		\$ 117,485.82	\$ 34,210.99	\$ (6,190.25)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,506.56
<u>INSURANCE OVER\$ 20,000.00</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL INSURANCE		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sale of Real Estate	2002-00	\$ 7,266.88	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 7,266.88
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2001-00	\$ 10,972.00	\$ 2,500.00			\$ (4,500.00)			\$ 8,972.00
<u>OTHER</u>									
Landfill	2004-00	\$ 72,060.79				\$ (4,300.00)			\$ 67,760.79
Recycling Fund	2003-00	\$ 1,549.73	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 1,549.73
TOTAL OTHER		\$ 73,610.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,300.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,310.52
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS RESERVED FUNDS		\$ 209,335.22	\$ 36,710.99	\$ (6,190.25)	\$ -	\$ (8,800.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,055.96
									\$ 231,055.96

## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 230 REVOLVING FUNDS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>REVOLVING FUNDS</u>									
<u>INSURANCE RECOVERY</u>									
Police Insurance Recovery	3000-00	\$ 1,432.15	\$ 9,098.82	\$ (6,759.12)					\$ 3,771.85
Highway Insurance Recovery	3004-00	\$ -	\$ 8,695.00	\$ (8,695.00)					\$ -
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ 1,432.15	\$ 17,793.82	\$ (15,454.12)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,771.85
<u>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
Arts Council	3702-00	\$ 448.34	\$ 104.85						\$ 553.19
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION		\$ 448.34	\$ 104.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 553.19
<u>CH. 44, S 53E-1/2 REVOLVING</u>									
Long Pond Boat Ramp	3202-00	\$ 27,324.01	\$ 6,338.00	\$ (3,756.47)					\$ 29,905.54
Annual Town Reports	3200-00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 200.00						\$ 1,500.00
Communications Alarms	3201-00	\$ 1,118.88	\$ 630.00	\$ (280.00)					\$ 1,468.88
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 29,742.89	\$ 7,168.00	\$ (4,036.47)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,874.42
<u>OTHER</u>									
Police State Law Enforcement Trust	3700-00	\$ 1,006.15	\$ 1.03						\$ 1,007.18
Police Federal Forfeiture Funds	3701-00	\$ 57,818.11	\$ 57.77						\$ 57,875.88
Recycling Fund	2003-00	\$ -							\$ -
Planning Board-Consulting Accounts	3500-00	\$ 16,747.65	\$ 20,492.35	\$ (20,667.53)					\$ 16,572.47
Conservation-Consulting Accounts	3502-00	\$ 4,458.89	\$ 15,002.72	\$ (17,566.95)					\$ 1,894.66
Council on Aging Insurance Recovery	3003-00	\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL OTHER		\$ 80,030.80	\$ 35,553.87	\$ (38,234.48)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,350.19
TOTAL ALL REVOLVING FUNDS		\$ 111,654.18	\$ 60,620.54	\$ (57,725.07)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,549.65
									\$ 114,549.65

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

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</u>									
Title V	Fund # 241	\$ 122,129.44	\$ 3,694.30	\$ (48,560.00)					\$ 77,263.74
<u>GIFTS &amp; DONATIONS</u>									
Hathaway Park	4008-00	\$ 5,205.56							\$ 5,205.56
Boston Beer	4012-00	\$ 999.04							\$ 999.04
Patriot Half Triathlon	4013-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
Town Hall Events	4016-00	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (146.31)					\$ 603.69
TRWA-Open Space & Rec. Plan	4009-00	\$ 1,320.00							\$ 1,320.00
Bicycle Safety	4000-00	\$ 391.85							\$ 391.85
Police Drug Education Program	4011-00	\$ 2,022.38							\$ 2,022.38
Police K-9 Stanton Grant	4017-00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ (15,124.82)					\$ 9,875.18
Animal Control Officer	4015-00	\$ 435.00	\$ 86.00						\$ 521.00
Tree Warden	4006-00	\$ 1,070.00							\$ 1,070.00
Compost Bins	4004-00	\$ 1,354.20							\$ 1,354.20
Cemetery	4005-00	\$ 20.05	\$ 2,018.00	\$ (18.00)					\$ 2,020.05
Council on Aging	4001-00	\$ 32,061.92	\$ 3,979.11	\$ (857.20)					\$ 35,183.83
Library Donations	4003-00	\$ 8,692.33	\$ 150.00	\$ (342.42)					\$ 8,499.91
Historical	4007-00	\$ 442.00							\$ 442.00
Cablevision Fund	4002-00	\$ 10.00							\$ 10.00
Cable Public Access	4010-00	\$ -							\$ -
Stop & Shop Smart Growth	1011-00	\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 54,774.33	\$ 31,733.11	\$ (16,488.75)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,018.69
<u>OTHER</u>									
		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL OTHER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ALL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$ 176,903.77	\$ 35,427.41	\$ (65,048.75)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,282.43
									\$ 147,282.43

## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 300 HIGHWAY CH 90 & OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Bond Payable	Ban Paydown	Transfers In	Expenditures	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>									
Highway-Chapter 90	Fund # 300	\$ -	\$ 395,078.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (396,406.43)	\$ -	\$ (1,328.17)
Bridge Rehab	Fund # 301	\$ (60,969.37)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000.00	\$ (504,179.05)	\$ -	\$ 134,851.58
Water Cap Proj - Filter Site Improv	Fund # 615	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,405.41	\$ (45,006.09)	\$ -	\$ 22,399.32
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS		<u>\$ (60,969.37)</u>	<u>\$ 395,078.26</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 767,405.41</u>	<u>\$ (945,591.57)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 155,922.73</u>
									\$ 155,922.73

**TOWN OF FREETOWN  
SEWER ENTERPRISE  
FISCAL YEAR 2017  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Sewer Usage	\$ 207,191.00	\$ 255,091.43	\$ 47,900.43
Sewer Service Charge Fees	\$ -	\$ 136.90	\$ 136.90
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ 16.66	\$ 16.66
<u>OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u>			
Retained Earnings Voted for Special Articles	\$ 67,170.00	\$ 67,170.00	\$ -
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 274,361.00</u>	<u>\$ 322,414.99</u>	<u>\$ 48,053.99</u>

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Sewer - Personnel	\$ 3,324.00	\$ 3,324.00	\$ -
Sewer - Expenses	\$ 195,550.00	\$ 169,219.64	\$ 26,330.36
Current Year Special Article from Retained Earnings - Fall Town Meeting	\$ 67,170.00	\$ 67,158.19	\$ 11.81
Current Year Special Article from Retained Earnings - Spring Town Meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to General Fund-Indirect Costs	\$ 8,317.00	\$ 7,567.00	\$ 750.00
Total Budget	<u>\$ 274,361.00</u>	<u>\$ 247,268.83</u>	<u>\$ 27,092.17</u>

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets, June 30, 2016	\$ 167,956.86
Actual Revenues Closed for FY2017	\$ 255,244.99
Actual Expenditures Closed for FY2017	\$ (247,268.83)
Net Assets, June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 175,933.02</u>

FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

Net Assets Restricted for Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ -
Net Assets Restricted for Expenditures	\$ -
Net Assets Restricted for Continued Appropriations	\$ -
Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$ 175,933.02
Net Assets, June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 175,933.02</u>

Retained Earnings Certified by the Bureau of Accounts was \$175,933.



**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**WATER ENTERPRISE - FISCAL YEAR 2017**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	Budget	Actual	Difference
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Water Usage and Liens Collected	\$ 514,635.00	\$ 579,715.39	\$ 65,080.39
Interest and Penalties	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,791.53	\$ (2,208.47)
Other Non-Usage Charges	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 16,210.38	\$ (789.62)
Water Lien Costs	\$ -	\$ 1,293.31	\$ 1,293.31
Permit Fees	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 9,100.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 559,635.00	\$ 632,110.61	\$ 72,475.61
<u>WATER ASSESSMENTS</u>			
App. Betterments-Added to Taxes	\$ -	\$ 3,764.58	\$ 3,764.58
Committed Interest-Added to Taxes	\$ -	\$ 1,266.42	\$ 1,266.42
App. Betterments-Not Yet Due	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Betterments-Not Yet Due	\$ -	\$ 405.48	\$ 405.48
Water Betterment Liens-Added to Taxes	\$ -	\$ 11.20	\$ 11.20
Total Receipts	\$ -	\$ 5,447.68	\$ 5,447.68
<u>OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u>			
Retained Earnings Voted to Fund Emergency Reserve Fund at Fall Town Meeting	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Retained Earnings Voted to Pay Prior Year Bills at Fall Town Meeting	\$ 67,221.69	\$ 67,221.69	\$ -
Retained Earnings Voted to Pay Prior Year Bills at Spring Town Meeting	\$ 300.40	\$ 300.40	\$ -
Transfer In from General Fund	\$ 55,323.07	\$ 55,323.07	\$ -
Total Receipts	\$ 664,958.07	\$ 742,881.36	\$ 77,923.29
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Water - Personnel	\$ 76,562.00	\$ 75,077.84	\$ 1,484.16
Water - Expenses, with Supplemental Appropriation from Emergency Reserve	\$ 530,529.07	\$ 529,196.33	\$ 1,332.74
Special Articles	\$ 67,522.09	\$ 64,310.44	\$ 3,211.65
Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer to General Fund-Indirect Costs	\$ 57,867.00	\$ 55,734.00	\$ 2,133.00
Total Budget	\$ 732,480.16	\$ 724,318.61	\$ 8,161.55

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Net Assets, June 30, 2016	\$ 178,614.67
Actual Revenues Closed for FY2017	\$ 692,881.36
Actual Expenditures Closed for FY2017	\$ (724,318.61)
Net Assets, June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 147,177.42</u>

FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

Net Assets Restricted for Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ -
Net Assets Restricted for Expenditures	\$ -
Net Assets Restricted for Continued Appropriations	\$ -
Net Assets, Unrestricted	\$ 114,590.83
Net Assets, Unrestricted-Water Assessments	\$ 32,586.59
Net Assets, June 30, 2017	<u>\$ 147,177.42</u>

Retained Earnings Certified as of 7/1/2016 by the Bureau of Accounts was \$ 147,177.

## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 810 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST</u>									
OTHER:									
C. Clark Scholarship Fund	6400-00	\$ 10,000.00							\$ 10,000.00
Stabilization	6902-00	\$ -							\$ -
CEMETERY:									
Assonet Cemetery	6200-00	\$ 193,355.00	\$ 7,780.00						\$ 201,135.00
Chace Cemetery	6201-00	\$ 76,700.00							\$ 76,700.00
Rounseville Cemetery	6202-00	\$ 10,650.00							\$ 10,650.00
Morton Cemetery	6203-00	\$ 7,065.00							\$ 7,065.00
White Cemetery	6204-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
Evans Cemetery	6205-00	\$ 38,000.00							\$ 38,000.00
Friends Tripp Cemetery	6206-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
Nichols Cemetery	6207-00	\$ 345.00							\$ 345.00
Richmond Cemetery	6208-00	\$ 612.00							\$ 612.00
Ruby (Winslow) Linn Cemetery	6209-00	\$ 20,000.00							\$ 20,000.00
East Freetown Cemetery	6210-00	\$ 600.00							\$ 600.00
LIBRARY:									
Morgan Memorial	6000-00	\$ 1,195.00							\$ 1,195.00
J. L. Lawton Kirker Memorial	6001-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
Annie S. Hunt	6002-00	\$ 3,000.00							\$ 3,000.00
Warren Cudworth	6003-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
Gager	6004-00	\$ 2,000.00							\$ 2,000.00
A. A. Paine	6005-00	\$ 100.00							\$ 100.00

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
Betsey Hathawy	6006-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
George Hathaway	6007-00	\$ 10,000.00							\$ 10,000.00
H. Douglas Dana	6008-00	\$ 400.00							\$ 400.00
M. Marvin Fletcher	6009-00	\$ 1,000.00							\$ 1,000.00
C. Isabel Hathaway	6010-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
J. White Therrien	6011-00	\$ 15,000.00							\$ 15,000.00
White Memorial	6012-00	\$ 500.00							\$ 500.00
C. Clark Memorial	6013-00	\$ 5,000.00							\$ 5,000.00
R.Parker Memorial	6014-00	\$ 515.00							\$ 515.00
C. Kendrick Memorial	6015-00	\$ 400.00							\$ 400.00
I. B. Plouffe	6016-00	\$ 761.20							\$ 761.20
TOTAL ALL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		\$ 402,198.20	\$ 7,780.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409,978.20

## CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 820 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>EXPENDABLE TRUST</u>									
OTHER:									
C. Clark Scholarship Fund	6900-00	\$ 58.55	\$ 10.02						\$ 68.57
CEMETERY:									
Assonet Cemetery	6700-00	\$ 419.49	\$ 197.24	\$ (62.73)					\$ 554.00
Chace Cemetery	6701-00	\$ 331.55	\$ 76.99						\$ 408.54
Rounseville Cemetery	6702-00	\$ 6.29	\$ 10.65						\$ 16.94
Morton Cemetery	6703-00	\$ 15.34	\$ 7.06	\$ (16.00)					\$ 6.40
White Cemetery	6704-00	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.48						\$ 0.92
Evans Cemetery	6705-00	\$ 7,760.47	\$ 43.72	\$ (4,150.00)					\$ 3,654.19
Friends Tripp Cemetery	6706-00	\$ 4.18	\$ 1.03						\$ 5.21
Nichols Cemetery	6707-00	\$ 1.52	\$ 1,000.74	\$ (1,000.00)					\$ 2.26
Richmond Cemetery	6708-00	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.60						\$ 1.60
Ruby (Winslow) Linn Cemetery	6709-00	\$ 7,381.41	\$ 26.25	\$ (2,045.00)					\$ 5,362.66
East Freetown Cemetery	6710-00	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.60	\$ (2.00)					\$ 0.60
LIBRARY:									
Morgan Memorial	6500-00	\$ 1,020.50	\$ 2.22						\$ 1,022.72
J. L. Lawton Kirker Memorial	6501-00	\$ 187.31	\$ 1.19						\$ 188.50
Annie S. Hunt	6502-00	\$ 2,054.81	\$ 5.06						\$ 2,059.87
Warren Cudworth	6503-00	\$ 4,931.83	\$ 5.92						\$ 4,937.75
Gager	6504-00	\$ 816.39	\$ 2.82						\$ 819.21
A. A. Paine	6505-00	\$ 1,192.23	\$ 1.31						\$ 1,193.54
Betsey Hathaway	6506-00	\$ 3,953.34	\$ 4.96						\$ 3,958.30
George Hathaway	6507-00	\$ 28,597.80	\$ 38.55						\$ 28,636.35
H. Douglas Dana	6508-00	\$ 1,456.90	\$ 1.86						\$ 1,458.76
M. Marvin Fletcher	6509-00	\$ 1,660.84	\$ 2.69						\$ 1,663.53
C. Isabel Hathaway	6510-00	\$ 1,327.56	\$ 1.82						\$ 1,329.38
J. White Therrien	6511-00	\$ 3,263.61	\$ 18.18	\$ (291.59)					\$ 2,990.20
White Memorial	6512-00	\$ 1,347.30	\$ 1.86						\$ 1,349.16
C. Clark Memorial	6513-00	\$ 2,195.95	\$ 7.18						\$ 2,203.13
R. Parker Memorial	6514-00	\$ 441.04	\$ 0.95						\$ 441.99
C. Kendrick Memorial	6515-00	\$ 135.74	\$ 0.55						\$ 136.29
I. B. Plouffe	6516-00	\$ 293.23	\$ 1.07						\$ 294.30
TOTAL ALL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		\$ 70,858.62	\$ 1,473.57	\$ (7,567.32)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,764.87

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 900 AGENCY FUNDS

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Receivable/ Payable/Other Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Cash		\$ (54,229.53)	\$ 233,444.33	\$ (166,785.16)			\$ (4,299.68)		\$ 8,129.96
Police Detail Receivable		\$ 71,068.25					\$ (50,577.75)		\$ 20,490.50
Fire Detail Receivable		\$ 2,357.49					\$ (76.20)		\$ 2,281.29
TOTAL ALL ASSETS		\$ 19,196.21	\$ 233,444.33	\$ (166,785.16)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (54,953.63)	\$ -	\$ 30,901.75
<u>LIABILITIES</u>									
Warrants Payable		\$ 6,575.00					\$ (4,299.68)		\$ 2,275.32
Accrued Payroll		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL ACCRUED PAYROLL		\$ 6,575.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,299.68)	\$ -	\$ 2,275.32
<u>DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>									
Due to County - Property Recordings	7702-00	\$ (0.47)	\$ 2,639.97	\$ (2,564.42)					\$ 75.08
Due to School Districts/Others	7704-00	\$ -	\$ 65.00	\$ (65.00)					\$ -
Firearms Overlay-FID Licenses	7701-00	\$ 2,072.50	\$ 15,450.00	\$ (12,262.50)					\$ 5,260.00
TOTAL DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		\$ 2,072.03	\$ 18,154.97	\$ (14,891.92)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,335.08
<u>OTHER LIABILITIES</u>									
Police Details	7705-00	\$ (70,178.75)	\$ 181,478.75	\$ (130,978.00)					\$ (19,678.00)
Fire Details	7706-00	\$ (2,357.49)	\$ 16,281.97	\$ (16,205.77)					\$ (2,281.29)
Def. Revenue-Departmental		\$ 73,425.74					\$ (50,653.95)		\$ 22,771.79
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES		\$ 889.50	\$ 197,760.72	\$ (147,183.77)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (50,653.95)	\$ -	\$ 812.50

