



Town of Freetown Annual Town Report

Fiscal Year 2023

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023



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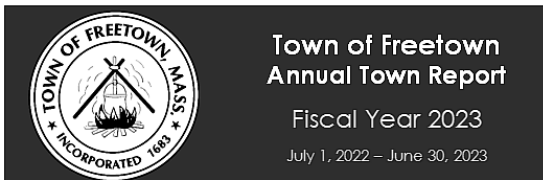
We are pleased to dedicate this Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Town Report to **Irene Ashley**, who has spent the greater part of her life in service to the residents of our community.

Many of us know Mrs. Ashley from her years working at Apponequet Regional High School, primarily in the school's library. She also worked at the James White Memorial Library in East Freetown before seeking election to the town's Board of Library Trustees. At the 2024 Annual Town Election, Mrs. Ashley will be retiring after more than thirty years as a member of the Library Trustees.



During her service, the libraries have transitioned from small, virtually independent libraries to operating as a unified force for the enjoyment and betterment of our residents. This type of transformation would not be possible without supportive leadership, and Mrs. Ashley's experience working in library settings has enabled her to give valuable guidance and support as the libraries and library programs have grown. Her tenure of service has also allowed her to mentor the staff and her fellow trustees as they have come and gone. It is safe to say, Freetown's libraries would not be where they are today if not for Irene Ashley's contributions.

To our friend, our neighbor, our good-natured educator, and our dedicated public servant, we say, "Thank you."



On the Cover

Top Left:

The Village School was built in 1794 as an office for Raynham attorney William Leonard. At one time, it faced north towards the North Church and what is now School Street. Now facing North Main Street, in the mid-1800s it served as the Assonet Academy, and later as an elementary school until 1950. It is currently undergoing renovations and preservation.

Top Right:

One of many visitors to the Freetown Historical Society's grounds, although likely not one who would be welcomed inside the many interesting and educational museum buildings on Slab Bridge Road.

Bottom:

A quiet covered bridge on a sunny spring afternoon, one of our town's many hidden gems.

ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE
RECEIPTS
AND
EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF FREETOWN



INCLUDING THE

Reports of Town Officers, and of the School Committees and
Superintendents of Schools for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District,
the Bristol County Agricultural High School, and the
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District

for the Year Ending June 30, 2023.

IN MEMORIAM

Dennis J. Carvalho

1947 – 2023

Science Teacher, G.R.A.M.S./G.R.A.I.S.
Tennis Coach, Apponequet Reg. H.S.

Simone I. Carvalho

1954 – 2023

Recreation Committee

John T. "Jack" Conway, Jr.

1949 – 2022

Water Commissioner

Lois V. Cookson

1924 – 2022

Veterans Agent
Election Teller
Civil Defense Volunteer

Paul G. Couto

1968 – 2022

Teacher, Freetown-Lakeville Middle School

Penny Marie Dalenta

1944 – 2020

Music Teacher, Apponequet Reg. H. S.

Jane DeChambeau

1950 – 2022

Library Trustee
Teacher, A.R.H.S./G.R.A.M.S./F.L.M.S.

Ronald J. Dube

1947 – 2023

Freetown Elementary School

Raymond G. Duphily

1944 – 2023

Industrial Arts Teacher, A.R.H.S.

Judith Jackson

1938 – 2023

Recreation Committee

Joseph A. Kobak, Jr.

1931 – 2022

Teacher & Athletic Director, A.R.H.S.

Charles W. Moszczenski

1954 – 2023

Chemistry & Physics Teacher, A.R.H.S.

Dean A. Powers

1932 – 2023

Teacher & Asst. Principal, Apponequet R.H.S.

Melvin W. Reynolds, Jr.

1936 – 2022

Custodian, George R. Austin Middle School

Thelma L. Snell

1928 – 2019

Election Worker

Roberta A. St. Yves

1937 – 2022

Election Worker

Joy Swartzendruber

1976 – 2022

Signal Operator / Lock-Up Attendant
Police Officer

Cynthia R. Sylvia

1940 – 2023

Art Teacher, Freetown Elementary School

Karl P. Tinsley

1947 – 2023

Science Teacher, Freetown-Lakeville Schools

Jeannette M. Tisdelle

1943 – 2022

Council on Aging
Housing Authority

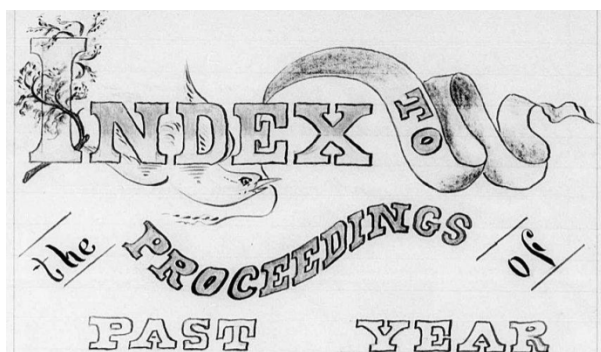
Carolyn S. Titcomb

1917 – 2023

Election Teller

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

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From the Town Records... "The building a necessary for the use of the Town House having been agreed to, the same was put on sale & struck off by the moderator to Capt. Malachi Howland lowest bidder, at seventeen dollars 50/100 who is to be at the expence of all the materials & build or cause said necessary to be built of the following dimensions, to wit, ten by six feet in length & breadth with a partition through the center - the roof to be shingled - the siding to be of inch pine boards planed & matchd together - to have a common door to each apartment being with good hinges - to have one square of glass in each part, good handles latches & hooks to the doors - the frame to be of good oak or chestnut timber, the sills five by five inches square - the plates & four posts three by four inches & the rafters of suitable size - the house to be of common height well finishd & seated in thirty days from the date hereof, all which was ratified by vote." - Vote of Town Meeting to build an outhouse, November 4, 1822

FACTS ABOUT FREETOWN

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

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

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

Registered Voters June 30, 2023

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Precinct I | 2,332 |
| Precinct II | 2,356 |
| Precinct III | <u>2,313</u> |
| | 7,001 |

Population Statistics

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

Town Election

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

Town Meetings

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

Villages

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



Town Seal

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

LOCATIONS & HOURS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Town Hall

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

The following offices are located in the Town Hall:

First Floor

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

Second Floor

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

Third Floor (Stage)

Conservation Commission
Planning Board
Soil Conservation Board
Zoning Board of Appeals

Council on Aging

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

Highway Department

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

Libraries

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

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

Transfer Station

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

Elected Officers

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

Board of Selectmen

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Trevor R. Matthews, Chairman | 2026 |
| Carlos A. Lopes | 2025 |
| Jared C. Zager | 2024 |

Personnel Board

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Carlos A. Lopes, Chairman | 2025 |
| Trevor R. Matthews | 2026 |
| Jared C. Zager | 2024 |

Board of Park Commissioners

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Jared C. Zager, Chairman | 2024 |
| Carlos A. Lopes | 2025 |
| Trevor R. Matthews | 2026 |

Town Clerk

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Cheryl C. A. Estrella | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------|

Moderator

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Michael T. McCue | 2024 |
|------------------|------|

Highway Surveyor

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Charles J. Macomber | 2024 |
|---------------------|------|

Tree Warden

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Maurice W. DeMoranville, Sr. | 2024 |
|------------------------------|------|

Board of Assessors

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Paul G. Sadeck, Chairman | 2024 |
| Jeffrey D. Field | 2026 |
| Michael J. Motta | 2025 |

Board of Health

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Robert P. Jose, Chairman | 2024 |
| Margaret M. French, Vice Chairman | 2026 |
| Mary L. Bowen | 2025 |

Board of Library Trustees

| | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Paul G. Sadeck, Chairman | 2026 |
| Linda Fournier, Vice Chairman | 2025 |
| Beverly Sadeck, Secretary | 2025 |
| Irene L. Ashley | 2024 |
| Courtney Anne Brightman | 2026 |
| Amy Lynne Sypher | 2024 |

Cemetery Commission

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Michael T. McCue, Chairman | 2026 |
| James M. Jose | 2025 |
| Adrienne Levesque | 2024 |

Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------------------|------|
| Margaret M. French, Chairman | 2025 |
| Robert H. Alderson | 2026 |
| Katie L. Calheta | 2025 |
| Kara Beth Lees | 2024 |
| Emily Anne Dors | 2025 |
| George L. Grunwald | 2026 |
| Kent Wilkins | 2024 |

Housing Authority

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Ellen C. Lima | 2024 |
| Brian W. Miller | 2028 |
| Suzanne M. Moquin | 2026 |
| Chad S. Carvalho | 2027 |
| Vacant, State Appointee | 2025 |

Planning Board

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| James J. Frates, Chairman | 2024 |
| David Crose, Vice Chairman | 2027 |
| Chad S. Carvalho | 2028 |
| Christopher M. Mello | 2025 |
| Steven M. Tripp | 2024 |

Associate Member (appointed)

| | |
|--------|---------------|
| Vacant | June 30, 2023 |
|--------|---------------|

Water & Sewer Commission

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Robert Parker, Chairman | 2024 |
| Mark S. Rosofsky | 2026 |
| Paul G. Sadeck | 2025 |

Freetown-Lakeville

Regional School District Committee

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| William M. Sienkewicz, Jr., Chairman | 2025 |
| Jennifer Blum | 2026 |
| Robert W. Clark | 2026 |
| Jean C. Fox | 2024 |

Additionally, four residents of Lakeville serve on the committee.

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

As of June 30, 2023. The terms of all appointed officers expire on that date, unless otherwise noted.

Agricultural Commission

All five seats currently vacant.

Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Carl Bizarro

Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector

Lisa M. Podielsky

Board of Assessors

Deanna Hayes, Senior Clerk

Board of Health

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

Board of Registrars

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Sandra DiLillo | March 31, 2024 |
| Blessing Rogers | March 31, 2026 |
| James M. O'Leary | March 31, 2025 |
| Cheryl C. A. Estrella, Town Clerk | |

Board of Selectmen

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

Boundary Agents

Christopher J. Kelley, Sr.
Mark S. Logan
Michael T. McCue

Bristol County Advisory Board Delegate

Trevor R. Matthews

Building Department

Carl Bizarro, Building Commissioner
Carl Bizarro, Sign Certification Officer
Carl Bizarro, Zoning Enforcement Officer
Joseph Biszko, Alt. Building Inspector/ZEO
William Horricks, Alt. Building Inspector/ZEO
Nadine Devine-Diamond, Principal Clerk
Timothy Devine, Custodian

Burial Agent

Cheryl C.A. Estrella

Building Committee

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

COA/Library Community Building Committee

Michael T. McCue, Chairman
Amanda Barlow, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey Amaral
Nicole L. Davignon
Wayne Jaye
Paul D. Lubin
Norman Landreville
Carlos A. Lopes
Thomas Matthews
Paul G. Sadeck
Kent Wilkins

Fire Station Building Subcommittee

Harrie E. Ashley, Jr.
Mark Brogan
Paul S. Ashley, Sr.
Mary E. Rezendes Brown
Deborah L. Pettey
Jared C. Zager

Cable Advisory Committee

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

Cemetery Department

Robert J. Klevecka, Veterans Graves Officer

Census Liaison

Cheryl C. A. Estrella

Citizens for Citizens Representative

Rebecca Frias

Communications Center

Margaret A. Dwyer, Supervisor

Signal Operators (full-time)

Michael R. Dagenais

Timothy M. Dwyer

Dean M. Guimares

Elda M. Hague

Kobey J. Imbert

Catarina P. Medeiros

Logan A. St. Louis

Lauren R. Sunshine

Signal Operators (part-time)

Thomas E. Ashley, Jr.

Samantha R. Cardin

Brianna M. Ferreira

Lisa M. Podielsky

Lydia E. St. Laurent

Community Aggregation Delegate

Deborah L. Pettey

Community Programming

Jeffrey D. Amaral, Director

Alex Columbus, Parking Control Officer

Aiden Flood, Parking Control Officer

Harrison Goyette, Parking Control Officer

Lauren Goyette, Parking Control Officer

Conservation Commission

Keven V. Desmarais, Chairman 2023

Charles B. Sullivan, Jr., Vice Chairman 2025

Christopher Mather 2025

Keith M. Mello 2023

Margaret M. French 2024

Vacant, Alternate 2023

Vacant, Alternate 2023

Council on Aging

Robin Kendrick, Chairman 2024

Brenda Motta, Vice Chairman 2025

Ruth A. Ferland, Secretary 2024

Bruce W. Wilbur, Treasurer 2023

Evelyn M. Alves 2025

Alfred Barros 2023

Marion E. Rylands 2023

Council on Aging Staff

Rebecca Frias, Director

Jacqueline Garell, Senior Clerk

Andrea Lima, Senior Clerk

Council on Aging Van Drivers

John E. Pye, Jr.

Judy A. Reese

Cultural Council

Jeannine Ludovicz, Co-Chairman 11/15/2024

Jay M. Michaels, Co-Chairman 10/19/2023

Abigail S. Michaels, Secretary 10/19/2023

Courtney A. Brightman, Treasurer 12/14/2024

Nicole L. Davignon 10/19/2023

Emily Anne Dors 11/01/2024

Sarah Dudley 12/14/2024

Michael T. McCue 10/19/2023

Donna Motta 10/18/2024

John W. Remedis 10/19/2023

Custodian of Tax Title Possessions

Patricia A. Rodrick

Economic Development Committee

Robert P. Jose, Chairman

Trevor R. Matthews

Deborah L. Pettey

James Rezendes

Bruce W. Wilbur

Election Workers

Wardens

Jeffrey D. Amaral, Precinct I

Paul D. Lubin, Precinct II

Myrna C. Lubin, Precinct III

Clerks

Amanda Murphy, Precinct I

Jennifer Lewis, Precinct II

Lois Pereira, Precinct III

Inspectors/Tellers

Lois A. Amaral

Manuel Arruda, Jr.

Elizabeth D. Ashley

Louise Boucher

Mary L. Bowen

Courtney A. Brightman

Karen Carling-Chudolij

Michele Castonguay

Paula Charette

Coral G. Costello

Pamela Dellarocco
Nicole J. DeMoranville
Paula Desorcy
Linda A. Feijo
Betty Ferreira
Linda Fournier
Susan Freeman-Aronofsky
Joy R. Grunwald
Gary Guinen
Melissa LaPerriere
Marjorie LaPorte
Carolyn Kiley Moore
Alyson Pereira
Edward Porawski
Rhonda Porawski
Barbara Quintal
Judy A. Reese
Paula J. Riley
Nancy Roberts
Robert Rushton
Beverly Sadeck
Gerald Santos
Margaret Seward
Susan Simao
Myra Sweet
Amy Lynne Sypher
Steven J. Terceira

Electrical Inspectors

Christopher J. Cabral
Allen Beaupre

Emergency Management Agency (CD)

Gary Silvia, Director
Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.
Harrie Ashley
Carlos A. Lopes
Trevor R. Matthews
Deborah L. Pettey
Jared C. Zager

Radio Operators

Stephen Medeiros
Paul G. Sadeck

Ethics Commission Liaison

Deborah L. Pettey

Fence Viewers

Carl Bizarro
Keven V. Desmarais
Michael T. McCue
Samuel J. Ruest

Fire Department

Harrie E. Ashley, Jr., Fire Chief/Paramedic
Linda H. Remedis, Senior Clerk

Harbormaster & Shellfish Warden

Mark Jose

Health Insurance Advisory Committee

Thomas E. Ashley, Sr.
Jeffrey Brum
Kobey Imbert
Linette Langevin-Uzzell
Patrick Lee
Patricia A. Rodrick
Jared C. Zager

Highway Department Employees

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

Historical Commission

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Mary E. Rezendes Brown, Chairman | 2025 |
| Jacqueline Petrouski, Clerk | 2025 |
| Travis M. Bowie | 2023 |
| Nicole M. Bruno | 2023 |
| Steven D. Chandler | 2024 |
| Osee C. Mallio | 2024 |
| Vacant | 2023 |
| Peter D. Erwin, Associate Member | 2023 |
| James Rezendes, Associate Member | 2023 |

Librarians

Nicole L. Davignon, Library Director
Sharon M. Dorian, Senior Librarian
Alyssa J. Silva, Programming & Outreach Libr.

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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

Measurers of Wood, Bark, and Lumber

Paul S. Darling
Jennifer Darling Durant

Moth Superintendent

Maurice W. DeMoranville, Sr.

Municipal Coordinator, re: "Right to Know"

Harrie E. Ashley, Jr.

Municipal Hearing Officer, Fire/Building Codes

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.

Open Space & Recreation Advisory Comm.

Brian Almeida
Jeffrey Amaral
Amanda Barlow
Linda Fournier
Lynn Furtado
Ellen C. Lima
Brian W. Miller

Parade & Fireworks Committee

Judith M. Gregory, Chairman
Robert L. Adams
Samantha Downs
Ashley M. Emery
Karen Facchiano
Amanda Farmer
Jean C. Fox
Robert L. Gregory
Ellen C. Lima
Carlos A. Lopes
John W. Remedis
Linda H. Remedis
Patricia Wilbur

Parking Clerk

Linette Langevin-Uzzell

Planning Board

Victoria Alfaro, Planning & Land Use Admin.

Plumbing & Gas Fitting Inspector

William Alphonse, Jr., Inspector
Thomas Barlow, Assistant

Police Department

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

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

Sergeants

Elton E. Ashley, III
Thomas E. Ashley, Jr.
Michael J. Connell
Benjamin A. Levesque
Scott M. Rose

Patrolmen

Nicholas J. Drinkwine
Kaylin A. Jose
Shane V. Kelley (Detective)
Patrick R. Lee
Thomas D. Long
Michael R. MacDonald
Christopher M. Medeiros
Douglas R. Mongeon
Ryan W. Pereira
Philip J. Pine
Adam D. Salinaro

Reserve Officers

Edward J. Dwyer
Marc A. Gaspar

Auxiliary Police Officers

Michael R. Dagenais

K-9 Officer

Koda

Police Chaplain

Rev. Fr. Michael S. Racine

Keeper of the Lock-Up

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq.

Lock-Up Attendants

Lisa M. Podielsky
Lydia E. St. Laurent

Constables

Mark Fornaciari
Michael C. Lecuyer
Edward A. Mello

Constables for Town Processes

Steven E. Abbott
Elton E. Ashley, III

Priority Development Committee

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

Regional School Negotiating Committee

Trevor R. Matthews, Selectmen's Rep.

Regional School Finance Committee

Katie L. Calheta, Finance Committee Rep.

Trevor R. Matthews, Selectmen's Rep.

Scholarship Committee

Michael T. McCue, Chairman 2023

Alan Strauss, Superintendent 2023

Jean C. Fox 2025

Judith M. Gregory 2025

Robert L. Gregory 2024

Sharon J. Rosen 2024

Sandra M. Souza 2023

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Commonwealth of Mass., Division of Standards

Sexual Harassment Officer

Trevor R. Matthews

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

Victoria Alfaro, SRPEDD Commission/JTPG

Deborah L. Pettey, SRPEDD Commission/JTPG

Harrie E. Ashley, Jr., Pre-Disaster Mitigation Com.

Southeastern Regional Transit Authority

Trevor R. Matthews, Representative

Taunton River Stewardship Council

Linda Fournier, Representative

Robert Kerstiens, Alternate

Tax Increment Financing Board

James J. Frates April 30, 2023

Margaret M. French April 30, 2023

Trevor R. Matthews April 30, 2023

Deborah L. Pettey April 30, 2023

Patricia A. Rodrick April 30, 2023

Paul G. Sadeck April 30, 2023

Vacant (Resident) April 30, 2023

Taxation Relief Committee

Barbara A. Place

Patricia A. Rodrick

Paul G. Sadeck

Vacant

Vacant

Town Accountant

Matthew Parent, Town Accountant

Isabel Ferreira, Assistant Town Accountant

Town Counsel

KP Law, P.C.

Town Physician

Dr. Christopher Lebo

Transfer Station

Victoria B. King, Supervisor

Thomas E. Ashley, Sr., Attendant

John R. Brodeur, Attendant, per diem

Treasurer & Collector of Taxes

Patricia A. Rodrick, Treasurer & Tax Collector

Linette Langevin-Uzzell, Asst. Treas./Collector

Melissa Frappier, Payroll Coordinator

Veterans Agent & Veterans Director

Robert J. Klevecka

March 31, 2024

Vocational Education Exploratory Committee

Cheryl C.A. Estrella

Jean C. Fox

William M. Sienkewicz, Jr.

Alan Strauss

Jared Zager

Water & Sewer Commission

David Thibodeau,

Data Acquisition & Infrastructure Maint.

Steven D. Chandler, Senior Clerk

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nicolas J. Velozo, Chairman 2023

James J. Frates 2024

Robert P. Jose 2025

Swede M. Magnett, Associate 2023

Vacant, Associate 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals Staff

Victoria Alfaro, Planning & Land Use Admin.

Appointed by Others

As of June 30, 2023. The terms of all appointed officers expire on that date, unless otherwise noted.

Appointed by the Board of Assessors

Michael T. McCue, Assistant Assessor

Appointed by the Town Clerk

Timothy J. McIntosh, Assistant Town Clerk

Appointed by the Cemetery Commission

Michael T. McCue, Superintendent

Richard P. Brown, Assistant Superintendent

Appointed by the Conservation Commission

Victoria Alfaro, Planning & Land Use Admin.

Lexie Rocca, Gatekeeper

Mark Rocca, Gatekeeper

Michael T. McCue, Open Space Consultant

Town Forest Committee

Steven D. Chandler 2023

Vacant 2024

Vacant 2025

Appointed by the Fire Chief

Full-Time Personnel

Neal Lafleur, Deputy Chief/Paramedic

Paul Ashley, Captain/EMT-A

Mark Brogan, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Jeffrey Brum, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Keith Mello, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Paul Ashley, Jr., Firefighter/EMT

James Gonneville, Firefighter/Paramedic

Mark Lawrence, Firefighter/Paramedic

Nicholas Lecuyer, Firefighter/Paramedic

Stephen Medeiros, Firefighter/Paramedic

Zackary Petitpas, Firefighter/Paramedic

Call Personnel

Vernon Roberts, Captain

Brent L'Heureux, Captain/EMT

Ryan Silvia, Lieutenant/Paramedic

Kevin Smith, Lieutenant

Breanne Abreau, Firefighter/EMT

Matthew Bomes, Firefighter/EMT

Tyler D. Bower, Firefighter/EMT

Samantha R. Cardin, Firefighter/EMT

Alex Copeland, Firefighter/EMT

Lori Desmarais, Firefighter/EMT

Joshua Hathaway, Firefighter/EMT

Caitlin Thomas, Firefighter/EMT

Jesse Lamy, Firefighter

Devin Madeira, Firefighter

Brad Plissey, Firefighter

Jesue Lopes, FFOP

Jason Martin, FFOP

Kenneth Sullivan, FFOP/EMT-P

Appointed by the Moderator

By-Law Review Committee

Emily Anne Dors

Cheryl C. A. Estrella

Carlos A. Lopes

Paul G. Sadeck

Steven M. Tripp

Clarence H. Clark

Memorial Scholarship Committee

Trevor R. Matthews

William M. Sienkewicz, Jr.

Kahlan Dessert

As directed by the will of Clarence H. Clark, members are the chairmen of the Board of Selectmen and the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School Committee, and the principal of the Apponequet Regional High School.

General Government Reports

Report of the Moderator

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Moderator for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Town Meetings held during this fiscal year were as follows:

| Date | Type of Meeting | Turnout | Tellers |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| October 18, 2022 | Special Town Meeting | 227 | Paul D. Lubin, Myrna C. Lubin |
| June 5, 2023 | Special Town Meeting | 143 | Linda Fournier, Amanda Murphy |
| June 5, 2023 | Annual Town Meeting | 143 | Linda Fournier, Amanda Murphy |

The October meeting was held in the auditorium of the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School, and the June meetings were held in the Robert C. Falcon Auditorium of the Apponequet Regional High School.

In addition to serving as your Moderator, I continued as a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Moderators Association for the 2021-2024 term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters who have attended our town meetings throughout the year and contributed to the governance of our community. As for those not attending town meetings regularly, please remember that town meetings are where our by-laws and expenses are voted – by-laws that regulate our activities and development, and expenses that dictate our taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Moderator

Residents with Perfect Attendance at Town Meeting

On behalf of the officers of the Town of Freetown, the Moderator wishes to extend his thanks to the following residents who attended all town meetings held in the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

| Precinct I | Precinct II | Precinct III |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bowen, Mary L. | Bailey, Carol A. | Abbott, Carlton E., Jr. |
| Brightman, Courtney A. | Bailey, Linwood R., Jr. | Abbott, Steven E. |
| Brogan, Jessica M. | Calheta, Katie L. | Amaral, Jeffrey D. |
| Brogan, Mark | Cardoso, Melody A. | Ashley, Harrie E., Jr. |
| Brum, Jeffrey J. | DeMoranville, Maurice W., Sr. | Ashley, Heather J. |
| Cloutier, Ronald E. | Dooher, Elizabeth A. | Ashley, Judith A. |
| Deane, Davis J. | Dudley, Sarah E. | Ashley, Paul S. |
| Desmarais, Keven V. | Facchiano, Karen L. | Ashley, Paul S., Jr. |
| Desmarais, Lori A. | Fournier, Linda M. | Ashley, Thomas E., Jr. |
| DiGiammo, Andrew P. | Howland, Jeanne C. | Barlow, Amanda R. |
| Eckhart, Leslie E. | Lamoureux, Denise | Camara, Jeffrey M. |
| Estrella, Cheryl C.A. | Lees, Kara Beth | Cardin, Samantha R. |
| Field, Jeffrey D. | Lynnais, Margaret M. | DeMedeiros, Sarah A. |
| Fox, Jean C. | Miller, Brian W. | Demanche, Patricia A. |
| Furtado, Lola C. | Paiva, Christine R. | DeMoranville, Nicole J. |
| Furtado, Lynn R. | Reynolds, Robert B. | Dors, Emily Anne |
| Jose, Robert P. | Sienkewicz, William M., Jr. | French, Margaret M. |
| Lafleur, Neal J. | Sullivan, Charles B. | Landreville, Nancy J. |
| Lopes, Carlos A. | | Landreville, Norman P. |
| Matthews, Trevor R. | | Lecuyer, Nicholas C. |
| McCue, Michael T. | | Macomber, Charles J. |
| McIntosh, Timmothy J. | | Mather, Cynthia L. |
| Miller, Donna V. | | Medeiros, Graciette M. |
| Miller, Scott M. | | Mello, Keith M. |
| Moore, Carolyn K. | | Murphy, Amanda K. |
| Moore, Richard E. | | Parker, Robert S. |
| Morse, Anne | | Petitpas, Zackary R. |
| Nwabeke-Rogers, Blessing | | Plissey, Joel B. |
| Petty, Deborah L. | | Renaud, David A. |
| Rezendes Brown, Mary E. | | Sadeck, Beverly A. |
| Rosa, Lucille M. | | Sadeck, James E. |
| Smith, Ralph E. | | Sadeck, Paul G. |
| Wilkins, Kent | | Souza, Lu-Ann M. |
| Wilson, Johanna H. | | Talbot, Kathleen L. |
| Zager, Jared C. | | Walkden, John R. |
| Precinct I Total: 35 | Precinct II Total: 18 | Precinct III Total: 35 |

Report of the Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator

To the Citizens of Freetown:

The following is the Annual Report of the Freetown Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

The Selectmen and the Town Administrator are honored to write the 2023 annual report for the Town of Freetown. While most of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, the profound impacts of the pandemic are still being felt.

The 2023 Fiscal year proved to be another year with substantial changes to the Town's staffing. The Fire Chief, the Police Chief, Police Lieutenant, three long-term Police Sergeants, Town Accountant, Assistant Town Accountant, and the Council on Aging Director retired. We thanked them for their dedication to our community and congratulated them on their retirements.

The need for additional space and updated Town buildings continued to be a priority. With the help from Representative Fiola, who was instrumental in getting the Town an earmark grant in the amount of \$75,000, we were able to update the Feasibility study that had been done on our existing municipal buildings. This report can be found on our web page, freetownma.gov. With this same grant the Town was also able to paint the Old School House Building located next to the Town Hall. Thank you Representative Fiola.

The most immediate need for space was determined to be that of Fire Station #3. The Fire Department needed immediate bunk space to accommodate both female and male firefighters. A feasibility study was completed and conceptual designs created showing an addition that would meet the current needs of the Fire Department.

Senator Rodrigues was instrumental in facilitating an earmark grant in the amount of \$50,000 to use towards the engineering of the Fire Station Addition. Thank you, Senator Rodrigues.

A fire station building committee was created to oversee the project and at the annual town meeting the residents voted to allocate \$3,000,000 to pay for the construction of the addition. We anticipate to break ground in June of 2024.

The MBTA station located at South Main Street was completed in 2023. It is anticipated that this station will open in 2024. The Town continues to prepare for the anticipated changes and growth that will occur from having an MBTA station within the Town.

One of the ways the Town is preparing for growth is by creating a Master Plan. The Selectmen established a Master Plan Committee to work with SRPEDD to create the first Master Plan for the Town of Freetown. The plan is underway and expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

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

The selectmen voted to use \$200,000 of ARPA funds to supplement the sewer line engineering infrastructure project. That project is underway and the engineering is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

The feasibility study for the Fire Station needs was completed and The Selectmen approved utilizing \$750,000 of ARPA funds to hire an Owner's Project Manager and Architect to oversee the design and construction of the Proposed 5000 square foot Fire Station Addition.

The Town has created a Commission on Disabilities and adopted various related policies. The Town has also completed an ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. This plan will help the Town apply for grants that will improve ADA accessibility throughout the Town. This plan can be found on our website.

Representative Schmid was able to obtain an earmark grant for the Town in the amount of \$25,000 to be used to improve the Long Pond Boat ramp. With these funds the Town was able to purchase a new shed, install a Kiosk, install electricity, and purchase other needed equipment. Thank you, Representative Schmid.

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

The Town has continued to move forward in digitalizing the permitting process. Online permitting software was completed for the Building Department and started for the Board of Health Department.

Over the course of the Fiscal Year, the Board of Selectmen called for a Special Town Meeting on October 18, 2022 and the Annual & Special Town Meeting on June 5, 2023.

At the Special Town Meeting held on October 18, 2022, The Town voted to become a member of the Bristol Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District. This is the first time the Town has been a member of a Vocational District. This guarantees a vocational option to Freetown students.

At the Local Election held on April 1, 2023 Trevor Matthews was re-elected for his second three-year term as selectmen. Also, the first members of the Board of Health, independent of the Selectmen, were elected.

On April 22, 2023 the Town held Earth Day and many residents and representatives came out to help clean up the Town. Earth Day was sponsored by many local businesses including Stop and Shop, Copart, and Borges Brothers. Thank you to all that supported this effort.

At the annual town meeting held on June 5, 2023, the residents voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Omnibus Budget of \$30,593,161.96. They also voted to pay for an engineering study to develop options to improve the safety of the intersection located at the corners of Main Street, Water Street, and Elm Street (the "Assonet Four Corners"). The residents approved the Library

Trustees applying for a grant which could pay for up to fifty percent of the construction costs of a new library.

In June, after serving as Interim Town Administrator for 22 months, Deborah L. Pettey was appointed as the Town Administrator.

The Fireworks were spectacular on July 3, 2023. This year marked the return of the July 4th parade. This was the first parade since 2019 and it signaled, we were finally over the pandemic.

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

Liquor/Entertainment Licenses:

| | | |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| All Alcoholic Common Victualer License | 3 @ \$1,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| All Alcoholic Package Store License | 3 @ \$1,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Wine & Malt Package Store License | 3 @ \$ 600.00 | \$ 1,800.00 |
| All Alcoholic Club License | 1 @ \$ 500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Temporary Liquor License | 0 @ \$ 100.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Auctioneer License | 1 @ \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Automatic Amusement Device License | 1 @ \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| Jukebox License | 1 @ \$ 20.00 | \$ 20.00 |
| Entertainment License | 3 @ \$ 100.00 | \$ 300.00 |
| | 1 @ \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Hawkers & Peddlers License | 1 @ \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 |

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| MV Graveyard License | 1 @ \$ 100.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| MV Class II License | 17 @ \$ 100.00 | \$ 1,700.00 |
| MV Class III License | 10 @ \$ 100.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |

Miscellaneous Permits/Fees/Donations Collected:

| | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Road Opening Permit | 3 @ \$ 150.00 | \$ 450.00 |
| Parking Tickets | | \$ 20.00 |
| Annual Town Report Advertisement | 15 @ \$ 100.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Donations to Town Hall | | \$ 0.00 |
| Cable Franchise Fees | | \$ 93,784.78 |
| SouthCoast Educational Collaborative (payment for school classroom use) | | \$ 60,000.00 |
| Public Hearing Fees | | \$ 300.00 |
| Development Fee/HCA | | \$ 23,127.00 |
| Net Meter Funds | | \$ 18,173.59 |
| Boat Ramp | | \$ 26,171.24 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Submitted to Treasurer | | \$235,076.61 |

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the dedicated employees that continue to serve the public and carry out the enormous work that is involved in operating a Town. In addition to the employees the Selectmen would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers,

elected and appointed officials who help make the Town of Freetown a great community to live and work in. Finally, the Board would like to recognize our staff, Lu-Ann Souza and Lola Furtado who assist the Board, and Town Administrator to carry out the duties and responsibilities of our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Pettey, Town Administrator
 Trevor Matthews, Chair, Board of Selectmen
 Jared Zager, Chair, Board of Park Commissioners
 Carlos Lopes, Chair, Personnel Board

Report of the Finance Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

The Finance Committee also administers the Reserve Fund. This fund is set aside for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures. Transfers from the Reserve Fund require the approval of the Finance Committee.

