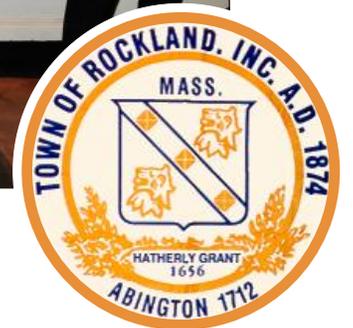


# TOWN OF ROCKLAND MASSACHUSETTS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

*ROCKLAND FIREFIGHTERS HONORED  
BY GOVERNOR DEVAL L. PATRICK*



# 2008

*AT ANNUAL FIREFIGHTERS  
OF THE YEAR CEREMONY*

***The Rockland Fire Department responded to a call on January 23, 2008 at 248 Centre Avenue. Upon initial response to the call, they were faced with a fire of unknown origin with flames coming out of the first floor. Four firefighters entered the house to find an intense fire in the kitchen. During overhaul, an intense fireball erupted from the oven trapping the firefighters. The four firefighters escaped due to quick thinking, their training and having appropriate gear. The firefighters reentered the home and found a victim on the second floor. With the assistance of two other firefighters operating the apparatus, they removed the victim to the outside. On December 3, 2008, these firefighters were all awarded the Meritorious Group Award for their actions at Fanueil Hall from Governor Deval Patrick and Fire Marshall Stephen D. Coan. It was quite a ceremony filled with bagpipers and an acappella trio. Other towns also received awards due to heroic measures of various degrees but Rockland is proudest of its own.***

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Paula Ferguson***

**Front cover picture courtesy of Alan McPhee (photographer)**

**Standing: top left Governor Deval L. Patrick, Deputy Fire Chief William Ferguson and State Fire Marshall Stephen D. Coan.**

**Standing bottom row: Lieutenant Donald Hussey, Firefighter/Paramedics Thomas Heaney, Michael Tracy, Thomas Henderson and Firefighter/EMT Michael Mullen.**

**134<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OFFICERS**

**OF THE**

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND**

**MASSACHUSETTS**



**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008**

**IN MEMORIAM  
2008**

January 5	Jerome D. Harriman	Board of Health Chairman
January 10	George T. Joy	Selectman
January 16	Ann J. Bois	School Secretary
April 22	Dianne L. Stimpson	Treasurer's Office
May 6	Francis J. Perfetuo	School Teacher
June 11	Becky J. Coit	Memorial Parade Committee Election Official
June 16	Barbara M. Bombardier	Finance Committee Election Warden
July 15	Paul F. Fay	School Custodian
July 18	Joan B. (Tonie) King	Business Manager
July 20	Donald F. Ferguson	Constable Chair, Centennial Committee
July 30	Richard W. Schwerin	Police Officer
August 9	Douglas L. Jeffery	Building Inspector
August 18	Walter Schleiff	Ab./Rock Joint Water
September 9	Barbara Byrne	Election Official
September 11	Gerald DelPrete	Finance Committee Conservation Comm., Etc.
October 6	Donald Holmes	Wiring Inspector
November 14	Ronald C. Everett	Detective Sargeant
December 16	Patrick J. Callahan	School Custodian

# **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

## **2008 FEDERAL OFFICERS**

**2008 – 111<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress (1st Session)**

### **UNITED STATES SENATORS IN CONGRESS**

(Washington, D.C.)

Six year term

Two elected from Eleventh Massachusetts Congressional District:

Edward M. Kennedy (D-Barnstable)

John F. Kerry (D-Boston)

### **UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

(Washington, D.C.)

Two year term

Tenth Congressional District

William D. Delahunt (D-Quincy)

## **STATE OFFICERS MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

### **GOVERNOR**

Deval L. Patrick, Milton (D)

### **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Timothy P. Murray, Worcester (D)

### **SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH (4 year term)**

William Francis Galvin, Boston (D)

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL (4 year term)**

Martha Coakley, Medford (D)

### **TREASURER (4 year term)**

Timothy P. Cahill, Quincy (D)

### **AUDITOR (4 year term)**

A. Joseph DeNucci, Newton (D)

### **COUNCILLOR (2 year term) Fourth District**

Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., Boston (D)

**MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**  
(General Court)

SENATE (40 Members)

**SENATE PRESIDENT**

Therese Murray, Plymouth (D)

STATE SENATOR (2 year term)

Norfolk & Plymouth District

Michael W. Morrissey, Quincy (D)

State House, Room 413D, Boston, MA 02133

(617) 722-1494

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

160 Representatives elected

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE (2 year term)

Salvatore F. DiMasi, Boston (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (2 year term)

5<sup>th</sup> Plymouth District

Robert J. Nyman, Hanover (D)

State House, Room 527A, Boston, MA 02133

(617) 722-2020

**PLYMOUTH COUNTY OFFICERS**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (4 year term)

Timothy J. Cruz, Marshfield (R)\*\*\*

CLERK OF COURTS (6 year term)

Francis R. Powers, Scituate (D)\*\*\* (Deceased 4/08)

David Biggs Appointed Acting Clerk

REGISTER OF PROBATE & INSOLVENCY (6 year term)

Robert E. McCarthy, E. Bridgewater (D)\*

REGISTER OF DEEDS (6 year term)

John R. Buckley, Jr., Brockton (D)\*\*\*

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (4 year term)

One elected every 4 years

Two elected every 4 years

Timothy J. McMullen, Pembroke (D)\*\*\*

John P. Riordan, Marshfield (D)\*\*

Jeffrey M. Welch (D)\*\*

COUNTY TREASURER (6 year term)

Thomas J. O'Brien, Kingston (D) Appointed \*\*\*  
for Two Year Term

SHERIFF (6 year term)

Joseph D. McDonald, Jr., Kingston (R)\*\*

\* Elected November 5, 2002

\*\* Elected November 2, 2004

\*\*\* Elected November 7, 2006

## COUNTIES IN MASSACHUSETTS (14)

Barnstable

Berkshire

Bristol

Dukes

Essex

Franklin

Hamden

Hampshire

Middlesex

Nantucket

Norfolk

PLYMOUTH (Rockland)

Suffolk

Worcester

ROCKLAND POSTMASTER

Mark Laramie

Donald Nelson - Effective August 2008

## TOWN OF ROCKLAND INFORMATION

First Settled: The town first settled around 1673. It was formerly the northeast section of Abington. Population was 4,000 when incorporated under its present name.

Name: Rockland derived its name geologically from its rocky nature. A "large rock" is mentioned in the description of the Town Seal.

Incorporated: March 9, 1874. (Acts of 1874-Chapter 44)

Town Seal: For complete description of Town Seal, see Town of Rockland By-Laws, Article XXVIII, Section 28.02

County: Plymouth

Location: Southeastern Massachusetts. Rockland is approximately 20 miles from Boston; 8 miles from Brockton, and is bordered by the following towns:  
North by Weymouth and Hingham  
South by Hanson  
East by Norwell and Hanover  
West by Whitman and Abington

Population:	FEDERAL CENSUS	TOWN CENSUS
	2000 - 17,670	2008 - 18,086
	1990 - 16,123	2007 - 18,045
	1980 - 15,370	2006 - 17,100
	1970 - 15,674	2005 - 16,874

Total Registered Voters: As of December 31, 2008– 11,715

Town Charter: Adopted March 8, 1969 at Annual Town Election. Charter became effective on January 1, 1970.

Annual Town Election: Second Saturday in April

Annual Town Meeting: A date to be determined by the Board of Selectmen not later than January 31 each year

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Land Area: 10.07 Square miles

Miles of Streets: 61 ½ miles

Number of Parcels: 5,600

Altitude: Highest: 180 feet above mean sea level  
Lowest: 92.73 feet above mean sea level

Latitude: North 42° 8m

Longitude: West 70° 55m

Topographic Characteristics:

Gently rolling terrain with one hill (Beech Hill) in the south which rises to about 180 feet, which is 80 feet above general local elevation of 100 feet above mean sea level. Rockland is highest point of land in Plymouth County.

U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Plates:

Rockland is shown on Whitman and Weymouth Quadrangles

Rockland is included in the following areas and districts:

Tenth Massachusetts Congressional District

Fourth Councilor District

### **NORFOLK & PLYMOUTH SENATE DISTRICT**

Fifth Plymouth State Representative District

Boston Metropolitan Area

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
2008  
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	
Mary Pat Kaszanek	2009
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>	
Karen M. Sepeck	2009
<b>TOWN COLLECTOR</b>	
Lisa C. Clark	2009
<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b>	
Paul L. Cusick, Jr.	2010
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	
Lawrence J. Chaffee	2009
James F. Simpson, Chairman	2010
Michael E. Zupkofska	2010
Michael P. Johnson	2011
Deborah A. O'Brien	2011
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	
Jillene M. Smith	2009
Harvey J. Smith, Chairman	2010
Dennis M. Robson	2011
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	
Stephen B. Nelson, Chairman	2009
Patricia A. Halliday	2010
Victoria T. Deibel	2011
<b>BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
Kathleen M. Looney, Chairman	2009
Richard L. Tetzlaff	2009
James A. Flanagan	2010
Denise M. Wallace	2010
Marie Buchan Colburn	2011
Laura A. Walsh	2011

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Robert F. Mahoney, Chairman	2009
Richard T. Furlong	2010
Mark F. Maguire	2011

**BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Walter L. Simmons, Chairman	2009
Gerald F. Esposito, III	2010
William E. Stewart	2011

**BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

Thomas W. Hannigan (Resigned 5/20/08)	2009
Robert Corvi, Sr. (Appointed 7/7/08)	2009
Raymond Campanile, Chairman	2010
William T. Low	2011

**HIGHWAY SUPRINTENDENT**

Robert Corvi, Jr.	2010
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Irene Boudrot, Resident Commissioner	
Rita M. Howes (Appointed by State)	
Robert A. Sullivan	2009
Eldridge W. Buffum, Chairman	2010
Mary Jane Letizia	2011
John W. Rogers	2012
Angelo J. Triantaffellow (Resigned 2/19/08)	2012

**PLANNING BOARD**

Mark S. Gardner (Resigned 5/13/08)	2009
Michael P. Corbett (Appointed to replace Deborah O'Brien)	2009
Robert L. Mahoney (Appointed to replace Mark Gardner)	2009
Robert Rice (Appointed to replace Robert Baker)	2009
Robert W. Baker, Chairman (Resigned 7/23/08)	2010
Donald J. Cann	2011
Thomas Henderson, Chairman	2013

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.	2009
Mark S. Norris, Chairman	2009
Michael P. Mullen, Jr.	2010
Marilyn J. Werkheiser	2010
Michelle E. Pezzella	2011

**2008**  
**APPOINTED OFFICERS – COMMITTEES, ETC.**

ACCOUNTANT, TOWN (Appointed by Selectmen)  
Eric A. Hart

AGING, COUNCIL ON (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Lurana Crowley	2009
Grace DiTocco	2009
Mary A. Ellis	2009
Ruth E. Gobeil	2009
Nancy Callahan	2010
Cynda Childs	2010
Eleanor Cole	2010
Edward Borges	2011
Rita M. Howes	2011
Barbara McGarry	2011
Audrey Ryan	2011

AGING, COUNCIL ON, DIRECTOR (Appointed by Selectmen)  
Margaret Bryan

AGING, COUNCIL ON, OUTREACH COORDINATOR  
Eleanor Murphy

AGING, COUNCIL ON, VAN DRIVER (Appointed by Selectmen)  
Elena Bailey

AMERICAN’S WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATOR

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Patricia A. Whittemore	2010

ANIMALS, INSPECTOR OF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Patricia A. Whittemore	2009

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR/APPRAISER (Appointed by Assessors)  
Joseph A. Gibbons

ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR (Appointed by Selectmen)  
Jill Stewart

ASSISTANT TO TOWN CLERK (Appointed by Town Clerk)  
Randalin S. Ralston

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (Appointed by Treasurer)  
Jane Sforza

BUILDINGS, INSPECTOR OF (Appointed by Selectmen)		
Thomas E. Ruble		2010
Robert Curran - Alternate Building Inspector		2009
BURIAL AGENT, TOWN (Appointed by Board of Health)		
Mary Pat Kaszanek		
CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)		
Kathryn V. Green		2009
John Cole Green		2010
CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen (2), School Committee (1), Finance Committee (2) and Moderator (2))		
Selectmen	- Bernard Dunphy (Resigned 4/30/08)	2008
Finance Committee	- Michael Johnson(Resigned-Selectmen)	2008
Selectmen	- Richard Phelps	2009
Finance Committee	- John Ellard	2010
School Committee	- A. Scott MacKinlay	2010
Moderator	- Kenneth Murphy	2010
Selectmen	- Kelli O'Brien McKinnon	2011
Moderator	- Joseph Waisgerber	2011
CHARTER MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)		
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)		
Allan R. Chiocca		2009
Eric Hart - Assistant		2009
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)		
Heidi Hosmer		
Carol Perilli		
Barbara Hagopian		
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)		
Douglas A. Golemme, Chairman		2009
Lorraine M. Pratt		2010
Angelo J. Triantaffelow		2010
Charlene Judge		2011
Roland A. Pigeon		2011
Victor Solari		2011
Associate Member:		
James J. Corbett		
CONSERVATION CORPS (Appointed by Conservation Commission)		
George H. Anderson, Director		
Robert Ingeno		

CONSTABLES (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Robert Brown	2009
Donald Ferguson (Deceased)	2009
Kevin Dalton	2010
Kevin C. McKenna	2010
Adam P. Loomis	2011
Jerold Loomis	2011
John Torchio	2011
COUNSEL, TOWN AND LABOR (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John J. Clifford, Esq.	2009
COUNSEL, LAND USE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	2009
COUNSEL, TAX TITLE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Attorney Laura Brown	2009
CULTURAL COUNCIL (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Claire Garvey	2009
Adrienne Donovan	2010
Kathleen Folino	2010
Jane Tetzlaff	2010
Dorothy McCauley	2010
Marcia Adams	2011
Janet Cann	2011
Patricia Isaac	2011
DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES (Appointed Annually by Tax Collector)	
John Y. Brady	2009
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – Planning Board Members	
Robert W. Baker	
Donald J. Cann	
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Robert Bowles	2009
DOG HEARING OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
EDUCATION FUND COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Deborah M. Connell	2011
Cora Leonardi	2011
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS	
Mary B. Stewart	(Appointed by Selectmen)
Jeanne Gianatassio	(Appointed by Police Chief)
Mary P. Ryan	(Appointed by Fire Chief)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Moderator – 15 Members)	
Dolores Baronas	2009
Cora Leonard (Resigned 10/14/08)	2009
William H. Minahan, Jr., Chairman	2009
Joseph Reis (Resigned 9/19/08)	2009
Paula Ferguson	2010
Steven J. Savicke	2010
John Ellard	2011
Joseph P. Gambon	2011
Robert B. MacDonald	2011
Larry Ryan	2011

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN  
(Appointed by Selectmen)  
J. Michael Sammon

FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)  
Mark G. Flaherty  
James F. Killinger  
Edward Kimball  
Arnold Laramee  
Patricia Murphy  
James Reardon  
Charles Williams

FOREST COMMITTEE, TOWN (Appointed by Conservation Commission)	
George Anderson	2013
Virginia M. Anderson	2013
Robert Ingeno	2013
James Norman	2013
Michael O'Brien	2013

GAS INSPECTORS (Appointed by Selectmen)	
William Stewart	2009
Gary Young – Alternate	2009

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

HEALTH AGENT (Appointed by Board of Health)  
Janice McCarthy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Lawrence Donovan	2009
James R. Paul, Jr.	2009
A. Dean Sargent	2009
William Ferguson	2010
Adrienne Donovan	2011
Peter Dow	2011
Andrew J. Townson, III	2011

HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Appointed by Housing Authority Commissioners) Carolyn J. Gunderway	
INTERNET COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen) Donna Hagopian	2011
LIBRARY DIRECTOR (Appointed by Library Trustees) Beverly C. Brown	
MBTA ADVISORY BOARD (Appointed by Selectmen)	
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Burton T. Chandler	2009
Mary Jane Letizia	2009
Anton F. Materna	2009
John R. Melvin	2009
Thomas Murrill	2009
Jeffrey P. Najarian	2009
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (Appointed by Selectmen)	
MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER (Appointed by Selectmen) James F. Killinger	2011
OLD COLONY ELDERLY SERVICES (Appointed by Council on Aging) Cynda Childs Ruth Gobeil – Alternate	
OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING (Appointed by Selectmen) Rita M. Howes	2009
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
George H. Anderson	2009
Michael Bromberg	2009
Donald Cann, Chairman	2009
Scott MacFaden	2009
James Norman	2009
Edward Givler	2010
Katherine Kirby	2011
PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT (Appointed by Park Commissioners) Peter Ewell	
PARKING CLERK (Appointed by Selectmen) Elizabeth A. Parker	2009

PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE	
(5 Members Appointed by Moderator)	
Kenneth Dunn (Appointed by School Department)	
Stanley N. Cleaves	2009
Paul F. Fimian	2009
Robert Manzella	2010
Gregory Tansey	2011
Christopher Vlachos	2011
ASSOCIATE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John R. Lucas	2010
PLUMBING INSPECTOR CIVIL SERVICE (Appointed by Inspector of Buildings)	
William Stewart	2009
Gary Young – Alternate	2009
PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Lawrence J. Chaffee	2009
POLICE CHIEF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John R. Llewellyn	
PRIDE COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
RECYCLING COORDINATOR (Appointed by Board of Health)	
Bernard J. Dunphy	
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Mary Ann Ceurvels	2009
Teresa Dow	2010
Randalin S. Ralston	2011
Mary Pat Kaszanek, Clerk (member ex-officio)	
RENT CONTROL BOARD (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Andy Triantaffelow (Resigned 2/19/08)	2008
Teresa Burt	2009
Mark Flaherty	2009
Laura Hernandez (Resigned 8/28/08)	2010
Kathleen Post	2010
Michael Reed	2010
Walter E. Paul (Resigned)	2010
Anne M. McDonald	2010
Douglas Brimblecom	2011
ROCKLAND AMBULANCE STUDY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John Clifford	2009
Eric Hart	2009
James Hannigan	2009
Kevin Henderson	2009

Edward McVeigh	2009
James Simpson	2009
Charles Williams	2009
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Paul Daigle	2010
Denise Morin	2010
Richard T. Furlong	2011
Karen Guerrette	2011
ROCKLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Stephen P. Johnson	2009
Frank DelPrete	2010
Heidi Hosmer	2010
Michael P. Mullen Jr.	2010
James R. Paul, Jr.	2011
Carol Perilli	2011
ROCKLAND SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (Appointed by the Moderator, School Comm., & Selectmen)	
Moderator - Richard Penney	2009
Selectmen - Jared Valanzola	2009
Moderator - Arnold F. Laramee	2010
Moderator - Thomas Mills	2010
Moderator - John Rogers	2010
Selectmen - Donald F. Walsh II	2010
School Committee - Pamela Worden	2010
Moderator - Richard Jones	2010
School Committee - Kenneth Dunn	2011
Capital Planning Committee Member - Richard Phelps	
Finance Committee Member - John Ellard	
School Committee Member - Michelle E. Pezzella (Resigned 3/3/08)	
School Committee Member - Marilyn Werkheiser	
Selectmen Member - Lawrence Chaffee	
Superintendent of Schools - John Retchless	
Asst. Superintendent of Schools - Doric Scarpelli	
Rogers Middle School Principal - Paul Stanish	
ROUTE 18 TASK FORCE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Robert Baker, Chairman of the Planning Board(Resigned 7/23/08)	
Robert Corvi, Jr., Highway Superintendent - Alternate	
SCHOOLS, SUPERINTENDENT OF (Appointed by School Committee)	
John Retchless	
Doric Scarpelli - Assistant Superintendent	
SEWER SUPERINTENDENT	
John Loughlin	

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
SOUTH SHORE COALITION – (Appointed by Planning Board)	
George Anderson	
SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Stephen B. Nelson	2009
Rudolph Childs	2010
Victoria Deibel	2010
SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Gerald F. Blake	2010
SOUTH SHORE TRI-TOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
John W. Rogers(Resigned)	2008
John R. Ward	2012
Gerard Eramo	2013
ADVISORY BOARD	
Robert Long	
TEEN CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Elaine Cormier	2010
Paul Daigle	2010
Melinda Eisenberg-Paul	2010
Ralph Frechette	2010
Paula Lincoln Kilburn	2010
Denise Morin	2010
Beth Ryan	2010
Mark Underwood	2010
Patricia White	2010
Vin Hult - Associate	2010
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR (Appointed by Selectmen)	
John J. Clifford, Esq. - Acting Town Administrator - Effective 2/1/08	
Allan R. Chiocca (Appointed 6/2/08)	
TREE WARDEN (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Robert Corvi, Jr.	2009
VETERAN’S AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AND VETERAN’S BURIAL AGENT (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Anton Materna	2009
WATER DEPARTMENT	
Daniel F. Callahan, Manager, Joint Water Works	

WEIGHTS & MEASURES, INSPECTOR OF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Thomas E. Ruble	2010
WIRES, INSPECTORS OF (Appointed by Selectmen)	
James R. Paul, Jr.	2009
James J. Sawaya	2009
Alternate	
Charles C. Pratt	2009
WRPS	
David J. Murphy, General Manager	
YOUTH COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Judith Cusick(Resigned 6/2/08)	2008
Richard T. Furlong	2009
Kathleen Daggett	2010
Laurie Dolan	2010
Lisa Wright Murphy	2010
YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR (Appointed by Youth Commission)	
Karen Guerrette	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (Appointed by Selectmen)	
Anton Materna	2009
Rita M. Howes	2010
Peter McDermott	2010
Robert Manzella, Chairman	2011
Gregory Tansey	2011
Associate/Alternate Members:	
Stanley Cleaves	2009
Alan McPhee	2009
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	
Thomas E. Ruble	2010

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

The Presidential Primary Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1 through 4 and at the R. Stewart Esten School, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

Attested copies of the Warrant issued by the Selectmen January 22, 2008 were posted in each of the six precincts January 28th by Jerold Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Specimen ballots, instructions to voters, abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters and voters bill of rights were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. after the election officials in each of the six precincts examined the ballot boxes to show they were empty and printed a listing of all candidates to show there were no votes on the tabulator. Accu-Vote OS optical scan vote tabulators were used.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Ballots cast were 3,087 Democrat, 1,582 Republican, 2 Green Rainbow and 2 Working Families Party for a total of 4,673, 45% of the 10,281 registered voters. Included in this total were 18 absentee ballots in precinct 1, 30 in precinct 2, 15 in precinct 3, 10 in precinct 4, 15 in precinct 5 and 18 in precinct 6. In addition there were 2 ballots received in precinct 4 that were added to the total on February 15th as they were received from out of the country and these ballots have an additional 10 days to be received in a Federal election.

Tapes from the optical scan tabulators with unofficial results were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:30 p.m. Final results were declared as follows:

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</b>	<b>Prec.1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Prec. 4</b>	<b>Prec. 5</b>	<b>Prec. 6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Blanks	0	0	1	2	2	0	5
John R. Edwards	14	12	9	7	19	11	72
Hillary Clinton	339	477	253	307	401	347	2124
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	3	4	1	1	4	0	13
Christopher J. Dodd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Gravel	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Barak Obama	142	172	104	126	133	145	822
Dennis J. Kucinich	2	2	0	0	0	1	5
Bill Richardson	1	1	0	0	2	1	5
No Preference	4	1	9	6	6	3	29
Write-in	2	5	1	1	1	0	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>3087</b>

**STATE COMMITTEE MAN**

Blanks	136	184	110	119	142	144	835
Patrick W. McDermott	368	488	268	328	423	361	2236
Write-in	3	3	0	3	3	4	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>3087</b>

**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**

Blanks	142	186	111	128	151	139	857
Alicia A. Gardner	364	488	267	320	415	367	2221
Write-in	1	1	0	2	2	3	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>3087</b>

**TOWN COMMITTEE**

Blanks	305	404	211	256	316	310	1802
Group	202	271	167	194	252	199	1285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>3087</b>

Blanks	9637	12537	6702	8095	10166	9936	57073
M. Kathlyn Ahern	228	346	178	215	279	230	1476
Jeanne T. Barghout	211	288	176	203	256	219	1353
Bette L. Burrill	235	318	194	224	289	222	1482
Ronald T. Buskey	214	306	179	204	261	214	1378
Ruth A. Byrne	238	318	190	218	271	221	1456
Walter J. Byrne, III	249	316	190	216	268	228	1467
Henry R. Ceurvels	232	315	184	212	267	226	1436
MaryAnn Ceurvels	236	321	188	212	269	233	1459
Lisa C. Clark	246	342	207	243	297	236	1571
June P. Donnelly	219	304	181	217	263	214	1398
James A. Flanagan	237	311	183	218	306	218	1473
T. Faith Heffernan	217	310	180	216	268	233	1424
James A. Kaszanek	248	348	209	237	315	239	1596
Mary Pat Kaszanek	266	369	214	257	330	245	1681
Christine J. Kelly	218	340	181	207	258	215	1419
Charles V. Kimball	234	315	190	229	331	232	1531
Mark F. Maguire	225	316	186	212	263	220	1422
Cora Leonardi-Smith	213	292	172	204	258	215	1354
Tara A. O'Brien-McNally	213	297	182	209	261	236	1398
Charles J. McPherson	216	293	180	208	262	215	1374
Michael P. Mullen	276	335	193	227	292	236	1559
Michael P. Mullen, Jr.	276	324	195	220	293	236	1544
Ellen K. Partridge	223	309	180	212	264	218	1406
Mary L. Partridge	222	304	180	208	277	225	1416
Patrick J. Ronan	242	305	176	209	266	220	1418
Kathleen B. Scolley	222	304	182	214	263	222	1407
Sheila Webster Togo	230	329	187	221	279	235	1481
Barbara M. Wahlstrom	226	314	187	211	265	218	1421
Kenneth J. Wahlstrom	222	306	186	208	266	213	1401
John R. Ward	233	312	184	243	293	217	1482
Barbara L. Wood	221	304	183	212	260	223	1403
Catherine M. Young	229	312	192	234	285	225	1477
Mary E. Young	219	310	182	219	269	220	1419
Margaret M. McPherson	226	316	185	221	262	224	1434
Mary T. Flanagan	246	339	192	235	308	236	1556
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17745</b>	<b>23625</b>	<b>13230</b>	<b>15750</b>	<b>19880</b>	<b>17815</b>	<b>108045</b>

## REPUBLICAN PARTY

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Blanks	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
John McCain	117	112	83	90	126	106	634
Fred Thompson	0	3	1	0	2	0	6
Tom Tancredo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan Hunter	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mike Huckabee	10	17	13	18	6	10	74
Mitt Romney	139	156	93	108	137	163	796
Ron Paul	7	10	9	7	4	12	49
Rudy Giuliani	2	2	2	0	5	0	11
No Preference	0	0	2	2	0	0	4
Write-in	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1582</b>

### STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Blanks	61	82	37	56	73	61	370
Matthew R. Sisk	146	138	114	122	142	175	837
Dominic M. Paulo	66	82	53	47	64	55	367
Write-in	3	2	0	1	1	1	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1582</b>

### STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Blanks	97	138	66	85	105	95	586
Christine M. Cedrone	177	165	137	138	174	193	984
Write-in	2	1	1	3	1	4	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1582</b>

### TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	165	179	134	121	179	154	932
Group	111	125	70	105	101	138	650
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1582</b>

Blanks	5351	5828	4349	3908	5630	4964	30030
Lawrence H. Arena	124	145	82	118	125	159	753
Susan A. Arena	125	128	80	114	121	160	728
Bertha S. Belcher	127	135	81	112	115	151	721
Weston A. Belcher	126	141	77	112	115	146	717
Marjorie M. Bryant	123	140	83	114	119	146	725
Ann E. Harrington	123	136	84	118	121	149	731
Teresa R. Dow	125	137	81	116	119	156	734
Peter E. Dow	120	135	80	119	119	151	724
Josephine R. Driscoll	124	137	79	111	114	155	720
Anthony V. Gauquier	122	135	81	116	119	156	729
Beverly M. Gauquier	121	133	73	113	118	154	712
Edmund T. Gauquier	120	130	73	113	114	149	699
Jason A. Gauquier	119	131	74	111	112	146	693
Joshua T. Gauquier	117	130	74	111	113	149	694
Randalin S. Ralston	119	134	79	110	119	143	704
Stephen B. Nelson	121	145	84	116	121	154	741

Jan P. O'Connor	123	141	81	112	131	151	739
Kenneth A. Painter	121	142	74	112	114	143	706
Susan M. Painter	120	145	73	115	117	146	716
Frederick W. Slinger, Jr.	120	139	83	109	115	143	709
C. Alex Peterson	118	131	75	108	111	150	693
Laurie E. Slinger	118	138	74	112	114	144	700
Arthur D. Sargent	122	140	82	118	132	145	739
Robert A. Sullivan	123	137	81	112	120	157	730
Jared L. Valanzola	126	137	80	121	120	153	737
Louis U. Valanzola	138	149	88	129	130	152	786
Edward F. Williams	118	130	74	110	112	149	693
Rosemarie Arena-Williams	118	133	78	110	112	150	701
Beverly M. Fader	127	144	86	130	133	150	770
Frank P. DelPrete	145	150	93	121	145	158	812
David S. Gauquier	116	131	77	110	109	148	691
Deborah B. Vecchione	128	148	79	114	123	147	739
Kathleen F. O'Neil	127	138	83	111	117	152	728
Kevin P. O'Neil	124	135	83	113	118	149	722
James L. O'Neil	121	132	82	111	113	145	704
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9660</b>	<b>10640</b>	<b>7140</b>	<b>7910</b>	<b>9800</b>	<b>10220</b>	<b>55370</b>

**GREEN RAINBOW PARTY**

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jared Ball	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Elaine Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kat Swift	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cynthia McKinney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**STATE COMMITTEE MAN**

Blanks	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**

Blanks	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**TOWN COMMITTEE**

Blanks	10	10	0	0	0	0	20
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>

**WORKING FAMILIES PARTY**

Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-in	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**STATE COMMITTEE MAN**

Blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**

Blanks	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Write-n	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**TOWN COMMITTEE**

Blanks	0	0	0	10	10	0	20
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>

A true record, attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek, CMMC  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 12, 2008**

The Annual Town Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the R. Stewart Esten School, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Saturday, April 12, 2008. A Warrant issued by the Selectmen March 17, 2007 was posted in each of the six precincts March 27, 2008 by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Specimen ballots, Instructions to Voters, Abstracts of the Laws imposing penalties on voters and the Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth. Accu-Vote vote tabulators were used in each of the six precincts.

Effective with our Annual Town Election last year we have an AutoMark VAT (Voter Assist Terminal) in each polling location for the convenience of handicapped voters. They have touch screens, a Braille keypad, headphones, a puff-sip device, etc. to assist a handicapped voter in marking their ballot. The ballot is then tabulated in the voters precinct. These machines were provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 2002. If you have the time at the next election I encourage you to use this terminal to see how it works.

The polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. Election officials in each of the six precincts printed a zero tape of all candidates and the question to insure there were no votes on the tabulator and that each candidate was listed. The tape was posted in a conspicuous place in the precinct.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast were 3,179, 30% of the 10,276 registered voters. Absentee ballots included were 11 in precinct 1, 32 in precinct 2, 14 in precinct 3, 8 in precinct 4, 17 in precinct 5 and 8 in precinct 6.

Unofficial results were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:30. Official results were declared as follows:

	<u>PREC. 1</u>	<u>PREC. 2</u>	<u>PREC. 3</u>	<u>PREC. 4</u>	<u>PREC. 5</u>	<u>PREC. 6</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>SELECTMEN for Three Years (vote for Two)</b>							
Blanks	95	132	77	77	153	130	664
Mary A. Parsons	162	236	87	102	157	97	841
Louis U. Valanzola	222	286	131	163	261	211	1274
<b>Michael P. Johnson</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>2082</b>
<b>Deborah A. O'Brien</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1486</b>
Write-Ins	1	0	5	3	1	1	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>6358</b>
<b>ASSESSOR for Three Years (vote for One)</b>							
Blanks	161	207	101	112	209	168	958
<b>Dennis M. Robson</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>2203</b>
Write-Ins	2	3	2	1	4	6	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER for Three Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	159	200	91	108	200	162	920
<b>Victoria Deibel</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>2245</b>
Write-Ins	3	1	4	1	3	2	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER for Four Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	132	181	94	94	173	148	822
<b>John W. Rogers</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>2338</b>
Write-Ins	3	3	2	3	2	6	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	160	217	97	113	205	180	972
<b>Mary Jane Letizia</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>2199</b>
Write-Ins	1	2	1	0	2	2	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES for Three Years (vote for TWO)**

Blanks	394	518	276	304	530	466	2488
<b>Marie Buchan Colburn</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1963</b>
<b>Laura A. Walsh</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1891</b>
Write-Ins	2	3	3	2	4	2	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>6358</b>

**PARK COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for ONE)**

Blanks	166	223	100	122	220	188	1019
<b>Mark F. Maguire</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>2150</b>
Write-Ins	3	0	1	0	5	1	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for Five Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	153	194	98	99	195	164	903
<b>Thomas J. Henderson</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>2261</b>
Write-Ins	3	2	2	2	3	3	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE for Three Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	156	201	97	105	211	162	932
<b>Michelle E. Pezzella</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>2233</b>
Write-Ins	3	2	2	1	4	2	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**SEWER COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	147	213	99	109	196	164	928
<b>William E. Stewart</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>2236</b>
Write-Ins	4	1	1	1	6	2	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**WATER COMMISSIONER for Three Years (vote for One)**

Blanks	143	190	85	98	183	152	851
<b>William T. Low</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>2312</b>
Write-Ins	3	1	1	1	7	3	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$294,840.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying costs of architectural and engineering services associated with surveying the facility deficiencies at the Middle School, which work will likely consider such options as renovating and adding to the existing facility and the possibility of constructing a new facility in the vicinity of 100 Taunton Avenue in Rockland, for which work the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), which grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, for the fiscal year beginning July 1st 2008?

Blanks	19	38	15	16	20	13	121
<b>Yes</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>2247</b>
No	154	182	72	86	207	110	811
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>3179</b>

**A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:**

**MARY PAT KASZANEK  
TOWN CLERK**

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 5, 2008**

**QUORUM: 300**

**ATTENDANCE: 735**

**REGISTERED VOTERS: 10,257**

A quorum being present, the Special Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Paul L. Cusick, Jr. at 7:30 p.m. He announced the Return of the Warrant by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted to adjourn the Special Town Meeting to open the Annual Town Meeting.

After the Annual Town Meeting was opened, and adjourned, and a quorum being present, the Special Town Meeting was again called to order. A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted the first action be on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

**ARTICLE 1**

The Town **unanimously voted** to transfer from certified free cash the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for various Legal Expenses incurred during the fiscal year 2008.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Town **unanimously voted** to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the installation of a chemical feed system at the Hannigan and Great Sandy Bottom Water Treatment Plants, and cost incidental and related thereto; this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

**A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:**

Mary Pat Kaszanek  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 5, 2008**

**QUORUM: 300**

**ATTENDANCE: 735**

**REGISTERED VOTERS: 10,257**

A quorum being present, the Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Town Moderator Paul L. Cusick, Jr. He announced the return of the warrant by Adam Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

He asked that all stand to salute the flag and remain standing for a moment of silence for our deceased friends and employees of the town Marita Talbot, Frank Bono, George T. Joy and Ann J. Bois.

He announced the meeting is being taped.

He introduced those on stage with him, Mary Pat Kaszanek Town Clerk, Randalin Ralston Assistant Town Clerk, John Clifford Town Administrator and Town Counsel Kathleen O'Donnell. He introduced the newly elected officials, Selectmen Michael P. Johnson and Deborah A. O'Brien, Assessor Dennis M. Robson, Housing Authority Commissioners Mary Jane Letizia and John W. Rogers, Library Trustee Laura A. Walsh and Planning Board Member Thomas J. Henderson.

He then introduced "the hardest working committee in town" the Finance Committee and asked that they stand and remain standing, John Ellard, Paula Ferguson, Cora Leonard, Robert MacDonald, William Minahan, Joseph Reis, Larry Ryan and Steven Savicke. He stated if anyone is interested in being on the Finance Committee, contact him after the meeting or give him a call at home or at the office and he would be more than happy to talk with you.

He went over the rules and regulations for the meeting stating they are printed in the front of your warrant. He asked that if you want to speak, raise your hand, wait until you are recognized and come to one of the two podiums and give your name and address and you can speak on the issue. He said there is additional seating in the cafeteria for people, noting there is a screen and a moderator there for people.

He then called on Bill Minahan, chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Minahan explained how the lengthy budget process transpired to get us to a balanced budget and the major challenge was to again deal with the cost of services without additional revenue. Initially four departments were not funded but with the latest figures and the assistance of the Town Administrator, two Selectmen, the Town Accountant and the Finance Committee they were able to come together with a unified budget proposal for the four departments. Mr. Minahan then asked Finance Committee member John Ellard to speak.

Mr. Ellard spoke on some of the key articles and gave a quick run down of some of the more important financial related articles and asked that we support these articles tonight. In closing, on behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Minahan also asked that we support the articles tonight.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted to adjourn the Annual Town meeting to return to the Special Town Meeting.

After the Special Town Meeting was dissolved, we returned again to the Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted the first action be on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted that all article be taken in order.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted that if we don't complete the meeting tonight we adjourn until Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, tellers Ed Borges, Molly Schnabel, Dick Jones and Tony Materna were sworn in.

George Anderson was sworn to be the Assistant Moderator in the cafeteria.

### **ARTICLE 1**

The Town voted to cast votes in the Annual Town Election for the election of candidates for the following offices;

Two Selectmen for three years  
One Assessor for three years  
One Board of Health Member for three years  
One Housing Authority Commissioner for four years  
One Housing Authority Commissioner for three years  
Two Library Trustees for three years  
One Park Commissioner for three years  
One Planning Board Member for five years  
One School Committee Member for three years  
One Water Commissioner for three years

And **voted yes** on the following question:

QUESTION 1 – Shall the Town of Rockland be allowed to assess an additional \$294,840 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of paying costs of architectural and engineering services associated with surveying the facility deficiencies at the Middle School, which work will likely consider such options as renovating and adding to the existing facility and the possibility of constructing a new facility in the vicinity of 100 Taunton Avenue in Rockland, for which work the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), which grant program is non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008?

### **ARTICLE 2**

The Town voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers in the Town in the amounts indicated in the Department Budgets and make such salaries and compensation effective July 1, 2008, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 108, as amended, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money for the ensuing year and

that all sums be appropriated for the specific purpose designated; and that the same be expended on for such boards and commissions of the Town as voted.

### ARTICLE 3

The Town voted to raise and appropriate and or take from available funds as indicated, such sums of money necessary for the ensuing year as detailed in the following Department budgets.