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Receivable/ Payable/Other Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>UNCLAIMED ITEMS</u>									
Unclaimed Items	7700-00	\$ 390.08	\$ 505.61	\$ (505.61)					\$ 390.08
TOTAL UNCLAIMED ITEMS		\$ 390.08	\$ 505.61	\$ (505.61)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 390.08
<u>PERFORMANCE/BID DEPOSITS</u>									
Planning Board	7203-00	\$ 9,269.60	\$ 17,023.03	\$ (4,203.86)					\$ 22,088.77
Other		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL OTHER		\$ 9,269.60	\$ 17,023.03	\$ (4,203.86)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,088.77
<hr/>									
TOTAL ALL LIABILITIES		\$ 19,196.21	\$ 233,444.33	\$ (166,785.16)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (54,953.63)	\$ -	\$ 30,901.75

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

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Receivable/ Payable/Other Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Cash		\$ 27,895.84	\$ 1,635,935.28	\$(1,638,783.93)					\$ 25,047.19
Due From/(To) Other Funds		\$ -							\$ -
TOTAL ALL ASSETS		\$ 27,895.84	\$ 1,635,935.28	\$(1,638,783.93)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,047.19

### LIABILITIES

Warrants Payable		\$ -							\$ -
------------------	--	------	--	--	--	--	--	--	------

### PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS

Federal Withholding Tax	7000-00	\$ -	\$ 520,962.10	\$(520,962.10)					\$ -
Medicare Tax Withholdings	7001-00	\$ -	\$ 53,279.01	\$(53,279.01)					\$ -
State Income Tax Withholdings	7002-00	\$ -	\$ 210,339.05	\$(210,339.05)					\$ -
County Retirement Withholdings	7003-00	\$ -	\$ 352,872.69	\$(352,872.69)					\$ -
Group Life Insurance Withholdings	7005-00	\$ 669.74	\$ 8,641.86	\$(8,367.50)					\$ 944.10
Health Insurance Withholdings	7008-00	\$ 23,973.70	\$ 298,511.38	\$(301,219.57)					\$ 21,265.51
Aflac Insurance Withholdings	7010-00	\$ -	\$ 5,077.34	\$(5,077.34)					\$ -
Dental Insurance Withholdings	7011-00	\$ 2,552.56	\$ 32,350.62	\$(32,765.44)					\$ 2,137.74
United Way Withholdings	7012-00	\$ -	\$ 96.00	\$(96.00)					\$ -
Town Hall/Hwy. Union Dues Withholdings	7013-00	\$ -	\$ 9,571.50	\$(9,571.50)					\$ -
Police Union Dues Withholdings	7014-00	\$ -	\$ 27,907.34	\$(27,907.34)					\$ -
Comm. Union Dues Withholdings	7015-00	\$ -	\$ 1,533.50	\$(1,533.50)					\$ -
Fire Union Dues Withholdings	7016-00	\$ -	\$ 8,320.00	\$(8,320.00)					\$ -
Deferred Compensation Withholdings	7017-00	\$ -	\$ 44,866.58	\$(44,866.58)					\$ -
Credit Union Withholdings	7018-00	\$ -	\$ 10,400.00	\$(10,400.00)					\$ -
OBRA Withholdings	7019-00	\$ -	\$ 33,656.55	\$(33,656.55)					\$ -

	Program #	Beginning Balance 7/1/2016	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Receivable/ Payable/Other Adjustments	Reclassify Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2017
Miscellaneous Withholdings	7021-00	\$ 699.84	\$ 371.06	\$ (371.06)					\$ 699.84
Garnishment Withholdings	7020-00	\$ -	\$ 17,178.70	\$ (17,178.70)					\$ -
TOTAL PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS		\$ 27,895.84	\$ 1,635,935.28	\$ (1,638,783.93)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,047.19
TOTAL ALL LIABILITIES		\$ 27,895.84	\$ 1,635,935.28	\$ (1,638,783.93)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,047.19
TOTAL ALL AGENCY FUNDS		\$ 47,092.05	\$ 1,869,379.61	\$ (1,805,569.09)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (54,953.63)	\$ -	\$ 55,948.94
									\$ 55,948.94



**TOWN OF FREETOWN**  
**MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS**  
**06/30/17**

Date	Loan	Interest Rate	Outstanding 6/30/2016	Borrowed FY 2017	Paid/Retired Principal FY 2017	Outstanding 6/30/2017	Interest Paid FY2017
<u>LONG TERM DEBT</u>							
	<u>INSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u>						
5/15/2013	Freetown Elem.-New Bond 74% State Reimbursed	1.2491%	\$ 4,580,000.00	\$ -	\$ 535,000.00	\$ 4,045,000.00	\$ 86,250.00
			\$ 4,580,000.00	\$ -	\$ 535,000.00	\$ 4,045,000.00	\$ 86,250.00
5/15/2013	Flooding, Bridges, Spring 2010	1.0569%	\$ 490,000.00	\$ -	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 9,100.00
			\$ 5,070,000.00	\$ -	\$ 605,000.00	\$ 4,465,000.00	\$ 95,350.00
	<u>OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u>						
4/3/2009	Water Pump Station	6.50%	\$ 44,250.00	\$ -	\$ 14,750.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 2,876.25
			\$ 44,250.00	\$ -	\$ 14,750.00	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 2,876.25
Total Long Term Debt			\$ 5,114,250.00	\$ -	\$ 619,750.00	\$ 4,494,500.00	\$ 98,226.25
<u>SHORT TERM DEBT</u>							
12/1/2016	Bridge Improvements	1.00%	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 3,468.75
12/1/2016	Water Filter Site Improvements	1.00%	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Total Short Term Debt			\$ 925,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 925,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 3,468.75
Grand Total All Debt			\$ 6,039,250.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 1,544,750.00	\$ 4,794,500.00	\$ 101,695.00
<u>AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT</u>							
			Authorized		Issued FY2017	Rescinded FY2017	Unissued 6/30/2017
6/15/2015	BAN for Upgrade to Water Filter Site		\$ 75,000.00		\$ (75,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -
10/27/2015	BAN for Bridge Improvements		\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
					\$ -		\$ -
Total Debt Authorized and Unissued			\$ 75,000.00		\$ (75,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -

# **REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CHIEF OF POLICE, KEEPER OF LOCK-UP  
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS (EX-OFFICIO)  
Lisa A. Pacheco  
Robert P. Jose  
Charles B. Sullivan

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, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Steven E. Abbott, Sergeant, Lieutenant	Luis Alves, Reserve	Elton E. Ashley, III Sergeant
Craig J. Cabral, Reserve	Michael J. Connell, Jr. Patrolman	Joseph Cowing, Auxiliary
Seth Demello, Reserve	Paul M. DeMelo, Reserve	Nicholas Drinkwine, Reserve
Edward J. Dwyer, Sergeant	Jared Faherty, Auxiliary	Mark Fornaciari, Patrolman
Marc A. Gaspar, Auxiliary	Kaylin A. Jose, Auxiliary	Shane V. Kelley, Patrolman
Patrick R. Lee, Patrolman	Benjamin A. Levesque, Sergeant	Thomas Long, Patrolman
John G. Lopes, Reserve	Michael R. MacDonald, Auxiliary	Alexander Malo, Auxiliary
Swede M. Magnett, Sergeant	Christopher M. Medeiros, Patrolman	Paul R. Melo, Auxiliary
Ryan W. Pereira, Patrolman	Kara Pigeon, Auxiliary	Kenneth Pimental, Auxiliary
John Pina, III, Patrolman	Phillip Pine, Patrolman	Scott M. Rose, Sergeant
Joshua J. Simmons, Auxiliary	Jon M. Taylor, Patrolman	Thomas E. Ashley, Jr., Patrolman

## **CONSTABLES**

### For service of Town processes, only:

Police Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esquire	Elton E. Ashley, III
Steven Abbott	

### Other Constables:

Edward A. Mello	Michael C. Lecuyer
Walter J. Sawicki	Robert Fouquette
Donald Bullock, (appointed 12/2/15)	Paul DeMelo

### For Civil Processes, only:

Kenneth W. Upham	James E. Sadeck
------------------	-----------------

## **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

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

## **FULL-TIME SIGNAL OPERATORS**

Debra J. Souza, Supervisor	Stephanie L. Brum
Margaret A. Dwyer	

#### PART-TIME SIGNAL OPERATORS

Debra Souza, Supervisor  
Thomas E. Ashley Jr.  
Richard Levesque  
Joshua Simmons  
Lydia St. Laurent

Daniel J. Stewart  
Patrick R. Lee  
Margaret Dwyer  
Lisa Podielsky  
Taylor Podielsky

#### LOCK-UP ATTENDANTS

Lisa Podielsky

Kara Pigeon

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Police Department for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

#### **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**

The following appointments were made:

Auxiliary Police Officer (volunteer)  
Joseph P. Cowing – 01/09/17

Auxiliary Police Officer (volunteer)  
Marc A. Gaspar – 01/09/17

Auxiliary Police Officer (volunteer)  
Kaylin A. Jose – 01/09/17

Auxiliary Police Officer (volunteer)

Michael R. MacDonald – 01/09/17

Auxiliary Police Officer (volunteer)

Paul R. Melo – 01/09/17

Lock- Up Attendant (part-time)

Stephanie L. Brum – 09/19/16

Lock- Up Attendant (part-time)

Lydia E. St. Laurent – 09/19/16

Reserve Police Officer (part-time)

Luiz Alves – 11/07/16

Regular Police Officer (full-time)

John Pina III - 09/23/16

John Pina III attended the police recruit academy as a Student Officer and, upon his successful completion of the program, was appointed as a regular police officer. His appointment as a regular police officer served to fill one of the existing full-time vacancies.

Regular Police Officer (full-time)

Phillip J. Pine – 04/14/17

Phillip J. Pine attended the police recruit academy as a Student Officer and, upon his successful completion of the program, was appointed as a regular police officer. His appointment as a regular police officer served to fill one of the existing full-time vacancies.

Signal Operator (part-time)

Lydia E. StLaurent – 04/02/16

Student Officer (full-time)

Phillip J. Pine – 10/31/16

The following leave of absence was approved:

Reserve Police Officer (part-time)

John G. Lopes – 10/03/16

The following resignations were accepted:

Lock- Up Attendant (part-time)

Felicia A. Balbi – 08/21/16

Signal Operator (part-time)

Felicia A. Balbi – 08/21/16

Signal Operator (part-time)

Patrick R. Lee – 03/17/17

### **Accreditation**

The Department achieved initial Accreditation through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) during 2014, and Re-Accreditation during 2017. The Department continues to meet or exceed the 323 professional standards that were established for the profession, by the profession. These carefully selected standards reflect critical areas of police management, operations, and technical support activities. They cover areas such as policy development, emergency response planning, training, communications, property and evidence handling, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation and holding facilities. This program not only sets standards for the law enforcement profession, but also for the delivery of police services to the residents of the Freetown.

### **Grants**

The Department was successful in obtaining state 9-1-1 Department grant monies. These monies were used for the training of dispatch personnel, purchase of heavy duty dispatch chairs, and installation of tablets in police vehicles thereby allowing communication with the 9-1-1 computer system.

### **Training**

Department training included specialized courses, annual daylight and dim light firearms training, the annual in-service program, and the continued use of a document management program made available on-line to all officers and signal operators. This on-line program allowed the Department to manage crucial documents, train and test employees, and maintain accreditation standards thereby reducing risk and expanding productivity, efficiency, time and money.

### **Facility**

The existing police facility is inadequate for the safety, security and equipment needs of a department our size and the demands placed upon it. The Board of Selectmen has initiated discussions regarding the construction of a new building.

### **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 29 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel and equipment.

### **Firearm Licensing**

The Department processed 234 Licenses to Carry (LTC) and 16 Firearm Identification Card (FID) applications, including original and renewals. The Department suspended or revoked 4 LTCs and/or FIDs.

### **Statistics**

## Call Numbers

14,727

## Case Activity

	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Total Felonies	252
Total Arrests (On View)	62
Total Arrests (Based On Incident/Warrants)	69
Total Summons Arrests	194
Total Arrests	325
Total Protective Custody	9
Total Juvenile Arrests	6
Total Juveniles Referred (Arrests)	6
Total Hearings	13
Total Summons	18
Total Open Warrants	9
Total Open Default Warrants	10

## Offenses Reported

	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Forcible Rape	2
Forcible Fondling	1
Robbery	2
Aggravated (weapon) Assault	21
Simple Assault	51
Intimidation	22
Arson	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	52
Shoplifting	2
Theft from Building	31
Theft from Motor Vehicle	13
All Other Larceny	54
Motor Vehicle Theft	18
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
False Pretenses/Swindle	26
Credit Card/Automatic Teller	1
Embezzlement	1
Stolen Property Offenses	3
Impersonation	20
Vandalism/Malicious Damage	68
Drug Violations	6
Incest	3
Statutory Rape	5
Obscene Material	1
Weapons Violations	6

Bad Checks	3
Disorderly Conduct	13
Driving Under the Influence	21
Drunkenness	33
Liquor Law Violations	9
Runaway	1
Trespassing	11
Town By-Law Offenses	488
All Other Offenses	116
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1106</b>

### Other Violations

	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Motor Vehicle Citations	
Municipal By-Law Violations	
Parking Tickets	

### Non-Criminal Activity Requiring Written Police Report

	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Animal Complaint	7
Assist Fire or EMS	6
Assist Other Agency	18
Assist Citizen	42
Driver Competency	6
Discharge Firearm	3
Domestic Disturbance (No Crime)	46
Disturbance	17
Industrial Accident	15
Impaired/Influence of Drugs	2
Lost Property	19
Mutual Aid	32
Mental Health Issues	8
Mental Health Warrant	26
Missing Person	3
Drug Overdose	3
Drug Overdose Heroin	7
Drug Overdose Pharmaceutical	4
Other	52
Police Information	24
Property Held For Safekeeping	18
Runaway	5
Sudden Death - Accident	3
Suspected Drug Activity	3
Sudden Death	3
Towed Vehicle (No Crime)	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>383</b>

**Collisions**

	<b>FY 16-17</b>
Motor Vehicle Accidents Report Taken – Town Roads	155

Respectfully submitted,

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



## **REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **CAREER PERSONNEL:**

Gary Silvia, Fire Chief / Paramedic

### **APPOINTED BY THE FIRE CHIEF:**

Clifford Cardin, Deputy Fire Chief/Paramedic

Harrie Ashley, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Neal Lafleur, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Paul Ashley, Lieutenant/E.M.T.-A

Keith Mello, Firefighter/Paramedic

Mark Brogan, Firefighter/Paramedic

Nicholas Lecuyer, Firefighter/Paramedic

Jeffrey Brum, Firefighter/Paramedic

James Gonneville, Firefighter/Paramedic

Deborah Allerd, Senior Clerk

### **FREETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL PERSONNEL**

Cameron Alves, Firefighter/Paramedic

Graham Ashley, Firefighter

Mallorie Brouns, Firefighter/EMT

Gregory Calbo, Firefighter/Paramedic

Cody Craveiro, FFOP

Joshua Faherty, Firefighter/EMT

Robert Ferreira, Firefighter/EMT

Samuel Finney, Firefighter/EMT

Nathan Gagnier, Firefighter

Joshua Hathaway, Firefighter/EMT

Vincent Karppinen, Firefighter

Brent L'Heureux, Lieutenant/EMT

Christopher Masse, Firefighter

Stephen Medeiros, Firefighter/Paramedic

Matthew Olien, Firefighter/EMT

Zackary Petitpas, Firefighter/EMT

Danielle Poole, Firefighter

Eric Reynolds Jr., Firefighter/EMT

Kevin Rezendes, Firefighter/EMT

Corey Roberts, FFOP

Vernon Roberts, Captain

Andrew Robinson, Firefighter

Ryan Silvia, Firefighter/Paramedic

Kevin Smith, Firefighter

Kevin Whittey, Firefighter/EMT

Andrew Wilkinson, FFOP

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

The following is the Annual Town Report of the Freetown Fire Department for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

The Freetown Fire Department would like to thank the community and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support this year. Community support is paramount, and we realize that without such support we would be unable to provide the utmost professional fire and rescue services to the community. We are constantly striving to improve our organization and our delivery of fire and rescue services to the community, a service both our residents and visitors expect and deserve.