Reserve Fund Transfers:

| Department | Amount | Decision |
|---------------------|-------------|----------|
| Union Pension | \$ 2,328.62 | Approved |
| Elections | \$ 103.19 | Approved |
| Board of Registrars | \$ 317.51 | Approved |
| Town Properties | \$15,487.61 | Denied |

Transfers Between Departments:

| Appropriation Dept. | New Dept. | Amount | Decision |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Highway Personnel | Highway Expense | \$15,000.00 | Approved |
| Liability Insurance | Property Insurance | \$ 1,098.00 | Approved |
| Police Reserve | Police Overtime | \$ 3,634.26 | Approved |
| Town Clerk Clerical | Town Clerk Supplies | \$ 54.62 | Approved |
| Worker's Compensation | Property Insurance | \$ 1,098.00 | Approved |
| Library Techs Salary | Library Addt'l Overtime | \$ 700.00 | Approved |

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. French
 Chairman

Report of the Town Accountant

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year 2023 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 Changes in Fund Balance Changes in Fund Balance Changes in Fund Balance Changes in Fund Balance | Federal Grants State Grants Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Revolving Funds Other Special Revenue |
| Capital Project Funds Changes in Fund Balance | All Funds |
| Enterprise Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Assets | Water-Sewer |
| Trust Funds Changes in Fund Balance Changes in Fund Balance Changes in Fund Balance | Non-Expendable Expendable Other |
| Agency Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities Statement of Assets and Liabilities | Agency Payroll Withholdings |
| Municipal Indebtedness Analysis | |

Free cash as of July 1, 2023 as certified by the Bureau of Accounts was \$3,202,566.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Parent
Town Accountant

Isabel Ferreira
Assistant Town Accountant

Town of Freetown
All Funds - Combined Balance Sheet
Year Ending June 30, 2023

| | General Fund | General Fund Fixed Assets | General Long Term Obligations | Special Revenue Funds | Capital Project Fund | Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund | Water Enterprise Fixed Assets | Trust Funds & Agency Accounts | Totals |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 7,287,749.93 | | | \$ 2,054,819.58 | \$ 4,710,337.64 | \$ 489,639.58 | | \$ 11,174,684.71 | \$ 25,717,231.44 |
| Personal Property Taxes | \$ 88,780.58 | | | | | | | | \$ 88,780.58 |
| Real Estate Taxes | \$ 352,408.24 | | | | | | | | \$ 352,408.24 |
| Allowance for Abatements | \$(2,237,657.74) | | | | | | | | \$(2,237,657.74) |
| Tax Liens | \$ 576,711.26 | | | | | | | | \$ 576,711.26 |
| Deferred Property Taxes | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Motor Vehicle Taxes | \$ 204,282.03 | | | | | | | | \$ 204,282.03 |
| Boat Excise Taxes | \$ 2,724.58 | | | | | | | | \$ 2,724.58 |
| User Charges | | | | | | \$ 186,119.45 | | | \$ 186,119.45 |
| User Liens-Added to Taxes | | | | | | \$ 769.80 | | | \$ 769.80 |
| User Liens-In Tax Title | | | | | | \$ 407.01 | | | \$ 407.01 |
| Police Detail, Receivable | \$ 1,379.15 | | | | | | | \$ 48,257.68 | \$ 49,636.83 |
| Fire Detail, Receivable | \$ 377.81 | | | | | | | \$ 3,778.00 | \$ 4,155.81 |
| Ambulance Receivable | \$ 451,643.24 | | | | | | | | \$ 451,643.24 |
| Title V Betterments, Not Yet Due | | | | \$ 48,963.08 | | | | | \$ 48,963.08 |
| Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due | | | | | | \$ 2,365.45 | | | \$ 2,365.45 |
| Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes | | | | | | \$ 405.77 | | | \$ 405.77 |
| Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes | | | | | | \$ 50.72 | | | \$ 50.72 |
| Assessment Liens In Tax Title | | | | | | \$ - | | | \$ - |
| Due from Federal Government | | | | \$ 17,158.21 | | | | | \$ 17,158.21 |
| Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts | \$ 65,718.00 | | | \$ 149,920.00 | \$ 1,649.60 | | | | \$ 217,287.60 |
| Prepaid Expenditures | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Tax Foreclosures | \$ 258,642.16 | | | | | | | | \$ 258,642.16 |
| Fixed Assets-Property, Plant & Equipment, net | | \$ 28,034,858.87 | | | | | \$ 2,226,454.08 | | \$ 30,261,312.95 |
| Amounts to be Provided for Long Term Debt | | | \$ 22,336,204.90 | | | | | | \$ 22,336,204.90 |
| Total Assets | \$ 7,052,759.24 | \$ 28,034,858.87 | \$ 22,336,204.90 | \$ 2,270,860.87 | \$ 4,711,987.24 | \$ 679,757.78 | \$ 2,226,454.08 | \$ 11,226,720.39 | \$ 78,539,603.37 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | \$ 726,836.02 | | | \$ 53,731.21 | \$ 2,574.25 | \$ 100,129.37 | | \$ 67,947.19 | \$ 951,218.04 |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 14,355.45 | | | | | \$ - | | | \$ 14,355.45 |
| Retainage Payable | | | | \$ 18,171.30 | | | | | \$ 18,171.30 |
| Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld | | | | | | | | \$ 31,163.54 | \$ 31,163.54 |
| Due to Other Governments | | | | | | | | \$ 3,270.95 | \$ 3,270.95 |
| Other Liabilities | \$ 1,564.19 | | \$ 17,889,093.58 | | | | | \$ 224,133.28 | \$ 18,114,791.05 |
| Deferred Revenue | \$(341,489.02) | | | \$ 66,121.29 | \$ 1,649.60 | \$ 190,118.20 | | \$ 52,035.68 | \$(31,564.25) |
| Revenue Received, Not Yet Due | \$ 50,000.00 | | | | | | | | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Capitalized Leases Payable | | | \$ 837,111.32 | | | | | | \$ 837,111.32 |
| Bonds, BAN's & Notes Payable | | | \$ 3,610,000.00 | | \$ - | | | | \$ 3,610,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 451,266.64 | \$ - | \$ 22,336,204.90 | \$ 138,023.80 | \$ 4,223.85 | \$ 290,247.57 | \$ - | \$ 378,550.64 | \$ 23,598,517.40 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | | | | | |
| Net Assets, Restricted for Encumbrances | | | | | | \$ 10,368.99 | | | \$ 10,368.99 |
| Net Assets Restricted for Expenditures | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Net Assets Restricted for Continuing Appropriations | | | | | | \$ 63,600.00 | | | \$ 63,600.00 |
| Net Assets, Unrestricted | | | | | | \$ 315,541.22 | | | \$ 315,541.22 |
| Investment in Fixed Assets | | \$ 28,034,858.87 | | | | | \$ 2,226,454.08 | | \$ 30,261,312.95 |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances | \$ 532,327.93 | | | | | | | | \$ 532,327.93 |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Appropriations | \$ 511,125.63 | | | | | | | | \$ 511,125.63 |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated | | | | \$ 2,127,957.94 | | | | \$ 414,979.26 | \$ 2,542,937.20 |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated | \$ 5,558,039.04 | | | \$ 4,879.13 | \$ 4,707,763.39 | | | \$ 10,433,190.49 | \$ 20,703,872.05 |
| Total Fund Equity | \$ 6,601,492.60 | \$ 28,034,858.87 | \$ - | \$ 2,132,837.07 | \$ 4,707,763.39 | \$ 389,510.21 | \$ 2,226,454.08 | \$ 10,848,169.75 | \$ 54,941,085.97 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | \$ 7,052,759.24 | \$ 28,034,858.87 | \$ 22,336,204.90 | \$ 2,270,860.87 | \$ 4,711,987.24 | \$ 679,757.78 | \$ 2,226,454.08 | \$ 11,226,720.39 | \$ 78,539,603.37 |

Town of Freetown
 Combined Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds
 Year Ending June 30, 2023

| | Federal Grants | State Grants | Receipts Reserved for Appropriation | Revolving Funds | Other Special Revenue Funds | Septic Title V Betterments | Totals |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,235,152.07 | \$ 13,733.51 | \$ 393,784.05 | \$ 169,328.50 | \$ 140,807.31 | \$ 102,014.14 | \$ 2,054,819.58 |
| 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 | | | | | | \$ 48,963.08 | \$ 48,963.08 |
| Apportioned Assessments, Not Yet Due | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Apportioned Assess.-Added To Taxes | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Apportioned Interest-Added To Taxes | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Suspended Assessments | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Assessment Liens In Tax Title | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Accrued Revenue Receivable | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Due from Federal Government | \$ 17,158.21 | | | | | | \$ 17,158.21 |
| Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts | | \$ 149,920.00 | | | | | \$ 149,920.00 |
| 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 | \$ 1,252,310.28 | \$ 163,653.51 | \$ 393,784.05 | \$ 169,328.50 | \$ 140,807.31 | \$ 150,977.22 | \$ 2,270,860.87 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | \$ 22,505.20 | \$ 25,759.15 | | \$ 4,026.86 | \$ 1,440.00 | | \$ 53,731.21 |
| Accounts Payable | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Retainage Payable | \$ 18,171.30 | | | | | | \$ 18,171.30 |
| Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Due to Other Governments | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Other Liabilities | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Deferred Revenue | \$ 17,158.21 | | | | | \$ 48,963.08 | \$ 66,121.29 |
| Capitalized Leases Payable | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Bonds Payable | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 57,834.71 | \$ 25,759.15 | \$ - | \$ 4,026.86 | \$ 1,440.00 | \$ 48,963.08 | \$ 138,023.80 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | | | |
| 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 | \$ 1,194,475.57 | \$ 137,894.36 | \$ 393,784.05 | \$ 160,422.51 | \$ 139,367.31 | \$ 102,014.14 | \$ 2,127,957.94 |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated | | | | \$ 4,879.13 | | | \$ 4,879.13 |
| Total Fund Equity | \$ 1,194,475.57 | \$ 137,894.36 | \$ 393,784.05 | \$ 165,301.64 | \$ 139,367.31 | \$ 102,014.14 | \$ 2,132,837.07 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | \$ 1,252,310.28 | \$ 163,653.51 | \$ 393,784.05 | \$ 169,328.50 | \$ 140,807.31 | \$ 150,977.22 | \$ 2,270,860.87 |

Town of Freetown
 Combined Balance Sheet - Capital Project Funds
 Year Ending June 30, 2023

| | Chapter 90 Highway | Police Station | WRAP Highway | Highway Barn Roof | COA Senior Center Renovation | Public Safety Comm Equip Upgrade | Fire Station Addition/Renovations | Water Filtration Site Improvements | Totals |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$(18,642.32) | \$ - | \$66,805.13 | \$ 32,421.96 | \$ 1,100,000.00 | \$ 504,466.82 | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$ 33,458.50 | \$4,710,337.64 |
| 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 | \$ 1,649.60 | | | | | | | | \$ 1,649.60 |
| 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 | \$(16,992.72) | \$ - | \$66,805.13 | \$ 32,421.96 | \$ 1,100,000.00 | \$ 504,466.82 | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$ 33,458.50 | \$4,711,987.24 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | | | \$ 2,574.25 | | | | | | \$ 2,574.25 |
| Accounts Payable | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Retainage Payable | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Due to Other Governments | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Other Liabilities | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Deferred Revenue | \$ 1,649.60 | | | | | | | | \$ 1,649.60 |
| Capitalized Leases Payable | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Bonds & BAN Payable | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 1,649.60 | \$ - | \$ 2,574.25 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,223.85 |
| Fund Equity | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | \$(18,642.32) | | \$64,230.88 | \$ 32,421.96 | \$ 1,100,000.00 | \$ 504,466.82 | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$ 33,458.50 | \$4,707,763.39 |
| Total Fund Equity | \$(18,642.32) | \$ - | \$64,230.88 | \$ 32,421.96 | \$ 1,100,000.00 | \$ 504,466.82 | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$ 33,458.50 | \$4,707,763.39 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | \$(16,992.72) | \$ - | \$66,805.13 | \$ 32,421.96 | \$ 1,100,000.00 | \$ 504,466.82 | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$ 33,458.50 | \$4,711,987.24 |

Town of Freetown
 Combined Balance Sheet - Trust & Agency Funds
 Year Ending June 30, 2023

| | Non-Expendable Trust Funds | Expendable Trust Funds | Other Trust Funds | Agency Funds | Payroll Withholding Agency Fund | Totals |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 414,979.26 | \$85,635.02 | \$ 10,347,555.47 | \$256,777.77 | \$ 69,737.19 | \$11,174,684.71 |
| 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 | | | | \$ 48,257.68 | | \$ 48,257.68 |
| Fire Detail, Receivable | | | | \$ 3,778.00 | | \$ 3,778.00 |
| 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 | \$ 414,979.26 | \$85,635.02 | \$ 10,347,555.47 | \$308,813.45 | \$ 69,737.19 | \$11,226,720.39 |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | | | | \$ 29,373.54 | \$ 38,573.65 | \$ 67,947.19 |
| Accounts Payable | | | | | | \$ - |
| Retainage Payable | | | | | | \$ - |
| Accrued Payroll & Amounts Withheld | | | | | \$ 31,163.54 | \$ 31,163.54 |
| Due to Other Governments | | | | \$ 3,270.95 | | \$ 3,270.95 |
| Other Liabilities | | | | \$224,133.28 | | \$ 224,133.28 |
| Deferred Revenue | | | | \$ 52,035.68 | | \$ 52,035.68 |
| Capitalized Leases Payable | | | | | | \$ - |
| Bonds Payable | | | | | | \$ - |
| Total Liabilities | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$308,813.45 | \$ 69,737.19 | \$ 378,550.64 |
| <u>Fund Equity</u> | | | | | | |
| Net Assets, Restricted | | | | | | \$ - |
| Net Assets, Unrestricted | | | | | | \$ - |
| Investment in Fixed Assets | | | | | | \$ - |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Encumbrances | | | | | | \$ - |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Expenditures | | | | | | \$ - |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Prepaid Expenditures | | | | | | \$ - |
| Reserved Fund Balance-Continuing Approp | | | | | | \$ - |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Allowable Deficits | | | | | | \$ - |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Designated | \$ 414,979.26 | | | | | \$ 414,979.26 |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Undesignated | | \$85,635.02 | \$ 10,347,555.47 | | | \$10,433,190.49 |
| Total Fund Equity | \$ 414,979.26 | \$85,635.02 | \$ 10,347,555.47 | \$ - | \$ - | \$10,848,169.75 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity | \$ 414,979.26 | \$85,635.02 | \$ 10,347,555.47 | \$308,813.45 | \$ 69,737.19 | \$11,226,720.39 |

Town of Freetown
All Funds - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets
Year Ending June 30, 2023

| | General Fund | Federal Grants | State Grants | Receipts Reserved for Appropriation | Revolving Funds | Other Special Revenue Funds | Capital Projects | Water-Sewer Enterprise | Trust Funds | Agency Funds | Totals |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Taxes | \$ 25,366,238.72 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 25,366,238.72 |
| Local Receipts | \$ 4,375,319.93 | \$ 9,767.13 | \$ 152.50 | \$ 103,531.78 | \$ 101,629.24 | \$ 79,651.83 | | \$ 1,295,209.52 | \$ 438,356.84 | \$ 607,421.27 | \$ 7,011,040.04 |
| Transfers for Payroll Withholdings | | | | | | | | | | \$ 2,290,534.54 | \$ 2,290,534.54 |
| Federal Receipts | \$ - | \$ 1,185,674.99 | | | | | | | \$ - | | \$ 1,185,674.99 |
| State Receipts | \$ 2,474,110.00 | | \$ 436,070.97 | \$ 514.70 | \$ 470.00 | | \$ 345,733.54 | \$ - | | | \$ 3,256,899.21 |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 32,215,668.65 | \$ 1,195,442.12 | \$ 436,223.47 | \$ 104,046.48 | \$ 102,099.24 | \$ 79,651.83 | \$ 345,733.54 | \$ 1,295,209.52 | \$ 438,356.84 | \$ 2,897,955.81 | \$ 39,110,387.50 |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Revenue Funds | \$ 254,000.55 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 254,000.55 |
| Enterprise Funds | \$ 63,374.00 | | | | | | | | | | \$ 63,374.00 |
| General Fund | \$ - | \$ 11,889.46 | \$ 11,068.78 | | \$ 20,000.00 | | \$ 2,441,827.55 | | \$ 798,109.59 | | \$ 3,282,895.38 |
| Capital Projects | \$ 30,522.74 | | | | | | \$ 550,000.00 | | | | \$ 580,522.74 |
| Agency Funds | \$ (361.93) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (361.93) |
| Trust Funds | \$ - | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ 347,535.36 | \$ 11,889.46 | \$ 11,068.78 | \$ - | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$ - | \$ 798,109.59 | \$ - | \$ 4,180,430.74 |
| Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources | \$ 32,563,204.01 | \$ 1,207,331.58 | \$ 447,292.25 | \$ 104,046.48 | \$ 122,099.24 | \$ 79,651.83 | \$ 3,337,561.09 | \$ 1,295,209.52 | \$ 1,236,466.43 | \$ 2,897,955.81 | \$ 43,290,818.24 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ (2,002,852.67) | \$ (406,668.07) | \$ (368,514.35) | \$ (334.69) | \$ (72,028.04) | \$ (2,117.88) | | | \$ (48,500.00) | \$ (102,151.80) | \$ (3,003,167.50) |
| Public Safety | \$ (4,607,177.64) | \$ (3,486.53) | \$ (83,956.42) | | \$ (8,825.00) | \$ - | \$ (361,438.75) | | | \$ (564,638.48) | \$ (5,629,522.82) |
| Education | \$ (14,293,155.86) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (14,293,155.86) |
| Public Works | \$ (1,861,490.84) | | \$ (16,426.60) | | \$ (5,400.00) | \$ (3,800.00) | \$ (267,493.74) | \$ (1,162,732.87) | \$ (56.41) | | \$ (3,317,400.46) |
| Human Services | \$ (408,476.68) | | \$ (5,718.32) | | \$ (2,621.79) | \$ (3,319.77) | | | | | \$ (420,136.56) |
| Culture & Recreation | \$ (310,620.98) | | \$ (24,644.37) | | \$ (17,524.29) | \$ (975.00) | | | \$ (12,354.89) | | \$ (366,119.53) |
| Debt Service | \$ (1,267,650.00) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (1,267,650.00) |
| Intergovernmental Assessments | \$ (311,413.43) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (311,413.43) |
| Employee Benefits | \$ (3,156,052.21) | | | | | | | | | \$ (2,289,216.51) | \$ (5,445,268.72) |
| Other | \$ (212,145.30) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (212,145.30) |
| Capital Equipment | \$ (682,381.15) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (682,381.15) |
| Capital Building Improvements | \$ (5,985.00) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (5,985.00) |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ (29,119,401.76) | \$ (410,154.60) | \$ (499,260.06) | \$ (334.69) | \$ (106,399.12) | \$ (10,212.65) | \$ (628,932.49) | \$ (1,162,732.87) | \$ (60,911.30) | \$ (2,956,006.79) | \$ (34,954,346.33) |
| Other Financing Uses: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Revenue Funds | \$ (42,958.24) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (42,958.24) |
| Capital Projects | \$ (2,441,827.55) | | | | | | | | \$ (550,000.00) | | \$ (2,991,827.55) |
| Enterprise Funds | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ (10,459.82) | | | \$ (10,459.82) |
| General Fund | \$ - | \$ (82,488.53) | \$ (30,297.75) | \$ (137,500.00) | \$ (3,714.27) | | \$ (30,522.74) | \$ (63,374.00) | | \$ 361.93 | \$ (347,535.36) |
| Trust Funds | \$ (798,109.59) | | | | | | | | | | \$ (798,109.59) |
| Agency Funds | \$ - | | | | | | | | | | \$ - |
| SUBTOTAL | \$ (3,282,895.38) | \$ (82,488.53) | \$ (30,297.75) | \$ (137,500.00) | \$ (3,714.27) | \$ - | \$ (30,522.74) | \$ (73,833.82) | \$ (550,000.00) | \$ 361.93 | \$ (4,190,890.56) |
| Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses | \$ (32,402,297.14) | \$ (492,643.13) | \$ (529,557.81) | \$ (137,834.69) | \$ (110,113.39) | \$ (10,212.65) | \$ (659,455.23) | \$ (1,236,566.69) | \$ (610,911.30) | \$ (2,955,644.86) | \$ (39,145,236.89) |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | \$ 160,906.87 | \$ 714,688.45 | \$ (82,265.56) | \$ (33,788.21) | \$ 11,985.85 | \$ 69,439.18 | \$ 2,678,105.86 | \$ 58,642.83 | \$ 625,555.13 | \$ (57,689.05) | \$ 4,145,581.35 |
| Net Assets, Beginning | \$ 6,440,585.73 | \$ 479,787.12 | \$ 220,159.92 | \$ 427,572.26 | \$ 153,315.79 | \$ 171,942.27 | \$ 2,029,657.53 | \$ 330,867.38 | \$ 10,222,614.62 | \$ - | \$ 20,476,502.62 |
| Other Adjustments | \$ - | | | | | | | | | \$ 57,689.05 | \$ 57,689.05 |
| Net Assets, Ending | \$ 6,601,492.60 | \$ 1,194,475.57 | \$ 137,894.36 | \$ 393,784.05 | \$ 165,301.64 | \$ 241,381.45 | \$ 4,707,763.39 | \$ 389,510.21 | \$ 10,848,169.75 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 24,679,773.02 |

TOWN OF FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR 2023

REVENUES - BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

| | Budget | Actual | Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference |
|--|------------------|------------------|--|
| <u>LOCAL TAXES:</u> | | | |
| Personal Property Taxes (Net of Refunds)* | \$ 1,797,084.76 | \$ 1,786,033.34 | \$ (11,051.42) |
| Real Estate Taxes (Net of Refunds)* | \$ 23,344,336.63 | \$ 23,450,954.60 | \$ 106,617.97 |
| Deferred Taxes | \$ - | \$ 29,813.43 | \$ 29,813.43 |
| Tax Liens Redeemed | \$ - | \$ 82,441.87 | \$ 82,441.87 |
| Tax Foreclosure Redeemed | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Rollback Taxes | \$ - | \$ 16,995.48 | \$ 16,995.48 |
| Other Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Local Taxes | \$ 25,141,421.39 | \$ 25,366,238.72 | \$ 224,817.33 |
| <u>LOCAL RECEIPTS:</u> | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of Refunds) | \$ 1,680,000.00 | \$ 2,134,707.61 | \$ 454,707.61 |
| Vessel Excise (Net of Refunds) | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 6,459.58 | \$ 959.58 |
| Excise Paid After Abatement | \$ - | \$ 934.69 | \$ 934.69 |
| Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excises | \$ 105,000.00 | \$ 135,706.05 | \$ 30,706.05 |
| Fees/Other Dept. Revenue-Trash Disposal | \$ 241,500.00 | \$ 336,500.00 | \$ 95,000.00 |
| Fees | \$ 210,000.00 | \$ 323,518.07 | \$ 113,518.07 |
| Charges for Services-Ambulance | \$ 450,000.00 | \$ 725,799.32 | \$ 275,799.32 |
| Other Departmental Revenue | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 199,151.94 | \$ 99,151.94 |
| Alcohol Licenses | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 8,300.00 | \$ 3,300.00 |
| Other Licenses | \$ 29,500.00 | \$ 46,460.00 | \$ 16,960.00 |
| Permits | \$ 147,500.00 | \$ 160,938.02 | \$ 13,438.02 |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | \$ 6,000.00 | \$ 6,587.54 | \$ 587.54 |
| Fines & Forfeits | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 51,328.32 | \$ 21,328.32 |
| Proceeds from Sale of Property - Foreclosures | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Proceeds from Sale of Property - Fixed Assets | \$ - | \$ 11,650.00 | \$ 11,650.00 |
| Earnings on Investments | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 113,756.12 | \$ 110,756.12 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue - Non Recurring | \$ - | \$ 53,522.59 | \$ 53,522.59 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue - Recurring | \$ 60,000.00 | \$ 60,000.08 | \$ 0.08 |
| Total Local Receipts | \$ 3,073,000.00 | \$ 4,375,319.93 | \$ 1,302,319.93 |
| <u>STATE RECEIPTS:</u> | | | |
| Exemptions: Vets, Blind, Surviving Spouses & Elderly | \$ 63,573.00 | \$ 23,951.00 | \$ (39,622.00) |
| State Owned Land | \$ 340,204.00 | \$ 340,204.00 | \$ - |
| Veterans Benefits, Chapter 115* | \$ 80,718.00 | \$ 68,722.00 | \$ (11,996.00) |
| Chapter 70 | \$ 461,524.00 | \$ 461,524.00 | \$ - |
| Mass. School Building Authority | \$ 479,742.00 | \$ 479,742.00 | \$ - |
| Unrestricted General Government Aid Chapter 29 | \$ 1,099,967.00 | \$ 1,099,967.00 | \$ - |
| Other Revenue From the State | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| School Transportation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total State Receipts | \$ 2,525,728.00 | \$ 2,474,110.00 | \$ (51,618.00) |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</u> | | | |
| Special Revenue Funds | \$ 137,500.00 | \$ 254,000.55 | \$ 116,500.55 |
| Capital Projects Funds | \$ - | \$ 30,522.74 | \$ 30,522.74 |
| Enterprise Funds | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 63,374.00 | \$ (11,626.00) |
| Trust Funds | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Agency Funds | \$ - | \$ (361.93) | \$ (361.93) |
| General Stabilization-Reduce Levy | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Transfers From Other Funds | \$ 212,500.00 | \$ 347,535.36 | \$ 135,035.36 |
| TOTAL ALL REVENUES | \$ 30,952,649.39 | \$ 32,563,204.01 | \$ 1,610,554.62 |

*Includes 60 day accruals

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

| | Appropriations ATM-Oper/Capital | Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles | Encumbrances | Continuing Appropriations | Other Amount To Raise | Add'l Approp. STM - Fall-Oct | Add'l Approp. STM - Sprg-June | Reserve Fund Transfers | Line Item Transfers | Expended FY2023 | Unexpended Appropriation |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moderator | \$ 585.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (583.00) | \$ 2.00 |
| Board of Selectmen | \$ 37,222.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,800.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (33,457.13) | \$ 19,564.87 |
| Administrator | \$ 291,862.44 | \$ - | \$ 29,790.00 | \$ 259,542.50 | \$ - | \$ 50,187.68 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (442,549.19) | \$ 188,833.43 |
| Finance Committee | \$ 5,850.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (2,290.68) | \$ 3,559.32 |
| Reserve Fund | \$ 175,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (54,866.88) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 120,133.12 |
| Accounting | \$ 170,758.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,100.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (145,798.45) | \$ 27,059.55 |
| Audit | \$ 20,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (20,000.00) | \$ - |
| Board of Assessors | \$ 102,914.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,650.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (96,568.37) | \$ 8,995.63 |
| BOA Revaluation | \$ 71,300.00 | \$ - | \$ 39,500.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (56,200.00) | \$ 54,600.00 |
| Town Treasurer | \$ 227,461.08 | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (220,348.30) | \$ 14,312.78 |
| Legal Services | \$ 135,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (134,292.00) | \$ 708.00 |
| Management Information Systems | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 7,440.67 | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (86,255.74) | \$ 46,184.93 |
| Tax Title | \$ 28,950.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (27,486.56) | \$ 1,463.44 |
| Town Clerk | \$ 136,976.55 | \$ - | \$ 925.00 | \$ 10,707.85 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (132,897.19) | \$ 15,712.21 |
| Elections | \$ 39,180.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 103.19 | \$ - | \$ (39,252.35) | \$ 30.84 |
| Registration | \$ 9,812.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 317.51 | \$ - | \$ (8,774.39) | \$ 1,355.12 |
| Conservation Commission | \$ 51,968.46 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (9,443.11) | \$ 42,525.35 |
| Planning Board | \$ 115,650.33 | \$ - | \$ 3,389.91 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (52,534.36) | \$ 66,505.88 |
| Board of Appeals-Zoning | \$ 2,550.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (150.00) | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Soil Board | \$ 1,100.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (96.86) | \$ 1,003.14 |
| Economic Development | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Public Buildings | \$ 389,748.00 | \$ - | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 2,507.71 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 23,000.00 | \$ (3,559.60) | \$ (399,008.26) | \$ 27,687.85 |
| Property Insurance | \$ 106,730.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (12,695.59) | \$ (92,366.73) | \$ 1,667.68 |
| Town Reports | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (2,500.00) | \$ - |
| | \$ 2,195,117.86 | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ 100,795.58 | \$ 343,558.06 | \$ - | \$ 50,187.68 | \$ - | \$ (31,446.18) | \$ (16,255.19) | \$ (2,002,852.67) | \$ 646,305.14 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Police | \$ 2,434,654.27 | \$ - | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ 90,002.00 | \$ - | \$ 30,405.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (2,356,401.84) | \$ 236,659.43 |
| Communications | \$ 466,041.72 | \$ - | \$ 22,000.00 | \$ 52,500.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (398,293.65) | \$ 142,248.07 |
| Fire | \$ 1,656,710.00 | \$ - | \$ 7,817.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,590,775.38) | \$ 73,751.62 |
| Building Department | \$ 133,388.92 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (123,609.13) | \$ 9,779.79 |
| Gas | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (4,480.00) | \$ 520.00 |
| Plumbing | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (4,095.00) | \$ 905.00 |
| Sealer of Weights/Measures | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (4,000.00) | \$ - |
| Electrical | \$ 19,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (18,130.00) | \$ 870.00 |
| Civil Defense-EMA | \$ 19,745.62 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (16,493.64) | \$ 3,251.98 |
| Animal Control | \$ 45,735.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (43,249.40) | \$ 2,485.60 |
| Forestry | \$ 44,090.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,559.60 | \$ (47,649.60) | \$ - |
| Harbormaster | \$ 100.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 100.00 |
| | \$ 4,833,465.53 | \$ - | \$ 67,817.00 | \$ 142,502.00 | \$ - | \$ 30,405.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,559.60 | \$ (4,607,177.64) | \$ 470,571.49 |
| EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| School Committee | \$ 4,424.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (4,424.00) | \$ - |
| Regional School Assessment & Debt Service | \$ 13,012,715.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 53,969.81 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (13,064,140.06) | \$ 2,544.75 |
| Bristol County Agricultural School | \$ 125,792.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 21,354.56 | \$ - | \$ (147,146.56) | \$ - |
| Old Colony Voc Assessment & Transportation | \$ 532,695.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,763.00 | \$ - | \$ (536,558.10) | \$ 3,899.90 |
| Other Voc Assessment & Transportation | \$ 572,070.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (540,887.14) | \$ 31,182.86 |
| | \$ 14,247,696.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 53,969.81 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 29,117.56 | \$ - | \$ (14,293,155.86) | \$ 37,627.51 |

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

| | Appropriations ATM-Oper/Capital | Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles | Encumbrances | Continuing Appropriations | Other Amount To Raise | Add'l Approp. STM - Fall-Oct | Add'l Approp. STM - Sprg-June | Reserve Fund Transfers | Line Item Transfers | Expended FY2023 | Unexpended Appropriation |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Highway | \$ 672,419.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (688,255.45) | \$ 22,163.55 |
| Snow & Ice Removal | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (127,186.65) | \$ 22,813.35 |
| Street Lights | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,928.46) | \$ 2,571.54 |
| Trash Collection & Disposal | \$ 780,245.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (738,348.65) | \$ 41,896.35 |
| Transfer Station | \$ 288,950.56 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (263,076.32) | \$ 25,874.24 |
| Cemetery | \$ 27,160.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 23,462.92 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (42,695.31) | \$ 10,927.61 |
| | \$ 1,923,274.56 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 23,462.92 | \$ - | \$ 38,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,861,490.84) | \$ 126,246.64 |
| HUMAN SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Board of Health | \$ 209,456.40 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (150,908.57) | \$ 58,547.83 |
| Council on Aging | \$ 159,787.93 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (152,947.49) | \$ 6,840.44 |
| Veterans Services | \$ 162,240.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (103,261.32) | \$ 58,978.68 |
| Memorial & Veterans Day | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,359.30) | \$ 840.70 |
| | \$ 533,684.33 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (408,476.68) | \$ 125,207.65 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Library | \$ 192,553.26 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (183,612.73) | \$ 23,940.53 |
| Cable Advisory Committee | \$ - | \$ 135,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 35,593.08 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (116,260.00) | \$ 54,333.08 |
| Arts Local Cultural Council | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,560.80) | \$ 1,939.20 |
| Historical Commission | \$ 500.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 500.00 |
| Parade & Fireworks | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (3,000.00) | \$ - |
| Other Culture & Recreation | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (6,187.45) | \$ 18,812.55 |
| | \$ 199,553.26 | \$ 135,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 50,593.08 | \$ - | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (310,620.98) | \$ 99,525.36 |
| DEBT SERVICE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retirement of Debt | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Principal Payments | \$ 1,170,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,170,000.00) | \$ - |
| Interest on Long Term Debt | \$ 97,650.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (97,650.00) | \$ - |
| | \$ 1,267,650.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,267,650.00) | \$ - |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSESSMENTS & CHARGES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| State Assessments & Charges | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 135,209.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (143,309.00) | \$ (8,100.00) |
| County Assessments & Charges | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 166,248.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (166,247.58) | \$ 0.42 |
| SRPEDD Assessment | \$ 1,856.85 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,856.85) | \$ - |
| | \$ 1,856.85 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 301,457.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (311,413.43) | \$ (8,099.58) |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retirement & Pension Contributions | \$ 1,355,010.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,328.62 | \$ - | \$ (1,356,920.15) | \$ 418.47 |
| Workers Compensation Insurance | \$ 91,650.00 | \$ - | \$ 2,739.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,098.00 | \$ (95,487.00) | \$ - |
| Unemployment Benefits | \$ 32,074.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (8,498.00) | \$ 23,576.00 |
| Health Insurance | \$ 1,786,703.44 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (8,876.54) | \$ (1,612,452.10) | \$ 165,374.80 |
| Life Insurance | \$ 2,200.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (1,818.42) | \$ 381.58 |
| Medicare | \$ 72,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 8,876.54 | \$ (80,876.54) | \$ - |
| | \$ 3,339,637.44 | \$ - | \$ 2,739.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,328.62 | \$ 1,098.00 | \$ (3,156,052.21) | \$ 189,750.85 |