		Total Appropriation 2008-2009	Raise and Appropriate 2008-2009	Available Fund 2008-2009
<b>A.</b>	<b>MODERATOR - Dept. #114</b>			
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
	Salary	\$ -		
	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - MODERATOR</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>B.</b>	<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN - Dept. #122</b>			
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
	Salaries - Selectmen (5)	\$ -		
	Salary, Town Administrator	\$ 83,386.00		
	* step Salary, Executive Assistant	\$ 37,747.00		
	Salary, Part-Time Clerical	\$ -		
	Executive Assistant Longevity	\$ 1,500.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$ 500.00		
	Vacation Coverage	\$ 2,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 125,133.00</b>		
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
	Copy Machine Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 4,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>		
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
	Sundries	\$ 3,400.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>		
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
	Selectmen - MMA Dues	\$ -		
		\$ 500.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$ 133,033.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,033.00</b>	
<b>C.</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE - Dept. #131</b>			
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
	Secretary	\$ 1,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>		
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
	Expenses	\$ -		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
	Finance Committee Supplies	\$ -		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
	Finance Committee - Reserve Fund	\$ 35,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>		
	Raise and Appropriate	\$ 0.00		
	Transfer Overlay Reserve	\$ 0.00		

<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,000.00</b>

**D. TOWN ACCOUNTANT - Dept. #135**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
Salary - Town Accountant	\$	77,250.00	
Salary - Clerical	\$	11,277.00	
Salary - Assistant Town Accountant	\$	32,795.00	
Vacation Coverage	\$	2,700.00	
Longevity - Assistant Town Accountant	\$	-	
Proficiency Incentive	\$	700.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>124,722.00</b>	
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
Data Processing	\$	28,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>	
<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
Sundries	\$	2,500.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>155,222.00</b>	<b>\$ 155,222.00</b>

**E. ASSESSOR - Dept. #141**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
* Salary - Appraiser	\$	67,591.00	
Salary - Asst. Appraiser	\$	-	
Salaries - Assessors (3)	\$	-	
Salary - Clerical	\$	61,990.00	
Longevity	\$	1,000.00	
Proficiency Incentive	\$	1,000.00	
<b>Educational Incentive</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>132,581.00</b>	
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
Legal Services	\$	2,000.00	
Maps/Engineering	\$	4,000.00	
Computer Software	\$	6,000.00	
Binding Tax & Deed Books	\$	400.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,400.00</b>	
<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
Sundries	\$	3,557.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,557.00</b>	
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
Auto Allowance	\$	1,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - ASSESSORS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>149,538.00</b>	<b>\$ 149,538.00</b>

**F. TREASURER - Dept. #145**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>		
Salary - Treasurer	\$	56,160.00
Salary - Assistant Treasurer	\$	38,129.00
Salary - Clerical	\$	29,970.00
Vacation Coverage	\$	2,080.00
Longevity	\$	3,200.00
Proficiency Incentive	\$	1,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>130,539.00</b>

<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Treasurer - Postage	\$	3,325.00		
Tax Title	\$	8,412.00		
Legal	\$	1,500.00		
Payroll Processing Fees	\$	37,000.00		
Medicaid Billing Processing Fees	\$	19,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>69,237.00</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
Sundries	\$	1,814.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,814.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Treasurer - Dues/Meetings	\$	600.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>600.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - TREASURER</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>202,190.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>198,378.00</b>
<i>1,906.00 from water receipts</i>				<i>\$1,906.00</i>
<i>1,906.00 from sewer receipts</i>				<i>\$1,906.00</i>

**G. TOWN COLLECTOR - Dept. #146**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Salary - Town Collector	\$	56,160.00		
Salary, Assistant Collector	\$	30,986.00		
Salary, Clerical	\$	5,000.00		
Vacation Coverage	\$	2,575.00		
Longevity	\$	800.00		
Proficiency Pay	\$	500.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>96,021.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Tax Title Lien - Land	\$	800.00		
Postage/Maintenance Supplies	\$	10,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,800.00</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
Sundries	\$	3,600.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,600.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Dues/Meetings/Travel	\$	1,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<i>Transfer - Water</i>			<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
<i>Transfer - Sewer</i>			<b>\$</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
<i>Transfer - Trash</i>				
<b>TOTAL - TOWN COLLECTOR</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>111,421.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>94,421.00</b>

**H. LEGAL SERVICES - Dept. #151**

<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Town Counsel - Legal Services	\$	60,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>60,000.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - LEGAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>75,000.00</b>

**I. TOWN CLERK - Dept. #161**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Salary, Town Clerk	\$	56,160.00		
Salary, Assistant Town Clerk	\$	38,129.00		
Salary, Clerical	\$	26,700.00		
Vacation Coverage	\$	1,734.00		
Longevity	\$	1,300.00		

Proficiency Incentive	\$	1,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>125,023.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Town Clerk - Bookbinding	\$	400.00		
By-Law & Charter	\$	1,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$1,400.00</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
* Sundries	\$	1,500.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Dues & Meetings	\$	1,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>128,923.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>128,423.00</b>
<i>Dog License Materials \$500.00</i>				<i>\$500.00</i>

**J. TOWN MTGS/ELECTIONS - Dept. #162**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Town Meetings/Elections - Personnel	\$	16,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Town Meetings/Elections - Purchase		\$10,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
Town Meetings/Elections - Supplies	\$	4,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - TOWN MTGS/ELECTIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>

**K. REGISTRAR OF VOTERS - Dept. #163**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Salary - Registrars (4)	\$	-		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
Sundries	\$	6,880.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,880.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Auto Allowance	\$	-		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>TOTAL - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,880.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,880.00</b>

**L. PLANNING BOARD - Dept. #175**

<b>Personnel</b>				
<b>5100 Salaries - Board Members</b>				
Salary - Secretary	\$	4,500.00		
Town Planner		\$0.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Engineering & Consultants	\$	-		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
Sundries & Expenses	\$	725.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>725.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,225.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,225.00</b>

<b>M.</b>	<b>TOWN HALL - Dept. #192</b>			
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
	Vacation Coverage	\$	1,634.00	
	Custodian Longevity		\$0.00	
	Salary - Custodian	\$	16,182.00	
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,316.00</b>	
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
	Utilities/Maint/Supplies	\$	39,500.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,500.00</b>	
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
	Town Hall Supplies	\$	2,019.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,019.00</b>	
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
	Property Maintenance	\$	2,019.00	
	Postage	\$	2,300.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,319.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL - TOWN HALL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>64,154.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,154.00</b>
<b>N.</b>	<b>TOWN REPORTS - Dept. #195</b>			
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
	Town Report and Warrant	\$	10,000.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL - TOWN REPORTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>O.</b>	<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Dept. #171</b>			
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
	Salary - Secretary	\$	900.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>			
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
	Sundries			
	Postage			
	<b>Sub-total</b>			
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
	Dues for MACC			
	Auto Allowance/Enforcement Officer			
	<b>Sub-total</b>			
	<b>TOTAL - CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>P.</b>	<b>ZONING BOARD - Dept. #176</b>			
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
	Salary - Recording Secretary	\$	3,800.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
	Advertising	\$	150.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>150.00</b>	
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
	Postage	\$	75.00	
	Expenses	\$	375.00	
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>450.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL - ZONING BOARD</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,400.00</b>



Salary - Call Firefighter	\$ 2,500.00
Payroll - Call Men	\$ 6,779.00
Longevity Payroll	\$ 23,400.00
Proficiency Incentive	\$ 500.00
Holiday Pay	\$ 119,886.00
Substitute Payroll	\$ 144,891.00
Clothing Allowance	\$ 37,500.00
Call Men - Clothing	\$ 500.00
Training Payroll	\$ 62,305.00
College Credits	\$ 53,318.00
EMT Incentive	\$ 4,200.00
Call - EMT	\$ 500.00
Payroll - Defibrillator	\$ 750.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 2,457,407.00</b>

**5200 Purchase of Services**

Telephone	\$ 8,400.00
Equipment - Maintenance & Repair	\$ 53,700.00
Gas & Diesel	\$ 14,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 76,100.00</b>

**5400 Supplies**

Building Maintenance & Supplies	\$ 12,300.00
Office Supplies & Advertising	\$ 4,500.00
Educational Materials	\$ 7,100.00
Ambulance Supplies	\$ 18,800.00
Heating Oil	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 52,700.00</b>

**5700 Other Charges and Expenses**

Fire Other Charges/Expenses	\$ 1,200.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>

**TOTAL - FIRE DEPARTMENT**      **\$ 2,587,407.00**    **\$ 2,555,407.00**    **\$ 32,000.00**

**S. BUILDING DEPARTMENT - Dept. #241**

**5100 Personnel**

Salary - Inspector	\$ 55,092.00
Salary - Assistant Inspector	\$ -
Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$ 36,909.00
Salary - Part-time Clerical	\$ -
Building Inspector Longevity	\$ -
Administrative Assistant Longevity	\$ 300.00
Proficiency Incentive	\$ 500.00
Vacation Coverage	\$ 798.00
Education - Bldg. Inspector	\$ 500.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 94,099.00</b>

**5200 Purchase of Services**

Seminars	\$ 155.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>

**5400 Supplies**

Sundries	\$ 1,300.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>

**5700 Other Charges and Expenses**

Auto Allowance	\$ 1,529.00
Dues & Meetings	\$ 165.00
Demolition Costs	\$ 0.00

	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>1,694.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - BUILDING DEPT.</b>	\$	<b>97,248.00</b>	\$	<b>97,248.00</b>
<b>T.</b>	<b>GAS INSPECTOR - Dept. 242</b>				
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
	Salary - Inspector	\$	5,215.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>5,215.00</b>		
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
	Auto Allowance	\$	480.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>480.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - GAS INSPECTOR</b>	\$	<b>5,695.00</b>	\$	<b>5,695.00</b>
<b>U.</b>	<b>PLUMBING INSPECTOR - #243</b>				
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
	Salary - Inspector	\$	8,562.15		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>8,562.15</b>		
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
	Auto Allowance	\$	395.85		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>395.85</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - PLUMBING INSPECTOR</b>	\$	<b>8,958.00</b>	\$	<b>8,958.00</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>WEIGHTS/MEASURES - Dept. #244</b>				
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
	Salary - Inspector	\$	4,208.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>4,208.00</b>		
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
	Sundries	\$	300.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>300.00</b>		
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
	Auto Allowance	\$	150.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>150.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - WEIGHTS/MEASURES</b>	\$	<b>4,658.00</b>	\$	<b>4,658.00</b>
<b>W.</b>	<b>WIRING INSPECTOR - Dept. #245</b>				
	<b>Personnel</b>				
	<b>5100 Salaries - Inspectors (2)</b>	\$	22,183.00		
	On Call Coverage		\$3,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>25,183.00</b>		
	<b>Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
	<b>5700 Auto Allowance</b>	\$	677.00		
	Bi-Annual Certification	\$	400.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>1,077.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - WIRING INSPECTOR</b>	\$	<b>26,260.00</b>	\$	<b>26,260.00</b>
<b>X.</b>	<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Dept. #291</b>				
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
	Clerical	\$	350.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>350.00</b>		
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
	Uniforms	\$	3,000.00		
	Radio Repairs	\$	800.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>3,800.00</b>		
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
	Sundries	\$	300.00		

Gas	\$	2,400.00		
Equipment	\$	4,050.00		
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	2,000.00		
Generator Maintenance	\$	800.00		
Training Expenses	\$	3,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,550.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,700.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,700.00</b>

**Y. TREE DEPARTMENT - Dept. #294**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Labor	\$	45,946.00		
Longevity		\$0.00		
Uniforms	\$	900.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>46,846.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Vehicle Maintenance	\$	4,500.00		
Hired Equipment	\$	1,933.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,433.00</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
Supplies/Clothing/Equipment	\$	5,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Tree Replacement	\$	-		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>TOTAL - TREE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>58,279.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>58,279.00</b>

**Z. WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL - Dept. #433**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Salary - Landfill Attendant	\$	35,426.00		
Salary - P/T Landfill Attendant	\$	17,297.00		
Longevity	\$	1,000.00		
Proficiency Incentive	\$	750.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,473.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Data Processing	\$	10,000.00		
South Shore Recycling	\$	4,500.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Landfill Maintenance	\$	7,000.00		
Refuse Collection	\$	596,382.00		
Disposal Fee (SEMSS)	\$	501,540.00		
Bulky Rubbish Pick-Up	\$	30,000.00		
Hazardous Waste Collection	\$	5,000.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,139,922.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,208,895.00</b>		
		<b>R&amp;A</b>	<b>\$1,188,055.00</b>	<b>\$1,187,805.00</b>
		<b>from BOH Rev. Acct.</b>	<b>\$20,839.54</b>	<b>\$21,091.00</b>

**AA. SEWER DEPARTMENT - Dept. #449**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Superintendent	\$	67,053.00		
Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$	33,716.00		
Salaries - Commissioners (3)	\$	-		

Vacation Coverage	\$	1,500.00	
Insurance/Benefits	\$	12,000.00	
Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>114,769.00</b>	
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
Computer Services	\$	5,000.00	
Sewer Emergency Fund	\$	15,000.00	
Contract Operations Exp.	\$	1,439,589.00	
Flow/Loads Adjustment			
Industrial Pre-treatment	\$	20,000.00	
Storm Drainage/Rivers & Streams	\$	30,000.00	
Legal Services	\$	5,000.00	
Metal Study	\$	20,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,534,589.00</b>	
<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
Sundries	\$	20,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$	125,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>145,000.00</b>	
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
Auto Allowance	\$	675.00	
Debt & Interest Payments	\$	125,000.00	
Temporary Interest	\$	-	
Facility/Vehicle Insurance	\$	40,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>165,675.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,960,033.00</b>	<b>\$1,960,033.00</b>
<b>TO BE TAKEN FROM ESTIMATED SEGREGATED SEWER RECEIPTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 338, ACTS OF 1913</b>			

**BB. BOARD OF HEALTH - Dept. #510**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
* Salary - Health Agent	\$	55,620.00	
Salary - Administrative Assistant	\$	36,910.00	
Salary - Secretary/Clerical	\$	12,036.00	
Salaries - Commissioners (3)	\$	-	
Fill-In RE: Inspections/Part-time Clerical	\$	-	
Vacation Coverage - Clerical	\$	-	
Salary - Landfill Attendant	\$	-	
Longevity		\$600.00	
Proficiency Incentive	\$	700.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105,866.00</b>	
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
Health & Hospitals	\$	2,599.00	
South Shore Recycling Cooperative		\$0.00	
Data Processing		\$0.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,599.00</b>	
<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
Sundries - Health Agent and Training	\$	500.00	
Office Supplies	\$	700.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
Commissioners' Auto Allowance	\$	600.00	
Auto Allowance - Health Agent	\$	2,400.00	
Legal Services	\$	500.00	

	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>3,500.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - BOARD OF HEALTH from BOH Rev. Acct.</b>	\$	<b>113,165.00</b>	\$	<b>102,709.00</b>
					<b>\$10,456.00</b>
<b>CC.</b>	<b>VISITING NURSE - Dept. #522</b>				
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
	Visiting Nurse Association	\$	8,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>8,000.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - VISITING NURSE</b>	\$	<b>8,000.00</b>	\$	<b>8,000.00</b>
<b>DD.</b>	<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL - Dept. #293</b>				
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
	Traffic Lighting	\$	18,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>18,000.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>	\$	<b>18,000.00</b>	\$	<b>18,000.00</b>
<b>EE.</b>	<b>HIGHWAY - Dept. #421</b>				
	<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
	Salary - Superintendent	\$	60,000.00		
	Labor	\$	248,803.00		
	Administrative Assistant	\$	37,051.00		
	Longevity	\$	2,200.00		
	Uniforms	\$	5,400.00		
	Highway Police Details	\$	5,000.00		
	Highway Police Calls	\$	4,500.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>363,454.00</b>		
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
	Utilities	\$	9,000.00		
	Machine Maintenance	\$	13,000.00		
	Materials & Hired Equipment	\$	100,000.00		
	Radio Repair	\$	1,500.00		
	Street Striping	\$	15,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>138,500.00</b>		
	<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
	Building Maintenance	\$	1,100.00		
	Gas/Oil/Diesel, Etc.	\$	21,000.00		
	Misc. Tools & Supplies	\$	4,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>26,100.00</b>		
	<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
	Auto Allowance	\$	1,000.00		
	Dues & Meetings	\$	100.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>1,100.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY</b>	\$	<b>529,154.00</b>	\$	<b>529,154.00</b>
<b>FF.</b>	<b>SNOW/ICE CONTROL - Dept. #423</b>				
	<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
	Snow Removal	\$	150,000.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>150,000.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - SNOW/ICE CONTROL</b>	\$	<b>150,000.00</b>	\$	<b>150,000.00</b>
<b>GG.</b>	<b>STREET LIGHTING - Dept. #424</b>				

<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
Street Lighting	\$	61,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>61,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - STREET LIGHTING</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>61,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 61,000.00</b>

**HH. VETERAN'S SERVICES - Dept. #543**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>			
Salary - Agent	\$	42,806.00	
Longevity	\$	-	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>42,806.00</b>	
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>			
Postage	\$	325.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>325.00</b>	
<b>5400 Supplies</b>			
Sundries	\$	150.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>150.00</b>	
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>			
Auto Allowance	\$	400.00	
Veteran Benefits	\$	117,896.00	
Dues/Meetings	\$	625.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>118,921.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - VETERAN'S SERVICES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>162,202.00</b>	<b>\$ 162,202.00</b>

**II. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT - Dept. #390**

**REGULAR EDUCATION**

<b>1000 Administration</b>			
1100 - School Committee Expense			
1200 - Salary, Superintendent's Office			
1200 - Salary, Superintendent's Office Personnel			
1200 - Office Expenses			
1400 - Salary Business Office			
1400 - Legal Services			
1400 - Administrative Technology			
<b>Sub-total</b>			
<b>2000 Instruction</b>			
2100 - Salary, Supervision			
2200 - Salary, Principals			
2200 - Salary, Principal Clerical			
2200 - Office/Bldg. Expense			
2200 - Principals' Special Projects			
2300 - Salary, Instructural			
2300 - School Supplies/Expenses (Library)			
2300 - Professional Development			
2400 - Textbooks/Equipment			
2500 - Salary, Librarian/Aides			
2500 - Library Expenses			
2600 - Audio - Visual			
2700 - Guidance Salaries			
2700 - Guidance Expenses			
2800 - Psych. Serv., Test, Etc.			
<b>Sub-total</b>			
<b>3000 Other School Services</b>			
3100 - Attendance			

3200 - Sal., Nurses/School Phys.  
 3200 - Health Expenses  
 3300 - Transportation  
 3510 - Athletic Equip/Expenses  
 3510 - Coaches/Athletic Fees  
 3520 - Extra Curr. Sal  
 3520 - Other Student Activities  
 3600 - School Security

**Sub-total**

**4000 Maintenance**

4000 - Salary, Custodians/Maintenance  
 4000 - Operations/Maintenance  
 4000 - Bldg. Maint. Projects  
 4400 - Computer Networking/Maint.

**Sub-total**

**5000 Insurance**

5100 - Separation Benefits  
 5200 - Unemployment  
 5500 - Teacher Salary Deferral

**Sub-total**

**6000 Community Services**

6200 - Salary, Custodians/Maint.  
 6200 - Operations/Maintenance  
 6900 - Transportation - Non-Public

**Sub-total**

**7000 Acquisition of Equipment**

7300 - Acquisition of Equipment

**Sub-total**

**TOTAL FOR REGULAR SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION, Chapter 766**

Salaries  
 Expenses  
 Tuition/Transportation, Other Programs

**TOTAL - SPECIAL EDUCATION, Chapter 766**

**BUDGET TOTALS - SCHOOLS (Requested)**

**BUDGET TOTALS - SCHOOLS** 17,889,488.00 17,889,488.00

**JJ. SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL - Dept. #390** 1,442,791.00

**5700 Other Charges and Expenses**

South Shore Regional Vocational

**Sub-total**

**TOTAL - SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL** \$ 1,442,791.00 \$ 1,442,791.00

**KK. LIBRARY - Dept. #610**

**5100 Personnel**

Salary - Director \$ 61,067.00  
 Salaries - Staff \$ 221,333.00  
 Longevity \$ 900.00  
 Proficiency Incentive \$ 2,200.00  
**Sub-total** \$ 285,500.00

**5200 Purchase of Services**

Operating Expenses \$ 60,000.00

	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>60,000.00</b>		
<b>5400</b>	<b>Supplies</b>				
	Books & Related Materials	\$	2,500.00		
	Library Supplies				
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>2,500.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - LIBRARY</b>	\$	<b>348,000.00</b>	\$	<b>348,000.00</b>

**LL. MISCELLANEOUS & UNCLASSIFIED - Dept. #430**

<b>5200</b>	<b>Purchase of Services</b>				
	Audit	\$	33,698.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>33,698.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - MISCELLANEOUS &amp; UNCLASSIFIED</b>	\$	<b>33,698.00</b>	\$	<b>33,698.00</b>
	<b>Additional: Article for GASB 45 &amp; 43 Past Employment Benefits</b>				

**MM. COUNCIL ON AGING - Dept. #541**

<b>5100</b>	<b>Personnel</b>				
	Salary - Director	\$	42,970.00		
	Salary - Van Driver	\$	-		
	COA Aide	\$	-		
	Vacation Coverage	\$	-		
	Longevity	\$	-		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	-		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>42,970.00</b>		
<b>5200</b>	<b>Purchase of Services</b>				
	COA - Van/Maintenance		\$0.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>5400</b>	<b>Supplies</b>				
	Sundries	\$	2,000.00		
	Supplies	\$	1,600.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>3,600.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - COUNCIL ON AGING</b>	\$	<b>46,570.00</b>	\$	<b>46,570.00</b>

**NN. YOUTH COMMISSION - Dept. #542**

<b>5100</b>	<b>Personnel</b>				
	Salary - Director	\$	42,970.00		
	Salaries - Park Staff	\$	22,122.00		
	Longevity	\$	600.00		
	Administrative Assistant	\$	5,000.00		
	Proficiency Incentive	\$	500.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>71,192.00</b>		
<b>5200</b>	<b>Purchase of Services</b>				
	Telephone	\$	700.00		
	Maintenance - Hartsuff Park	\$	3,526.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>4,226.00</b>		
<b>5400</b>	<b>Supplies</b>				
	Park - Sundries	\$	3,500.00		
	Office Supplies & Postage	\$	1,500.00		
	<b>Sub-total</b>	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>		
	<b>TOTAL - YOUTH COMMISSION</b>	\$	<b>80,418.00</b>	\$	<b>40,000.00</b>
	<i>YC Revolving Acct.</i>			\$	<b>40,418.00</b>

**OO. PARK DEPARTMENT - Dept. #630**

**5100 Personnel**

Salary - Park Superintendent	\$	55,124.00		
Salaries - Commissioners (3)	\$	-		
Salaries & Labor	\$	91,687.00		
Longevity	\$	1,800.00		
Benefits for new position		\$0.00		
Uniforms	\$	2,700.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>151,311.00</b>		
<b>5200 Purchase of Services</b>				
Sundries	\$	7,500.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>		
<b>5400 Supplies</b>				
General Maintenance	\$	15,472.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,472.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Commissioners Auto Allowance		\$0.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - PARK DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>174,283.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>134,283.00</b>
<b>\$20,000.00 each from Water &amp; Sewer</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>

**PP. CELEBRATIONS - Dept. #692**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Secretary - Memorial Day	\$	150.00		
Secretary - Tri-Town Parade	\$	150.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>300.00</b>		
<b>5700 Other Charges and Expenses</b>				
Memorial Day Observance	\$	2,800.00		
Tri-Town Parade Celebration	\$	6,500.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,300.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - CELEBRATIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,600.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,600.00</b>

**QQ. RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION - Dept. #911**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Contributory Retirement	\$	2,218,071.00		
Pensions	\$	5,400.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,223,471.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,223,471.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,223,471.00</b>

**RR. HEALTH INSURANCE - Dept. #914**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Group Insurance (Town Share)	\$	5,216,576.00		
Transfer - Free Cash			\$	200,620.31
Overlay Reserve			\$	65,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,216,576.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - HEALTH INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,216,576.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,950,955.69</b>

**SS. FICA EXPENSE - Dept. #916**

<b>5100 Personnel</b>				
Fica Expense	\$	280,680.00		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>280,680.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL - FICA EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>280,680.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>280,680.00</b>

**TT. LIABILITY INSURANCE - Dept. #945**

**5100 Personnel**

Town Insurance	\$ 545,000.00	
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 15,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 560,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL - LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 560,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 560,000.00</b>

**UU. WATER DEPARTMENT - Dept. #480**

**5100 Personnel**

Salary - Commissioners	\$ -	
Wages, Comp. & Labor	\$ -	
Police Details	\$ 15,000.00	
Water - Insurance & Retirement	\$35,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>	

**5200 Purchase of Services**

Engineering	\$ 35,000.00	
Collection Office	\$ 9,500.00	
Field Support & Overhead	\$ 15,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 59,500.00</b>	

**5400 Supplies**

Office Supplies & Overhead	\$ 20,000.00	
Systems Maint/Development	\$ 100,000.00	
Building Maintenance	\$ 25,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 145,000.00</b>	

**5600 Intergovernmental**

Joint Expenses (1/2)	\$ 1,542,708.34	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 1,542,708.34</b>	

**5700 Other Charges and Expense**

Freight & Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	

**5900 Debt Service**

Bond		
Debt & Interest	\$ 449,807.01	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 449,807.01</b>	

**TOTAL - WATER DEPARTMENT** **\$ 2,247,515.35** **\$2,247,515.35**

**TO BE TAKEN FROM ESTIMATED WATER RECEIPTS TO BE COLLECTED**

**VV. INT. & MAT. DEBT. - #710**

**5900 Debt Service**

Debt	\$ 205,000.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 205,000.00</b>	
Interest	\$ 108,560.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ 108,560.00</b>	

**TOTAL - INT. & MAT. DEBT** **\$ 313,560.00** **\$ 313,560.00**

**WW. TEEN CENTER - Dept. #144**

**5400 Supplies**

Sundries	\$ -	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**TOTAL - TEEN CENTER**

\$36,224,118.69 \$5,761,250.66 \$41,985,369.35

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 3.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

The Town unanimously voted to amend Article #4 and replace H-1 district with I-2 district. The Town further unanimously voted to amend Article #4 and change Special Permit by the Planning Board to Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Town voted (534 for, 101 against, 2/3 being 424) as amended to amend the current zoning by laws of the Town of Rockland by adding the following to the Uses Requiring Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals under the I-2 zone district:

- 15 Supermarkets and/or other general retail stores

#### **ARTICLE 5**

The Town unanimous sly voted to amend the current zoning by laws of the Town of Rockland by adding the following Uses Requiring Special Permit under the H-1 Industrial Park Hotel district:

- 14 Liquor Stores

The purpose of said zoning change is to allow the establishment of a full package liquor license to be issued in the area of the Hotel District.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

The Town unanimously voted to grant an increase allowance to all former employees retired under Chapter 32, Section 90C of the General Laws on account of superannuation who served the Town for a period of not less than twenty-five years, equal to one-half of the rate of regular compensation payable to employees of the Town holding similar positions as of this date.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of replacing the chassis of the departments 1998 utility truck.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

The Town unanimously voted to borrow from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust the sum of Two Million Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,045,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the construction of Residual Handling Facilities at the Hannigan, Great Sandy Bottom and Myers Avenue Water Treatment Plants and the cost incidental and related thereto.

The Finance Committee referred this to the Capital Planning Committee. Ken Murphy Chairman of the Committee reported this money will come from a bond through the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust and the Committee has recommended approval of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

The Town unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$294,840.00 to be expended under the direction of the Rockland School Building Committee to pay costs of architectural and engineering services associated with surveying the facility deficiencies at the Middle School, which work will likely consider such options as renovating and adding to the existing facility and the possibility of constructing a new facility in the vicinity of 100 Taunton Avenue in Rockland, for

which work the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Before voting, the Moderator stated the Capital Planning Committee recommends approval of funds of \$294,840.00.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 9.

At this point, the Moderator asked to go back to this article as he was handed a motion from Bond Counsel. We will take this motion as a Finance Committee or Capital Planning Committee recommendation and act on that rather than the one we acted on which is basically the same, just different legalese, different wording but the same action.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted to rescind the vote on Article 9.

The Town unanimously voted that the sum of \$655,200.00 is hereby appropriated, to be expended at the direction of the Rockland School Building Committee, to pay costs of architectural and engineering services associated with surveying the facility deficiencies at the Middle School, which work will likely consider such options as renovating and adding to the existing facility and the possibility of constructing a new facility in the vicinity of 100 Taunton Avenue in Rockland, for which work the town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”); that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$294,840.00 shall be appropriated from taxation and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow \$360,360.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(21) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; that the Town of Rockland acknowledges the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the aforesaid project in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided, however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the town shall authorize the raising of \$294,800.00 in the form of a capital exclusion as provided by Chapter 59, Section 21C (i ½) of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½), and provided, further that the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced to the extent of any grants received by the Town from the MSBA on account of this project.

A motion was made, and seconded, and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 9.

#### **ARTICLE 10**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the annual leak detection survey.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the purpose of replacing the 1999 Lumina.

#### **ARTICLE 12**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the purpose of replacing one Raw Water Pump at the Great Sandy Bottom Water Treatment Plant.

#### **ARTICLE 13**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land on Chestnut Street in the Town of Abington. The land will be utilized for the construction of a water storage tank.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the engineering of the sludge handling facility program to be funded by the Massachusetts Water Abatement Trust Fund. Capital Planning Committee recommended approval.

#### **ARTICLE 15**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be used with a like amount from the Town of Abington for the purpose of demolition of the original Great Sandy Bottom Water Treatment Plant on Phillips Road in the Town of Pembroke (the building has been deemed unsafe by a structural evaluation).

#### **ARTICLE 16**

The Town voted to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of continuing the survey and testing in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations governing cross connections to our water system (310 CMR 22.22).

#### **ARTICLE 17**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for environmental monitoring and maintenance of the Beech Street landfill in accordance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Consent Order.

#### **ARTICLE 18**

The Town voted to renumber and recaption the General Bylaws of the Town by (a) assigning a chapter number to each of the General Bylaws; (b) renumbering each section of each bylaw accordingly; (c) inserting chapter, article and section titles; and (d) updating internal references to reflect the new numbering system, all as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Town of Rockland Massachusetts Bylaws Draft" dated May 2007.

#### **ARTICLE 19**

The Town voted to adopt the following global changes to the General Bylaws, all as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Town of Rockland Massachusetts Bylaws Draft" dated May 2007:

1. References to the Massachusetts General Laws are standardized to the following format: MGL c. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_\_\_.
2. The word “Town” is consistently capitalized when it refers to the Town of Rockland.
3. The terms “Annual Town Meeting” and “Special Town Meeting” are consistently capitalized.
4. References to “by-law,” “By-Law” and “By-law” are amended to read “bylaw.”
5. Numbers in the text of the bylaws are cited in a consistent manner, so that: a) numerals one through nine are spelled out as words, and numerals 10 and higher are cited in number form only; and b) so that all monetary amounts, fractions, decimals and percentages are cited in numeric form only.

## **ARTICLE 20**

The Town voted to adopt the following language as part of Chapter 1, General Provisions, of the General Bylaws:

### *Article II General Penalty*

#### *§ 1-9. Violations and penalties.*

*Whoever violates a provision of this Code and/or any bylaw of the Town shall, unless other provision is expressly made, be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$300 for each offense.*

## **ARTICLE 21**

The Town voted to adopt the following new language as Chapter 5, Administrator, Town, of the General Bylaws:

### *Chapter 5 ADMINISTRATOR, TOWN*

#### *§ 5-1. Appointment; powers and duties.*

*The Town Administrator shall be appointed and shall have the powers and duties prescribed by the following sections of the Charter of the Town of Rockland: §§ C-2.17, C-2.18 and C-2.19.*

## **ARTICLE 22**

The Town voted to amend Chapter 9, Aging, Council on, of the General Bylaws:

- (1) In § 9-1 on, by revising the date of service to replace “the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March” with “the first day of May.”

- (2) By adding new language as § 9-3, as follows:

#### *§ 9-3. Private nature of certain information.*

*The names, addresses, telephone numbers, or other identifying information about elderly persons in the possession of the Council shall not be public records, but the use of these records shall comply with MGL c. 19A, § 14 et seq., as a condition of receiving a government contract, program grant or other benefit, or as otherwise required by law.*

## **ARTICLE 23**

The Town voted to adopt the following correction to Chapter 13, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Article IV, Board of Sewer Commissioners: in § 13-8B, revise the phrase “shall also be know as” to read “shall also be known as”.

#### ARTICLE 24

The Town voted to adopt the following revision to Chapter 13, Boards, Commissions and Committees, Article IX, Finance Committee: revise § 13-18E to match the amended Charter wording of § C-6.04E, as follows:

~~Eight members shall constitute a quorum of the Finance Committee. However, a lesser number may from time to time adjourn meetings of the Finance Committee.~~

*A majority of those members appointed shall constitute a quorum; however, a lesser number may from time to time adjourn meetings of the Finance Committee.*

#### ARTICLE 25

The Town voted to adopt the following revision to Chapter 38, Finance: revise § 38-2A to delete duplicative Charter wording, as follows:

~~On or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of each year the Selectmen shall prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit said budget to the Finance Committee. Said budget shall be inserted in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. (Charter § C-6.02)~~

*Budget preparation and submission for review shall be as set forth in Town Charter § C-6.02.*

#### ARTICLE 26

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 104, Officers and Employees:

- (1) In Article I, Town Officials, revise § 104-1D to match the corresponding amended Charter wording, as follows:

~~Elected and appointed town officials must be registered voters in the town of Rockland, except as may be otherwise provided by the Charter or the Town By laws. (Charter 2.01D)~~

*Elected and appointed Town officials must be registered voters in the Town of Rockland. The term "appointed Town officials" shall only apply to those persons appointed to serve on the various boards and commissions. All full-time administrative personnel shall not be Town officials for the purpose of this section. (Charter § C-2.01D)*

- (2) In Article I, Town Officials, revise § 104-1F to correct the statutory reference to the Open Meetings Law to read MGL c. 39, § 23B.
- (3) In Article IV, Town Collector, revise all references to "Tax Collector" to read "Town Collector" pursuant to the Charter as amended in 2005.

#### ARTICLE 27

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 139, Selectmen:

- (1) Revise § 139-1E to match the corresponding amended Charter wording, as follows:  
~~The Selectmen shall cause the Annual Town Report, which shall contain the reports provided for by Section 2.02A of Article II to be printed and distributed before the Annual Town Meeting. They shall cause a copy of said report to be left at each occupied dwelling house, tenement, hotel, or other residential unit in the Town at least seven days before the date of holding such meeting. (Charter § C-2.02D)~~

*The Selectmen shall cause the Annual Town Report to be printed on or before May 1 of the following fiscal year, and shall cause a copy of the report to be distributed at the following locations: main entrance to the Town Hall, Rockland Public Library and the Rockland Senior Center. (Charter § C-2.02D)*

- (2) Revise § 139-1F to delete wording duplicative of the Charter, and replace it with a reference to the Charter, as follows:

~~On or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of each year the Selectmen shall prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit said budget to the Finance Committee. Said budget shall be inserted in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. (Charter § C-6.02)~~

*Budget preparation and submission for review shall be as set forth in Town Charter § C-6.02.*

## ARTICLE 28

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 148, Town Meetings:

- (1) Revise the second sentence of § 148-1B to match the corresponding amended Charter wording, as follows:

~~Seven (7) days~~ Fourteen (14) days’ notice shall be given prior to the actual meeting date by distribution of the Warrant for said Town Meeting by the Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of ~~this Charter. (Charter 3.02, 2.02E)~~ Town Charter § C-2.02E.

- (2) Revise § 148-1E to match the corresponding amended Charter wording, as follows:

~~Except as otherwise required by law, notice of every Town meeting shall be given by posting at least seven days before the day appointed for the meeting an attested copy of the warrant therefor in the Town Office Building and the Post Office. Further, a Notice of Availability of said warrant shall be published in a newspaper of general local circulation at least seven days before the day appointed for the meeting. Compliance with this section as to any meeting shall constitute valid notice therefor (Charter § C-2.02E)~~

*Except as otherwise required by law, notice of every Town Meeting shall be given as set forth in Town Charter § C-2.02D and E. Compliance with this section as to any meeting shall constitute valid notice therefor.*

- (3) In § 148-3J, correct the word “affect” to read “effect.”

- (4) Revise § 148-4 is in its entirety to bring it into compliance with amended Charter wording, to read as follows:

**§ 148-4. Special Town Meeting.** *[Amended pending adoption at Town Meeting]*

- A. *The Selectmen shall have the power to order Special Town Meetings as they consider necessary, and shall prepare the Warrants for the Meetings; but, to order a Special Town Meeting the Selectmen shall first adopt, by a majority vote of their Board, a resolution stating clearly the emergency nature of the situation prompting their order. (Charter § C-2.02E)*
- B. *No warrant for a special Town Meeting shall close until at least seven days have passed from the date of adoption of their resolution, and each article inserted in the Warrant shall have attached to it a brief statement explaining the emergency nature of the article. (Charter § C-2.02E)*
- C. *The Selectmen shall cause copies of the warrant for each Special Town Meeting to be*

*distributed at the following locations: main entrance to the Town Hall, Rockland Public Library and the Rockland Senior Center at least 14 days before the Town Meeting. The Warrant for each Special Town Meeting shall also be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town at least 14 days before the Town Meeting. The notice shall include locations where the Warrant can be obtained.*

*(Charter § C-2.02E)*

- D. *Upon a majority vote of the Board, the Selectmen shall have the power to open any Warrant after it has closed for the purpose of inserting articles, if the articles are of an emergency nature and have attached to them a brief statement explaining the emergency. (Charter § C-2.02E)*

#### **ARTICLE 29**

The Town voted to revise the maximum penalty fine applying to former Article XXIV, Public Ways, Common Lands, of the 1993 Bylaws (Sec. 24.08) from \$200 to \$300 as permitted by MGL c. 40, § 21. Said revision shall affect the following sections of the codified bylaws:

- § 165-3 (Chapter 165, Alarm Systems)
- § 171-2 (Chapter 171, Alcoholic Beverages, Article I, Public Consumption and Open Containers)
- § 314-5 (Chapter 314, Peace and Good Order)

#### **ARTICLE 30**

The Town voted to adopt the following revision to Chapter 165, Alarms Systems: in § 165-1B, revise the phrase “this ordinance” to read “this bylaw.”

#### **ARTICLE 31**

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 171, Alcoholic Beverages:

- (1) In Article I, Public Consumption and Open Containers, in § 171-1 revise “this ordinance” to read “this bylaw” (§ 171-2 penalty revision is provided for in separate Article).
- (2) In Article II, Tag-a-Keg, revise the fines in § 171-5 from “\$100 for the first offense and \$200 for any subsequent offense” to “\$200 for the first offense and \$300 for any subsequent offense.”

#### **ARTICLE 32**

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 177, Animals, Article I, Restraining of Dogs:

- (1) Revise § 177-2 as follows:  
~~a fine of \$15 for the first offense and \$25 for the second and each subsequent offense~~  
*a fine of \$25 for the first offense, \$30 for the second offense, \$35 for the third offense and \$50 for the fourth and subsequent offenses.*
- (2) Amend the second sentence of § 177-3 as follows:  
Dogs impounded and unclaimed by the owner or keeper after ~~12~~ 10 days ~~shall~~ may be disposed of by the Dog Control Officer in accordance with MGL c. 140, § 151A.