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

Firefighter John Ross Laronda., passed away on June 6, 2017. Firefighter Laronda was appointed to the fire department on July 1, 2010 and served with distinction for five (5) years until moving to Virginia where he joined the Alta Vista Volunteer Fire Company and quickly rose to the rank of Captain. John Ross was a great firefighter but an even greater person, a rare individual who led by example without

seeking recognition. Every now and then a person passes through our lives and their impact lasts long after they are gone. John Ross was such a person. The sorrow that we feel for John is one of loss as we are all diminished when such a young man of honor passes from our ranks.

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 1,974 calls for service during the last fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

Medical Calls	917	Station Coverage	43
Medical Transfers	44	Investigations	90
Medical Mutual Aid	231	Public Assistance	60
Structural Fires	10	Fire Alarms	97
Brush Fires	19	Illegal Burning	37
Mutual Aid Fires	24	Motor Vehicle Accidents	180
Motor Vehicle Fires	30	Water Rescues	4
Carbon Monoxide Calls	19	Details	87
Electrical Emergencies	14	Miscellaneous	68
		<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>1,974</b>

The department received a Public Safety ‘SAFE’ Grant in the amount of \$7,218.00. The SAFE Grant was used to train and equip firefighters to be public fire education instructors and conduct fire safety classes throughout town. Additionally, funding from the SAFE grant was used to purchase address sign markers and to cover the cost associated with the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of our elderly and other needy families. The smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were donated to the fire department by Tyco Security Products / DSC.

Call Firefighters Cody Craveiro, Corey Roberts, and Andrew Wilkinson successfully completed Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Class # 064 to become trained to the NFPA 1001 Firefighter I/II standard. This training consists of over two hundred hours of classroom and hands on training and testing through 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 359 in-service inspections-and issued 289 permits during the past fiscal-year. These inspections included schools, churches, daycare centers and commercial properties as well as smoke and carbon monoxide inspections for new and resale homes. In addition to their normal station cleaning, hose testing, and equipment and vehicle maintenance duties, fire-department members have attended a combined 2,522 hours of fire training both in-house and at Massachusetts Firefighting Academy sponsored programs.

Last fiscal year, 585 open-air burning (brush) permits were issued. Burning season begins January 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through May 1<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting). Burning permits are available on-line or can be obtained in person at the Bullock Road Fire Station (Sta.3) beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Burning hours are between 10AM and 4PM, but residents must notify the fire department either by logging in on-line or by calling the Fire Station each day before they burn to confirm that burning is allowed that day. No daily authorizations to burn brush will be given after 2 p.m.

The condition of the town’s fire stations are as follows:

Fire Station 1 (3 Elm St) is in relatively good shape in spite of its age. The eastside entrance door was replaced this year and firefighters painted the interior this past spring.

Fire Station 2 (157 County Rd) is in need of some work. This past year the side entrance doors were replaced. Unfortunately, a large amount of wood trim still needs to be repaired and/or replaced as there are holes in areas of the trim and soffits. Additionally, several areas of the apparatus bay and rear storage room need drywall repair or replacement. The thirty (30) plus year old boiler is located in a below grade level boiler room in the middle of the station making it susceptible to flooding and difficult, if not hazardous, for servicemen to access it for repairs and maintenance. The yearly problem of the domestic water supply line freezing during the cold weather months has yet to be resolved leaving the station without running water for weeks and sometimes months at time. The fire hydrant in front of Fire Station 2 has been out of service since February of 2015 with no timeline for repair or replacement. Having the hydrant readily available to refill fire trucks after calls and to use for training is beneficial, but more importantly the hydrant at Station 2 is an integral part of the overall fire protection plan for East Freetown as it is the nearest municipal water supply for homes and businesses north and west of the fire station to the Lakeville town line. Additionally, it is source of water (fill site) for tankers in the event of a fire at one of the Regional Schools in Lakeville.

Fire Station 3 (25 Bullock Rd) is in good shape with the normal wear and tear expected of a 24/7/365 operating public safety building. The office and bunkroom carpeting and kitchen flooring was replaced in October of 2016.

As per NFPA 1911: Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Fire Apparatus, the town's three (3) Class A Pumpers and Aerial Ladder received their annual performance test and the results are as follows:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Year / Make</u>	<u>Fire Station</u>	<u>Test Results</u>
Engine 1	1994 International	1	Satisfactory
Engine 2	1997 International	2	Good
Engine 3	2014 KME / Panther	3	Excellent
Ladder 2	1978 Ward / LaFrance	2	Pass *

\*The Aerial device initially failed its annual inspection requiring a search for parts and repairs to be made leaving the unit out of service for a week.

Ladder 2, the town's only ladder truck, is now forty (40) years old and is in rough shape with serious body rot, compartment doors that don't stay shut, a water tank that no longer holds water, and a fire pump that is just barely serviceable. Finding parts for the chassis and aerial ladder is difficult due to age and the fact that both original manufacturers have been out of business for several decades. The department has been unsuccessful in obtaining a grant to fund a replacement ladder truck, nor have we had any luck in having another community donate a newer ladder truck to us. The department is currently applying a third time for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase a new ladder truck. It is highly unlikely that we will be awarded the funding to purchase a new ladder truck. Therefore, the town should consider putting aside funds to be used to purchase a late model used ladder in the upcoming year such as what the towns of Berkley, Lakeville and Rochester have done for their communities.

In 2005, with money from a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant the department replaced all 24 of its Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). The SCBA air cylinders have a fifteen (15) year service life and all will have to be replaced in December 2019. Additionally, the air pack units themselves are becoming worn out and there hasn't been a time in recent memory when one or two units have been out

of service due to the malfunctions. Also in 2007, with funding through a Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant the department replaced the structural turnout gear for all firefighters. NFPA 1851 requires turnout gear to be replaced every ten (10) years. Additionally the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy will not allow a student to participate in any live fire training evolutions with turnout gear that does not meet the NFPA 1851 standard. Next year the majority of the department issued gear will be greater than ten (10) years old and will need to be replaced. The department looks for continuing community support to address these important issues regarding our firefighter's safety.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to mention our unsung heroes, the Freetown Communications Center personnel. Our signal operators are the first voices people hear during the worst moments of life, where failure is not an option, as they bring comfort and hope to those in need.

Fire Department receipts deposited to Treasurer:

Ambulance Fees Collected	\$430,648.14
Grants Received	\$6,547.00
Permits, Reports, & Fees	<u>\$13,985.00</u>
Total	\$451,180.14

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Silvia, Fire Chief

# **REPORT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Gary Silvia, Director

Carlton Abbott Jr.  
Jack Healey  
Robert Jose

Paul Sadeck  
Lisa Pacheco  
Edward Sylvia

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO OPERATORS**

Bradford Paiva  
Paul Sadeck

Stephen Medeiros

## **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Carlton Abbott Jr.  
Jack Healey  
Eric Morin  
Paul Sadeck  
Charles Macomber

Jacqueline Brown  
Robert Jose  
Lisa Pacheco  
Gary Silvia

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM**

Deborah Allerdt  
Lori Desmarais  
Lisa Podielsky  
Kevin Whittey

Kevin Bernardo  
Ali Golz  
Edward Sylvia

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

The following is the Annual Town Report of the Freetown Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Emergency Management Agency CERT members were deployed eleven (11) times last year to provide drinking water at fire scenes and to residents whose wells went dry, and to provide portable lights at fire scenes and scheduled events.

The Freetown Emergency Management Agency received two (2) federal grants in FY 17 in the amount of \$5,280.00 which were used to purchase a CERT/Shelter Supply trailer and two (2) laptop computers for use by emergency management personnel during response and recovery activity.

In addition to attending numerous training opportunities, our EMA volunteers continue to review and update the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and have developed a shelter plan to address sheltering strategies at both the local and regional levels.

Freetown Emergency Management continues to work with our partners in the South Coast Regional Emergency Planning Committee. This past fall the committee received its start-up certification and plans to move forward with full certification in the upcoming year. The South Coast Regional Emergency Planning Committee (SCREPC) is a coalition of law enforcement, fire service, health care, public health, public works, EMS, DPW, and numerous other affiliated agencies as outlined by the Massachusetts State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). It serves the communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Freetown, New Bedford, and Westport.

Freetown EMA is a strong advocate of an all hazard, personal and family safety emergency preparedness plan. In an emergency, the assets of local and state agencies will be taxed to their fullest and will take time to respond. The first response to disaster and recovery is a coordinated effort of neighbor helping neighbor. Every person and family should have an All-Hazard Disaster Plan and a Family Communication Plan. FEMA encourages everyone to have a readily accessible Go-Kit to get you through the first 72 hours of any emergency. The kit should be tailored to the special requirements of each member of the family. Don't forget to prepare a kit for each of your pets. Your kit may be your best friend during and following a disaster.

Emergency Management is always looking for volunteers and other interested persons to become members of our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Residents can also attend, without any commitment to serve on the CERT, safety and preparedness training to better prepare themselves in the event that a natural or manmade disaster should occur.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped out in the past year.

If this agency can assist any citizen or if interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 508-763-4828.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Silvia, Director  
Freetown Emergency Management Agency

# REPORT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BUILDING COMMISSIONER & ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
Scott Barbato

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT STAFF

Joseph Biszko, Alternate Building Inspector  
Allen Beaupre, Wiring Inspector, Assistant Part-Time  
Christopher Cabral, Electrical Inspector  
William Alphonse, Jr., Plumbing/Gas Fitting Inspector  
Thomas Barlow, Plumbing/Gas Fitting Inspector Assistant, part-time/substitute  
Nadine Dimond, Senior Clerk

*The Building Department's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.*

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Following is a list of fees collected for the Building Department

	<b>Permits Issued</b>	<b>Permit Fees Collected</b>
New Homes	21	\$17,729.00
Additions	8	\$2,102.00
New Commercial	0	\$0.00
Commercial Misc.	12	\$100,595.00
Commercial Remodel	10	\$8,203.00
Garages	12	\$3,228.00
Sheds	4	\$312.00
Decks	31	\$3,517.00
Residential Remodel	30	\$3,200.00
Pools	22	\$1,220.00
Fireplaces	0	\$0.00
Chimneys	4	\$200.00
Wood Stoves	19	\$950.00
Occupancy Permits	19	\$950.00
Foundations	1	\$100.00
Demolition Permits	10	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	114	\$13,321.74
Roofing/Siding/Windows/Doors	109	\$7,100.00
Home Occupation	13	\$650.00
Certificates of Inspection	33	\$1,320.00
Zoning Permits	3	\$150.00

Gas Permits	123	\$9,161.00
Plumbing Permits	128	\$10,824.00
Wiring Permits	339	\$65,210.10
Trench Permits	71	\$3,550.00
Sheet Metal	21	\$1,050.00
<b>Total Permits/Fees Collected</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>\$255,642.84</b>

Waived Permits /Fees

Respectfully submitted for

Scott Barbato  
Inspector of Building and  
Zoning Enforcement Officer



## **REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Lisa Podielsky, Animal Control Officer

To The Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the annual report of the Animal Control Officer for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Serving on the Board of Health were the three members of the Board of Selectman. Appointed by the Board of Health during this time was Animal Control Officer Lisa Podielsky.

### **# of Animals**

Stray dogs brought to the shelter	20
Dogs surrendered	4
Dogs euthanized	20
Dogs adopted/sent to rescue	12
Dogs returned to owner	8

A total of 30 Kennel Inspections and 29 Stable inspections were also performed during this period.

# REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR  
Charles J. Macomber, 2018

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

William J. Simmons, Jr. (retired 1/6/17)	Kenneth Pleiss, Mechanic (hired 10/24/16)
Andrew J. Simmons, Equipment Operator	Thomas Ashley, Sr., Equipment Operator
Jeremy Bernardo, Truck Driver	Jordan Costa, Equipment Operator
Edward P. Walsh, Laborer	Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

*The Freetown Highway Department is located at 201 Chace Road, East Freetown.*

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Highway Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed:

- Approximately one mile of Braley Road, south from Chace Road, was resurfaced.
- Slab Bridge Road was chip sealed with 20% rubberized asphalt.
- Walnut Street was chip sealed with a double chip seal.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows:

- Culvert pipes were dug out and replaced on Gurney and Washburn roads.
- The 1960 bridge on Locust Street was completely re-decked and repainted.
- Grindings were placed where needed on Copicut Road, Slab Bridge Road, and at Heaven Heights.
- Drainage and basins (27) were repaired on Braley Road, Olivia Lane, and elsewhere throughout the town as needed.
- Berms were built or repaired on Chace Road, Forge Road, Marianno Avenue, Point of Pines, and other locations as needed.
- Brush was cut on Copicut Road, Cranberry Drive, Morton Road, and as needed.

In December, the Highway Department took delivery of a Wanco light tower, paid for by a grant from the Mass. Interlocal Insurance Agency, and in January we took delivery of a 2017 International 7400 dump truck. No new roads were accepted this year.

The Highway Department assisted with projects at Hathaway Park, helping erect the new flag pole in March and with upgrades to the lighting and electrical service in June. In April, assistance was rendered with land clearing and landscaping at FFD Station 3 on Bullock Road.

Throughout the year, the Highway Department assisted with setting up for the Independence Day parade and fireworks, all elections, the Robinson Estates Yard Sale, the Town Christmas Tree Lighting, Lakeside Festival, Strawberry Festival, and the Patriot Half Triathlon. Assistance was also rendered to the

Tree Warden as needed. In addition, all routine tasks were performed such as snowplowing, sanding, sweeping roads; mowing the Assonet Burying Ground, boat ramp, landfill, libraries, town parks, and roadsides; replacing signs, painting signs, and the general maintenance of the town and its equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber  
Highway Surveyor

# REPORT OF THE FREETOWN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

## FREETOWN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

Robert Parker, Chairman, 2018

Paul G. Sadeck, 2019

Bradford Paiva, 2020

## FREETOWN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION STAFF

Keven Desmarais, Data acquisition and Infrastructure Maintenance

Steven Douglas Chandler, Senior Clerk

*The Water & Sewer Commission's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm. Meetings are posted in advance, when necessary, and are typically held at the Freetown Town Hall.*  
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the report of the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The Freetown Water & Sewer Commission is comprised of three members who are elected to serve three year terms. The current members are:

Robert Parker, term expires 2018

Paul G. Sadeck, term expires 2019

Bradford Paiva, term expires 2020

Responsible for providing quality drinking water to 656 customers in Assonet and East Freetown, the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FW&SC) has approximately 17 miles of water supply lines, a booster pump station located on East Chipaway Road, and a canister filtration site located at 205 South Main Street.

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

*The Town of Freetown and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection have entered into an Administrative Consent Order.*

Town of Freetown shall perform the following actions:

- A. The Department accepts Respondent's assertion in Respondent's October 3, 2017 letter that Respondent no longer needs to filter its water to remove TTHM.
- B. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Department a proposed methodology and schedule for flushing and testing water from Innovation Way in Fall River to determine if TTHM levels from that potential interconnection are lower than the TTHM concentrations from the existing supply on South Main Street.

Respondent shall at a minimum take one (1) sample monthly at the Innovation Way site and one (1) from the South Main Street meter pit from April through November, 2018, at approximately thirty (30) day intervals and shall submit the results of this sampling to the Department on paper, marked "SS" (Special Sample), within ten (10) days after the end of each calendar quarter.

- C. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall permanently and physically disconnect its temporary filtration facility from its water mains, and shall notify the Department of the completed work in writing within ten (10) days of the disconnection.
- D. Within nine (9) months of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall identify a location for a permanent water treatment facility should the need arise in the future to provide treatment, and shall notify the Department of its selected location in writing within ten (10) days of the location identification.
- E. Should Respondent violate the locational running annual average ("LRAA") for either TTHM or Haloacetic Acids ("HAA5") during calendar years 2018 or 2019, Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days of learning of the violation, submit to the Department for the Department's review and approval, a schedule for the design, permitting and construction of a water treatment plant in full compliance with the regulations.

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

Keven Desmarais, full time, Data acquisition and Infrastructure Maintenance  
Steven Douglas Chandler, full time, Senior Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Parker  
Commission Chair

# **REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION**

CEMETERY COMMISSION  
Michael T. McCue, Chairman, 2020  
Keven V. Desmarais, 2019  
Adrianne Levesque, 2018

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES  
Michael T. McCue

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER  
Robert J. Klevecka

*The Cemetery Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 4pm at the Freetown Town Hall.*

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Cemetery Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

## ***Assonet Burying Ground***

We continue to receive high praise for the improved appearance of the Assonet Burying Ground, with our appreciation extended once again to the Highway Department crew and to Richard Brown for continuing to volunteer his time and talents. Specific projects undertaken this year included the repair of several drives by the Highway Department crew and cutting back the woods line north of Section 8 by T.E.C. Landscaping, Inc., as the beginning stage of an expansion in this area.