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

| | Appropriations ATM-Oper/Capital | Appropriations ATM-Spec Articles | Encumbrances | Continuing Appropriations | Other Amount To Raise | Add'l Approp. STM - Fall-Oct | Add'l Approp. STM - Sprg-June | Reserve Fund Transfers | Line Item Transfers | Expended FY2023 | Unexpended Appropriation |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| OTHER | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liability Insurance | \$ 63,950.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,597.59 | \$ (75,547.59) | \$ - |
| Town-wide Fueling | \$ 250,498.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (136,597.71) | \$ 113,900.29 |
| | \$ 314,448.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 11,597.59 | \$ (212,145.30) | \$ 113,900.29 |
| CAPITAL EQUIPMENT BUDGET: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Equipment Leases & Purchases | \$ 648,444.51 | \$ - | \$ 45,086.64 | \$ 60,800.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (682,381.15) | \$ 71,950.00 |
| | \$ 648,444.51 | \$ - | \$ 45,086.64 | \$ 60,800.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (682,381.15) | \$ 71,950.00 |
| CAPITAL BUILDING BUDGET: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Town Building Improvements | \$ 180,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 221,745.21 | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (5,985.00) | \$ 450,760.21 |
| | \$ 180,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 221,745.21 | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (5,985.00) | \$ 450,760.21 |
| Current Fiscal Year Transfers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer to Special Revenue | \$ 42,958.24 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (42,958.24) | \$ - |
| Transfer to Capital Project Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,441,827.55 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (2,441,827.55) | \$ - |
| Transfer to Enterprise Funds | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Transfer to Conservation Land Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 73,109.59 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (73,109.59) | \$ - |
| Transfer to Trust Fund - OPEB | \$ 225,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (225,000.00) | \$ - |
| Transfer to Trust Fund - Stabilization | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (500,000.00) | \$ - |
| Transfer to Trust Fund - Capital Stabilization | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Transfers | \$ 767,958.24 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,514,937.14 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (3,282,895.38) | \$ - |
| Total FY2023 Appropriations | \$ 30,452,786.58 | \$ 145,200.00 | \$ 438,183.43 | \$ 729,885.87 | \$ 301,457.00 | \$ 143,592.68 | \$ 2,514,937.14 | \$ 0.00 | \$ (0.00) | \$ (32,402,297.14) | \$ 2,323,745.56 |

TOWN OF FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR 2023

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET VS. ACTUAL

| | | Budget | Actual | Favorable (Unfavorable) Difference |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| <u>TOWN BUDGETS:</u> | | | | |
| General Government | Personnel | \$ 1,027,422.32 | \$ 885,597.40 | \$ 141,824.92 |
| | Overtime | \$ 3,492.62 | \$ 2,071.33 | \$ 1,421.29 |
| | Expenses | \$ 1,116,501.55 | \$ 853,744.99 | \$ 262,756.56 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 398,438.03 | \$ 201,195.62 | \$ 197,242.41 |
| | Encumbrances | \$ 103,303.29 | \$ 60,243.33 | \$ 43,059.96 |
| Public Safety | Personnel | \$ 3,882,364.89 | \$ 3,672,251.54 | \$ 210,113.35 |
| | Overtime | \$ 503,803.92 | \$ 462,404.08 | \$ 41,399.84 |
| | Expenses | \$ 450,856.32 | \$ 419,022.47 | \$ 31,833.85 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 172,907.00 | \$ 33,580.20 | \$ 139,326.80 |
| | Encumbrances | \$ 67,817.00 | \$ 19,919.35 | \$ 47,897.65 |
| Education | Personnel | \$ 4,424.00 | \$ 4,424.00 | \$ - |
| | Expenses | \$ 14,272,389.56 | \$ 14,237,306.11 | \$ 35,083.45 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 53,969.81 | \$ 51,425.75 | \$ 2,544.06 |
| Public Works | Personnel | \$ 632,834.56 | \$ 605,018.01 | \$ 27,816.55 |
| | Overtime | \$ 23,500.00 | \$ 11,999.37 | \$ 11,500.63 |
| | Expenses | \$ 1,266,940.00 | \$ 1,189,211.21 | \$ 77,728.79 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 64,462.92 | \$ 55,262.25 | \$ 9,200.67 |
| | Encumbrances | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Human Services | Personnel | \$ 301,046.33 | \$ 287,438.11 | \$ 13,608.22 |
| | Expenses | \$ 232,638.00 | \$ 121,038.57 | \$ 111,599.43 |
| Culture & Recreation | Personnel | \$ 144,053.26 | \$ 135,299.74 | \$ 8,753.52 |
| | Overtime | \$ 700.00 | \$ 518.33 | \$ 181.67 |
| | Expenses | \$ 54,800.00 | \$ 52,355.46 | \$ 2,444.54 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 210,593.08 | \$ 122,447.45 | \$ 88,145.63 |
| Debt Service | | \$ 1,267,650.00 | \$ 1,267,650.00 | \$ - |
| Inter-governmental Assessments | | \$ 303,313.85 | \$ 311,413.43 | \$ (8,099.58) |
| Employee Benefits | Personnel | \$ 3,343,064.06 | \$ 3,153,313.21 | \$ 189,750.85 |
| | Encumbrances | \$ 2,739.00 | \$ 2,739.00 | \$ - |
| Other | Expenses | \$ 326,045.59 | \$ 212,145.30 | \$ 113,900.29 |
| Capital Equipment | Expenses | \$ 648,444.51 | \$ 648,444.51 | \$ - |
| | Encumbrances | \$ 45,086.64 | \$ 12,136.64 | \$ 32,950.00 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 60,800.00 | \$ 21,800.00 | \$ 39,000.00 |
| Capital Bldgs&Otr Impr | Expenses | \$ 180,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 180,000.00 |
| | Special Articles | \$ 55,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 55,000.00 |
| | Encumbrances | \$ 221,745.21 | \$ 5,985.00 | \$ 215,760.21 |
| Total Current Fiscal Year Budget Appropriations | | \$ 31,443,147.32 | \$ 29,119,401.76 | \$ 2,323,745.56 |
| <u>OTHER FINANCING USES:</u> | | | | |
| <u>Current Fiscal Year Transfers:</u> | | | | |
| Transfers to Special Revenue | | \$ 42,958.24 | \$ 42,958.24 | \$ - |
| Transfers to Enterprise Funds | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Transfers to Capital Projects | | \$ 2,441,827.55 | \$ 2,441,827.55 | \$ - |
| Transfers to Trust Funds- Conservation Land Fund | | \$ 73,109.59 | \$ 73,109.59 | \$ - |
| Transfers to Trust Funds - Stabilization-Regular | | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ - |
| Transfers to Trust Funds - Stabilization-Capital | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Transfers to Trust Funds - OPEB | | \$ 225,000.00 | \$ 225,000.00 | \$ - |
| Transfers to Agency Funds | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Other Financing Uses | | \$ 3,282,895.38 | \$ 3,282,895.38 | \$ - |
| TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES | | \$ 34,726,042.70 | \$ 32,402,297.14 | \$ 2,323,745.56 |

TOWN OF FREETOWN

FISCAL YEAR 2023

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR GENERAL FUND

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2022 | \$ 5,412,414.42 |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Appropriation Deficit (Snow & Ice) | \$ (153,022.99) |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Appropriation Deficit (Tax Title Costs) | \$ - |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Encumbrances | \$ 438,183.43 |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Overlay Deficit | \$ - |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Expenditures | \$ 12,200.00 |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Continued Appropriations | \$ 729,885.87 |
| Reverse PY Reserve for Special Purposes (Prepaid) | \$ 925.00 |
| Current Year Overlay Surplus Released | \$ - |
| Current Year Revenues | \$ 32,215,668.65 |
| Current Year Other Financing Sources | \$ 347,535.36 |
| | <hr/> |
| Subtotal | \$ 39,003,789.74 |
| Reserve Fund Balance for Encumbrances | \$ (532,327.93) |
| Reserve Fund Balance for Special Purposes (Prepaid) | \$ - |
| Reserve Fund Balance for Expenditures | \$ - |
| Reserve Fund Balance for Continued Appropriations | \$ (511,125.63) |
| Current Year Overlay Surplus Closed | \$ - |
| Current Year Appropriation Deficits (Snow & Ice) | \$ - |
| Current Year Appropriation Deficits (Tax Title Costs) | \$ - |
| Current Year PY Expenditure Control | \$ - |
| Current Year Expenditures | \$ (29,119,401.76) |
| Current Year Other Financing Uses | \$ (3,282,895.38) |
| | <hr/> |
| Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2023 | <u>\$ 5,558,039.04</u> |

FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances | \$ 532,327.93 |
| 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 | \$ 511,125.63 |
| Fund Balance Reserved for Court Judgment | \$ - |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Appropriation Deficit | \$ - |
| Unreserved Fund Balance-Overlay Deficits | \$ - |
| Unreserved Fund Balance | \$ 5,558,039.04 |
| | <hr/> |
| Fund Balance, June 30, 2023 | <u>\$ 6,601,492.60</u> |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 200 FEDERAL GRANTS

| | Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>FEDERAL GRANTS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| EMA FEMA DR-4496 COVID-19 | 0211-00 | \$ (11,889.46) | | | \$ 11,889.46 | | | | \$ - |
| EMA FY23 EMPG Federal Grant | 0201-23 | \$ - | \$ 2,900.00 | \$ (2,900.00) | | | | | \$ - |
| Fire/EMA SHSP Federal Grant | 0202-00 | \$ - | | \$ (586.53) | | | | | \$ (586.53) |
| Fire/EMA FEMA 4651-DR Snowstorm 1/29 | 0219-23 | \$ - | \$ 82,488.53 | | | \$ (82,488.53) | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | | \$ (11,889.46) | \$ 85,388.53 | \$ (3,486.53) | \$ 11,889.46 | \$ (82,488.53) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (586.53) |
| <u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| <u>HUMAN SERVICES</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| <u>OTHER</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| BOS- ARPA Recovery Grant | 0216-22 | \$ 491,676.58 | \$ 499,128.75 | \$ (9,925.87) | | | | | \$ 980,879.46 |
| BOS- ARPA BC Water Meter | 0218-23 | \$ - | \$ 375,463.40 | \$ (363,426.00) | | | | | \$ 12,037.40 |
| BOS- ARPA BC Chipaway Generator | 0220-23 | \$ - | \$ 35,460.07 | \$ (27,308.40) | | | | | \$ 8,151.67 |
| BOS- ARPA BC Sewer Engineering | 0222-23 | \$ - | \$ 200,001.37 | | | | | | \$ 200,001.37 |
| Admin-FEMA HMGP Hazard Mitigation | 0221-00 | \$ - | | \$ (6,007.80) | | | | | \$ (6,007.80) |
| TOTAL OTHER | | \$ 491,676.58 | \$ 1,110,053.59 | \$ (406,668.07) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,195,062.10 |
| TOTAL ALL FEDERAL GRANTS | | \$ 479,787.12 | \$ 1,195,442.12 | \$ (410,154.60) | \$ 11,889.46 | \$ (82,488.53) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,194,475.57 |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 210 STATE GRANTS

| Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| STATE GRANTS | | | | | | | | |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | | | |
| Town Admin - IT Doc Mgmt System | 1026-20 | \$ 118,435.39 | | \$(118,435.39) | | | | \$ - |
| Town Admin - Complete Streets | 1034-22 | \$ - | \$ 38,000.00 | \$(38,000.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Town Admin - Shared Streets - Equip FY23 | 1036-23 | \$ - | \$ 42,551.44 | \$(42,551.44) | | | | \$ - |
| Town Admin - ADA Improvement | 1038-23 | \$ - | \$ 24,920.00 | | | | | \$ 24,920.00 |
| Town Admin - Shared Streets - ENG FY23 | 1039-23 | \$ - | | \$(4,721.88) | | | | \$(4,721.88) |
| Town Admin - Fire Station Renov | 1040-23 | \$ - | \$ 50,000.00 | \$(50,000.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Town Admin - Master Plan Grant | 1041-00 | \$ - | | \$(20,901.89) | | | | \$(20,901.89) |
| Town Admin - Boat Ramp Earmark | 1042-23 | \$ - | \$ 12,500.00 | \$(14,062.47) | | | | \$(1,562.47) |
| Registrar-Early Vote Ext Hours FY23 | 1000-23 | \$ - | \$ 12,312.17 | \$(2,275.02) | | | | \$ 10,037.15 |
| Planning-MVP EOEEA Grant FY18 | 1022-18 | \$ 10,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Planning-Open Spc Rec Mstr Plan | 1023-18 | \$ 2,575.74 | | \$(2,566.26) | | | | \$ 9.48 |
| Facilities Earmark-MOTT Grant | 1031-22 | \$ - | | | | | | \$ - |
| Facilities Earmark-Earmark Grant | 1035-23 | \$ - | \$ 75,000.00 | \$(75,000.00) | | | | \$ - |
| | \$ | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | \$ 131,011.13 | \$ 255,283.61 | \$(368,514.35) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 17,780.39 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | | | | |
| Police/Comm 911 Training FY17 | 1001-17 | \$ (0.01) | | | | | | \$ (0.01) |
| Police/Comm 911 Training FY21 | 1001-21 | \$ (11,064.28) | | | \$ 11,064.28 | | | \$ - |
| Police 911 Support & Incentive FY19 | 1002-19 | \$ (0.01) | | | | | | \$ (0.01) |
| Police 911 Support & Incentive FY21 | 1002-21 | \$ (4.50) | | | \$ 4.50 | | | \$ - |
| Police 911 Support & Incentive FY22 | 1002-22 | \$ (4,814.72) | \$ 35,070.97 | | | \$(30,256.25) | | \$ - |
| Police 911 Support & Incentive FY23 | 1002-23 | \$ - | \$ 37,964.14 | \$(39,914.02) | | | | \$(1,949.88) |
| Fire Hazmat | 1003-00 | \$ 4,875.00 | \$ 16,212.70 | \$(21,087.70) | | | | \$ - |
| Fire Turnout Gear Grant FY22 | 1024-22 | \$ - | | | | | | \$ - |
| Fire FF Safety Equip Grant FY23 | 1030-23 | \$ - | \$ 15,300.00 | \$(15,300.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Fire Safe Grant FY23 | 1004-23 | \$ - | \$ 5,858.00 | \$(334.90) | | | | \$ 5,523.10 |
| Fire Safe Grant FY22 | 1004-22 | \$ 7,319.80 | | \$(7,319.80) | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY | | \$ (3,688.72) | \$ 110,405.81 | \$(83,956.42) | \$ 11,068.78 | \$(30,256.25) | \$ - | \$ 3,573.20 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer Stn - MassDEP Mat's Recov | 1019-21 | \$ 5,827.08 | | \$(5,827.08) | | | | \$ - |
| Transfer Stn - MassDEP Mat's Recov | 1019-22 | \$ 7,800.00 | | \$(3,268.52) | | | | \$ 4,531.48 |
| Transfer Stn - MassDEP Mat's Recov | 1019-23 | \$ - | \$ 7,200.00 | | | | | \$ 7,200.00 |
| Transfer Stn - MassDEP Mat's Recycling | 1037-23 | \$ - | \$ 7,372.50 | \$(7,331.00) | | \$ (41.50) | | \$ - |
| Water Conservation Grant | 1012-00 | \$ 661.80 | | | | | | \$ 661.80 |
| TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS | | \$ 14,288.88 | \$ 14,572.50 | \$(16,426.60) | \$ - | \$(41.50) | \$ - | \$ 12,393.28 |
| COUNCIL ON AGING | | | | | | | | |
| COA Earmark EOEA Grant | 1028-20 | \$ 42.84 | | | | | | \$ 42.84 |
| COA-Elderly Affairs Formula Grant | 1005-23 | \$ - | \$ 30,240.00 | | | | | \$ 30,240.00 |
| COA-Elderly Affairs Formula Grant | 1005-22 | \$ 13,533.33 | | \$(4,592.91) | | | | \$ 8,940.42 |
| COA-Elderly Affairs Formula Grant | 1005-21 | \$ 1,125.41 | | \$(1,125.41) | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING | | \$ 14,701.58 | \$ 30,240.00 | \$(5,718.32) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 39,223.26 |
| CULTURE & RECREATION | | | | | | | | |
| Arts Cultural Council | 1008-00 | \$ 12,044.28 | \$ 7,300.00 | \$(13,560.00) | | | | \$ 5,784.28 |
| TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION | | \$ 12,044.28 | \$ 7,300.00 | \$(13,560.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,784.28 |
| LIBRARY | | | | | | | | |
| Library Grant FY20 | 1006-20 | \$ 3,163.06 | | \$(3,163.06) | | | | \$ - |
| Library Grant FY21 | 1006-21 | \$ 13,967.31 | | \$(7,921.31) | | | | \$ 6,046.00 |
| Library Grant FY22 | 1006-22 | \$ 15,479.69 | | | | | | \$ 15,479.69 |
| Library Grant FY23 | 1006-23 | \$ - | \$ 18,269.05 | | | | | \$ 18,269.05 |
| Library Plan & Design | 1007-00 | \$ 19,192.71 | \$ 152.50 | | | | | \$ 19,345.21 |
| TOTAL LIBRARY | | \$ 51,802.77 | \$ 18,421.55 | \$(11,084.37) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 59,139.95 |
| OTHER | | | | | | | | |
| BOH MAHB COVID-19 Grant | 1033-22 | \$ - | | | | | | \$ - |
| BOH MassDEP Mat's Recovery | 1019-17 | \$ - | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL OTHER | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL ALL STATE GRANTS | | \$ 220,159.92 | \$ 436,223.47 | \$(499,260.06) | \$ 11,068.78 | \$(30,297.75) | \$ - | \$ 137,894.36 |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 220 RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

| | Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Conservation Wetlands | 2000-00 | \$ 77,053.92 | \$ 1,543.00 | \$ (334.69) | | | | | \$ 78,262.23 |
| Transportation Network Co Fund | 2007-00 | \$ 1,104.90 | \$ 514.70 | | | | | | \$ 1,619.60 |
| PEG Access & Cable | 2005-00 | \$ 260,963.77 | \$ 94,938.78 | | | \$ (135,000.00) | | | \$ 220,902.55 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS RESERVED | | \$ 339,122.59 | \$ 96,996.48 | \$ (334.69) | \$ - | \$ (135,000.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 300,784.38 |
| <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 | \$ 13,422.00 | \$ 7,050.00 | | | \$ (2,500.00) | | | \$ 17,972.00 |
| <u>OTHER</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Landfill | 2004-00 | \$ 67,760.79 | | | | | | | \$ 67,760.79 |
| Recycling Fund | 2003-00 | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL OTHER | | \$ 67,760.79 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 67,760.79 |
| TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS RESERVED FUNDS | | \$ 427,572.26 | \$104,046.48 | \$ (334.69) | \$ - | \$ (137,500.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 393,784.05 |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 230 REVOLVING FUNDS

| | Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>REVOLVING FUNDS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>INSURANCE RECOVERY</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Police Insurance Recovery | 3000-00 | \$ 1,969.27 | | | | | | | \$ 1,969.27 |
| Fire/EMS Insurance Recovery | 3001-00 | \$ (0.01) | | | | | | | \$ (0.01) |
| Water Insurance Recovery | 3005-00 | \$ 5,400.00 | | \$ (5,400.00) | | | | | \$ - |
| Council on Aging Insurance Recovery | 3003-00 | \$ 215.00 | | | | | | | \$ 215.00 |
| Highway Insurance Recovery | 3004-00 | \$ 10.07 | | | | | | | \$ 10.07 |
| TOTAL INSURANCE RECOVERY | | \$ 7,594.33 | \$ - | \$ (5,400.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,194.33 |
| <u>CULTURE & RECREATION</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Arts Council | 3702-00 | \$ 4,765.27 | \$ 113.86 | | | | | | \$ 4,879.13 |
| TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION | | \$ 4,765.27 | \$ 113.86 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,879.13 |
| <u>CH. 44, S 53E-1/2 REVOLVING</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Long Pond (Boat Ramp/Beach) Revolv | 3202-00 | \$ 21,359.43 | \$ 26,341.24 | \$ (17,524.29) | \$ 15,000.00 | | | | \$ 45,176.38 |
| Annual Town Reports | 3200-00 | \$ 5,700.00 | \$ 1,500.00 | | | | | | \$ 7,200.00 |
| Communications Alarms | 3201-00 | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| BOH Vaccine | 3205-00 | \$ - | \$ 8,417.10 | \$ (2,621.79) | | | | | \$ 5,795.31 |
| TOTAL DEPT REVOLVING | | \$ 27,059.43 | \$ 36,258.34 | \$ (20,146.08) | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 58,171.69 |
| <u>OTHER</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Police State Law Enforcement Trust | 3700-00 | \$ 1,238.26 | \$ 481.06 | | | | | | \$ 1,719.32 |
| Police Federal Forfeiture Funds | 3701-00 | \$ 57,190.44 | \$ 448.15 | \$ (825.00) | | | | | \$ 56,813.59 |
| Police/Fire Special Injury Indemnity | 3600-00 | \$ 1,999.99 | \$ 9,714.28 | \$ (11,714.27) | | | | | \$ - |
| Town Admin Legal Fees - Cannabis | 3503-00 | \$ 1,372.72 | \$ 9.33 | \$ (396.00) | | | | | \$ 986.05 |
| Planning Board-Consulting Accounts | 3500-00 | \$ 51,125.49 | \$ 57,964.37 | \$ (69,408.29) | | | | | \$ 39,681.57 |
| Conservation-Consulting Accounts | 3502-00 | \$ 969.86 | \$ 2,109.85 | \$ (2,223.75) | | | | | \$ 855.96 |
| TOTAL OTHER | | \$ 113,896.76 | \$ 70,727.04 | \$ (84,567.31) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 100,056.49 |
| TOTAL ALL REVOLVING FUNDS | | \$ 153,315.79 | \$ 107,099.24 | \$ (110,113.39) | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 165,301.64 |

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

| | Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--|------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Title V Septic Betterments | Fund # 241 | \$ 95,179.18 | \$ 6,834.96 | | | | | | \$ 102,014.14 |
| <u>GIFTS & DONATIONS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Hathaway Park | 4008-00 | \$ 4,848.30 | | | | | | | \$ 4,848.30 |
| Patriot Half Triathlon | 4013-00 | \$ 500.00 | | | | | | | \$ 500.00 |
| Town Hall Events | 4016-00 | \$ 1,753.61 | | | | | | | \$ 1,753.61 |
| Bandstand | 4018-00 | \$ 100.00 | | | | | | | \$ 100.00 |
| Excel Settlement | 4029-00 | \$ - | \$ 25,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 25,000.00 |
| MIIA Wellness Picnic Area Grant | 4021-00 | \$ (1,248.34) | \$ 1,248.34 | | | | | | \$ - |
| TRWA-Open Space & Rec. Plan | 4009-00 | \$ 1,320.00 | | | | | | | \$ 1,320.00 |
| Earth Day | 4031-00 | \$ - | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ (2,117.88) | | | | | \$ 132.12 |
| Bicycle Safety | 4000-00 | \$ 391.85 | | | | | | | \$ 391.85 |
| Police Drug Education Program | 4011-00 | \$ 2,022.38 | | | | | | | \$ 2,022.38 |
| Fire Donations | 4020-00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Animal Control Officer | 4015-00 | \$ 984.70 | | | | | | | \$ 984.70 |
| Tree Warden | 4006-00 | \$ 1,070.00 | | | | | | | \$ 1,070.00 |
| Highway MIIA Electronic Message Board | 4022-00 | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| Compost Bins | 4004-00 | \$ 1,354.20 | | | | | | | \$ 1,354.20 |
| Cemetery | 4005-00 | \$ 1,017.81 | \$ 4,701.95 | \$ (3,800.00) | | | | | \$ 1,919.76 |
| Council on Aging | 4001-00 | \$ 41,922.49 | \$ 2,319.44 | \$ (300.00) | | | | | \$ 43,941.93 |
| COA - SouthCoast Comm Foundation | 4028-00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ (3,019.77) | | | | | \$ 6,980.23 |
| Library Donations | 4003-00 | \$ 5,284.09 | \$ 8,297.14 | \$ (975.00) | | | | | \$ 12,606.23 |
| Wm. J. McCue Memorial | 4030-00 | \$ - | \$ 2,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Historical | 4007-00 | \$ 442.00 | | | | | | | \$ 442.00 |
| Cable PEG Access-Capital Grant | 4010-00 | \$ 10,000.00 | \$ 20,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 30,000.00 |
| | | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | \$ 76,763.09 | \$ 72,816.87 | \$ (10,212.65) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 139,367.31 |
| <u>OTHER</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL OTHER | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL ALL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | \$ 171,942.27 | \$ 79,651.83 | \$ (10,212.65) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 241,381.45 |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CAPITAL PROJECTS

| | Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Expenditures | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> | | | | | | | |
| Highway-Chapter 90 | Fund # 300 | \$ (90,717.87) | \$ 90,775.75 | | | \$ (18,700.20) | \$ (18,642.32) |
| Police Station | Fund # 302 | \$ 46,428.31 | | | \$ (30,522.74) | \$ (15,905.57) | \$ - |
| Highway-WRAP | Fund # 303 | \$ - | \$ 254,957.79 | | | \$(190,726.91) | \$ 64,230.88 |
| Highway Barn Roof | Fund # 304 | \$ 50,000.00 | | | | \$ (17,578.04) | \$ 32,421.96 |
| COA Senior Center Reno | Fund # 305 | \$ 1,100,000.00 | | | | | \$1,100,000.00 |
| Public Safety Communication Upgrade | Fund # 306 | \$ 850,000.00 | | | \$(345,533.18) | | \$ 504,466.82 |
| Fire Station Addition/Renovation | Fund # 307 | \$ - | | \$ 2,991,827.55 | | | \$ 2,991,827.55 |
| Water Cap Proj - Filter Site Improv | Fund # 615 | \$ 73,947.09 | | | | \$ (40,488.59) | \$ 33,458.50 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS | | \$ 2,029,657.53 | \$ 345,733.54 | \$ 2,991,827.55 | \$(376,055.92) | \$(283,399.31) | \$ 4,707,763.39 |

TOWN OF FREETOWN

WATER-SEWER ENTERPRISE

FISCAL YEAR 2023

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | Budget | Actual | Difference |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <u>REVENUES</u> | | | |
| Water Usage and Liens Collected | \$ 897,552.92 | \$ 864,641.69 | \$ (32,911.23) |
| Sewer Usage | \$ 371,250.00 | \$ 368,748.19 | \$ (2,501.81) |
| Interest and Penalties | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 4,643.87 | \$ 3,443.87 |
| Other Non-Usage Charges | \$ 48,083.08 | \$ 35,384.63 | \$ (12,698.45) |
| Water Lien Costs & NSF Fees | \$ - | \$ 597.78 | \$ 597.78 |
| Permit Fees | \$ 500.00 | \$ 4,898.00 | \$ 4,398.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | \$ 50.00 | \$ 1,908.13 | \$ 1,858.13 |
| Transfer in from General Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Transfer In from Water Assessment Fund | \$ - | \$ 10,459.82 | \$ 10,459.82 |
| Total Receipts - Operations | \$ 1,318,636.00 | \$ 1,291,282.11 | \$ (27,353.89) |
| <u>WATER ASSESSMENTS</u> | | | |
| App. Betterments-Added to Taxes | \$ 1,400.00 | \$ 1,802.12 | \$ 402.12 |
| Committed Interest-Added to Taxes | \$ 200.00 | \$ 235.92 | \$ 35.92 |
| App. Betterments-Not Yet Due | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Interest on Betterments-Not Yet Due | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Penalties & Interest on Betterments in Tax Title | \$ - | \$ 411.49 | \$ 411.49 |
| Water Betterment Liens-Added to Taxes | \$ - | \$ 1,477.88 | \$ 1,477.88 |
| Total Receipts - Assessments | \$ 1,600.00 | \$ 3,927.41 | \$ 2,327.41 |
| <u>OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</u> | | | |
| Retained Earnings Voted to Support Reserve Fund at Annual Town Meeting | \$ 33,705.00 | | \$ (33,705.00) |
| Total Receipts - Other Available Funds | \$ 33,705.00 | \$ - | \$ (33,705.00) |
| Grand Total All Revenues & Transfers | \$ 1,353,941.00 | \$ 1,295,209.52 | \$ (58,731.48) |
| <u>EXPENDITURES:</u> | | | |
| Water-Sewer- Personnel | \$ 95,836.00 | \$ 93,560.91 | \$ 2,275.09 |
| Water-Sewer - Use Charges for Purchased Sewer Service | \$ 275,000.00 | \$ 245,529.21 | \$ 29,470.79 |
| Water-Sewer - Expenses, with Supplemental Appropriation | \$ 874,400.00 | \$ 821,742.75 | \$ 52,657.25 |
| Special Articles | \$ 65,500.00 | \$ 1,900.00 | \$ 63,600.00 |
| Encumbrances | \$ 6,713.41 | \$ - | \$ 6,713.41 |
| Reserve Fund | \$ 33,705.00 | \$ - | \$ 33,705.00 |
| Transfer to General Fund-Indirect Costs | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 63,374.00 | \$ 11,626.00 |
| Total Expenditures - Operations | \$ 1,426,154.41 | \$ 1,226,106.87 | \$ 200,047.54 |
| <u>WATER ASSESSMENTS - Transfer Out to Operations</u> | | | |
| | \$ - | \$ 10,459.82 | \$ (10,459.82) |
| Grand Total All Expenditures & Transfers | \$ 1,426,154.41 | \$ 1,236,566.69 | \$ 189,587.72 |

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net Assets, June 30, 2022 | \$ 330,867.38 |
| Actual Revenues Closed for FY2023 | \$ 1,295,209.52 |
| Actual Expenditures Closed for FY2023 | \$ (1,236,566.69) |
| Net Assets, June 30, 2023 | \$ 389,510.21 |

FUND BALANCE BY ACCOUNT

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Net Assets Restricted for Encumbrances | \$ 10,368.99 |
| Net Assets Restricted for Expenditures | \$ - |
| Net Assets Restricted for Continued Appropriations | \$ 63,600.00 |
| Net Assets, Unrestricted | \$ 312,719.28 |
| Net Assets, Unrestricted-Water Assessments | \$ 2,821.94 |
| Net Assets, June 30, 2023 | \$ 389,510.21 |

Retained Earnings Certified as of 7/1/2023 by the Bureau of Accounts was \$315,541