### ARTICLE 33

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 226, Gasoline Systems, Self-Service: in § 226-4 revise “fine of not more than \$20” to read “a fine of \$100” and to add the following sentence to the end thereof: “*Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.*”

### ARTICLE 34

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 250, Junk Dealers: in § 250-2 revise “fine of not more than \$20” to read “a fine of \$100.”

### ARTICLE 35

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 273, Licenses and Permits, Article I, Delinquent Taxpayers:

- (1) Revise references to “Tax Collector” throughout this bylaw to read “Town Collector” per the 2005 amendment to Charter Section 2.05.
- (2) Revise § 273-1B to add the underlined wording per statute:  
*The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers, of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Town Collector or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Town Collector; provided, however....*
- (3) In § 273-2A, correct the statutory reference to MGL c. 268, § 1, to read MGL c. 268A, § 1.
- (4) In § 273-2B, correct the statutory reference to “Section 33 of Chapter 149” to read “MGL c. 101, § 33.”

### ARTICLE 36

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 319, Peddling and Soliciting:

- (1) Article I, Hawkers, Peddlers and Transient Merchants, in § 319-13 revise “fine not exceeding \$20” to read “fine not exceeding \$50.”
- (2) Article II, Canvassing and Soliciting, in § 319-22A revise “fine of \$100” to read “fine of \$200.”

### ARTICLE 37

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 342, Streets and Sidewalks:

- (1) In § 342-17 add the sentence “*Each violation of this section shall be punishable by the fine set forth in MGL c. 85, § 5.*”
- (2) In § 342-23 revise the maximum fine of \$20 to read \$100.

### ARTICLE 38

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 366, Vehicles, Abandoned: in § 366-3 revise the maximum fine of \$20 to read \$100.

### ARTICLE 39

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 378, Water:

- (1) Add § 378-2 to read as follows:

**§ 378-2. Fee.**

*The fee for such permit shall be \$300.*

- (2) In § 378-3, revise the maximum fine of \$20 to read \$300.

### ARTICLE 39

The Town voted to adopt the following revisions to Chapter 378, Water:

- (3) Add § 378-2 to read as follows:

**§ 378-2. Fee.**

*The fee for such permit shall be \$300.*

- (4) In § 378-3, revise the maximum fine of \$20 to read \$300.

### ARTICLE 40

The Town unanimously voted to renumber and reception the Zoning Bylaws of the Town by

- (a) designating the Zoning Bylaws as Chapters 397, 407 and 415 of the new Town Code;
- (b) renumbering each section of the bylaws accordingly;
- (c) inserting article and section titles; and
- (d) updating internal references to reflect the new numbering system, all as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Town of Rockland Massachusetts Bylaws Draft" dated May 2007.

### ARTICLE 41

The Town unanimously voted to adopt the following global changes to the Zoning Bylaws, all as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Town of Rockland Massachusetts Bylaws Draft" dated May 2007:

1. References to the Massachusetts General Laws are standardized to the following format:  
MGL c. \_\_\_\_, § \_\_\_\_.
2. The word "Town" is consistently capitalized when it refers to the Town of Rockland.
3. The terms "Annual Town Meeting" and "Special Town Meeting" are consistently capitalized.
4. References to "by-law," "By-Law" and "By-law" are amended to read "bylaw."
5. Numbers in the text of the bylaws are cited in a consistent manner, so that: a) numerals one through nine are spelled out as words, and numerals 10 and higher are cited in number form only; and b) so that all monetary amounts, fractions, decimals and percentages are cited in numeric form only.

### ARTICLE 42

The Town unanimously voted to adopt the following changes to Chapter 415, Zoning:

- (1) In § 415-2, by revising the wording of the definition of "Board of Appeals" as follows:

**BOARD OF APPEALS --**

~~A board of five members and three Associate members appointed as provided in MGL c. 40A, § 12, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under the bylaw.~~

*As defined and regulated in § 415-91 of this bylaw.*

- (2) In § 415-2, by adding a definition of "home occupation" as follows:

- (3) *HOME OCCUPATION* -- As defined and regulated in § 415-37 of this—adding an entry as Subsection M for “*Wireless Communication Services District*” in § 415-3.
- (4) By correcting the term “~~principle~~ permitted uses” to read “*principal* permitted uses” in § 415-12A(5).
- (5) In § 415-20D(9), the word “not” is added, as follows:

A monopole shall *not* be erected nearer to a residential lot line than 500 feet, except upon a specific finding that such shorter distance does not derogate from the intent of this bylaw.

- (6) By adding wording to § 415-23, as follows:  
*Supplementary lot regulations are set forth in §§ 415-24 through 415-34.*
- (7) By adding a row for the H-1 District to the tables of minimum lot width and frontage in §§ 415-27A and 415-28A, as follows:  
*H-1                    110*
- (8) By revising the first phrase in § 415-53B as indicated:  
Parking ~~space requirements~~ *spaces* as set forth in the Zoning Bylaws ~~to are to be~~ ten-foot width ....

**ARTICLE 43**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$38,020.00) to purchase a one ton dump truck.

**ARTICLE 44**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$13,904.00) to replace the fencing around the Veterans’ Memorial Stadium.

**ARTICLE 45**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$12,480.00) to purchase a topdresser for our fields.

**ARTICLE 46**

The Town voted to take from the Road Machinery Account the sum of Forty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$42,417.00) for the purpose of purchasing a F350 truck with plow and sander for a replacement of a 1982 truck.

**ARTICLE 47**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the actuarial study in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board statement 45 on Other Post Employment Benefits.

**ARTICLE 48**

The Town voted to appropriate from the State Sewer Relief Funds the sum of Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seven Dollars (\$19,807.00) to be expended by the Sewer Commission as part of the Town’s ongoing program to identify and remove sources of Inflow and Infiltration as required under the terms of the NPDES Permit issued to the Town by the United States EPA and Massachusetts DEP.

**ARTICLE 49**

The Town voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Development Account the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to be expended by the Sewer Commission as part of the Town’s ongoing program to identify and remove sources of Inflow and Infiltration as required under the terms of the NPDES Permit issued to the Town by the United States EPA and Massachusetts DEP.

**ARTICLE 50**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for drain work on Mark’s Street

**ARTICLE 51**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for drain work on Howard Street.

**ARTICLE 52**

The Town voted to pass over increasing the hours of the part-time landfill attendant. Said increase to be no less than twenty-five hours per week and no more than thirty-five hours per week.

**ARTICLE 53**

The Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a five year extension of the Intermunicipal Agreement relative to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative effective July 1, 2008.

**ARTICLE 54**

The Town voted 320 for, 86 against, 2/3 being 266, to authorize the Selectmen to sell at a private sale that parcel of land on the easterly side of Abington Street; formerly a portion of Weymouth Street, which was created by the relocation of Weymouth Street by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Decree #4868, and being that parcel of land lying between the relocation layout of Abington Street and Parcel 1 Map 3 on the Rockland Assessor Maps, all in accordance with M.G.L. Ch 30B.

**ARTICLE 55**

The Town unanimously voted to amend the following section of the Zoning Bylaw:

Section V, “Building, Lot and General District Regulations,” Section C:  
“Off-Street Parking Requirements”:

In Section V-C-1, “Residential Uses,” change Section V-C-1-a to read as follows:

**“a. Dwellings (general) – at least 2.0 spaces for each Single-Family Residence, and at least 3.0 spaces for each dwelling unit in a Two-Family Residence or Multi-Family Residence.”**

## ARTICLE 56

The Town voted to pass over amending the following sections of the Zoning Bylaw:

(a) Section IV, “Permitted Uses”, “I-1 Limited Industrial Zoning District”:

Under “Uses Requiring Special Permit,” Paragraph No. 12, delete  
**“Conversion and/or renovation pursuant to this section shall only be allowed by special permit from the Planning Board.”**

(b) Section VII, “Enforcement”, Section B: Special Permits”:

In Section VII-B-6-(c), (d), (f), and (i), change **“Planning Board”** to  
**“Zoning Board of Appeals”**.

## ARTICLE 57

The Town unanimously voted to amend the General Bylaws to add the following Bylaw, entitled “Sex Offender Residency Bylaw”:

### Section 1. Definitions

1. “Town Library” means the structure in which the Rockland Memorial Library is located.
2. “Park” means public land designated for active or passive recreational or athletic use by the Town of Rockland, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other governmental subdivision, and located within the Town of Rockland.
3. “School” means any public or private education facility that provides services to children in grades kindergarten – 12.
4. “Day care center” means an establishment, whether public or private, which provides care for children and is registered with and licensed pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the Office of Child Care Services.
5. “Elderly housing facility” means a building or buildings on the same lot containing four or more dwelling units restricted to occupancy by households having one or more members fifty-five years of age or older.
6. “Place of worship” means a structure used for religious worship or religious education purposes on land owned by, or held in trust for the use of, any religious organization.
7. “Sex offender,” as defined in G.L. c. 6, §178C, means a person who resides, works or attends an institution of higher learning in the commonwealth and who has been convicted of a sex offense or who has been adjudicated as a youthful offender or as a delinquent juvenile by reason of a sex offense or a person released from incarceration or parole or probation supervision or custody with the Department of Youth Services for such a conviction or adjudication or a person who has been adjudicated a sexually dangerous person under G.L. c. 123A, §14, as in force at the time of adjudication, or a

person released from civil commitment pursuant to section 9 of said chapter 123A, whichever last occurs, on or after August 1, 1981.

8. "Sex offender registry" means the collected information and data that is received by the criminal history systems board pursuant to G.L. c. 6, §§ 178C to 178P, inclusive, as such information and data is modified or amended by the sex offender registry board or a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to said Sections 178C to 178P, inclusive.
9. "Permanent residence" means a place where a person lives, abides, lodges, or resides for five (5) or more consecutive days or fourteen (14) or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year.
10. "Establishing a residence" means to set up or bring into being a dwelling place or an abode where a person sleeps, which may include more than one location, and may be mobile or transitory, or by means of purchasing real property or entering into a lease or rental agreement for real property (including a renewal or extension of a prior agreement whether through written execution or automatic renewal).

**Section 2. Sexual Offender Residence Prohibition; Penalties; Exceptions**

1. It is unlawful for any sex offender who is finally classified as a level 2 or level 3 sex offender, pursuant to the guidelines of the Sex Offender Registry Board, to establish a permanent residence within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship within the Town of Rockland.
2. For purposes of determining the minimum distance separation, the requirement shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the permanent residence to the nearest outer property line of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship.
3. Notice to move. Any registered level 2 or 3 sex offender who establishes a permanent residence within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship shall be in violation of this section and shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice of the sex offender's noncompliance with this chapter, move from said location to a new location, but said location may not be within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship. It shall constitute a separate violation for each day beyond the thirty (30) days the sex offender continues to reside within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship. Furthermore it shall be a separate violation each day that a sex offender shall move from one location in the Town of Rockland to another that is within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship.

4. Penalties. Violations of this bylaw, or of any regulations adopted hereunder, may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer of the Town of Rockland including, but not limited to, enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation. The penalties shall be as follows;
  - a. First Offense: Notification to sex offender that he/she has thirty (30) days to move.
  - b. Subsequent Offense: Non-criminal fine of \$300.00 and notification to the sex offender's landlord, parole officer and/or probation officer and the Commonwealth's Sex Offender Registry Board that the person has violated a municipal bylaw. For such a subsequent offense, the sex offender is subject to immediate arrest.
5. Exceptions. A person residing within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town Library or any school, day care center, park, elderly housing facility or place of worship does not commit a violation of this section if any of the following apply:
  - a. The person established the permanent residence and reported and registered the resident pursuant to G.L. c. 6, §§178C to 178P, inclusive, prior to the date of the Town Meeting at which this bylaw was approved.
  - b. The person was a minor when he/she committed the offense and was not convicted as an adult.
  - c. The person is a minor.
  - d. The Town Library or school, day care center, park elderly housing facility or place of worship within one thousand (1,000) feet of the personal permanent residence was established after the person established the permanent residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to G.L. c. 6, §§178C to 178P, inclusive.
  - e. The person is admitted to and/or subject to an order of commitment at a public or private facility for the care and treatment of mentally ill persons pursuant to G.L. c. 123.
  - f. The person is a mentally ill person subject to guardianship pursuant to G.L. c. 201, §6 or a mentally retarded person subject to guardianship pursuant to G.L. c. 201, §6A, residing with his or her guardian or residing within a group residence that is professionally staffed and supervised 24 hours a day.

**The Attorney General approved this By-law September 4, 2009 in part, the exception being:**

The first paragraph in Section 2(4) provides that violations of this by-law or of any regulations adopted hereunder may be enforced through any lawful means and provides the penalties for violations. The Attorney General disapproved and deleted this text because the proposed by-law does not authorize regulations to be promulgated nor does the proposed by-law provide what local official or board may adopt such regulations. **(Disapproval #1 of 2)**

Section 2 (4) (b) also provides that a sex offender is subject to immediate arrest for a second or subsequent violation of the proposed by-law. The Attorney General disapproved and deleted this text as indicated above in underline as inconsistent with state law. **(Disapproval #2 of 2)**

**ARTICLE 58**

The Town voted to transfer Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Overlay Surplus to the Revaluation Account for the purposes of completing the F.Y. 2009 revaluation as mandated by the State Department of Revenue.

**ARTICLE 59**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$33,712.00) for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software necessary for the Fire Department Ambulance Billing System.

**ARTICLE 60**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating the sum of Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$14,700.00) for the first year of a three year lease/purchase and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a lease/purchase agreement for three years to purchase computer hardware and software necessary for the Fire Department Ambulance Billing System.

**ARTICLE 61**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for building maintenance at the McKinley Community Center Building to help with the rising cost to maintain the building. At this time the building does not receive any money from the Town.

**ARTICLE 62**

The Town voted to authorize departments to continue revolving accounts in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, not to exceed the revenues in Fiscal 2009 for the purposed requested under the jurisdiction of the board as listed below.

<u>Department Authorized</u>	<u>Receipt Type</u>	<u>Maximum Receipts</u>
Community Center	Building Usage Fees	\$175,000.00
School Committee	Transportation Fees	100,000.00
Board of Health	Recycling Fees	75,000.00
Youth Commission	Program Fees	160,000.00
Fire Department	Permit Fees	50,000.00
Police Department	Red Light Violations	75,000.00
Rent Control Board	Rent Control Fees	15,000.00
Town Clerk	Passport Photo Fees	5,000.00

### ARTICLE 63

The Town voted 205 for, 183 against (2/3 being 258) to pass over amending the current zoning district of the Town of Rockland by removing references to the R-2 zone as shown on the current Town Zoning Map for the parcel shown as Lot 48 on the Town Assessor's Map 8 + 9 and replacing the same with the reference of I-2.

A motion was made and seconded and the Town voted not to reconsider Article 63.

### ARTICLE 64

The Town voted to pass over establishing a Revolving Account in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 44 s.53E ½ not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in FY 2009 for fines and fees collected at the Library Department and authorize the Library Trustees to expend from this account for the purchase of books and related materials.

### ARTICLE 65

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds, the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000.00) in order to meet the state minimum standards for public library services and remain certified to receive State Aid to Libraries funds for FY 2009.

### ARTICLE 66

The Town voted to accept and maintain as a public way the layout of Tiffany Lane as shown on a plan entitled, Plan of Land, Tiffany Lane, Rockland, Mass. – Owner: 77 Salem Street, LLC” dated July 6, 2005, by C.F. Arnold Associates, Inc. Registered Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, 404 Libbey Parkway, Weymouth Mass., recorded as plan No. 1134 of 2005 in plan Book 50 Page 1107.

### ARTICLE 67

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of (\$4,781.00) Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One dollars for the Town's 5% matching share of a \$135,620.00 Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate/FEMA, Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of purchasing equipment. This money was voted from the reserve fund April 2, 2008.

### ARTICLE 68

The Town unanimously voted to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Section VII-B, “Enforcement-Special Permits,” to add a new Section VII-B-2-d, as follows:

**d. There shall be one associate member of the Planning Board, who shall be eligible to participate solely in matters in which the Planning Board is acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, §9. The chairman of the Planning Board may designate the associate member to sit on the Planning Board for the purposes of acting on a special permit application, in the case of absence, inability to act, or conflict of interest, on the part of any member of the Planning Board or in the event of a vacancy on the Planning Board. The associate member shall be appointed for a two-year term by the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with Section 2.02(K) of the Town Charter and Section 3.02(E) of the Town Bylaws.**

### ARTICLE 69

The Town voted to take from passport account of the Town Clerk the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$3,322.00) to complete this phase of the codification program.

**ARTICLE 70**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) for the third year of a five year lease/purchase agreement for six voting machines.

**ARTICLE 71**

The Town voted to take from passport revolving account the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to update our Town and zoning maps from 1975 to date.

**ARTICLE 72**

The Town unanimously voted to pass over rescinding Article 60 of the May 8, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, entitled "Mobile Home Park Rent and Eviction Control."  
The Town voted to pass over rescinding Article 8 of the December 10, 2007, Special town meeting, to establish a so called Revolving Account for the Rent Control Board."

**ARTICLE 73**

The Town voted to amend this article where it reads Chapter 44 Section 8 (5) to strike out (5) and voted to amend it to read Section 8 (4) and unanimously voted to adopt article 73 as amended and raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) with a like amount from the Town of Abington; and that to raise such appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) under Chapter 44, Section 8 (4) of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

**ARTICLE 74**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$10,013.72) Ten Thousand Thirteen Dollars and Seventy Two cents to pay the second payment of a three year lease to purchase new portable radios for the Police Department.

**ARTICLE 75**

The Town voted to take from the "Dog Fees Fund" the sum of (\$18,896.00) Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Dollars, to purchase and equip one new pick-up truck to replace the existing 1994 Animal Control vehicle.

**ARTICLE 76**

The town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$64,000.00) Sixty Four Thousand Dollars to purchase and equip (2) Two Police Cruisers.

**ARTICLE 77**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for a new 4-wheel drive Forest Fire Truck to replace a 1986 Ford that is constantly being repaired.

**ARTICLE 78**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$10,850.00) for the first year of a four year lease/purchase and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign a lease/purchase agreement for four years to purchase a new 4-wheel drive Forest Fire Truck to replace a 1986 Ford that is constantly being repaired

#### **ARTICLE 79**

The Town voted to pass over raising and appropriating or taking from available funds the sum of Sixty Thousand Eighty Five Dollars and Sixty cents (\$60,085.60) to pay the sick-time-buy-back for two retiring firefighters in accordance with the Collective Bargaining agreement between the Town of Rockland and the IAFF Local 1602.

#### **ARTICLE 80**

The Town voted to accept the provisions of section thirteen of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws which provides that the town shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expenses including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission except an intentional violation of civil rights of any person under any law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment.

#### **ARTICLE 81**

The Town voted to accept \$ distributed in accordance with the apportionment of FY08 Chapter 90, Local Transportation Aid, the annual State Highway Funds commonly known as Chapter 90.

#### **ARTICLE 82**

The Town voted to establish the Rockland Energy Committee as a permanent Town Committee of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen with terms to be appointed in staggered lengths of two people for one year, three people for two years, two people for three years.

#### **ARTICLE 83**

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to fund studies, engineering and mitigation for the Studley's Pond Dam, as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management.

#### **ARTICLE 84**

The Town voted to establish a revolving account in accordance with the provision of M.G.L. Ch. 44 Section 53E ½, not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be expended by the Police Department for vehicle maintenance and purchases, to be credited with fees collected by the use of Police Cruisers on private paid details.

A motion was made, and seconded and the Town voted to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 10:45 p.m.

A true record, attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

The State Primary Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1 through 4 and at the R. Stewart Esten School, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Tuesday, September 16, 2008.

Attested copies of the Warrant issued by the Selectmen August 22, 2008 were posted in each of the 6 precincts and various other locations August 28, 2008 by Jerold Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Specimen ballots, Instructions to Voters, Abstracts of the Laws imposing penalties upon voters and Voters' Bill of Rights were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth. Accu-Vote OS optical scan vote tabulators were used.

We also now have an AutoMARK voter assist terminal in each polling location for use by voters with disabilities so they can vote privately and independently. It was first used at the Presidential Primary Election in February and again at the Annual Town Election in April. These machines were provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. The Election Officials in each precinct have been trained in their use and will certainly help anyone who would like to use it.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. after the election officials in each of the six precincts examined the ballot boxes to show they were empty and printed a listing of all candidates to show there were no votes on the tabulator.

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Ballots cast were 937 Democrat and 139 Republican for a total of 1,076, 9% of the 11,434 registered voters. There were no ballots cast for the Green Rainbow or Working Families Parties.

Unofficial results were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:20 p.m. and final official results were declared as follows:

	<b>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</b>						
	<b>PREC. 1</b>	<b>PREC. 2</b>	<b>PREC. 3</b>	<b>PREC. 4</b>	<b>PREC.5</b>	<b>PREC. 6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>SENATOR IN CONGRESS</b>							
Blanks	1	2	6	1	3	2	15
John F. Kerry	101	136	68	75	96	60	536
Edward J. O'Reilly	58	93	60	54	70	51	386
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>							
Blanks	33	38	31	27	45	32	206
William D. Delahunt	125	190	103	101	122	76	717
Write-ins	2	3	0	2	2	5	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**COUNCILLOR**

Blanks	17	17	15	19	16	17	101
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	49	85	36	48	44	35	297
Stephen F. Flynn	22	21	18	13	25	13	112
Robert L. Toomey Jr.	72	108	65	50	84	47	426
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks	31	41	34	27	36	28	197
Michael W. Morrissey	127	187	99	102	131	82	728
Write-ins	2	3	1	1	2	3	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks	34	42	32	28	35	29	200
Robert J. Nyman	122	189	102	102	130	81	726
Write-ins	4	0	0	0	4	3	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**CLERK OF COURTS**

Blanks	41	51	36	42	46	37	253
Robert S. Creedon, Jr.	118	179	98	88	121	73	677
Write-ins	1	1	0	0	2	3	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Blanks	43	60	36	42	47	38	266
Robert E. McCarthy	115	171	98	88	121	73	666
Write-ins	2	0	0	0	1	2	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Blanks	29	18	17	18	11	18	111
Thomas J. O'Brien	81	152	73	74	95	47	522
Timothy J. McMullen	49	61	44	38	62	47	301
Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>937</b>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Blanks	99	109	71	87	85	70	521
John Patrick Riordan	75	123	64	58	79	40	439
Laurie M. Maker	45	70	35	38	53	39	280
Anthony Thomas O'Brien	82	123	75	61	99	53	493
Richard J. Zaccaro	19	37	23	16	21	23	139
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>1874</b>

**REPUBLICAN PARTY**

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	0	3	0	0	1	1	5
Jeffrey K. Beatty	14	33	12	17	28	27	131
Edward J. O'Reilly				1			
Write-ins	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	12	28	10	14	24	24	112
Write-ins	2	9	2	4	5	5	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**COUNCILLOR**

Blanks	12	28	11	16	26	24	117
Write-ins	2	9	1	2	3	5	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks	11	29	10	14	26	24	114
Michael W. Morrissey				1			1
Write-ins	3	8	2	3	3	5	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**

Blanks	10	29	10	15	26	24	114
Write-ins	4	8	2	3	3	5	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**CLERK OF COURT**

Blanks	11	29	10	16	25	23	114
Write-ins	3	8	2	2	4	6	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Blanks	11	29	11	15	26	24	116
Write-ins	3	8	1	3	3	5	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**COUNTY TREASURER**

Blanks	1	2	3	2	5	4	17
Edward J. O'Connell	13	35	9	14	24	25	120
Timothy J. McMullen				1			
Write-ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>139</b>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Blanks	17	37	14	20	34	31	153
Ronald K. Davy	11	37	10	16	24	26	124
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>278</b>

A true record, attest:

Mary Pat Kaszanek  
Town Clerk

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008  
STATE (PRESIDENTIAL) ELECTION**

The State Election was held in the Rockland High School Gymnasium, 52 MacKinlay Way for Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and at the R. Stewart Esten School Gymnasium, 733 Summer Street for Precincts 5 and 6 on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. A Warrant issued by the Selectmen October 6th, 2008 was posted by Jerold Loomis, Constable of Rockland.

Specimen ballots, Cards of Instructions, Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights and Abstracts of the Laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Laws of the Commonwealth.

Just days before the election Governor Deval Patrick signed a new election law that would allow individuals who have failed to re-register within 18 months of moving, to go back and vote in their old polling places. This law only applied to this year's election. Voters have historically needed to register in their new community within six months. This bill was passed as a way of helping displaced victims of housing foreclosures the opportunity to vote. These voters who had not re-registered between the six and eighteen months were given ballots that only allowed them to vote on national and statewide races.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. after the election officials in each of the six precincts examined the ballot boxes to show they were empty and then printed a listing of all candidates to ensure there were no votes on the vote tabulator.

Accu-Vote optical scan vote tabulators were used at the polls. The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. Total ballots cast were 8,651, 73% of the 11,692 registered voters. Ballots cast included 494 absentee ballots, 89 in precinct 1, 147 in precinct 2, 51 in precinct 3, 57 in precinct 4, 72 in precinct 5 and 78 in precinct 6.

Also included in the total was 1 Federal Write-in Ballot from an American citizen overseas. These ballots only include a vote for President/Vice-President and Representative in Congress. They don't include any state or county offices.

Tapes from the optical scanners with the unofficial results from each of the 6 precincts were posted in the Rockland Town Offices at 8:20 p.m. and after they were tallied, Associated Press was called at 8:45 p.m. The official results were later declared as follows:

	<u>PREC. 1</u>	<u>PREC. 2</u>	<u>PREC. 3</u>	<u>PREC. 4</u>	<u>PREC. 5</u>	<u>PREC. 6</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT</b>							
Blanks	9	9	2	7	5	16	48
Baldwin and Castle, Constitution	4	4	9	3	1	2	23
Barr and Root, Libertarian	8	4	5	2	7	7	33
McCain and Palin, Republican	658	787	486	588	766	750	4035
McKinney and Clemente, Green Rainbow	2	4	2	5	4	2	19
Nader and Gonzalez, Independent	16	29	16	13	13	19	106
<b>Obama and Biden, Democratic</b>	760	873	584	645	720	736	4318
Write-ins	9	19	9	3	14	15	69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**SENATOR IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	33	52	33	28	42	41	229
<b>John F. Kerry</b>	871	1008	639	722	872	838	4950
Jeffrey K. Beatty	514	618	398	468	568	623	3189
Robert J. Underwood	46	51	43	47	46	45	278
Write-ins	2	0	0	1	2	0	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Blanks	301	394	249	267	347	355	1913
<b>William D. Delahunt</b>	1146	1325	843	978	1168	1163	6623
Write-ins	19	10	21	21	15	29	115
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**COUNCILLOR (Fourth District)**

Blanks	391	477	301	330	408	449	2356
<b>Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.</b>	1059	1245	798	923	1110	1076	6211
Write-ins	16	7	14	13	12	22	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (Norfolk and Plymouth District)**

Blanks	362	422	280	313	372	396	2145
<b>Michael W. Morrissey</b>	1089	1303	820	938	1143	1127	6420
Write-ins	15	4	13	15	15	24	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Fifth Plymouth District)**

Blanks	360	411	267	291	354	386	2069
<b>Robert J. Nyman</b>	1091	1314	832	960	1164	1140	6501
Write-ins	15	4	14	15	12	21	81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**REGISTER OF PROBATE (Plymouth County)**

Blanks	424	514	330	340	425	472	2505
<b>Robert E. McCarthy</b>	1032	1211	771	916	1095	1055	6080
Write-ins	10	4	12	10	10	20	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**COUNTY TREASURER (Plymouth County)**

Blanks	161	187	104	130	139	178	899
<b>Thomas J. O'Brien</b>	839	1037	674	751	864	808	4973
Edward J. O'Connell	462	505	335	382	525	561	2770
Write-ins	4	0	0	3	2	0	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Plymouth County)**

	<b>Vote for two</b>						
Blanks	1207	1419	936	1056	1232	1312	7162
<b>John Patrick Riordan</b>	621	755	475	519	682	625	3677
Ronald K. Davy	390	441	270	325	434	479	2339
<b>Anthony Thomas O'Brien</b>	585	701	447	525	589	544	3391
Scott M. Vecchi	128	142	97	105	119	134	725
Write-ins	1	0	1	2	4	0	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2932</b>	<b>3458</b>	<b>2226</b>	<b>2532</b>	<b>3060</b>	<b>3094</b>	<b>17302</b>

<b>CLERK OF COURTS (Plymouth County)</b>	<b>(Plymouth County)</b>						
Blanks	412	474	302	336	427	449	2400
<b>Robert S. Creedon, Jr.</b>	1040	1250	795	919	1093	1077	6174
Write-ins	14	5	16	11	10	21	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax rate to 2.65% for all categories of taxable income for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and would eliminate the tax for all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

The personal income tax applies to income received or gain realized by individuals and married couples, estates of deceased persons, by certain trustees and other fiduciaries, by persons who are partners in and receive income from partnerships, by corporate trusts, and by persons who receive income as shareholders of "S corporations" as defined under federal tax law. The proposed law would not affect the tax due on income or gain realized in a tax year beginning before January 1, 2009.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

Blanks	30	45	33	17	24	31	180
Yes	466	535	385	456	511	522	2875
<b>No</b>	970	1149	695	793	995	994	5596
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**QUESTION 2**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as \$1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

Blanks	15	28	22	19	16	19	119
<b>Yes</b>	917	1023	730	826	941	873	5310
No	534	678	361	421	573	655	3222
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**QUESTION 3**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or House of Representatives before May 6, 2008?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs. The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing. Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

The changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

Blanks	29	54	43	25	31	24	206
Yes	583	683	439	509	590	614	3418
<b>No</b>	854	992	631	732	909	909	5027
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would support the development of Cape Wind in Nantucket Sound and other possible future onshore and offshore wind power developments in Massachusetts?

Blanks	125	188	108	94	140	146	801
<b>Yes</b>	1188	1358	890	1040	1229	1243	6948
No	153	183	115	132	161	158	902
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1530</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>8651</b>

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

Mary Pat Kaszanek  
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
2008**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PARTY A</u></b>	<b><u>PARTY B</u></b>
<b>January</b>		
5	Frank Ernest Hawe JR.	Amy Jean Brooks
11	Bruce Sanford Chandler	Patricia Celile Newton
11	Todd Adam Guevremont	Shauna Marie Sweeney
25	Michael Dylan Northrup	Natalie McCann
<b>February</b>		
9	Heli Pires Miranda	Mercia Pereira Da Silva
15	Sean Joseph Kunevich	Katie Mary Fournier
16	Marco Antonio Barbosa	Marineide Da Costa
16	Christopher Edward Godinho	Amanda Mae Hayes
29	Mark Richard Lukasik	Natalie Marie Ford
<b>March</b>		
3	Celso Florencio	Laudiceia Antunes Chaves
11	Carlos Roberto DePaula	Maria Antonieta Moura
23	Julio Cesar Goncalves	Leida De paula Donato
26	Luis Fernando Rodas	Andrea Marie Adrian
29	David Allen Kane	Kathryn Ann Keefe
<b>April</b>		
10	Marcio Luiz Vicente	Vanessa Alves Dos Santos
11	Michael Christopher Marcinowski	Deborah Ann Berkowitz
13	Anderson Fabio Lopes	Gildete Jeremias Soares
19	Joseph Thadius Dubsy	Janell Marie Burke
19	Mark Anthony Leone	Barbara Jean Ryan
25	Donald Ray Fulcher	Laura Phillips Fulcher
26	Paulo Jose Moreira De Almeida	Eugenia Franca De Souza
26	Arnaldo Pereira Da Silva	Edirce Mariade De Souza
26	William Christopher Knox	Christine Marie Ross
26	Kenneth Paul Rau	Kerry Ann Flaherty
26	Joseph Orval Robinson	Melissa Christine Monaco
<b>May</b>		
3	Peter James Read	Kristin Jean Coulson
17	Daniel Michael Dunbar	Nancy Ellen Tulip
17	Christopher Scott Ernest	Kristin Amy Sacchetti
23	Antonio Vito Gironda	Kerriann Elizabeth Realini
24	Robert John Tonelli	Mary Anne Crimmins
25	James Joseph Durfee	Alicia Maria Arnold
25	Daniel Griffin Hammond	Julie Ann Amber
30	Dennis Ronald Dudley	Bessy Yanitza Acosta
31	Jeffrey Albert DiRenzo	Megan Theresa Lawless
31	Christopher Dawson MacLeod	Jennifer Lynn Shurtleff

31	Darrin Denys McDonald	Dawn Marie Stuart
31	Robert William Wilson Jr.	Debra Lynn Cook

### June

1	Richard William Esancy Jr.	Heather Jean Milane
7	Jason Dylan Beals	Jennifer Ellen Schoonover
20	Bryce Anthony Milroy	Carolanne Sloan
20	Sean Francis Rafferty	Kristina Irene Bernd
20	Anthony Jay Valleau	Jessica Lynne Dyszczyk
21	Emmanuel Dubois	Meaghan Lewis
21	Nancy Lorraine Holmes	Bridget Frances Regan
22	Michael Anthony Murray	Melissa Warren
27	Paul Robert Emery Jr.	Niccole Marie Ingeno
28	Brian Joseph Ronzio	Kerri Anne Doyle

### July

3	Kevin Leo Spry	Joana da Rosa de Pina
12	Andrew Philip Cuneo	Marci Amelda Peredna
13	Patrick Michael Woodward	Kelly Jean Barrett
31	Michael Hutchko, Jr.	Nicole Renee Houldcroft

### August

1	Robert Nelson Coulstring III	Melissa Anne Bowen
2	Joseph John Murphy	Christine Carr Medis
2	Thomas Joseph Tracey	Erin Leah Kingston
3	Mark Joseph Couture	Deirde Mary Connaughton
8	Timothy Michael Fitzgibbon	Amy Lee Winslow
8	Daniel Joseph Long	Sarah Marie Corcoran
8	Alexander Dominic Piccuito	Melissa Anne Ciarmataro
10	Pedro Miguel Silva	Emanoela Oliveira DePaula
16	Gardner Stetson Blythe	Elaine Louise Dann
16	Edward Anthony D'Amorino	Heather Ann Rogerson
16	Edwin Tirrell Lovell, Jr.	Beverly Jean Mellen
16	Brian Michael Williams	Tamara Jean Walo
16	Jeffrey Michael Wilson	Kara Lynn Hickey
22	Richard Arthur Jones	Diane Jeffery Lapworth
23	Kristopher Michael Adams	Joanne Lynn MacConnell
24	James Joseph White	Shannan Lee Reis
26	John Joseph Gianino Jr.	Maria Elizabeth Leon
27	Paul Wayne Moore	Lisa Marie Woodman
30	Keith Jameson Brady	Tara Jean Page

### September

4	James Patrick Bell	Kim Christine Simmons
6	William John Somers	Susan Anderson Mackay
12	James Franklin Simpson III	Sheila Lima Guimaraes
13	Lamartine Barbosa	Ana Izabel Oliveira
13	Marc Richard McManus	Andrea Pittore
13	John Aaron Wilbur	Kathryn Marisa DiRocco

20	Joseph Albert Gray III	Bevin Catherine Williams
20	Douglas Edward Voisine Sr.	Robin Marie Reed

**October**

4	Patrick John McAuliffe	Christine Marie Rich
11	David Curtis Laramee	Stephanie lee hunt
11	Vincent Paul Leone	Sharon Lynne Bryan
14	Michael Phillip Mau	Mindy Marie Schuka
17	Keith David MacPhail	Bonnie Lee Merrill
18	Steven Elio Roffo	Jill Marie Deming
20	Erik Todd Hewlett	Debra Ellen Weldon
24	Joshua Dylan Trainer	Cindy Inez Carlozzi
26	Charles David McGowan	Robin Ann Paulding

**November**

8	Nilton Fonseca Tavares	Yvette Monique De Silva
15	John Richard Burrows	Christopher Alan Ricciotti
15	Keith Aaron David	Caroline Ann O'Connor
21	Kenneth Lee Caldwell	Colette Anne Caldwell
22	Everton de Oliveira Pedrosa	Deborah Teixeira de Carvalho Santos
22	Jeffrey Allen Young	Vanessa Jean Moore
27	David Forbes Seely, Jr.	Lisa Dawn Polasek
28	Thomas Michael Korzeniowski	Carol Ann Trask

**December**

6	Joseph Elmer Packard	Diane Marie Butler
22	Matthew Michael Pollini	Sarah Ann Cochran
23	Patrick John Curtin	Cristina Aurora Placer

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2008**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
<b>January</b>		
2	Mark S. Donovan	Rockland
5	Howard R. Reske	Rockland
5	Jeanne M. Withem	Rockland
6	John F. Fiore Sr.	Rockland
6	Domenic P. Taverna	Hanson
7	Eddie Olsen	Rockland
10	George T. Joy	Rockland
11	Barbara J. Mumford	Rockland
12	Emma Caranci	Plymouth
12	Mary Walsh	Rockland
14	Mary B. Bombardier	Rockland
15	Ann J. Bois	Rockland
19	William Henry	Rockland
20	Natalie Marie Shea	Rockland
21	RitaK. Isaac	Rockland
23	Kerrin M. Nelson	Rockland
24	John R. Mulcahy	Rockland
26	Margaret Elizabeth McFadd	Rockland
27	Curtis C. Woodward	Rockland
30	Margaret Stejskal	Rockland
31	Walter B. Leach	Rockland
<b>February</b>		
2	Loti Ann Mignosa	Rockland
10	Garnett L. Powers, Sr.	Rockland
13	Thomas Haslam	Rockland
16	Evan Clifford Brown	Rockland
16	Barbara Ann Dunphy	Hanson
16	Kevin J. Farrell	Rockland
21	Dana Andrew Politano	Rockland
21	Delphine Radcliffe	Rockland
24	Daniel L. Thompson	Rockland
25	Wilfred Bert Enders	Rockland
26	Dominic J. Abruzzese	Rockland
27	Helen Dorothy Mansfield	Rockland
28	Teresa N. Placente	Rockland
29	Dana Andrew Politano	Rockland
<b>March</b>		
2	Donald Turner	Rockland
3	Daniel J. Reilly III	Rockland
6	Kathleen Dwight	Rockland

7	Mary R. Ferrante	Rockland
10	Rosalyn J. Morrissey	Rockland
11	Edward F. Healey	Rockland
12	Thomas E. Martin	Rockland
15	Karl H. Ruben	Rockland
17	Charles L. Rich	Rockland
17	Mary Rose Sturgeon	Rockland
18	Phyllis Pearl Emery	Rockland
18	Elmer W. Keyes	Rockland
20	Bert Chester Russell	Rockland
22	Mamie H. Debnam	Rockland
24	Rosemary Regan	Rockland
25	Marie J. Emery	Rockland
27	M. Virginia Seggelin	Rockland
28	Esther L. Churchill	Weymouth
29	Eileen B. Berry	Rockland
29	Gloria J. Glynn	Rockland
29	Deborah Jane Leary	Rockland
30	Harold M. Chace	Rockland

**April**

1	Gladiola Canning	Rockland
5	Helen E. Najarian	Rockland
10	Richard Francis Lynch	Rockland
13	Joan S. Morse	Rockland
14	Stanley J. Denty Jr.	Rockland
14	Linda Jo Roberts	Rockland
14	Donald M. Unwin	Rockland
15	Joi T. Monfils	Rockland
18	Dorothy L. Arkell	Rockland
18	Norma Brevick	Rockland
19	Dorothy P. Morcom	Rockland
22	Dianne L. Stimpson	Rockland
23	George W. Scanlon	Rockland
27	Stella R. Calderone	Rockland
29	Patrick F. O'Connor	Rockland