## ***Other Cemeteries***

In early spring, an area of the Robinson Burying Ground was cleared to access the grave of Abner Winslow, a Revolutionary War veteran. This was in keeping with the legal requirement that the Town maintain the graves of veterans. In the same vein, work was started by Brian Jackson to open up the cemetery of Dr. William Carpenter, which was in use from 1840-1868. Some cleanup work was also undertaken in the Nichols Cemetery, with a combination of donations and available funds. Most other cemeteries belonging to the Town, or for which the Town was responsible under various statutes, were maintained throughout the year. A few remain beyond our reach, either because they are badly overgrown or inaccessible, or both.

## ***Interments & Veterans' Graves***

There were sixteen interments in the Assonet Burying Ground during the fiscal year, of persons formerly residing in Assonet (4), Berkley (2), East Freetown (2), Fall River (1), Onset (1), Segreganset (1); Taunton (1); Kailua, Hi. (1); Palmyra, N.Y. (1); Rockaway Beach, N.Y. (1); and Jeffersonville, Vt. (1). Eight were men and eight were women. The youngest person interred was 36 and the eldest was 94. Two were veterans, one of whom served in the Korean War. In addition, there was one interment in the Braley Cemetery (east side) of a 73-year-old man from East Freetown, and we also provided assistance for one interment in the private Evans Cemetery for an 88-year-old man from East Freetown who was a veteran of World War II.

All known veterans' graves are marked with flags prior to Memorial Day each year. This yearly tradition is a way of remembering the sacrifices made by the hundreds of soldiers and sailors buried in

town. If you are aware of a veteran's grave that is not being marked, or have questions regarding veterans' benefits, please contact Bob Klevecka, Veterans Graves Officer for the town.

### ***Gravediggers***

A license is required of any person who wishes to open graves in the public cemeteries. The fee for obtaining a license is \$1.00 per year, issued for five years at a time (\$5.00 total). As of June 30, 2017, the following are licensed:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>First Issued</b>	<b>Next Expires</b>
2	John S. Ashley	October 27, 2010	December 31, 2020
3	J. M. Equipment Co., Inc.	June 16, 2011	December 31, 2020
5	Heath H. Chace	October 5, 2011	December 31, 2021
6	Donald St. Ours	June 27, 2012	December 31, 2017

### ***Fee Schedule***

A single grave for residents or qualified former residents is \$750.00, and for nonresidents a single grave is \$1,000.00. A cremation lot for residents and qualified former residents is \$300.00, and for nonresidents is \$500.00. Payment plans are available. Lots in the Veterans Section are free, and there are discounts for veterans outside this area. Anyone wishing to purchase a lot, or to add to a perpetual care endowment, is encouraged to contact a member of the Cemetery Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

## RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

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

### RECEIPTS

Revenue received for the sale of lots in the Assonet Burying Ground:	\$ 2,500.00
Endowments received for the perpetual care of the Assonet Burying Ground:	7,780.00
Receipts for renewals of gravediggers' licenses (to General Fund):	5.00
Donations received for care of the Nichols Cemetery, credited to perp. care:	1,000.00
Donations received for Robinson Cemetery, recording certain information:	18.00
Donations received for care of the Rounsevell Cemetery:	2,000.00

### APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Town Meeting, Appropriation (encumbered):	\$ 950.00
2015 Annual Town Meeting, Sale of Lots Transfer:	838.75
2015 Special Town Meeting, Tree Removal:	5,250.00
2016 Annual Town Meeting, Appropriation:	22,155.00
2016 Annual Town Meeting, Sale of Lots Transfer:	4,500.00
2016 Annual Town Meeting, Veterans' Graves:	<u>350.00</u>
	<b>\$34,043.75</b>

EXPENDITURES	Appropriations	Perp. Care	Donations	Total
Assonet Burying Ground	\$ 6,397.80	\$ 62.73	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,460.53
Braley's Station Cemeteries	3,300.00	0.00	0.00	3,300.00
Dean Family Cemetery	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
East Freetown Cemetery	2,498.00	2.00	0.00	2,500.00
Evans Cemetery	0.00	4,150.00	0.00	4,150.00
Michael Hathaway Bur. Gr.	610.00	0.00	0.00	610.00
Morton Cemetery	734.00	16.00	0.00	750.00
Mother's Brook Cemetery	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
Nichols Cemetery	2,290.00	1,000.00	0.00	3,290.00
Plummer Burial Ground	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Quaker Hill Cemetery	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Richmond Cemetery	575.00	0.00	0.00	575.00
Robinson Burying Ground	1,010.00	0.00	18.00	1,028.00
Tisdale Burying Ground	875.00	0.00	0.00	875.00
Winslow Cemetery	680.00	1,770.00	0.00	2,450.00
Grounds-keeping Supplies	434.34	0.00	0.00	434.34
Mileage Expenses	65.76	0.00	0.00	65.76
Postage	113.85	0.00	0.00	113.85
Office Supplies	37.87	0.00	0.00	37.87
Trainings, seminars, etc.	85.00	0.00	0.00	85.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 25,056.62</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.73</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>	<b><u>\$ 32,075.35</u></b>



**ENCUMBRANCES**

Encumbered from FY16:	\$ 950.00
Expended from FY16 Encumbrance:	<u>780.00</u>
Returned to General Fund:	\$ 170.00

Encumbered to FY18:	\$ 3,850.00
---------------------	-------------

**DONATION ACCOUNT ENDING BALANCE**

Capt. Job Terry Burial Ground:	\$ 20.00
Rounsevell Cemetery:	2,000.00
Unrestricted:	<u>0.05</u>
	\$ 2,020.05

## PERPETUAL CARE ENDOWMENTS

<b>ASSONET BURYING GROUND</b>		<b>NICHOLS CEMETERY</b>	
Beginning balance:	\$193,355.00	Beginning balance:	\$ 345.00
Berthelette, M. Raymond	\$ 2,000.00	<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>	
Brites, Nancy C.	250.00	Ending balance:	\$ 345.00
Brown, Lynn C.	380.00		
Egan, Cheryl A. & Wm. Athayde	1,000.00	<b>RICHMOND CEMETERY</b>	
Jones, Marquita & M. Runion	1,000.00	Beginning balance:	\$ 612.00
Jones, Perry K. & Katherine E.	150.00	<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>	
Mastro, Melanie (for James)	500.00	Ending balance:	\$ 612.00
Medeiros, David T., Jr., & Linda	1,000.00		
Pillarella, Amy	500.00		
Tavares, José F. & Conceição C.	<u>1,000.00</u>		
	\$ 7,780.00		
Ending balance:	\$201,135.00		
<b>CHACE CEMETERY</b>		<b>ROUNSEVELL CEMETERY</b>	
Beginning balance:	\$ 76,700.00	Beginning balance:	\$ 10,650.00
<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>		<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>	
Ending balance:	\$ 76,700.00	Ending balance:	\$ 10,650.00
<b>EAST FREETOWN CEMETERY</b>		<b>WHITE CEMETERY</b>	
Beginning balance:	\$ 600.00	Beginning balance:	\$ 500.00
<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>		<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>	
Ending balance:	\$ 600.00	Ending balance:	\$ 500.00
<b>EVANS CEMETERY</b>		<b>WINSLOW CEMETERY</b>	
Beginning balance:	\$ 38,000.00	Beginning balance:	\$ 20,000.00
<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>		<i>No deposits during this fiscal year.</i>	
Ending balance:	\$ 38,000.00	Ending balance:	\$ 20,000.00

**FRIENDS CEMETERY**

Beginning balance: .....\$ 1,000.00

*No deposits during this fiscal year.*

Ending balance: .....\$ 1,000.00

**MORTON CEMETERY**

Beginning balance: .....\$ 7,065.00

*No deposits during this fiscal year.*

Ending balance: .....\$ 7,065.00

**TOTAL ENDOWMENTS**

Assonet Burying Ground \$201,135.00

Chace Cemetery 76,700.00

East Freetown Cemetery 600.00

Evans Cemetery 38,000.00

Friends Cemetery 1,000.00

Morton Cemetery 7,065.00

Nichols Cemetery 345.00

Richmond Cemetery 612.00

Rounsevell Cemetery 10,650.00

White Cemetery 500.00

Winslow Cemetery 20,000.00**Total:** **\$356,607.00**

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING DEPARTMENT

### COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Jeannette Tisdelle, Chairman, 2019  
Marion Rylands, Vice Chairman, 2020  
Bruce Wilbur, Treasurer, 2020  
Charles Gray, 2019  
Ruth Ferland, 2019  
Robert Martel, 2017  
Edward Medeiros, 2019

### COUNCIL ON AGING STAFF

Barbara Place, Council on Aging Director  
Rosemary Haley, Senior Clerk  
Kathleen Hutchinson, Senior Clerk

### COUNCIL ON AGING VAN DRIVERS

Judy Reese  
Vincent D'Oliveira  
John Pye, Jr.  
Donna Silva

*The Multi-Purpose Senior Center is located at 227 Chace Road in East Freetown, Massachusetts. It is open Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm, and Friday 7:30am-11:30am. The Senior Center is closed on holidays. Please note, when school is closed due to inclement weather, the COA Van will not operate. The Council on Aging Board meets at the Multi-Purpose Senior Center when posted.*

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The fiscal year of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Programs that were offered this year are Yoga (chair & mat), Chair massage, Referral service, Carbon Monoxide/Smoke detectors through the Fire Department, Fuel Assistance applications, Food Stamp applications (SNAP), Flu Clinic, Podiatry Clinic, AARP Income Tax Preparation, Line Dancing, Bingo, Meat Bingo, Card Games-Pitch, Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Catered Lunches, Fresh baked muffins and Ice Cream socials, Knitting, May Breakfast, Kanakis Produce, Brown Bag, Senior Work Off Program, Legal Referrals, Legislative hours, Medical Equipment Loan, Pool Table, Painting class, Monthly Birthday Party, Handicap Transportation, Farmers Market Coupons, SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone), Free book and puzzle exchange, Volunteer Opportunities.

Brown Bag program is for eligible seniors to receive free groceries once a month from the Boston Food Bank. Many devoted volunteers go to Taunton to pick up the bags. They are distributed from the senior center and some are delivered to seniors' homes that cannot drive. We serve 111 eligible families on the program.

The Council on Aging receives donations to help needy families in town regardless of age. Volunteers help with stocking our "Grocery Room" (Food Pantry) with donations from Stop & Shop Warehouse, United Church of Assonet, Tuesday Club, Saint John Neumann Parish and Independent Trucks donating meats and produce in addition to monthly donations from citizens consisting of cleaning, personal and

non-perishable products. We current serve 140 families. Any resident that receives help from the state is eligible for this program.

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 to fix their home. Some examples are deck repair, doors, heating systems, railings, steps, roof work and new windows.

A Formula Grant was received and helped with the printing and mailing of our Newsletter. It can also help pay for utilities for the building and various other purchases that the Council on Aging Board feels are needed within the State guidelines.

Citizens for Citizens (Fuel Assistance) qualified 247 households for heat assistance. Total amount issued in heating benefits \$180,264.46. Citizens for Citizens Weatherization serviced 7 households totaling \$34,640.00. HWAP-14 homes received 2 system replacements, 1 oil tank replacement and 13 heater repairs totaling \$16,700.00. Appliance Management Program 5 refrigerators, \$5,200.00. Total benefits to citizens in town with these programs combined \$236,804.46.

Free luncheons were held for seniors: Christmas luncheon sponsored by our Legislative Representatives held at the VFW Freetown, Stop & Shop gave two cook outs, United Calvary Church held 2 luncheons. Freetown Police Association donated holiday meals and toys; they also delivered them to families.

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

Donations we have received in goods and services totaled approximately \$25,000.00. Our 74 volunteers saved the town \$66,358.85 in volunteer hours.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Place  
Director

# REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

VETERANS' AGENT DIRECTOR  
Robert Klevecka

*To schedule a meeting with the Veterans' Agent, please contact Mr. Klevecka by e-mail at [veteransagent@freetownma.gov](mailto:veteransagent@freetownma.gov).*

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

This office has maintained a roster of seventeen clients/families with Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 115 and Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) benefits. Provided financial assistance this past year to these clients was in the amount of \$112,507. All benefits that were provided were audited by both the Town Auditor and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services which did not report any discrepancies. The office has had a 75% reimbursement of expenses incurred in the amount of \$84,380, which will be issued to the town in the next fiscal year.

Over the past year this office has provided assistance and guidance to more than the seventeen active clients plus numerous other Veterans and their families, receiving hundreds of calls and questions regarding veteran status, obtaining Veteran Discharges (Form DD214), requests for metals/ribbons, Department of Veterans' Affairs eligibility for health care, burial benefits, Veteran ID cards and Veteran driver's license initiative through the Registry of Motor vehicles as well as entitlement to both State and Federal benefits.

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

This office also works with the Cemetery Commission to identify and maintain flags in cemeteries in Town where veterans' may be buried. Last year we flagged over 650 graves at 14 cemeteries in East Freetown and Assonet, replacing old worn flags with new flags, and providing new veteran flag holders where necessary. We also replaced six wreaths at the Memorials in town. The total cost for these flags, flag holders and wreaths last year was \$2,149.00. Seventy five percent of the flags cost is reimbursed by the State DVS. All other flags purchased are our responsibility. I wish, also, to personally thank the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freetown Memorial, Post 6643 and the Assonet American Legion, Post 0425, the Cemetery Commission and the parents and members of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Assonet and East Freetown who assisted in the Memorial Day flagging of the veteran graves. Without their help every year, this would not be possible.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Klevecka  
Director/Veterans Agent

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Lucille M. Rosa, Chairman, 2018  
Christine Paiva, Vice-Chairman, 2020  
Irene Ashley, Secretary, 2018

Vincent Kyne, 2019  
Paul Sadeck, 2020  
Beverly Sadeck, 2020

### LIBRARY STAFF

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, Director  
Althea Brady, Senior Librarian  
Casey Pittsley, Senior Librarian

Guilford H. Hathaway Library  
6 North Main Street  
Assonet, MA 02702  
508-644-2385

James White Memorial Library  
5 Washburn Road  
East Freetown, MA 02717  
508-763-5344

#### Hours

Monday, 3pm-7pm  
Wednesday, 3pm-7pm  
Friday, 1pm-5pm  
Saturday, 10am-12pm

#### Hours

Tuesday, 10am-7pm  
Thursday, 10am-7pm  
Saturday, 1pm-3pm

NOTE: Both libraries are closed on holidays.

*The Library Trustees meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7pm, at the James White Memorial Library in East Freetown, Massachusetts.*

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

The following is the report of the Library Department for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Library Trustees: This years' Board consisted of  
Lucille M. Rosa (Chair); Irene Ashley (Vice-chair), Vincent Kyne (Secretary), Michael McCue, Christine Paiva and Joseph Zinni.

In April of 2017, Michael McCue and Joseph Zinni decided not to run for re-election. Paul Sadeck and Beverly Sadeck ran for these vacancies and they were elected to fill the vacant seats on the Board of Library Trustees. Also, there was a change in positions on the Board. Lucille Rosa remains as Chairperson, Christine Paiva was voted in as Vice-Chairperson and Irene Ashley was voted in as Secretary.

Children's Programs: Again this year, we hosted again a program conducted by Davis Bates and it was entitled "Stories and Music Around the World." This program was well attended by children and as well as adults. We also hosted a magic hour conducted by "Ed the Wizard". This program is always a hit with children and adults alike.

Adult Programs: We hosted a new program this year designed primarily for adults and it was entitled "Edible Perennials", hosted by John Root. This program attracted many adults that are avid gardeners and there are many that live in the area.

We tried to have a “Story Hour” this year. After spending much time advertising it on our Facebook Page, on our website, on Eventkeeper and posting it all around town, we still didn’t have anyone show up for this program. After several weeks of trying and waiting for participants, we decided to cancel the program for lack of interest.

There was not an Earth Day Program this year. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Freetown Libraries. The weather was not very cooperative this year so activities were cancelled

We continue to offered Technical Support service to our patrons. What this means is that is they are having problems with their iPad/tablet, they bring them into the library and a staff member shows them step by step and how to operate them. This is especially true when it comes to learning how to download an audio book or an eBook using Overdrive from the SAILS Network and AXIS 360 from the Massachusetts Library System. This service has been extremely helpful to many of our patrons. Many patrons take advantage of this service. This service is very popular around Christmas because many people receive tablets/iPads as gifts and they don’t know how to get started, so they come to their neighborhood library for help.