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 810 NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

| Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST</u> | | | | | | | | |
| OTHER: | | | | | | | | |
| C. Clark Scholarship Fund | 6400-00 | \$ 10,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 10,000.00 |
| CEMETERY: | | | | | | | | |
| Assonet Cemetery | 6200-00 | \$ 224,715.00 | \$ 7,200.00 | | | | | \$ 231,915.00 |
| Chace Cemetery | 6201-00 | \$ 76,700.00 | | | | | | \$ 76,700.00 |
| Rounseville Cemetery | 6202-00 | \$ 10,650.00 | | | | | | \$ 10,650.00 |
| Morton Cemetery | 6203-00 | \$ 7,365.00 | | | | | | \$ 7,365.00 |
| White Cemetery | 6204-00 | \$ 500.00 | | | | | | \$ 500.00 |
| Evans Cemetery | 6205-00 | \$ 38,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 38,000.00 |
| Friends Tripp Cemetery | 6206-00 | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Nichols Cemetery | 6207-00 | \$ 345.00 | | | | | | \$ 345.00 |
| Richmond Cemetery | 6208-00 | \$ 612.00 | | | | | | \$ 612.00 |
| Ruby (Winslow) Linn Cemetery | 6209-00 | \$ 20,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 20,000.00 |
| East Freetown Cemetery | 6210-00 | \$ 600.00 | | | | | | \$ 600.00 |
| LIBRARY: | | | | | | | | |
| J. L. Lawton Kirker Memorial | 6001-00 | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Annie S. Hunt | 6002-00 | \$ 2,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Warren Cudworth | 6003-00 | \$ 500.00 | | | | | | \$ 500.00 |
| Gager | 6004-00 | \$ 635.00 | | | | | | \$ 635.00 |
| A. A. Paine | 6005-00 | \$ 128.06 | | | | | | \$ 128.06 |
| Betsey Hathawy | 6006-00 | \$ 500.00 | | | | | | \$ 500.00 |
| George Hathaway | 6007-00 | \$ 5,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| H. Douglas Dana | 6008-00 | \$ 268.00 | | | | | | \$ 268.00 |
| M. Marvin Fletcher | 6009-00 | \$ 1,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 1,000.00 |
| C. Isabel Hathaway | 6010-00 | \$ 500.00 | | | | | | \$ 500.00 |
| C. Clark Memorial | 6013-00 | \$ 5,000.00 | | | | | | \$ 5,000.00 |
| I. B. Plouffe | 6016-00 | \$ 761.20 | | | | | | \$ 761.20 |
| TOTAL ALL NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS | | \$ 407,779.26 | \$ 7,200.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 414,979.26 |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 820 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

| Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>EXPENDABLE TRUST</u> | | | | | | | | |
| OTHER: | | | | | | | | |
| C. Clark Scholarship Fund | 6900-00 | \$ 241.34 | \$ 81.37 | | | | | \$ 322.71 |
| BOS - Rene Charbonneau Trust | 6912-122 | \$ 3,023.16 | \$ 15.26 | | | | | \$ 3,038.42 |
| COA - Rene Charbonneau Trust | 6912-541 | \$ 3,023.28 | \$ 15.26 | | | | | \$ 3,038.54 |
| CEMETERY: | | | | | | | | |
| Assonet Cemetery | 6700-00 | \$ 2,737.20 | \$ 1,836.87 | \$ (56.41) | | | | \$ 4,517.66 |
| Chace Cemetery | 6701-00 | \$ 1,731.41 | \$ 623.16 | | | | | \$ 2,354.57 |
| Rounseville Cemetery | 6702-00 | \$ 49.92 | \$ 85.03 | | | | | \$ 134.95 |
| Morton Cemetery | 6703-00 | \$ 131.09 | \$ 59.57 | | | | | \$ 190.66 |
| White Cemetery | 6704-00 | \$ 9.04 | \$ 4.03 | | | | | \$ 13.07 |
| Evans Cemetery | 6705-00 | \$ 825.06 | \$ 308.48 | | | | | \$ 1,133.54 |
| Friends Tripp Cemetery | 6706-00 | \$ 22.49 | \$ 8.12 | | | | | \$ 30.61 |
| Nichols Cemetery | 6707-00 | \$ 109.02 | \$ 3.62 | | | | | \$ 112.64 |
| Richmond Cemetery | 6708-00 | \$ 8.04 | \$ 4.94 | | | | | \$ 12.98 |
| Ruby (Winslow) Linn Cemetery | 6709-00 | \$ 3,792.44 | \$ 189.07 | | | | | \$ 3,981.51 |
| East Freetown Cemetery | 6710-00 | \$ 11.03 | \$ 4.86 | | | | | \$ 15.89 |
| LIBRARY: | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan Memorial | 6500-00 | \$ 2,255.79 | \$ 17.93 | | | | | \$ 2,273.72 |
| J. L. Lawton Kirker Memorial | 6501-00 | \$ 208.90 | \$ 9.62 | | | | | \$ 218.52 |
| Annie S. Hunt | 6502-00 | \$ 3,146.62 | \$ 40.91 | | | | | \$ 3,187.53 |
| Warren Cudworth | 6503-00 | \$ 5,539.60 | \$ 48.01 | | | | | \$ 5,587.61 |
| Gager | 6504-00 | \$ 2,232.52 | \$ 14.49 | | | | | \$ 2,247.01 |
| A. A. Paine | 6505-00 | \$ 1,187.66 | \$ 10.46 | | | | | \$ 1,198.12 |
| Betsey Hathaway | 6506-00 | \$ 4,543.33 | \$ 40.08 | | | | | \$ 4,583.41 |
| George Hathaway | 6507-00 | \$ 34,299.10 | \$ 312.26 | | | | | \$ 34,611.36 |
| H. Douglas Dana | 6508-00 | \$ 1,622.73 | \$ 15.02 | | | | | \$ 1,637.75 |
| M. Fletcher Marvin | 6509-00 | \$ 1,709.20 | \$ 21.53 | | | | | \$ 1,730.73 |
| C. Isabel Hathaway | 6510-00 | \$ 0.78 | \$ 3.99 | | | | | \$ 4.77 |
| J. White Therrien | 6511-00 | \$ 3,568.66 | \$ 26.67 | \$ (271.21) | | | | \$ 3,324.12 |
| White Memorial | 6512-00 | \$ 1,880.94 | \$ 14.94 | | | | | \$ 1,895.88 |
| C. Clark Memorial | 6513-00 | \$ 2,326.68 | \$ 58.21 | | | | | \$ 2,384.89 |
| R.Parker Memorial | 6514-00 | \$ 973.41 | \$ 7.74 | | | | | \$ 981.15 |
| C. Kendrick Memorial | 6515-00 | \$ 545.45 | \$ 4.31 | | | | | \$ 549.76 |
| I. B. Plouffe | 6516-00 | \$ 312.42 | \$ 8.52 | | | | | \$ 320.94 |
| TOTAL ALL EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS | | \$ 82,068.31 | \$ 3,894.33 | \$ (327.62) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 85,635.02 |

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - 830 OTHER TRUST FUNDS

| Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>OTHER TRUST FUNDS</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Conservation | 6901-00 | \$ 104,797.91 | \$ 830.66 | \$ (48,500.00) | \$ 73,109.59 | | | \$ 130,238.16 |
| Police Res. Disability | 6904-00 | \$ 828.20 | \$ 6.59 | | | | | \$ 834.79 |
| Fire Call Disability | 6905-00 | \$ 12,770.04 | \$ 101.45 | | | | | \$ 12,871.49 |
| Scholar & Education | 6906-00 | \$ 199.06 | \$ 205.24 | | | | | \$ 404.30 |
| Elderly & Disabled | 6907-00 | \$ 6,631.48 | \$ 213.04 | | | | | \$ 6,844.52 |
| Symp. & Hosp. | 6908-00 | \$ 1,506.19 | \$ 11.95 | | | | | \$ 1,518.14 |
| OPEB Reserve | 6910-00 | \$ 1,687,948.74 | \$ 47,119.76 | | \$ 225,000.00 | \$ 99,938.35 | | \$ 2,060,006.85 |
| Parade/Fire/Recreation | 6903-00 | \$ 31,397.42 | \$ 24,619.72 | \$ (12,083.68) | | | | \$ 43,933.46 |
| TOTAL OTHER TRUST FUNDS | | \$ 1,846,079.04 | \$ 73,108.41 | \$ (60,583.68) | \$ 298,109.59 | \$ - | \$ 99,938.35 | \$ 2,256,651.71 |
| <u>STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS</u> | | | | | | | | |
| General | 6902-00 | \$ 3,058,647.86 | \$ 102,020.14 | | \$ 300,000.00 | | | \$ 3,460,668.00 |
| Capital | 6911-00 | \$ 4,828,040.15 | \$ 152,195.61 | | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ (550,000.00) | | \$ 4,630,235.76 |
| TOTAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNTS | | \$ 7,886,688.01 | \$ 254,215.75 | \$ - | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ (550,000.00) | \$ - | \$ 8,090,903.76 |
| TOTAL ALL OTHER TRUST FUNDS | | \$ 9,732,767.05 | \$ 327,324.16 | \$ (60,583.68) | \$ 798,109.59 | \$ (550,000.00) | \$ 99,938.35 | \$ 10,347,555.47 |
| TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS | | \$ 10,222,614.62 | \$ 338,418.49 | \$ (60,911.30) | \$ 798,109.59 | \$ (550,000.00) | \$ 99,938.35 | \$ 10,848,169.75 |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - 900 AGENCY FUNDS

| Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Receivable/Payable/ Other Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 317,025.32 | \$ 607,421.27 | \$ (666,790.28) | | | \$ (878.54) | | \$ 256,777.77 |
| Police Detail Receivable | \$ 69,602.58 | | | | | \$ (21,344.90) | | \$ 48,257.68 |
| Fire Detail Receivable | \$ 4,057.05 | | | | | \$ (279.05) | | \$ 3,778.00 |
| TOTAL ALL ASSETS | \$ 390,684.95 | \$ 607,421.27 | \$ (666,790.28) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (22,502.49) | \$ - | \$ 308,813.45 |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | \$ 30,252.08 | | | | | \$ (878.54) | | \$ 29,373.54 |
| Accrued Payroll | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL ACCRUED PAYROLL | \$ 30,252.08 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (878.54) | \$ - | \$ 29,373.54 |
| <u>DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Due to County - Property Recordings | 7702-00 \$ 316.15 | \$ 1,266.60 | \$ (2,111.80) | | | | | \$ (529.05) |
| Due to School Districts/Others | 7704-00 \$ - | \$ 40.00 | \$ (40.00) | | | | | \$ - |
| Firearms Overlay-FID Licenses | 7701-00 \$ 3,862.50 | \$ 19,162.50 | \$ (19,225.00) | | | | | \$ 3,800.00 |
| TOTAL DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS | \$ 4,178.65 | \$ 20,469.10 | \$ (21,376.80) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,270.95 |
| <u>OTHER LIABILITIES</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Police Details | 7705-00 \$ (66,062.50) | \$ 542,578.12 | \$ (524,072.14) | | | | | \$ (47,556.52) |
| Fire Details | 7706-00 \$ (3,102.84) | \$ 21,620.32 | \$ (21,341.34) | | | | | \$ (2,823.86) |
| Def. Revenue-Departmental | \$ 73,659.63 | | | | | \$ (21,623.95) | | \$ 52,035.68 |
| TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES | \$ 4,494.29 | \$ 564,198.44 | \$ (545,413.48) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (21,623.95) | \$ - | \$ 1,655.30 |
| <u>UNCLAIMED ITEMS</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Unclaimed Items | 7700-00 \$ - | \$ 749.40 | | | | | | \$ 749.40 |
| TOTAL UNCLAIMED ITEMS | \$ - | \$ 749.40 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 749.40 |
| <u>PERFORMANCE/BID DEPOSITS</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Planning Board | 7203-00 \$ 351,759.93 | \$ 22,004.33 | \$ (100,000.00) | | | | | \$ 273,764.26 |
| Police Surety | 7204-00 \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL OTHER | \$ 351,759.93 | \$ 22,004.33 | \$ (100,000.00) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 273,764.26 |
| TOTAL ALL LIABILITIES | \$ 390,684.95 | \$ 607,421.27 | \$ (666,790.28) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (22,502.49) | \$ - | \$ 308,813.45 |

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

| Program # | Beginning Balance 7/1/2022 | Receipts | Expenditures | Transfers In | Transfers Out | Receivable/Payable/ Other Adjustments | Reclassify Adjustments | Ending Balance 6/30/2023 |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 29,613.56 | \$ 2,290,534.54 | \$ (2,289,216.51) | \$ 407.17 | \$ (45.24) | \$ 38,443.67 | | \$ 69,737.19 |
| Due From/(To) Other Funds | \$ - | | | | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL ALL ASSETS | \$ 29,613.56 | \$ 2,290,534.54 | \$ (2,289,216.51) | \$ 407.17 | \$ (45.24) | \$ 38,443.67 | \$ - | \$ 69,737.19 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Payable | \$ - | | | | | \$ 38,573.65 | | \$ 38,573.65 |
| PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Withholding Tax | 7000-00 | \$ - | \$ 687,135.46 | \$ (687,135.46) | | | | \$ - |
| Medicare Tax Withholdings | 7001-00 | \$ - | \$ 80,838.64 | \$ (80,838.64) | | | | \$ - |
| State Income Tax Withholdings | 7002-00 | \$ - | \$ 303,341.10 | \$ (303,341.10) | | | | \$ - |
| County Retirement Withholdings | 7003-00 | \$ - | \$ 508,037.21 | \$ (508,037.21) | | | | \$ - |
| Group Life Insurance Withholdings | 7005-00 | \$ 799.06 | \$ 11,010.91 | \$ (11,048.37) | | \$ (43.33) | \$ 94.36 | \$ 812.63 |
| Health Insurance Withholdings | 7008-00 | \$ 25,618.34 | \$ 402,648.20 | \$ (401,354.62) | \$ 398.14 | | \$ (94.36) | \$ 27,215.70 |
| Aflac Insurance Withholdings | 7009-00 | \$ - | \$ 7,083.96 | \$ (7,083.96) | | | | \$ - |
| Vision Insurance Withholdings | 7010-00 | \$ 150.44 | \$ 2,553.84 | \$ (2,523.53) | \$ 9.03 | | | \$ 189.78 |
| Dental Insurance Withholdings | 7011-00 | \$ 2,915.74 | \$ 49,676.73 | \$ (49,645.13) | | \$ (1.91) | | \$ 2,945.43 |
| Town Hall/Hwy. Union Dues Withholdings | 7013-00 | \$ - | \$ 10,599.00 | \$ (10,599.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Police Union Dues Withholdings | 7014-00 | \$ - | \$ 36,231.87 | \$ (36,231.87) | | | | \$ - |
| Comm. Union Dues Withholdings | 7015-00 | \$ - | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ (2,250.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Fire Union Dues Withholdings | 7016-00 | \$ - | \$ 11,000.00 | \$ (11,000.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Deferred Compensation Withholdings | 7017-00 | \$ - | \$ 121,560.36 | \$ (121,560.36) | | | | \$ - |
| Credit Union Withholdings | 7018-00 | \$ - | \$ 2,600.00 | \$ (2,600.00) | | | | \$ - |
| OBRA Withholdings | 7019-00 | \$ - | \$ 29,805.45 | \$ (29,805.45) | | | | \$ - |
| Garnishment Withholdings | 7020-00 | \$ - | \$ 21,408.00 | \$ (21,408.00) | | | | \$ - |
| Miscellaneous Withholdings | 7021-00 | \$ - | \$ 2,753.81 | \$ (2,753.81) | | | | \$ - |
| TOTAL PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS | \$ 29,483.58 | \$ 2,290,534.54 | \$ (2,289,216.51) | \$ 407.17 | \$ (45.24) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 31,163.54 |
| TOTAL ALL LIABILITIES | \$ 29,483.58 | \$ 2,290,534.54 | \$ (2,289,216.51) | \$ 407.17 | \$ (45.24) | \$ 38,573.65 | \$ - | \$ 69,737.19 |
| TOTAL ALL AGENCY FUNDS | \$ 420,168.53 | \$ 2,897,955.81 | \$ (2,956,006.79) | \$ 407.17 | \$ (45.24) | \$ 16,071.16 | \$ - | \$ 378,550.64 |

TOWN OF FREETOWN

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS

06/30/23

| Date | Loan | Interest Rate | Outstanding 6/30/2022 | Borrowed FY 2023 | Paid/Retired Principal FY 2023 | Outstanding 6/30/2023 | Interest Paid FY2023 |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>LONG TERM DEBT</u> | | | | | | | |
| <u>INSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| 5/15/2013 | Freetown Elem.-New GOB 74% State Reimbursed | 1.2491% | \$ 1,210,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 600,000.00 | \$ 610,000.00 | \$ 18,200.00 |
| 5/15/2013 | Flooding, Bridges, Spring 2010 GOB Subtotal - GOB's | 1.0569% | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 70,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 700.00 |
| | | | \$ 1,280,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 670,000.00 | \$ 610,000.00 | \$ 18,900.00 |
| 1/15/2021 | Police Station-Serial State House Note | 2.2500% | \$ 3,500,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 500,000.00 | \$ 3,000,000.00 | \$ 78,750.00 |
| <u>OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Long Term Debt | | | \$ 4,780,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,170,000.00 | \$ 3,610,000.00 | \$ 97,650.00 |
| <u>SHORT TERM DEBT</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Short Term Debt | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Grand Total All Debt | | | \$ 4,780,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 1,170,000.00 | \$ 3,610,000.00 | \$ 97,650.00 |
| <u>AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | 0.00% | Authorized | Issued FY2023 | Rescinded FY2023 | Unissued 6/30/2023 | |
| | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Total Debt Authorized and Unissued | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |

Report of the Board of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the annual report of the Board of Assessors for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The assessment date for real estate and personal property accounts during this fiscal year was January 1, 2022, plus any new construction or improvements through June 30, 2022.

Statistics:

| | |
|--|--------|
| Number of Real Estate Accounts Assessed..... | 3,964 |
| Number of Personal Property Accounts Assessed..... | 399 |
| Number of Exempt Accounts | 208 |
| Number of Motor Vehicles & Trailers Assessed..... | 14,665 |
| Number of Boats/Watercraft Assessed..... | 231 |

Classified Land Statistics:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Acres of Land in Chapter 61 Forestry Program | 1,423.619 |
| Acres of Land in Chapter 61A Agricultural Program | 1,692.965 |
| Acres of Land in Chapter 61B Recreational Program | <u>190.151</u> |
| | 3,306.735 acres |

Tax Rates, per \$1,000.00 of value:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Residential | \$10.71 |
| Commercial, Industrial, and Personal Property | \$20.38 |
| Motor Vehicles & Trailers..... | \$25.00 (statutory) |
| Boats/Watercraft | \$10.00 (statutory) |

Total Assessments:

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Assessed Value of Land & Buildings | \$ 1,954,167,420.00 |
| Assessed Value of Personal Property | \$ 88,178,840.00 |
| Assessed Value of Exempt Property | \$ 126,215,400.00 |
| Assessed Value of Motor Vehicles & Trailers | \$ 100,536,977.70 |
| Assessed Value of Boats/Watercraft | <u>\$ 704,300.00</u> |
| | \$ 2,269,802,937.70 |

Amounts to be Raised:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Appropriations | \$ 36,372,768.53 |
| Other Amounts to be Raised | \$ 194,255.23 |
| State & County Assessments | \$ 301,457.00 |
| Overlay | <u>\$ 951,408.88</u> |
| | \$ 37,819,889.64 |
| Estimated Receipts & Local Funds | <u>(11,727,059.37)</u> |
| Net Amounts to be Raised | \$ 26,092,830.27 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Property Tax Levy | \$ 24,295,747.57 |
| Personal Property Tax Levy | <u>\$ 1,797,084.79</u> |
| | \$ 26,092,832.36 |

Taxes & Liens Committed:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Real Estate | \$ 24,295,747.57 |
| Real Estate Rollback (Ch. 61, 61A, 61B) | \$ 16,995.48 |
| Personal Property | \$ 1,797,084.79 |
| Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise | \$ 2,159,557.87 |
| Boat/Watercraft Excise | \$ 7,043.00 |

| | | |
|--|----|-----------------|
| Septic Betterment Assessments | \$ | 6,046.88 |
| Water Line Betterment Assessments | \$ | 2,044.95 |
| Special Assessment – Water Liens | \$ | 7,161.17 |
| Payment in Lieu of Tax – N. B. Water Dept. | \$ | <u>6,587.54</u> |
| | \$ | 28,298,269.25 |

Real Estate Exemptions Granted, by Clause:

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|----|--------------------|
| 5K (Senior Work-off) | 8 @ ≤ \$ 750.00 ea. | \$ | 4,870.38 |
| 5N (Veterans Work-off) | 2 @ ≤ \$ 1,500.00 ea. | \$ | 2,713.88 |
| 17D (Seniors, Surviving Spouses, Minors) | 13 @ \$ 175.00 ea. | \$ | 2,275.00 |
| 18 (Hardship) | 1 @ \$ (various) | \$ | 600.00 |
| 22, 22A-22H (Veterans) | 119 @ \$ (various) | \$ | 93,872.13 |
| 37A (Blind) | 7 @ \$ 500.00 ea. | \$ | 3,500.00 |
| 41A (Deferral) | 0 @ \$ (various) | \$ | 0.00 |
| 41C (Elderly) | 33 @ ≤ \$ 1,000.00 ea. | \$ | 32,000.00 |
| 50 (Elderly Housing) | 2 @ \$ 500.00 ea. | \$ | <u>1,000.00</u> |
| | | \$ | 140,831.39 |
| Amount to be partially reimbursed by the Commonwealth: | | \$ | <u>(67,976.06)</u> |
| Net Real Estate taxes exempted by the Town of Freetown: | | \$ | 72,855.33 |

Real Estate Abatements Granted, by Fiscal Year:

| | | | |
|------------|----|----|-------------------|
| 2023 | 10 | \$ | <u>105,113.35</u> |
| | | \$ | 105,113.35 |

Personal Property Abatements Granted, by Fiscal Year:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|---------------|
| 2006-2021 (M.G.L. Ch. 59, §71) | 11 | \$ | 5,207.12 |
| 2023 | 3 | \$ | <u>766.08</u> |
| | | \$ | 5,973.20 |

Motor Vehicle/Trailer Excise Abatements Granted, by Year:

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|--------------------|
| 2016 | 3 | \$ | 148.64 |
| 2017 | 3 | \$ | 85.42 |
| 2020 | 1 | \$ | 85.13 |
| 2021 | 16 | \$ | 1,555.64 |
| 2022 | 138 | \$ | 14,687.93 |
| 2023 | 226 | \$ | <u>28,607.62</u> |
| | | \$ | 45,170.38 |
| Amount to be partially reimbursed by the Commonwealth: | | \$ | <u>(6,875.07)</u> |
| Net Excise taxes abated by the Town of Freetown: | | \$ | 38,295.31 |

Boat/Watercraft Excise Abatements Granted, by Fiscal Year:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|--------------|
| 2012-2021 (M.G.L. Ch. 60A, §7) | 16 | \$ | 483.00 |
| 2023 | 4 | \$ | <u>48.75</u> |
| | | \$ | 531.75 |

Departmental Receipts:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----|-------------|
| Abutters Lists | 31 @ \$10.00 ea. | \$ | 310.00 |
| Ch. 61A/61B Rollback Calculation Fees | 1 @ \$ 6.00 ea. | \$ | 6.00 |
| Copies | 36 @ 5¢ ea. | \$ | <u>1.80</u> |
| | | \$ | 317.80 |

| Top 10 Real Estate Taxpayers | Value of Real Estate | Real Estate Tax |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| S & S Freetown, LLC (Stop & Shop) | \$ 82,676,400.00* | \$ 1,684,945.04 |
| M. E. Hawes, LLC, etc. (Acushnet Saw Mills) | 39,459,300.00 | 804,090.57 |
| Copart of Connecticut, Inc. | 34,800,600.00 | 709,236.23 |
| Rezendes Family Limited Partnership No. 2 | 22,657,800.00 | 458,286.70 |
| Green Apple Farms IV, LLC | 11,127,200.00 | 226,772.34 |
| Chipaway Corporation | 10,292,490.00 | 209,760.94 |
| Mass. Medical Properties, LLC (AmeriCann) | 9,608,400.00 | 195,819.19 |
| ISP Freetown Fine Chemicals, Inc. | 9,651,600.00 | 194,724.03 |
| LIT Fall River, LLC (Amazon) | 8,958,900.00* | 182,582.38 |
| Simeone Associates | 4,226,700.00 | 82,665.72 |

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

| Top 10 Personal Property Taxpayers | Value of Pers. Prop. | Pers. Prop. Tax |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC | \$ 40,921,100.00 | \$ 833,972.02 |
| NSTAR Electric Company | 19,694,340.00 | 401,370.65 |
| Verizon New England, Inc. | 4,691,400.00 | 95,610.73 |
| NSTAR Gas Company | 4,495,280.00 | 91,613.81 |
| Comcast Cable Communications | 2,386,000.00 | 48,626.68 |
| Rezendes Construction | 1,750,000.00 | 35,665.00 |
| CHEP USA | 1,662,020.00 | 33,871.97 |
| Amazon | 1,269,050.00* | 25,863.24 |
| Manafort Brothers, Inc. | 831,360.00 | 16,943.12 |
| The Middlesex Corporation | 685,620.00 | 13,972.94 |

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

Top 10 Real Estate Transactions

| Address | Sale Price | Class |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 31 Innovation Way, Assonet | \$ 9,542,286.00* | Commercial |
| 21 Estelle Avenue, East Freetown | 1,500,000.00 | Residential |
| 39 Cliff Drive, Assonet | 1,350,000.00 | Residential |
| 81 Narrows Road, Assonet | 980,000.00 | Residential |
| 16 Suzanne Drive, Assonet | 975,000.00 | Residential |
| 21 Algonquin Way, East Freetown | 796,745.00 | Residential |
| 25 Algonquin Way, East Freetown | 796,410.00 | Residential |
| 3 Fall Brook Lane, East Freetown | 794,015.00 | Residential |
| 2 Fall Brook Lane, East Freetown | 761,910.00 | Residential |
| 6 Fall Brook Lane, East Freetown | 753,855.00 | Residential |

**The sale price for 31 Innovation Way includes adjacent land in Fall River.*

Report of the Treasurer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rodrick, CMMT
Treasurer/Collector

Cash Summary

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 2022 | \$ 20,749,251.77 |
| Receipts | \$ 37,771,034.83 |
| Expended | <u>\$ (32,803,055.16)</u> |
| Balance June 30, 2023 | <u>\$ 25,717,231.44</u> |

Interest

| Earned | <u>FY 20</u> | <u>FY 21</u> | <u>FY22</u> | <u>FY23</u> |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net | <u>\$287,675.65</u> | <u>\$108,871.53</u> | <u>\$120,041.31</u> | <u>\$434,504.56</u> |

Account Balances

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bristol County Savings | \$ 2,804,813.30 |
| Bristol County Savings MM | \$ 1,021,512.80 |
| MMDT | \$ 373.03 |
| Rockland Trust – GF | \$ 1,164,130.23 |
| Rockland Trust – Payroll | \$ 0.42 |
| Rockland Trust- New Vendor | \$ (71,281.77) |
| Rockland Trust – Sundry Trust | \$ 1,375,195.57 |
| Rockland Trust – Debit Card | \$ 1,007.49 |
| Rockland Trust – KIOSK | \$ 18,863.70 |
| Rockland Trust – CD | \$ 908,253.15 |
| Unibank – Town Clerk | \$ 24,109.05 |
| Unibank – Fire Permits | \$ 1,837.34 |
| Unibank – Building | \$ 23,761.38 |
| Unibank – Online | \$ 99,568.69 |
| Unibank – Money Market | \$ 152,036.24 |
| Unibank – Money Market (2) | \$ 6,861,598.56 |
| Harbor One – Stabilization | \$ 391,061.71 |
| Harbor One – Capital Stabilization | \$ 5,180,235.76 |
| Harbor One – CD | \$ 3,069,606.29 |
| Cash and Checks in Office | \$ 350.00 |
| Santander – Ambulance | \$ 630,191.65 |
| Bartholomew - OPEB | \$ 2,060,006.85 |
| | <u>\$25,717,231.44</u> |

Tax Title Collected

| | FY 20 | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY 23 |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Principal | \$287,078.00 | \$105,509.42 | \$133,123.30 | \$113,895.55 |
| Interest | <u>\$218,170.38</u> | <u>\$ 39,748.58</u> | <u>\$ 52,609.20</u> | <u>\$ 66,940.26</u> |
| Total | <u>\$505,248.38</u> | <u>\$145,258.00</u> | <u>\$185,732.50</u> | <u>\$180,835.81</u> |

SPECIAL FUNDS

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Septic Grant Program | \$102,014.14 |
| Planning Board Engineering | \$ 40,950.57 |
| Law Enforcement | \$ 1,719.32 |
| Library Planning & Design | \$ 19,345.21 |
| Cultural Council – Arts Lottery | \$ 12,623.41 |
| Conservation Comm. Eng. Fees | \$ 855.96 |
| Bicycle Safety | <u>\$ 391.85</u> |
| Subtotal – Special Funds | \$177,900.46 |

LIBRARY FUNDS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Philip H. Therrien – White Library | \$ 3,324.12 |
| White Memorial | \$ 1,895.88 |
| Clarence H. Clark Memorial – White Library | \$ 7,384.89 |
| Morgan Memorial | \$ 2,273.72 |
| Robert Parker Memorial | \$ 981.15 |
| Clarence Kendrick | \$ 549.76 |
| Irene Plouffe | \$ 1,082.14 |
| Annie S. Hunt | \$ 5,187.53 |
| Warren H. Cudworth | \$ 6,087.61 |
| Abraham & Abigail Paine | \$ 1,326.18 |
| Betsey Hathaway | \$ 5,083.41 |
| George Hathaway | \$ 39,611.36 |
| H. Douglass Dana | \$ 1,905.75 |
| Mary (Fletcher) Marvin | \$ 2,730.73 |
| Gager Trust | \$ 2,882.01 |
| C. Isabel Hatheway | \$ 504.77 |
| J. & L. Lawton Kirker | <u>\$ 1,218.52</u> |
| Subtotal – Library Funds | \$ 84,029.53 |

CEMETERY FUNDS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Assonet Burying Ground | \$236,432.66 |
| Chace Cemetery | \$ 79,054.57 |
| Rounsevell Cemetery | \$ 10,784.95 |
| Morton Cemetery | \$ 7,555.66 |
| White Cemetery | \$ 513.07 |
| East Freetown Cemetery | \$ 615.89 |
| Evans Cemetery | \$ 39,133.54 |
| Nichols Cemetery | \$ 457.64 |
| Richmond Cemetery | \$ 624.98 |
| Winslow Cemetery – Ruby W. Linn Trust | \$ 23,981.51 |
| Friends Cemetery – Philip Tripp Fund | <u>\$ 1,030.61</u> |
| Subtotal – Cemetery Funds | \$400,185.08 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Clarence H. Clark Memorial Scholarship | \$ 10,322.71 |
| Symp. & Hosp. | \$ 1,518.14 |
| Conservation | \$ 57,128.57 |
| Unfunded Pension | \$ 0.00 |
| Fire-Call Disability | \$ 12,871.49 |
| Parade & Fireworks | \$ 41,178.46 |
| Federal Forfeiture | \$ 56,813.59 |
| Police Reserve Disability | \$ 834.79 |
| Education & Scholarship | \$ 404.30 |
| Elderly & Disabled Donation | \$ 6,844.52 |
| Trinity Ln. Ext. Perf. Bond | \$ 5,200.57 |
| PB Betty Spring Rd Ext. Perf Bond | \$ 15,121.25 |
| Locust Street – Form C Subdivision | \$ 20,171.07 |
| Fallbrook West – Form C Subdivision | \$ 213,271.23 |
| Zitano – Planning | \$ 20,000.14 |
| Town Admin Legal Fees | \$ 986.05 |
| Ex-BOS – Rene Charbonneau | \$ 3,038.42 |
| Ex-COA – Rene Charbonneau | \$ 3,038.54 |
| BOS – Fed ARPA (COVID) Recovery | \$ 593.22 |
| ARPA Bristol County – Water Meters | \$ 32,993.40 |
| ARPA Bristol County – Chipaway Generator | \$ 10,748.67 |
| ARPA Bristol County – Sewer Line Extension | <u>\$ 200,001.37</u> |
| Subtotal – Miscellaneous | \$ 713,080.50 |

Trust Fund Balance 6/30/23

\$1,375,195.57



Long Pond – May 2023

REPORT OF TREASURER'S OFFICE
June 30, 2023

INDEBTEDNESS ANALYSIS

Date Loan

LONG TERM DEBT

INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

| | | | |
|-----------|--|----|--------------|
| 5/15/2013 | Freetown Elem-New Bond 74% State Reimbursed | | |
| | Outstanding June 30, 2022 | \$ | 1,210,000.00 |
| | Borrowed FY 2023 | | |
| | Paid Principal FY 2023 | \$ | 600,000.00 |
| | Outstanding June 30, 2023 | \$ | 610,000.00 |
| | Interest Paid FY 2023 | \$ | 18,200.00 |
| | | | |
| 5/15/2013 | Flooding, Bridges, Spring 2010 | | |
| | Outstanding June 30, 2022 | \$ | 70,000.00 |
| | Borrowed FY 2023 | | |
| | Paid Principal FY 2023 | \$ | 70,000.00 |
| | Outstanding June 30, 2022 | \$ | 0.00 |
| | Interest Paid FY 2022 | \$ | 700.00 |
| | | | |
| 1/15/2021 | Building Construction - Police | | |
| | Outstanding June 30, 2022 | \$ | 3,500,000.00 |
| | Borrowed FY 2023 | | |
| | Paid Principal FY 2023 | \$ | 500,000.00 |
| | Outstanding June 30, 2023 | \$ | 3,000,000.00 |
| | Interest Paid FY 2023 | \$ | 78,750.00 |



Fox at Assonet Burying Ground

Report of the Tax Collector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tax Collector for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

The following represents the unaudited yearend tax balances of the Tax Collector as of June 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rodrick, CMMT
Treasurer/Collector

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Real Estate | |
| Levy of 2023 | \$ 311,495.90 |
| Levy of 2022 | \$ 40,088.05 |
| Levy of 2021 | \$ 656.58 |
| Levy of 2020 | \$ 167.71 |
| Prior Years | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| Totals | <u>\$ 352,408.24</u> |
| Personal Property | |
| Levy of 2023 | \$ 15,450.99 |
| Levy of 2022 | \$ 7,939.86 |
| Levy of 2021 | \$ 4,488.71 |
| Levy of 2020 | \$ 7,776.64 |
| Prior Years | \$ <u>53,124.38</u> |
| Totals | <u>\$ 88,780.58</u> |
| Motor Vehicle | |
| Levy of 2023 | \$ 133,585.49 |
| Levy of 2022 | \$ 34,900.98 |
| Levy of 2021 | \$ 13,761.08 |
| Levy of 2020 | \$ 6,287.39 |
| Prior Years | \$ <u>15,747.09</u> |
| Totals | <u>\$ 204,282.03</u> |
| Boat | \$ <u>2,724.58</u> |
| Totals | <u>\$ 2,724.58</u> |

Report of the Town Clerk

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

The following is a report of the Town Clerk's Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

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

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

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

As the Records Access Officer we are responsible for coordinating a response to requests for access to public records and assisting individuals seeking public records.

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

dogs at \$60, 11-24 dogs at \$110, and 25 or more dogs at \$160. Failure to license dogs are Kennels by September 1st are subject to a Non-Criminal Violation in accordance with town by-laws.