**May**

1	Joseph Gilmartin	Rockland
6	Francis J. Perfetuo	Rockland
6	Allen W. Stearns	Rockland
7	John Joseph Keefe, Jr.	Quincy
7	Nancy J. Milligan	Rockland
11	Valdecir Lino Arantes	Rockland
13	Connie Tsang	Rockland
13	Paul J. Welsch	Holbrook
14	Hazel E. Fraher	Rockland
21	Agnes Julia Lavoix	Yarmouth
23	Parker A. Dunn	Boston

24	David F. Coulstring	Rockland
24	Kevin M. McInnis	Rockland
26	Ruth L. Tatreau	Rockland
26	Mildred C. Wood	Rockland
27	Joanne M. Plansky	Rockland
31	Barbara A. Gilcoine	Rockland
31	Julia E. Fitzpatrick	Rockland

**June**

1	Betty A. Gallagher	Kingston
3	John F. Wallace III	Rockland
8	Eleanor M. Salvaggio	Rockland
14	Manuel Santos	Rockland
16	Barbara M. Bombardier	Rockland
18	James F. Croak	Rockland
23	Robert D. Jackson	Rockland
29	Edward H. Cunningham	Rockland

**July**

14	Judith A. Lucas	Rockland
15	Paul F. Fay	Rockland
15	Marquerite Snow	Quincy
15	Lee-Ann Stearns	Rockland
17	Anthony John Tawa	Rockland
18	Joan B. King	Rockland
20	Dorothy M. Mick	Rockland
22	Theresa J. Bailey	Rockland
25	Daniel H. Kearney Jr.	Braintree
26	Grace C. Arthur	Rockland
26	Ronald A. Pinkham	Rockland

**August**

1	Teresa Iarocci	Rockland
2	Charles Francis Leason IV	Rockland
3	Robert William Baker, Jr.	Rockland
4	Lugian Medico	Rockland
5	Eunice Cedrone	Rockland
6	Frank Sartori	Rockland
9	Donna K. Durfee	Rockland
9	Daniel Hart	Rockland
10	Clyde R. Turner	Rockland
12	Elizabeth L. Corning	Rockland
13	Carol S. Howard	Rockland
14	Ira Allen Foitz	Rockland
18	Helen Gonis	Hingham
21	Anna Maria Esposito	Hingham
22	Virginia L. Sepeck	Rockland
26	Thomas W. Collyer	Rockland
29	Leo Emile Bedard	Norwood

**September**

2	Frederick F. McGovern	Rockland
6	Francis T. Small	Randolph
7	Kenneth W. Gay	Rockland
9	Barbara A. Byrne	Rockland
9	Edith D. Miller	Quincy
10	Pauline A. Scolamiero	Rockland
11	Gerald J. DelPrete Sr.	Rockland
12	Cecelia M. Marston	Rockland
13	Virginia N. Kakulski	Rockland
14	James Bates	Rockland
14	Richard T. Mooney	Rockland
15	Kenneth R. Lotterhand	Rockland
18	Gail A. Fruzzetti	Rockland
20	Maureen Reidy	Rockland
25	Jean M. Boyle	Rockland
27	Charles J. Shannon	Rockland
28	Edward R. Murphy	Rockland
29	Richard G. Brezina	Abington
29	Robert F. Dante	Rockland
30	Mildred R. Berry	Rockland

**October**

4	Joseph S. Fiore, Jr.	Rockland
5	Helen J. Brown	Marshfield
11	Mary M. O'Neil	Rockland
12	Lorelei M. Dalrymple	Rockland
15	Letterio Giacobbe	Rockland
18	Madeline M. Lannin	Rockland
19	James R. Bach Sr.	Rockland
19	James R. Faivre	Rockland
19	Edna Lois Houde	Rockland
20	Orrin R. Cummings Jr.	Rockland
20	Abby Sullivan	Rockland
21	Paul R. Laneau	Quincy
27	Jean Sutor	Rockland
31	Josephine L. Mileski	Rockland

**November**

6	John Leon Bennett, Jr.	Rockland
6	Nicholas J. Renzetti	Rockland
7	Francis W. Gunville	Rockland
7	James F. Heffernan	Rockland
7	George Kalos	Norwell
7	Kenneth Mark O'Leary	Rockland
7	Lorette Diane Williams	Rockland
8	Olive L. Crowley	Rockland
9	Joseph W. Citrone, Sr.	Rockland
11	Ann M. Johnson	Rockland

12	Mary Vivian Gardner	Rockland
12	Sandra Jean Goodwin	Rockland
13	Ronald W. Aldridge	Rockland
14	Ronald C. Everett	Rockland
15	Eaton G. Elz	Rockland
19	Veronica P. Hickey	Rockland
19	Audrey W. Jackson	Rockland
22	Gloria B. Pryles	Rockland
22	Charlotte A. Stewart	Rockland
25	Virginia F. Berryman	Rockland
30	Mary A. Camelio	Rockland
30	John Joseph McDonald	Rockland

**December**

1	Alexander W. Petrosevich	Hanover
2	Maurits Vollemans	Rockland
7	Shirley May Austin	Rockland
9	Ryan C. Force	Abington
10	Emma M. Pizzi	Hanover
12	Alden V. Johnson	W. Marshfield
13	Joseph A. Wenners, Jr.	Rockland
17	Edward Peter Abate, Sr.	Rockland
17	Ernest Chekoulias	Rockland
18	Grace F. Pecoraro	Halifax
19	Douglas Torello	Rockland
21	Donald Ernest Meyer, Jr.	Rockland
23	Alice E. Jankowski	Rockland
23	Anne M. Moakley	Rockland
23	Dominga Santos Robinson	Rockland
25	Margaret E. Mastrangelo	Rockland
25	James J. Terlino	Weymouth
27	Dora Louise Smith	Rockland
29	Mary Margaret Hauter	Rockland
30	Dawn Johnson	Brockton
31	Marjorie Elizabeth Bain	Rockland

## VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

	*2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Births	227	220	198	215	225
Marriages	98	98	94	95	105
Deaths	202	188	209	191	195

\* Incomplete Returns

## DOG LICENSES

Number of Licenses sold	775
Total amount collected	\$6,005.00
Fees	583.50
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$5,421.50

## FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSES

Number of Licenses sold	253 (including stamps)
Total Amount Collected	\$4,723.60
Fees	234.10
Paid to Comm. of Massachusetts	\$4,489.50

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

2008

Registered Voters January 1, 2008	11,186
Registered Voters December 31, 2008	11,715

## ENROLLMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

### POLITICAL PARTIES

Democrats	3,358
Republicans	1,239
Green-Rainbow	7
Working Families	25
Unenrolled	7,039

## POLITICAL DESIGNATIONS

America First Party	1
American Independent	1
Inter. 3rd Party	5
Libertarian Party	37
Reform Party	2
Veteran Party America	1
TOTAL	11,715

## INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION

Residents must be 18 years of age or older, born in the United States, or be a Naturalized citizen.

Once registered, residents do not have to re-register unless they have left Rockland and have been taken off the voting list. If they return to Rockland, they must re-register.

There are no residency requirements. You may move into Town one day and register to vote the next day.

**There are 4 political parties in Massachusetts: Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and Working Families Party.**

In addition to the political parties there are political designations. If you enroll in any political designation you may not vote in any state or presidential primary.

## INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION

### CLOSING DATES

### BEFORE MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

Special town meetings: No later than 8:00 p.m. on the tenth day preceding such meeting.

Every state or town election or town meeting: No later than 8:00 p.m. on the twentieth day preceding such election or town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ceurvels  
Teresa R. Dow  
Randalin S. Ralston  
Mary Pat Kaszanek  
BOARD OF REGISTRARS

## TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my report as Town Treasurer for year 2008

CASH RECEIPTS JULY 2007	<b>\$9449447.76</b>
	<u>Monthly Receipts</u> <u>Disbursements</u>
Jul-07	5717942.09      6643020.98
Aug	2348235.66      4222997.49
Sept	4977409.65      3898465.65
Oct	6200577.95      4278539.13
Nov	2940892.36      4950723.29
Dec	4866177.67      5169725.90
Jan-08	6816278.90      5415889.42
Feb	2816502.89      3789218.03
Mar	5707340.67      4202440.13
Apr	4824879.03      4382291.78
May	4637610.17      5799185.16
June	6913840.62      6125027.07
Total cash receipts less disbursements:	
<b>30-Jun-08</b>	<b>58767687.66      58877524.03</b>
Balance cash receipts 6/30/2008	<b>9339611.39</b>

**Tax Title:**

Bal FWD 7/1/07	<b>355646.68</b>
Taxes added to Tax Title:	165776.41
less payments	85375.54
payments and redemptions	
voids	
<b>Bal 6/30/2008</b>	<b>436047.55</b>

**Trust Funds: 6/30/2008**

School Scholarships	658426.35
Perpetual care lots	88666.86
Grace bequest tree fund	8223.12

Thank you to Jane Sforza, Assistant Treasurer and Donna Shortall, administrative assistant for their hard work this year in helping to keep the office running smoothly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, all the town departments that we work with and the Citizens of Rockland for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Sepeck  
Treasurer

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
2008 SALARIES – YTD**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>YTD GROSS</b>		
Aitken, Richard	66.00	Chernicki, Peter M	75,699.06
Alexander, Katherine	110.00	Childs, Cynda	7,120.14
Alongi, Raymond C	1,600.00	Chiocca, Allan R	46,006.01
Arena, Paul	883.50	Clark, Lisa C	55,668.95
Ashton, Barry	136,575.67	Clearo, William E	50,295.70
Austin, Marie	3,960.00	Clifford, John	28,875.00
Bailey, Elena	8,604.34	Coache, David H	640.00
Bailey, Victor	1,020.00	Coakley, Brian P	90,046.51
Baker, Richard	84,084.20	Connolly, Eileen	1,496.25
Baker, Robert	50,275.58	Cooper, Matthew	700.00
Banfill, Adam Roger	320.00	Corvi Jr, Robert	60,869.84
Banks, Dianne L	3,960.00	Crawford, Sara E	1,561.88
Banks, Gregory	240.00	Cristani Jr, Wayne	320.00
Beasley, Cathleen M	4,606.16	Cronin, Kathleen	430.00
Beatrice, Christopher	400.00	Daly, Timothy	13,708.00
Beatrice, Lynn M	315.00	Damon, Ryan	574.00
Benson, Taylor	262.00	Decourcy, David J	53,165.13
Billings, Douglas N	31,213.65	Deibel, Victoria T	200.00
Bitters, David C	320.00	Delprete, Daniel G	81,405.69
Bonardi, Lois	320.00	Delprete, Wayne	84,676.11
Bowles, Jane E	350.00	Direnzo, Candace	3,220.00
Bradford, Marlys L	4,725.00	Direnzo, Jeffrey A	3,220.00
Briggs, Joseph M	320.00	Ditocco, Mark J	88,863.41
Briggs, Kevin J	2,040.00	Dolan, James W	937.50
Brokmeir, Michele	320.00	Donnelly Jr, Paul D	91,995.17
Brown, Beverly C	61,432.72	Donnelly, June	40,003.61
Brundige, Sean D	74,990.06	Donovan, Dennis	91,461.03
Bryan, Margaret	42,805.36	Donovan, Mary E	1,416.07
Budge-Johnson, Lisa	320.00	Dooley, Paul F	49,963.56
Buiel, Joseph L	90,654.60	Dooner, Donald	2,275.21
Buono, Joseph	620.00	Dooner, Kyle	837.26
Burrill, Bette L	37,744.08	Draper, Matthew R	800.00
Butka, Melissa	15,167.72	Dudek, Thomas A	59,171.48
Byers Jr, Michael D	66,826.28	Duffey, Scott F	114,536.61
Callahan, Ann M	1,880.00	Duhaine, Richard J	105,691.54
Callahan, Colleen	280.00	Dunlap, Seth A	5,260.00
Callahan, Daniel F	86,016.35	Dunn, Geoffrey J	320.00
Callahan, Daniel W	320.00	Dutra, Sean	939.27
Callahan, Nancy	250.00	Eramo Jr, Richard A	17,628.80
Cameron, Kristel J	65,215.92	Eramo, Gerard	86,143.78
Campbell, Ralph E	640.00	Erickson, Craig	113,300.95
Cann, Donald J	320.00	Esposito III, Gerald F	225.00
Casper, James E	61,913.23	Esposito Jr, Joseph F	2,544.00
Chandler, Janis R	23,924.00	Everett, Ronald A	60,070.65
Chaponis, Patricia A	410.00	Everett, Wayne M	24,280.53

Ewell, Peter	59,068.00	Jonah, Timothy J	1,601.72
Ferguson, William A	90,637.92	Kaszanek, Mary P	57,537.43
Figgins Jr., Robert L	352.00	Kelly, Christine J	410.00
Fitzpatrick, James	75,080.25	Kelly, Mary A	320.00
Flipp, Delshaune	21,832.78	Kelly, Paul	182.00
Fogg Jr, John N	320.00	Ketterer, Judy	3,163.25
Foley, Eric	320.00	Killinger, James F	363.00
Foley, Martin F	480.00	Kimball, Charles V	460.00
Fotopoulos, Gloria	520.00	Kimball, Michelle	150.00
Fricker, Jason	40,067.58	King, Stephen M	18,588.70
Fulmine, Carolyn	3,817.50	Kingston, Lauren A	2,500.00
Furlong, Andrea L	320.00	Kirby, Jennifer	315.00
Furlong, Carole	420.00	Kirslis, Erika L	368.00
Furlong, Celine A	555.00	Kirslis, Jaimi	422.00
Furlong, Richard T	85,540.84	Langill, David T	764.00
Furlong, Thomas	520.00	Lapointe, Joseph M	63,975.32
Gadles, Caz J	320.00	Leary, Colleen E	336.00
Gallagher, Kevin M	31,178.36	Leonardi, Cora	100.00
Gannon, John	69,046.97	Lincoln, John A	71,948.72
Garrity, Bridget	420.00	Llewellyn, John	118,196.65
Geddry, David	62,314.51	Llewellyn, Susan J	69,299.30
George, David	320.00	Long, Jane E	33,831.72
Giacchetti, Jaclyn M	381.00	Long, Marilyn	2,574.00
Gianatassio, Jeanne	45,790.40	Loranger, Stephen	160.00
Giannini Jr, Albert	60,646.08	Loughlin, John F	65,132.35
Giannini, Anthony	5,190.00	Mari, Yvonne	500.00
Giarrizzo, Pamela	2,760.00	MacDonald, Charles E	44,311.62
Gibbons, Joseph A	67,306.63	MacDonald, Kirsten	150.00
Gilcoine, Nancy	4,088.00	MacDonald, Robert D	33,065.59
Golemme, David	609.00	MacDonald, Thomas	79,186.04
Golemme, Karianne J	5,320.00	Mahoney, Michael	1,056.15
Guerrette, Karen	42,806.40	Mahoney, Paula	273.00
Hall, Amanda M	61,845.74	Malafronte, Victor	43,553.62
Hall, Joanne E	55,211.32	Manning, John	1,508.76
Hall, Robin	36,875.73	Manning, Teresa A	32,442.00
Halliday, Patricia	200.00	Margolis, Scott H	93,330.20
Harrington, Ann E	300.00	Materna, Anton F	42,641.99
Hart, Eric A	73,090.30	McCarthy, David	867.50
Heaney, Thomas L	88,104.23	McCarthy, Janice R	57,055.51
Henderson, Richard	2,385.00	McClure, Diane E	36,787.17
Henderson, Thomas J	79,034.52	McCraith, John J	6,188.38
Hennessy, Paul C	49,493.21	McDermott, Peter	17,934.53
Hickey, Matthew	1,760.00	McDonald, Brian J	36,169.88
Horsch, William	520.00	McDonough, Kerry A	350.00
Howes, Rita M	520.00	McDougal, Jeffrey	320.00
Hurley, John	91,764.65	McEnelly, Margaret E	420.00
Hussey Jr., Donald	114,999.80	McGarry, William	901.00
Hussey, Robert W	67,135.93	McGuinness, Christine	34,824.45
Jackson, Wayne	82,593.08	McGuinness, Leanne T	30,242.84

McPhee, Alan W	1,839.16	Rogers Jr., Joseph H	1,920.00
McPherson, Charles J	385.00	Rogerson, L'Oren	414.00
McPherson, Margaret	310.00	Romsey, Charles D	320.00
Mellen, Jessica E	1,176.75	Rovelto, William O	1,560.00
Mellen, Kimberly	685.88	Royal, Thomas E	100,621.56
Mellen, Nancy	5,040.00	Royal, William T	79,112.34
Mellen, Rebecca	1,032.78	Ruble, Thomas E	61,220.57
Miller, Darrell	860.00	Ryan, Mary P	47,372.48
Miller, Rosemary M	11,891.93	Salvati, Jessica	100.00
Miller, Sherrie L	320.00	Salvati, Linda	29,918.62
Miller, Winnifred	11,246.20	Sammon, J. Michael	111,232.73
Montalbano, John J	61,855.71	Sammon, John J	103,511.35
Montalvo, Corinne	4,781.75	Sammon, Stephen P	97,718.85
Morton, Crissa	1,017.00	Savicke, Steven	1,000.00
Mullen, Michael	82,091.34	Sawaya, James J	11,961.32
Murphy, Dolores S	1,902.00	Schnabel, Ethan L	60,008.95
Murphy, Eleanor L	16,345.00	Schneider, Ellin M	20,632.40
Murphy, Helen	36,789.80	Schnider, Matthew	292.50
Nelson, Stephen B	200.00	Schultz, Geralyn	34,866.00
Newcomb, Debra	19,278.76	Schwenderman, James	48,225.70
Norton, Patrick J	67,050.30	Schwenderman, Susan	33,042.00
Novio, Richard M	81,486.54	Sciara, John F	98,156.08
O'Brien, Deborah A	1,441.88	Sepeck, Erik M	44,640.12
O'Brien, Kaitlyn	918.00	Sepeck, Karen M	58,854.81
O'Connor Jr., John T	80,720.93	Sepeck, Mark	42,615.06
O'Connor, Sean B	3,088.00	Sepeck, Tara	200.00
O'Toole, Christopher	1,127.36	Sepeck, Theresa	100.00
Odea, Edward	94,221.15	Sforza, Jane B	42,334.65
Oman, Jonathan R	320.00	Shallies, William	85,761.13
Oshry, Marc	109,442.73	Sheehan, Kelleigh	1,028.51
Pappaceno, Brian J	48,729.06	Shortall, Donna M	33,590.03
Parker, Elizabeth A	42,635.39	Simmons, Walter	225.00
Paul Jr, James R	12,921.32	Simpson III, James F	69,504.34
Peterson, Eric S	86,234.76	Simpson, Beverly A	30,577.53
Phelps, Edward	87,522.39	Slocumb, Mackenzie	880.00
Pierre, Hilaire V	320.00	Smith, Kerri	1,342.44
Pigeon, Gregory A	92,781.80	Smith, Lowell	320.00
Plante, Bradley A	2,008.23	Snow, Jullian C	210.00
Post, Peter	6,997.59	Somers, Richard L	65,461.48
Pratt Jr., Charles	160.00	Somers, Steven P	91,607.69
Pratt, Lynne C	35,835.35	Souza, Paul	1,760.00
Rafferty, Kaitlin M	210.00	Spear, Tierney	436.00
Ralston, Randalin S	41,391.05	Spear, Tristen L	1,089.00
Ralston, Scott	260.00	Stewart, Jill	34,520.57
Richardi, Francis A	60,712.02	Stewart, Mary	45,817.34
Richards, Paula	1,242.00	Stewart, William E	14,878.00
Riordan, Thomas J	47,267.43	Strobel, Brian	1,408.88
Roache, Anthony J	119.00	Strobel, Cara	979.65
Robinson, Corey M	160.00	Sullivan, Francis M	480.00

Sullivan, Glenn	57,533.80	Welch, Richard E	28,819.20
Sullivan, Joshua N	144.50	Welch, Rodney	110,785.55
Tamborella, Courtney	360.00	Welch, Ryan A	1,526.51
Tanzi Jr, Ralph J	61,433.22	Wentworth, John A	96,001.29
Tanzi, Sossio	55,777.80	Whitman, Robert C	1,246.00
Taylor, Philip	911.00	Whittaker, Alan	500.00
Togo, Sheila W	35.00	Whittemore, Patricia	34,620.52
Tolan, Peter	640.50	Williams III, Charles	90,712.36
Toohey, Liam	459.00	Wood, David A	320.00
Tracy, Michael P	84,918.22	Woods, Edward	320.00
Tweed, Jeanne A	385.00	Woodward, Warren	52.00
Vielkind, Patrick D	2,410.00	Wooley, David L	94,698.98
Viglas, Thomas A	18,270.42	Young, Mary E	210.00
Wahlstrom, Barbara	135.00	Zeoli, Nicholas P	113,117.92
Waisgerber, Mary L	520.00	Zielinski, Joseph	79,255.77
Walling, Judith E	546.92	Count 318	
Walsh, Michael	329.00	<b>YTD GROSS \$</b>	<b>\$9,095,345.74</b>

**ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2008 SALARIES - YTD**

Adams, Marcia	64,881.36	Burke, Patricia	8,227.95
Allen, Carol A	17,195.75	Burley, Nancy	57,618.16
Anders, Cynthia	68,501.36	Burnieika, Christopher	2,148.00
Anderson, Virginia	66,063.48	Burns, Maryann	22,191.65
Armstrong, Angelina	44,027.42	Burrill, Carol L	47,603.26
Armstrong, Karen A	40,487.00	Burwen, Russell	50,968.66
Aronson-Silverman, Amy-Jo	490.00	Butler, Kristin	47,081.98
Ash, Kathleen	750.00	Cable-Murphy, David	75,423.22
Ashton, Barry	320.00	Cahill, Carol	48,730.99
Babcock, Monica	14,358.06	Caldeira, Robert	18,561.00
Bailey, Alanna	116,598.77	Caliri, Emelia	47,404.07
Bailey, Thomas	5,195.00	Callahan, Patrick	45,263.00
Baker, Karen	11,412.06	Camirand, Marian	39,372.41
Balas, Joan	12,986.20	Cann, Janet	81,160.71
Barr, Megan	140.00	Canney, Judith	9,146.00
Barrett, Christine	18,053.80	Caplice, Donna	40,380.79
Barrett, Maureen	62,431.36	Capone, Steven	10,150.00
Barry, Janet	12,765.86	Carchedi, Debra	350.00
Beal, Patricia	65,681.36	Carey, Mara	69,057.50
Beaucaire, Deborah	5,087.50	Caron, Catherine Riley	11,256.14
Beaudet, Elizabeth	9,661.53	Carson, Dennis	27,987.48
Bell, Stephen	5,304.00	Carthas, Courtney	7,090.20
Benson, Margaret	15,849.75	Cary, Neil	15,767.92
Bigsby, Chad	50,968.66	Casagrande, James	75,682.46
Bissonnette, Michele	71,130.62	Casagrande, Patricia	65,289.36
Bistany, Pamela	13,803.71	Casagrande, Steven	68,456.92
Black, Margaret	73,737.38	Casey, Lee A	16,479.21
Blake, Kerri	44,257.91	Casper, James	320.00
Bogus, Margaret A	65,386.36	Catino, Andrew	46,339.15
Bohn, Elizabeth	89,972.54	Christoforo, Nicole	560.00
Boughter, Beverly A.	16,344.10	Clark, Maureen	16,324.69
Boylan, Connie L	15,793.99	Clay, Diana H	65,855.12
Boyle, Patricia	17,023.50	Coakley, Brian	480.00
Bradford, Marlys	15,719.50	Cobbett, Evelyn	5,672.49
Brennan, Cheryl	15,448.25	Cobbett, Samantha	1,400.00
Brennan, Dianne	15,814.23	Cobis, Christine	280.00
Brickley, Carol A	64,181.36	Coen, Helen M	72,397.69
Brown, Paula	40,843.75	Cole, Jennifer	4,151.66
Brown, Timothy	5,870.00	Collins, Matthew	210.00
Brownell, Denise	13,570.46	Collins, Sarah	36,324.23
Brownell, Lena	770.00	Collins, Stephanie	12,763.14
Buckley, Margaret	79,515.26	Concannon, Maryellen	10,942.67
Bulens, Kathleen I	30,547.55	Connell, Deborah	16,826.54
Burke, Catherine	23,900.00	Contrino, Debra	4,335.00
Burke, Gale	64,181.36	Cook, Janet	69,310.30

Cook, Margaret	4,650.00	Dunin, Heather A.	56,819.36
Corbett, Katharine J	68,448.21	Dunn, Anne Marie	71,827.12
Corr, Diane	80,596.62	Dunn, Carla	11,282.67
Costello, Joan Foley	60,540.39	Dunn, Kenneth	65,899.85
Cotter, William John	210.00	Dunn, Mary	24,753.71
Coulstring, Patricia	17,729.00	Dupont, Laurie	27,001.98
Cousin, Joann	12,705.54	Duquette, Sue-Ellen	38,509.09
Cowgill, Angeline	67,911.37	Duross, Lynda	27,462.29
Craig, Kathleen M	5,491.00	Dutra, Lisa	6,564.18
Crane, Karen	3,617.60	Elfman, Brenda	67,202.50
Creedon, Denise	60,222.20	Ellis, Jane	44,607.81
Cronin, Kathleen A	44,727.00	Ellis, Tamao Buffalo	659.40
Crooks, Diane M.	20,811.35	Enos, Glen E	76,301.58
Crooks, Lindsey	70.00	Ernest, Patricia	9,678.50
Cross, Kimberly	280.00	Ewell, Catherine	17,912.81
Crovo, Peter	45,238.80	Ewell, Peter	1,010.00
Crowe, Sheila	4,052.00	Fallon, Kathleen	140.00
Cullinan, Timothy J	7,548.00	Fallon, Patricia	60,540.39
Cummins, Amanda	2,979.08	Farley, Amy	34,013.89
Curley, Caitlyn	46,180.76	Farrell, Susan	5,320.00
Curran, Denise	20,178.23	Faulstich, Jill	6,358.24
Curry, Shannon	490.00	Fee, Miriam	6,816.13
Curtin, Karen	15,107.85	Feinstein, Brenda	21,866.88
Cusick, Judith	59,089.60	Fernandes, Hope	86,602.14
Daley, Susan	1,330.00	Ferry, Kathleen	56,815.86
Damon II, Fredrick E	95,444.41	Flanagan, James	59,166.10
Damon, Frances	45,111.00	Flanagan, Mary T	83,675.10
Davidson, Denise	54,788.58	Flanders, Anne	23,379.19
DeCecco, Kathleen	7,348.64	Fleming, Patricia A	67,919.05
Deacon, Jean E	22,044.90	Folino, Steve	3,417.00
Dearth, Gail	7,124.54	Folsom, Brenda	74,909.02
Decourcy, David J	707.00	Folsom, Jacquelyn	2,350.00
DelPrete, Brenda	13,953.30	Foresta, Deborah	66,128.96
DelPrete, Christine	5,679.65	Forlizzi, Colleen	67,564.91
Delprete, Carol	47,991.00	Fournier, Barbara A	10,740.03
DiCienzo, Denise	6,718.97	Fraga, Laurie	210.00
DiGregorio, Beverly	51,878.91	Franzen, Deborah	69,998.36
Diggle, Mary	7,875.99	Frates, Janice	48,103.81
Doe, Sandra	12,266.25	Fredericks, Richard	18,394.00
Doering, Edna Rose	28,466.61	Fredlund, Janet	2,622.90
Donahoe, Phyllis	6,878.57	Gallagher, Kevin	7,645.45
Donahue, Ellen	221.29	Gammon, William	4,896.00
Dondero, Marie T	70,052.50	Garofalo, Michael	140.00
Dowdall, Sandra	18,724.52	Garrity, Kathleen	11,018.78
Downton, Samantha	6,075.57	Garvey, Claire	45,231.07
Doyle, Theresa	12,753.10	Gattine, Richard	72,846.25
Dressler, Eugene	60,757.56	Gatulis, Ann M	38,409.60
Duffey, Karen	63,385.57	Gay, Richard	43,518.20
Duncan, Diane	10,404.32	George, Jamie	64,402.60

Gibson, Sandra	79,403.74	Kemenes, Carol A	70,121.50
Gildea, Maureen	70.00	Kerrigan, Paul	13,472.00
Glikman, Alexis	33,841.73	Ketterer, Judy Ann	13,413.35
Goldman, Carol	12,142.52	Kidd, Emily	55,167.81
Golemme, David	48,095.45	Kilgallen, Catherine	16,013.46
Grass, Catherine	27,312.32	Killinger, Jan Marie	64,181.36
Grattan, Nancy	72,714.60	Kimball, Dawn	5,674.00
Graziano, Gary	91,265.05	Kimball, Michelle	1,120.00
Grieves, Marcia	68,848.21	King, April	44,674.71
Griffin, Linda	17,646.15	Kirby, Jennifer	3,708.00
Grimmett, Randal	86,822.02	Kirslis, Joyce	12,075.10
Gunning, Leah	4,457.83	Kline, Paula	38,629.69
Haapaoja, Joyce	22,030.02	Knapp, Elizabeth	10,046.70
Hafner, Eric	63,954.50	Knight, Ashley	855.90
Haggerty, Michael	49,409.64	Knight, Catherine	17,008.74
Hall, Judith	6,308.91	Knobel, Mary	46,687.22
Hannigan, Dale	12,892.21	Knudsen, Lida	5,460.16
Hanrahan, Dorothy	10,455.00	Kohn, Gerald	26,176.00
Hansen, Susan W.	70,936.57	Krajewski, Jessica	41,416.82
Harden, Matthew	70,196.19	Labollita, Barbara	62,874.52
Harris, Christine	32,945.32	Lacombe, Janet M	42,157.00
Harris, Ellen F	65,851.36	Lamb, Donna	47,401.16
Hayes, Diane	68,753.35	Lamlein, Kerry Morast	62,065.64
Heney, Lori	11,094.84	Lampert, Paula	7,877.57
Hicks, Catherine	16,212.50	Langill, David	41,572.93
Hocking, Carol	38,509.09	Langley, Patricia	14,994.10
Hocking, Judith	2,403.24	Lannin-Cotton, Madeline	76,207.95
Hoffman, Kathy Anne	67,581.74	Lavertue, Kathryn	20,694.39
Hogan, Deborah	49,532.42	Learning, Melinda	73,531.64
Hogan, Ernest	6,190.00	Leary, Robert L	72,926.16
Hologitas, Sara	35,255.81	Leblanc, Angela	19,069.90
Houston, Laure	17,080.77	Leclair, Alicia	3,808.00
Hoye, Nancy	4,087.75	Leone, Heather	70.00
Hoyo, Samantha	61,067.82	Leone, Re	7,050.00
Hughes, Steven	73,930.32	Lester, Steven	74,736.83
Hurley, John	800.00	Leverone, Charles	3,334.00
Jackson, Doris	500.17	Levine, Beverly	66,801.14
Jagiela, Elizabeth	13,970.13	Levine, Robert	28,652.00
Jenner, Paul	3,160.00	Linehan, Jessica	64,215.05
Johnson, Craig	64,666.55	Liquori, Nicholas	49,253.42
Johnson, Kimberly	10,817.40	Llewellyn, Susan	160.00
Johnston, Anna	3,500.00	Lombardi, Sandra	59,420.85
Johnston, Lisa	64.00	Lonergan, Susan	71,130.62
Kane, Dawn	5,207.78	Long, Ellen	25,147.20
Keene, Kerry	12,905.75	Looney, Shannon	70,048.45
Kelley, Robin	71,130.62	Lords, Scott	37,320.10
Kelly, John C.	41,904.46	Losciuto, Ruth A.	73,588.50
Kelly, Kelly Ann	25,253.17	Loughlin, Doreen	13,066.50
Kelly, Paul	46,334.82	Low, Donna	7,770.28

Lyon Murphy, Edith	15,621.74	Mondville, Sharon	15,674.87
MacAllister, Richard	48,747.42	Moscardelli, Theresa	10,916.83
MacDonald, Christina	23,193.87	Mulholland, Martha	4,586.00
MacDonald, Donna	840.00	Mullaney, Joan	65,224.08
MacDonald, Heather	30,860.71	Mulready, Valerie	76,187.03
MacDonald, Kimberly	140.00	Murachver, Russell	5,233.46
MacDonald, Thomas	320.00	Murad, Mitchell	700.00
MacKenzie, Kaitlin	1,190.00	Murphy, Jaime	700.00
Macquarrie, Catherine	13,292.25	Murphy, Jamie	140.00
Mahon, Lois A	16,228.50	Murphy, Lori	350.00
Mahoney, Diane	14,254.43	Murphy, Mary	18,073.27
Mahoney, Paula	46,022.74	Murphy, Priscilla	70.00
Mahoney, Robert	3,902.00	Murphy, Robert	77,532.01
Makarski, Lisa	1,744.82	Murphy, Susan	14,602.56
Maloney, Jean	12,835.27	Naughton, John	1,330.00
Manikas, Stephanie	1,684.65	Nee, Karen	51,341.86
Marciante, Sheree	70.00	Netto, Patricia	58,954.52
Margolis, Scott	350.00	Nichols, Sherrie	5,116.00
Mariano, Laurie	70,730.62	Nigro, Laurie	420.00
Mark, Jean	69,460.21	Novio, Richard	480.00
Martin, Barbara	4,566.12	O'Brien, Kathleen	68,952.50
McCarthy, David	48,554.45	O'Brien, Melody	2,660.00
McDonald, Charles	65,189.64	O'Brien, Shirley	35,252.54
McDonald, Matthew	13,630.00	O'Connell, Joanne M.	63,463.87
McDonnell, Julie	62,216.65	O'Day, Erin	13,865.13
McDonough, Amanda	59,103.81	O'Donnell, George	65,851.36
McDonough, Anita	13,396.48	O'Duggan, Erin	18,573.01
McFarland, Linda	69,359.12	O'Rourke, Sarah	7,608.72
McGarry, Shani	3,573.33	Okola, Catherine L.	66,948.21
McGarry, William	46,420.56	Olson, Alicia Burrill	12,449.16
McGonnigal, Sharon	85,703.29	Olson, Curt	49,097.06
McGrath, Carol	92,215.37	Orzechowska, Agata	21,078.40
McNamara, Lisa	66,589.08	Osborne, Elizabeth	70,452.50
McSharry, Carol	9,987.45	Owen, Kenneth S	76,128.12
McSharry, Lauren	70.00	Page, Jean M	39,409.09
McSolla, Dorothy	12,255.06	Panaro, Urban	12,169.00
McVay, Sheila M	1,610.00	Paradiso, Michael	44,672.64
Mellen, Nancy	12,006.05	Parker, Barry R	66,024.08
Merzon, Jennifer	2,100.00	Parker, Lauren	18,510.21
Messier, Karen	16,335.76	Parnaby, Hillary	15,990.25
Mignacca, Kathleen	22,775.00	Patton, James L	73,422.37
Miklos, Mary	75,345.24	Patton, Susan D	105,542.92
Millen, Margaret	5,975.26	Paulding, Kathleen	76,328.62
Miller, Alicia	53,098.66	Paylor, Paula	71,930.62
Miller, Patricia	43,659.00	Pelissier, Paula A	71,530.62
Minahan, Julie	46,376.53	Pelrin, Karen M	16,052.73
Mitchell, Amanda	1,276.20	Penney, Patricia	2,298.58
Mitchell, Diane	42,961.46	Perkins, Jeffrey E	68,644.56
Mitchell, Lynda	6,141.26	Phelps, Ann	2,593.00

Phelps, Susan	67,202.50	Scott, Lee	71,619.01
Phillips, Lorna	67,828.96	Sepeck, Mark	974.00
Pierce, Joann D	74,833.37	Shea, Brian	78,069.60
Pistorino, Mary	51,786.72	Shea, Joseph	210.00
Placente, Dorothy	5,659.17	Sheehan, Janice L.	87,459.69
Ratliff, Martha	210.00	Sheridan, Pamela	32,640.73
Reale, Kelley	15,891.00	Shuman, Samantha	6,860.00
Regan, Joanne	7,972.09	Simmons, Susan	12,060.14
Reinbold, Elisa	72,172.50	Simpson III, James	160.00
Reppucci, JoAnna	48,842.64	Skarbek, Edward	75,995.24
Retchless, John	125,090.28	Smith, Brenda	15,967.71
Reyno, Paula	15,266.33	Smith, Brian	980.00
Reynolds, Meemee	46,180.73	Smith, Christine	12,802.07
Ricciarelli, Joanne	2,266.30	Smith, Deborah A	6,290.00
Riccio, Leanne	25,063.97	Smith, Michelle	6,472.00
Richardson, Jean	25,038.98	Smith, Nancy	37,286.60
Richardson, Susan	27,200.38	Smith, Richard	48,763.14
Roback, Jennifer	53,717.02	Smith-Taylor, Deborah E	73,260.10
Rogers Jr., Joseph	3,151.80	Snyder, Anne	16,082.25
Rogers, Diane	20,480.93	Somers, Steve	160.00
Rogers, Stella	1,680.00	Sommers, Claudia	16,855.86
Rose, Edward	48,467.50	Souza, Carol	10,050.00
Rossiter, Deborah	14,067.62	Stanish, Paul	99,979.17
Rowe, Gregory	68,761.33	Stewart, Catherine	10,235.90
Rugnetta, Michelle	16,143.97	Sudbey, Laura	2,455.21
Runci, Patrick	48,842.64	Sullivan, Kathleen	43,789.72
Rusconi, Teresa	68,952.50	Sullivan, Michael	70.00
Russo, Elizabeth A	73,596.64	Sullivan, Susan	16,464.37
Russo, Helen	36,883.99	Sutnick, Michael	62,773.57
Russo, Olivia	140.00	Swiatek, Amanda	14,703.71
Ryan, Kathi	73,425.85	Tait, Janet	24,952.54
Ryan, Lisa	65,956.14	Tanzi, Ralph Jr.	188.10
Saftler-Marks, Susan	2,586.78	Taylor, Philip	53,474.65
Salamone, Julianne	4,970.00	Thibault, Deirdre	770.00
Salem, Kathryn	98,956.90	Thompson, Cheryl	63,535.62
Salvucci, Richard	2,940.00	Tolan, Peter	54,855.20
Sampson, Jeanne	16,114.74	Toohey Jr., James	420.00
Sampson, Richard	350.00	Toohey, Liam	41,791.85
Sangster, Stephen P	106,032.18	Toomey, Carol	5,102.32
Sargent, Ruth	8,769.14	Trapeno, Beverly	18,703.78
Savage-Caprio, Wendy	70,431.57	Trudeau, Cheryl	13,565.03
Scarpelli, Doric C	128,657.24	Trudeau, Courtney	630.00
Scarpelli, Jennifer	19,422.06	Tufts, Suzanne	21,962.57
Scarpelli, Joseph	910.00	Tully, Gwen	73,140.72
Schaefer, Kathy A	67,055.12	Tweed, Allan	3,254.25
Scheufele, Michelle	69,156.50	Van Essendelft, Debra	8,976.00
Schipper, Cheryl	83,559.87	Veiga, Mary M.	39,330.85
Schnider, Rebecca	1,674.33	Verity, Stephen	4,575.00
Scopelleti Howes, Mary	75,630.67	Victor, Paul	48,706.88

Vieira, Martin	33,880.41	White, Richard	1,643.33
Vlachos, Donna	49,168.00	White, Roseann	280.00
Wagner, Margaret	54,115.61	Whiting, Joann	18,275.78
Walsh, Alyssa	2,832.53	Whiting, Linda	870.00
Walsh, Kristen	14,781.71	Whitley, Shirley	5,615.53
Walsh, Michael	47,883.65	Wilcox, Lynne	10,122.18
Walsh, Theresa	48,572.86	Willock, Dolores M	3,912.00
Wasserman, Jay	52,033.53	Winsor, Kim	16,887.85
Watanabe, Gloria	4,301.00	Wood, Stephanie	59,114.11
Watkins, Sarah	56,470.66	Woodward, Amy	64,581.38
Watson, Judith	5,624.50	Woodward, Mary E	44,304.00
Webber, Melissa	30,184.18	Woodward, Peter	95,653.73
Weeks, Doris	23,127.19	Woodward, Warren	17,344.50
Weiner, Beth	15,950.00	Worden, Pamela	70,375.50
Welch, Allison	4,867.97	Wyman, Elizabeth	24,116.20
Welch, Teala	16,112.88	Yoffe, Rachel	15,107.85
Wells, Kathleen	11,980.40	Young, Katherine	34,046.41
Wells, Mary	71,356.12	Young, Thomas	280.00
Wells, Timothy	4,208.00	Zeoli, Nicholas	160.00
Whelan, Lisa	51,599.15		16,796,686.78
White, Lawrence	64,181.36		

## TOWN COLLECTOR

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

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Tax Collector's Office for the fiscal year 2008 Taxes and fees collected and turned over to the Treasurer from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

	<u>Current and prior Years</u>
Real Estate	19,718,644.38
Personal Property	334,438.69
Motor Vehicle	1,878,591.96
Sewer Betterment	3,560.44
Committed interest on Betterment	1,413.40
Trash Liens	83,448.55
Sewer Liens	108,804.71
Sewer paid in advance	2,579.88
Municipal lien certificate	21,975.00
Release of Betterment	52.00
Fees and interest	138,446.78
Registry clears	25,440.00
Payment in lieu of taxes	8,937.93
Misc income	775.06
Space tax	68,256.00
Water service receipts	1,886,812.57
Joint Water service receipts	42,110.11
Sewer service receipts	1,598,623.25
Trash Collection fees	1,098,104.31
Over/Short	44.01
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	27,021,059.03

I wish to thank my staff, Assistant Tax Collector, Jill Stewart and Administrative Assistant, Delshaune Flipp. They have both done a fine job this year. Once again, a sincere thanks to all Town Departments for their assistance and cooperation in fiscal year 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Clark  
Town Collector



Photograph by David Murphy

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

2008 Report to the Town: The Selectmen would like to congratulate Michael P. Johnson and Deborah A. O'Brien on their election to the Board of Selectmen and thank departing members Louis Valanzola and Mary Parsons for their service to the Town of Rockland. Town Administrator Bradley A. Plante retired this year and we thank him for his service to the town and wish him well as he takes on similar duties in Harrison Maine.