This year, like all of the previous years, we were able to supplement the summer reading lists that were provided to us by the surrounding schools. These books are always in high demand because many schools require their students to read the same titles as our schools in the network. Every year we set aside a portion of our budget so these titles can be purchased

We remain a member of the Commonwealth EBook program. In conjunction with OVERDRIVE our patrons have a large selection of EBooks and Audio Books at their disposal. Patrons can access the Commonwealth EBook program virtually the same way as they access OVERDRIVE. They go to the app store on their IPAD/tablet look for AXIS360 and download the app on their device. Once the app is downloaded they register by using their library card number and their assigned pin number. They can borrow three books at one time from AXIS360.

In FY17, we were able to open the Hathaway Library in Assonet more hours. We have added Wednesdays from 3:00-7:00 pm. We were able to do this because the Town Officials added five more salary hours to our budget, for which we are thankful.

In FY17 library visits, internet use, and resource sharing were comparable to that of FY16. Circulation for FY17 was 18,792 and for FY16 circulation was 18,573. The number of materials that circulated to children in FY17 was 3,684 and the number of materials that circulated to adults was 15,108. In FY17 there were 2,403 pieces of material downloaded wither using OVERDRIVE of the Commonwealth EBook Program, this was comparable to what was downloaded in FY16. We loaned 8,818 pieces of materials to other libraries, this was slightly down from FY16. We borrowed 5,224 pieces of material from other libraries; this reflects a slight increase from FY16

This year, we continued with the gigantic task of weeding the collection both at the Hathaway Library in Assonet and the James White Library in East Freetown, both collections has gone untouched for many years. This project is necessary to make room for new materials that have been purchased and also to keep the collections current. We are disposing of materials that haven’t been used for over seven years and also materials that are outdated and worn. Due to lack of space, the collections in both libraries had grown out onto the floor creating a hazard for our patrons and ourselves. This task will continue far into FY18 and beyond. This task can only be done when the libraries are closed.



We received approximately \$10,070.00 in State Aid for FY17. There was a minor decreased from FY16. If a library does not meet the amount of town appropriations set by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, they are in danger of losing their State Aid and Certification. FY17 I am proud to say that our town met the required budget set forth by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for the fourth year in a row. We should give thanks to the Town Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Finance Committee for making this happen and seeing the need to fully fund the library budget. Without full funding, we would lose our Certification, which means we would not have receive any State Aid and our patrons would not be allowed to borrow materials from any other library in the state, so full funding is extremely important for the people in our small community.

In FY17, the budget was spent on salaries, books, audio books, magazines, DVDs, compact discs, e-books, newspapers, park and museum passes, network membership, software, hardware, large print books, children's books, electricity, phone, heat, building maintenance, etc. The library spent \$32,184 on library materials, keeping our libraries up to date with current materials and filling the requests of our patrons.

Buildings/Grounds: We would like to thank the Building Commissioner Scott Barbato for the maintenance that he and his crew provide at the Hathaway Library in Assonet and the White Library in East Freetown. The White Library is privately owned and overseen by the Building Trustees. Due limited funds and lack of volunteers, they are unable to keep up the grounds at the White Library. The Freetown Highway Department performs the work that is needed to keep the grounds in shape and Scott Barbato have stepped forward and helped out greatly by taking care of the grounds. We would like to thank Chuck Macumber 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.

Senior Librarian Althea Brady uses her knowledge of reference, the community, 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 as well as any other project/program to support the library. Casey Pittsley, along with me, constitutes our entire Technical Services staff and we have all of the responsibility for cataloging our library materials. At times this is an overwhelming task but we are always able to get everything accomplished. Mary Ouimet has been with us for a number of years through the Senior Volunteer Program. Mary Ouimet is an asset to the library. She has been willing to fill in when we are short-handed, which is often. She goes above and beyond of what is expected from her. We unofficially consider Mrs. Ouimet a member of our staff. Every staff member has to be willing to multi-task and be knowledgeable about library services, automated circulation, interlibrary loan, and delivery procedures. They must also be willing to be flexible with the hours that they are needed to work. 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 and by the Library Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Stanley-Ballard, Library Director

# REPORT OF THE FREETOWN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## FREETOWN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary E. Rezendes Brown, Chairman, 2019

Paul Deneault, 2017

Jacqueline Petrowski, 2019

Nicole Bruno, 2017

Miriam Gurney, 2017

Travis Bowie, 2017

James Rezendes, Associate Member, 2018

The Honorable Board of Selectman and citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

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

The FHC has remained persistent in its efforts to preserve and rehabilitate historic structures and sites in the town of Freetown, especially town owned buildings. The first phase of the restoration of Assonet Village School, circa 1794 is an example of such efforts through the assistance of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Emergency Grant by Secretary of State William F. Galvin's office, and with additional funds provided by the residents of Freetown. The FHC's next plan for the Village School was the restoration and repair of the windows in the school house. Most of the windows have been glazed, painted and are in working order. FHC will continue to focus on work for repairs and restoration of the exterior of the building. Preparing the basement of the Village School for a cement floor so that it can be used for storage will be taking place. The Historical Commission serves to encourage preservation and attends workshops to be better prepared to serve as resource for the community.

Following a review of a report by Architectural Consulting Group, LLC the Town Building Committee was formed with appointed representatives from boards, staff, representatives from each precinct in town and includes a representative from the Historical Commission to review and make recommendations for the best use of town buildings. After reviewing much information, the committee voted to utilize our historic Town Hall and Village School for the future administrative offices and to determine which department's building would be a priority and the group consensus determined it to be the Police Station.

Demolition Delay Bylaw: Following the procedures of the Demolition Delay By Law for properties of historic age, the Freetown Historical Commission was required to make determinations on such requests for 14 Cleveland Avenue and 138 Middleboro Road. Both sites were visited by FHC members. The structure at 14 Cleveland Avenue was in extremely poor condition, had been condemned by the Building Commissioner, was not a historic structure and had been vacant for many years. The FHC voted to allow the demolition. The structure at 138 Middleboro Road was a historic house built in 1846 with Greek Revival features and it contributed in a positive manner to the rural, natural setting. It was very typical of similar houses in East Freetown. The house was built by James H, Pittsley, also served as the home for the Wagner, the Fischer, and the Berndt families. It was known as the Achinbac Farm. The site met 4 out of 5 Criteria for historic significance. As a result the FHC voted to delay the demolition and request a Demolition Plan Review from the applicant. Following an evaluation of all the materials, presented by the applicant and the lack of interested candidates with resources, the FHC voted to allow the demolition.

King Phillip's Cave: The FHC was been involved with the Planning Board and Conservation Board in discussions regarding a proposed Solar Farm behind 32 Washburn Road. As a result of those meetings and with the support of Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Planning Board, we were able to

express our concerns about the preservation of the Historic King Phillip's Cave located on this tract of land, and the impact the Solar Farm may have on the East Freetown Historic District. All of our concerns have been addressed. Mr. Bill Simeone, representing the Simeone family, owner of the property has agreed to donate the cave and 2.43 acres of land to the town with an access route. We are very appreciative of the Simeone's generous gesture and expect to receive the deed transfer next year.

Riverfront Business Park, Freetown: The FHC has accepted the role to curate the deposition or display of artifacts and objects with accompanying field and laboratory records recovered from Riverfront Business Park under the State Archaeologist permit. We were pleased that the Massachusetts Historical Commission granted FHC a State Archaeologist Custody Permit to curate this collection in Freetown.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rezendes Brown, Chairman

# REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

## CULTURAL COUNCIL

Lori Desmarais, Chairman October 2020

Kevin Bernardo October 2019

Steven Chandler March 2020

Elizabeth Ashley November 2019

Keven Desmarais October 2020

Alexandra Golz September 2018

Paula Charette May 2018

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017:

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 applications forms are available on-line and at the Town Hall. The deadline to submit local grant applications to the Cultural Council is typically October 15<sup>th</sup>. During this funding cycle, the following grants were awarded:

Deb Smook	Teen Artist Internship Program	\$500
Lakeville Arts Council	2017 Lakeville Arts & Music Festival	\$100
Chace, Karen	Story Explorers	\$526
Lovett, Andrea	Once Upon A Generation	\$1,137
Bates, Davis	Celebrating the Season: A Performance for Seniors	\$450
New Bedford Festival Theatre, Inc.	MY FAIR LADY	\$500
Michaels, Abigail S.	Concert	\$350
Porcino, Storyteller/Musician, John	To Life! Celebrations in Story, Song & Music	\$425
Soule Homestead Education Center	Harvest Fair & Joe Davies Folk Festival	\$200
Old Colony RVTHS	Drama Club	\$175
Greater New Bedford Choral Society	Winter & Spring Concerts	\$650
Nye, Michael	Strawberry Festival	\$400
Assonet Bay Shores Association, Inc.	Natural History Program	\$400
Freetown Historical Society	Annual Open House	\$300

**Total Grants Awarded:**

**\$ 6,113.00**

Meetings are posted and held to designate grant funding. The Cultural Council also co-sponsors and organizes in conjunction with the Tuesday Club of Assonet the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Village Bandstand on South Main Street. We also added two new events for this year, the Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun / Movie Night.

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

Respectively submitted,

Lori A. Desmarais  
Chairman

## REPORT OF THE PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

### PARADE & FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

Judith M. Gregory, Chairman  
Jean C. Fox  
Sharon L. Hadley (deceased)  
Linda H. Remedis  
Sharon J. Rosen  
Terrence Woldorf

Robert L. Adams  
Robert L. Gregory  
Ellen C. Lima  
John W. Remedis  
Carol N. Woldorf

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, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

We were saddened in March with the loss of our friend, cheerleader, fellow committeeman, and town-wide "Gram", Sheri Hadley. Words can't adequately describe all of what Sheri did for our committee, the Girl Scouts, and the town as a whole over the years, nor can words ever describe the love felt by the many, many extra grandchildren she seemed to pick up wherever she went. Sheri had a spirit that wouldn't quit and couldn't be beat. We will miss her forever.

Our second annual T-shirt Design Contest was held in the spring of 2016. Judson Cardinali, a student at Freetown Elementary School, entered the winning design for the front of the shirts, which sell each year for \$5.00. The backs of the shirts continued to feature the names of generous sponsors who have helped fund each year's events.

The annual fireworks festival was held at Hathaway Park on Sunday, July 3rd, with several thousand in attendance. Many new and familiar food and game booths were run by various organizations providing entertainment and refreshments for those gathered. Closing out the night, the fireworks were shot off around 9:45 p.m., creating a beautiful display over the Assonet River.

Volunteers provided valuable and appreciated assistance in preparing for and carrying out the festival. Tom Nightingale and Wayne Christen once again pitched in to help set up the festival, and we were pleased also to have Katie Gregory, Audrey Maigret, Rosemary Larkin, Adriana Misteroni, and Taylor Cormier, this year's "Turtle Booth Girls + Guy".

The annual parade was held in Assonet on Monday, July 4th. This was the second year that lineup took place on the Narrows Road bypass, which has improved this process considerably. Grand Marshal this year was Capt. Vernon "Snookie" Roberts, a longtime member of the Freetown Fire Department. *Standard-Times* Men and Women of the Year for 2015 were the "Friends of Hathaway Park" group.

Taking first place in the parade was a float entered by the Town Hall employees entitled "A Day at the Beach". Second place was taken by the "Welcome to Hathaway Park" float entered by the Friends of Hathaway Park. Placing third was a float entered by the Freetown Youth Athletic Association. Judging again this year were Mike McCue, Craig Rosen, and Terry and Carol Woldorf.

We express our continued gratitude to the police, fire, and highway departments for their dedicated support of our activities; to Ken Rezendes and K.R.R. for donating the use of their trucks and trailers for

parade floats; to Stop & Shop for giving access to their end of the bypass road; and finally, to our many financial sponsors for their generosity in supporting our program.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Gregory  
Chairman

### **2016 PARADE & FIREWORKS SPONSORS**

The following individuals, businesses, and organizations provided generous financial support for this year's Independence Day celebration. We thank them for their generosity and hope that you will thank them as well if an opportunity should present itself.

#### **IN MEMORY OF MARIANNO "JUNIOR" REZENDES**

##### **— ROCKETS —** \$500.00+

2016 Annual Town Meeting  
Brennan's Smoke Shop  
Cape Cod Aggregates  
Freetown Elementary School Students  
I.N.O. Electrical Service  
James & Jacqueline Crosson – Voya Financial  
Stop & Shop Supermarket Company  
Water Street Readers & Men's Auxiliary



*Grand Marshal  
Capt. Vernon "Snookie" Roberts, F.F.D.*

##### **— SPARKLERS —** \$250 - \$499

Big Wheel Towing & Recovery  
Freetown Police Association  
Freetown Firefighters Association  
K. R. Rezendes, Inc.  
Professional Fire & Security  
Woodside Dental Care



*Michael Godek*

— FIRECRACKERS —  
\$100 - \$249

Berkley Used Auto Parts  
Bullock Road Militia  
Chad's Chowderhouse  
End of the Road Tees  
Freetown Town Hall Employees  
Grandpa's Place  
Bob, Lori, & Marissa Jose  
Joshua's Mountain Cabinetry  
Junior's Convenience Store  
Main Street Auto  
Moonlight Design  
Pirouette Dance Academy  
Rez-Tech Heating/HVAC  
Rhode Island Novelty  
St. Bernard's Church  
State Rep. Carole Fiola  
State Rep. Paul Schmid  
United Church of Assonet  
V.F.W. Post 6643 East Freetown



*JaySan Gas of East Freetown,  
Celebrating their 40th Anniversary with  
a 1947 Ford COE*



# **REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Michael T. McCue, Chairman, 2017

Richard Medeiros, Superintendent, 2017

Robert L. Adams, 2018

Jean C. Fox, 2019

Judith M. Gregory, 2019

Sharon J. Rosen, 2018

Sandra L. Souza, 2017

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The Scholarship Committee operated with approximately \$200.00 during the fiscal year. Since this was below our recent threshold of \$300.00, allowing us to award at least two scholarships of \$150.00 each, we did not make any awards in this year.

We were saddened in March by the passing of Sheri Hadley, one of the founding members of the Scholarship Committee and a truly wonderful person.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue  
Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE FREETOWN PLANNING BOARD**

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Keven Desmarais, Chairman, 2022  
Mark Rogers, Vice Chairman, 2020  
Robert Jose, 2018  
Debra Robbins, 2021  
Nicolas Velozo, 2019  
Antonio DeMelo, Associate Member

### **PLANNING BOARD STAFF**

Lauren Moreau, Planning Technician

*The Planning Board's office is open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm, and Friday, 8am-12pm.  
Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6pm at the Freetown Town Hall.*

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown,

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

During this fiscal year the Planning Board endorsed 4 Form A Approval Not Required under Subdivision Control plans resulting in the creation of 8 parcels. The Planning Board collected \$800.00 in filing fees. The Board reviewed 3 Site Plan Review applications, resulting in \$1,500.00 in fees. The Board reviewed 3 Form C and B subdivision plans resulting in the collection of \$30,312.00 in filing fees. A total of \$20,475.00 in engineering review fees was collected for various projects.

During FY 17, the Board held public hearings to review articles related to a moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments, creation of a medical marijuana overlay district, establishing commercial hours of operation, and amendments to the Table of Use regulations, all of which were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting.

A District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) grant of up to \$30,000 was awarded to the Town prior to the end of FY16, for work to be completed in FY17. The award allowed for SRPEDD to assist the Town on submitting a Community Compact Cabinet application, and to complete a Housing Production Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Moreau  
Planning Technician

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

James J. Frates, Chairman, 2018

Bradford E. Paiva, 2019

Nicolas J. Velozo, 2020

James J. Sarcia, Associate Member, 2018

Christopher S. Chapin, Associate Member, 2018

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS STAFF

Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

*Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Freetown Town Hall, as needed.*

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, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears applications for variances, special permits for accessory ("in-law") apartments and home occupations, and administrative appeals. During this fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals heard and acted on the following petitions:

	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Unresolved</b>
<b>Variances</b>	5	2	—	—
<b>Special</b>				
<b>Permits</b>	2	—	—	—
<b>Admin.</b>				
<b>Appeals</b>	—	—	1	—

Cases heard during the fiscal year were numbers 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, and a remanded rehearing of Case #534. Case #575 was still pending at year end.

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals during this fiscal year were James J. Frates, Bradford E. Paiva, and Nicolas J. Velozo. Associate members were James J. Sarcia and Christopher S. Chapin.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Frates  
Chairman

# **REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN**

TREE WARDEN  
Maurice W. DeMoranville, 2018

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT  
Maurice W. DeMoranville, 2018

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tree Warden for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

As Tree Warden, I was called out over 120 times during the year for tree removal and related matters. Also, Eversource continued trimming back limbs that are around wires and telephone poles.