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

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

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

Lastly, I would like to give Thanks to the residents of Freetown for allowing me to continue to further educate myself as your Elected Town Clerk. It is my goal to achieve my Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk certification within the next few years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl C.A. Estrella, CMC
Town Clerk

Revenue Report of the Town Clerk

FY23: July 2022 to June 2023

VITAL STATISTICS

| | | |
|--------------------|--|----|
| Births Recorded | | 73 |
| Deaths Recorded | | 73 |
| Marriages Recorded | | 32 |

DOG LICENSES

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Dog Licenses Issued | 2,055 | \$20,833.00 |
| Kennel Licenses Issued | 41 | <u>2,600.00</u> |
| Total Dog Revenue: | | \$23,433.00 |

OTHER REVENUE

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Birth Certificates | | \$ 1,810.00 |
| Death Certificates | | 3,310.50 |
| Marriage Intentions | | 1,210.00 |
| Marriage Certificates | | 1,502.00 |
| Burial Permits | | 455.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | 178.00 |
| Business Certificates | | 3,372.00 |
| Flammable Storage Certificates | | 410.00 |
| Cemetery Deed Recording | | 110.00 |
| ZBA Appeals | | 1,620.00 |
| Copy Fees | | 85.40 |
| Street/Voting List | | 56.00 |
| Town Maps | | 10.00 |
| Conservation Stickers | | 145.00* |
| Resident Stickers | | 90.00* |
| Bazaar/Raffle Permits | | 40.00 |
| Dog Fines | | 3,751.00 |
| Non-Criminal Violations | | <u>9,920.00</u> |
| Total Other Revenue: | | \$28,074.90 |

TOTAL REVENUE

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Dog Revenue: | | \$23,433.00 |
| Other Revenue: | | <u>\$28,074.90</u> |
| Total Departmental Revenue: | | \$51,507.90 |



*Victorian trade card for
Don Carlos Hawes Hatheway,
Town Clerk from 1864-74.*

** Starting shortly after July 1, 2023, Resident Stickers & Conservation Stickers were no longer available at the Office of the Town Clerk.*

Election Results

State Primary Election September 6, 2022

Total Number of Voters: 6,865
Total Votes Cast/Percentage: 1,441 / 21%

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY RESULTS

| Governor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz | 48 | 45 | 31 | 124 |
| Maura Healey | 220 | 254 | 199 | 673 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Blanks | 13 | 8 | 8 | 29 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Lieutenant Governor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Kimberley Driscoll | 128 | 131 | 98 | 357 |
| Tami Gouveia | 59 | 66 | 61 | 186 |
| Eric P. Lesser | 72 | 93 | 64 | 229 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Blanks | 22 | 17 | 16 | 55 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Attorney General | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Andrea Joy Campbell | 105 | 108 | 74 | 287 |
| Shannon Erika Less-Riordan | 112 | 110 | 102 | 324 |
| Quentin Palfrey | 45 | 77 | 48 | 170 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Blanks | 20 | 12 | 15 | 47 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Secretary of State | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| William Francis Galvin | 192 | 238 | 189 | 619 |
| Tanisha M. Sullivan | 79 | 67 | 43 | 189 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 11 | 3 | 7 | 21 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Treasurer | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Deborah B. Goldberg | 234 | 268 | 193 | 695 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | 48 | 41 | 45 | 134 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Auditor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Christopher S. Dempsey | 111 | 112 | 67 | 290 |
| Diana DiZoglio | 145 | 168 | 153 | 466 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 26 | 29 | 19 | 74 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Representative in Congress – Fourth District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Jake Auchincloss | 231 | 269 | 210 | 710 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Blanks | 50 | 38 | 27 | 115 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Councillor – First District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Joseph C. Ferreira | 223 | 259 | 191 | 673 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 59 | 49 | 48 | 156 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Senator in General Court – First Bristol & Plymouth District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Michael J. Rodrigues | 241 | 267 | 202 | 710 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 41 | 42 | 37 | 120 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

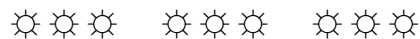
| Representative in General Court – Sixth Bristol District (Precinct I Only) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Carole A. Fiola | 233 | X | X | 233 |
| Write-ins | 0 | X | X | 0 |
| Blanks | 49 | X | X | 49 |
| Total | 282 | X | X | 282 |

| Representative in General Court – Eighth Bristol District (Precincts II & III Only) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Paul A. Schmid, III | X | 273 | 207 | 480 |
| Write-ins | X | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | X | 36 | 32 | 68 |
| Total | X | 309 | 239 | 548 |

| District Attorney – Bristol District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Thomas M. Quinn, III | 181 | 210 | 165 | 556 |
| Shannon M. McMahon | 92 | 89 | 65 | 246 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 9 | 10 | 9 | 28 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| Sheriff – Bristol County | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Nicholas Bernier | 121 | 122 | 93 | 336 |
| Paul R. Heroux | 64 | 94 | 85 | 243 |
| George M. McNeil, Jr. | 79 | 76 | 45 | 200 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 18 | 16 | 16 | 50 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |

| County Commissioner – Bristol County | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| John Thomas Saunders | 225 | 264 | 202 | 691 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 57 | 45 | 37 | 139 |
| Total | 282 | 309 | 239 | 830 |



| REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY RESULTS | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Governor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
| Geoff Diehl | 104 | 147 | 138 | 389 |
| Chris Doughty | 70 | 69 | 75 | 214 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 0 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Lieutenant Governor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Leah V. Allen | 104 | 110 | 109 | 323 |
| Kate Campanale | 59 | 90 | 90 | 239 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 11 | 22 | 16 | 49 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Attorney General | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| James R. McMahon, III | 137 | 177 | 175 | 489 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Blanks | 37 | 42 | 40 | 119 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Secretary of State | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Rayla Campbell | 136 | 164 | 169 | 469 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 38 | 58 | 46 | 142 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Treasurer | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 171 | 220 | 214 | 605 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Auditor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Anthony Amore | 128 | 159 | 168 | 455 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 46 | 63 | 47 | 156 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Representative in Congress – Fourth District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins / David B. Cannata* | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 |
| Write-ins / All Others | 6 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Blanks | 165 | 216 | 213 | 594 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

* The state requires that any person receiving five or more write-in votes in any precinct be listed in official results.

| Councillor – First District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Blanks | 170 | 220 | 215 | 605 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Senator in General Court – First Bristol & Plymouth District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Russell T. Protentis | 128 | 157 | 163 | 448 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blanks | 46 | 65 | 52 | 163 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| Representative in General Court – Sixth Bristol District (Precinct I Only) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins | 3 | X | X | 3 |
| Blanks | 171 | X | X | 171 |
| Total | 174 | X | X | 174 |

| Representative in General Court – Eighth Bristol District (Precincts II & III Only) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Evan Gendreau | X | 166 | 169 | 335 |
| Write-ins | X | 0 | 0 | |
| Blanks | X | 56 | 46 | 102 |
| Total | X | 222 | 215 | 437 |

| District Attorney – Bristol District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins / Thomas Quinn* | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Write-ins / All Others | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Blanks | 171 | 217 | 215 | 603 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

** The state requires that any person receiving five or more write-in votes in any precinct be listed in official results.*

| Sheriff – Bristol County | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Thomas M. Hodgson | 141 | 188 | 191 | 520 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 31 | 32 | 24 | 87 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

| County Commissioner – Bristol County | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 171 | 221 | 215 | 607 |
| Total | 174 | 222 | 215 | 611 |

**State Election
November 8, 2022**

Total Number of Voters: 6,938
Total Votes Cast/Percentage: 3,845 / 55.00%

| Governor & Lieutenant Governor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Diehl and Allen | 702 | 707 | 700 | 2,109 |
| Healey and Driscoll | 549 | 558 | 534 | 1,641 |
| Reed and Everett | 16 | 26 | 24 | 66 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Blanks | 8 | 10 | 8 | 26 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Attorney General | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Andrea Joy Campbell | 544 | 553 | 516 | 1,613 |
| James R. McMahon, III | 703 | 725 | 720 | 2,148 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 27 | 23 | 30 | 80 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Secretary of State | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| William Francis Galvin | 629 | 624 | 586 | 1,839 |
| Rayla Campbell | 604 | 632 | 629 | 1,865 |
| Juan Sanchez | 20 | 26 | 27 | 73 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 21 | 19 | 24 | 64 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Treasurer | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Deborah B. Goldberg | 693 | 692 | 644 | 2,029 |
| Cristina Crawford | 404 | 408 | 428 | 1,240 |
| Write-ins | 9 | 4 | 4 | 17 |
| Blanks | 171 | 198 | 190 | 559 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Auditor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Anthony Amore | 644 | 667 | 657 | 1,968 |
| Diana DiZoglio | 487 | 657 | 453 | 1,428 |
| Gloria A. Caballero-Roca | 16 | 453 | 25 | 63 |
| Dominic Giannone, III | 33 | 25 | 32 | 98 |
| Daniel Riek | 26 | 32 | 36 | 92 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 36 | 2 | 6 |
| Blanks | 68 | 2 | 61 | 190 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Representative in Congress – Fourth District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Jake Auchincloss | 761 | 777 | 736 | 2,274 |
| Write-ins / David Cannata* | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Write-ins / All Others | 29 | 20 | 38 | 87 |
| Blanks | 487 | 499 | 492 | 1,478 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

** The state requires that any person receiving five or more write-in votes in any precinct be listed in official results.*

| Councillor – First District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Joseph C. Ferreira | 795 | 797 | 739 | 2331 |
| Write-ins | 14 | 16 | 26 | 56 |
| Blanks | 468 | 489 | 501 | 1,458 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Senator in General Court – First Bristol & Plymouth District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Michael J. Rodrigues | 611 | 588 | 547 | 1,746 |
| Russell T. Protentis | 616 | 679 | 683 | 1,978 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 47 | 34 | 36 | 117 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Representative in General Court – Sixth Bristol District (Precinct I Only) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Carole A. Fiola | 826 | X | X | 826 |
| Write-ins | 18 | X | X | 18 |
| Blanks | 433 | X | X | 433 |
| Total | 1,277 | X | X | 1,277 |

| Representative in General Court – Eighth Bristol District (Precincts II & III Only) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Paul A. Schmid, III | X | 608 | 591 | 1,199 |
| Evan Gendreau | X | 660 | 644 | 1,304 |
| Write-ins | X | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Blanks | X | 34 | 30 | 64 |
| Total | X | 1,302 | 1,266 | 2,568 |

| District Attorney – Bristol District | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Thomas M. Quinn, III | 831 | 856 | 803 | 2,490 |
| Write-ins | 11 | 14 | 22 | 47 |
| Blanks | 435 | 432 | 441 | 1,308 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Sheriff – Bristol County | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Thomas M. Hodgson | 743 | 778 | 760 | 2,281 |
| Paul R. Heroux | 508 | 511 | 484 | 1,503 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Blanks | 23 | 13 | 22 | 58 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| County Commissioner – Bristol County | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| John Thomas Saunders | 793 | 802 | 772 | 2,367 |
| Write-ins | 11 | 13 | 19 | 43 |
| Blanks | 473 | 487 | 475 | 1,435 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Question 1: Additional Tax on Income Over 1 Million Dollars | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Yes | 530 | 510 | 458 | 1,498 |
| No | 716 | 769 | 788 | 2,273 |
| Blanks | 31 | 23 | 20 | 74 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Question 2: Regulation of Dental Insurance | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Yes | 786 | 814 | 765 | 2,365 |
| No | 464 | 464 | 476 | 1,404 |
| Blanks | 27 | 24 | 25 | 76 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Question 3: Expanded Availability of Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Yes | 465 | 450 | 395 | 1,310 |
| No | 782 | 825 | 840 | 2,447 |
| Blanks | 30 | 27 | 31 | 88 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |

| Question 4: Eligibility for Driver's Licenses | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Yes | 463 | 443 | 416 | 1,322 |
| No | 796 | 839 | 827 | 2,462 |
| Blanks | 18 | 20 | 23 | 61 |
| Total | 1,277 | 1,302 | 1,266 | 3,845 |



Throughout the year, the Town Clerk's office produced informational videos on topics such as the Annual Census and Early Voting. This screen capture, from the video discussing Early Voting, shows the two drop boxes in front of the Town Hall. The grey box is for general business, and the white box is for elections.

**Annual Town Election
April 3, 2023**

Total Number of Voters: 6,950
Total Votes Cast/Percentage: 766 / 11.00%

| Selectman & Personnel Board Member | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Trevor R. Matthews | 216 | 230 | 169 | 615 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Blanks | 53 | 63 | 29 | 145 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Assessor | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Jeffrey D. Field | 222 | 235 | 169 | 626 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Blanks | 49 | 60 | 29 | 138 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Board of Health – One Year | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Robert P. Jose | 223 | 229 | 169 | 621 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 48 | 63 | 30 | 141 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Board of Health – Two Years | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Mary L. Bowen | 211 | 230 | 165 | 606 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Blanks | 60 | 61 | 32 | 153 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Board of Health – Three Years | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Margaret M. French | 220 | 233 | 169 | 622 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Blanks | 51 | 61 | 29 | 141 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Cemetery Commission | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Michael T. McCue | 229 | 242 | 177 | 648 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Blanks | 42 | 51 | 22 | 115 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Finance Committee (Vote for 2) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Robert H. Alderson | 206 | 224 | 150 | 580 |
| George L. Grunwald | 186 | 182 | 131 | 499 |
| Write-ins | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Blanks | 149 | 181 | 116 | 446 |
| Total | 544 | 590 | 398 | 1,532 |

| Housing Authority | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Write-ins / Brian Miller | 2 | 10 | 2 | 14 |
| Write-ins / All Others | 2 | 10 | 9 | 21 |
| Blanks | 268 | 275 | 188 | 731 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Housing Authority – Four-Year Unexpired Term | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Chad S. Carvalho | 202 | 213 | 162 | 577 |
| Write-ins | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Blanks | 69 | 79 | 37 | 185 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Library Trustees (Vote for 2) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Paul G. Sadeck | 188 | 220 | 159 | 567 |
| Courtney Anne Brightman | 207 | 206 | 155 | 568 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Blanks | 147 | 160 | 84 | 391 |
| Total | 544 | 590 | 398 | 1,532 |

| Planning Board | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Chad S. Carvalho | 196 | 218 | 157 | 571 |
| Write-ins | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Blanks | 74 | 77 | 41 | 192 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Water & Sewer Commissioner | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Mark S. Rosofsky | 210 | 216 | 155 | 581 |
| Write-ins | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 62 | 78 | 44 | 184 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

| Regional School Dist. Committee – Freetown (2) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Jennifer A. Blum | 215 | 236 | 167 | 618 |
| Robert W. Clark | 217 | 238 | 158 | 613 |
| Kayla R. Churchill | 59 | 58 | 41 | 158 |
| Write-ins / Mary Rezendes Brown | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Write-ins / Eric Souza | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Write-ins / Samantha Gomes | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Write-ins / Derek Gracia | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Blanks | 51 | 54 | 32 | 137 |
| Total | 544 | 590 | 398 | 1,532 |

| Regional School District Committee – Lakeville (1) | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Stephen D. Sylvia | 209 | 217 | 161 | 587 |
| Write-ins / Kerry Palaiologos | 4 | 9 | 1 | 14 |
| Blanks | 59 | 69 | 37 | 165 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

Question #1: *Proposition 2½ Debt Exclusion to pay for the Town's share of the new Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School to be located at 207 Hart Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.*

| | Pct. I | Pct. II | Pct. III | Total |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Yes | 150 | 173 | 109 | 432 |
| No | 105 | 100 | 75 | 280 |
| Blanks | 17 | 22 | 15 | 54 |
| Total | 272 | 295 | 199 | 766 |

**Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District
Combined Results – April 3, 2023**

| Regional School District Committee – Freetown (2) | Freetown | Lakeville | Total |
|---|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Jennifer A. Blum* | 618 | 653 | 1,271 |
| Robert W. Clark* | 613 | 607 | 1,220 |
| Kayla R. Churchill | 158 | 284 | 442 |
| Write-ins | 6 | 16 | 22 |
| Blanks | 137 | 436 | 573 |

| Regional School District Committee – Lakeville (1) | Freetown | Lakeville | Total |
|--|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Stephen D. Sylvia* | 587 | 709 | 1,296 |
| Write-ins | 14 | 41 | 55 |
| Blanks | 165 | 248 | 413 |

**Declared winners (two seats for Freetown and one for Lakeville in 2023)*

Report of the Board of Registrars

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Board of Registrars for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, Freetown voters were enrolled in the following political parties or designations:

| Party/Designation | Precinct | | | Total |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | I | II | III | |
| Democratic | 405 | 409 | 332 | 1,146 |
| Republican | 273 | 281 | 267 | 821 |
| Libertarian | 10 | 17 | 17 | 44 |
| United Independent | 9 | 13 | 13 | 35 |
| Conservative | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| Green Rainbow | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Interdependent 3rd | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| American Independent | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Green Party USA | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| America First | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Pirate | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Working Families | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| MA Independent | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Natural Law | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Constitution | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pizza | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| We The People | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Unenrolled | 1,624 | 1,624 | 1,670 | 4,918 |
| TOTALS: | 2,332 | 2,356 | 2,313 | 7,001 |

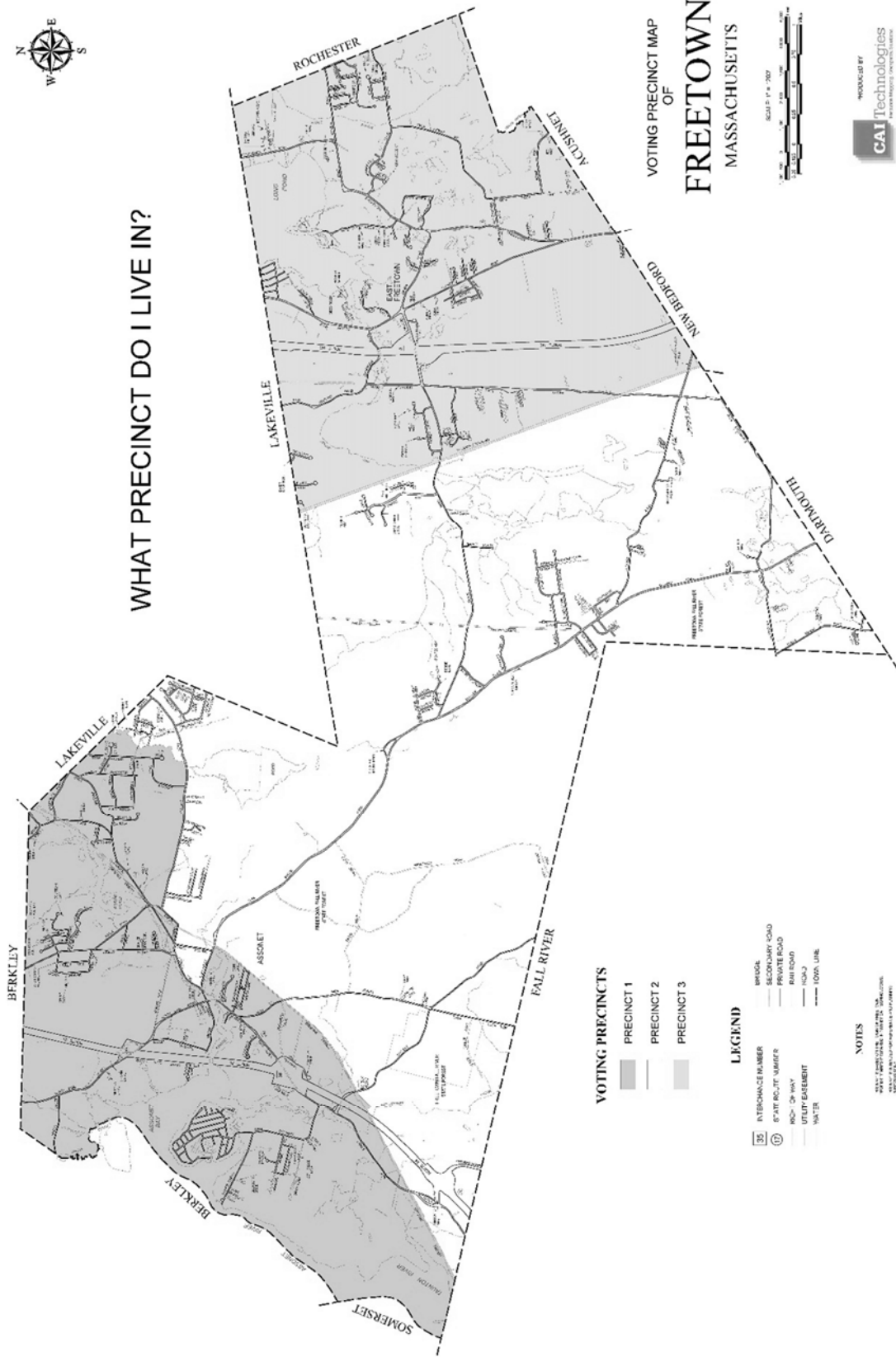
No voters were enrolled in the following parties or designations: American Term Limits, New Alliance, New World Council, Prohibition, Rainbow Coalition, Reform, Socialist, Timesizing Not Downsizing, Twelve Visions, Veteran Party of America, and World Citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

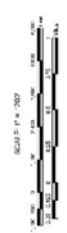
Cheryl C.A. Estrella
Town Clerk



WHAT PRECINCT DO I LIVE IN?



VOTING PRECINCT MAP
OF
FREETOWN
MASSACHUSETTS



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VOTING PRECINCTS

- PRECINCT 1
- PRECINCT 2
- PRECINCT 3

LEGEND

- 35 INTERCHANGE NUMBER
- 6" BIT PAV'T. NUMBER
- RD - 2" HWY
- UTILITY EASEMENT
- WATER
- BRIDGE
- SECONDARY ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- RIM ROAD
- ROAD
- 1000' LINE

NOTES

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Report of the Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Conservation Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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

The Conservation Commission is also a steward of much of the Town’s open space and recreational properties. The Conservation Commission holds approximately 618.42 acres of land it has received through gifts to the townspeople over the years. Included in that acreage is approximately 6.10 acres of land acquired in this fiscal year by purchase. The Conservation Commission appoints a Town Forest Committee consisting of three members to assist with developing our land holdings for passive recreation. Their report appears separately.

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

| | | | |
|--|---|---|----|
| Notices of Intent / Orders of Conditions | | Requests for Determination of Applicability | |
| Standard | 9 | Negative Determination | 28 |
| Abbreviated | 0 | Positive Determination | 1 |
| Restoration..... | 0 | Notices/Orders, Resource Area Delineation | |
| Amendments..... | 0 | Standard..... | 0 |
| Extensions..... | 3 | Abbreviated..... | 0 |
| Withdrawals..... | 0 | Extensions..... | 0 |
| Certificates of Compliance | | Emergency Certifications | 0 |
| Complete..... | 4 | Enforcement Orders | 4 |
| Partial..... | 0 | | |
| Invalid | 0 | | |

The Conservation Commission collected \$1475.50 in filing fees, which are retained to offset the administrative costs of the department. In addition, \$330.00 in local fees was collected and remitted to the General Fund to offset operating expenses of the department.

Meetings of the Conservation Commission are held via Zoom on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m., with adjustments to this schedule as holidays may require. Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Keven V. Desmarais
Chairman

Report of the Open Space Consultant to the Conservation Commission

Schedule of Properties Owned by the Freetown Conservation Commission

| Property | Location | Approx. Acreage | Year Acquired |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Mildred Ashley Property ¹ | Chace Road | 12.20 | 1969 |
| The Porter Pasture ² | Gramp Deane Road | 22.00 | 1970 |
| Pond Neck Woodlot ³ | Bryant Street | 25.00 | 1971 |
| Bosworth Lot ⁴ | Gurney Road | 10.30 | 1971 |
| Wilson Woodlot ⁵ | High Plains Street | 14.50 | 1972 |
| Summit Park – Kendrick ⁶ | Summit Park | 0.04 | 1972 |
| Kenswood Green Area ⁷ | Joaquin Avenue | 5.53 | 1976 |
| Old Town Well ⁸ | South Main Street | 0.45 | 1976 |
| Betsey Taber Estate ⁹ | Nestle's Lane | 28.60 | 1978 |
| Summit Park – Nisbet ¹⁰ | Summit Park | 0.15 | 1978 |
| Westcott Island ¹¹ | Westcott Island | 3.50 | 1996 |
| Chace Farms ¹² | East Howland Road | 144.00 | 2003 |
| Gull Lane ¹³ | 56 Gull Lane | 0.23 | 2011 |
| Richmond Road ¹⁴ | Richmond Road | 0.61 | 2016 |
| Icehouse Lot ¹⁴ | Forge Pond | 5.90 | 2016 |
| High Plains ¹⁴ | High Plains Street | 48.02 | 2016 |
| Crapo Indian Lot ¹⁵ | Christopher Drive | 29.09 | 2016 |
| Julia Myrick Lot ¹⁵ | Proprietors Way | 24.90 | 2016 |
| Weetamoe Heights ¹⁴ | Matawa Drive | 9.27 | 2016 |
| Haskins Sawmill & Dam ¹⁴ | Maple Tree Crossing | 8.06 | 2017 |
| Bryant's Neck Marshland ¹⁶ | Bryant's Neck | 39.76 | 2017 |
| Olive Sherman Lot ¹⁴ | Proprietors Way | 15.00 | 2018 |
| Newhall Woodlot ¹⁴ | Proprietors Way | 33.00 | 2018 |
| Paull & Pierce Lots ¹⁴ | Proprietors Way | 73.00 | 2018 |
| Horse Pound Swamp ¹⁴ | Beechwood Road | 0.26 | 2018 |
| Bolton Cedar Swamp ¹⁴ | Bolton Cedar Swamp | 0.98 | 2019 |
| Assonet Boulevard ¹⁴ | 4 Assonet Boulevard | 0.23 | 2020 |
| Wilson Woodlot ¹⁴ | Slab Bridge Road | 49.00 | 2020 |
| Lafayette Park ¹⁴ | Middleboro Road | 8.74 | 2021 |
| Summit Park – Wilkinson ¹⁷ | Nestle's Lane | 6.10 | 2023 |
| Total Approximate Acreage: | | 618.42 | Acres |

Schedule of Conservation Restrictions Held by the Freetown Conservation Commission

| Property | Location | Approx. Acreage | Year Acquired |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Guimond Farm | South Main Street | 132.00 | 2021 |
| Total Approximate Acreage: | | 132.00 | Acres |

Summary of Open Space Protected by the Freetown Conservation Commission

| Category | Approx. Acreage |
|---|---------------------|
| Commission-Owned Properties | 618.42 |
| Conservation Restrictions on Private Property | 132.00 |
| Total Approximate Acreage: | |
| | 750.42 Acres |

During this fiscal year, the Conservation Commission acquired approximately 6.10 acres of land off Nestles Lane, adjoining the Betsy Taber Wildlife Sanctuary. This land was offered by Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson who, while unable to donate the same as she had hoped, kept costs to a minimum to ensure the residents of Freetown would still benefit from her generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Open Space Consultant

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

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

³ Donated by the heirs of Helen Winslow.

⁴ Donated by Henry R. Gurney, in memory of Charles E. Gurney.

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

⁶ Donated by Ruth H. Kendrick, in memory of Eugene, Robert, and Frank Kendrick.

⁷ Donated by Kenneth R. Rezendes.

⁸ Donated by Olin Corporation.

⁹ Bequeathed by Betsy W. Taber, for preservation as a wildlife sanctuary.

¹⁰ Donated by Mabel N. Nisbet.

¹¹ Donated by George S. Mycock, Jr.

¹² Donated by Gene Bartlett & Francis A. Will.

¹³ Donated by Lauren M. Cuzzi.

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

¹⁵ Donated by Freetown Land Company, LLC (Endriunas Bros.).

¹⁶ Donated by the Assonet Bay Shores Assoc. in memory of Dasco D. DeFeo and in honor of Nicolette J. DeFeo.

¹⁷ Purchased from Margaret Wilkinson.

Report of the Town Forest Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Forest Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

In fiscal year 2023, the Freetown Forest Committee was comprised of one member who was nominated to serve. The FY2023 members and term end dates are:

Steven Chandler, Secretary (2023)

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

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

No meetings were held during the FY2023 period.

Report of the Agricultural Commission

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

During the Fiscal Year 2023, all five available seats on the Agricultural Commission were vacant.

Report of the Planning Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Planning Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Permits Issued

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Form A – Approval Not Required | 6 |
| Form B – Preliminary Subdivision..... | 0 |
| Form C – Definitive Subdivision | 1 |
| Site Plan Review..... | 3 |
| Modification – Site Plan Review..... | 1 |
| Special Permit | 3 |

Fees Collected

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| Form A Fees | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Form B Fees | \$ 0.00 |
| Form C Fees | \$ 5,822.00 |
| Site Plan Review Fees | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Modification Site Plan Rev. Fees | \$ 100.00 |
| Special Permit Fees..... | \$ 200.00 |
| Engineering Fees | \$57,100.00 |
| Cash Surety | \$20,000.00 |

Grants Received

The Planning Board received \$75,000 from the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities to develop Freetown’s first Master Plan. In addition to these funds, the Planning Board also received \$60,000 from SRPEDD’s District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) award, to be split up over FY23, FY24, and FY25.

The Planning Board received \$35,000 from the Massachusetts Office on Disability to create a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to identify accessibility issues at Town-owned facilities and the necessary improvements to bring the facilities into compliance.

The Planning Board received \$30,000 from the MA Emergency Management Agency to create a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will identify natural hazards and ways to mitigate them.

The Planning Board received \$20,000 from the Massachusetts Housing Partnership for technical assistance with the new MBTA Communities requirements.

The Planning Board received two (2) no-cost Speed Feedback signs from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to be installed at the school zone on Bullock Road.

The Planning Board submitted a grant application for a shared use path on Memorial Drive through the Safe Routes to School program. The application has been recommended to advance in the project initiation and State transportation Improvement Program (STIP) process.

Articles Submitted

The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding an article submitted for the 2022 Special Town Meeting Warrant to consider a proposed amendment of the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11.3.D.b Zoning By-laws, to create or establish the Assonet Bay Shores Overlay District. At the Special Town Meeting, the article did not receive the required 2/3 vote and was defeated.

The Planning Board held a public hearing regarding an article submitted for the 2022 Special Town Meeting Warrant to consider a proposed amendment of the Town of Freetown Protective

By-laws, Article 11 Zoning By-laws, to strike Article 11.3.D.b in its entirety. At the Special Town Meeting, the article did not receive the required 2/3 vote and was defeated.

The Planning Board submitted an article for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$45,000.00 for an engineering study for the Assonet Four Corners intersection. At the Annual Town Meeting, the article passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Alfaro
Planning & Land Use Administrator

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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

- 598 Approved (3-0) a variance to construct a convenience store with a side setback of 20 feet, rear setback of 15 feet, and a front setback of 20 feet for 52 County Road, East Freetown.
- 599 Approved (3-0) a variance for an existing commercial garage store with a side setback of 37.8 feet for 191 Chace Road, East Freetown.
- 600 Approved (3-0) a variance for the foundation of an addition to an existing single-family home with a side setback of 19.2 feet for 13 Beech Bluff Road, East Freetown.
- 601 Approved (3-0) an appeal to overturn the decision by the Building Inspector that the clearing of land is an expansion for 11 & 13 Ridge Hill Road, Assonet.
- 602 Denied (3-0) an appeal to overturn the decision that a home occupation is not allowed by the Building Inspector for 22 Keene Road, East Freetown.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Alfaro
Planning & Land Use Administrator

Report of the Soil Conservation Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Soil Conservation Board for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The Soil Conservation Board is a five-member board consisting of the members of the Conservation Commission.

The responsibilities of the Soil Conservation Board are to oversee gravel operations and such activities in the town. During the fiscal year, the Board took action on a total of 5 permits. The Board collected \$1,295.00 in application fees and \$102,400.53 in tipping fees, totaling \$103,695.53.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Alfaro
Planning & Land Use Administrator

Report of the Scholarship Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Scholarship Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

The Scholarship Fund was created by a vote of the townspeople in November 1994, and after ten years of inactivity, a group came together late in 2004 to reinvigorate the program. Over the past nineteen years, our committee – members past and present including Bob Adams, Jean Fox, Bob Gregory, Judy Gregory, Sheri Hadley, Mark Logan, Sharon Rosen, Audrey Souza, and Sandra Souza – has awarded nearly \$21,000 in scholarships to the young people of our community. We regret that in some lean years, such as the year for which we offer this report, we are unable to award scholarships for want of adequate funds.

The Scholarship Fund is replenished entirely through donations, which 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 Building Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Building Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The work of the Building Committee during this fiscal year was carried out primarily by its subcommittees and affiliated committees, namely the Fire Station Building Subcommittee and the COA/Library Community Building Committee. The Building Committee itself met as needed to receive updates from these groups and to discuss other projects, such as the purchase of temporary office space (akin to portable classrooms) for the Council on Aging and the ongoing work to rehabilitate the town's oldest public building, the Village School (1794).

The Fire Station Building Subcommittee is making great progress towards modernizing Fire Station 3 on Bullock Road. Upgrades are anticipated to include separate living quarters for male and female firefighters, and additional apparatus bays for firefighting equipment that is best centralized for the benefit of all residents.

The COA/Library group is in the beginning stages of planning a joint building to replace the Guilford H. Hathaway Library (1895), James White Memorial Library (1947), and Multi-Purpose Senior Center (1989). Each of these buildings suffers from its own inadequacies, ranging from no indoor plumbing at the Hathaway Library to limited handicapped accessibility at the Senior Center. Unique amongst these buildings is the White Library, operated by the Town but owned by a private organization, with the Town unable to expend funds (other than dedicated trust funds) for its maintenance and upkeep.

Building-related articles presented to the voters at town meetings included the following:

Special Town Meeting – October 18, 2022

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| ◆ To lease office space at 65 South Main Street | Defeated |
| ◆ To purchase land at 2 South Main Street | Defeated |

Special & Annual Town Meetings – June 5, 2023

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| ◆ To purchase portable office space for the Council on Aging | Adopted |
| ◆ To fund the additions and renovations to Fire Station 3 | Adopted |
| ◆ To apply for a Massachusetts Library Building grant | Adopted |
| ◆ To appropriate funds to begin the Mass. Library Building process | Adopted |

We owe many thanks to those departments and committees that oversee our public buildings and facilities. Much effort is undertaken to keep aging buildings in as near-peak condition as possible. Time is showing, however, that even the best efforts will not prevail indefinitely.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. McCue
Chairman

Report of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District

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

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, infrastructure needs, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2023, the Town of Freetown paid \$1,856.85 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.172 cents per capita. SRPEDD’s annual budget in 2023 was \$5,045,223.