The year 2008 also brought John Clifford to the Town as Interim Town Administrator. John brought a wealth of experience as a Town Administrator in the towns of East Bridgewater and Marshfield. We thank John for his service to the Town and express our confidence that he will handle his new role as town counsel with the same success. Finally in June we hired Allan R. Chiocca as our new Town Administrator. Allan brings us his experience as a State Representative, private business owner and school teacher to the position. His thinking outside the box philosophy has helped Rockland to position itself to face the budget challenges it is sure to face now.

This year Fire Chief J. Michael Sammon announced he would be retiring in January 2009 and we welcome Deputy Chief William Ferguson as he steps in to serve the Town as Interim Fire Chief and support him in managing the Fire Department.

Rockland has many issues we are looking at from this year forward. As always the budget remains a major priority. The continued fiscal problems of the State and Federal government trickle down to the town. We currently rely on the State for 30% of the Town's revenues through local aid. This causes the Town to constantly play catch up. This is a challenge we will continue to face until Rockland can rely less on the State for local aid.

Strategically our 2008-2009 Board of Selectmen is working to reduce the balance of residential housing to businesses. The ratio should be 75/25% but currently we are at 82/18% which requires a higher usage of our Town services. We are working on this with Mrs. O'Brien taking the lead in adopting new processes and procedures called "Best Practices". This includes making Rockland more business friendly, the redevelopment of Rockland Center and the opportunity for bus service through the BAT lines. Our board has forged new relationships with major boards in Town to

support and work in a team effort. We have been working with our school supporting the effort for a long overdue middle school, while also working with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce to help develop Rockland with our neighboring communities. We have also joined a regional task force to look at combining services within our communities to reduce budget costs. Rockland has a very bright future and the current Board of Selectmen is working to ensure that this happens.

The Board of Selectmen has stopped the past practice of negotiating with unions due to the ever changing inexperienced level of our board. We have hired a Town Administrator Allan R. Chiocca who is trained in negotiating and Town Counsel John J. Clifford who has JMLC and labor relation experience to negotiate all contracts for the selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all of the Town employees for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and for their understanding during these difficult fiscal times. We add a special thank you to our Executive Assistant Mary Stewart for her dedication and extended duties during the time of our Town Administrator transition.

We thank the Fraternal Order of Eagles who donated a new “Welcome to Rockland” sign built by Paul Carley to spruce up the entrance to our Town on Hingham Street.

Statues were donated by Maureen O’Haire to the Town Hall, Fire Department and Police Department in memory of her son Walter K. O’Haire who was killed in Iraq last year. The statues at the Town Hall depict the four branches of the military service. Fire and Police Department received statues of a fireman and policeman. To Mrs. O’Haire a grateful thank you.

The Board of Selectmen would like all of the residents of Rockland to keep our men and women, serving around the world, in your thoughts and prayers as the War on Terrorism continues.

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Simpson, *Chairman*  
Lawrence J. Chaffee, *Vice Chairman*

*Selectmen*  
Michael E. Zupkofska  
Michael P. Johnson  
Deborah A. O’Brien

Photographs by Anton Materna



John J. Clifford, Esq.



Allan R. Chiocca



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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We hereby submit our report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008

Amounts required to be raised:	
Appropriations at Town Meeting	\$43,535,430.07
Tax Title Expense	\$45,000.00
Court Judgments	\$32,000.00
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$41,899.00
Teachers' Pay Deferral	\$160,000.00
Snow & Ice Deficit	\$222,306.50
Other	\$9,462.00
State & County Charges	\$2,237,359.00
Allowance for Abatement & Exemptions (Overlay)	<u>\$506,560.04</u>
Total Amount to be Raised:	\$46,790,016.61
Local Receipts Not Allocated (estimates based upon prior year)	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	\$1,676,392.47
Hotel/Motel Room Taxes	\$266,364.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes	\$ 147,750.17
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$71,505.93
Water	\$2,247,515.35
Sewer	\$1,960,033.00
Trash	\$1,192,475.45
Misc. Fees	\$248,498.62
Licenses & Permits	\$457,502.41
Fines	\$38,966.16
Investment Income	\$188,297.95
School	\$259,364.03
Other	\$565,921.95
Misc. Non Recurring	<u>\$1,260,630.32</u>
FY 2009 Total of Estimated Local Receipts: (Based on FY 2008 Actuals)	\$10,581,217.81

Estimated Receipts & Available Funds

Total Estimated Receipts from State	\$14,228,236.00
Estimated Receipts (Local)	\$10,581,217.81
Free Cash	\$275,620.31
Other Available Funds	<u>\$1,140,252.00</u>
Total:	\$26,225,326.12

Recapitulation Sheet

Gross Amount to be Raised	\$46,790,016.61
Estimated Receipts & Available	<u>\$26,225,326.12</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Property Tax	\$20,564,690.49

Real Property Valuations	\$1,876,106,390.00
Personal Property Valuations	<u>\$45,827,300.00</u>
Total Property Valuations	\$1,921,933,690.00

Tax Rate per Thousand \$10.70

Real Property Tax	\$20,074,388.38
Personal Property Tax	<u>\$490,352.11</u>

Total Taxes Levied \$20,564,690.49

Total of Additional Taxes Levied on Property

Sewer Assessments added to tax bills	
Principal (Apportionment Betterments)	\$3,754.99
Interest (Apportionment Betterments)	\$1,340.61
Unpaid Sewer Usage Liens	\$146,079.93
Trash Liens	<u>\$105,114.22</u>

Total Additional Taxes \$256,289.75

The Board of Assessors wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone, including the Town officials, clerical staff and the taxpayers for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Smith, Chairman  
Dennis Robson  
Jillene Smith  
Joseph A. Gibbons, M.A.A. Assessor/Appraiser

## MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The following is a report of the Rockland Memorial Library for the Fiscal Year 2008, covering July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The library was funded during this period with a final town appropriation of \$386,395. This represents approximately 1% of the total town budget. Initially, Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$411,395 thanks to a Town Meeting member's successful motion to fund the library at a little less than last year's reduced appropriation. This amount was then reduced by \$25,000, or 6%, at the December 7, 2007 Special Town Meeting. Please note the library reduction at this meeting, as reported by the Town Clerk on page 56 of the 2007 Annual Town Report, is incorrect. This is the second time in as many years that the Library budget has been reduced by Special Town Meeting.

The Rockland Memorial Library is a member of the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN) which consists of 26 public and 2 college libraries located primarily on the South Shore. Member libraries share access to almost 3 million items by way of a web-based catalog. Any resident with a valid OCLN library card may request and borrow materials from member libraries. Visit the library's website at [RocklandMemorialLibrary.org](http://RocklandMemorialLibrary.org) to access the library's catalog, view your account to renew and reserve materials, download audio books, search any of the specialized full-text databases, and view the library's calendar of events.

The Rockland Memorial Library is also a member of the state funded Southeast Massachusetts Regional Library System (SEMLS) which covers the cost of daily delivery of materials, research databases, and staff development training. The total monetary value of these services for Fiscal Year 2008 was \$109,000, at NO cost to the Town of Rockland.

### Statistics

Despite the 6% mid-year cut in funding, the library remained open 6 days a week (September through June) and 3 evenings a week year round. The library continues to be well-used, as shown by our statistics:

- The Library was open 2,419 hours including being open on 40 Saturdays
- The library obtained over 15,000 items via Interlibrary Loan for library card holders to borrow
- The Library owns 52,491 items including 47,023 books and 2,294 movies
- Over 4,000 children, teens, and adults attended almost 200 programs, events, and class visits at the Library
- 6,400 people signed up to use an Internet access workstation
- More than 2,500 students visited the library during 90 class visits

## **Programs for Children, Teens, and Adults**

A variety of free programs was held for Rockland residents, only some of which are listed below:

- “The Big Dig” presentation by award-winning Boston Globe reporter Sean P. Murphy
- “Wild Edible Plants of Massachusetts” funded by a Rockland Cultural Council grant
- “Images of Venice Pastel” program in October 2007 funded by a Rockland Cultural Arts Council grant
- “Baking Cookie Creatures” and “Bake Chocolate Chip Cookies.” Yes, the library has a real oven!
- “Holiday Craft Extravaganza,” a parent/child event in a Saturday in December 2007
- “Bookmaking for Kids”
- “Spooky Stories for Kids”
- “Dads & Digging: a Pirate Story Time” - a Saturday program
- Chinese New Year’s Celebration
- Teen Knitting/Crochet programs, an intergenerational get together with Seniors handing down their needlework skills to the next generation

Ongoing regular programs include:

- Baby & Toddler Story Times
- Pre-school Story Times
- P.J (evening) Story times
- Manga Club for 12 to 17-year-olds involving Japanese comics and printed cartoons
- Book Discussion Group for adults

The 2007 State Summer Reading Program, “Catch the Beat @ Your Library,” kicked off Fiscal Year 2008 in July 2007 with special events such as:

- “Rhythms of the World” funded by a Rockland Cultural Council grant
- “Family Sing-a-Long”
- “Swing Dancing at the Library” including dance lessons for older teens and adults

Our Annual End of Summer Reading Program Ice Cream party was enjoyed by young and old alike and was funded, in part, by the RML Foundation, Inc.

“Art in the Rotunda,” a monthly art display, continues to attract local artists and viewers alike. This year featured works by Karen Haffner, Steve Stahlbush, and Steven David Roberts. A group exhibition, the Rockland Senior Center Watercolor Group is a regular favorite. Some artists host an Artist’s Reception right in the Rotunda and the public is always welcome to attend these free events. A special showing of the Margaret M. O’Brien Collection was held. These oil paintings usually hang in the Library Archives. The library is pleased to offer space in the Library Rotunda for community artists to display their work. This ongoing art display series is coordinated by volunteer Karen Haffner.

## **Library Roof & Copper Dome**

Due to a successful Proposition 2½ Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion in April 2007, the library copper dome and side roofs of the original library building were replaced. The bid was awarded to Gilbert & Becker Co., Inc. of Boston. The \$300,000 project was overseen by a building consultant and the Permanent Town Building Committee. The discovery of further damage and additional

repairs above and beyond the original estimate were funded by an anonymous library donor to whom the library is very grateful.

### **Personnel Changes**

In August 2007 Reference Librarian Freyja Sanger resigned to take a position at the Tewksbury Public Library. Jane Long, full-time library technician, was promoted to the position of Circulation Chief in September. Robin Hall, Library Cataloger, assumed the position of Reference Librarian which she held previously. Janis Chandler became the Library Cataloger in January 2008. She comes to us from Cape Cod Community College and has previously worked in other public libraries. In April, we said goodbye to Peter Post, Library Custodian, who was “bumped” by Ellin Schneider, former Council on Aging van driver whose position was no longer funded by municipal appropriation.

### **Grants**

Rockland residents benefited from the following grants from the Rockland Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency: “Rhythms of the World,” “Wild Edible Plants of Massachusetts,” “Images of Venice Pastel,” and the Museum of Fine Arts Institutional Pass Program. The library also applied for and received a Rockland Cultural Council grant of \$1,000 for the restoration of the portrait of Maria Louise Pool, a Rockland author, which hangs in the Library. The Library is very grateful for this funding.

This year the Library again met state standards, was fully certified, and was qualified to receive a FY2008 State Aid to Public Libraries award in the amount of \$24,978.67.

In addition, the library applied for and received a \$621.16 Public Libraries Fund award from the MA Board of Library Commissioners. This grant provides a matching incentive for funds raised by local libraries from non-municipal sources for the enhancement of library services beyond those provided through municipal funds.

### **Gifts and Donations**

\$2,500.00 was bequeathed to the Rockland Memorial Library by the terms of the Will of Doris M. Higgins, late of Rockland. Mrs. Higgins was a former Library Trustee and a well-known community member. In addition, the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the VFW donated a P.O.W. flag to the library.

The holiday wreath that graces the Belmont Street door during the winter holidays is donated annually by Lisa Roberts in memory of her grandfather, John B. Fitzgerald, a former Library Trustee who served 51 years on the Board of Library Trustees.

The library also benefited from monetary donations by groups and individual members of the community. Monetary gifts can be given directly to the Rockland Memorial Library Gift Account. Again this fiscal year, the Rockland Lions Club donated \$1,000 which was used to purchase large print books, each of which has a book plate indicating their generous gift. The library is appreciative of all donations, large or small.

### **In Appreciation**

The Rockland Memorial Library is a community resource that fosters a love of reading and endeavors to improve the quality of life for Rockland residents. The hardworking and creative staff continues to strive to meet the growing informational, technological and life-long learning needs of

the citizens they serve. The library is also fortunate to have volunteers who donate their time and energy to assist the staff with a variety of tasks ranging from shelving books to unpacking delivery boxes and helping with other special projects. In December 2007 the Board of Library Trustees hosted a Volunteer Recognition Reception. Our library volunteers are extremely devoted; some have been with us for many years. Their work, if they were paid at minimum wage for the time they donate to the library, would collectively amount to more than \$6,760 each year.

In April 2008 Marie Buchan Colburn ran uncontested for re-election. Newly elected Laura Walsh joined the board for the first time. Their new terms will expire in 2011. The Library relies on the Board of Library Trustees, who give of their time and talent to support the library's goals by being active board members. A special thanks goes to Dorothy Gardner McCauley, who graciously filled a temporary vacancy on the Board of Library Trustees.

Lastly, the library and staff would like to thank all the people who continue to support the library both financially and through their patronage. Special thanks is extended to The Rockland Memorial Library Foundation, Inc. and to the Board of Library Trustees for their financial support. Both organizations have supplemented the library budget by covering some of the costs of providing library services for Rockland residents of all ages that are not normally covered by town appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly C. Brown, *Library Director*

Board of Library Trustees:

Kathleen M. Looney, *Chairperson*

Marie Buchan Colburn, *Vice Chairperson*

Richard L. Tetzlaff, *Treasurer*

Denise M. Wallace, *Secretary*

James A. Flanagan

Dorothy Gardner McCauley, *served from January 2008 through April 2008*

Laura A. Walsh

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Highway Department for the year 2008.

### **MAINTENANCE OF ROADS**

Springtime saw many potholes due to the winter months taking its toll on our roads. During the summer we replaced the cold patch in the potholes with hot top.

### **CATCH BASINS**

Damaged catch basins and manholes were rebuilt or repaired. Other catch basins were cleaned of sand and leaves for proper water flow.

### **TRAFFIC SIGNS AND STREET MARKINGS**

Street lane markings were painted on main roads. Stop lines and crosswalks were also painted. Street signs were installed at the request of the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Other projects during the year were the filling of potholes, patching roads and sidewalks, sanding and plowing Town streets, sweeping roadways, repairing and doing preventive maintenance on all trucks and equipment, as well as assisting other departments with equipment and manpower.

At this time, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the residents and other town departments for their cooperation throughout the year. A special thanks to the men and our Administrative Assistant at the Rockland Highway Department for a job well done over the year.

Respectfully submitted  
Robert Corvi, Jr.  
Highway Superintendent

## **TREE WARDEN**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:

The following is a report of the Tree Department for the year 2008.

During the past calendar year the Tree Department has had a very busy year with tree trimming.

The William J. Grace Tree Planting Program continues to be very successful with the planting of new trees throughout the Town.

The Tree Department would like to thank the Highway Department and all other department for their continuous help and effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Corvi, Jr.  
Tree Warden

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rockland:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit report as the Town Accountant for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The report includes the Town of Rockland's Financial Statements and the Budget Summary Schedule. I would like to thank the Selectmen for my position and their continued support. I would also like to thank all the department heads and my Assistant Accountant Diane McClure for her patience and cooperation. I would also like to welcome my new Administrative Assistant Teresa Dow. It is a pleasure working with all of the department heads and I thank you for your cooperation through the years. This is probably my last report as Town Accountant for your Town. Investment in your Town as it pays off in property value.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric A. Hart  
*Town Accountant*

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 20,017,896	\$ 20,017,896	\$ 20,098,936	\$ 81,040
Excise	1,620,871	1,620,871	1,862,916	242,045
Penalties and interest	160,288	160,288	147,752	(12,536)
Investment interest	331,563	331,563	195,254	(136,309)
Departmental, fees and other	2,505,222	2,505,222	2,566,837	61,615
Intergovernmental	13,991,083	13,991,083	14,115,457	124,374
Total revenues	<u>38,626,923</u>	<u>38,626,923</u>	<u>38,987,152</u>	<u>360,229</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General government	9,160,450	9,160,386	9,118,910	41,476
Public Safety	5,562,428	5,576,025	5,603,397	(27,372)
Education	18,850,903	18,850,903	18,803,880	47,023
Public works	826,816	821,161	1,027,618	(206,457)
Human services	1,501,559	1,493,332	1,456,471	36,861
Culture and recreation	902,402	863,536	863,102	434
State and county assessments	2,045,186	2,045,186	2,057,972	(12,786)
Debt service	330,850	330,850	330,850	-
Total Expenditures	<u>39,180,594</u>	<u>39,141,379</u>	<u>39,262,200</u>	<u>(120,821)</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(553,671)	(514,456)	(275,048)	239,408

**Other financing sources (uses)**

Transfers out to other funds		(6,781)	(6,781)	-
Transfers in from other funds	<u>26,312</u>	<u>26,312</u>	<u>26,687</u>	<u>375</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>26,312</u>	<u>19,531</u>	<u>19,906</u>	<u>375</u>

**Extraordinary item**

Proceeds from legal settlement	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,636</u>	<u>336,636</u>
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Revenues and other financing sources and extraordinary items over (under) expenditures and other financing uses

(527,359)	(494,925)	81,494	<u>\$ 576,419</u>
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Fund balances, beginning of year

<u>1,121,380</u>
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Fund balances, end of year

<u>\$ 1,202,874</u>
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**Other budget items**

Free cash appropriations	445,572	520,572
Overlay surplus	45,355	45,355
Carryover encumbrances and articles	259,533	152,099
Funding of prior year deficits	<u>(223,101)</u>	<u>(223,101)</u>
Total other budget items	<u>527,359</u>	<u>494,925</u>
Net budget	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – SEWER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Charges for services and other	\$ 1,985,171	\$ 1,985,171	\$ 2,053,612	\$ 68,441
Total revenues	1,985,171	1,985,171	2,053,612	68,441
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Public works	2,742,930	2,006,188	1,802,984	203,204
Debt service	145,406	145,406	145,242	164
Total Expenditures	2,888,336	2,151,594	1,948,226	203,368
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(903,165)	(166,423)	105,386	271,809
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Transfers out to other funds	(10,406)	(10,406)	(10,406)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(10,406)	(10,406)	(10,406)	-
<b>Extraordinary item</b>				
Proceeds from legal settlement	-	-	319,563	319,563
Revenues and other financing sources and extraordinary items over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(913,571)	(176,829)	414,543	<u>\$ 591,372</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			2,573,849	
Fund balances, end of year			\$ 2,988,392	
<b>Other budget items</b>				
Appropriation of fund balance	310,406	310,406		
Carryover encumbrances and articles	603,165	(133,577)		
Total other budget items	913,571	176,829		
Net budget	\$ -	\$ -		

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – WATER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Charges for services and other	\$ 2,192,546	\$ 2,192,546	\$ 2,224,574	\$ 32,028
Total revenues	2,192,546	2,192,546	2,224,574	32,028
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Public works	2,275,508	1,831,968	1,891,237	(59,269)
Debt service	450,000	450,000	259,642	190,358
Total Expenditures	2,725,508	2,281,968	2,150,879	131,089
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(532,962)	(89,422)	73,695	163,117
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Transfers out to other funds	(10,406)	(10,406)	(10,406)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(10,406)	(10,406)	(10,406)	-
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(543,368)	(99,828)	63,289	163,117
Fund balances, beginning of year			846,598	
Fund balances, end of year			\$ 909,887	
<b>Other budget items</b>				
Appropriation of fund balance	10,406	10,406		
Carryover encumbrances and articles	532,962	89,422		
Total other budget items	543,368	99,828		
Net budget	\$ -	\$ -		

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<b>Private Purpose Trust Funds</b>
<b>Additions</b>	
Private contributions	\$ 18,237
Interest and dividends	25,326
Total additions	<u>43,563</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarships and awards	<u>60,215</u>
Total deductions	<u>60,215</u>
Change in net assets	(16,652)
Net assets - beginning	<u>879,654</u>
Net assets - ending	<u><u>\$ 863,002</u></u>

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Accounts</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,814	\$ 26,713
Investments	756,188	
Total assets	<u>\$ 863,002</u>	<u>\$ 26,713</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Due to students and others	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,713</u>
Total liabilities	-	26,713
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		
Held in trust	<u>863,002</u>	
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 863,002</u>	<u>\$ 26,713</u>

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS  
RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Revenues and other financing sources and extraordinary items (under) expenditures and other financing uses - governmental funds	\$	(842,488)
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Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures, however the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities.

Capital outlays during the fiscal year		1,905,533
Depreciation recorded for the fiscal year		(1,951,235)

Revenues are recognized on the modified accrual basis of accounting in the fund financial statements, but are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting in the government-wide financial statements.

Net change in deferred revenue		(134,346)
Net change in unbilled receivables		(41,367)
Net change in allowance for doubtful accounts		184,930

The issuance and repayment of long term debt are recorded as other financing sources or uses in the fund financial statements, but have no effect on net assets in the government-wide financial statements. Also, governmental funds report issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar expenditures when paid, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized on a government-wide basis.

Principal payments on long term debt		459,553
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The fund financial statements record interest on long term debt when due and revenue from related subsidies when received. The government-wide financial statements report interest on long term debt and revenue on subsidies when incurred.

Accrued interest expense		42,353
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Certain liabilities are not funded through the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements; however, these liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The net change in these liabilities is reflected as an expense in the Statement of Activities. Changes in liabilities are as follows:

Landfill monitoring cost liability		25,000
Compensated absences		105,166

Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	(246,901)
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**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 20,061,239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,061,239
Excise taxes	1,862,916				1,862,916
Penalties and interest	147,752	8,446	10,093		166,291
Investment earnings	195,254		-	4,417	199,671
Departmental fines, fees, and other	2,510,269	3,456,371	2,023,712	2,503,356	10,493,708
Intergovernmental	18,480,819		23,915	3,261,726	21,766,460
Total revenues	43,258,249	3,464,817	2,057,720	5,769,499	54,550,285
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General government	13,427,704			68,752	13,496,456
Public safety	5,603,397			579,696	6,183,093
Education	18,803,880			4,816,525	23,620,405
Public works	1,027,618	3,131,480	1,802,984	779,288	6,741,370
Human services	1,456,471			97,493	1,553,964
Culture and recreation	863,102			792,768	1,655,870
State and county charges	2,057,972				2,057,972

Debt service					-
Principal	215,000	155,996	88,557		459,553
Interest and other charges	<u>115,850</u>	<u>103,646</u>	<u>60,793</u>		<u>280,289</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>43,570,994</u>	<u>3,391,122</u>	<u>1,952,334</u>	<u>7,134,522</u>	<u>56,048,972</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(312,745)	73,695	105,386	(1,365,023)	(1,498,687)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Transfers in	26,687	-	-	49,385	76,072
Transfers out	<u>(6,781)</u>	<u>(10,406)</u>	<u>(10,406)</u>	<u>(48,479)</u>	<u>(76,072)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	19,906	(10,406)	(10,406)	906	-
<b>Extraordinary items</b>					
Proceeds from legal settlement	<u>336,636</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>319,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>656,199</u>
Revenues and other financing sources and extraordinary items over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	43,797	63,289	414,543	(1,364,117)	(842,488)
Fund balances - beginning	<u>724,931</u>	<u>846,598</u>	<u>2,573,849</u>	<u>2,665,307</u>	<u>6,810,685</u>
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 768,728</u>	<u>\$ 909,887</u>	<u>\$ 2,988,392</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,190</u>	<u>\$ 5,968,197</u>

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 249,932	\$ 913,625	\$ 3,149,790	\$ 910,395	\$ 5,223,742
Investments	1,729,795			1,458,282	3,188,077
Receivables	2,309,705	367,639	386,816	1,508,357	4,572,517
Due from other funds	80,000				80,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,369,432</u>	<u>\$ 1,281,264</u>	<u>\$ 3,536,606</u>	<u>\$ 3,877,034</u>	<u>\$ 13,064,336</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>					
Accounts payable, accrued wages and other current liabilities	\$ 1,129,447	\$ 112,190	\$ 165,617	\$ 1,139,819	\$ 2,547,073
Provision for refund of paid taxes	360,477				360,477
Due to other funds				80,000	80,000
Notes payable				329,340	329,340
Deferred revenue	2,110,780	259,187	382,597	1,026,685	3,779,249
Total liabilities	<u>3,600,704</u>	<u>371,377</u>	<u>548,214</u>	<u>2,575,844</u>	<u>7,096,139</u>

**FUND BALANCES**

Fund balances:

Reserved for:					
Encumbrances and continued appropriations	107,434	443,540	736,741		1,287,715
Unreserved	661,294	466,347	2,251,651		3,379,292
Unreserved, reported in non-major:					
Special revenue funds				1,085,986	1,085,986
Capital projects funds				126,537	126,537
Permanent funds				88,667	88,667
Total fund balances	768,728	909,887	2,988,392	1,301,190	5,968,197
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ ,369,432	\$ 1,281,264	\$ 3,536,606	\$ 3,877,034	\$ 13,064,336

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Total fund balances of governmental funds	\$ 5,968,197
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in funds. The cost of the assets is \$85,624,467, net of accumulated depreciation of \$45,414,914.	40,209,553
Accounts receivable are not available to pay current-period expenditures and are deferred in funds, plus other accruals, net of uncollectibles.	4,223,507
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in funds.	(9,853,087)
Reporting of liabilities on full accrual basis requires accrual of interest on debt.	(110,220)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ 40,437,950

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
<u>Primary government</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities/Totals</u>
Governmental activities					
General government	\$ 13,540,984	\$ 273,379	\$ 4,366,783	\$ -	\$ (8,900,822)
Public safety	6,359,755	909,039	658,952	-	(4,791,764)
Education	23,631,508	1,784,413	12,285,479	-	(9,561,616)
Public works	7,053,183	5,767,129	210,697	114,806	(960,551)
Human services	1,576,507	1,254,180	217,462	-	(104,865)
Culture and recreation	1,004,757	226,892	80,563	499,000	(198,302)
Interest and other charges	237,936				(237,936)
State and county charges	2,057,972				(2,057,972)
Total governmental activities	\$ 55,462,602	\$ 10,215,032	\$ 17,819,936	\$ 613,806	(26,813,828)
General revenues:					
Property taxes, net of allowances for uncollectibles					20,185,535
Excise taxes					1,691,681
Penalties and interest					147,752
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					3,659,409
Investment income					199,671
Departmental and other					26,680
Extraordinary item - proceeds from legal settlement					656,199
Total general revenues and extraordinary items					26,566,927
Change in net assets					(246,901)
Net assets - beginning					40,684,851
Net assets - ending					\$ 40,437,950

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2008**

	<u>Primary Government Governmental Activities/Totals</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 5,223,742
Investments	3,188,077
Receivables	5,016,773
Capital Assets, net accumulated depreciation	40,209,555
Total Assets	\$ 53,638,147
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	
Accounts payable, accrued wages and other current liabilities	\$ 2,547,073
Provision for refund of paid taxes	360,477
Notes payable	329,340
Accrued interest payable	110,220
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	473,847
Due in more than one year	9,379,240
Total liabilities	13,200,197
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	34,757,234
Restricted	7,451,941
Unrestricted	(1,771,225)
Total net assets	\$ 40,437,950
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 53,638,147

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
BUDGET SUMMARY 6/30/08**

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	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Exps</u>	<u>Approp Bal End of Year</u>	<u>Carryover Articles</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Close to Unreserved Fund Balance</u>
Moderator						
Selectman	\$ 138,760.00	\$ 138,705.00	\$ 55.00			\$ 55.00
Fin Comm	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -			\$ -
Town Acct.	\$ 175,727.00	\$ 167,314.00	\$ 8,413.00			\$ 8,413.00
Assessors	\$ 222,629.00	\$ 184,193.00	\$ 38,436.00	\$ 36,361.20	\$ 2,058.74	\$ 16.06
Treasurer	\$ 213,712.00	\$ 213,657.00	\$ 55.00		\$ 4.98	\$ 50.02
Tax Coll.	\$ 121,421.00	\$ 121,419.00	\$ 2.00			\$ 2.00
Legal	\$ 171,629.00	\$ 158,197.00	\$ 13,432.00		\$ 8,591.28	\$ 4,840.72
Town Clerk	\$ 133,273.00	\$ 131,560.00	\$ 1,713.00	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 613.00
Town Mtg	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 15,841.00	\$ 13,659.00			\$ 13,659.00
Registrar	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,792.00	\$ 208.00			\$ 208.00
Cons. Comm.	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ -			\$ -
Plng Brd.	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 5,235.00	\$ (10.00)			\$ (10.00)
Zoning Brd.	\$ 5,075.00	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 915.00		\$ 126.11	\$ 788.89
Town Hall	\$ 74,210.00	\$ 70,324.00	\$ 3,886.00		\$ 1,422.56	\$ 2,463.44
Town Reports	\$ 10,114.00	\$ 10,114.00	\$ -			\$ -
Retirement	\$ 2,050,972.00	\$ 2,050,972.00	\$ -			\$ -
Health Insur.	\$ 5,026,496.00	\$ 5,019,512.00	\$ 6,984.00			\$ 6,984.00
FICA	\$ 272,120.00	\$ 268,830.00	\$ 3,290.00			\$ 3,290.00
Liability Insur. & unempl.	\$ 520,783.00	\$ 519,960.00	\$ 823.00			\$ 823.00
Audit	\$ 34,280.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 4,280.00			\$ 4,280.00
<b>Total General</b>	<b>\$ 9,215,051.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,118,910.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,141.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,461.20</b>	<b>\$ 12,203.67</b>	<b>\$ 46,476.13</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
BUDGET SUMMARY 6/30/08**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Exps</u>	<u>Approp Bal End of Year</u>	<u>Carryover Articles</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Close to Unreserved Fund Balance</u>
Police Dept.	\$ 2,960,767.00	\$ 2,959,454.00	\$ 1,313.00			\$ 1,313.00
Fire Dept	\$ 2,452,851.00	\$ 2,482,647.00	\$ (29,796.00)		\$ 1,186.57	\$ (30,982.57)
Building Dept.	\$ 98,877.00	\$ 98,648.00	\$ 229.00		\$ 90.00	\$ 139.00
Gas Inspect	\$ 5,695.00	\$ 5,695.00	\$ -			\$ -
Plumb Inspect.	\$ 8,958.00	\$ 8,958.00	\$ -			\$ -
Wghts & Meas.	\$ 4,263.00	\$ 4,263.00	\$ -			\$ -
Wiring Inspect	\$ 26,260.00	\$ 25,020.00	\$ 1,240.00			\$ 1,240.00
Emergency Mgmt.	\$ 19,630.00	\$ 18,712.00	\$ 918.00			\$ 918.00
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>\$ 5,577,301.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,603,397.00</b>	<b>\$ (26,096.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,276.57</b>	<b>\$ (27,372.57)</b>
Traffic Control	\$ 24,970.00	\$ 15,458.00	\$ 9,512.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,512.00
Tree Dept.	\$ 58,559.00	\$ 55,162.00	\$ 3,397.00			\$ 3,397.00
Highway Dept.	\$ 525,956.00	\$ 517,521.00	\$ 8,435.00		\$ 494.82	\$ 7,940.18
Snow Removal	\$ 153,391.00	\$ 375,697.00	\$ (222,306.00)			\$ (222,306.00)
Street Lght	\$ 67,331.00	\$ 63,780.00	\$ 3,551.00		\$ 3,551.56	\$ (0.56)
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$ 830,207.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,618.00</b>	<b>\$ (197,411.00)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 9,046.38</b>	<b>\$ (206,457.38)</b>
Waste Coll./Disp.	\$ 1,152,446.00	\$ 1,119,428.00	\$ 33,018.00			\$ 33,018.00
Landfill Monitor and Gas Vents	\$ 25,030.00	\$ 16,838.00	\$ 8,192.00	\$ 8,162.50		\$ 29.50
Board of Health	\$ 105,553.00	\$ 102,771.00	\$ 2,782.00			\$ 2,782.00
Visiting Nurse	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -			\$ -
Council on Aging	\$ 46,650.00	\$ 45,972.00	\$ 678.00			\$ 678.00
Veteran's Svcs.	\$ 163,880.00	\$ 163,462.00	\$ 418.00		\$ 64.50	\$ 353.50
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	<b>\$ 1,501,559.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,456,471.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,088.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,162.50</b>	<b>\$ 64.50</b>	<b>\$ 36,861.00</b>

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
BUDGET SUMMARY 6/30/08**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Exps</u>	<u>Approp Bal End of Year</u>	<u>Carryover Articles</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Close to Unreserved Fund Balance</u>
Teen Center						
Youth Comm.(incl. O.R.)	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -			\$ -
Library	\$ 688,119.00	\$ 649,190.00	\$ 38,929.00	\$ 24,485.05	\$ 14,011.53	\$ 432.42
Park Dept.	\$ 174,637.00	\$ 173,912.00	\$ 725.00		\$ 723.62	\$ 1.38
Celebrations			\$ -			\$ -
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>\$ 902,756.00</b>	<b>\$ 863,102.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,654.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,485.05</b>	<b>\$ 14,735.15</b>	<b>\$ 433.80</b>
Debt Service-Principal	\$ 215,000.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$ -			\$ -
Debt Service-Interest	\$ 115,850.00	\$ 115,850.00	\$ -			\$ -
<b>Debt Total</b>	<b>\$ 330,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 330,850.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
School Dept.	\$ 17,709,394.00	\$ 17,662,371.00	\$ 47,023.00			\$ 47,023.00
S.S. Reg.Schl. Dist.	\$ 1,141,509.00	\$ 1,141,509.00	\$ -			\$ -
<b>School Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,850,903.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,803,880.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,023.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 47,023.00</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	<b>\$ 2,025,578.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,057,972.00</b>	<b>\$ (32,394.00)</b>			<b>\$ (32,394.00)</b>
Net Gen Fd	\$ 39,234,205.00	\$ 39,262,200.00	\$ (27,995.00)	\$ 70,108.75	\$ 37,326.27	\$ (135,430.02)
Assessments	\$ 2,062,186.00	\$ 2,057,971.68	\$ 4,214.32			\$ 4,214.32
Prior Year Snow and Ice Deficit	\$ 169,767.00	\$ 169,767.00	\$ -			\$ -
Teacher Pay Deferral Amorization	\$ 53,333.00	\$ 53,333.00	\$ -			\$ -
Transfer to Other Funds						\$ -
Subtotal - G.F.	\$ 41,519,491.00	\$ 41,543,271.68	\$ (23,780.68)	\$ 70,108.75	\$ 37,326.27	\$ (131,215.70)
Water	\$ 2,725,508.21	\$ 2,161,284.51	\$ 564,223.70	\$ 380,294.35	\$ 63,246.30	\$ 120,683.05
Sewer	\$ 2,883,335.98	\$ 1,958,632.14	\$ 924,703.84	\$ 721,770.27	\$ 14,971.26	\$ 187,962.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,128,335.19</b>	<b>\$ 45,663,188.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,146.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,172,173.37</b>	<b>\$ 115,543.83</b>	<b>\$ 177,429.66</b>

## **ROCKLAND SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

It is my pleasure to submit the Second Annual Report of the Rockland School Building Committee to the Citizens of Rockland. It's hard to believe that one year has passed since our last report. At that time we had just learned the Rockland Middle School was 1 out of 83 school projects out of hundreds of request that was approved for consideration by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). After many meetings and visits by the MSBA we finally received an invitation (1 of 49) from the MSBA to move into the Feasibility Stage.

During this stage a comprehensive study of the project will take place to prepare us for the final step of construction. Architects, engineers and the school community will make choices as to the site, the building design and the education design during this process. At the end of this process, taxpayers will have a design and a construction cost to vote on as well as the amount the MSBA will pay towards construction.