The Tree Warden was on duty throughout snowstorms and other storms as necessary. With assistance from the Highway Department, trees that fell across roadways were removed throughout these storms. Branches, limbs, and other debris were removed where necessary. Any trees or limbs that came into contact with utility lines were referred to the electric company for safe removal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice W. DeMoranville  
Tree Warden

# **REPORT OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

## **SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Lisa A. Pacheco  
Robert P. Jose  
Charles B. Sullivan  
Keven Desmarais  
Mark Rogers

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown,

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The Soil Conservation Board is a 5-member Board consisting of three Selectmen (Robert Jose, Lisa Pacheco, Charles Sullivan; Paul Sadeck also served prior to the April 2017 Town Election), one member of the Conservation Commission, Maria Ternullo and Keven Desmarais both served for a portion of the year, and one member of the Planning Board, Keven Desmarais and Mark Rogers both served for a portion of the year.

The responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Board are to oversee gravel operations and such activities in the town. During the fiscal year, the Board took action on a total of 8 permits. The Board collected \$1,465.00 in application fees and \$66,306.13 in tipping fees, totaling \$67,771.13

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Moreau  
Soil Board Clerk

# REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman, 2017

Maria V. Ternullo, 2018

Janine C. Robidoux, 2017

Charles B. Sullivan, 2019

Christopher R. Mather, 2019

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION STAFF

Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk

*The Conservation Commission's office is open Monday & Tuesday from 12pm-4pm.  
Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month at 7pm at the Freetown Town Hall.*

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Conservation Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

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

The Conservation Commission holds approximately 369 acres of land it has received through gifts to the townspeople over the years. Included in that acreage is approximately 9¼ acres of land the Conservation Commission took ownership of during this fiscal year, consisting of eight parcels already held by the Town for foreclosure of tax titles in the Weetamoe Heights subdivision. Ownership by the commission ensures that the property is available for all to enjoy while simultaneously protecting any wetlands that may be on it. To that end, at the Annual Town Meeting held June 5, 2017, it was voted to establish a Town Forest Committee of three members appointed by the Conservation Commission to assist with developing these lands for passive recreation. The first committee should be formed early in the next fiscal year.

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

Notices of Intent / Orders of Conditions	13
Abbreviated Notices of Intent / Orders of Conditions	0
Amendments to Orders of Conditions	1
Extensions of Orders of Conditions	0
Restoration Orders of Conditions	0
Certificates of Compliance (complete)	26
Certificates of Compliance (partial)	2
Requests for Determination of Applicability	21
Notices of Resource Area Delineation / Orders of R.A.D.	0

Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation / Orders of R.A.D.	1
Emergency Certifications	0
Enforcement Orders	1

Also during this fiscal year, the Conservation Commission collected \$4,222.50 in filing fees, which are retained to offset the administrative costs of the department. In addition, the Commission instituted a \$10.00 fee for certain filings effective January 1, 2017, from which \$110.00 was collected and remitted to the General Fund to offset operating expenses of the department.

Meetings of the Conservation Commission are held at the Town Hall in Assonet on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., with adjustments to this schedule as holidays may require. Our office is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keven V. Desmarais  
Chairman

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

SRPEDD COMMISSION DELEGATES  
Jack Healey, Board of Selectmen Delegate  
Lauren Moreau, Planning Board Delegate

JOINT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GROUP  
Jack Healey  
Lauren Moreau

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 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing the region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment, municipal partnerships 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. In 2017 the Town of Freetown paid \$1,581.43 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 17.829 cents per capita.

Technical assistance was provided to the Town in the following areas:

- Assisted Board of Selectmen and Planning Board with adopting and implementing Community Compact Best Practices including preparing a Housing Production Plan. (DLTA)
- Assisted Planning Board with revised zoning map. (Municipal Assistance)
- Conducted traffic counts on Chace Road, east of Memorial Drive; North Main Street, north of Elm Street; South Main Street, west of Route 24; County Road, at Lakeville town line; Elm Street east of North Main Street and Mason Road, east of County Road. (MassDOT)

Some of SRPEDD's More Significant Accomplishments During 2017 Were:

- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Southeastern Massachusetts**, a regional economic development strategy, updated annually by SRPEDD and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) maintains eligibility for the region's cities and towns to receive EDA funding.
- The **Transportation Improvement Program**, which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, was completed and approved for FY 2018-2022.
- SRPEDD conducts a **district-wide traffic-counting program** and maintains a computer file of available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 152 traffic counts at various locations this past year.
- SRPEDD continues to operate the **Pavement Management Program**, evaluating pavement conditions on federal-aid eligible roadways in the region's cities and towns.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 380 signalized intersections in the region. SRPEDD conducted 90 turning movement counts at various locations this past year.



- SRPEDD continue to assist communities under the **Regional Bicycle Plan** addressing infrastructure needs and recommendations on how to improve connectivity throughout the region.
- SRPEDD initiated the **Regional Pedestrian Plan** to examine existing conditions in the region's cities and towns and provide recommendations to improve pedestrian connectivity.
- SRPEDD provides technical planning to two regional transit authorities, **SRTA and GATRA**, including route evaluations, rider surveys, performance standards and federal reporting. SRPEDD completed a Regional Transit Plan for GATRA that will guide transit improvements in the near future.
- SRPEDD has initiated the **Regional Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan** following the completion of the **Regional Bus Stop Inventory** in 2016. The inventory of data collected for GATRA and SRTA bus stops is available to assist on proposed capital improvements.
- SRPEDD continued to provide administrative and technical support to the **Taunton River Stewardship Council (TRSC)** through a Cooperative Agreement with the National Parks Service. The Council is a multi-community, multi-agency collaborative established through the designation of the Taunton River as a Federal Partnership Wild & Scenic River in 2009.

In partnership with the TRSC, SRPEDD provides public education and stewardship opportunities to Taunton River Watershed communities, as well as access to local project funds through its Mini Grants Program.

- SRPEDD is a member of two National Estuary Programs (NEP) including the **Narragansett Bay Management Committee and Buzzards Bay Steering Committee**, created to protect the resources and promote the stewardship of their respective watersheds. The Buzzards Bay and Narragansett Bay Watersheds together encompass the entirety of the SRPEDD area. As a member of these oversight committees, SRPEDD participates in the development of their respective Management Plans for both programs.
- SRPEDD has been providing technical assistance to the **South Coast Climate Change Coalition** whose mission is to increase public awareness of the probable consequences of climate change, help communities incorporate resiliency planning, and take actions that help communities adapt to and minimize the consequences of climate change.
- SRPEDD continues as the lead agency for the **Resilient Taunton Watershed Network (RTWN)**. The RTWN is a collaborative of local, non-profit, regional, and state and federal government representatives interested in the future health and resilience of the Taunton River Watershed. The RTWN provides information, conducts outreach and educational efforts, resources and tools to protect existing natural resources, reduce flooding, promote restoration, and develop sustainability. (EPA)
- SRPEDD is a member of the Board of Directors of **Southeast Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL)**. SEEAL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help provide quality environmental education and stewardship opportunities to communities in southeastern Massachusetts. SEEAL runs a Mini-Grants Program to support local projects and in addition project that climate change, alternative energy, urban agriculture and youth conservation education.
- SRPEDD provides fiduciary support services to the **Southeast Regional Homeland Security Council (SRAC)**, comprised of 96 municipalities and the Wampanoag Nation.
- SRPEDD maintains an extensive **Geographic Information System (GIS)** mapping program. The mapping program contains a number of data layers including, land-use, zoning, water resources, soils,

habitats, transportation network, economic development, priority protection and priority development areas, and other data and information.

- SRPEDD operates the **Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center**, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.

SRPEDD, originally founded in 1956, is one of 13 regional planning agencies, or RPAs, across the state, and approximately 556 across the country. It was established for the purpose of delivering cost effective services, and facilitating enhanced regional planning and planning coordination on behalf its member cities and towns. Please let us know how we can be of continued service to your community!

## SCHOOL REPORTS

### Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District Committee

#### Freetown Members

Robert W. Clark 2020  
Jean Fox (Vice Chair), 2018  
Derek Gracia 2019  
Will Sienkewicz 2019

#### Lakeville Members

Carolyn Gomes (Chair)  
Sherri Barron 2018  
Laura Ramsden 2018  
Steve Owen 2018

*Meetings – First & Third Wednesday of Each Month (Sept. – June)*

#### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Richard W. Medeiros

#### DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

Dr. Marlene Correia

#### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES & OPERATIONS

Frederick Baker

#### DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Ellen Whitter-Harrington

#### CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

Joyce V. Essenburg	Denise Martin
JoAnn M. Cournoyer	Margaret C. Robinson
Jennifer L. Seaberg	Renee Rodrigues
Kathleen D. Cincotta	

98 Howland Road, Lakeville, MA 02347

Telephone: 508-923-2000

---

#### **Assawompset Elementary School**

232 Main Street  
Lakeville, MA 02347  
Tel: 508-947-1403  
Bethany Pineault, Principal

#### **Freetown Elementary School**

43 Bullock Road  
E. Freetown, MA 02717  
Tel: 508-763-5121  
Michael Ward, Principal

#### **Freetown-Lakeville Middle School**

96 Howland Road  
Lakeville, MA 02347  
Tel: 508-923-3518  
David Patota, Principal

#### **George R. Austin Int. School**

112 Howland Road  
Lakeville, MA 02347  
Tel: 508-923-3506  
Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan, Principal

#### **Apponequet Regional High School**

100 Howland Road  
Lakeville, MA 02347  
Tel: 508-947-2660  
Dr. Barbara Starkie, Principal

## **REPORT OF FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2016 - 2017**

### **Freetown Elementary School Mission:**

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

Our mission statement is achieved by:

- Engaging students, teachers, parents and citizens of Freetown to work in a cooperative manner to build pride, respect and accountability for learning,
- Assisting all students to achieve their maximum potential.
- Utilizing current materials, technology, and research.
- Encouraging all staff to attend professional development seminars, programs, workshops or courses to enhance their skill and to be aware of current educational theory.
- Providing for the diversity of student's learning styles.
- Focusing on intellectual, emotional, social and physical development through the
- Maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment.
- Aligning our curriculum to the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework standards.
- By placing a strong emphasis on responsibility, accountability, and mutual respect, we will share a confident and contributing member of society.

### **Enrollment:**

Total enrollment for the 2016 - 2017 school year was 376 students (PreK - 3).

FES celebrated the many years of service that Dee Wiswell gave to Freetown Elementary School when she retired at the beginning of the school year.

Additionally, there was a change in principalship as Mr. Michael Ward took over the principal role at Freetown Elementary School.

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

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

Both our PTO and School Council have been active and productive over the course of the school year. The PTO sponsored grade level field trips, a music assembly, two school dances, a reading assembly that aligned to our curriculum, a staff welcome back lunch, Scholastic Book Fairs, MCAS hot breakfast for grade 3 students, yearbooks were bought for all outgoing third grade students and continued the Annual Fox Festival (Field Day). The field trips consisted of:

**Preschool:** On site field trip with Roger Williams Park/Zoo Zoomobile

**Kindergarten:** Providence Children's Museum

**Grade 1:** Capron Zoo Visit

**Grade 2:** Soule Farm Visit

**Grade 3:** Boston Tea Party and Tour of Freetown

The PTO also sponsored parent engagement nights to ensure parents had the opportunity to be engaged in their child's education by participating in educational based programs to learn what it is like to be a student in today's classroom. The parent engagement nights included a Bingo for Books Night, a Cup Stacking Night (Physical Education), as well as a Math Night.

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

#### **Academic Report:**

With the ever growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. MCAS results have been analyzed from the past years and this data was used to plan instruction, drive instruction, and provide interventions to meet the diverse needs of students. Important to note...students in grade 3 participated in the "Next Generation" MCAS exam in which students completed the exam using a computer. Thus, the students participated in the Computer Based MCAS Exam in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. With the new "Next Generation" MCAS came new achievement levels. Below one will find the "Legacy MCAS" achievement levels outlined (Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, Warning). The "Next Generation MCAS" achievements levels are Exceeding Expectations, Meeting Expectations, Partially Meeting Expectations, and Not Meeting Expectations.

Data indicates...

English Language Arts - "Legacy MCAS"

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Advanced	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>11%</b>
Proficient	<b>54%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%</b>
Needs Improvement	<b>34%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Warning	<b>2%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>

English Language Arts - "Next Generation MCAS"

	<b>2017</b>
Exceeding Expectations	<b>4%</b>
Meeting Expectations	<b>58%</b>
Partially Meeting Expectations	<b>34%</b>
Not Meeting Expectations	<b>3%</b>

### Mathematics - “Legacy MCAS”

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Advanced	24%	24%	23%	32%
Proficient	40%	34%	36%	28%
Needs Improvement	32%	33%	29%	32%
Warning	5%	10%	13%	8%

### Mathematics - “Next Generation MCAS”

	2017
Exceeding Expectations	13%
Meeting Expectations	70%
Partially Meeting Expectations	14%
Not Meeting Expectations	4%

Through the use of data a Building Based Educational Support Team (BBEST) was formed to analyze data, develop interventions, and train staff with interventions to meet student needs.

#### **Student Portfolios:**

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

#### **Data Meetings:**

Data Meetings were scheduled for six times this year school (3 ELA / 3 Math). The data meetings took place after each benchmark testing (fall, winter, and spring). The purpose of the data meetings is to analyze data, complete a data drill down of data, develop strengths and challenges, and to develop and monitor goals.

#### **Common Planning:**

Common Planning Times (CPT) are used for colleagues to meet and collaborate about teaching and student learning. CPT is done daily for 20 minutes and have been vital in supporting teachers to collaborate in areas such as developing lessons, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention. In kindergarten and grade 1 much of the focus in common planning was wrapped around a new Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) to learn the direct and specific reading level of each child. In grade 2 there was a focus on student comprehension as teachers participated in a book study titled, “Reading with Meaning” by Debbie Miller. In grade 3 there was a

focus on math workshop strategies as teachers participated in a book study titled, “Math Workshop in Action” by Dr. Nicki Newton.

**School Services:**

School services have remained consistent over the past school year. At FES we have four specialists: art, physical education, music, and reading. Our reading specialist provides direct and explicit intervention to our students who are in need of assistance with English Language Arts. Our other three specialists provide direct instruction to our students. For music, we enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Assembly as well as a Winter and Spring Concert. Additionally, our grade 3 chorus had the unique opportunity to perform on the ice before a Providence Bruins Hockey Game. The students sang, “God Bless America.” For PE, we enjoyed a Cup Stacking Night. For Art, we enjoyed the annual Art Show. Within the library we have a full-time paraprofessional who facilitates and directs the library for students to enjoy reading and writing.

**Health and Safety Team:**

The Health and Safety Team ensured the safety of our students and staff remained our highest priority. As a school community we refined and practiced our Emergency Response Protocol. Together, Freetown Elementary School and the Freetown Police Department, work closely to ensure our students and staff are safe at school and work.

**Community Involvement:**

- Senior Breakfast
- Freetown Lions Club sponsorship of Santa Claus Visit to Freetown Elementary
- Fire Safety Day with Freetown Fire Department
- High Five Friday with Freetown Police Department
- Grade 3 visit to the Freetown Police Station
- Grade 3 Tour of Freetown Field Trip which includes a visit to the Freetown State Forest, Profile Rock, Freetown Library, Freetown Historical Society, and the Stop & Shop Distribution Center

## **REPORT OF ASSAWOMPSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2016 - 2017**

### **Mission: Achieve, Excel, Soar**

At the Assawompset Elementary School we strive to establish and maintain a safe and nurturing which encourages responsible, respectful, accepting and supportive interaction.

We facilitate ongoing communication and interaction with families and the community about school events and utilization of community resources to foster an active spirit of collaboration.

We foster academic growth by differentiating instruction driven by data and incorporating the use of technology to prepare students for the future.

### **Enrollment:**

Total enrollment for the 2016 - 2017 school year was 434 students (K - 3).

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

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

Both our PTO and School Council have been active and productive over the course of the school year. The PTO sponsored grade level field trips, various music assemblies, two school dances, a reading assembly that aligned to our curriculum, a staff welcome back lunch, Scholastic Book Fairs, field day, fun run day and much more. The field trips consisted of:

**Kindergarten:** Fire Station and Barn Babies

**Grade 1:** Heritage Museum and a visit from the Boston Museum

**Grade 2:** Soule Farm Visit and Heritage Museum

**Grade 3:** New Bedford Symphony and Zeiterion Theater

The PTO also sponsored parent engagement nights to ensure parents had the opportunity to be engaged in their child's education by participating in educational based programs to learn what it is like to be a student in today's classroom. The parent engagement nights included a story teller for students and families and a math game night around the domain of Geometry.