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

Please visit SRPEDD’s agency website at www.srpedd.org to review our work, read our 2023 Annual Report, and tour recent projects, including: our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); our work to support communities as they comply with the new Section 3A of Chapter 40A; our ongoing Regional Resilience Plan; our Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and diverse Environmental Planning work program; our Regional Transportation Plan; our Complete Streets and Multi-Use Path transportation projects; our Safe Streets For All (SS4A) Action Plan; our work with the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council (SRAC); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create Active Shooter/Hostile Event (ASHE) Response Tools; our collaboration with communities to update Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Protection Area (PPA) designations; and various municipal projects, such as Redevelopment Studies, Business and Marketing Guides, Community Master Plans., and Open Space and Recreation Plans. Our website also includes departmental web pages, staff profiles, a calendar of events, and recent news.

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

Local citizens/officials representing Freetown in SRPEDD activities:

Victoria Alfaro Duran and Deborah Pettey on the SRPEDD Commission.

Victoria Alfaro Duran and Deborah Pettey on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

In 2023, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Freetown in the following areas; please note that funding sources and project web pages are provided, where available:

| Project Name | Funding Source(s) |
|--|----------------------|
| Master Plan https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/community-master-plans/freetown-master-plan/ | DHCD, DLTA |
| Section 3A Technical Assistance | MHP, Barr Foundation |
| Traffic Counts on several roadways (details available by request) | MassDOT |

Report of the Taunton River Stewardship Council

As the Coordinator for the Taunton River Stewardship Council, I am pleased to share our 2023 Annual Report.

Since 2009, it has been the Council's mission to promote long-term protection of the Taunton River, working closely with the river's communities and environmental partners. In 2023 our Community Grants Program awarded over \$100,000 to eleven area projects, assisting recipients in successfully leveraging an addition \$6.3 million in outside funding. Projects include the protection of 190 acres of land, the study of a threatened species, historical and cultural preservation efforts, support for recreational opportunities, and more. Our River Access Committee successfully completed a cartop boat launch site improvement.

This past year resulted in exciting changes as we welcomed several new Council Members and finally found a home to call our own at the Taunton River Watershed Center, located at Sweets Knoll State Park in Dighton. This space, shared with the Taunton River Watershed Alliance, allows for the return of in-person meetings and events.

It has been a pleasure working with Linda Fournier as the Freetown delegate to our Council. We look forward to including the Hathaway Park Canoe/Kayak Storage Rack project in our next report. Until then, we invite you to consider our Community Grants Program for any future eligible projects in your community. Program details and further information about our work can be found on our website at www.tauntonriver.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Bancroft
Coordinator

Report of the Housing Authority

The Housing Authority did not submit a report for publication.

Protection of Persons & Property Reports

Report of the Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Police Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

INTRODUCTION

As we gather to reflect upon another year of growth, accomplishments, and challenges, it is my distinct privilege to address you as the newly appointed Chief of Police, effective July 1st, 2023. It is with a profound sense of duty and commitment that I submit the Freetown Police Department's Annual Report for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

First and foremost, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the trust that this community has bestowed upon me. The role of Chief of Police carries significant responsibility, and I am deeply honored to serve and safeguard the wonderful community of Freetown. I am committed to upholding the values and principles that make Freetown a unique and thriving place to call home.

One of the most remarkable aspects of my new role has been the opportunity to work alongside the dedicated men and women of the Freetown Police Department. Their unwavering professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our community have made my transition into this position significantly smoother. Their tireless efforts and exemplary service have laid the foundation for a strong and united law enforcement team that is dedicated to serving Freetown with the utmost integrity.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the dedicated signal operators who work tirelessly behind the scenes, coordinating vital communications that keep Freetown safe and well-connected. In the realm of public safety, police and fire signal operators are the unsung heroes, expertly balancing order and chaos. With precision and unwavering dedication, they dispatch first responders, orchestrating critical communication behind the scenes. Their ability to remain composed under pressure, coordinating rapid responses, is extraordinary. These professionals are the silent guardians of our communities, deserving profound gratitude for safeguarding our lives and property.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

CORE VALUES

The following values guide our work:

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

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

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

For information on notable events, please visit us online. We maintain a webpage (www.freetownpolice.org), Facebook account (www.facebook.com/FreetownPD/), Instagram account (www.instagram.com/freetownpdma/), and Twitter account, (www.twitter.com/FreetownPD).

Please note that the social media accounts are not for the public to report crimes. We ask that you call 911 for emergencies and 508-763-4017 for non-emergency reports of crime and police related issues.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

The Department works in collaboration with The New Bedford Women’s Center (Center), a non-profit domestic violence/sexual assault victim community advocacy agency group to end domestic violence. The Center assigns civilian advocates to work with the Department and offers various training to the Department.

The Department refers all domestic cases to the Center. Civilian advocates then contact every victim to review safety planning and offer resources and referral information. The Center is also part of an area high risk team, working with the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office, Domestic Violence Unit, to classify offenders and track domestic violence activities.

Child Abuse & Violence

The Department works in collaboration with the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) of Bristol County, a non-profit agency that assists children and families impacted by the trauma of abuse and violence. A coordinated multi-disciplinary team comprised of police investigators, family advocates, specialized health services and treatment services works together.

The CAC provides a sensitive and coordinated response to allegations and disclosures of child abuse. For each child abuse case, a multi-disciplinary team is formed comprised of law enforcement, Department of Children & Families, District Attorney’s office, Massachusetts PEDI-SANE program, and community-based agencies. This collaborative approach is at the heart of the evidence-based model which provides a place and process for the child to provide the details of their victimization only one time during the investigative period to minimize their trauma.

CODE RED

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

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

PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF BOX

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

PERSONNEL TRANSITIONS

During the year, several valuable long-term employees retired from the Department.

Chief Carlton E. Abbott Jr. Esq served the Town of Freetown for over 43 years, the past 24 years as your Chief of Police.

Chief Abbott began his journey in law enforcement back in 1979 as an auxiliary officer and steadily progressed through the ranks until his appointment as police chief in 1998. Throughout his tenure, Chief Abbott has demonstrated exceptional leadership, guiding the department through challenging times such as recessions, budget crises, hurricanes, blizzards, floods, and pandemics.

Under Chief Abbott's visionary leadership, the Freetown Police Department achieved numerous milestones and advancements. Noteworthy accomplishments during his tenure include the implementation of a formalized promotional process, which included written exams and interviews, as well as being one of the early adopters of TASERS as a less lethal option. The department also benefited from the introduction of a cruiser leasing program, acquisition of new equipment, and implementation of updated technology.

Chief Abbott's commitment to excellence is reflected in the department's achievements. The Freetown Police Department earned police certification, accreditation, and re-accreditation through the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. Furthermore, Chief Abbott has been instrumental in driving the department's progress, transforming it into a more progressive and professional agency. Notably, he oversaw the construction of a new police station, providing a modern facility for enhanced community safety.

Sergeant Edward Dwyer's 25-year career in law enforcement with the Department is a testament to his unwavering commitment and outstanding service. Starting as a volunteer auxiliary police officer in 1998, he demonstrated his dedication to the community. In 1999, he

became a part-time reserve officer, taking on increased responsibilities. In 2003, he was appointed as a regular full-time police officer, and in 2007, he earned the rank of sergeant, showcasing his leadership qualities.

Throughout his career, Sgt. Dwyer also served as a Department Computer IT specialist and an MPTC Firearms Instructor, highlighting his versatility and commitment to his fellow officers' training. He retired from his full-time position in 2022 but continues to serve as a valuable part-time officer, demonstrating his enduring dedication to public safety and the community. Sgt. Edward Dwyer's career embodies the highest standards of law enforcement, and we appreciate his years of selfless service and continued commitment.

K-9 Koda, a German Shepherd, retired after six years of dedicated service with the Department. He excelled as a narcotics detection dog, aiding in arrests and making the town safer while also connecting with the community at events and schools. Although Koda left active duty, his legacy lived on, embedded in the hearts of Freetown's people as a symbol of dedication and the unbreakable bond between a loyal dog and his handler.

Koda has been lovingly adopted by his dedicated K-9 handler, Sgt. Thomas Long. Koda's years of loyal service and unwavering dedication to the force have earned him a well-deserved retirement, where he can now enjoy a peaceful and comfortable life.

Appointments

The following appointments were made:

Signal Operator (part-time)

Victoria A. Ashley – 11/01/22
Matthew M. Bomes – 10/10/22
Brianna M. Ferreira – 11/01/22
Lauren Sunshine – 11/01/22

Signal Operator (full-time)

Catarina P. Medeiros – 11/27/22
Lauren Sunshine – 11/28/22
Dean Guimares – 04/10/23

Resignations

The following resignations were recorded:

Signal Operator, Trainee (part-time)

Jessica M. Coray – 02/09/23

Signal Operator (full-time)

Michael R. Dagenais – 07/29/22
Elda M. Hague – 08/06/22
Logan A. St. Louis – 11/22/22
Lauren Sunshine – 01/23/23

Retirements

The following retirements were recorded:

Chief of Police (full-time)

Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Esq. – 06/30/23

Police Canine (full-time)

K9 Koda – 06/20/23

Regular Police Officer, Sergeant (full-time)

Edward J. Dwyer – 12/02/22

ACCREDITATION

In 2014, the Department successfully attained its initial Accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) and has since maintained a track record of successive Re-Accreditations. In the year 2023, the Department proudly secured its 4th Re-Accreditation Award, underscoring its unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of professionalism.

The Department consistently surpasses the rigorous professional benchmarks established by and for the law enforcement field. These meticulously chosen standards encompass vital aspects of police management, operations, and technical support functions, addressing policy development, emergency response planning, training, communication, property and evidence management, use of force, vehicular pursuit, prisoner transportation, and detention facilities.

This program not only sets the bar for excellence in the law enforcement profession but also significantly enhances the quality of police services provided to the residents of Freetown.

MONIES COLLECTED

A total of **\$75,699.05** was generated by the Department's activities:

| Source | Amount |
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| Court Restitution | \$ 4,330.00 |
| Fines & Forfeitures | \$ 34,458.73 |
| Firearms Licensing | \$ 6,437.50 |
| Misc. Permits | \$ 15.00 |
| Parking Tickets | \$ 3,060.66 |
| Police Detail Admin. Fees | \$ 25,910.30 |
| Reports | \$ 650.00 |
| Misc. Receipts | \$ 836.86 |

GRANTS

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

TRAINING

In the pursuit of professional development, the emphasis on training remained paramount for every member of our Department. Each officer dedicated a minimum of 40 hours annually to adhere to the rigorous regulations set forth by the Municipal Police Training Committee. In addition, our signal operators received training beyond the mandated 16 hours per year prescribed by the Mass 911 Department. Throughout the year, we successfully transitioned to a distance learning platform for all in-service training, a shift that officers and signal operators adapted to with remarkable efficiency, ensuring the timely completion of all requirements.

We continued to harness the benefits of our online document management program, enabling our officers and signal operators to receive training on a broad spectrum of policies and subjects.

This approach not only supported our pursuit of accreditation standards but also contributed to risk reduction, enhancing overall productivity, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness.

Thanks to the approval at a town meeting, which allocated funding for active shooter and response training, our Department collaborated with the Freetown Fire Department and the Lakeville Police & Fire Departments to conduct a regional active shooter/response training exercise at the Freetown/Lakeville Regional Middle School. This exercise was a shining example of cooperation and teamwork among neighboring police and fire departments, marking its resounding success. We strongly recommend further training in this vital area to maintain and enhance these crucial tactical skills.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

The Department is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (SEMLEC) and has access to important resources, including search and rescue, canine, detective, K-9, tactical, marine, and dive team units. SEMLEC consists of 30 area police departments sharing knowledge, personnel, and equipment.

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

FIREARM LICENSING

The Department processed 300 transactions involving firearm licenses.

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| Licenses to Carry (LTC) Issued/ Renewed | 283 |
| Licenses to Carry (LTC) Suspended/Revoked | 5 |
| Firearm Identification Card (FID) Issued/Renewed | 12 |
| Firearm Identification Card (FID) Suspended/Revoked | 0 |

STATISTICS

Call Numbers

The Communication Center documented 16,737 calls during the fiscal year.

Case Activity Statistics

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| Total Offenses Committed | 1083 |
| Total Felonies | 267 |
| Total Arrests (On View) | 57 |
| Total Arrests (Based on Incident/Warrants) | 50 |
| Total Summons Arrests | 135 |
| Total Arrests | 242 |
| Total Protective Custody | 2 |
| Total Juvenile Arrests | 3 |

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| Total Juveniles Referred (Arrests) | 2 |
| Total Hearings | 12 |
| Total Summons | 19 |
| Total Open Warrants | 5 |
| Total Open Default Warrants | 7 |
| Total Orders | 24 |

Offenses Reported

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| Kidnapping/Abduction | 3 |
| Forcible Rape | 2 |
| Forcible Sodomy | 1 |
| Forcible Fondling | 1 |
| Robbery | 1 |
| Aggravated (weapon) Assault | 34 |
| Simple Assault | 49 |
| Intimidation | 31 |
| Arson | 3 |
| Burglary/Breaking & Entering | 17 |
| Theft from Building | 3 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 11 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts | 1 |
| All Other Larceny | 53 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 12 |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 4 |
| False Pretenses/Swindle | 18 |
| Impersonation | 22 |
| Identity Theft | 0 |
| Embezzlement | 1 |
| Stolen Property Offenses | 6 |
| Vandalism/Malicious Damage | 85 |
| Drug Violations | 22 |
| Incest | 2 |
| Statutory Rape | 10 |
| Weapons Violations | 72 |
| Animal Cruelty | 1 |

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| Disorderly Conduct | 15 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 18 |
| Drunkenness | 1 |
| Liquor Law Violations | 6 |
| Trespass of Real Property | 10 |
| Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses | 445 |
| All Other Offenses | 119 |
| TOTAL OFFENSES REPORTED | 1082 |

Other Violations

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| Motor Vehicle Citations | 490 |
| Parking Tickets | 168 |

Non-Criminal Activity Requiring Written Police Report

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| Alcohol and/or Substance Abuser - Civil Warrant | 1 |
| Animal Complaint | 0 |
| Assist Fire or EMS | 10 |
| Assist Other Agency | 16 |
| Assist Citizen | 46 |
| Cruiser Accident | 0 |
| Driver Competency | 6 |
| Discharge Firearm | 12 |
| Domestic Disturbance (No Crime) | 43 |
| Disturbance | 23 |
| Industrial Accident | 17 |
| Impaired and/or Under Influence Drugs | 1 |
| K-9 Deployment | 16 |
| Lost Property | 14 |
| Mutual Aid | 15 |
| Mental Health Issues | 18 |
| Mental Health – Civil Warrant | 28 |
| Missing Person | 3 |
| Overdose | 3 |
| Overdose - Heroin | 0 |
| Overdose - Pharmaceutical | 2 |
| Other | 42 |

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| Police Information | 17 |
| Property Held for Safekeeping | 20 |
| Runaway | 5 |
| Sudden Death | 7 |
| Towed Vehicle (No Crime) | 10 |
| TOTAL | 241 |

Collisions

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| Motor Vehicle Accidents Report Taken – Town Roads | 183 |
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Respectfully submitted,

Scott M. Rose
Chief of Police



*(l-r) Incoming Chief Scott Rose, Town Clerk Cheryl Estrella, retiring Chief Carlton E. Abbott, Jr.
Photo provided by the office of the Board of Selectmen/Town Administrator.*

Report of the Fire Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Fire Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

The impending arrival of the Southcoast Rail extension will present new challenges and increase demand on fire department resources. Fire department leadership is taking an active role in developing local and regional plans to respond to rail-related incidents. This is a major focus as we anticipate staffing and equipment needs for the future.

The following members were promoted in a ceremony at Fire Station 3 on January 17, 2023, by order of the Fire Chief:

Lieutenant Neal Lafleur promoted to Deputy Chief
Lieutenant Paul Ashley promoted to Captain
Firefighter Jeffrey Brum promoted to Lieutenant

Call Firefighter Jesse Lamy successfully completed the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Call/Volunteer Firefighter Training Class #104. The current recruit program being offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is generally held once a year in either Bridgewater or Fall River beginning in January and runs through the end of May. Being a small combination fire department, having both on-call and career firefighters, finding citizens who are willing to dedicate their time to the initial recruit training for over six (6) months is difficult and speaks volumes of the commitment of this young firefighter.

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

The Freetown Fire Department responded to 2,500 calls for service during the last fiscal year, which is represented as follows:

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Medical Calls | 1,234 | Station Coverage | 41 |
| Medical Transfers | 6 | Investigations | 78 |
| Medical Mutual Aid | 184 | Public Assistance | 88 |
| Structural Fires | 47 | Fire Alarms | 192 |
| Brush Fires | 51 | Illegal Burning | 31 |
| Mutual Aid Fires | 36 | Motor Vehicle Accidents | 247 |
| Motor Vehicle Fires | 39 | Water Rescues | 5 |
| Carbon Monoxide Calls | 31 | Details | 108 |
| Electrical Emergencies | 28 | Miscellaneous | 54 |
| | | Total Responses | 2,500 |

The department received a Public Safety 'SAFE' Grant in the amount of \$5,200. The SAFE Grant was used to train and equip firefighters to be public fire education instructors and to conduct fire safety classes throughout town. Additionally, funding from the SAFE grant was used to purchase address sign markers and to cover the cost associated with the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the homes of our elderly and other needy families.

Additionally, the department received a Massachusetts Fire Equipment Grant in the amount of \$15,300.00 to purchase a turnout gear dryer for fire station 3, personal flashlights, as well as personal CO meters for all firefighters. These new meters will add an increased level of protection to members in addition to the four-gas meters supplied on the fire apparatus.

Under the watchful eyes of Lieutenants Brogan and Brum, all of our firefighters participate in fire and emergency medical training throughout the year. This reinforces practical skills that transfer directly to emergency scenes, ultimately enhancing firefighter safety and improving proficiency. The required yearly EMS training allows our dual trained firefighters to provide the most advanced pre-hospital emergency medical care to our residents and visitors, which in turn, can positively affect a patient's quality of life after a medical emergency. The live fire training, in which we participate allows our members to work together as a team under real fire conditions while performing fire suppression, ventilation, search and rescue, as well as incident command in a controlled atmosphere. By having members participate in live fire training, it will help ensure that operations at actual fire scenes run as smoothly and safely as possible at a time when we cannot afford to make mistakes.

Today's response to emergencies represents only a fraction of the total activities of the fire department. Functions, such as: Fire safety inspections, public education, EMS response, building plans review, mutual aid response, community outreach, and fire prevention have become the foundations of the modern fire service. Other areas of involvement now include technical rescue, hazardous materials response, and emergency and disaster preparedness. All these responsibilities require us to be more aware, better trained, and more adept at planning for and responding to these ever challenging and rising demands. Under Deputy Chief Neal Lafleur's leadership, firefighters performed 746 in-service inspections and issued 428 permits during the past fiscal year. These inspections included schools, churches, daycare centers and commercial properties as well as smoke and carbon monoxide inspections for new and resale homes. The work of these inspectors and public educators is difficult to measure. Without a doubt, the inspection of properties and enforcement of codes reduces the number of fires, property losses, and potential loss of life and serious injury.

Last fiscal year, 372 open-air burning (brush) permits were issued. Burning season begins January 15th and runs through May 1st (weather permitting). Burning permits are available on-line or can be obtained in person at the Bullock Road Fire Station (Sta. 3) beginning January 1st each year. Burning hours are between 10AM and 4PM, but residents must notify the Fire Department either by logging in on-line or by calling the Fire Station each day before they burn to confirm that burning is allowed that day. No daily authorizations to burn brush will be given after 2 P.M.

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

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

Fire Station 2 (Furnace Village) houses the majority of the town’s firefighting apparatus, and its location is critical to providing fire and EMS service to the East Freetown section of the community. Through the funding and cooperation of the facilities maintenance and building department, some exterior repair and maintenance projects have been completed. This station has no shower/locker room facilities and limited kitchen facilities but could be used as a temporary place of refuge or shelter during major events.

Fire Station 3 (25 Bullock Road) is the town’s headquarters fire station. This station is staffed 24/7/365 with a minimum of two firefighters with additional administrative staffing during the day during the week. As mentioned in the past this fire station is starting to show the wear and tear of a 23-year-old, 24/7, operating public safety building. After a few years of requesting that the space needs of this station be addressed, I am pleased to report planning and design support from the Board of Selectmen and Town Administration, the initial steps to renovate this fire station have begun. The new addition will provide three additional apparatus parking spaces, increased office space, accommodations for larger fire crews and a fire protection system for the building.

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

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

The overdue radio replacement and infrastructure project is still ongoing and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2024. The final result will be improved fireground operations and the safety of our members.

Chief Gary Silvia retired on January 3, 2023, after over 40 years of service to the town of Freetown. Chief Silvia has been paramount in bringing the department to the forefront in training, equipment, and standards. Through his guidance, our plan of succession was implemented and my transition into the role of Chief of the department has been relatively seamless. I would like to thank the entire department, town administrator, and board of selectmen for their support throughout the entire process.

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

Fire Department receipts deposited to Treasurer:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Ambulance Fees Collected | \$799,365.00 |
| Grants Received | \$ 24,800.00 |
| Permits, Reports, & Fees | <u>\$ 9,250.00</u> |
| Total: | \$833,415.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

Harrie E. Ashley, Jr.
Fire Chief



Fighting the house fire at 42 Water Street, Assonet, August 2022

Report of the Building Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Building Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

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

| | Permits Issued | Permit Fees Collected |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Abandoned/Foreclosed Property Registrations | 1 | \$ 100.00 |
| Accessory Structures | 12 | \$ 1,831.40 |
| Additions | 2 | \$ 4,787.20 |
| Chimneys | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Commercial Miscellaneous | 19 | \$ 12,747.00 |
| Commercial Remodel | 3 | \$ 4,547.60 |
| Decks | 25 | \$ 2,531.00 |
| Demolition Permits | 10 | \$ 950.00 |
| Electrical Permits | 259 | \$ 31,594.50 |
| Fireplaces | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Foundations | 3 | \$ 300.00 |
| Garages | 8 | \$ 1,651.00 |
| Gas Permits | 119 | \$ 7,998.00 |
| Home Occupation | 26 | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Insulation | 58 | \$ 2,900.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 28 | \$ 22,959.88 |
| New Commercial | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| New Homes | 11 | \$ 17,025.00 |
| Occupancy Permits | 25 | \$ 1,300.00 |
| Plumbing Permits | 20 | \$ 7,267.00 |
| Pools-Above ground | 13 | \$ 480.00 |
| Pools-Inground | 5 | \$ 375.00 |
| Remodel-Residential | 10 | \$ 61,180.00 |

| | | | |
|--|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Restaurant Inspection Certificates | 4 | \$ | 120.00 |
| Roofing/Siding/Doors/Windows | 139 | \$ | 9,517.00 |
| School/Daycare Inspection Certificates | 37 | \$ | 1,320.00 |
| Sheet Metal | 8 | \$ | 500.00 |
| Solar | 33 | \$ | 11,545.09 |
| Trench Permits | 2 | \$ | 100.00 |
| Wood Stoves | 14 | \$ | 700.00 |
| Zoning Determinations | 18 | \$ | 900.00 |
| Total Permits/Fees Collected | 912 | \$ | 208,526.67 |

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Bizarro
Inspector of Buildings / ZEO

Report of the Fence Viewers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Fence Viewers for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Bizarro
Keven V. Desmarais
Michael T. McCue
Samuel J. Ruest

Report of the Sealer of Weights & Measures

The Sealer of Weights & Measures is tasked with testing and sealing "weighing or measuring devices for the purpose of buying or selling goods, wares or merchandise, for public weighing or for hire or reward" – in other words, the Sealer's responsibility is to ensure that consumers in our town are receiving a square deal. Residents are most likely to see the work of the Sealer of Weights & Measures at our local gas stations, where the pumps are sealed to ensure accuracy.

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

Report of the Emergency Management Agency

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Emergency Management Agency for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

We have been fortunate that this year has been relatively quiet, and there have been no major weather storms or events. Emergency Management Agency members were called out several times last year to aid various town boards, departments, and agencies, mostly to deliver supplies and provide lighting at various events. EMA members were placed on standby several times in the event that a comfort station was needed. Residents are reminded that warming/cooling shelters are available 24/7/365 on an as needed basis. Call 508-763-4828 or 508-763-4017 for more information or assistance.

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

We are moving to re-establish an active Local Emergency Planning Committee consisting of members from town departments and interested members from the local community to better serve the needs of our citizens.

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

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

Director Gary Silvia retired in January of 2023, and I would like to personally thank him for his dedication and commitment to serving the town of Freetown as emergency management director.

In closing, I would like to remind all Freetown residents that all emergencies are local, and emergency preparedness starts at home.

Respectfully submitted,

Harrie E. Ashley, Jr.
Director

Report of the Animal Control Officer

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

Report of the Tree Warden

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Tree Warden for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. During this fiscal year, the Tree Warden also served as Moth Superintendent.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice W. DeMoranville, Sr.
Tree Warden

Public Works Reports

Report of the Highway Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Highway Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Using Chapter 90 funds, the following projects were completed:

- Engineering was begun for repairs to Kelley Drive and the 1886 single-arch bridge on South Main Street.
- Beech Bluff Road, Beechwood Road, and Pawnee Avenue were shimmed and chip sealed.
- A concrete saw was purchased.

Projects completed using Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) funds included:

- Colonial Drive, Crossroads Drive, Elm Street (from Christy Lane to Assonet Four Corners), and South Main Street (from Brightman Lumber to Copart) were milled and paved.
- Engineering work was undertaken for repairs to Quanapoag Road.
- Road striping was completed on the main roads.
- Enhanced flashing stop signs and yield signs were installed at major intersections.

Other road repairs were carried out as follows:

- Beach Street, Bell Rock Road, Copicut Road, Cudworth Avenue, Estelle Avenue, Gerard Avenue, Kayla Way, Martin Drive, Paul Avenue, Quanapoag Road, Ross Circle, Simmons Street, and Slab Bridge Road were shimmed or pavement repaired as needed.
- Catch basins, culverts, and drainage structures were repaired or rebuilt on Burns Lane, Braley Road, Chace Road, Chipaway Road, Colonial Drive, Crossroads Drive, Dr. Braley Road, Doreen Lane, East Howland Road, Elm Street, Gray Oaks Drive, Gerard Avenue, High Street, Howland Road, Mason Road, Morton Road, Nestles Lane, Ross Circle, Simmons Street, Slab Bridge Road, Water Street, and the police station.
- Berms were installed on Braley Road, Keene Road, Mason Road, Narrows Road, and Pleasant Street.
- Grindings were set out on Copicut Road, Nestles Lane, and Point of Pines Road.
- Sidewalks were repaired on Elm Street, Mason Road, and North Main Street.
- Drainage ditches and swales were mowed or cleaned out as needed.
- Other minor road repairs were completed throughout the town as needed.

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

- Building material bins and repairing roads at the Assonet Burying Ground.
- Concrete was repaired at Fire Station 2 on County Road.
- Concrete was set as needed at the old police station (food pantry)
- Concrete and bollards were set as needed at the boat ramp.
- Library mini-storage units were emptied out and contents brought to the transfer station.

No new roads were accepted at town meetings this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles J. Macomber
Highway Surveyor



Greystone Rail bluegrass concert – Freetown Historical Society – June 11, 2023

Report of the Transfer Station

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Transfer Station for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Serving on the Board of Health were the three members of the Board of Selectmen. Appointed by the Board of Health to assist in fulfilling its responsibilities during this time were Victoria B. King, Transfer Station Attendant/Supervisor; Thomas Ashley, Attendant; and John R. Brodeur, Per Diem Attendant.

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

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Miscellaneous | \$ 7,001.32 |
| Bulky Items | \$ 58,450.00 |
| Recycling | \$ 3,955.00 |
| Resident Stickers | \$ 0.00 |
| Tires | \$ 575.00 |
| Propane Tanks | \$ 85.00 |
| Total Fees Collected | \$ 70,066.32 |

The Transfer Station is open Tuesday-Saturday, 8AM-3:30PM, and is located at 49 Howland Road in Assonet.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria B. King
Transfer Station Supervisor

Report of the Water & Sewer Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The Freetown Water & Sewer Commission is comprised of three members who are elected to serve three-year terms. The current members are Robert Parker (term expires 2024), Paul G. Sadeck (term expires 2025), and Mark Rosofsky (term expires 2026). Keven Desmarais resigned as Commissioner in April 2023. He was replaced by Mark Rosofsky who was elected in April 2023.

Full-time employees are Steven Douglas Chandler, Senior Clerk; and David Thibodeau, Data Acquisition and Infrastructure Maintenance.

The Town of Freetown has secured funding from the federal ARPA program to upgrade and replace all water meters up to two inches throughout our system as well as the software and equipment to read these meters. This upgrade ensures all meter infrastructure has the latest technology throughout our system, and will provide efficiency when reading meters, interfacing with our database, and getting bills out quarterly. The Meter Replacement Project was completed in September 2023.

The Town of Freetown has secured funding from the federal ARPA program for the Generator Project at the Chipaway Pump Station. This serves to ensure water customers continue to receive water when a power outage affects that area of our system. The Generator Project was completed in August 2023.

In 2022 the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission received a Public Water System Award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for Outstanding Performance and Achievement in the Consecutive Community category in 2021.

Responsible for providing quality drinking water to 675 customers in Assonet and East Freetown, the Freetown Water & Sewer Commission (FW&SC) has approximately 17 miles of water supply lines and a booster pump station located on East Chipaway Road.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Parker
Chairman

Report of the Cemetery Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Cemetery Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Assonet Burying Ground

The Assonet Burying Ground saw several improvements this year, as we were fortunate to receive the services of the Highway Department during the unseasonably mild winter. Workers first constructed two material bins for our spoil/fill and loam piles to help keep these from washing away. They also constructed a new road around sections 30, 31, and 32, using asphalt grindings from previous town paving projects. We appreciate the work done by the Highway Department to improve the cemetery at minimal cost to our residents.



The cemetery continues to benefit from Richard Brown's considerable volunteer efforts. Mr. Brown has volunteered his time on countless projects for over a decade, ranging from edging around all of the flat grave markers in the cemetery to regularly manning the riding mower, and much more in between. He has likely saved the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars, and he asks nothing in return. Regular mowing and maintenance of the cemetery, in addition to Mr. Brown's work, was once again under the able care of the Highway Department.

A number of our marble headstones are now being cleaned with D/2, which removes the darkening of time without harming the underlying stone. This work is being accomplished both on a volunteer basis by the Cemetery Commission and by hired help from John Ashley, Jr.

On a final note, we take this opportunity to remind residents that decorative benches are no longer permitted in the Assonet Burying Ground. This is noted in the rules provided each time a lot is purchased. Please heed this rule to avoid undue distress.

Other Cemeteries

Most of the cemeteries aside from the Assonet Burying Ground are overseen by hired caretakers. In this fiscal year, those caretakers were Heath Chace of East Freetown and the Assonet firm of T.E.C. Landscaping, Inc., under the direction of Tom Copeland. Dedicated volunteers also tend to a few of the smaller cemeteries, such as the Crapo Cemetery (Linwood and Carol Bailey) and the Friends Cemetery (Westport Friends).

As the fiscal year neared its end, we were pleased to be contacted by Stop & Shop regarding the two cemeteries on their property. Stop & Shop plans to pick up where the Boy Scouts have left off in the past and make these cemeteries as presentable as all others in town.

Interments

There were thirty-two interments in the Assonet Burying Ground during this fiscal year, of persons formerly residing in Assonet (12), Berkley (1), Buzzards Bay (1), East Freetown (4), Fall River (4), Lakeville (1), Plainville(1), Plymouth (1), Raynham (1); Shasta Lake, Calif. (1); Port Orange, Fla. (1); Warwick, R.I. (1); Point Blank, Tex. (1); and Virginia Beach, Va. (2). Fifteen were men and seventeen were women. The youngest person interred was 53 and the eldest was 96. Eight were veterans, with service in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and peacetime.

| Burials Overseen by the Cemetery Commission, Comparison Over Five Fiscal Years. | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Fiscal Year | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
| Full Burials | 16 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 52 |
| Crem. Burials | 15 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 18 | 71 |
| Total Burials | 31 | 26 | 14 | 20 | 32 | 123 |

Veterans' Graves

All known veterans' graves are marked with flags prior to Memorial Day each year. This yearly tradition is a way of remembering the sacrifices made by the hundreds of soldiers and sailors buried in town. We were pleased to have the help of the VFW, Freetown Memorial Post 6643, and Boy Scout Troop 164 Assonet in placing flags at the Assonet Burying Ground this year. If you are aware of a veteran's grave that is not being marked, or have questions regarding veterans' benefits, please contact Bob Klevecka, Veterans Graves Officer for the town.

Gravediggers

A license is required of any person who wishes to open graves in the public cemeteries. The fee for obtaining a license is \$1.00 per year, issued for five years at a time (\$5.00 total). As of June 30, 2023, the following are so licensed:

| No. | Licensee | First Issued | Next Expires | Type(s) |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 5 | Heath H. Chace | October 5, 2011 | December 31, 2026 | Full & Cremation |
| 7 | Abigail S. Michaels | August 21, 2019 | December 31, 2024 | Cremation Only |
| 8 | John S. Ashley, Jr. | February 21, 2023 | December 31, 2028 | Cremation Only |

The cost of opening the grave is set by the gravediggers themselves. They are permitted to charge a premium or "winter rate" from November 15th through March 31st, and may request to extend that rate into the month of April should the weather dictate.