The cost to do the Feasibility Study would be \$655,200.00 with 55% reimbursement from the MSBA. The cost to the town would be \$294,840.00. This would require a vote of Town Meeting as well as a vote at a Town Election. As I mentioned in our last report our newly formed Political Action Committee "SAVE OUR SCHOOLS" was formed and began raising money to make the Citizens of Rockland aware of the need to approve the necessary funding. Led by Julie Shields, overall chair, Pattie Penney, fund raising chair, and literally hundreds of parents and concerned citizens thousands of dollars were raised to fund an extensive educational campaign. This ended in an overwhelming vote of approval, 75% at the April Election and a unanimous vote at the May Town Meeting.

With this overwhelming support from the Town's voters we received approval from the MSBA to move forward to hire an Owners Project Manager (OPM) which is a requirement under state law. The OPM acts on behalf of the Town, taxpayers and as a go-between for and with the MSBA. An OPM assures that the project moves forward in the quickest and most cost effective way. A Selection Committee was formed and a Bid for Request for Services was advertised. We received 22 requests and a site visit was made by these firms. Of the 22 only 10 requested to participate in the interview process. After an extensive review process in Open Session the 10 were narrowed to 4 finalists and then the 4 were reinterviewed for a final recommendation to the Building Committee and the MSBA. The unanimous choice of the Interview Committee was Daedalus Projects. Daedalus has extensive experience as an OPM and has an excellent relationship with the MSBA and our present Architects. The Building Committee unanimously approved the recommendation of the Interview Committee. The Superintendent of Schools, John Retchless, myself and a representative from Daedalus then met with the MSBA for their approval which we received.

We are now moving forward with the Feasibility Study which should take approximately five to six months. Once this is approved by the MSBA we can then move into the Development Stage. It is planned to involve all aspects of the Rockland Community in this phase. Hopefully if all goes well we should have a project approved by the MSBA, the cost of the new school as well as what our reimbursement will be within the next 10 to 12 months. At that time we will have to go before the Rockland voters at a Town Meeting and Election for approval of the Town's share.

I would like to thank members of the School Building Committee, School Committee, other Town Officials who have assisted us and members of the Save Our Schools Committee (SOS) for all their help and support. In particular, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our School

Superintendent, John Retchless, for his tremendous support and commitment to this project. Without it, I don't believe we would be where we are now.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Rockland School Building Committee. Members are as follows: Larry Chaffee, Ken Dunn, John Ellard, Dick Jones, Arnold Laramee, Bob Manzella, Richard Phelps, Richard Penney, Tom Mills, John Retchless, John Rogers, Doric Scarpelli, Steve Sangster, Paul Stanish, Donald Walsh, Marilyn Werkheiser, Pam Worden & Jared Valanzola.

John W. Rogers, Chairman

## **THE PERMANENT TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE**

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:*

The Permanent Town Building Committee is pleased to submit its annual report for the 2008 calendar year.

The Committee was busy overseeing the installation of the new roof for the Library. The Town passed a debt exclusion for the Library roof in 2007. The dome was stripped of the old copper, the EPDM and shingles were removed. There was a small amount of wood rot found due to the leaks. All the rotted material was removed and replaced with pressure treated material. The Committee, with the help of their consultant, Jennifer Campbell - Horne of JCH Consulting and with the knowledge and workmanship of Gilbert and Becker Company of 16 – 24 Clapp Street, Dorchester, MA, the project was successfully completed and shall last for many years.

The Chairman would like to thank the Committee Members and the Committee's secretary for their many long hours committed to these ongoing Town Projects. The Members would also like to thank all of the Town Departments for their cooperation with regards to these projects.

Respectfully submitted,

### Committee Members

Robert A. Manzella, Chairman  
Stanley Cleaves, Vice-Chairman  
Gregory Tansey  
Chris Vlachos  
Ken Dunn

### Secretary

Candi DiRenzo

## **“ROCKLAND’S BEST”: DR. JOHN W. ROGERS IS HONORED BY TOWN OF ROCKLAND AND U.S. CONGRESS**

**“ROCKLAND’S BEST”** - Dr. John W. Rogers was honored twice recently for his decades of service to the Town of Rockland, to the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corp. (SSTTDC), and to the larger South Shore area. On behalf of Rockland, James Simpson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and Larry Chaffee, Vice Chairman, presented Rogers with the “Rockland’s Best” Award. Rogers served as Superintendent of Schools for nearly 25 years and the Middle School bears his name. At SSTTDC, he represented Rockland as one of its two Board members for nine years, serving two terms as Board Chairman. The second honor bestowed on Rogers: On May 14, in Washington, Congressman William D. Delahunt entered into the Congressional Record a statement “honoring John Rogers’ long and distinguished career in public service.” Shown at the recent Rockland Town Hall ceremony are (left to right): James W. Lavin of Abington, SSTTDC Board Chairman; John R. Ward of Rockland, SSTTDC Clerk; Dr. John W. Rogers; James Simpson and Larry Chaffee. Rogers is continuing his public service as a newly elected member of the Rockland Housing Authority. SSTTDC is the agency overseeing transformation of the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station into the mixed-use community of Southfield.



Courtesy of Stanley Hurwitz

# ROCKLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## Annual Report 2008

The past year brought many challenges to the School Committee with the Town's fiscal outlook among the biggest concern. With the hard work of all the staff we were able to get through another tight budget year and still maintain relatively small class sizes and keep many programs to benefit our students in place. The Central Office staff, along with Michael Mullen of the School Committee, has spent many hours working with the Town Administrator and the Finance Committee to insure we get the most out of our limited budget.

Now having a full year under his belt, the Superintendent, John Retchless, has made great strides within the community to build a trust in what the school system is doing for the town and its students. John has involved himself in many activities, including taking a role in the High School production of Grease. The respect that has been gained for his office is credit to him and his staff.

Work continues with the state and the School Building Committee to bring a long needed new Middle School to Rockland. The hard work and long hours put in by this Committee will make this project a reality in the years to come. We especially thank Mrs. Werkhieser and Mr. Mills that not only give of their time as members of the School Committee but also serve on the Building Committee and work diligently to keep the rest of the School Committee up to date.

Many challenges lie ahead for the School Committee but with the continued support of the staff, parents, and townspeople we will strive to make 2009 a great year for our students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Norris  
Chairman, Rockland School Committee

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mark S. Norris, Chairman	Term Expires 2009
Michelle E. Pezzella, Vice Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Thomas F. Mills, Jr., Secretary	Term Expires 2009
Michael P. Mullen, Jr.	Term Expires 2010
Marilyn J. Werkheiser	Term Expires 2010

ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL

John Retchless Office Tel: 878-3893	Superintendent of Schools 34 MacKinlay Way
Doric Scarpelli Office Tel: 878-3893	Assistant Superintendent 34 MacKinlay Way
Kathryn Salem Office Tel: 878-1380	Director of Pupil Personnel Services 198 Spring Street
Stephen P. Sangster Office Tel: 871-0541	Principal Rockland High School
Paul E. Stanish Office Tel: 878-4341	Principal Rogers Middle School
Carol McGrath Office Tel: 878-8336	Principal R. Stewart Esten School
Gerald Kohn/Robert Levine Office Tel: 871-8400	Principals Jefferson School
Janice Sheehan Office Tel: 878-1367	Principal Memorial Park School

# LOCATION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Senior High School 34 MacKinlay Way

## DIRECTOR OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Almshouse 198 Spring Street

## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12/EASE 52 MacKinlay Way

## ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8 100 Taunton Avenue

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

R. Stewart Esten	Grades K-5	733 Summer Street
Memorial Park	Grades K-5	1 Brian Duffy Way
Jefferson	Grades K-5	34 James Street

## BUSINESS OFFICE PERSONNEL

Burrill, Carol	Lamb, Donna
Caplice, Donna	Miller, Patricia
Cusick, Judith	

## SCHOOL SECRETARIES

Armstrong, Karen	Senior High School
Brown, Paula	Daycare
Cronin, Kathleen	Pupil Personnel
Damon, Frances	Rogers Middle School
DelPrete, Carol	Senior High School
Ellis, Jane	Senior High School
Garvey, Claire	Jefferson School
LaCombe, Janet	Esten School
Russo, Helen	Memorial Park School
Smith, Nancy	Rogers Middle School
Woodward, Mary Ellen	Senior High School

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Belcher, Douglas MD

School Physician

Anderson, Virginia RN  
Casagrande, Patricia RN  
DiGregorio, Beverly RN  
Franzen, Deborah RN  
Ryan, Kathi RN

St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing  
Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing  
Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing  
Massasoit Community College School of Nursing  
University of Massachusetts, Boston

AIDES

Allen, Carol  
Balas, Joan  
Barry, Janet  
Beaudet, Elizabeth  
Boylan, Connie  
Bradford, Marlys  
Brennan, Cheryl  
Brennan, Dianne  
Brownell, Denise  
Cary, Neil  
Casey, Lee  
Clark, Maureen  
Collins, Stephanie  
Connell, Deborah  
Coulstring, Patricia  
Cousin, Joann  
DeCecco, Kathleen  
Doyle, Theresa  
Duncan, Diane  
Dunn, Carla  
Garrity, Kathleen  
Goldman, Carol  
Hannigan, Dale  
Heney, Lori  
Houston, Laure  
Johnson, Kimberly  
Kilgallen, Catherine  
Kirslis, Joyce  
Knudsen, Lida

Langley, Patricia  
Lyon-Murphy, Edith  
MacDonald, Christina  
Mahon, Lois  
Mahoney, Diane  
Makarski, Lisa  
Maloney, Jean  
McDonough, Anita  
McSolla, Dorothy  
Mellen, Nancy  
Messier, Karen  
Mondville, Sharon  
Moscardelli, Theresa  
Murphy, Susan  
Parnaby, Hillary  
Pelrin, Karen  
Reyno, Paula  
Riley, Caron, Catherine  
Rossiter, Deborah  
Sampson, Jeanne  
Smith, Brenda  
Smith, Christine  
Sommers, Claudia  
Sullivan, Susan  
Trudeau, Cheryl  
Tufts, Suzanne  
Welch, Allison  
Wells, Kathleen  
Winsor, Kim

PART-TIME

Delprete, Christine  
Kane, Dawn  
Penney, Patricia

SPECIAL EDUCATION DRIVERS

Feinstein, Brenda	Richardson, Jean
Flanders, Anne	Smith, Michelle
Haapaoja, Joyce	

MAINTENANCE

Dunn, Kenneth Supervisor	Victor, Paul
Catino, Andrew	

CUSTODIANS

SENIOR HIGH

Mahoney, Paula	Tolan, Peter
McCarthy, David	Walsh, Michael
Taylor, Phillip	Woodward, Warren (part-time)

ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Caldeiro, Robert (part-time)	Kelly, Paul
Kelly, John	Olson, Curt

ELEMENTARY

Callahan, Patrick	Panaro, Urban( part-time)
Crovo, Peter	Paradiso, Michael
Gay, Richard	Rose, Edward
Golemme, David	Smith, Richard
McGarry, William	Toohy, Liam

CAFETERIA PERSONNEL

John Brennan, Director

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Boughter, Beverly, Asst. Mgr.	Low, Donna
Dowdall, Sandra	Millen, Margaret
Faulstich, Jill	Rogers, Diane, Mgr.
Fee, Miriam	Whitley, Shirley
Knight, Catherine	Wilcox, Lynn

ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baker, Karen	Hall, Judith
Bistany, Pamela	Leeman, Dorothy
Curran, Denise, Mgr.	Murphy, Mary, Asst. Mgr.
Dearth, Gail	Welch, Teala

ELEMENTARY

Benson, Margaret	Loughlin, Doreen-Holy Family
Burke, Patricia	Martin, Barbara
Crawford, Elizabeth	Rugnetta, Michelle
Crooks, Diane, Mgr.	Sargent, Ruth
Delprete, Brenda	Swiatek, Amanda
DiCienzo, Denise	Trapeno, Beverly, Mgr
Ernest, Patricia-Holy Family	Whiting, Joanne, Mgr.-Holy Family
Lampert, Paula	

**ANNUAL REPORT  
SCHOOL/DEGREE**

		<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>GRADE/SUBJ</u>
ADAMS	MARCIA	NORTH ADAMS	BS	GRADE 3
ANDERS	CYNTHIA	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	PRE SCHOOL
ARMSTRONG	ANGELINA	COLORADO STATE UNIV	BS	SCIENCE
BAILEY	ALANNA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	TECH DIR/MATH CHAIR
BABCOCK	MONICA	LESLEY UNIVERSITY	BA	GRADE 4
BARRETT	MAUREEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
BEAL	PATRICIA	SALEM STATE	BS	GRADE 1
BIGSBY	CHAD	STATE UNION COLLEGE NY NY STATE UNIVERSITY	BA MA	ENGLISH
BISSONNETTE	MICHELE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
BLACK	MARGARET	BRIDGEWATER STATE UMASS	BA MED	GUIDANCE
BOGUS	MARGARET	BOSTON STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 6
BOHN	BETH	PROVIDENCE COLL BOSTON COLL	BA MED	ASST. PRINC/SPED
BOYLE	PATRICIA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	TITLE 1
BLAKE	KERRI	CURRY COLLEGE	BA	GRADE 4
BRICKLEY	CAROL	BOSTON STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 4
BUCKLEY	MARGARET	SUFFOLK UNIV UMASS BOSTON	BA MA	LANG. CHAIR
BURKE	GALE	FITCHBURG STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 5

BURWEN	RUSSELL	CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	MED BS	SCIENCE
BUTLER	KRISTIN	FAIRFIELD UNION MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL	BS MS	SPEECH
CABLE-MURPHY	DAVID	EMERSON COLLEGE EMERSON COLLEGE	BS MA	WRPS
CAHILL	CAROL	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	ENGLISH
CALIRI	EMELIA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 5
CAMIRAND	MARIAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 2
CANN	JANET	UNIV OF MASS NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BA MED	GUIDANCE
CAREY	MARA	BRIDGEWATER STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 6
CARTHAS	COURTNEY	SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY	BS	KINDERGARTEN
CASAGRANDE	JAMES	WESTERN N.E.	BS	SCIENCE
CASAGRANDE	STEVEN	WESTERN N.E.	BA	MATH
CLAY	DIANA	UNIV OF MAINE/FARM.	BS	PRE SCHOOL
COEN	HELEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 6
COLLINS	SARAH	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
COOK	JANET	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 8
CORBETT	KATHARINE	STONEHILL COLL	BA	GRADE 1
CORR	DIANE	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BA MED	GRADE 7
COSTELLO	JOAN	STONEHILL COLLEGE	BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
COWGILL	ANGELINE	WHEATON COLLEGE SIMMONS COLLEGE UNIV. OF MASS	BA MA MED	SPANISH
CREEDON	DENISE	BRIDGEWATER STATE LESLEY COLLEGE	BS MED	KINDERGARTEN
CURLEY	CAITLYN	EASTERN NAZARENE COLL EASTERN NAZARENE COLL	BA MED	GRADE 1
CURTIN	KAREN	UNIV. OF NORTH CAROLINA NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE	BA MS MED	GRADE 8 SCIENCE
DAMON II	FREDRICK	BOSTON COLL	BA	MATH /DEAN

DAVIDSON	DENISE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED CAGS	GUIDANCE
DIGGLE	MARY	STATE UNIV.COLLEGE UNIV. OF ALBANY	BS MA/MS	ESL
DONDERO	MARIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 4
DRESSLER	EUGENE	HARVARD UNIV HARVARD UNIV	BA MBA	MATH
DUFFEY	KAREN	PROVIDENCE COLLEGE ENDICOTT COLLEGE	BA MED	SPED
DUNIN	HEATHER	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
DUNN	ANNEMARIE	FRAMINGHAM ST COLL LESLEY COLL	BS MED	GRADE 6
DUNN	MARY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 7
DUQUETTE	SUE-ELLEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 1
ELFMAN	BRENDA	UMASS UNIV OF VA	BS MED	SPEECH
ENOS	GLEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE LESLEY COLL	BA MED	GRADE 3
FALLON	PATRICIA	SALEM STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 5
FARLEY	AMY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
FERNANDES	HOPE	JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIV LESLEY COLLEGE	BA MED	ENGLISH
FERRY	KATHLEEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 2
FLANAGAN	JAMES	UMASS CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BA MED	SOCIAL STUDIES
FLANAGAN	MARY	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BA MED	GRADE 7
FOLSOM	BRENDA	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BS MED	HEALTH/PHYS ED
FORLIZZI	COLLEEN	MERRIMACK COLLEGE CURRY COLLEGE	BS MED	GRADE 8
FRATES	JANICE	WHEELOCK UNIV. OF MASS	MED BA	KINDERGARTEN
GATTINE	RICHARD	CURRY COLL SIMMONS COLL	BS MS	SPED

GEORGE	JAMIE	UNIV. OF NH SIMMONS COLLEGE	BA MA	GRADE 8
GRASS	CATHERINE	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	SPEECH/LANGUAGE
GRATTAN	NANCY	UMASS/AMHERST FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	GRADE 6
GRAZIANO	GARY	JOHNSON & WALES BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	ATH DIR/FAM CONS. SCI.
GRIEVES	MARCIA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	TITLE I
GRIMMETT	RANDAL	BRIDGEWATER STATE SUFFOLK UNIV	BS JD	S.STUDIES CHAIR
HAFNER	ERIC	BOSTON UNIV TUFTS UNIV	BS CAGS	SCH PSYCH
HAGGERTY	MICHAEL	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	GRADE 6 ENGLISH
HANSEN	SUSAN	HOBART & WM SMITH LESLEY COLLEGE	BA MED	GRADE 6
HARDEN	MATTHEW	UNIV. OF MASS ITHACA COLLEGE	BA/MUSIC MA/MUSIC	MUSIC DIRECTOR
HARRIS	ELLEN	MASS COLL. OF ART	BFA	ART
HAYES	DIANE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 3
HOCKING	CAROL	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	SPED
HOFFMAN	KATHY-ANNE	CLARK UNIVERSITY	BA	MATH
HOGAN	DEBORAH	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 2
HOYO	SAMANTHA	UNIV. OF MASS	BS	SCIENCE
HUGHES	STEVEN	BUTLER UNIV. BUTLER UNIV. INDIANA UNIV.	BS MS EdD	PSYCHOLOGIST
JAGIELA	ELIZABETH	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE LESLEY UNIVERSITY	BA MED	GRADE 6 MATH
JOHNSON	CRAIG	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	MATH
KELLEY	ROBIN	CRANE SCH OF MUSIC CENT CONN STATE UNIV	BMUS MS	MUSIC
KIDD	EMILY	BOSTON COLLEGE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BA MS/CAGS	PSYCHOLOGY
KING	APRIL	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	ART
KILLINGER	JAN	STONEHILL COLL	BA	SPED

KLINE	PAULA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
KNAPP	ELIZABETH	SUNY COLLEGE-POTSDAM NY	BA	ESL
KNOBEL	MARY	REGIS COLLEGE	BA	SCIENCE
KRAJEWSKI	JESSICA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 1
LABOLLITA	BARBARA	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	SPED
LAMLEIN	KERRY M.	STONEHILL COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BS MED	GRADE 6
LANNIN-COTTON	MADÉLINE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	ENGLISH
LEARNING	MELINDA	BOSTON STATE COLL BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
LEARY	ROBERT	PLYMOUTH STATE COLL	BS	PHYS. ED.
LEONE	CAROL	U.MASS/BOSTON BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA MED	FOR LANG
LESTER	STEVEN	BOSTON UNIV. SUFFOLK UNIV. BOSTON UNIV.	BS MED EdD	GRADE 5
LINEHAN	JESSICA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	LIBRARY
LIQUORI	NICK	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	MATH
LOMBARDI	SANDRA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SOCIAL STUDIES
LONERGAN	SUSAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BS MED	GRADE 5
LONG	ELLEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE EASTERN NAZARENE COLL.	BS MED	SPED
LOONEY	SHANNON	WESTFIELD STATE COLL BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
LORDS	SCOTT	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	SCIENCE
LOSCIUTO	RUTH	WORCESTER ST. COLL EMERSON COLL	BS MS	SPEECH
MacDONALD	HEATHER	BRIDGEWATER STATE FITCHBURG STATE	BS MED	SPED
MARIANO	LAURIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	SPED
MARK	JEAN	N.ADAMS STATE COLL	BS	TITLE 1
McALLISTER	RICK	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
McDONALD	CHARLES	WESTERN N.E. COLLEGE	BS	GRADE 8 MATH

MCDONNELL	JULIE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 1
MCDONOUGH	AMANDA	HOUGHTON COLLEGE	BA	ENGLISH
MCFARLAND	LINDA	SUFFOLK UNIV.	BS	GRADE 2
MCGONNIGAL	SHARON	CURRY COLL CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BA MED	SPED COORD.
MCGRATH	CAROL	BRIDGEWATER STATE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	PRINCIPAL
MCNAMARA	LISA	LESLEY COLL	BS	SPED
MERTEN FLEMING	PATRICIA	UNIV OF MAINE	BS	FAM CONS SCI
MIKLOS	MARY	YOUNGSTOWN ST. OHIO NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	EASE COORD.
MILLER	ALICIA	UNIV. OF MASS FRAMINGHAM STATE	BA MED	SPED
MINAHAN	JULIE	UNIIV. OF MASS	BA	GRADE 8 ENGLISH
MITCHELL	DIANA	MERRIMACK COLLEGE	BA	GRADE 7 MATH
MULLANEY	JOAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPED
MULREADY	VALERIE	WESTFIELD STATE	BS	MATH
MURPHY	ROBERT	BOSTON UNIVERSITY HARVARD UNIVERSITY	BA MA	SCIENCE
NEE	KAREN	CURRY COLLEGE WHEELLOCK	BA MS	GRADE 4
NETTO	PATRICIA	CURRY COLLEGE	BS	SPED
OBRIEN	KATHLEEN	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 4
O'DAY	ERIN	HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY	BA	GRADE 1
O'DONNELL	GEORGE	RHODE ISLAND COLL	BS	TECH ED
O'DUGGAN	ERIN	UNIV OF COLORADO UNIV OF COLORADO	BA MA	SPEECH
OKOLA	CATHERINE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	SPED
OSBORNE	ELIZABETH	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 2
OWEN	KENNETH	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	PHYS ED
PAGE	JEAN	FITCHBURG STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 2
PARKER	BARRY	CURRY COLL	BA	TECH.ED.

PARKER	LAUREN	BRIDGEWATER STATE SYRACUSE UNIV.	BS MS	SPEECH
PATTON	SUSAN	BRIDGEWATER STATE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BA MED	ASST. PRINCIPAL
PAULDING	KATHLEEN A.	FITCHBURG STATE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BS MED	SOCIAL STUDIES
PAYLOR	PAULA	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 2
PELISSIER	PAULA	BRIDGEWATER STATE BOSTON UNIV.	BA MS	SPEECH
PERKINS	JEFFREY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	PHYS ED
PHELPS	SUSAN	WESTFIELD STATE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE	BS MED	PHYS ED
PIERCE	JOANN	BOSTON COLL NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MED	SPEL
PISTORINO	MARY	BOSTON COLLEGE	BA	SPEL
REINBOLD	ELISA	BOSTON UNIV. WHEELLOCK COLL	BS MS	PRE SCHOOL
REYNOLDS	MEEMEE	UNION-CAL UNIV OF MASS	BA MED	ALC TEACHER
REPPUCCI	JOANNE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	SPEL
RETCHESS	JOHN	BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY McGILL UNIVERSITY	BA BS MED	SUPERINTENDENT
ROBACK	JENNIFER	WORCESTER STATE	BS	SPEL
ROSS	ANN MARIE	FRAMINGHAM STATE	BS	GRADE 2
ROWE	GREGORY	SUFFOLK UNIV.	BS	SOCIAL STUDIES
RUNCI	PATRICK	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	BS	GRADE 4
RUSCONI	TERESA	REGIS COLL U.MASS/BOSTON	BA MED	SPEL
RUSSO	ELIZABETH	REGIS COLL UNIV. OF NEW ENGLAND	BA MED	GRADE 1
RYAN	LISA	UNIV OF CONN LESLEY COLLEGE	BS MED	TECHNOLOGY
SALEM	KATHRYN	LESLEY UNIV UNIV. OF MASS BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED CAGS	DIR PPL PERS

SANGSTER	STEPHEN	NORTHWESTERN STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MS	PRINCIPAL
SAVAGE-CAPRIO	WENDY	SKIDMORE COLL BOSTON COLL	BS MED	GRADE 1
SCARPELLI	DORIC	HOLY CROSS COLL BOSTON COLL FITCHBURG STATE	BA MED CAGS	ASST. SUPERINTENDENT
SCARPELLI	JENNIFER	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	PHYS ED
SCHAEFER	KATHY	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	GRADE 5
SCHEUFELE	MICHELLE	EASTERN NAZARENE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 4
SCHIPPER	CHERYL	U.MASS/LOWELL	BS	SCIENCE/DEAN
SCOPELLETTI-HOWES	MARY	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 7
SCOTT	LEE	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS	TITLE 1
SHEA	BRIAN	UNIV. OF FLORIDA BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA MED	GRADE 3
SHEEHAN	JANICE	BRIDGEWATER STATE EASTERN NAZARENE COLL	BS MED	PRINCIPAL
SHERIDAN	PAMELA	FITCHBURG STATE COLL	BS	GRADE 1
SKARBEK	EDWARD	SETON HALL UNIV. BOSTON STATE COLL	BS MED	GRADE 4
SMITH-TAYLOR	DEBORAH	BRIDGEWATER STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	SPED
STANISH	PAUL	BRIDGEWATER STATE BOSTON STATE COLL	BS MED	PRINCIPAL
SULLIVAN	KATHLEEN	FITCHBURG STATE BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	GRADE 3
SUTNICK	MICHAEL	BOSTON CONSERVATORY ENDICOTT COLLEGE	B MUSIC MED	MUSIC
TESSAR	SANDRA	RHODE ISLAND COLL CASTLETON STATE COL	BS MED	ART
THOMPSON	CHERYL	UNIV OF NEBRASKA	BA	ART
TULLY	GWEN	MURRAY STATE UNIV. BRIDGEWATER STATE	BS MED	ADJ.CNSLR
VIEIRA	MARTIN	BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIV	BA	ESL
VLACHOS	DONNA	BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA	TITLE 1

WAGNER	MARGARET	LOYOLA LOYOLA	BA MS	SPEECH
WALSH	KRISTEN	EMERSON COLLEGE	BA	ENGLISH
WALSH	THERESA	SIMMONS COLLEGE SIMMONS COLLEGE	BA MA	GRADE 5
WASSERMAN	JAY	NORTHEASTERN UNIV WHEELOCK COLLEGE	BS MS	SPED
WATKINS	SARAH	UNIVERSITY OF ALBANY SIENA COLLEGE	MA BA	SOCIAL STUDIES
WEBBER	MELISSA	BOSTON COLLEGE	BA	GRADE 6
WELLS	MARY	NORTHEASTERN UNIV. UMASS/AMHERST	BS MED	GRADE 3
WHELAN	LISA	MARIST COLLEGE NORTHEASTERN UNIV.	BS MS/CAGS	PSYCHOLOGY
WHITE	LAWRENCE	U.MASS/BOSTON	BS	GRADE 7
WOOD	STEPHANIE	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	BA	SPANISH
WOODWARD	AMY	BRYN MAWR COLLEGE UNIV. OF PENN U.MASS BOSTON	AB JD MED	ENGLISH
WORDEN	PAMELA	SUNY CORTLAND N.Y. BRIDGEWATER STATE	BA MED	GRADE 7
YOFFE	RACHEL	BOSTON COLLEGE BOSTON COLLEGE	BA MED	GRADE 3

# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

## PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

Rockland Public Schools continues to provide quality education during difficult financial times. 2008 saw a second year of our Elementary Reading Program with an increased emphasis on Writing Across the Curriculum. The elementary schools implemented Response to Intervention (RTI) in all three buildings. This program, which provides students with additional language arts instruction at their level, allows for remediation and enrichment depending on the student's ability. Intensive teacher training took place during the end of the 2007-2008 school year and the program was implemented in September 2008.

The summer of 2008 saw the renovation of four Science laboratories at the high school. The condition of the Science labs had resulted in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) placing the high school on probation. This was the first step to correcting this issue. The new labs have state of the art technology, lab tables, and electricity. They provide our staff and students with an environment in which 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning can occur.

2008 saw the resurgence of the Rockland High School Drama Program. An energy filled production of *GREASE* played to 1,100 patrons over two nights and was appreciated for its exuberant entertainment. Gabrielle Guarracino attended the National Poetry Out Loud in Washington, D.C. for the second consecutive year. Our Art students routinely win high awards in the Boston Globe competition and our graduates obtain places in the finest four year colleges. In 2008, Rockland placed students at Harvard, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Tufts, Amherst, and many other excellent colleges. Rockland students continue to demonstrate their ability to compete at the highest level.

A true strength of Rockland Public Schools is the level of parental involvement. From the Booster Groups at the high school to the PACs at the middle and elementary schools, the quality of education in Rockland is greatly enhanced to a tremendous degree by their efforts.

## BUDGET & FINANCE

In 2008, the School District received a 1.8% increase in its budget, which still left the budget \$100,000 lower than the 2000-2001 budget year. Even with the small increase, it was necessary to reduce staff at the Esten School and increase class sizes at the high school. After many years of cuts, the schools have reached a point where additional funding is necessary to maintain the quality of education in the Town of Rockland.

## TECHNOLOGY

2008 saw a much needed upgrade to our technology infrastructure. As mentioned previously, the four renovated Science labs have new Smartboards, LCD projectors, and a teacher's technology center. The middle school computer lab was upgraded as was the Art and photography lab at the high school. Through the combined efforts of the Rockland Education Foundation and the school PACs, both the Esten and Memorial Park schools purchased new computers for their labs. This means that all three elementary schools will have had their labs upgraded in a twelve month period of time. Challenges we still face are the upgrading of technology in the classrooms, both for the teachers and the students.

### ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

In the past year, the project moved closer to fruition. It was accepted by the MSBA for the Feasibility Study Stage and in November, the Building Committee advertised for and hired an Owner's Project Manager. The study itself is expected to start in February 2009. By late fall, the Town will have a design of a new building and will know the cost of the project. At that time, we hope to be able to finalize funding and move to construction. The Building Committee, under the leadership of John Rogers, has met monthly and has worked diligently to move this project forward.

### ENERGY CONSERVATION

The School District adopted an Energy Policy and Procedures beginning in July 2008. Through December, electricity consumption has been reduced by 23%. School temperature settings have been reduced and oil consumption is being closely monitored. The School District applied for and received a competitive grant from the Department of Energy Resources. This grant will fund capital improvements at the three elementary schools. The total amount of the grant is \$149,500.

### ROCKLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

In 2008, the Foundation continued its funding of teacher designed projects to enrich our schools. In addition, they granted \$9,000 to each of the Esten and Memorial Park Schools to upgrade the computer labs. Without the support of the REF, the computer labs at Jefferson (2007), Memorial Park and Esten (2008) would not have been feasible. Their contribution to the education of Rockland's children is greatly appreciated.

### RETIREMENTS 2008

During 2008, the following loyal and dedicated employees retired after many years of service to the Rockland Public Schools: Peter M. Woodward, Rockland High School; James L. Patton, Rogers Middle School; Nancy L. Burley, Jefferson; Lorna H. Phillips, Beverly I. Levine, and Joanne M. O'Connell, Memorial Park; and Deborah A. Foresta, Esten.

### STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS

The School Department applied for and was awarded a number of financial grants during the year that supported enrichment activities, teacher training, and acquisition of educational materials. The following grants were received during the school year:

State Special Education Support	\$308,008
IDEA - Special Education	\$599,670
Early Childhood	28,195
SPED – Program Improvement	8,022
TITLE I	299,156
Safe & Drug Free Schools	10,315
Adult Basic Education	195,717
Title II-D Educator Quality	99,040
Academic Support Services	15,100
Title II-D Enhancing Technology	3,236
Grants in cooperation with the North River Collaborative (estimated)	\$50,000
ABE South Coastal	19,067
EASE (Self-Help)	26,916
DOER Energy Conservation	\$149,750
Total Grants	\$1,812,192

Respectfully submitted  
John Retchless, Superintendent of Schools



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## **PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES 2008 Annual Report**

The Pupil Personnel Services Department oversees the implementation of many of Rockland's exemplary programs and services for students. It maintains a balance between providing for the increasing severity of student needs with the increasing accountability demands of both the state and federal governments in an era of dwindling financial resources.

Special education continues to be the predominant area of Pupil Personnel Services. A major focus of the 2008 year was the revision of the Special Education Procedural Manual and its linkage to the Coordinated Program Review conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in December of 2007. We received our preliminary report in December of 2008. The preliminary report received in December of 2008 indicated at least ten areas of commendation and no areas of non-implementation. We hope to receive the final and full report early in 2009. Additionally, the special education department has been instrumental in working at the elementary schools to implement the Response to Intervention (RtI) initiative in reading along with general education and Title I teachers.

The EASE program was awarded its re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Accreditation by NAEYC is an additional approval

beyond the requirements put forth by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Office of Early Childhood and Care for preschool programs.

Students who are under the care and protection of the Department of Children and Families offer challenges to the school district. Many Rockland families generously open their homes to these students, and the school department works to provide them with a stable and quality education. Some students under the care of DCF are considered homeless.

We completed our compliance with the McKinney-Vento (education of homeless students) section of the Coordinated Program Review, including the development of a manual and procedures to ensure that all homeless students continue to have an uninterrupted education by either remaining in Rockland or working with their new place of residence.

We continue to provide services to a growing number of students whose first language is not English. We have welcomed two part-time teachers to replace our former ELL teacher to serve students in each of our buildings. Future additional staffing and training in this area continues to be a concern of the Pupil Personnel Services department.

Our nursing, guidance and psychological staff continue to provide for the needs of our students outside of the typical classroom/educational realm and provide a necessary and helpful linkage to the community as a whole. In addition to what would typically be considered normal nursing duties, the nursing staff works with the principals to ensure those students who require home and/or hospital tutoring are provided with a quality program. Nurses provide the connection with the student's physician and may assist in setting up the tutoring. The mental health needs of our students are managed by the school guidance counselors, social worker interns, and psychologists in consultation with the families and any outside therapists the students and/or families may have. We worked through a grant with the North River Collaborative to develop improved practices and procedures for linking families with outside resources and to further develop our district-based Mental Health Team. Finally, those parents who choose to home school or privately school their children are provided with linkages to the school system often interacting with guidance counselors, special education staff, and school psychologists to help ascertain and provide for the student's educational needs. The Pupil Personnel Services department is privileged to be a part of the Rockland Public Schools in its efforts to provide a variety of quality educational opportunities for the students of Rockland.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Salem  
Pupil Personnel Services Director

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

### Annual Report-2008

The Guidance Department currently consists of two full time counselors, one half time and one 1/7<sup>th</sup> time. Mrs. Janet Cann, the Guidance Director, continues to perform the administrative duties of the department, including management of AP testing, SAT's, and PSAT's, and acts as SSD coordinator. In addition to the duties of a guidance director, Mrs. Cann has a student caseload of the entire senior class, approximately 168 students this year. Mrs. Black's caseload includes all juniors and half of the sophomore class. In addition to her guidance duties, Mrs. Black plans and organizes the administration of all MCAS testing for the high school. Mr. Graziano spends 1-2 periods a day in guidance and has a caseload of one half of the sophomore class. Ms. Davidson continues to split her time between the middle school, serving both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Davidson also processes all South Shore Vocational School applications, private school applications, and all PCC applications.

We continue to have the resources of Mrs. Lisa Whelan and Dr. Stephen Hughes, School Psychologists, one day per week for testing and limited consultation on specific student cases. Mrs. Carol DelPrete is our department secretary and, while facilitating the day to day operation of the department, also has large responsibilities in the college application process and the town scholarships. Mrs. Nancy Borden, North River Collaborative, continues to provide invaluable vocational advising and evaluation to referred students, as well as organizing group career activities in the classrooms with the counselors.

Due to large caseloads, the counselors have made an attempt to spend more time in the classrooms in order to deliver more information regarding career exploration and post high school educational opportunities. The teachers have been very accepting and understand the value of the guidance programs. Topics often include study skills, adjustment to high school, valuable websites, vocational search activities, self- evaluation, college search programs and more. Approximately 70 sophomores participate in the Job Shadow Program each year, which is coordinated by Mrs. Borden and the sophomore counselors.

Other activities, which are ongoing throughout the year, include development of new courses by the various departments, resulting in a revised Program of Studies each year, student course advising and selection. All counselors are involved in career inventories, awareness of opportunities and career planning. All counselors are responsible for keeping accurate student records, child study meetings, 504 plans, court referrals, CHINS petitions, 51A reports to DCF, home tutoring and more. Without an adjustment counselor or full time school psychologist, at times the guidance counselors spend extensive time with social/emotional issues.

All counselors meet with the nurse and assistant principal weekly as part of the Learning Assistance Team. The team receives referrals of concern from teachers, who also are encouraged to attend the meeting, and develops an action plan to assist the students. Issues may include attendance, poor grades, emotional and psychological concerns.

The Guidance Department continues to explore new technology and websites that inform and assist students in college search, vocational/career search, financial aid opportunities and the college financing process. Counselors continue to attend South Shore Guidance Counselor meetings to meet college representatives and to "compare notes" with other school counselors.

***Highlights of the past year:***

- \*Counselors use the CIS information program, which ties in with the Quincy and Plymouth Career Centers, to search careers and college information.
- \*Counselors have begun to use the Naviance Program for college/career search and record keeping.
- \*Several free programs are offered to our students during the year by Monster.com:

Freshman: Making High School Count  
Juniors: Making Your College Search Count  
Seniors: Making College/Career Count

- \*Senior and Junior parents are encouraged to attend two College Financing information nights hosted by the Guidance Department. The first, in November, is offered by a representative from the financial aid office at Stonehill College. The second, in January, is offered by MEFA, Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority.
- \*The Rockland High Guidance Office organized the October College Mini Fair series this year. Other towns in our group are Scituate, Cohasset and Hull. Over 150 college representatives visited Rockland High School and were available to juniors and seniors.
- \*Counselors participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation night each year.
- \*Counselors sponsor a Program of Studies night for parents in March, during which the class requirements and elective opportunities are explained.
- \*Counselors are familiarizing themselves with the Massachusetts School Counselors (MASCA) guidance model through professional conferences. The model assists counselors in basing class programs on benchmarks set by the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Schools, and in interfacing guidance curriculum with the subject frameworks. Time is being spent developing a guidance department mission statement and evaluating our current curriculum.
- \*The Guidance Department continues to work together with the teachers and administration to provide a coordinated program of school guidance, career awareness and post high school educational opportunities for each student.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Cann, Guidance Director

# ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## 2008 Annual Report

Rockland High School has completed another very successful year. The educational program continues to meet the diverse needs of the student population. The Academic Council, made up of parents, students, department chairpersons and teachers, continues to assess and revise curriculum to meet 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Skills.

This past summer, four science labs were renovated to meet the NEASC recommendation of updating all science labs at Rockland High School. The plan to renovate the remaining labs will take place the summer of 2009, if the money is available, which would complete the remaining NEASC recommendation from the ten-year report. The high school is also in the process of reviewing and revising the current Mission and Expectations for Student Learning in preparation for the 2011 NEASC evaluation.