The School Council has been working on a school attendance policy, parental involvement the school improvement plan and review of MCAS data.

### **Academic Report:**

With the ever-growing demands from the state and federal government, we are constantly striving to improve instruction. MCAS results have been analyzed from the past years and this data was used to plan instruction, drive instruction, and provide interventions to meet the diverse needs of students. Important to note...students in grade 3 participated in the "Next Generation" MCAS exam in which students completed the exam using a computer. Thus, the students participated in the Computer Based MCAS



Exam in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. With the new “Next Generation” MCAS came new achievement levels. Below one will find the “Legacy MCAS” achievement levels outlined (Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, Warning). The “Next Generation MCAS” achievements levels are Exceeding Expectations, Meeting Expectations, Partially Meeting Expectations, and Not Meeting Expectations.

Data indicates...

English Language Arts - “Legacy MCAS”

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Advanced	<b>6%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Proficient	<b>43%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Needs Improvement	<b>45%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>37%</b>
Warning	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>

English Language Arts - “Next Generation MCAS”

	<b>2017</b>
Exceeding Expectations	<b>6%</b>
Meeting Expectations	<b>61%</b>
Partially Meeting Expectations	<b>29%</b>
Not Meeting Expectations	<b>4%</b>

Mathematics - “Legacy MCAS”

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Advanced	<b>22%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>36%</b>
Proficient	<b>36%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Needs Improvement	<b>35%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Warning	<b>8%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>10%</b>

Mathematics - “Next Generation MCAS”

	<b>2017</b>
Exceeding Expectations	<b>14%</b>
Meeting Expectations	<b>43%</b>
Partially Meeting Expectations	<b>37%</b>
Not Meeting Expectations	<b>5%</b>

Through the use of data a Building Based Educational Support Team (BBEST) was formed to analyze data, develop interventions, and train staff with interventions to meet student needs.

**Student Portfolios:**

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

**Data Meetings:**

Data Meetings were scheduled for six times this year school (3 ELA / 3 Math). The data meetings took place after each benchmark testing (fall, winter, and spring). The purpose of the data meetings is to analyze data, complete a data drill down of data, develop strengths and challenges, and to develop and monitor goals.

**Common Planning:**

Common Planning Times (CPT) are used for colleagues to meet and collaborate about teaching and student learning. CPT is done daily for 20 minutes and have been vital in supporting teachers to collaborate in areas such as developing lessons, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention. In kindergarten and grade 1 much of the focus in common planning was wrapped around a new Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) to learn the direct and specific reading level of each child. In grade 2 and 3 there was a focus on math and the math workshop model strategies as teachers participated in a book study titled, “Math Workshop in Action” by Dr. Nicki Newton.

**School Services:**

School services have remained consistent over the past school year. At AES we have four specialists: art, physical education, music, and library. Our reading specialist provides direct and explicit intervention to our students who are in need of assistance with English Language Arts.

**Health and Safety Team:**

The Health and Safety Team ensured the safety of our students and staff remained our highest priority. As a school community we refined and practiced our Emergency Response Protocol. Together, Assawompset Elementary School and the Lakeville Police and Fire Departments, work closely to ensure our students and staff are safe at school and work.

**Community Involvement:**

- Senior Breakfast
- Fire Safety Day with Lakeville Fire Department
- High Five Friday with Lakeville Police Department
- Kindergarten visit to the Fire Stations
- Kindergarten donated to the local Lakeville Animal Shelter
- Bingo with the Seniors

## **REPORT OF GEORGE R. AUSTIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 2016-2017**

### **Enrollment**

The enrollment at the intermediate school was as follows:

Grade 3 = 3

Grade 4 = 209

Grade 5 = 245

The total enrollment was 457 students.

### **Our Mission**

All members of the learning community at GRAIS work interdependently to support each student in a collaborative, cross curricular environment to improve our individual and collective results. Teaching and learning is 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. Students are 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.

### **Personnel**

The following staff members retired in June after many years in the district:

Pam Lynch, (paraprofessional).

### **MCAS**

The summary of the results of our Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) indicated that in English Language Arts, 38% of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students scored at the meeting or higher level and 50% of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students scored at the meeting or higher level.

In mathematics, 39% of our 4<sup>th</sup> students scored at the meeting or higher level and 58% of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students scored at the meeting or higher level.

### **School Community Events**

Our physical education department, once again, conducted the annual Turkey Trot with the support of the PTI. Additionally, we conducted curriculum nights for math and English language arts, hosted in-school field trips through the Massachusetts Museum of Science for both grades, visited Gillette Stadium and The Zeiterion Theater, held several band and chorus concerts, and had a fall and a spring socials sponsored by the PTO. We also had an art fair, which spotlighted the talent of our students. Our annual Survivor Day was a fun, competitive, and engaging culminating activity to the year that involved the whole school in a wonderful day outdoors.

### **Special Subjects at GRAIS**

Our talented special subject teachers continued their practice of collaborating on events and activities with each other, as well as with academic teams. All GRAIS students benefit from three special subject classes--art, music, and physical education/health. Our fifth graders were able to begin the swim portion of the physical education curriculum a little later than usual, once the pool renovations were completed. We are very fortunate to have the pool here in our building.

**Library/Media Services**

The school library continues to be a wonderful resource for the students and staff with a many resources available. The resources are circulated and maintained by a paraprofessional staff member who works two and one half days a week. We gratefully received a very generous donation from our PTO that allowed us to add to our book inventory. We are thankful to Miss Theresa from the Lakeville Public Library, who helped us to choose which books to select.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan  
Principal  
George R. Austin Intermediate School

## **REPORT OF FREETOWN-LAKEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2016-2017**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

### **Enrollment**

The total enrollment at Freetown-Lakeville Middle School was 741.

### **Personnel**

The following staff members retired in June after many years in the district: Susan Cadigan (29 years), Kathy Manning (38 years), and Pam Welch (30 years)

### **MCAS**

The summary of the results of our Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) indicated that in English Language Arts, 68% of our 6th grade students scored at the proficient level or higher, had a student growth percentile of 85, and an achievement percentile score of 85. In 7th grade, 48% of students scored at the proficient level or higher, had a student growth percentile of 39, and an achievement percentile score of 54. In 8th grade, 54% of students scored at the proficient level or higher, had a student growth percentile of 34, and an achievement percentile score of 67. In mathematics, 65% of our 6th grade students scored at the proficient level or higher, had a student growth percentile of 56, and an achievement percentile score of 74. In 7th grade, 45% of our students scored at the proficient level or higher, had a student growth percentile of 37, and an achievement percentile score of 37. In 8th grade, 67% of our students scored at the proficient level or higher, had a student growth percentile of 69, and an achievement percentile score of 77. On the 8th grade science assessment, 51% of the students scored in the proficient or higher range.

### **Charitable Work**

Freetown-Lakeville Middle School continued its annual support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year the students sold carnations and raised \$700 to donate. In sixth grade, students were learning about world hunger and had "The Sixth Grade Food Drive" in conjunction with Hunger Feast, which involved collecting canned and nonperishable items that benefitted local families and a local food bank.

### **Friends of the Falcon (FOF)**

FOF is a volunteer group of 96 students that help spread kindness and the importance of FLMS core values - respect, responsibility and resilience. This group volunteered at Gifts to Give, visited the local senior centers (playing bingo, caroling, and helping with technology questions), helped with Transition Day for incoming 5th graders, helped new incoming students, collected food and toys for the Lakeville Animal Shelter, collected children's books for Boston Children's Hospital, and helped with many other school functions.

### **Teams and Clubs**

The following are the clubs and teams offered at FLMS: Coed Soccer Team, Coed Cross Country Team, Girls Basketball Team, Boys Basketball Team, Rubik's Cube Team, Chess Club, Yearbook Club, Newspaper Club, Robotics Club, Student Council, Band and Choir, Art Club, Drama Club, Creative Writing Club, Majorettes, Friends of the Falcon, and National Junior Honor Society.

### **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)**

The NJHS had 36 members who maintained a high GPA while engaging in school and community service projects. Some of the NJHS projects were cleaning the school grounds, taking care of recycling, and collecting school supplies for students in need. Students took several trips to the Freetown and

Lakeville Senior Centers where they hosted a bingo afternoon and supplied snacks. Students also made cards for the staff and did other helpful activities throughout the school year.

### **PCC**

Project Contemporary Competitiveness is a 6 week summer enrichment program located at Stonehill College. FLMS had a total of 11 students apply.

### **The Fine Arts**

Beauty and the Beast Jr. was performed by over 50 students in our drama club.

### **Library Media Services**

The school library has a total of 14,650 library materials available to borrow. The annual total of library materials circulated was 8,399 and the total of student visits to the library was 21,016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Harvey  
Vice Principal  
Freetown-Lakeville Middle School

## REPORT OF APPONEQUET REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 16-17

Enrollment as of June 2017 was Grade 9 - 180 students, Grade 10 - 196 students, Grade 11 – 183 students, Grade 12 - 158 students for a total of seven hundred and seventeen (717) students enrolled at Apponequet Regional High School. The **Class of 2017** graduated on Friday, June 2, 2017, on Griffith Field at 6:00 pm. The graduates, consisting of one hundred and fifty five (155) students who attained one hundred and ten (110) credits and met MA competency via MCAS, were led by Class Valedictorian, Devin Ahearn, Class Salutatorian, Margaret Flanders, and Class President, Patrick Stanton. The Charge to the Class was delivered by Brooke Kramer. Post graduation, ninety eight (98) students headed off to four year colleges and forty three (43) to two year colleges and technical schools. Three (3) members of the class intended to proudly serve in the military and eleven (11) entered the workforce.

Previous to commencement, on May 30, 2017, ARHS held its annual **Senior Awards Night**. Local scholarships were awarded to 91 members of the Class of 2017. The Scholarship Committee thanks all of our local organizations and alumni for donating over \$112,000 to the Class of 2017. One hundred and twenty-six (126) Class of 2017 members took the **SATs**. Mean scores were: Evidence Based Reading and Writing, 562; and Math, 564. In May of 2017, three hundred eleven (311) **Advanced Placement (AP)** exams were administered in sixteen (16) different subject areas: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, European History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, Studio Art, Spanish Language, and US History. Of the exams administered, two hundred and thirty-seven (237), or seventy-six percent (76%) were scored as a “3”, “4” or “5”. Those scores qualified students for advanced standing or college level credit at most colleges and universities.

The **Core Values and Beliefs Committee** oversaw the implementation of Learning Expectations and accompanying School-wide Rubrics. The Learning Expectations were as follows: Write effectively, Read effectively, Collaborate effectively, and Problem solve using higher order thinking.

The **Guidance Department**, hosted several parent/guardian events such as Grade 8 Parent Night, an Introduction to the Naviance College and Career Program prior to Parent/Teacher Conference night, a “High School Planning for College and Career Success” program for parents of incoming freshman, College Admissions Night for grade 11 parents, and College Financial Assistance Night for parents of students in grade 12. The Lifelines Suicide Prevention Program, in its third year of implementation, was presented to all grade 9 students via their Wellness classes. College Fairs occurred throughout the month of October and the Department organized and executed a Career Day for students in grades 10, 11 and 12 in February. Many local professionals and graduates volunteered to speak to our students about the importance of high school decision making and future plans. College visit field trips to BCC and the Colleges of the Fenway, BCC “On the Spot Acceptance” in-school admissions days, as well as a Career and Technical School Fair, assisted seniors in making all important college and postsecondary school decisions. In partnership with the Lakeville Police Department and Sergeant Ryan Maltais and Officer Valerie Bartholomew, our SRO, the second year of our popular criminal justice internship program continued with 4 students. A new internship with the local cable company, LakeCam, was offered to students in grades 11 and 12. The “Laker Leaders” assisted with the grade 8 visit to Apponequet in December of 2016. They were also instrumental in the success of our first ever Freshman Orientation Program designed to assist in the transition from grade 8 to grade 9. Held one week before the start of school in August of 2016, students engaged in outdoor group activities, received copies of their school schedules and explored the building to find their classrooms, and enjoyed a pizza party.

The **English Department** (ELA) consisted of eight (8) teachers. In addition to meeting the needs of the four (4) year ELA requirement, semester electives in Creative Writing, Horror Fiction, Public Speaking, and Theater were offered. The ELA Department, a Department that incurred a .6 reduction in staff in 2012, has continued to make progress despite that reduction, but continued to seek reinstatement of .6 in order to increase elective and remedial offerings.

The ELA MCAS was administered in March 2017. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of students received a score designated as Advanced or Proficient. There were no failures. Two percent (2%) was labeled Needs Improvement. AP Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition continued to be popular choices for students seeking the challenge of college coursework and the potential for college credit. Seventy-three percent (73%) of the ninety-two (92) students who took one of the AP ELA courses received a qualifying score on the College Board AP Exam. The Summer Reading “One Book” Program included *I Will Always Write Back* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. Ms. Alifirenka visited our school, gave a formal presentation to all students, and was available during all lunch shifts to meet students individually and sign books. Teachers organized and provided field trip and on-site opportunities to expose students to culture, arts, and the outdoors in consort with the curriculum. Creative Writing and 12th grade students went hiking in the Blue Hills in connection to *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* by Stephen King. Horror Fiction students visited the Lizzy Borden House in Fall River. Grade 10 students who read *The Scarlet Letter* went on a field trip to The Zeiterion to see the play. We were pleased that Julia Garland (Grade 10) was accepted to attend the prestigious New England Young Writers’ Conference at Middlebury College in May.

The **World Language Department** consisted of six (6) teachers. It was the second year the World Language Department offered AP Spanish and AP French. It was the first year of implementation of a two year World requirement for graduation (Class of 2019). The Department continued to work on the creation of common assignments and assessments. In addition, the Department continued working on curriculum maps and UBD units in all courses. Mrs. Marie Hartley, French teacher, ran the American Field Services (AFS) group. ARHS hosted four (4) exchange students: Ami Yamamoto, from Japan, Yanin (Eve) Prasoptham, from Thailand and Konokporn (Hansa) Wangsrikoon, from Thailand. Each enjoyed a year long experience. Delf Enslin, from Germany, spent the second semester here at Apponequet. In October 2017, Apponequet will host a group of twenty-four (24) students and two (2) teachers from Lycée Hilaire de Chardonnet in Chalon sur Saône and in April of 2018, Apponequet will be sending 20-24 students to France as part of a school-to-school exchange with the Lycée Hilaire de Chardonnet in Chalon sur Saône in the Burgundy region of France. Students will stay with the families of the French students they hosted in the Fall. In addition to attending classes, the week in Chalon will be full of excursions, including a visit to Paris and Normandy.

The **History and Social Studies Department** contained nine (9) teachers. The Department organized numerous field trips to places such as the JFK Library, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, and the Bristol County Jail.-The Department took part in multiple annual traditions including Constitution Day, National History Day and The Voice of Democracy Competition, for more than twenty-five (25) years, in coordination with the East Freetown VFW Post 6643, the Department has participated in the national Voice of Democracy competition. More than one hundred (100) students performed their speeches in their United States History classes and this year’s winners received a combined \$1,000 in prizes awarded by Post 6643. Winners were Leanne Kendall (1<sup>st</sup>), Elizabeth Lownds (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Nicholas Maloof (3<sup>rd</sup>).

The Department continued to work on UBD curriculum units in the areas of World History II, United States History I, and United States History II. Members developed common performance tasks, assessments and writing rubrics. The Department continued to offer many electives including Government, Psychology,



Sociology, Economics, Criminal Law, Leadership, Cold War US History, AP Psychology, AP European History, and AP Psychology. Class of 2017 graduates, Jay Sperry, Kyle Woodward, and Madeline Hallam received Social Studies Awards.

The **Mathematics Department** administered the MCAS Math test in May of 2017. The results of the 2017 MCAS were as follows: 69% scored Advanced, 23% scored Proficient, 7% scored Needs Improvement and 0.5% scored Warning. It was the first time in the school's history that 99.5% of students passed the Grade 10 Math MCAS Exam. The new ninth grade Algebra I Honors course, taught by Jeff Gallant, replaced the hybrid Algebra I/Geometry Honors. Professional Development days and departmental meetings were used to work on implementing literacy into the curriculum as well as developing curriculum appropriate activities for our English Language Learners. Sean Stonehouse was selected for the Math Department Award.

The **ARHS Science Department** had a productive year. The June 2017 MCAS results for Biology were strong with 83% of students scoring Advanced or Proficient, 15% Needs Improvement and 2% Failing. The Department worked on revising curriculum to meet the new Science State Standards. Teachers worked during CPT to write curriculum for our elective courses and map out the curriculum for our five distinct areas of science in order to meet our department-wide goal of creating full, UBD, three-stage curriculum for our major courses, and a UBD single-stage curriculum for our elective courses by the end of the 2017-2018 school year. In addition to writing curriculum for our current courses, the science department established an engineering track. The Department offered several sections of Engineering I which is a gateway course for further engineering offerings.