Fee Schedule

A single grave is \$700.00, and a cremation lot is \$300.00. Lots in the Veterans Section are free, and there are discounts for veterans outside this area. Residents wishing to purchase a lot, or to add to a perpetual care endowment, are 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:..... | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Endowments received for the perpetual care of the Assonet Burying Ground:..... | 7,200.00 |
| Receipts for gravediggers' licenses (to General Fund):..... | 5.00 |
| Donations received for care of the Assonet Burying Ground:..... | 1.45 |
| Donations received for care of the Evans Cemetery:..... | 600.00 |
| Donations received for care of the Rounsevell Cemetery:..... | 3,800.50 |

APPROPRIATIONS

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| 2015 Special Town Meeting, Tree Removal:..... | \$ 1,850.00 |
| 2019 Annual Town Meeting, Repairs to Lanes and Drainage:..... | 667.92 |
| 2021 Annual Town Meeting, Sale of Lots Transfer:..... | 3,500.00 |
| 2021 Special Town Meeting, Assonet Burying Ground Shed:..... | 9,945.00 |
| 2022 Annual Town Meeting, Appropriation:..... | 27,160.00 |
| 2022 Annual Town Meeting, Sale of Lots Transfer:..... | 2,500.00 |
| 2022 Annual Town Meeting, Veterans' Graves:..... | 500.00 |
| 2022 Special Town Meeting, Repairs to Monuments:..... | 7,500.00 |
| | <u>\$53,622.92</u> |

| EXPENDITURES | Appropriations | Perp. Care | Donations | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Assonet Burying Ground | \$ 18,513.96 | \$ 56.41 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 18,570.37 |
| Braley's Station Cemeteries | 2,130.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,130.00 |
| Capt. Job Terry Burial Gr. | 595.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 595.00 |
| Dean Family Cemetery | 285.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 285.00 |
| East Freetown Cemetery | 925.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 925.00 |
| Evans Cemetery | 985.00 | 0.00 | 920.00 | 1,905.00 |
| Michael Hathaway Burial Gr. | 625.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 625.00 |
| Morton Cemetery | 1,050.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,050.00 |
| Mother's Brook Cemetery | 2,080.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,080.00 |
| Nichols Cemetery | 1,063.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,063.00 |
| Payne's Cove Cemetery | 520.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 520.00 |
| Plummer Burial Ground | 1,900.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,900.00 |
| Quaker Hill Cemetery | 250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| Richmond Cemetery | 905.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 905.00 |
| Robinson Burying Ground | 2,571.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,571.00 |
| Rounsevell Cemetery | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,920.00 | 1,920.00 |
| Tisdale Burying Ground | 950.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 950.00 |
| Winslow Cemetery | 1,740.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,740.00 |
| Groundskeeping Supplies | 844.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 844.95 |
| D/2 Biological Solution | 2,549.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,549.47 |
| Parts/Repairs - Mowers | 207.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 207.08 |
| DR Power Wagon (½) | 1,372.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,372.49 |
| Mileage Expenses | 36.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 36.60 |
| Postage | 183.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 183.55 |
| Office Supplies | 413.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 413.21 |
| Totals: | \$ 42,695.31 | \$ 56.41 | \$ 2,840.00 | <u>\$ 45,591.72</u> |

| DONATION ACCOUNT | Beginning | Receipts | Expenditures | Ending |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Assonet Burying Ground | \$ 7.81 | \$ 1.45 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 9.26 |
| Evans Cemetery | 525.00 | 600.00 | 920.00 | 205.00 |
| Rounsevell Cemetery | 150.00 | 3,800.50 | 1,920.00 | 2,030.50 |
| White Cemetery | 35.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 |
| Totals: | \$ 717.81 | \$ 4,401.95 | \$ 2,840.00 | <u>\$ 2,279.76</u> |

PERPETUAL CARE ENDOWMENTS

ASSONET BURYING GROUND

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Beginning balance: | \$224,715.00 |
| Durand, Barbara | \$ 250.00 |
| Gaudreau, Richard E., Sr. & Yvette..... | 350.00 |
| Lucas, Jon A. & Elaine M..... | 600.00 |
| Michael, Ronald J., Jr. & Lisa M..... | 300.00 |
| Mires, Joyce M. | 150.00 |
| O'Neil, George F., Jr. & Lynne S..... | 1,750.00 |
| Parker, Roy N. & Suzanne R..... | 350.00 |
| Pickard, John & Steven..... | 2,950.00 |
| Shaffer, David C., Sr. & Kathleen..... | 150.00 |
| Szczepkowski, Walter & Julie | <u>350.00</u> |
| | \$ 7,200.00 |
| Ending balance:..... | \$231,915.00 |

TOTAL ENDOWMENTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assonet Burying Ground..... | \$231,915.00 |
| Chace Cemetery..... | 76,700.00 |
| East Freetown Cemetery..... | 600.00 |
| Evans Cemetery..... | 38,000.00 |
| Friends Cemetery..... | 1,000.00 |
| Morton Cemetery..... | 7,365.00 |
| Nichols Cemetery..... | 345.00 |
| Richmond Cemetery..... | 612.00 |
| Rounsevell Cemetery..... | 10,650.00 |
| White Cemetery..... | 500.00 |
| Winslow Cemetery..... | <u>20,000.00</u> |
| Total: | <u>\$387,687.00</u> |

**Burials Overseen
by the Cemetery Commission**

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

ASSONET BURYING GROUND

- Deborah A. Atwill
- Victor M. P. Aucoin
- Robert M. "Jack" Barboza
- Joseph P. Bolduc
- Martha W. Brown
- Almerinda R. Da Silveira
- Daniel J. Duarte
- Albert G. Emond
- Patricia A. Fiola
- Doris B. Gaspar
- Judith Jackson
- Harold Lee Jones
- Jon A. Lucas
- Alvin Medeiros
- Janet M. Medeiros
- John R. Medeiros
- Ronald J. Michael, Jr.
- Margaret Monteiro
- Andrea M. B. Morris
- Joseph F. Nacaula
- George F. O'Neil, Jr.
- Catherine T. Pontes
- Jayne D. Rodriguez
- Timoleon D. Rodriguez
- Kathleen Shaffer
- Paul J. Sincero
- Roberta A. St. Yves
- Sarah R. Strickland
- Emma G. Sullivan
- Edward J. Thompson
- Marie D. Thompson
- Jeannette K. Walker

Health & Human Services Reports

Report of the Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Board of Health for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The Board of Health office is open Monday through Thursday, 8am – 4pm, and Friday, 8am – 12pm. New Board of Health members were elected April 3, 2023, with Board of Health no longer also the Board of Selectmen. Prior to April 2023, Board of Health meetings were scheduled in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen meetings. Subsequent to April 2023, meetings are held once monthly and/or as needed. Set dates for meetings are in process of being determined as of the date of this report.

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

| | Permits Issued | Permit Fees Collected |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Fees Collected for Trash Bag Sales | ---- | \$336,500.00 |
| Bakery License | 5 | \$ 375.00 |
| Camp | 3 | \$ 450.00 |
| Common Victualler | 17 | \$ 1,275.00 |
| Food Establishment | 30* | \$ 5,420.00 |
| Installer Licenses | 34 | \$ 6,800.00 |
| Mobile Food | 4 | \$ 500.00 |
| New Septic Systems | 6 | \$ 1,200.00 |
| Percolation Tests | 46 | \$ 14,250.00 |
| Piggery License | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Pool Permits for Camp | 3 | \$ 300.00 |
| Public Beach | 1** | \$ 0.00 |
| Pump & Transport Licenses | 12 | \$ 2,400.00 |
| Reinspection Fees | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Retail Food | 20 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| Septic Certificates of Compliance | 54 | \$ 540.00 |
| Repaired Septic Systems | 49 | \$ 8,925.00 |
| Septic System Review | 52 | \$ 5,050.00 |
| Tanning Salon | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Temporary Food | 7 | \$ 240.00 |
| Title 5 Review | 54 | \$ 2,700.00 |
| Tobacco | 10 | \$ 750.00 |
| Transient Vendor | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Trash Hauler | 5 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Trench Permits | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Wells | 11 | \$ 1,650.00 |
| Wood Burner (Outdoor) | 2 | \$ 100.00 |
| Total Permits/Fees Collected | 425 | \$ 55,925.00 |

*Fees Waived (3) **Fees Waived (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Keven V. Desmarais
Board of Health Agent

Report of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

This year marks the 64th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. Our mission is to bring mosquito populations to tolerable levels using a variety of scientifically effective methodologies consistent with applicable laws. Surveillance, water management, biological and chemical controls are performed in an environmentally sensitive manner to minimize potential effects on people, wildlife and the environment. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

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

Disease risk from mosquitoes changes greatly from year to year. Because of this constant change in risk, BCMCP works in close relationship with the MA Dept. of Public Health to analyze disease risk in current and future years.

During the 2023 mosquito season, 14,763 individual mosquitoes in 497 samples were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 6 isolations of EEE and no human cases in the County. Bristol County had 22 mosquito samples test positive for WNV with no reported human cases. There were no reported equine cases for EEE or WNV.

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

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed the following work in the Town of Freetown during the time period of January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

- Sprayed over 2,137 acres
- Treated 18.9 acres in 49 locations with *B.t.i.* for mosquito larvae
- Received and completed 312 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 600 feet of brush
- Treated 840 catch basins
- Additionally, 393 acres of the Bolton Swamp was treated by aerial larvicide

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Matton
Superintendent

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners

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

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
38R Forest Street * Attleboro, MA 02703
Tel: (508) 823-5253 * Fax: (508) 828-1868



Payne's Cove

Report of the Council on Aging

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Council on Aging for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Council on Aging Offerings

Services that were offered were Transportation (including our wheelchair van), Mobile Market (Brown Bag Program), Grab and Go meals, Senior Tax Program (Senior Work Off), LIHEAP (Fuel Assistance), Applying for SNAP Benefits, Freetown Public Health Nurse, SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone), AARP Tax Assistance, Medical Equipment Loans, Farmer's Market Coupon Distribution, Referral Services, USDA Rural Development Grants, Legislative hours, and Podiatry Clinic.

- Our *Mobile Market program* (once monthly grocery bags) serves around 80 Freetown senior households between pick up at the center and deliveries
- Our *Grab and Go meals* program through Bristol Elder Services is distributed to roughly 30 elders daily (Monday-Thursday)
- The COA team assisted 60+ households with their new and renewal *fuel assistance applications*
- Our volunteer SHINE coordinator assisted 140+ elders in making decisions about the health insurance
- During tax season, our *AARP Tax Volunteers* assisted around 100 households in filing their taxes
- During the summer, the COA team distributes about 30 *Farmer's Market Coupon Booklets*

Ongoing activities offered were Chair Yoga, Drums Alive, Line Dancing (at the VFW), Bingo, Book Club (at the police station), Pitch/Card Games, Pool Table and Art Classes.

Special Events included Ice Cream Socials by the COA Team and events catered by Annie's Ice Cream, Karaoke and Pizza, Singer/Songwriter Matt York, Stop and Shop Cookout, Ham and Bean Dinner Delivery, Visit to the Freetown Historical Society, Health Information Presentations, Creativity with Color and Hip Hop Chair Dance.

Grants

A Formula Grant was received in the amount of \$30,240 for FY23. This past year, we have used the grant to pay for Exercise Classes, Painting Classes, new Bingo Equipment, My Senior Center yearly fee, new Front Doors for the center and our Motion Picture License. We have also used it to supplement the salary of our part-time COA Senior Clerk and for miscellaneous Food for Events.

A very generous \$50,000 grant has been earmarked to purchase a handicap-accessible vehicle. This was made possible by the strong advocacy of Senator Michael J. Rodrigues.

The COA also received a \$5,000 grant through the Southcoast Community Foundation. Senator Rodrigues was able to secure this for the general support of the Freetown COA. A recent needs assessment completed by Freetown seniors will help guide where the money could be spent.

Donations

The Council on Aging receives monetary donations that we use to assist Freetown Households in need. Through this past fiscal year, our donations totaled \$2,019.44.

Several volunteers also donate their time to the center in various ways (i.e., answering the phone, setting up for events, gardening, baking muffins). Stop and Shop generously donated their time and money to put on a summer cookout.

We also received food/monetary donations from the United Church of Assonet, Tuesday Club, and the Lions Club.

Use of Building

The Council on Aging building is used by different boards, committees, and clubs. The pavilion is also used for Town Hall events.

We are thankful for use of the Freetown VFW and the Freetown Police Station when events cannot occur at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Frias
Director



Report of the Veterans' Services Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Office of Veterans' Services for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

This office has maintained a roster of over twelve clients/families under the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.) Chapter 115 and Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) benefits. Provided financial assistance this past year to these clients was in the amount of \$89,494.70. 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 \$67,151.02, which will be issued to the town in the next fiscal year.

However, over this past year this office has not only maintained and provided assistance and guidance to those Chapter 115 clients but also to numerous other Veterans and their families, receiving hundreds of calls and questions regarding veteran status, obtaining Veteran Discharges (Form DD214), requests for metals/ribbons, Department of Veterans' Affairs eligibility for health care, burial benefits, disability compensation claims, Veteran ID cards and Veteran driver's license initiative through the Registry of Motor vehicles as well as other entitlements to both State and Federal benefits. Because of the recent approval of funds for the PACT ACT and additional illnesses to the presumptive illness list, the request to this office for assistance with information and submitting relevant VA claims has more than doubled.

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

This office also works with the Cemetery Commission to identify and maintain flags in cemeteries in Town where veterans are buried. Last year we flagged over 750 graves at 26 cemeteries in East Freetown and Assonet replacing old worn flags with new flags and providing new veteran flag holders where necessary. Also replaced seven wreaths at the Memorials in town and continually replace US, State and POW/MIA flags at the town's memorial areas. The total cost for these flags, flag holders and wreaths during this time period was \$2,259.30. Seventy-five percent of the grave marker flags cost is reimbursed by the State DVS. All other flags/wreaths purchased are our responsibility. I wish also, to personally thank the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freetown Memorial Post 6643, the Assonet American Legion Post 0425, the Cemetery Commission and the parents and members of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from Assonet and East Freetown who assisted in the Memorial Day flagging of the veteran graves. Without their help every year this would be an extremely difficult task to complete.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Klevecka
Director of Veterans Services

Culture & Recreation Reports

Report of the Library Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Library Department for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

We, the staff of the Freetown Public Libraries, strive to provide our patrons with the very best library services, programs and materials that we possibly can. We have worked tirelessly to make both of our facilities, and our programs more welcoming, comfortable and available to our audiences. Despite staffing setbacks, limited resources, and numerous other obstacles that we face, our libraries continue to develop new educational and recreational opportunities, facilitate the distribution of information resources, and grow as an asset to the community and the residents of Freetown. If you have not visited either of our libraries in the last several years, I strongly encourage you to stop in and learn about all that we have to offer!

During this fiscal year, the following data was recorded with to outline total services provided by the Freetown Public Libraries:

Total Hours Open: 2,250
Total Visits: 7,444
Total Reference transactions¹: 2,331
Total Tech Help²: 426
Total Public Computer Usage: 572
Total Wi-Fi Usage: 94

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

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

Personnel:

After over five years of service, Ms. Brittany Normandin, our Senior Librarian, resigned from her position in order to pursue another career opportunity. The knowledge and dedication that Brittany brought with her played an irreplaceable part in transforming the James White Memorial Library and the Guilford H. Hathaway Library over the last several years. Her passion for the Freetown Public Libraries and its patrons will be missed.

At the end of June Mrs. Sharon Dorian was hired as our new Senior Librarian. Sharon comes to us with over a decade of library experience and knowledge and we are very excited to have her on our team!

This year also saw the creation of a new staff position, the Programming and Outreach Librarian. This position was created to help the Freetown Public Libraries achieve some of the goals outlined in our Strategic Plan. These goals are to offer programs and services that enrich, educate, and entertain patrons of all ages in our community and to increase community awareness of the library

and its programs and services. This position was filled internally by our own Alyssa Silva, who has worked as the Library Technician since March 2021. As a result of this lateral move, our Library Technician position is currently vacant.

Circulation:

While children's materials had the highest increase of 34% from FY22 to FY23, we also had significant across all categories. We anticipate circulation will continue to grow as we also increase programming, outreach and awareness of library services.

| Circulation Statistics³ | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
| Adult | 11,238 | 14,958 | 16,586 |
| Young Adult | 488 | 565 | 702 |
| Children's | 2,201 | 5,849 | 7,885 |
| Total | 13,927 | 21,372 | 25,173 |

³ Circulation numbers include physical items checked out at the Freetown Public Libraries as well as digital items checked out using the Libby app.

Programs:

Over the past several years the staff of the Freetown Public Libraries has worked diligently to build a foundation of programs. In FY23, we continued working towards our goal to bring library patrons and citizens of Freetown a wide variety of programs and activities for all ages.

While many of the programs were held at the James White Memorial Library, space and seating limitations, as well as noise and disturbance levels, were all factors that had to be considered when scheduling programs. Unfortunately, due to lack of parking, space and bathrooms, no programs are able to be offered at the Guilford H. Hathaway Library. Most off-site programs are held in the Community Room of the Freetown Police Station. One program this year was held at the Assonet Bandstand.

Of the 129 programs we hosted this year, 28 were held off-site. Total attendance of all library programs was 1,435.

Adults

This year we held 39 programs on-site at the James White Memorial Library. Programs included our Adult Craft Night, Adult Crafternoon, Tea Time Talks and Common Threads. We also held 29 programs off-site including our two Book Clubs, a Tick Talk, Ghosts of the Bridgewater Triangle: A Spooky Evening with Tim Weisberg, The Importance of Focus, Native Plant Gardening and an Estate Planning Seminar!

Total attendance for in-person adult programming in FY23 was 546!

We also continued to offer Adult Take and Make Crafts/Self-Directed Programs on a limited basis at both libraries. We gave out 136 craft kits throughout the year.

Teens

We continue to try to offer programming for teens with limited success. This year we held a Henna Program for ages 13+ and had 20 people attend.

We also offered a few Teen Take and Make Crafts and gave away 34 kits.

Children

We are dedicated to offering programs for children of all ages. Programs for young children (birth-5) consisted of Story Time with Miss Alyssa. Children listen to Miss Alyssa read several stories and then a craft is completed with time for social interaction for the children and adults afterwards. This program was offered 41 times throughout the year with 401 attendees.

For school aged children (6-11) we had our Summer Reading Program which consisted of our Reading BINGO which had 98 participants. Weekly programs included: Sand Art, Beach in a bottle, STEM challenges, Kinetic Sand, Watercolor Painting, and Sand Clay Keepsakes. Other programs this year included our Home-School Meet Up, Cookie Decorating and our super popular Pokémon Party! We had a total of 15 programs with 418 total attendees!

We also always try to have take home crafts or self-directed activities available for the children who visit the libraries. This year we gave out 301!

All Ages

We also had several all ages programs this year. Ukulele Day, which was for people to learn to play the ukulele, was sponsored by the Freetown Cultural Council. Other all ages programming included Chess Club, Earth Day Celebration and a Plant Swap. We had 5 programs with a total attendance of 50 people.

Budget/Expenditures:

The FY23 budget for the Freetown Public Libraries was \$192,553.26. From that, \$135,818 was spent on wages. The remainder of the budget was spent on books and other materials, network assessments, program supplies, office supplies, and replacement equipment.

In order to keep our state certification, the library must spend at least 19% of its total budget on materials (books, DVDs, museum passes, etc.). Our requirement for this year was \$36,582, and we spent \$39,035 ensuring that we kept our certification for another year.

State Aid, Fees and Donations:

The Freetown Public Libraries received \$18,269 in State Aid this year. State Aid is used to supplement the materials budget to purchase books and DVDs and to pay for programs. We collected \$60 in printing and copy fees. Lost book payments totaled \$117.93 this year. Donations totaling \$10,297 were received by the Freetown Public Libraries as well.

Building/Grounds:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Davignon
Library Director



Freetown Cultural Council Spring Art Show at the Freetown Historical Society, May 13-14, 2023.



Report of the Cultural Council

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Cultural Council for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

The Massachusetts Cultural Council receives state funds solely from revenues generated by the State Lottery Commission. These funds are then allocated to the local Cultural Councils through the annual state appropriation process. Our local Cultural Council, in turn, awards grants to applicants who address cultural needs specific to our town and surrounding communities. The local funding cycle is advertised, and grant application forms are available online (paper applications are no longer available). The deadline to submit local grant applications to the Freetown Cultural Council is typically October 15th. Meetings are posted and held to designate grant funding. Grants awarded this fiscal year were as follows:

| Applicant | Program | Amount |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Freetown Seniors Club | Senior Group Excursion | \$ 1,960 |
| Karen Chace | Story Explorers Storytelling Program | 1,205 |
| Andrea Lovett | Once Upon A Generation | 1,200 |
| East Freetown Grange #307 | Porch Concerts for 2023 Farmers' Markets | 1,000 |
| New Bedford Festival Theatre | N.B.F.T. Summer Academy | 850 |
| Freetown Historical Society | Annual Open House | 750 |
| Southeastern Mass. Festival Chorus | Carols of Christmas & Radio Time Machine | 600 |
| Grtr. New Bedford Choral Society | 2022-2023 Season | 600 |
| SEED, Inc. | Forensic Fingerprinting at the Library | 522 |
| Soule Homestead Edu. Center | Music at Soule Homestead | 500 |
| Southeast Children's Theater | SCCT Presents <i>The Addams Family</i> | 500 |
| Special Needs Advocacy Network | Outcomes | 500 |
| Tuesday Club of Assonet | 34th Annual Strawberry Festival | 500 |
| Matt York | Johnny Cash Songs & Stories | 500 |
| Edward Cope | Aerodynamic STEM Workshop | 450 |
| David Maloof | Entertainment & Education Event | 450 |
| Lakeville Arts Council | 2023 Lakeville Arts & Music Festival | 400 |
| Notable Blend Chorus | Notable Blend Chorus | 400 |
| Seaglass Theater Co. | <i>The Tragedy of Carmen</i> | 400 |
| Sippican Choral Society | Let's Sing a Song of Joy | <u>250</u> |
| | | \$13,537 |

The Freetown Cultural Council sponsors or co-sponsors community activities throughout the year. Events during this fiscal year included the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting (December 2022) and a Spring Art Show hosted by the Freetown Historical Society (May 13-14, 2023).

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

Report of the Historical Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Historical Commission for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

The FHC has remained enthusiastic and persistent in its efforts to preserve and rehabilitate historic structures and sites in the town of Freetown, especially focusing on town owned buildings. Last year the Historic Assonet Bandstand had been restored, but this past year additional upgrades to the electrical system and lighting have been accomplished. We welcome the Bandstand being utilized for concerts with permission granted by town hall. The Bandstand is located on the parcel of land that the Ye Olde Tavern occupied.

In anticipation of the need for possible future repairs and restoration of the town hall, members of the Freetown Commission have been researching and scraping with special tools, a section of the exterior of the town hall to determine its original color. Much more work and research will be taking place.

The South Coast Rail "Assonet Pathway Informative Panel at Forge Pond" has been placed at the end of the pathway along the train tracks on Richmond Road at the sight of the former Ice House. The Panel includes a wonderful presentation of the history of businesses at Forge Pond. Unfortunately, due to the condition of the pathway, the panel is not easily accessible for residents to view. The Freetown Historical Commission has notified South Coast Representative that our choice for the panel was at the beginning of the pathway near Forge Road and we will be working to get the Panel moved to the beginning of the path at Forge Road to be accessible to residents.

The Assonet Village School, circa 1794: We had been progressing with improvements made to the basement which serves as a location for the Freetown archives. Last year, we reported that the lead paint had been removed from the exterior of the Village School. The entire outside was repainted. Now the exterior of The Village School house certainly reflects the town pride we feel about this prominent historic structure in the center of the Historic District. This year's goal has been completed with the repair to all of the school house windows, which were reglazed, painted and repaired to be in good working order. We are optimistic and persistent that next year, we can proceed with inside repairs and rehab of the building so that it can become a useful addition for town use.

Demolition Delay Bylaw: There was one demolition permit granted for a 1920 cottage located on Long Pond at 233 Middleboro Road, East Freetown. The review was necessary because the structure was over 100 years old. This cottage did not reflect historic or architectural features, was not listed in the East Freetown Historic District, nor the National Register of Historic Places, nor the Massachusetts Inventory of Historic Assets Survey. The cottage was in very poor condition and was a safety issue. Therefore, the Commission voted to grant a demolition permit.

East Freetown Historic District: A Historic house located in the East Freetown Historic District at 14 Washburn Road circa 1850 that was Bracketed Greek Revival, had been empty for numerous years and was under major reconstruction by the new owner and workers. Unfortunately, there was a major fire at the site and the historic house burned to the ground. This house had contributed to the East Freetown Historic District and was a loss to the neighborhood and community.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Rezendes Brown
Chairman



The Assonet Bandstand, decorated here with flags for Independence Day, was restored in 2023 to its original appearance.

Report of the Parade & Fireworks Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Following is the report of the Parade & Fireworks Committee for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

This year marked our triumphant return!

Leading up to the festivities was our annual T-shirt Design Contest, which was held in April 2022. Emilee Place, 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 once again featured the names of the sponsors who have helped fund our events. We were so happy to welcome back so many of our past sponsors, as well as to bring new sponsors onboard. The majority of our program is funded by donations, and we could not hold our events without these generous businesses and individuals.

Our fireworks festival returned on Sunday, July 3rd, at Hathaway Park, with several thousand in attendance. Food and game booths were once again run by local non-profit 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. Our events did not disappoint!

While we were glad to welcome back the fireworks, we were not able to hold the parade. Plans are in the works for the parade to return in 2023, provided we can secure enough volunteers.

We express our continued gratitude to the police, fire, and highway departments for their dedicated support of our activities; to Sgt. Scott Rose for serving as a liaison to the Police Department for planning and preparation for the fireworks; to Alan Beaupre and Beaupre Electric for using their bucket truck to hang our many telephone pole flags; 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; to Peter & Melissa from Borges Bros. for their generous donation of 25 totes that kept Hathaway Park neat and clean; and finally to our many financial sponsors for their generosity in supporting our program.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Gregory
Chairman

2022 FIREWORKS SPONSORS

— ROCKETS —

\$500.00+

2022 Annual Town Meeting
 Brennan's Smoke Shop
 Cape Cod Aggregates
 Elite Pest Control
 Freetown Elementary School Students
 Piping Systems, Inc.
 Route 44 Toyota
 Russell Frade Enterprises
 Stop & Shop
 U.S. Party Co.
 Water Street Readers & Men's Auxiliary
 Woodside Dental Care

— SPARKLERS —

\$250 - \$499

Big Wheel Towing & Recovery
 Cindy Brouwer – Jack Conway Real Estate
 Cool Licks Concessions
 Freetown Fire Department
 Freetown Highway Department
 Freetown Police Department
 JaySan Gas Service
 Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
 State Rep. Carole Fiola
 USA Core
 Westgate Performance

— FIRECRACKERS —

\$100 - \$249

Alan Beaupre / Beaupre Electric
 Assonet Village Improvement Society

B & L Repairs
 Berkley Used Auto Parts
 Borges Bros.
 Boy Scout Troop 164 Assonet
 Bullock Road Militia
 Chad's Chowderhouse
 Crossroads Liquors
 DSR Truck & RV Repair
 End of the Road Tees
 Erwin Family Jam Band
 Freetown Firefighters Association
 Freetown Lions Club
 Grandpa's Place
 Harry's Pizza
 Helen Spa
 Hidden Treasures
 Howland Tool & Machine, Ltd.
 Interstate Batteries
 Joshua's Mountain Woodworking
 JRA Collision Center
 Junior's Convenience Store
 Kenworth Northeast
 Lori's Paws
 Moonlight Design
 Nutrition on Main
 Once Upon A Time Family Child Care
 Pirouette Dance Academy
 St. Bernard's Church
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 Team Thunder/O.S.P.
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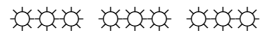
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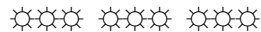
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Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Strauss
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Freetown Elementary School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Freetown Elementary School Mission:

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

Our mission statement is achieved by:

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

Student Enrollment:

Total enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 school year was 431 students (PreK - 3).

- Preschool: 57 students
- Kindergarten: 77 students
- First Grade: 95 students
- Second Grade: 89 students
- Third Grade: 114 students

Staff Members of Freetown Elementary School:

This year the Freetown-Lakeville School Community welcomed Mr. Alan Strauss as the new Superintendent of Schools. In addition to Mr. Strauss, Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District welcomed Mrs. Teri Fleming, Director of Curriculum and Assessment.

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| Principal: | Michael Ward |
| SPED Pre-K 3 Administrator: | Meredith Foye |
| Administrative Secretary: | Heather Carvalho |
| School Secretary: | Jessica Oliver |
| School Nurse: | Allison Pereira |
| School Adjustment Counselor: | Danielle Neves |
| Reading Specialist: | Lucia Ferreira-Trivino |
| Math Specialist: | Suzanne Cunha |
| Part-time Interventionist: | Beth Courcier |

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| Part-time Interventionist: | Diane Huling |
| EL Teacher: | Sandra Doe |
| Speech Therapist: | Kristin Lambert |
| Speech Therapist: | Stacey Brouillette |
| Occupational Therapist: | Melissa Durand |
| Occupational Therapist: | Kathleen Carmody |
| Physical Therapist: | Therea Levesque |
| School Psychologist: | Karin Kent |
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| Custodian (Site-Supervisor): | George Smith |
| Custodian: | Jeffrey Ashburn |
| Custodian: | Michael Souza |
| Custodian (Part-time): | Joe Simao |
| Custodian (Part-time): | Emma DeTerra |
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| Lunch/Recess Monitor: | Brittany Pimentel |
| Lunch/Recess Monitor: | Dorothy Ponte |
| Lunch/Recess Monitor: | Allison Buckley |
| Lunch/Recess Monitor: | Allison Pillarella |
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| Art Teacher: | Bridget Walters |
| Library/Media Specialist: | Jennifer Lipovsky |
| Music Teacher: | Nicholas Moreira |
| Physical Education Teacher: | Jill L'Heureux |
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| Preschool Teacher: | Allison Christopher |
| Preschool Paraprofessional: | Patricia Fasci |
| Preschool Teacher: | Jennifer Bacon |
| Preschool Paraprofessional: | Mary Azar |
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| Preschool/Kindergarten Teacher: | Bonnie Leite |
| Program Paraprofessional: | Laura Catellier |
| Program Paraprofessional: | Erin Kanakis |
| Program Paraprofessional: | Cassie Soares |
| Program Paraprofessional: | Dawn Sousa |
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| Kindergarten Teacher: | Kristin Brousseau |
| Kindergarten Paraprofessional: | Deb Turner |
| Kindergarten Teacher: | Erin Vigers |
| Kindergarten Paraprofessional: | Dawn Puccio |
| Kindergarten Teacher: | Jamie Dube |
| Kindergarten Paraprofessional: | Rebecca Delisle |
| Kindergarten Teacher: | Kiley Shoemaker |
| Kindergarten Paraprofessional: | Bonnie Deneault |
| Kindergarten Teacher: | Jennifer Tomlinson / Megan Tanque |
| Kindergarten Paraprofessional: | Kate Ferreira |

First Grade Teacher: Amanda Matton
First Grade Teacher: Eileen Newell
First Grade Teacher: Jessica Adams
First Grade Teacher: Stacey Lourenco
First Grade Teacher: Stephanie St. Onge
First Grade Paraprofessional: Deb Duffy

Second Grade Teacher: Kara Reis
Second Grade Teacher: Katie Pereira
Second Grade Teacher: Lisa Iafrate
Second Grade Teacher: Shelly Fournier
Second Grade Teacher: Stephanie Lamb
Second Grade Paraprofessional: Sean Magee

Third Grade Teacher: Kristi Falzone
Third Grade Teacher: Ryan Anglim
Third Grade Teacher: Sarah deMedeiros
Third Grade Teacher: Melissa Amara
Third Grade Teacher: Lyndsey Goldstein
Third Grade Teacher: Cara Butler

Special Education Teacher: Grace Hughes
Special Education Teacher: Jamie Costa
Special Education Teacher: Alexis Silva
Special Education Teacher: Maryann Overmyer
Program Paraprofessional: Karen Chretien
Program Paraprofessional: Shirly Fiske
Program Paraprofessional: Samantha Tripp
Program Paraprofessional: Denise Fulton
Program Paraprofessional: Virginia Mota
Program Paraprofessional: Summer Lewicki

School Year 2022-2023:

Over the past year, the Freetown Elementary School (FES) has continued to thrive as a school where students are respectful, responsible, and safe as outlined by our three CORE values. The FES professional learning community is strong and has worked tirelessly to align the current curriculum to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and to create consistent delivery of instruction to all students. Together, teachers and school-based teams have continued its implementation of a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program to ensure students are Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. The FES Community depends on this initiative to be the foundation for creating a learning environment that enables all students to be ready to learn.

Our instructional focus for English Language Arts continues to be on early literacy skills and strategies. Staff continued to participate in extensive professional development (Science of Reading) in phonological awareness, phonics, word work, and vocabulary development through a grant provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Staff

continued to implement the learned strategies within the classroom and it became common practice for students to practice their literacy skills. Moreover, staff were trained in the newly purchased core curriculum for ELA, Wonders (2023).

Within mathematics staff and students continued to work through the Ready Math core program with iReady Math used as an intervention and supplemental resource. Additionally, staff and students were introduced to ST (Spatial-Temporal) Math and Jiji, the Penguin in which students worked to complete puzzles and move Jiji along the pathway to success.

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

PTO and School Council:

Both our PTO and School Council were active and productive over the course of the school year. The PTO sponsored a staff welcome back lunch, three Scholastic Book Fairs with one of them being a Buy One, Get One Free. Yearbooks were bought for all outgoing third grade students. New this year was a Grade 3 Social where third grade students came to FES one evening to have some food, fun, and get their yearbooks as well as watch an end of the year video. The Third Annual Trunk or Treat Event took place in October for all FES families to participate in some spooky fun. The PTO sponsored grade level field trips for all grade levels. Finally, the PTO sponsored the Annual Fox Festival in which students participate in field day events and wrap up the day with a nice cool snow cone. All monthly PTO Meetings for the 2022 - 2023 school year were held virtually and in-person for parents to attend. The field trips consisted of:

- Preschool:** On site field trip with Roger Williams ZooMobile
- Kindergarten:** Buttonwood Park/Zoo Visit
- Grade 1:** Noah's Playground and a visit to the Zeiterion Theatre to watch a play
- Grade 2:** Soule Farm Visit
- Grade 3:** Tour of Freetown / Plymouth Patuxet / Freetown Police Station

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

Also, it is important to note that Mr. Moreira (Music Teacher and Grade Choral Director) led the Grade 3 Chorus as they sang "God Bless America" before a large crowd at the Providence Bruins Hockey game in March.