As we enter the 2009 school year, the challenges to the Town of Rockland are great, but we must do everything possible to provide the best quality education for our students. It will take a great deal of creative thought and support from the community and state for Rockland to provide the quality of education that our students so rightly deserve. Support of the Middle School Building project and the school's budget is the first critical step in making sure the education provided to the students of Rockland is second to none.

The educational programs of Rockland High School continue to flourish. A dedicated and hardworking faculty has made the following achievements possible:

1. 83% of the Class of 2008 continued their education after graduation with students receiving acceptances to 78 different educational institutions including Harvard University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Quinnipiac University, Emerson College and University of Massachusetts Amherst.
2. We had another great Spellman Oratorical Contest. The topic was "The Darker Side." In a very close competition, 1<sup>st</sup> Gabrielle Guarracino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaclyn DelPrete, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jacqueline Bohenek.
3. The English Department presented the Shakespeare Festival with over one hundred students participating along with the 'King' Peter Woodward and other staff in a number of supporting roles. Hope Fernandes and Amy Woodward were pivotal in organizing this wonderful educational event.
4. "The Veritas", our school newspaper, won the "Highest Achievement" award by the New England Scholastic Press Association under the leadership of Madeline Lannin-Cotton.
5. Gabrielle Guarracino won the State Poetry Recitation Contest for the second straight year. She was awarded a stipend and an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. where she represented the state of Massachusetts for the second time in two years in the National Poetry Recitation Competition.
6. The Library Open Mic was conducted in December. Twenty five students gathered in our library to share poetry, music, and short stories. Open mic is a positive, accepting place for students to share ideas, dreams, hopes, observations and thoughts through communication skills. The students also participated in The Wordsmith Poets Open Mic at Barnes and Noble in Braintree.
7. Five students were selected to attend President Elect Obama's upcoming Inauguration. Jessica Rayberg, Kayla Doyle, Elise Soper, Krystal Cowing and Staci Davidson will be covering the event for "The Patriot Ledger." Kristen Walsh and Hope Fernandes have worked hard at organizing this amazing opportunity for our students.

8. Thirty high school students, grades 9-12, received their academic "R" Lamp of Knowledge letter for earning honor roll status six consecutive terms or by making the honor roll ten times. The letter winners were honored at the Academic Awards/Academic Hall of Fame banquet, joining the 60 seniors, juniors and sophomores who had previously earned their "R" Lamp of Knowledge letter. The following graduates were inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame: Peter Woodward 1969, Wayne Darragh 1980, Evelyn (Springhetti) M. Kilareski 1993 and Janet Painter 1993.
9. The Music Department continues to prosper in numbers as our students continue to receive awards from SEMSBA and Jr. SEMSBA.
10. Grease: Directors Carol Cahill and Matthew Harden put on one of the most successful dramatic productions in recent years. Both performances were practically sold out and student actors such as Kimberly Bilotas, Douglas Cowing, Carol Beaucaire, and Nicholas Cristoforo thrilled the audience with their engaging performances.
11. The Superintendent's Leadership Award went to Daniel Foley for academic excellence and leadership. The Principal's Leadership Award went to Jennifer Ellis.
12. This fall, "Rachel's Challenge" was brought to RHS through the efforts and fundraising of Dominique DelPrete. The day and evening program's message of the importance of individual acts of kindness was well received by the Rockland community.
13. Rockland High School Art students were recognized in statewide and regional competitions. Winning awards at the Scholastic Art Boston Globe Show – Gold Key Winner Jordan Mendes for Digital Photography, Silver Key Winners Jordan Mendes for Digital Photography, Karinne Davis for Animation and Drawing, Max Brownell for Digital Photography and Honorable Mentions to Richard Wells for Video, Lindsay Thomson for Digital Art, Nicole Queenan for Mixed Media. In the Congressional Art Show, Max Brownell placed first and third place in Digital Photography and in the Duxbury Art Complex honors went to Lindsey Anderton, Karinne Davis, and Talita Lopes for Outdoor Sculpture. Church of Hingham Competition – First Place Award went to Jordan Mendes for Photography and Second Place Honor went to Nicole Queenan for Drawing. Gregory Kelliher was selected to attend Art All-State's two-day workshop held at the Worcester Art Museum.
14. During the month of November, Elizabeth Gladstone, grade 10, was selected to attend The Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference and Sara Crawford was chosen to represent Rockland High School at MassSTAR's Citizenship Conference. Both were chosen from essays written on the topic of leadership. Faculty members read and rated the essays entered. Rockland was represented at Boys' State by Patrick Rice and Daniel Foley and Girls' State by Kelsey Lewis and Jessica Rayberg.
15. A couple of highlights for our library program: Ruth Curry, oceanographer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, visited with RHS students in January to share her ideas and experiences, and to discuss global warming with students' science classes. In conjunction with Ruth Curry's visit, students discussed the book An Inconvenient Truth.
16. The Rockland Student Government, under the leadership of Mr. Rowe and Mr. Flanagan, continues to grow in student membership and their participation in events throughout the school community and state.

In closing, it is important to recognize on behalf of the students of Rockland High School that we all work together to ensure their needs are met to the best of our ability. Sincere thanks to Superintendent John Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Doric Scarpelli, and the School Committee for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stephen Sangster, Principal

## JOHN W. ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The John W. Rogers Middle School began the 2008 - 2009 school year with 573 students in grades 6, 7, & 8. The middle school curriculum is continually being revised to assure that it is in alignment with the state curriculum frameworks, and to ensure that our students are prepared for the rigorous MCAS tests that are administered each spring. This past year grades 6, 7, & 8 were all administered the Math, and English Language Arts tests. Grade 8 students were administered the Science and Technology test as well. The middle school continued to do well in the English Language tests. We continue to be encouraged by the Science scores as well. The middle school math scores showed considerable improvement in 2008. The middle school achieved Adequate Yearly Progress in all the subgroups with the exception of one. This achievement was made through a plan developed to address areas of concern in mathematics. Superintendent Retchless identified resources that enabled the middle school to conduct an MCAS Math Preparation Program that assisted struggling students to be better prepared to take the Math MCAS tests in the spring of 2008. In addition, thanks to the generous support of the Rockland Education foundation, all students at the middle school had online access to the Study Island Program. Study Island is a computer assisted instructional program that allows students to work at their own pace in the content areas of Math and English Language Arts. Students can access this program from their home computers as well as computers at the middle school.

The middle school faculty continued to attend a variety of professional development workshops, courses, and conferences to further enhance the students' educational experience at the middle school, these professional development opportunities have become more difficult to provide due to decreasing resources. A number of middle school staff continues to pursue their graduate degrees in education to maintain compliance with state certification requirements. There is a continued emphasis on professional development in the areas of mathematics and technology. The Rogers Middle School continues to be an active member in the New England League of Middle Schools, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middle Level Educators Association, as well as maintaining an association with the North River Collaborative. These associations provide a number of low/no cost professional development opportunities for staff as well as allowing Rogers Middle School staff an opportunity to share their ideas and experiences with other middle school staffs locally, nationally, and internationally. The middle school faculty continues to work towards achieving the required number of professional development hours required by state and federal law to maintain their license and standing as highly qualified teachers. It must be noted that without adequate funding for professional development programs the staff at the middle school will find it increasingly difficult to maintain currency in instructional practices and currency in curriculum. The middle school also effected a schedule change that added additional teaching time and aided in reducing a concern with excessive tardiness.

The students at the Rogers Middle School participated in a variety of community service learning projects and co-curricula activities. The middle school continues have a strong and vibrant Student Council. Over the course of the school year the Student Council has undertaken community service projects that have benefited the Rockland Food Pantry and the Holiday Magic Project. The Student Council has been active in the middle school Anti-Bullying campaign and has advised Chartwells, the school systems food service provider, on menu selections. The band and chorus continued to entertain us with outstanding performances and concerts. Our students participated in the *Patriot Ledger* "Spelling Bee" competition. Middle school students participated in intramural programs, and a number of after-school programs including the publishing of a school newspaper and the Art

Club both of these clubs are sponsored by the Rogers Middle School PAC. Other middle school achievement include two students who were award winners in the Annual Globe Art Festival and five grade eight students who placed first in the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center's annual Public Service Announcement contest. The Rogers Middle School was the only middle school ever to have won first place honors. The competition included middle and high schools from across the commonwealth.

We continue to have students lead the Pledge of Allegiance, morning announcements as well as providing daily weather and sports updates. This program improves a student's self-confidence and public speaking skills.

In August, the middle school held an Orientation Program for incoming grade 6 students. This program provided the students with an opportunity to become acquainted with one another, staff and the physical facility before the school year began. In September, the middle school held its annual "*Back to School Night*."

The middle school staff wants to acknowledge the Rogers Middle School PAC for their outstanding efforts to promote school spirit among the students. Some of the year's highlights include the sold out "*Shamrock Classic*" basketball game between students and faculty and the "*School Spirit Week*". Members of the PAC continued to print our newsletter and place it online, and raise funds for school events. The Rogers Middle School PAC joined forces with the middle school staff to educate our students about the issue of bullying. The middle school PAC is truly part of the middle school community. We are thankful for their continued efforts to make the Rogers Middle School an important part of the community. We also thank the Rockland Education Foundation for their continued support in providing funding through grants for special classroom and school-wide projects. Our students have enjoyed cultural programs and experienced hands on learning activities as a result of these grants. We are particularly proud of Mrs. Ryan, who was recognized by the V.F.W. as their 2008 Teacher of the Year locally, regionally and at the state level. This past year would not have been successful without the continued support of the School Committee, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, PAC, School Council, and the Rockland community.

In late November the Building Committee signed a contract with the Owners Project Manager, who will oversee the Feasibility Study, site work and designs for the new middle school. This was certainly good news for the community. We wish to thank those townspeople who voted to strongly support the Debt Exclusion Override to move the project forward. In the meantime we continue to monitor the school's physical condition especially the ceilings which are inspected quarterly to insure no further deterioration.

We thank Superintendent John Retchless and Assistant Superintendent Doric Scarpelli as well as the Rockland School Committee for their support and assistance this past year. We will continue to work with them, through the difficult financial times ahead of us, to provide the best possible education and educational environment for the students at the Rogers Middle School.

Finally, we wish Mr. James Patton well in his retirement. Mr. Patton was tireless in his devotion to the students and citizens of Rockland. We wish him good health and many happy years with his family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Stanish  
Principal  
John W. Rogers Middle School

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Response to Intervention (RTI) has taken root in every Rockland elementary school. Response to Intervention encompasses a set of principles that are systematic, explicit, and scientifically-based; using materials and assessments that drive instruction. Jefferson, Memorial Park, and Esten Schools are meeting the individual needs of all students during 40-45 minute Reading intervention blocks. During these intervention periods, at all three buildings, students are developing reading skills in small groups at their individual instructional levels and building Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Text Comprehension. Mrs. Lee Scott, RTI Coordinator, was appointed by the Superintendent John Retchless to work with all three schools and uses her literacy expertise to coordinate schedules, progress monitoring, and distribute instructional materials.

The Faculty members have participated in in-house district-wide professional development opportunities this year. Due to budgetary constraints, out-of-district opportunities could not be funded. Mrs. Scott and each of the elementary principals have surveyed the needs of the school district and collaborated on professional development topics. Most early release days continued to focus on reading instruction; as we navigate through the essential and most effective components of the newly adopted Scott Foresman Reading Street program.

Writing across the curriculum is a vital part of student learning. Students are responding to literature, math, and science through open response questions. Modeling of the elements of a strong response is addressed daily in all classrooms at all levels. Students are continuing to develop their own voice when writing personal narratives through word choice and include details that bring their writing to life. Writing is a life-long skill that students need to cultivate throughout their school careers.

The PACs at each of the three elementary schools have coordinated efforts for a second year and held a town-wide fundraiser with Jim Plunkett. This event was well attended, and the proceeds were divided among the three schools. The funds raised by the PACs provide all students with enrichment opportunities and outside programs addressing the learning standards. The dedication of the parent volunteers allows each school many opportunities for special events, such as Field Day, holiday celebrations, and other community events. Relationships made by each school to area businesses have enabled our students to make connections to their community and allow each school to benefit from fundraising opportunities. Cultural enrichment provided by each school PAC is funded through fundraising efforts.

Rockland Education Foundation awarded the elementary schools with grant money totaling over \$ 10,700.00. Teacher recipients submitted grant proposals that would benefit the educational experiences of Rockland elementary students on a daily basis. In addition, Rockland Education Foundation (REF) awarded both Esten and Memorial Park School \$9,000.00 for each of their new computer labs. Jefferson School received funding last year from REF and is the model by which the other two schools can learn to rebuild their computer labs.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Gerald Kohn, Jefferson School Co-Principal  
Dr. Robert Levine, Jefferson School Co-Principals  
Mrs. Carol McGrath, R Stewart Esten School Principal  
Mrs. Janice Sheehan, Memorial Park School Principal

## **ROCKLAND DAY CARE ANNUAL REPORT -2008**

Rockland Public Schools Daycare operates out of the McKinley Community Center. The Daycare programs are for children ages (3) months thru grade (5). The programs are located at the Community Center serve children from (3) months through Kindergarten. After school care is also provided at each of the three elementary schools for students in grade one through five.

At Rockland Daycare we provide a safe, nurturing and learning environment where children can develop to their fullest potential. Recognizing the cultural diversity and individuality of each child and family situation, we understand differences and make a sincere effort to relate to parents and their children according to their physical, intellectual and social needs.

This year our main focus is to have our staff enrolled in a training process that would earn them a CDA (Child Development Associate). Daycare Aides would enroll in trainings that are related to CDA Competency Goals that would allow them to maintain a stronger more positive program to continue to plan Developmentally Appropriate Practices within the daycare setting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Veiga, Rockland Day Care Director

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT Annual Report 2008**

The Rockland High School Athletic programs continued to be competitive in 2008 in the Patriot League and also in non-league competition. Our volleyball team qualified for tournament play and finished second in league standings. Individual highlights were our wrestlers, Petros Hologitas and Matt Mahoney. Petros participated on the state wrestling team in national competition. Both our boys and girls basketball program were league champions and qualified for state tournament play. We were pleased that Rockland High School was recognized by our league as one of the top recipients of the Patriot League Team Sportsmanship Awards.

The sports program at Rockland High School has been successful at teaching sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity. We are fortunate to have a coaching staff that instills these qualities to our athletes and program. These values are carried with each graduating student athlete when they leave Rockland. One of the major reasons for our continued success is due to our coaching staff, administrators, and parental support.

As special thank you goes out to our Athletic Boosters for their continued support. We would also like to thank the volunteers that have helped throughout the year with repairs and odd jobs and anything asked of them. Without all these people we would not have accomplished these important tasks for our student athletes.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Graziano, Athletic Director

**HEALTH SERVICES  
NURSE LEADER  
2008 Annual Report**

School nurses today are faced with many challenges. Now without the ESHS Grant these challenges are even more trying. We continue with a full-time nurse in every school building. Hopefully with the impending budgets cuts for 2009-2010 this will continue.

School nurses now play a crucial role in the children's primary and preventative health care. More children with chronic illness and special health care needs are entering public schools and are mainstreamed into regular classes. School nursing is now a specialty in the nursing field. School nurses have added responsibilities of dealing with the issues of physical and sexual abuse, Hepatitis B, HIV, sexually transmitted disease, homelessness, chronic illness, and increasing problems of eating disorders, ADHD, and depression.

The school nurse is a liaison between education and health care, providing a link between school, home, and the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Ryan, RN - Head School Nurse

**MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING & GROUNDS  
2008 Annual Report**

1. Science lab renovations – Maintenance and Custodial staff worked for five weeks this summer on this project.
2. Built two counter tops for Memorial Park and Jefferson School Main Offices
3. Work with Superintendent of Schools on his energy policy, electricity, and heat.
4. Work with energy consultants for a grant for elementary schools. Also lighting at the high school.
5. Would like to thank Town Energy Committee on a grant to bring solar energy back to the high school and the Esten School.
6. Thanks to all town departments for their help to keep the schools safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Dunn

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

## **WRPS 2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

WRPS purchased and launched the station's first video server in 2008, allowing us to replay programming much more often than was the case when our playback was DVD or tape-based. This allows us to provide more programming to our audience. We also purchased and installed remote recording equipment in town hall, allowing us to record and replay a greater number and variety of meetings (Finance Committee, School Building Committee, Planning Board, etc). With both these developments, we expect to continue increasing programming in the coming year.

In late fall, Dennis Carson resigned his position after 6 years of service to WRPS. He was replaced by Russell Murachver in November.

Respectfully submitted by:  
David Cable-Murphy, Station Manager, WRPS



Dennis Carson  
WRPS

## **CAFETERIA 2008 Annual Report**

The 2008 school year has had its challenges and successes for the food service department. Our greatest challenges have been the state audit, going out to bid, the use of a new food vendor and exciting the student body with some new products. While some of our successes have been the implementation of the P.O.S system, the staff embracing the constant changes, and accommodating any and all recommendations made by the state inspectors after the audit. As the year moves on we look forward to continue our growth in every aspect of the food service department.



**CLASS OF 2008**  
**GRADUATION DATE:**  
**MAY 31, 2008**



	Eric	Ryan	Anderson	†	Alissa	Jane	Demers
	Nicholas	Alexander	Ayala		Dennis	Robert	Dillon
	Ashley	Lynn	Bailey		William	Francis	Donadini
†	Erin	Nicole	Bailey		Heidi	Irene	Donahoe
†	Heather	Lee	Barr		Samantha	Lynn	Downton
	Shannon	Elizabeth	Barry		Kelly	Christine	Dunn
†*	Elizabeth	Ann	Barton		Steven	Michael	Dunn
	Kristin	Lee	Basford	†*	Brian	Patrick	Dutra
	Lisa	Marie	Beadle		Christopher	J.	Ellsworth
	John	C.	Bellrose		Rebecca	Leigh	Enman
†	Rachel	Leigh	Bennett	†	Julie	Denise	Fallon
	Eric	Robert	Blasser		Anthony	Elliot	Furlong
†*	Jacqueline	Anne	Bohenek		Samantha	Jo	Goodspeed
†	Joseph	Peter	Bohenek		Danielle	Alyse	Gordon
	Elden	Guy	Bollinger		Stephanie	Krista	Gordon
†*	Marissa	Jeanne	Bonito		Aliese	Marion	Graziano
	Alyssa	Annette	Brady	†*	Drew	Richard	Graziano
†	Shauna	Caroline	Brady	†	Derek	Anthony	Grover
	Shawna	Elizabeth	Brown	†*	Gabrielle	Christine	Guarracino
†	Maxwell	Arthur	Brownell	†	Robert	Daniel	Hackett
†*	Kevin	James	Burke	†	Nicole	Marie	Hanf
	Andrew	Paul	Cadorette		Morgan	Thomas	Hannigan
	Brittany	Lynn	Calderon	†*	Shelley	Grace	Hanscom
†*	Kimberly	Ann	Callahan		Patrick	Charles	Hardigan
†	Matthew	Adam	Capone		Peter	Jeffrey	Harrison
†*	Stephanie	Anastatia	Catania	†	Stephanie	Anne	Hart
	Christopher	Charles	Cella		Michael	Stephen	Harvey
	Deanna	Jennifer	Cellini		John	Paul	Hathaway
†	Renée	Donna	Ceurvels	†	James	Daniel	Hickey
	Matthew	William	Chandler	†*	Linda	Marie	Hickey
†	Jocelyn	Erin	Chaplin		Heather	Megan	Hill
	Robert	Burke	Christie III		Kara	Elizabeth	Hinthorne
	Ryan	Joseph	Clougherty		Kaliopy	Ann	Hologitas
	Mitchell	Douglas	Collins	†*	Kelly	Marie	Howes
	Timothy	William	Concannon	†	Phai	Trong	Huynh
	William	Keith	Cooper	†*	Christina	Cherie	Jasper
†*	Daniel	Michael	Corbett	†*	Carrie	Mae	Jenkins
	Jared	Thomas	Crawford		Ashley	Lorraine	Keane
†*	Stephanie	Mary	Crawford		James	Paul	Keefe
†	Alexandra	Alicia	Cronin	†*	Taylor	Bree	Ketterer
	Jessica	Ann	Daly	†	Mari	Elisabeth	Kilmain
†*	Edward	Patrick	Damon	†*	Abby	Elizabeth	Kingston
	Crystallyn		Davenport	†*	Erika	Leigh	Kirsliis
†	Karinne	Aaron	Davis	†	Sophie	Ann	Kreitman
†*	Cynda	Melissa	Deibel		Jacqueleen	Mae	Langley
	Joshua	James	DeLong	†*	Casee	Lynne	Laznick
†*	Jaclyn	Elizabeth	DelPrete		Michael	Paul	Leary

†	Deirdre	Marie	Lewis	Felicia	Jane	Ptaszynski
	Matthew	Joseph	LoSciuto	Nicole	Marie	Queenan
	Christopher	Ryan	Lounsbury	Brian	Christopher	Rafferty
	Allyson	Hermida	Lujares	Katherine	Eva	Richards
	John	Charles	MacDonald	Victoria	Lynne	Richardson
	Kirsten	Anne	MacDonald	Robert	John	Rivera, Jr.
†	Jaclyn	René	Machaby	Anthony	Jamal	Roache
†	Matthew	Michael	Mahoney	Alex	Joseph	Roche
	Michael	Edward	Mahoney	Eryn	Marie	Ryan
†*	Joshua	Nelson	May	†*	John	Sadek
	Corey	Michael	McCauley		Rebecca	Sargent
	Patrick	Noel	McDonald	†*	Derek	Sawaya
	Scott	Christopher	McEnelly		Colleen	Scanlon
	John	A.	Melchione		Kelsey	Scanlon
†	Rebecca	Marie	Mellen		James	Schneider
	Jordan	Alexandra	Mendes		Courtney	Shanahan
†	Brittany	Ann	Millen	†	Kevin	Sheehan
†*	Elizabeth	Patricia	Mulready	†*	Amanda	Shom
	Samantha		Murphy	†	Brianna	Smith
†	Tayla	Erin	Murphy	†	Derek	Smith
	Ashley	Lucille	Needle		Laura	Sudbey
	William	G.	Norkus		Michael	Sullas
†*	Kaitlyn	Elizabeth	O'Brien		Jillianne	Sullivan
	Sean	Patrick	O'Loughlin		Joshua	Sullivan
	Stephanie	Marie	O'Malley	†	Ryan	Thompson
	Michael	Patrick	O'Neil		Lindsay	Thomson
	Luke	Thomas	Palmer		Gregory	Toner
†*	Amanda	Faith	Panaro		Racquel	Turner
†	Brooke	Elizabeth	Parsons		Ashley	Wallace
	Jessica		Pedraza	†	Sarah	Ward
†	Thomas	W. C.	Pereira		Katie	Weixler
	Steven	James	Perry		Richard	Welles
	Michelle	Marie	Petrosevich		William	White
†*	Devin	Sean	Peuser		Johnny	Wilson
	Victoria	Rose	Plant		Amanda	Wood
	Ryan	Leo	Pratt			

† Academic Achievement Award

\* National Honor Society

# **SOUTH SHORE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Rockland Town Report**

On Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Charles D. Homer began his first full year as Superintendent-Director, welcoming 587 students including 165 for the class of 2012. South Shore continues to offer quality vocational technical education to the Towns of Cohasset, Scituate, Norwell, Hanson, Hanover, Whitman, Rockland and Abington for the past four decades.

This year South Shore had 27 seniors qualify for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships for scoring in the top 25% of their class. As educational demands continue to soar, so do the program offerings to keep in line with economic trends. South Shore students continue to excel in meeting state and national vocational and academic standards before them. As technology continues to change, so must the technical offerings in order to better prepare students to become successful in their communities.

Extracurricular activities continue to expand each year. Approximately 50% of the student population participates in an athletic or extracurricular activity each year. Our Drama Club continues to offer a Dinner Theater presentation each spring with sellout seating. As well, out athletic teams continue to compete at state level competitions in various sports each season.

The Commonwealth's School Building Assistance is continuing to work with us in order to replace our roof and windows. The estimated cost of this project is projected to be \$2.5 million dollars for a building that opened in 1962. As we become more involved in this construction project, we will be meeting with local officials in or eight member communities.

The South Shore School District is represented by eight appointed School Committee members from each town's Selectmen's Office:

Robert Heywood, Chairman – Hanover  
Gerald Blake, Vice Chairman – Rockland  
John Manning – Scituate  
Daniel Salvucci – Whitman

Robert Molla – Norwell  
James Rodick – Hanson  
Kenneth Thayer – Cohasset  
Lenwood Thompson – Abington

Currently 29 students from the Town of Rockland will graduate this June 5<sup>th</sup>:

Eric Austin  
Rachel Barclay  
Shawn Benduzek  
Justin Cara  
Dylan Carpino  
Joseph Concannon  
Francis Correia  
Mary-Kate Costello  
Taylor Davidson  
Ariel Feldman  
Jason Fisher

Joshua Lundquist  
Ashley Manning  
James Manning III  
Taylor Millar  
Frank Mogavero  
Alex Moon  
Stephen Sawyer  
Tyler Sheehan  
Jonathan Sullivan  
Steven Swiatek  
Justin Taylor

Ashley Guzman  
Angeline Hernandez-Camacho  
Zacharie Howard  
Aaron Johnson

Robert Terry  
Timothy Whalen  
Jonathan Whittall

South Shore would like to thank our eight member towns for their continued support over the years. Our goal will be to continue to train students to be life-long career technical students who in turn will be successful back in their own communities. We understand the importance of fiscal responsibility in our district, especially in tough economic times and we will work with our member communities and continue to offer the best vocational opportunities possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Blake  
Town Representative  
South Shore Regional School District Committee

# **BOARD OF HEALTH**

## **2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

It is with pleasure that we submit the 2008 Annual Report of the Rockland Board of Health.

At the Annual Town Election in April, Victoria Deibel was re-elected to the Board.

Over the past year, the Board and the Health Agent have continued active participation in the Plymouth County Region 5 Emergency Preparedness Coalition. This group provides support and direction in planning for emergencies which may affect the public health of its member communities. The group has also provides the Town with equipment and training opportunities needed to respond to public health and safety emergencies. The various emergency response plans are continually reviewed and updated. The Coalition also hired a new contractor to assist the Town in maintaining the plans and assist in plan implementation drills. Brian Gallant is now the Emergency Coalition Contractor for the Town of Rockland. Over the next year, the Board of Health and the local emergency management team will be working to recruit and train volunteers to assist in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Although the threat from mosquito-borne disease remains a concern throughout the State, Rockland was spared a heightened risk of exposure this year. None of the testing pools were positive to infected mosquitoes. It was not necessary to close any fields in the town. Residents should still take the necessary precautions to reduce exposure to mosquitoes.

The Board continues to work with various vendors in furthering its recycling outreach programs. The South Shore Recycling Cooperative is continually providing its member towns with diverse recycling opportunities.

We are continuing with the initial site work in regards to closing the VFW/Pleasant Street Landfill. Camp, Dresser and McKee has filed the necessary paperwork with DEP and the timeframe has been accepted. Some preliminary site work has begun, however, the more invasive site work is not scheduled to begin until sometime in mid-2009.

Due to a corrective order issued by DEP, significant site work has been started in the compost area at the Beech Street Recycling facility. Thanks to the extra efforts by Highway Department personnel, new windrows were established for leaves and yard waste. Work on the brush pile will begin in 2009. The Board would like to thank the Highway Department for its assistance in this endeavor.

Solid waste and recycling tonnages remained stable with no significant changes. DEP continues to aggressively check trash loads for unacceptable quantities of recyclable materials. It has also begun to increase its inspections of transfer stations and closed landfills. Failure to comply with regulations could result in fines being assessed.

During the year, 197 complaints were addressed, 218 routine inspections were performed for food service establishments, additional inspections were performed on housing units, swimming pools, schools and mobile vendors. Emergency response services were provided at the requests of the police and fire departments.

As is customary, the Board extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to all departments for their cooperation with specific thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Bill Ferguson, Peter Ewell and his staff at the Park Department, Bob Corvi and his staff at the Highway Department, and Sewer Superintendent John Loughlin for their additional assistance and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Halliday, Chairperson  
Victoria Deibel, Vice Chairperson  
Stephen B. Nelson, Member  
Janice R. W. McCarthy, Health Agent  
J. Patricia Donnelly, Administrative Assistant



## **2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative (SSRC) is a voluntary association of sixteen South Shore towns established by Intermunicipal Agreement and Special Legislation in 1998. It was established to help member towns improve their recycling programs, and reduce the amount, toxicity and cost of disposal.

Members of the SSRC are: **Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Holbrook, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Plymouth, Rockland, Scituate, Weymouth, and Whitman.** Representatives from each member town are appointed by the chief Elected Official(s).

Since its inception ten years ago, disposed tons of trash-per-household has dropped by nearly 25%, and the recycling rate for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans has risen from 16% to 22%.

In FY09, the SSRC raised its annual dues for the first time in ten years, from \$4,000 to \$4,500 per town. In 2008, the SSRC raised **\$72,000** through these fees, and **\$6,000** in outreach sponsorships from Covanta SEMASS. Those funds pay for the services of the Executive Director and for waste reduction and recycling activities that benefit member towns. The SSRC estimates that in 2008 these activities **saved Member Towns at least \$151,000** (Not all figures are in at the time of publication. Highlighted numbers are from 2007).

### **MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

#### **Household Hazardous Product Collections**

The SSRC extended its contract for the collection and disposal of **household hazardous products** with **Clean Harbors**. By using the SSRC contract, Member Towns avoided a setup fee, paid about 12% less than the per-car State contract rates, **saving our towns about \$38,000**. They also avoided the administrative time to bid, schedule and publicize them.

**2,661 residents** attended the fifteen collections held in 2008. The contract also enabled **125 residents and businesses** to attend other Member Towns' collections using the **reciprocal arrangement**.

The SSRC advertised the events with several thousand **flyers** delivered to town halls and libraries, and ongoing press releases in all **local papers and cable TV**. The Executive Director helped run twelve of the collections, handed out relevant information, provided signs, calculated the **proper billing** for the vendor to ensure that discounts and allowances were credited and visitors billed properly, and assisted with billing issues.

## Construction and Bulky Waste

Through an arrangement facilitated by the SSRC with the **Bourne ISWMF**, Member Towns enjoyed a disposal rate of \$75/ton for **construction and bulky waste**, which is **\$12.50/ton less than the gate fee**. With generation of **4,799 tons**, eight Member Towns saved **\$60,000**.

**Cohasset, Hanover, Kingston and Scituate** save on mattress recycling by using an SSRC arranged program with Miller Recycling in Plainville to store, transport and process mattresses for \$14/each. This saved the participating towns approximately **\$14,600** on the **2,091 mattresses** they collected.

## Compost and Brush

The SSRC extended the contracts with no pricing increases for **brush grinding and compost screening**, which had been awarded to Letourneau Corp. and Lion's Head Organics. The grinding contract was used by three of our towns for 9 days. Data on screening contract usage was unavailable.

## Mercury Bearing Waste

The SSRC helped its Member towns, even **Hull and Marshfield**, which don't contract with SEMASS for disposal, to maximize their benefits from the **Material Separation Plan (MSP)**, including the provision by SEMASS of digital thermometers and thermostats for exchange, reimbursement for mercury disposal costs, and a Universal Waste Shed for **Abington**.

## Paper

The SSRC has facilitated the siting of dozens of Abitibi Paper Retriever containers in all of our communities. In 2008, they captured an additional **1,013 tons** of paper from the waste stream, and returned over **\$6,000** to the municipalities and local organizations.

## Textiles

The SSRC introduced Bay State Textiles, which pays \$50/ton for used clothing and textiles, to the managers. 2008 figures are not yet available, but in 2007, eight towns recycled **280 tons** of material through them, for which they were paid **\$14,017**.

## Books

The SSRC introduced GotBooks, which pays \$100/ton for used books and other media, to SSRC members. 2008 figures are not yet available, but in 2007, thirteen SSRC towns set up twenty book collection sites through them, and repurposed 218.3 tons of material, earning \$19,421.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

### Mass Recycles Paper

This statewide Campaign grew out of a 2006 SSRC pilot project. It is run by MassRecycle, and chaired by the SSRC Executive Director. The goal is to recover an additional million tons of paper each year from the Mass. trash. The Campaign has broad support from MassDEP, US EPA and the recycling industry.



Most of our towns, and half across the State, have signed the **Mass Recycles Paper resolution** and **receive supporting outreach materials**, including thousands of bill inserts. SSRC communities stand to gain about \$500K/year in avoided disposal cost and revenue from the sale of waste paper.

### Press Contacts

The SSRC releases articles and is a resource to the local press about waste reduction, recycling, and the proper disposal of hazardous waste. The following articles and op-eds were released to and published by the local and regional newspapers in 2008:

**Don't trash your recycling efforts** Dec. 19

**SSRC to host 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Shredabrations"** November

**South Shore towns recycling more, wasting less** August 26

**Hull Re-joins the SSRC** August 13

**Al Gore commends SSRC efforts, Earth Day Celebration** April 17

**Legislators talk trash with Municipal Managers; Rep. Hynes receives award** April 1

**A real paper chase: Too good for the trash** Patriot Ledger, Jan. 31

### Resident Contacts

The Executive Director fielded **129 calls and emails** from Member Towns' residents in CY08 to answer questions, mostly about hazardous and difficult to manage product disposal.

### Website

[ssrc.info](http://ssrc.info) provides town-specific recycling information, household hazardous product collection information, SSRC meeting minutes and annual reports, press releases, a quarterly newsletter, and links to other sites. It was overhauled this past fall, and logged 3,745 visitors in 2008.

### Marshfield Fair Recycling

With assistance from MassDEP and the Town of Marshfield, the SSRC supported **recycling at the Marshfield Fair** for the fifth year. While public education was the main benefit, seven tons of material was also recycled and composted.

**Recycling containers** from a previous grant were loaned out for use at Hanover Day, and are available for other area events.

### **ADVICE, ASSISTANCE AND NETWORKING.**

The Executive Director's help is frequently sought by the solid waste managers. She maintains regular contact with them, updates them on current trends, and advises on specific needs each town has.

A sample of the assistance she provided and problems she helped solve in 2008 included:

- evaluation of **Covanta SEMASS'** extension proposal and alternatives for our four **Tier One** towns
- collaborating with Cape Cod communities on a **regional disposal contract** negotiation
- attendance at Board/ committee meetings in **Hanson, Kingston, Marshfield, Plymouth** and **Weymouth**
- evaluation of **electronics and scrap metal** processors' pricing and practices
- identifying and correcting errors on **Data Sheets** submitted to MassDEP
- collection, evaluation and sharing of **recycling and disposal cost and tonnage data**
- guidance on **PAYT bag** vendors
- research on outlets for expanded polystyrene for **Marshfield**
- sharing State Contract information on **bins and carts** upon request by **Plymouth and Scituate**
- provision of recycling stickers for barrels and bins
- delivery of free **rechargeable battery collection** boxes to municipal collection locations
- publicity for **Marshfield & Weymouth** recycling contests and **Abington's** Universal Waste Shed
- distribution of a ten page **directory of service providers**.

### **Paper pricing**

The SSRC subscribes to *Official Board Markets* on which most towns' paper rebates are based, calculates rebates that should be paid to the municipalities by their recyclers and updates the managers each month.

### **Quarterly Newsletter**

The SSRC publishes a quarterly newsletter filled with information of immediate interest to the South Shore solid waste community. The newsletter is circulated to over 350 town officials, legislators, regulators and volunteers, and is posted online at: <http://ssrc.info/newsletters/newsletters.htm>.

### **Monthly Meetings**

The SSRC provides **networking opportunities** and information sharing at our well-attended monthly meetings. Each meeting features a guest speaker. Solid waste collection, disposal, recycling service, outreach, pricing and proposed laws and regulations are discussed.

### **ADVOCACY**

The Executive Director attends policy meetings, forums and conferences hosted by MassDEP, Solid

Waste Association of North America, the Council of SEMASS Communities, MassRecycle, and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. She shares what she learns with the Managers, and relays the Managers' concerns to the professional and State organizations and regulators.

The SSRC held a **Legislative Breakfast** in May at which **Rep. Frank Hynes** (D-Marshfield) was recognized with our "Recycling Hero" award for his sponsorship and support of bills and budget items that promote waste reduction. Sen. Robert Creedon also spoke at the event.

The SSRC exists to serve its member towns by facilitating their solid waste disposal and recycling functions. It always welcomes suggestions on how it can better serve its Members.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Sullivan", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Claire Sullivan, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative

## COUNCIL ON AGING

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

The Council on Aging offers many programs to enhance the lives of the senior community. All our programs are offered Monday through Friday in the senior center located in the Community Center building. A monthly newsletter goes out to the seniors to inform them of items of interest, services and programs.

We continue our collaboration with The Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Old Colony Planning Council and Old Colony Elderly Services. Our Council on Aging Board consists of eleven members who are most supportive of our center's activities and events. Members of the Board serve as delegates to Old Colony Planning Council and Old Colony Elderly Services. Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and are open to the public.

The Council is able to offer a variety of services and social programs. Services offered at the center include, legal services, hearing screenings, notary, information and referrals, podiatry, Shine (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) blood pressure screenings, chair massage, fuel and food stamp applications, and noontime lunch. Classes in exercise, ceramics, walking group, tai chi, and water color are scheduled on a regular basis. Many seniors just stop in to socialize with friends. In collaboration with the Youth Commission we have senior volunteers who read to the Tot Enrichment program.

North River Culinary Arts program continues to prepare meals for our Meals on Wheels and daily congregate lunch program. This past year 12,394 meals were cooked here at the Community Center, either to be delivered or served here on site. Thank you; North River Staff and Students for all your hard work preparing the meals. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who deliver meals to homebound seniors. No matter what the weather; rain, snow, sleet, ice and the heat of the summer, they are out there delivering the meals. I cannot thank this group enough. This year both the Knights of Columbus and The Fraternal Order of Eagles #841 presented the Meals on Wheels Program checks for \$3,000, The Ladies Auxiliary VFW #1788, \$1,130, The Disabled Veterans #50, \$200, to help defray the cost of those unable to pay for their meals. I wish to thank the organizations for their generosity, caring and support.

Eleanor Murphy is our Outreach Coordinator, a position funded by a grant from The Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Angela Keller is our Senior Aide; funded by Senior Community Service Employment Program. Our van driver, Elena Bailey, transported 2,343 seniors to various medical appointments and activities. The van service is provided three days a week funded by donations.

The Friends of Rockland Seniors and the Golden Agers hold their monthly meetings here in the senior center. Both groups have been very supportive of the Council and our activities.

To the Citizens of Rockland; thank you for your donations towards our van service, meals on wheels program, postage expense, office supplies, coffee supplies, medical equipment for our loan closet, books for our library, items for our gift shop, yarn, knitted items for the neonatal units at area hospitals, hats for chemotherapy patients, and table decorations for our senior lunchroom. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you, to all our volunteers who give so much of their time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret A. Bryan, Director

## SEWER COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The Board of Sewer Commissioners respectfully submits the annual report of the Sewer Department for the year 2008.