In May 2017, the Science Department held its annual Science Awards Ceremony to recognize top science students in each course. The ceremony was held in the library and both students and parents/guardians attended. Each science teacher handed out certificates to the top students in each of their courses. Awards were also given to students who received 5s on their science AP exam from the previous school year. In all, more than sixty (60) students were honored at this event. In addition to the Science Awards Ceremony, the Department gave out awards at the Senior Awards Night in June 2017. The awards were certificates of recognition from the Bausch and Lomb Scholarship for the University of Rochester, the Rensselaer Medal with a scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and our annual Senior Science Award, given to the senior who has shown great achievement in his/her science classes, a high interest in the sciences and a desire to continue studying science in college.

The **Visual Arts Department** experienced a year full of exciting opportunities and achievements. Ms. Krista Lima joined the staff and became the first-ever "second art teacher" at ARHS. Junior-Tate DeTerra was chosen through an application process to participate in the Teen Artist Internship program sponsored by Artworks and the New Bedford Art Museum. Tate met with a mentor artist on a weekly basis for several weeks and created original artwork that was featured in a culminating art exhibit at the New Bedford Art Museum.– Five (5) members of the class of 2017 earned a total of 8 awards from the Boston Globe Scholastics Art & Writing Awards. Carley Byers earned a Gold Key for a short film she created, which was shown at the annual Gold Key winner exhibit in Boston. Carley also earned an Honorable Mention for one of her photographs. Alexis Barboza received a Silver Key for one of her photographs, as well as an Honorable Mention for a second photograph. Kayla Darling earned an Honorable Mention for a digital composition she created. Haylee Gonsalves received an Honorable Mention for a mixed media work of art. Emma Hryzan received an Honorable Mention.

In January students in the Digital Art and Photography I class participated in an exhibit at the Freetown Historical Society Museum. They presented digital collages that celebrated the history of their families, cultures, and communities. The following Advanced Placement Studio Art students participated in an art exhibit held at the Great Ponds Gallery at the Lakeville Library in March: Alexis Barboza, Jerrell Baptiste, Carley Byers, Autumn Csorba, Kayla Darling, Haylee Gonsalves, Sarah Kirkland, Lauren Pettey, Abigail Rodelle, and Hannah Whritenour. In April the Art Department held the 4th-Annual Apponequet Regional High School Art Exhibit, in which students from the Art I, Art II, Art III & IV, AP Studio Art, Mixed Media and Digital Art and Photography classes exhibited work in a variety of media. An opening reception was held.

The **Business/Technology Department's** personnel remained at 2.0. The Department provided real-world connections through their course offerings of Accounting, Marketing and Programming. Students utilized simulations to incorporate 21st century learning skills in the classroom. Students in the Department experienced numerous learning opportunities from outside organizations. Students competed in the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge at UMASS Dartmouth. Accounting students attended Accounting conferences at Babson and Suffolk Universities. Students also attended field trips to the Boston Museum of Science and the National Museum of American Illustration. The Department's **DECA** organization had 180 members who participated in various district, state and international competitions and conferences. The school store earned Gold Level Certification from DECA for having the highest standards for a school-based enterprise. The FIDM Challenge Team earned first place for their Fashion Video regarding fashion trends. The School Store earned a top 10 finish as well.

Performing ensembles in Apponequet's **Music Department** had another busy year. Members of the Band, Choir, Select Choir, and Jazz Ensemble represented our school in over 20 public appearances. Among these were: 3 school concerts, the Fairhaven Veterans' Day parade, Christmas parades in Middleboro and Taunton, a Choir tour of other schools in our District, the FLMS Memorial Day observance, the annual "Apponequet Night" at Lakeside Festival, and every home football game. Six Band members--Jack Dupre, Zakary Ganhadeiro, Benjamin Kitchen, Nicholas Lambert, Katie Little, and Reis Medeiros--were selected to participate in the 5th Annual High School Honors Band Festival, held at Bridgewater State University. Two students represented Apponequet at the Senior SEMSBA Music Festival: Devin Christiansen (Chorus) and Zakary Ganhadeiro (Band). Chorus member Grace Couto was a member of 2 different Festival ensembles: SEMSBA and SEMMEA. In addition to our performing groups, there were a number of elective courses available to ARHS students. Thanks to the efforts of the Apponequet Music Boosters, the Music Department purchased several new instruments. The Music Boosters also presented scholarships to our graduating Band and Choir members.

The **Library** was an active place. It was, again, visited on approximately 20,000 occasions by students who worked on projects, researched, collaborated, and read. Mrs. O'Brien, ARHS's new Library Media Specialist, assisted students with research, taught lessons, collaborated with teachers, and displayed student artwork and projects in the gallery and along the shelves. Students enjoyed using the Wi-Fi with their personal devices. The library again hosted events such as "National History Day" competition, the Art show, and the Science Department Awards.

The **Wellness Department** consisted of five (5) teachers. Grade 9-12 curriculum addressed the following broad topics: Personal Wellness, Mental Health, Human Sexuality, CPR/First Aid, Tobacco and Alcohol, Relationship Violence, Violence Prevention, Lifelong Activities, Non-Traditional Sports, Traditional Sports, and Strength Training and Cardiovascular Health. The Department also included the popular elective-The Art of Healthy Living. Students took one semester of Wellness each of their four (4) years. In each semester, students spent three (3) days per week in the physical setting and two (2) days per week in

the academic setting. The Department was proud to present the “Wellness Award” to two (2) graduating seniors, Hailey DeCoffe and Thomas Vachon. These students displayed a positive attitude, a tremendous work ethic and were leaders among their peers.

The **ARHS on-line program** continued to be a successful in its fourth year. This alternative learning and credit recovery program, supported by the FuelEd virtual platform, supplemented or augmented course offerings by providing selected students with flexible means of accessing curriculum. The program was staffed by one (1) teacher and one (1) para-professional. **Virtual High School**, an on-line learning opportunity that supplemented ARHS’s curriculum, accommodated 24 students who took a total of 18 courses. In exchange a Biology teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Ferreira, taught a VHS course. VHS has been in place for approximately nine (9) years. **ARHS Summer School** ran for the second time during this school year. Approximately thirty-two (32) students attended. The students, taught by one (1) teacher and one (1) paraprofessional, under the supervision of Asst. Principal Higgins, engaged in blended on-line and on-site learning opportunities in order to recover lost academic credits.

The **Athletic Department** remained a member of the South Coast Conference and competed with area schools such as: Bourne, Case, Dighton - Rehoboth, Fairhaven, Greater New Bedford Voc. Tech., Old Rochester, Seekonk, and Wareham. Apponequet offered twenty-three (23) Varsity sports that consisted of forty-one (41) teams with the various Freshmen, J.V. and Varsity levels. There were three distinct seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring. Congratulations to the following teams for winning the 2016-1017 South Coast Conference Championships: Boy's Basketball and Girls Tennis.

The Department boasted five hundred and seventy six (576) total athletic participants. Three hundred thirty seven (337) students participated in at least one (1) sport. This was an excellent ratio of participation. The Department encouraged students to participate in multiple sports. The Department remained well within the limits of a 5% ratio for female and male sports compared to the school population for Title IX concerns. Athletes earned many All Conference awards as well as sportsmanship and honorable mention awards.

Apponequet entered its eighth year with an athletic user fee. Athletes were assessed the following annual user fee: First Sport - \$300.00, Second Sport - \$150.00, Third Sport - \$0.00, Family cap in an academic year - \$1,000.00. This Athletic Revolving account generated approximately \$176,351.22 and directly supplemented the regional school budget. The athletic user fee did not pay all the operational costs accrued during the athletic seasons. In addition to athletic user fees, parents/guardians continued to support our students. The parent/guardian booster groups at Apponequet include the Music Boosters, the Athletic Boosters, and the Laker Hockey Club. The pool located at GRAIS was renovated and re-opened for school activities and for the towns of Freetown and Lakeville in January of 2017.

In addition to participation in sports, a high volume of students participated in **clubs, activities, and school-sponsored events**. Some of the **Annual Events/Fundraisers** that took place were as follows: **Fundraisers:** Fall, Winter & Last-of-the-School-Year Coffeehouse, Agenda Book Sale, Cookie Dough Sale, English Class Blue Hills Hike, Class Tee-Shirts, Food Drive, Coat Drive, Can Drive, Conditioning Clinic, Otis Spunkmeyer, Popcorn & Little Caesar’s sale, Christmas Tree & Easter Plant sale, Comedy Shows, Gift Card Fundraiser, and multiple car washes. **Events:** Band Camp, New Student Orientation, Homecoming Dance, Jr.-Sr. Prom, Ring Dance, Put-A-Cap on Name Calling Day, Diversity Banquet, several Math Team Meets, Taunton & Middleboro Christmas Parades, Winter & Spring Concerts, Fall Play & Spring Musical, Coffee with the Principal, Grade 8 Showcase Night, College Fairs, Laker Choice Awards, Gong Show, Two Parent/Teacher Nights, AFS Foreign Exchange Student Weekend,

College Planning Seminar, Financial Aid Night, Annual Art Show, Science Awards, Jr. Parent Breakfast, sport teams end-of-year banquets, Sr. Brunch, Sr. Award Night, Sr. Banquet and Graduation.

ARHS was pleased to host motivational speaker Houston Kraft. During his visit, Kraft, whose presentation was funded by the ARHS Student Council, addressed the student body. He encouraged everyone to develop strong character and to give back the community. Kraft's was part of "Dude. Be Nice Week II." His presentation also included a whole-school surprise "thank you" to the ARHS Custodial and Maintenance Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Barbara Starkie, Principal  
Apponequet Regional High School

## CURRENT FACTS ABOUT FREETOWN

Settled: In 1659. Incorporated: In 1683

Population: 8,870 per the 2010 Federal Census.

### Registered Voters:

Precinct I:	1,814
Precinct II:	1,798
Precinct III:	1,824
TOTAL:	5,436

### State Representatives:

Rep. Carole Fiola (Precinct I) – 6<sup>th</sup> Bristol District  
Room 446, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2460; Fax: 617-722-2353;  
E-Mail: [carole.fiola@mahouse.gov](mailto:carole.fiola@mahouse.gov)

Rep. Paul A. Schmid (Precinct II & III) - 8<sup>th</sup> Bristol District  
Room 39, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
Phone: 617-722-2014; Fax: 617-626-0267  
E-Mail: [paul.schmid@mahouse.gov](mailto:paul.schmid@mahouse.gov)

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

Senator Michael J. Rodrigues  
Room 215, State House, Boston, MA 02133 – 617-722-1114; Fax: 617-722-2846  
151 State Road, Westport, MA 02790 - 508-646-0650; Fax: 508-646-0656  
E-Mail: [Michael.Rodrigues.masenate.gov](mailto:Michael.Rodrigues.masenate.gov)

U.S. Representative: Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy, III – 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
8 North Main St., Suite 200, Attleboro, MA 02703 Phone: 508-431-1110  
28 Crafts St., Suite 375, Newton, MA 02458 Phone: 617-332-3333  
1218 Longworth Office Building, Washington, DC 20515  
Phone: 202-225-5931

Senators in Congress: Senator Edward Markey  
10 Causeway St., Suite 559, Boston, MA 02222  
Phone: 617-565-8519

Senator Elizabeth Warren  
2400 JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203  
Phone: 617-565-3170 Fax: 617-723-7325  
317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510  
Phone: 202-224-4543 Fax: 202-228-2646

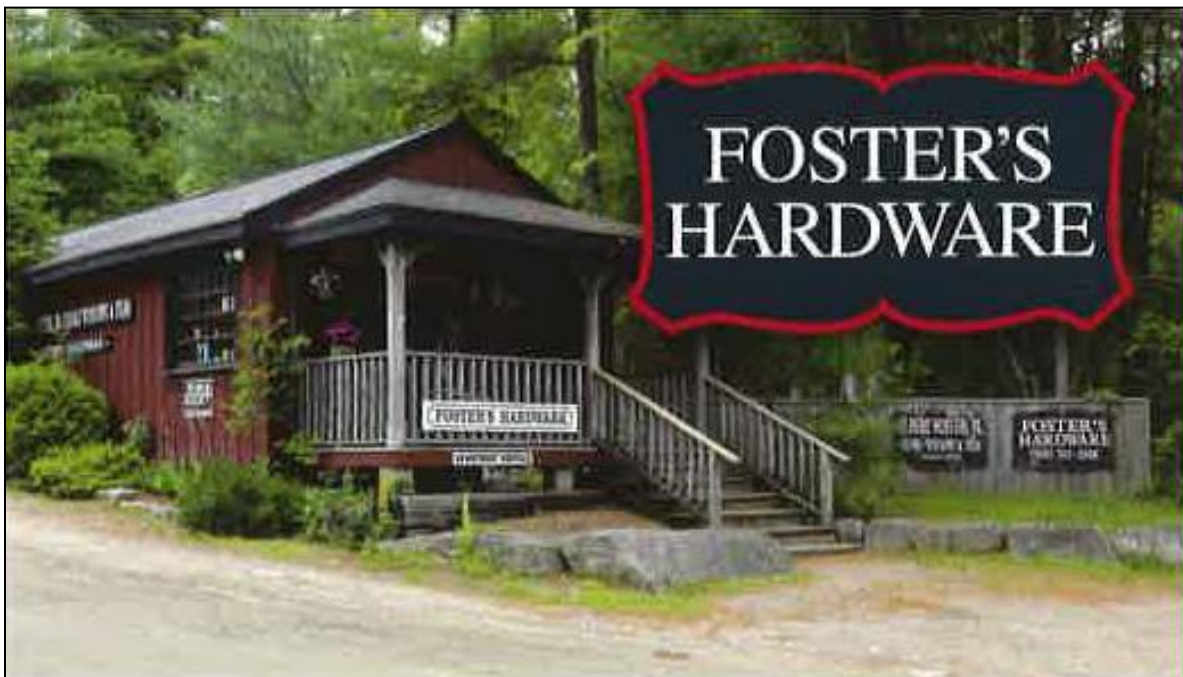
Governor: His Excellency Charles Baker - 617-725-4005  
State House, Room 280, Boston, MA 02133  
E-Mail: [constituent.services@state.ma.us](mailto:constituent.services@state.ma.us)

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR  
CONTRIBUTING ADVERTISERS:**



**CAPE COD AGGREGATES CORP.**

1550 Phinneys Lane, P.O. Box 517  
Barnstable, MA 02630-0517  
[www.capecodagg.com](http://www.capecodagg.com)



## **E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

**For departments not listed, e-mail should be directed to the Town Clerk.**

**Please note that multiple domain names are still in use for e-mail.**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
Assessors, Board of	Karen Mello	KMello@freetownma.gov
Building Department	Scott Barbato	building@freetownma.gov
Collector of Taxes/Treasurer	Jessica Thomas	jthomas@freetownma.gov
Conservation Commission	Michael McCue, Clerk	Conervation@freetownma.gov
Council on Aging	Barbara LaFleur	freetowncoa@aol.com
Emergency Management Agency	Gary Silvia	firechief@freetownma.gov
Fire Department	Gary Silvia	firechief@freetownma.gov
Historical Commission	Mary E. R. Brown	history@freetownma.gov
Health, Board of	Derek Macedo	Dmacedo@freetownma.gov
Library	Dorothy Stanley-Ballard	dstanleyballard@sailsinc.org
Parade & Fireworks Committee	Judith Gregory	parade@freetownma.gov
Parking Clerk	Alexandra Golz	aligolz@freetownma.gov
Planning Board		planning@freetownma.gov
Police Department	Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.	policechief@freetownma.gov
Schools		
Freetown Elementary	Michael Ward	mward@freelake.org
G. R. Austin Intermediate	Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan	esullivan@freelake.org
Freetown-Lakeville Middle	David Patota	dpatota@freelake.org
Apponequet Regional High	Dr. Barbara Starkie	bstarkie@freelake.org
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. Richard Medeiros	rmedeiros@freelake.org
School Committees	Renee Rodrigues	rrodrigues@freelake.org
Selectmen, Board of	Alexandra Golz	aligolz@freetownma.gov
Sewer Commission	Steven Chandler	waterdept@freetownma.gov
Soil Conservation Board		soilboard@freetownma.gov
Town Accountant	Kimberley Fales	townacct@freetownma.gov
Town Administrator	David DeManche	townadministrator@freetownma.gov
Town Clerk	Jacqueline A. Brown	townclerk@freetownma.gov
Water Commission	Keven Desmarais	waterdept@freetownma.gov
Veterans' Agent	Robert Klevecka	veteransagent@freetownma.gov
Zoning Board of Appeals	James Frates	zoning@freetownma.gov



## **FREETOWN MEN AND WOMEN OF THE YEAR**



The Freetown Historical Society