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

Academic Report:

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

Below one will find the MCAS data from previous years. Please note that the MCAS exam was not administered for the 2019 - 2020 school year due to COVID-19. MCAS was administered this school year. Data was released for instructional purposes to gauge student progress and student challenges.

Data indicates...

English Language Arts - "Next Generation MCAS"

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Exceeding | 9% | 6% | N/A | 11% | 7% | 1% |
| Meeting | 53% | 49% | N/A | 43% | 44% | 41% |
| Partially Meeting | 33% | 38% | N/A | 40% | 37% | 46% |
| Not Meeting | 5% | 6% | N/A | 6% | 12% | 12% |

Mathematics - "Next Generation MCAS"

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Exceeding | 17% | 10% | N/A | 3% | 7% | 7% |
| Meeting | 47% | 51% | N/A | 39% | 51% | 37% |
| Partially Meeting | 25% | 32% | N/A | 39% | 33% | 40% |
| Not Meeting | 10% | 7% | N/A | 19% | 12% | 15% |

Student Case Study/Building Based Support Team (BBST):

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

Data Meetings:

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

Additional FES staff members in grades Prek-1 were trained in the EarlyBird Dyslexia Screener to assess students for characteristics of Dyslexia. It is expected that next school students in PreK-1 will be assessed for Dyslexia. DESE has made Dyslexia Screening a regulation in all schools across the state of Massachusetts.

Common Planning:

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

around our Early Literacy Grant as to enhance student phonemic awareness skills, phonics, skills and vocabulary development.

School Services:

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

Health and Safety Team:

The Health and Safety Team ensured the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. Additionally, as a school community we refined and practiced our Emergency Response Protocol. Together, Freetown Elementary School, Freetown Police Department, as well as the Freetown Fire Department work closely to ensure our students and staff are safe at school and work. Moreover, the safety of our students and staff continues to be of our highest priority and to ensure the safety of our students several new protocols have been implemented when visitors come to Freetown Elementary School including new welcome service area, door locks, additional cameras, and continued partnership with the Freetown Fire and Police.

Community Involvement:

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

Overall at FES we have observed our curriculum be revised with additional professional development, staff collaboration being at the forefront of our work, safety procedures revised to ensure the safety for all and family involvement continues at such a high level.

We at FES firmly believe that with the support of the community and the caliber of our personnel, our school will be one that reflects the pride of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ward
Principal

Report of the George R. Austin Intermediate School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Enrollment

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

Grade 4 = 222

Grade 5 = 220

The total enrollment was 442 students.

Our Mission

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

Teaching and Learning

In the fall of 2022, we began our second year of full in-person teaching, and noted excitement and social growth in the students. We had an average of 21 students in general education classrooms and smaller groups in our sub separate classrooms for a much lower student to teacher ratio.

Personnel

There were two full-time personnel changes at the intermediate school this year. We had two grade four math/science teacher openings and selected two former third grade teachers for the roles. We maintained 20 general educators, eight special educators, four special subject teachers, an ESL teacher shared with FLMS and ARHS, and a reading specialist. Additionally, we added the position of a math specialist to serve both grades much as the reading specialist does. Through the ESSER II grant, we maintained the two math/literacy interventionists, working 7.5 hours each per week that we had in 2021-2022. Both interventionists are highly qualified educators licensed in the state.

MCAS

We had our second year of MCAS following the pandemic this year. Each content consisted of typical two sessions. The scores were as follows. Grade 4 Math: 5% Exceeding, 51% Meeting, 35% Partially Meeting, and 8% Not Meeting. Grade 4 ELA: 5% Exceeding, 43% Meeting, 43% Partially Meeting, and 9% Not Meeting. Grade 5 Math: 3% Exceeding, 39% Meeting, 51% Partially Meeting and 8% Not Meeting. Grade 5 ELA: 2% Exceeding, 45% Meeting, 45% Partially Meeting, and 8% Not Meeting.

School Community Events

We had our two PTO-sponsored socials in October and in March. We had two field trips in grade five and one in fourth, as one was canceled by the venue. We also enjoyed an in-school assembly

sponsored by the PTO. We had our fifth grade band performance and two chorus performances in December and in May. Additionally, we had our annual field day--Survivor Day in June.

Special Subjects at GRAIS

Students continue to enjoy four special subjects beyond their four academic classes. On a four-day rotation, they attend classes in art, music, library, and physical education/health.

Library/Media Services

We have had full circulation of resources in our library. The PTO, as always, supported our library by purchasing many new titles for our inventory through monies acquired through fundraisers.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan
Principal

Report of the Freetown-Lakeville Middle School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Enrollment

The total enrollment at Freetown-Lakeville Middle School was 675.

Personnel

Freetown Lakeville Middle School mourned the passing of longtime Social Studies teacher, Paul Couto during the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Couto will be missed by staff and students, alike. In honor of his memory, the auditorium has been commemorated the Paul G. Couto Memorial Auditorium. Additionally, the following staff members retired after many years in the district: Kathy Martin and Doreen Costa

MCAS

The summary of the results of our Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) indicated that in English Language Arts, 43% of our students scored at the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations level. In Mathematics, 51% of our students scored at the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations level. On the 8th grade science assessment, 55% of the students scored at the Meeting or Exceeding Expectations level.

Charitable Work

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

Freelake Leaders

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

Teams and Clubs

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

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

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

Student Government (SGA)

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

Library Media Services

The school library has a total of 13,687 library materials available to borrow. The annual total of library materials circulated was 6,885 and the total of student visits to the library was 17,331.

Respectfully submitted,

John Higgins
Principal

Report of the Apponequet Regional High School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Freetown:

Apponequet Regional High School (ARHS) was identified by 2022 *US News and World Reports* #62 out of 365 MA High Schools (Top 16%) and #1,475 out of 24,000 in the Nation (Top 6%). *Boston Magazine* ranked ARHS #49 in "The Best Public High Schools in Greater Boston." ARHS hosted a New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEAS&C) Decennial Visit in September 2022.

Enrollment as of June 2022 was Grade 9 - 183 students, Grade 10 - 190 students, Grade 11 – 183 students, Grade 12 - 155 students for a total of seven hundred and eleven (711) students enrolled at ARHS.

Enrollment as of June 2023 was Grade 9 - 174 students, Grade 10 - 177 students, Grade 11 – 185 students, Grade 12 - 180 students for a total of **seven hundred and sixteen** (716) students enrolled at ARHS.

The Class of 2023 graduated on June 2, 2023, on Griffith Field. The graduates, consisting of one hundred and eighty-seven (187) students who attained one hundred and twenty (120) credits and met MA competency via MCAS, were led by Class Valedictorian, Eoin Gallagher, Class Salutatorian, Amirtha Santhosh, and Class President, Alexander El-Ghadi. Fifty-four (54) seniors received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Post graduation, sixty-five percent (65) of students headed off to four year colleges and nineteen percent (19) to two year colleges and technical schools; fifteen percent (15) entered the workforce or apprenticeship program.

On May 30, 2023, ARHS held a Senior Awards Assembly at Apponequet Regional High School. Local awards and scholarships were awarded to 75 members of the Class of 2023. The Scholarship Committee thanks the NROTC and all of our local organizations and alumni for donating over \$300,000 to the Class of 2023.

In May of 2023, three hundred sixty-five (365) **Advanced Placement** (AP) exams were administered amongst one hundred and ninety (190) students across seventeen (17) different subject areas. Eighty percent (80%) of exams administered achieved a score of 3 or higher, placing our students above both state and global percentages.

The **Guidance Department** consisted of six (6) school counselors. In addition to providing individual responsive services and a comprehensive grade level based college/career exploration curriculum, the Guidance Department hosted a combination of virtual and in-person events to serve all students. Programming included a College Fair Mini-series (grades 10-12), Lifelines Suicide Prevention lessons (grade 9), PSAT/NMSQT administration (grade 11), and two (2) SAT administrations. In partnership with Bristol Community College, admissions representatives presented a fall informational session as well as a spring "Enrollment Palooza" for on-the-spot admissions to seniors. In efforts to provide support to families as their students transition in and out of high school Financial Aid 101, Junior College Planning, and Scholarship Information evening sessions were held.

The **English Department** (ELA) consisted of nine (9) teachers. In addition to meeting the needs of the four (4) year requirement, semester electives in Creative Writing, Horror Fiction, Theater, Public Speaking, and - new this year - Introduction to Film were offered. MCAS was administered in March 2023. 25% of students scored in the Exceeding Expectations category, which is a 15% increase. In addition, 46% scored in the Meeting Expectations category, 25% scored in the Partially Meeting category and 5% scored in the Not Meeting Expectations category. AP English Language and Composition and AP Literature and Composition were popular choices for students seeking the challenge of college coursework. Out of 108 students taking AP English Language and Literature 82% of students received a qualifying score with the potential to receive college credit. This past summer, as an alternative to traditional summer reading, students

engaged in "Summer Listening" through a series of podcasts in order to widen their literacy access across different mediums.

The **World Language** Department consisted of six (6) teachers. There were 4.5 Spanish teachers and 1.5 Portuguese teachers. All students have the opportunity to take Spanish or Portuguese each of their 4 years at Apponequet and AP Spanish is also offered during their senior year. Portuguese 3 was a new course this year and Portuguese 4 is being added to the Program of Studies for next year. In addition, the department continued to work on the creation of common assignments and assessments. The teachers work together to ensure consistency in all of the classrooms.

This year, 31 students challenged themselves with a 5th year of Spanish and 19 of those students chose to take AP Spanish. It is exciting to announce that 95% of AP Spanish students received a qualifying score with the potential to receive college credit. In addition, eleven (11) students earned the Seal of Biliteracy based on their qualifying AP scores. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the state in recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. The Seal of Biliteracy was awarded to Ashley Almeida, Elizabeth Ashley, Riley Bettles, Jocelyn Carvalho, Brian Emerson, Abigail Menendez, Sadie Pires, Riley Simonds and Mary Tomaszewski. The Seal of Biliteracy with distinction was awarded to Grace Boiros and Apponequet's valedictorian Eoin Gallagher.

The **History and Social Studies Department** consisted of eight (8) teachers. The department took part in annual traditions including Constitution Day and The Voice of Democracy Competition; the Social Studies Department has been partnering with the East Freetown VFW Post 6643 to host this competition for over twenty seven (27) years. Student winners were: 3rd Place: Kaiya Rego, 2nd Place: Lily Rogers, and 1st Place: Kevin O'Connor. The Department created curriculum for a new elective, Model United Nations, and continued to offer many electives including Psychology, Sociology, Economics, Criminal Law, Leadership, Your World Today, Government, AP Psychology, AP European History, and AP United States History. Teachers of electives took students on field trips to Plymouth County Jail and The Time Mission Escape Room; they also brought in various speakers, such as Congressman Jake Auchincloss and a police dispatcher to enrich content taught in their classrooms. Members of the department spent the year creating a Civics Action Project that students at Apponequet will complete in their United States History II courses. This project meets the state mandated Civics Action Project requirement and will be implemented during the 2023-2024 school year.

The **Mathematics Department** consists of nine (9) teachers. The MCAS was administered, by cohort, in May of 2023. Out of 172 students, 13% scored in the Exceeding Expectations category, 49% scored in the Meeting Expectations category, 35% scored in the Partially Meeting Expectations category, 1.7% scored Not Meeting Expectations (but were considered passing because they were the 3 students that were part of the interim competency standard effective through the class of 2025) and 1.3% (2 students) scored in the category of Not Meeting Expectations. This is the second year the Next Generation MCAS was administered and our scores have shown significant improvement since the prior year. 98.8% of the students passed the exam. A new semester based math course was added to the department's list of courses titled, "Personal Finance Honors".

The **ARHS Science, Engineering and Technology Department**, consisting of ten (10) full teachers and one (1) teacher shared with the math department had a productive year. With the hiring of a new physics/engineering teacher, the engineering programs continue to grow. Some of our older 3D printers were upgraded to newer, more versatile models and 3D printing has been integrated into all of our engineering courses. A new Engineering 3 course ran for the first time as a capstone engineering class. Teachers worked on creating and planning for new advanced placement and integrated courses that will be implemented starting in the Fall of 2023. In May, the Science Department held its annual Science Awards at the high school to recognize top science students in each course and individual certificates were handed out to the students earning awards, along with scholarships to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and to University of Rochester. The Biology MCAS was administered to freshmen in June, 2023.

The **Visual Arts Department** experienced a year full of exciting opportunities and achievements. The Art, Share, Travel (AST) club traveled to Washington D.C. where they visited a variety of museums and learned about our nation's history during Veteran's Day Weekend in November. Junior Xavier McClurkin was chosen through an application process to participate in the Teen Artist Internship Program sponsored by the New Bedford Art Museum. Throughout the months of January-March, Xavier 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 in April. Several art students presented examples of student artwork to the FLRSD School Committee in March. Juniors and Seniors in Art 3 Honors, Advanced Placement Studio Art, and Digital Art & Photography applied to a juried exhibit and participated in the annual High School Student Art Exhibit at the Great Ponds Gallery in the Lakeville Library in March. The ARHS Annual Art Show was presented to the community in April. Displayed at the exhibit were works of art from students in Art 1, Art 2 Honors, Art 2 Drawing & Painting, Art 2 Color and Design, Art 3 Honors, Art 4 Honors, Mixed Media, Digital Art and Photography, Advanced Placement Studio Art and the Art of Healthy Living. Second semester Art of Healthy Living students catered the evening event with an array of baked goods and savory treats, alongside a live band with music performed by student volunteers.

The **Business/Technology Department** consisted of one (1) teacher. Students competed in the annual Junior Achievement Titan Challenge at UMASS Dartmouth and earned over \$5,000 in college scholarship money. The DECA organization had over 105 members who participated in person in various district, state and international competitions and conferences.

The **Music Department** had another busy year under the direction of Mr. Ledwith. There were 3 school performances, and the Marching Band entertained the crowds at our home football games. The Choir performed their annual tour of district schools in December. The Jazz Band performed at the annual ARHS Showcase night for the School Committee. The Jazz Band and Select Choir performed at the St. John Neumann Family Festival on Memorial Day weekend. A number of our students participated in audition festivals. Four students were accepted into the 2022-2023 Senior SEMMEA Music Festival, held in January, and ten students were accepted into the 2022-2023 Senior SEMSBA Music Festival, held in March. Students in the Music Department were also involved in our annual Musical, presenting "Disney's Little Mermaid" to sold-out audiences in May. The Apponequet Music Boosters (our parent support group) were very active in their fundraising efforts, and they were able to award scholarships to seven graduating students, to assist them with college expenses.

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

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

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

The **Athletic Department** offered twenty-seven (27) Varsity sports that consisted of forty (40) teams with the various Freshmen, J.V. and Varsity levels. Apponequet continues to participate with some cooperative teams, Old Colony for boys ice hockey and Old Rochester for girls ice hockey. There were three distinct seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring.

Unified Basketball was added to the Fall athletic season, in which we now have two unified sports teams, basketball and track.

Congratulations to the Laker Girls Soccer, Football, Girls Basketball, Boys Tennis and Boys Lacrosse teams for winning 2022-23 South Coast Conference Championships. Apponequet also won the South Coast Conference Honor Bowl. Apponequet had 22 of their 27 teams qualify for MIAA postseason tournaments, with boys tennis advancing to the final four. The athletic department reported three hundred and sixty seven (367) athletic participants were involved in at least one (1) sport, indicating a 51% participation rate. Apponequet entered its 14th year with an athletic user fee. The parent/guardian booster groups at Apponequet include the Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters Club.

In addition to participation in sports, a high volume of students participated in **clubs, activities, and school-sponsored events**. Some of the **Annual Events/Fundraisers** that took place were as follows: **Events:** New Student Orientation, Math Team Meets, Grade 8 Showcase, BCC Admissions, Parent/Teacher Night, College Planning Seminar, Financial Aid Night, Apponecon, Homecoming, Fall Play, Spring Musical, Honor Bowl, Senior Brunch, Sr. Banquet, and Graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

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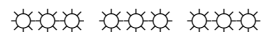
BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

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Report of the Bristol County Agricultural High School

Bristol County Agricultural High School is a public high school and continues to serve the twenty cities and towns of Bristol County. Bristol County Agricultural High School supports strong academic and vocational/technical programs that focus on agriculture and the natural environment.

We believe agricultural education offers a unique pathway to prepare students for lifelong learning. We offer vocational training in seven areas: Agricultural Mechanics/Diesel Technology, Large Animal Science, Small Animal Science/Technology, Floriculture, Arboriculture, Landscape Design and Contracting and Natural Resource Management.

Our MCAS scores are excellent. Bristol County Agricultural High School has been recognized as one of the top schools in the state in regard to student achievement on MCAS. One Hundred Percent of our seniors have passed MCAS each year since it became a state requirement for graduation.

In the 2022-2023 school year we had a total enrollment of five hundred thirty-nine (539) students.

In the 2022-2023 school year we had nineteen underclassmen students from Freetown.

Last year we had five hundred ninety-one applications for our freshmen class with space for one hundred seventy-one seats.

If you are interested in learning more about our school and the admissions process you can contact our Admissions Coordinator, Karen Minster, extension 3203 or you can visit us on our web site www.bristolaggie.org

As of June 2023 we had ninety nine full time employees, sixty nine faculty members and thirty staff members.

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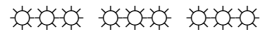


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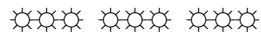
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*All members stand for election at the biennial state elections in November of the year above.
Mr. Zinni has been appointed as a non-voting delegate until July 1, 2024.*



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Report of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School

As we reflect on the achievements and progress of the past academic year, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that we present to you the Annual Report for 2023. This document encapsulates the collective dedication, innovation, and strides we have made toward fostering an inclusive and enriching learning environment for all.

At the heart of our accomplishments lies our commitment to academic excellence with a particular focus on enhancing the educational experience for our 9th Grade students in English and Math. We are thrilled to announce the successful incorporation of High-Quality Instructional Materials in these critical subjects, ensuring that our students receive the best resources to foster their growth and development.

In our relentless pursuit of inclusivity, we have also embarked on a transformative journey by establishing Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles across our educational landscape. UDL ensures that our classrooms are diverse, accessible, and responsive to the unique needs of every learner. By embracing multiple means of engagement, representation, and expression, we are creating an environment that empowers all students to succeed.

Recognizing the diverse needs of our student body, we have implemented Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) to provide a comprehensive framework for addressing academic, social-emotional, and behavioral challenges. Our commitment to equity and excellence is manifested through these tailored support systems, ensuring that every student receives the assistance they need to thrive academically and personally.

As we celebrate the strides made this year, we extend our deepest gratitude to the entire school community – educators, students, parents, and support staff – for your unwavering dedication to the success and well-being of our students. Together we continue to shape an educational landscape that embraces innovation, inclusivity, and excellence.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to another year of growth and achievement.

Academic Achievement

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School continues its commitment to providing an education that is meaningful, powerful, and which can help students in building for the future. Bristol-Plymouth continues to offer students dynamic educational opportunities, challenging them to build bridges connecting theory and practice, joining the work of the hands and the work of the mind. A walkthrough of Bristol-Plymouth reveals students rising to various academic challenges, finding ways to work beside each other as members of the Bristol-Plymouth community, developing along the way determination and integrity. The students and staff continue to strive every day towards meeting our core values of **belonging, persistence, teamwork, excellence, creativity, and honor**.

Bristol-Plymouth continues to foster high-quality, deeper learning through the continued implementation of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework. The UDL is a vision of what high-quality instruction looks like, including deep, personal engagement with learners that ensures that every student is engaged, can access the curriculum, and has opportunities to showcase the

knowledge they have attained. Teachers and administrators continue to work towards full implementation, and have successfully implemented many facets of the UDL approach within their lesson planning and classroom instruction. As Bristol-Plymouth continues to work towards meeting the educational needs of all students, we will continue to explore how to best pair this UDL approach with our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), laying strong foundations upon which to build the education of students by making sure that they receive the targeted help they need.

Bristol-Plymouth continues to implement High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) selected last year in Algebra I, Chemistry, and grade 9 English Language Arts, monitoring progress and working with instructional coaches to ensure full and coherent adoption of these materials. This year, content teams in Language Arts, Science, and Mathematics continue to research HQIM through the “implement” process designed by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE), including a thorough examination of high-quality instructional materials designated as “high-quality” by independent third-party researches, as well as those designated as such by EdReports and DESE’s CURATE (Curriculum Ratings by Teachers). Currently, the HQIM teams are working to examine and select new curriculum materials in Geometry, grade 10 English Language Arts, and Biology.

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

Students in their junior and senior years can also participate in the Early College Access Program through Massasoit Community College, taking English 101 or English 102. Juniors have the opportunity to take English 101 in the Fall semester followed by Psychology in the Spring semester. If they have completed the English 101 prerequisite, Seniors have the opportunity to take English 102 in the Fall semester followed by Communications in the Spring semester. Participation in this program brings the reward of experiencing a college-level course, and it also allows students to earn college credits while in high school.

MCAS

Bristol-Plymouth’s graduating Class of 2024 has 99% of students meeting the minimum competency determination (CD) requirements in all content areas to qualify for graduation.

Instructional teams continue to regularly meet to review student scores, analyze data, identify strengths and weaknesses, and develop timely, targeted curriculum changes designed to improve student learning and outcomes. Data sources include MCAS examination results, District Shared Assessment results, and STAR Assessment results. This year’s content team in ELA has focused on implementation of new grade 9 curriculum materials, including alignment of instruction related to essay writing, essay types, and UDL integration within the curriculum. Content teams in Biology have worked to implement a restructure of the course sequence within Biology, instituting spiraling within the curriculum to review important topics from the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to better prepare students for the MCAS Biology examination. The Mathematics team has focused on implementation of new curriculum materials for Algebra I, and

maintaining the spiraling of core topics within Algebra I and Geometry to ensure students have adequate practice and review prior to MCAS Mathematics testing.

This year, eighty students in the Class of 2024 have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The Adams Scholarship is only awarded to students who have scored in the Exceeding category on one of the three high school State assessment tests in ELA, Math, or Science and in Meeting or Exceeding on the remaining two assessment tests. In addition, students must have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that is within the top 25% of all test-takers in the District.

Student performance on the 2023 ELA MCAS examination was as follows: 13% Exceeding Expectations, 50% Meeting Expectations, 34% Partially Meeting, and 3% Not Meeting.

Student performance on the 2023 Mathematics MCAS examination was as follows: 5% Exceeding Expectations, 47% Meeting Expectations, 45% Partially Meeting Expectations, and 3% Not Meeting Expectations.

Student performance on the second year of administering the 2023 Next Generation STE (Biology) MCAS examination was as follows: 6% Exceeding, 47% Meeting, 40% Partially Meeting, and 7% Not Meeting.

Bristol-Plymouth teachers continue efforts to adapt, implement, and amend instructional strategies and curricula to meet the challenging requirements of the MCAS examinations. For all tested subject areas, we continue to develop new approaches and curriculum materials to meet the high expectations set by the State's Curriculum Frameworks.

Technical Achievement

Vocational-technical education at Bristol-Plymouth was robust and rigorous in 2023. In each of our nineteen programs, students engaged in deep theoretical learning, participated in interactive, hands-on projects, and extended their learning through guest speakers and field trips.

Our students earned over 900 certifications in the 2022-2023 school year. These are industry-recognized credentials that demonstrate our students are prepared. They include OSHA 10-hour safety credentials and other safety credentials such as First Aid, CPR, Hot Work, and ServSafe Food Handler. They also have earned career-specific certifications such as: SolidWorks Associate, AutoDesk Inventor, First Responder, DANB OCE & RHS, EPA 608 and 410, Microsoft Office, Nursing Assisting, Early Childhood Infant and Preschool Teacher, Cosmetology State Board license, as well as hours toward state licenses in HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing.

Students were able to strengthen their technical skills further by participating in work-based learning opportunities such as internships, cooperative education, and live work projects for our school and for members of our community.

Students in our Early Childhood Education program participate in internships at the Leddy School in Taunton, Head Start, and other Early Childhood learning centers. Our Community Health students intern at various locations such as Berkley Community School, Co-op of Dighton, Life Care, Crystal Springs, and other locations where they provide health-related services. Our Dental students earn their internship hours through various dental partnerships in our community.

Student Work in Our Community

Many of our vocational-technical programs provide services to the public. These programs include our Automotive Technology, Collision Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Carpentry, Graphic Communications, and Metal Fabrication departments. This world provides authentic learning opportunities for our students. All services must involve practical skill development for students and be aligned with the Massachusetts Vocational Curriculum Frameworks for the associated program. Each project request will be evaluated based on the curricular needs of the department at the time of the request. Requests for services can be made by completing the respective online form on the Community Resources page of our school website. Some examples of this type of work include:

The bench made by the Carpentry students for the Bridgewater Veterans Services.

Picnic tables for Taunton's Portuguese-American Civic Club (PACC) and a podium for the Dighton Police Department were made by the Carpentry students.

Some of our programs take their skill on the road to complete projects for municipal agencies and non-profit organizations in our community. This past year, our Carpentry students completed a covered entry for the Senior Center in Bridgewater.

Our Electrical students completed a variety of lighting upgrades at Middleboro Town Hall and upgraded the lighting at the Dighton town park on School Street.

Our Metal Fabrication department made a large sign for First Parish Church to display information relative to parish activities.

Post-Secondary

The evening post-secondary Dental Assisting program graduated eight students in June. All have shared that they were employed by area dental offices. The current class of students are expected to graduate in June 2024.

Thirty-eight students graduated in June from the Practical Nurse Program. The program has achieved a 100% pass rate on the national licensure exam for this year. The majority of these graduates are employed in a variety of healthcare settings. Several have shared that they are continuing their education and are enrolled in RN (registered nurse) programs. Currently, there are 32 students enrolled in the full-time day program and 20 students enrolled in the part-time evening program.

Special Education

The Special Education Department continued to work closely with local agencies to support our students as they transition to adult living and work. In 2022-2023, we referred 78 students to the Southeast Center for Independent Living (SCIL) to participate in Pre-Employment Training Services (Pre-ETS) and their Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP). Individual student services were provided in the areas of self-advocacy, job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, post-secondary education and training, and workplace readiness training. We also partnered with SCIL to offer large group workshops in the areas of financial literacy, job exploration, vision statement planning, housing and insurance, and a driver's permit test preparation course.

Additionally, Bristol-Plymouth referred four students for adult vocational rehabilitation services with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC).

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

Cooperative Education Program

Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School's Cooperative Education Program's mission is always to empower students to become skilled professionals in a global workforce. Our objective is to engage students in a process of attaining on-the-job skills from their shop teachers and then to utilize these traits while working in the surrounding communities in high-pace environments. Students have been immensely interested in the idea of co-op and many have set their sights on taking on new and exciting challenges in the working environments of their vocations. Some of the new companies that have supported Bristol-Plymouth's Cooperative Education Program are: F.W. Webb, Environmental Systems Inc. (ESI), and Hathaway Auto Body.

Student Cooperative Education Placement

| Year | Seniors | Juniors | Companies |
|------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 2023 | 118 | 98 | 152 |
| 2022 | 121 | 68 | 131 |
| 2021 | 101 | 48 | 113 |
| 2020 | 101 | 23 | 103 |

Total Amount Earned at Co-op Jobs Over the Past Year

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|------------------|
| \$525,378 |
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In December, students in all grade levels participated in a resume and self-advocating workshop. Several of the students are very excited about starting their co-op journeys in January 2024 and many have already landed jobs prior to the end of the year.

This year was another record year for the Biotechnology, Dental Assisting, and Plumbing programs. Sixteen senior students in Plumbing and fifteen senior students in Biotechnology are already out in the field working. Great work to both shops for their passion for their crafts!

Student Services

The Student Services Department continued to assist all students in the areas of academic achievement, career, and social/emotional development both in small groups and through many opportunities to ensure our students stay on track with their future career goals and aspirations. Our Naviance program allowed us the ability to reach and notify students of college, career, and scholarship opportunities on a regular basis whereby students and families were able to access the information. Our Career Center, connected to the Student Services Department, operates with small group presentations covering college application skills and scholarship workshops. Our in-house college fairs in the month of September were attended by over 80 colleges and

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

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

A Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) subcommittee consisting of a Student Services administrator, counselor, and several teachers continued to work on resources to support the District initiative to build a robust MTSS program. Specifically, this subcommittee updated the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan to align with the Universal Design for Learning standards.

This subcommittee is continuing through the 2023-2024 school year to create a multi-year and multi-faceted MTSS plan that integrates an assessment map, identifies tiered supports in academic, social/emotional, and behavioral areas, and addresses implications for future resources, staffing, and scheduling needs.

Student Life

We believe that the achievement of our goals can also be measured by interest in our school and the success of our graduates. Within the seven member communities of our District, the number of students interested in attending Bristol-Plymouth continued to be high. The number of students accepted to the Class of 2027 was 443. Our online admissions process, utilizing go2cte.org, continued to be a positive asset to the admissions process. It has been found to be essential in tracking applications and supporting paperwork for review. It has also provided additional pathways to communicating information, upcoming events, and periodic notices to potential students and their parents/guardians. Interviews were successfully conducted throughout the admissions period.

This year, each class retained a high percentage of its students bringing the October 1 population of the school to 1,336. At Bristol-Plymouth's 50th commencement in June, 313 members of the class graduated with 48% continuing on to post-secondary education or training, 33% to the work force, and 3% to the military. One hundred and twenty-two graduates went on to four-year colleges, 29 graduates went on to two-year colleges, 9 graduates entered the military, and 30 graduates went to apprenticeship programs.

The Community Service Club continues to be a very active and involved organization within our district communities. Some of the work highlighted for this year included a volunteer outing at Gifts of Love, rock painting sent to local community centers to spread Valentine's love, cards for a 14-year-old from Attleboro with Leukemia, Spring cards sent to area nursing homes, a trip to Florida to help Habitat for Humanity and Give Kids the World, a collection of over 100 pairs of socks in Socktober donated for the homeless, and an event to help foster children with holiday gifts.

Whether collecting, donating, or volunteering, our advisors and students in this club continue to be rewarded with the many meaningful ways that they are supporting our communities.

Fiscal Outlook

The District met its fiscal year net school spending requirement established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The District anticipates the Excess and Deficiency (E&D) account to be approved by the Department of Revenue for the full 5% allowance for fiscal year 2023.

The District's member communities voted affirmatively to approve the Town of Freetown to join as the eighth member of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District, which will take effect on July 1, 2024.

The new school building project for Bristol-Plymouth, under the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) grant program, completed the site preparation phase during the Summer and the construction phase began in the Fall with Consigli, the general contractor, awarded the bid for the building project. The School Building Committee continues to work alongside the District's Owner's Project Manager, PMA Consultants, and design firm, HMFH Architects, to ensure the new school building project remains on schedule for a completion target date in the Spring of 2026. The Superintendent will continue to keep the School Committee and member communities up-to-date on the progress of the building project.

In August, Governor Healey released her FY2024 state budget which increased aid across Massachusetts school districts by \$594 million or 9.9% over Fiscal Year 2023. Every operating District is slated to receive at least \$60 in additional aid per student. The Fiscal Year 2024 Chapter 70 program continues to implement the Student Opportunity Act (An Act Relative to Educational Opportunity for Students). This Act makes significant changes to the Chapter 70 formula based in large part on the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC). The District was grateful to receive an anonymous private grant to purchase equipment to support several of the vocational programs as well as a State Skills Capital Grant to purchase equipment for the Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/CAM) Program. Additionally, the District continued to receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III federal funds, along with other federal entitlement grants to allow the District to provide high quality professional development as well as state-of-the-art technology, equipment, supplies, and materials for the high school students.

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

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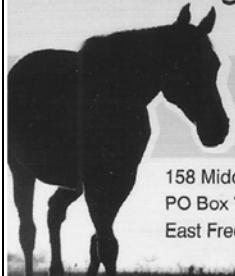



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The following listing of community events is for general planning purposes. Please consult the sponsoring organization to determine if the event is actually taking place, and the specific dates.

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



Crowds enjoy the four-day Lakeside Family Festival, May 2023

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

Freetown Police Department/Dispatch, 15 Memorial Drive, East Freetown (508) 763-4017
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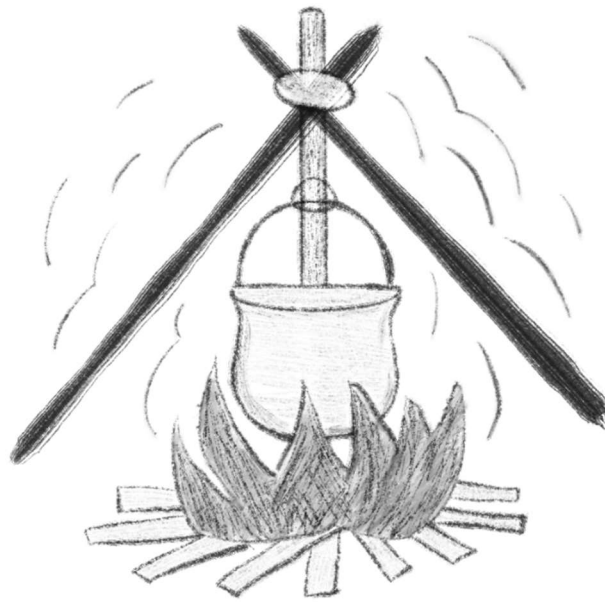
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Transfer Station, 49 Howland Road, Assonet (508) 644-2403
Hours: Tuesdays & Saturdays 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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


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Council on Aging Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 227 Chace Road, East Freetown (508) 763-9557
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