As some of you are aware the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant is Forty- five years old and is in need of capital improvements. In this tough economic climate we would like to thank the citizens of Rockland for approving the Articles presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Department continues to work aggressively to identify and eliminate sources of inflow and infiltration. We are in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 5year plan submitted to EPA. A contract will be awarded for repairs to the sewer collection system. This work will include the sealing of service connections to residences and businesses in town as well as repairs to main sewer lines and manholes.

This past year was the 7<sup>th</sup> wettest year on record. The Department continues to face many challenges by balancing growth in the town with the limitations of its permit and the capacity at the sewer plant. We are working closely with developers who are helping fund projects identified to reduce sources of inflow and infiltration. We urge all residents to help us with this effort. Directing storm water from your basement sump pumps or roof drains into the Town's sanitary sewer system is illegal and could raise user rates for everyone. The costs for electricity and chemicals associated with processes at the sewage treatment plant have skyrocketed. Please help us; do not introduce any illegal sources to the system.

The Rockland Board Sewer Commissioners would like to extend our thanks to all the Departments in Town for their continued cooperation and valued support throughout the year.

Respectively submitted,

Walter Simmons, Chairman  
Gerald Esposito III, Vice-Chairman  
William E. Stewart, Commissioner  
John F. Loughlin, Superintendent

# **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

## **To the Inhabitants of the Town of Rockland:**

The Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submits the following report for the Rockland Water Department for the year 2008.

A major upgrade to our distribution system was the installation of a new water main on Webster Street from Mark Street to the Hanover town line. This work along with the connection out to Woodsbury Road will enhance the water quality in the eastern portion of the town.

Along with replacing mains we strive to maintain our distribution system by flushing the entire system twice a year. This year, we accomplished that task in the spring and the fall. This operation although costly and time consuming aids in removing any sedimentation in the mains under a controlled environment.

In the latter portion of 2008 we began installing new water meters, which will enable the department to monitor any water leaks inside the homes and/or businesses throughout the town. The advantage of such a unit is that we can notify the customer if a leak, even as small as a dripping faucet, is detected. By providing this service it will assist both the user and water department. The user will not encounter an escalated bill and the department will enhance our conservation program.

We would like to recognize all of the employees of the Water Department who strive to maintain water service to our homes and businesses. We salute and thank all the men and women of the department for accomplishing the task of delivering an adequate supply of Safe Drinking Water to the Town of Rockland.

The following is a list of some of the major duties performed by your water department in 2008:

Main Repairs	12
Service Repairs	10
Hydrant Repairs	7
Hydrant Replacements	5
Meter Replacements	173
Gate Valve Replacement	5
Curb Stop Repairs	4
Curb Stop Replacements	1
Billing and Collection	
Reconciliations	6012 accounts with quarterly billing

**Thank you for a job well done.**

The Board of Water Commissioners would also like to extend a sincere Thank you to Ryan Burns, a local resident who coordinated and supervised the painting of over one hundred hydrants in the Town of Rockland. This project was performed by Ryan as a community service while attempting to achieve the status of Eagle Scout.

## **“WITH WATER WORKS PRIDE”**

Rockland Board of Water Commissioners

Ray Campanile, Chairman  
Robert Corvi, Sr.

William T. Low, Secretary  
Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent

### **REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS**

#### **To the Inhabitants of the Towns of Abington and Rockland:**

The Joint Water Board is comprised of the six elected Water Commissioners of the two Towns, as provided in Section 13, Chapter 206, of the Acts of 1885. The powers and duties of the Joint Board are set forth in said Chapter 206, in Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1897; in Chapter 656 of the Acts of several sections of the Massachusetts General Laws which are not specifically set forth in the Special Acts. There are other special Acts of Legislature which govern the Joint Water works, including Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1886, Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1903, Chapter 618 of the Acts of 1945, Chapter 288 of the Acts of 1952, Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1953 and Chapter 535 of the Acts of 1959.

We The Abington/Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit the following report of the Joint Water Works for the year 2008.

In continuing with our treatment plant renovations, this past year with a financial incentive from National Grid, we were able to replace the motor drives at The Great Sandy Bottom Water Treatment Plant in Pembroke with new variable frequency drives. These drives require less electricity for start up and also extend the life of the pump motors.

In addition to this upgrade we also replaced the motor control unit for the micro-organism screen at Great Sandy Bottom, began the chemical feed system upgrades and installed state of the art magnetic flow meters on both the raw and finished water lines at the Hannigan Water Treatment Plant in Rockland.

In June a total water ban on all outside water usage was instituted for six days. The ban was due to an extreme amount of water utilized the weekend of June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Although we have increased water capacity at the Hingham Street Reservoir, our ability to produce sufficient water is limited by the capacity of the plant. The reservoir expansion provides us with the security of additional water in reserve during periods of low recharge.

This past year also provided us with the approval of purchasing a building in order to establish the Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works in a central location under one roof. This building on Centre Avenue in Rockland will consolidate our operations and provide the department with the ability to serve you in a more efficient manner. The Board of Commissioners from both Abington and Rockland invested numerous hours evaluating options and negotiating the purchase. The efforts resulted in an affordable facility that will serve the towns well.

The Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works delivered 1,073,494,438 gallons of water throughout the year. This was an increase of 50,181,256 gallons from 2007. The following record details our monthly pumping rate:

JANUARY	84,148,219 gals	JULY	103,357,922 gals
FEBRUARY	78,254,941 gals	AUGUST	93,874,917 gals
MARCH	85,445,563 gals	SEPTEMBER	91,154,063 gals
APRIL	87,981,985 gals	OCTOBER	84,118,469 gals
MAY	99,823,125 gals	NOVEMBER	79,204,944 gals
JUNE	100,702,477 gals	DECEMBER	85,427,813 gals

**“With Water Works Pride”**

Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works Commissioners

Robert Corvi, Co-Chairman  
Ray Campanile, Secretary  
William T. Low  
Daniel F. Callahan, Superintendent

Richard D. Muncey, Co-Chairman  
John E. Warner  
Steven D. Bradbury

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Building Department for the year 2008.

During the year the Inspector of Buildings reviewed and issued 515 Building Permits. The scope of these permits ranged from Detached Single Family Dwellings, Attached Townhouse style Single Family Units, Duplex's, as well as Residential and Commercial Remodeling work.

Building Permit Fees collected totaled \$294,735.81 which reflected a Construction Value of approximately \$28,000,000.00.

Inspections made throughout the year also include Certificates of Compliance issued to establishments such as Schools, Restaurants, Bars, Hotels, Day Care Centers and Multi-Family Structures.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen along with all Town Departments for their continued assistance and to our Administrative Assistant Bette Burrill for her effort in keeping the office running smoothly. Also, many thanks to Charles Pratt for all his help and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ruble  
Inspector of Buildings  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

## **GAS INSPECTOR**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

The following is my report of Gas Inspections for the calendar year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

During this period our office issued 409 Gas Permits for revenue of 18390.00.

My thanks to all departments who worked with us during 2008. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Bette Burrill, for keeping our office a smooth running operation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Stewart  
Gas Inspector

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

The following is my report of the Plumbing Inspections for the calendar year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

During this period our office issued 418 Plumbing Permits for revenue of \$54,360.00.00.

My thanks to all departments who worked with us during the year 2008. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Bette Burrill, for keeping our office a smooth running operation.

Respectfully submitted,

William Stewart  
Plumbing Inspector

## **WIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

In the Year 2008 the Inspectors of Wires issued 424 Electrical Permits. We conducted in excess of 1500 inspections. Wiring Permits fees collected totaled \$41,232.00.

Our thanks to all departments who worked with us during the year 2008. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Bette Burrill for her continued patience and support. We look forward to a busy and eventful 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Paul & James Sawaya  
Inspector of Wires

## **SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland;

During 2008 the Sealer of Weights and Measures tested and sealed 12 scales and conducted 134 tests of gasoline and diesel meters. All dispensers were sealed. The total amount of fees collected was \$3870.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ruble  
Sealer of Weights & Measures

## **REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

As noted last year requirements established by Homeland Security and the State Emergency Planning Committee have increased and continue to be revised. Requirements dealing with the planning process with which the Town must comply increasingly emphasize regional planning and communication. Federal grants for smaller communities have been reduced in size and awards are being directed toward large cities as they seem to be more at risk.

The Director has again attended monthly MEMA meetings in Bridgewater and has attended training sessions in Taunton, Marlborough, Harwich, Plymouth, and Framingham.

Most of the town employees and officials have completed the requirements of the Federal Government: the National Incident Management System and to the appropriate level of the Incident Command System, both of which are required for all first responder and administrative personnel. New employees will be certified as soon as possible. The Town certification of completion for those who have completed the requirements has been filed as required by presidential directive. School personnel have met the requirements through a federal grant awarded to the North River Collaborative and need only to complete paper work filing with the Director. Several officials will need to meet the basic requirements in order to meet the annual reporting requirement as will one or two command personnel.

The Citizen Emergency Response Team has taken steps to becoming functional. As noted in the last annual report this program will provide individuals trained in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism, and CERT organization and be available to assist where needed in emergency or other types of situations and should be available to assist in the operation of the emergency dispensing sites being developed through the MA Board of Health. Interim Fire Chief Ferguson will assist in the recruitment of volunteers and in the screening and training process. It should be noted that all volunteers must pass a background check as they will apt to be assisting with young children and the elderly and will be entering private areas when needed.

The Rockland Auxiliary Police continues to provide regular back-up to the Police Department. The members all complete an annual firearm's qualification, certification in CPR/AED and as first

responders, and an annual in-service program. This year's in-service includes First Aid, CPR/AED, Criminal Procedure, Motor Vehicle Law, Missing Children, Defensive Tactics and Domestic Violence. The officers assisted at the following activities:

Memorial Day Parade, Citizen's Scholarship Toll Booths, Special Education Parent's Advisory Council Toll Booths, So. Shore Regional Vocational School Toll Booth, Veterans' Day Parade, and the Christmas Stroll.

Assistance was also provided to a number of out of town activities and compassionate assistance was provided at some funerals.

The Auxiliary provides two fully equipped cruisers and manpower back up on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights or other times as determined by the Chief of Police. This has resulted in many thousand hours of unpaid service to the community. The older cruisers which were in need of replacement (age and mileage) have been replaced at minimal expense to the Town. Last year we were able to procure an excellent used cruiser from East Bridgewater PD. We were able to do the same again this year and now have two very recent vintage vehicles. It is likely that we will have to cut back on service because of the economic problems the Town faces. This limits the use of the Auxiliary because of the gasoline prices. It also has limited the reimbursement of Auxiliary officers who must provide all of their own equipment and are responsible for their training costs. The up-front expenses have impacted the number of applications of new officers and the movement of some officers to other towns and a substantial number to the regular department as Permanent Intermittent officers will very likely cut the services offered to the Town.

A great deal of attention has been paid to the possibility of a flu or other pandemic and detailed plans have been prepared for two emergency dispensing sites with the leadership provided by the Board of Health and Leigh Mansberger, a consultant for the state, who has been moved to another community and will be missed.

Continued arrangements exist with the School Department, the American Red Cross, and the school bus contractor for the operation of certified shelters should their need arise.

The diesel generator procured by through a federal grant and funds from the equipment budget has still not been connected to the Town Hall power panel at this time due to the Town's lack of funds. It is still possible to use the generator by using portable lighting.

The Rockland Comprehensive Emergency Plan update was completed and upgraded. However new guidelines make further revision required.

The Director has been working on a mitigation plan for the area between Studley's Pond and the wastewater treatment plant. It is hoped that this will make it possible (when accepted) to obtain some assistance in repairing the dam under Market Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bowles  
Director

## **REPORT OF THE ROCKLAND LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

The Local Emergency Planning Committee operates under the requirements of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) and Title III: The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The Committee is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and has ten specific categories of governmental and private sector personnel who are required to participate. These include Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, Health Care, Hazardous Materials (business that generate Hazmat materials), Public Safety Communications, Public Health, Public Works (Highway, Water, and Sewer), and Government Administrative (Administrators, Selectmen, etc.). In addition service clubs (Lions, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and others) and other civic groups are encouraged to participate on the Committee.

The LEPC meets quarterly in general session with all meetings posted and open to the public. In addition the LEPC may meet in executive session for planning and setting guidelines for information that is of a security nature. The LEPC and the Fire Department are the receptors of annual reports from hazardous material facilities and critical needs facilities.

A required table-top exercise has been planned and results will be submitted to the State in the near future. Recent federal guidelines necessitated major modifications in the process to be followed.

The present committee is made up of the following individuals (with their category designation):

Robert Bowles	Emergency Management
Allan Chiocca	Town Administrator
Dan Callahan	Water Department (Local Environmental)
Lawrence Chaffee	Elected Official
Robert Corvi	Public Works
William Ferguson	Firefighting-EMS
John Llewellyn	Law Enforcement
John Loughlin	Sewer Department (Local Environmental)
Janice McCarthy	Health
David Murphy	Broadcast Media
Bradley Plante	Town Administrator (resigned)
John Retchless	School/Transportation
Michael Sammon	Firefighting-EMS (retired)
Doric Scarpelli	School/Transportation
VNA Rep.	Hospital/Public Health

Representatives currently listed from manufacturing facilities are

ITW TACC	Kate Ryan
Globe Composite Solutions	representative to be named
National Coating	Tracy Montour
Venture Tape	Gary Litman

We seek additional representation from churches as well as service organizations.

Meetings were held to deal with public health concerns as they relate to infectious diseases. Planning has been completed for emergency dispensing sites at the Memorial Park School and the Community Center. Both have been evaluated by a consultant for the State Board of Health and inventories of needs have been established. A study has been undertaken for adequate access and parking at the Community Center.

This year the Commonwealth has established planning guidelines for dispensing sites for each community. These will be set up to provide emergency supplies, food, and water in the event of a major power outage (storm or other related) or another widespread disaster. Current plans indicate using the Rockland High School parking area with a planned traffic distribution to be established.

As has been the case for the past several years the Chairman has attended a number of sessions dealing with emergency response and planning. Janice McCarthy has attended numerous health and planning sessions. Our extremely capable State consultant, Leigh Mansberger, has been of tremendous assistance in planning and reducing plans to paper.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Bowles  
Chairman

## **ROCKLAND CULTURAL COUNCIL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland.

The Rockland Cultural Council is pleased to submit the annual report for the year 2008.

The Town of Rockland was allocated \$6,400. from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for our fiscal year 2008 grant period. We have been able to keep our status as a streamlined council. We need not wait for state approval before beginning the reimbursement-funded projects. Sound local administration of the grant making process, timely and accurate submission of grants to the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the required number of trained council members allows the Rockland Cultural Council to maintain such status.

The Council worked diligently to best fund as creatively and fairly as possible as many projects to appeal to the greatest number of Rockland residents. For fiscal 2008 the Council received thirty grants totaling \$15,900. – of these seventeen grants were accepted for us to stay within our allotted budget. Local schools, museums, art associations, the Rockland Memorial Library and concerts for seniors were among the most prominent grants accepted.

Monthly meetings are posted in the Town Hall and recorded in the Brockton Enterprise and on cable TV. There are Cultural Survey sheets available at the Selectmen's Office for citizens to express their ideas and suggestions. All Rockland residents are encouraged to ask questions or perhaps join the Council as a member.

The Council is also proud of the Rita Maher Scholarship designed for Rockland students enrolled full time in an accredited school leading to a degree in the arts. This scholarship is funded primarily from proceeds of note cards found at the Selectmen's Office and from private donations.

We sincerely urge and hope our residents take advantage of funded programs which have been made possible through Massachusetts Cultural Council monies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Tetzlaff, Chair  
Clair Garvey, Treasurer  
Marcia Adams, Recording Secretary  
Janet Cann  
Adrienne Donovan  
Kathleen Folino  
Patricia Isaac  
Dorothy McCauley  
Members

## **ROCKLAND TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE & CONSERVATION CORPS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland:

This past year was exciting, busy and very rewarding for the Rockland Town Forest. We were blessed to have two boy scouts from Troop 57 do their Eagle Scout Projects in the town forest. In June, Taylor Davidson carried out a project that updated the memorial garden dedicated to William Dougherty a member of the Town Forest Committee who passed away in 1993. The project consisted of making the fence around the garden uniform, with new gates and a far better dedication plaque. He also added two new benches; one at the west side of the garden and the other at the front of the town forest on North Avenue for passers-by to use. Other parts of the project included work in the picnic grove, bird sanctuary and moving a large pile of wood chips and mulch to the end of the fire lane for future use on our trail project.

Dylan Carpino of Troop 57 worked on his Eagle Scout project which involved making and installing a barrier gate on the access road in the town forest. This was done to provide parking on town forest land, not on North Avenue. We now have parking for about three or four vehicles within the town forest. Dylan also fabricated a roller for use on our trail construction project. It has proved invaluable as we used it extensively last fall. We look forward to having more projects like these in the coming years, as they benefit the community and surrounding communities.

Finally, as was mentioned in the 2007 annual report, we had proposed a trail from the end of the existing lower fire lane to the gate opening on Spruce Street. We filed a Notice of Intent with Rockland Conservation Commission and after all proper procedures and hearings were completed we had an Order of Conditions issued on August 22, 2008. In mid-September work started on a 40" wide trail covered with woodchips, which will include about twelve to thirteen small deck bridges over swales and run-off ditches. Work continued until mid-December when conditions prohibited any further work until spring. We are happy to report that almost three hundred feet of trail has been partially constructed. This is a major undertaking done with volunteers and members of the Town Forest Committee. If anyone wants to volunteer on this project contact George Anderson at 781-878-6370.

We are expecting 2009 to be as exciting as 2008. The Rockland Town Forest is a valuable area for flood storage and educational activities. This land was a gift to the town to be used for conservation and passive recreation. The Rockland Town Forest Committee is committed to keeping that ideal alive. We do not use tax dollars for our programs, but rely on donations, scout and other organizations, growing our own crops, donated cans, etc. to improve the Rockland Town Forest.

Volunteer hours from Rockland Town Forest Committee, Boy Scouts and other volunteers in 2008:  
477.5 hours

## TOWN FOREST FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance forward FY 2007:	\$4,790.85
Total Collections:	
No collections for 2008	0.00
Total Credits:	0.00
Total Expenditures:	
Certified Mailing Cost for Notice of Intent	287.10
Newspaper Legal Notice for Notice of Intent	59.75
Filing with Registry for Order of Conditions DEP #273-324	77.00
Total Debits:	423.85
Net Change:	-423.85
Balance forward to FY 2006:	\$4,790.85
2008 Expenses:	423.85
Balance forward to FY 2009:	\$4,367.00

Respectfully submitted,

George Anderson, Chairman  
Virginia M. Anderson  
Robert Ingeno  
James Norman  
Michael O'Brien

**TOWN OF ROCKLAND  
CLIMATE SUMMARY  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008**

Station Location: 355 Forest Street, Rockland, Massachusetts  
Map Location (U.S.G.S.): N 42 9' 15" – W 70 54' 30"  
Elevation above sea level: 151 feet

Growing Season Data (Based on a killing frost of 32 F)

Last Killing Frost (spring): May 1, 2008  
First Killing Frost (fall): October 24, 2008  
Length of Growing Season: 176 days (average is ~ 150 days)

Temperature data

Year's Highest Temperature & Date: 101 on June 10, 2008  
Year's Lowest Temperature & Date: 4 F on January 4, 2008  
Heat Waves Recorded; Dates & Duration: June 7<sup>th</sup> – June 11<sup>th</sup>; July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>;  
(Based on three or more consecutive days with temperatures 90 F or above.): July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Precipitation data

Annual Precipitation 62.20"  
30 year normal: 45.31"  
Most amount of rainfall in 24 hr period: 2.80" on (2) days: 2/12 – 2/13 & 12/11 – 12/12  
Recorded from 6:00 P to 6:00 P  
Most amount of snowfall for a single storm: From 2:30P on 12/19 to 7:00 P on 12/21 we  
received 20.75"  
6:00 P to 6:00 P 12/19 – 12/20 we received 10.75"

General Comments

2008 ended up almost three degrees above average for the year. A warm year to be sure, it was consistent over the entire year with only November being slightly below average. Precipitation was almost 40% above average, the months of February, September and December having the most precipitation. There were no tropical systems to report coming through the area this year. It was a light snowfall year until December when we had a storm which lasted the better part of three days and dropped 20.75" at this site. We had another which left 8.50" on New Year's Eve, with our average annual snowfall of 43.36" we ended up the year at 20% above average.

General notes for the year would be that the summer months were very warm and humid. We had twenty-four days with temperatures 90 degrees or above, this was far less than the 36 days we had in 2007, but still well above average. Precipitation was abundant and basically spread out over the course of the year.

Climate Summary Means & Extremes for Period January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit

Month	Daily Maximum	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Daily Minimum	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Daily Mean	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Monthly High Temp	Monthly Low Temp	Mean Degrees Days	Normal Degrees Days	Departure From Normal	Monthly Precipitation	30 year Normal	Departure From Normal	Total Snowfall For Month
January	41.2	36.6	4.6	24	18.5	5.5	32.6	27.5	5.1	65	4	987	1156	-169	3.14	3.68	-0.54	7.30"
February	41.2	38.6	2.6	24.2	19.6	4.6	32.7	29.1	3.5	60	8	929	1008	-79	8.31	3.83	4.45	11.15"
March	47.6	45.8	1.8	29.2	27.4	1.8	38.4	36.3	2.1	61	20	822	876	-54	5.95	4.24	1.71	1.50"
April	62.6	57.9	4.7	39.2	35.9	3.3	50.9	46.9	4	88	27	428	538	-110	3.99	3.6	0.39	0"
May	68.3	68.9	-0.6	46.4	45	1.4	57.4	57.1	0.3	82	29	237	270	-33	1.27	3.25	-1.98	0"
June	81.2	77.5	3.7	59.6	54.3	5.3	70.4	65.9	4.5	101	47	29	70	-41	4.22	2.99	1.23	0"
July	88.7	82.2	6.5	66	59.9	6.1	77.4	71.1	6.3	96	60	5417	6197	-780	5.9	3.09	2.81	0"
August	82.7	80.5	2.2	59.7	58.5	1.2	71.2	69.5	1.7	90	50	3	24	-21	5.24	3.89	1.35	0"
September	73.8	73.1	0.7	55.3	50.8	4.5	64.6	62	2.6	91	39	74	142	-68	8.94	4.08	4.86	0"
October	65.3	63.8	1.5	41.6	41.2	0.4	53.5	52.5	1	76	26	354	389	-35	1.92	3.61	-1.69	0"
November	50.4	52.2	-1.8	33.3	33.3	0	41.9	42.7	-0.8	67	17	689	674	15	4.38	4.55	-0.17	0"
December	43.9	40.1	3.8	25.8	22.4	3.4	34.9	31.3	3.6	60	10	909	1039	-130	8.94	4.5	4.44	31.85"
<b>Totals</b>													<b>2029</b>	<b>2279</b>	<b>-250</b>	<b>Total Snowfall:</b>		
<b>Annual Average</b>													<b>52.2</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>62.20"</b>		

## ROCKLAND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Rockland:

2008 was a busy and eventful year for the Rockland Historical Commission (RHC). As always our efforts are focused on increasing our public visibility in order to further awareness and foster interest in preserving Rockland's historical heritage.

In late spring, the RHC swore in a new member, Drew Townson, an eight year Rockland resident and aficionado of local history.

With 2007's grant of \$1,000 from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, the RHC purchased archival storage goods and throughout 2008 began protecting, sorting and cataloging our archives.

Also begun in 2007, the RHC continued in 2008 to monitor and liaise with the Codman Shoe Building project, now known as The Residences at Emerson Shoe. The developer has been extremely accommodating and sensitive as regards the historical significance of the vintage factory.

Our collaboration continues with the Hartsuff Memorial Association and the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. With them, we share headquarters at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall located at 34 School Street. On November 29<sup>th</sup> we once again opened the hall for the Holiday Stroll, welcoming dozens of visitors. The 2008 event was the best yet; featuring reenactors of the Mass 22nd Regiment and officers of Hartsuff Camp 50, dressed in full Union Army attire. Additionally, there was a display of Civil War arms and artifacts, as well as food, hot cider and even live holiday music by the RHC's Mr. Townson.

In the fall, the RHC sought and was successful in acquiring a \$10,000 private grant to repair the leaky roof at the GAR, a high-priority and essential fix. (The donation is slated to be received by The Hartsuff Post Memorial Association in February 2009, with repairs to commence as weather permits).

Due to an advanced state of decay, the demolition of a vintage Union St. barn in Rockland's Historical District was necessary for public safety. The RHC got involved and made an agreement with the owner that if anything is to be built on the site, it will replicate the old barn. Photos of the original structure are archived in our collection.

We also have an ongoing gallery display at Town Hall. We will be changing the gallery every few months to display other interesting topics. If anyone concerned has any suggestions or particular interest in what is displayed, please contact the RHC.

As always, the RHC is eager to accept donations of historical items, photos and documents, along with financial contributions to further our mission.

The RHC would like to thank Rockland residents, businesses and civic groups for their support last year. Their continued generosity is greatly appreciated. As always, we welcome interested residents to attend our meetings at Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month to ask questions and share resources.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rockland Historical Commission

Jim Paul, Chairman  
Peter Dow, Vice-Chairman & Treasurer  
Adrienne Donovan, Secretary  
Larry Donovan  
Dean Sargent  
Bill Ferguson  
Drew Townson

## **PLANNING BOARD**

The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The members of the Planning Board continue their conscientious work to assure that applications submitted to the Board for consideration meet all of the regulations and by-laws set forth by the Town of Rockland and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In an effort to maintain the highest standard of quality, which is consistent and reflective of the Town of Rockland, the board members make a special effort to work cooperatively with the other Town departments and boards, as well as with the Town Engineer.

During the past year, the Board has continued reviewing plans for 51 Maple Street, and Church Street Condominiums. They have also reviewed plans for Beech Tree Estates and other projects in the Town of Rockland.

The Planning Board wishes to thank the residents of Rockland and the other Town boards for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Henderson, Chairman  
Robert Mahoney  
Michael Corbett  
Donald Cann  
Robert Rice  
John Lucas, Associate Member

## ROCKLAND PARK DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland:

The following is a report of the Rockland Park Department for the year ending December 31, 2008.

The main function of the department is to supply the best conditions possible on our fields and parks for the community. We maintain 113 acres of land; 15 ball fields; 2 running tracks; 2 basketball courts and 2 playgrounds. Many permits were issued this past year from company softball games to the different scouting groups using our fields.

Thanks to A.W. Perry over the past three years we have had some improvements: 3 sprinkler systems, the stadium painted and the 1<sup>st</sup> payment on a New Holland Ford tractor (pictured below) to take care of the landfill saving thousands of dollars per year by not using outside contractors. A special thanks to them. All our youth groups continue to step up and help the various fields with major improvements. Over the past couple of years the Trial Court Services have continued to help us out with various jobs and projects throughout the Town saving thousands of dollars.

The past two years have been tough going with budget cuts and this coming year will be no different. We have 1,900 children ages 5 to 25 involved with the different sports, not to mention our track walkers and the children using the playgrounds. We have the only stadium in the South Shore that hosts most of our sports programs, graduations and miscellaneous events. Hopefully our budget consisting of three men will stay intact so we can provide the same services we have in the past.

We send a special thank you to the Water, Sewer and Highway Departments for their continuous help on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter D. Ewell, Superintendent  
Robert Mahoney, Chairman  
Mark Maguire, Secretary  
Rich Furlong, Field Coordinator

Pictured: Park Superintendent  
Peter Ewell with new tractor.



Picture courtesy of Anton Materna

## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2008.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. 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 2008 season began dry with a low water table which increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 27, 2008 and ended on September 26, 2008. The Project responded to 14,346 requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we continued our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on August 14, 2008. Of the season's total of thirteen EEE isolates, two were from Plymouth County as follows: Carver -8/14, Halifax-9/14.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, one Plymouth County town, Lakeville, was elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" of EEE Risk" effective Oct 4, 2008. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2008 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of 6 birds tested positive for WNV in the following six towns: Halifax, Hingham, Scituate, Kingston, Whitman and Plymouth. Approximately fifteen birds were handled through this Project as a dead bird repository. A total of seven isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Abington - 7/29, Brockton - 8/12, Kingston - 9/5, Mattapoisett - 8/7 and Whitman - 8/26, 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2008 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,047 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The remaining problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the Town of Rockland are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Rockland residents.

Insecticide Application. 835 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 235 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors Town of Rockland 2008 Annual Report continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Last year a total of 62 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

Water Management. During 2008 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,215 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by helicopter before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In Rockland this year we aerially larvicided 280 acres.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Rockland was less than two days with more than 402 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in Rockland indicates that *Cx. species* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Ae. vexans* and *Oc. canadensis*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira  
Superintendent

Commissioners:  
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman  
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Kimberly King  
William J. Mara  
John Kenney



**ROCKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2008 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

**Official Department Roster**

**Chief of Police**

John R. Llewellyn

**Deputy Chief of Police**

currently unfilled

**Operations Lieutenant**

Barry E. Ashton

**Administrative Lieutenant**

currently unfilled

**SERGEANTS**

Wayne Jackson  
John Wentworth

Rodney Welch  
Nicholas Zeoli

William Shallies  
Gregory Pigeon

**DETECTIVES**

Det. Sgt. John Wentworth

Det. Stephen Sammon

Det. Paul Donnelly

**PATROLMEN**

James Fitzpatrick  
J. Larry Buiel  
Richard Somers  
Sean Brundige  
Joseph Zielinski  
James Simpson  
Steven Somers  
John Hurley

Ronald Everett  
Patrick Norton  
John O'Connor  
Michael Byers  
Brian Coakley  
Richard Phelps  
Ethan Schnable  
James Casper

Gerard Eramo  
Peter Chernicki  
Thomas MacDonald  
Paul Donnelly  
Richard Novio  
Susan Llewellyn

**K-9's**

Boyar

Jessica

**Animal Control Officer**

Patricia Whittemore

**E 9-1-1 Dispatchers**

Wayne Everett      Kevin Gallagher      Brian McDonald      Thomas Viglas

**Executive Assistant**

Jeanne Gianatassio

**Administrative Assistant**

Leanne McGuinness

**Custodian**

Richard Welch

**Permanent Intermittent Officers**

Charles Tilden      Kevin Gallagher      Brian McDonald

**School Police Officers**

Kevin Gallagher      David Langill      Joseph Rogers

**Auxiliary Police Officers**

Captain Robert Bowles

Raymond Alongi	Kevin Briggs	Matthew Cooper
Jeffrey DiRenzo	Seth Dunlap	Justin Eramo
Wayne Everett	Martin Foley	David George
Nancy Gilcoine	Timothy Jonah	David Langill
Joseph Rogers	William Rovelto	Phillip Strazulla
Thomas Viglas		

**Crossing Guards**

Cathy Beasley      Elizabeth Walsh      Judith Walling

**Matrons**

Nancy Gilcoine	Elizabeth Hall	L'Oren Rogerson
Jan O'Connor	Pamela Ryan-Murray	Jackie Giachetti

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

I respectfully submit the Annual Town Report of the activities of your Police Department for the year 2008.

## **Mission Statement**

The Rockland 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 Rockland Police Department are empowered to enforce the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the By-Laws of the Town of Rockland, to ensure that the peace and tranquility of our neighborhoods are maintained and that crime and the fear of crime are reduced. We emphasize and value integrity, honesty, impartiality and professionalism from our members in order to create an environment that values differences and fosters fairness and flexibility in our mission.

## **Personnel**

The current complement of the Police Department is now down to 32 full time sworn officers. Three years ago the department had 34 full time officers. Due to the current fiscal difficulties, we are unable to fill these positions at this time.

The Police Department currently has three Permanent Intermittent Officers (part time civil service positions.) These Officers fill in for the full time Officers when they are unable to work. We are currently in the process of adding ten new Permanent Intermittent Officers to our staff. The addition of these officers comes at little to no cost to the Town of Rockland. The Department also has 21 Auxiliary Police Officers. These Officers assist the regular full time Officers on weekends and with special events. They are an invaluable resource to the town. Special thanks to Robert Bowles who leads the Auxiliary Police Officers.

The Department currently has one part time Animal Control Officer. Patricia Whittemore handled over 300 animal complaints in 2008. She also deals with sick, injured and stray animals on a daily basis. The ACO is authorized to isolate and confine domestic animals suspected of being exposed to rabies. Unfortunately, as a result of budget cuts we no longer have a part time ACO to cover calls for service on the weekends and holidays.

The Police Department handles all 9-1-1 calls for medical, police and fire services. The 9-1-1 staff handled over 7,114 calls during 2008. The 9-1-1 call center is staffed with two full time dispatchers and eight part time individuals. Our Dispatchers do an outstanding job and deserve recognition for a position that is extremely important and when well done is often overlooked.

Our school crossing guards are part-time civilian personnel. Currently there are two permanent crossing guards and one part-time who fills in when a regular crossing guard is unable to cover a post. Unfortunately, again as a result of budget reductions the number of permanent crossing guards has been reduced from six. Each crossing guard plays an essential role in ensuring the safety of our children. They also serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for the police department and the community. Each crossing guard has proven their dedication to the children and the community and is a great asset to Rockland.

Our custodian, Richard Welch, does an amazing job keeping a very busy building clean. Needless to say, a busy police department can get very dirty at times. Mr. Welch does a great job keeping the building clean. He also performs many repairs around the station, thereby saving hundreds of dollars in service calls.

## **Service to the Community**

In 2008 the Police Department logged 21,974 calls for service. This is down slightly from approximately 23,645 in 2007. This does not include the thousands of telephone calls for directions, school closings and the requests for general information that the desk officers and the 9-1-1 dispatchers answer. During 2008 the Police Department arrested 618 individuals and placed another 118 into protective custody.

The Rockland Police Department is committed to providing first class service to the residents of the town. To that end, in 2008 the department was involved in the following Community Policing Initiatives:

- D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- R.A.D. Rape Aggression Defense Classes for adults and children
- “Click It or Ticket” seat belt enforcement program
- “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose,” and
- “Over the Limit – Under Arrest” enforcement patrols
- Underage alcohol enforcement patrols,
- K-9 program – with cutting edge training for both drug detection, tracking and apprehension programs
- Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council – Regionalized Response Team
- Metropolitan Law Enforcement Mobile Operations Division
- Metropolitan Law Enforcement Computer Crimes Unit
- Free bicycle helmet program
- Applied for and received numerous grants allowing the department to purchase computers, office equipment, cruiser equipment and conduct community policing patrols
- Development and maintenance of a department website
- Rockland Police Special Response Team
- White Ribbon Domestic Violence Awareness Programs
- Participation in a number of drug sweeps at schools outside of Rockland
- Unit demonstrations and participation in numerous private and Town sponsored events

The Rockland Police Department K-9 program has been very successful. Officer Somers and K-9's Boyar and Jessica have tracked and located a number of dangerous criminals, have successfully located numerous missing persons, and searched for and found large quantities of drugs in both homes and vehicles. This extremely successful program is funded entirely through private donations and the hard work of Officer Steven Somers.

## **Acknowledgements**

I extend my thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen en, our Town Administrator and the Finance Committee.

Thank you to Robert Corvi and the members of the Highway Department. Mr. Corvi and his crew provide invaluable services to the Police Department and the citizens of Rockland.

I also wish to thank all of the Boards, Committees, Commissions and Departments within the Town. I believe that the spirit of cooperation among departments is at an all time high.

Thank you to the citizens and taxpayers of Rockland for your continued support.

To the men and women of the Rockland Police Department – I thank each and every one of you for your dedication, professionalism and your spirit. You are truly the foundation our department stands upon.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Llewellyn  
Chief of Police

ROCKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
490 Market Street



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## MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS 2008

OUI Alcohol	69	No Registration Decal	1
Operating to Endanger	97	Allowing Improper Person to Operate	11
Unregistered M.V.	31	Failure to Display Plates	0
Uninsured M.V.	31	Violation of Learners Permit/Junior License	6
No Inspection Sticker	96	License Restriction-6 months	1
Failure to Yield-Intersection	30	Exhibit Another's License	3
No License in Possession	71	Trespass with motor vehicle	0
Operating after Suspension	99	No Turn Signal	11
Poor Care Starting	4	Leave a M.V. Running Unattended	0
Failure to Obey Pavement Markings	151	Impeded Operation	4
Attaching License Plates	4	Failure to Obey P.O. for Traffic Control	3
Revoked Registration	27	Unsecured Load	1
Failure to Keep Right	7	Improper Lights (After Market)	2
Not Licensed	67	Seized Plates	74
No Right on Red	6	Gave Assistance To-APD	21
Stop Sign/Red Light	202	Gave Assistance To-State/other agency	238
Speeding	965		
Leaving Scene Property Damage	9	“Other” Motor Vehicle Violations	64
Improper Passing	9		
Passing on Right	1		
Turn Signal Violation	17		
Noise	22		
Equipment Violation	261	<u>Total Motor Vehicle Violations</u>	2,997
Obstructing Emergency Vehicle	1		
False Name to Police Officer	7		
School Bus Violation	2	<u>Total Parking Tickets Issued</u>	557
OUI Drugs	4		
Failure to Use Turn Signals	7		
Tinted Windows	16		
Failure to Change Address	4		
Allow Improper Operator	0		
One Way Street Violation	1		
Failure to Dim Headlights	0		
Seat Belt Violation	211		
Drive with Open Container-Alcohol	2		
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident	0		
Failure to Stop for Police Officer	11		
Pedestrian Crosswalk Violation	1		
Follow too Close	7		
Using without Authority of Owner	6		
Counterfeit Inspection Sticker	1		

## INCIDENTS REPORTED 2008

Abandoned motor vehicles	12	Larceny of M.V./& plates	46
Accessory before and after	6	Liquor law violations	12
Accosting	2	Motor vehicle lockouts	167
Affray	7	Malicious destruction of property/MV	168
Animal complaint	302	Mental health warrant	14
Annoying phone calls	49	Minor in possession of alcohol	27
Arson/attempted arson	1	Motor vehicle accidents	537
Assault & Battery on police officer	5	Narcotic drug violations	87
Assault & Battery/A&B dangerous weapon	75	Open Container violation, alcohol	4
Assault with dangerous weapon	6	Possession of Burglary tools	2
Assist other police/fire departments	238	Possession of Child Pornography	0
Attempted murder	1	Protective custody	118
B & E & Burglaries	117	Rape/attempted rape	5
B & E Motor vehicles	41	Receiving stolen property	11
Breaking glass in building	0	Resisting arrest	19
Burglar alarms	760	Robbery (armed/unarmed)	5
By-law violations	9	Runaway/Missing person	66
Child abuse/neglect	66	Sex offenses	27
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	9	Shoplifting	21
Credit Card Violations	21	Social Host Violation (alcohol)	0
Criminal Harassment	2	Stalking	0
Defraud Innkeeper	13	Stolen/lost bicycle	18
Disturbance/Disorderly	758	Sudden death	14
Domestic violence/restraining orders	316	Suicide/Attempted suicide	14
911 Calls Received at Communications Ctr.	7,114	Suspicious activity	845
Embezzlement	1	Tagging	0
Exposing	1	Threats	100
False fire alarm	6	Transporting prisoners	127
False name to police officer	1	Trespassing	43
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	10	Unwanted guests	60
Firearm Violations	4	Uttering	12
Fireworks Violations	81	Warrant arrests	160
Forgery	4	Weapons Violations	8
Fugitive from justice	0	Total Arrests & Protective Custodies	736
Furnishing Liquor to Minors	7	"Other" Incidents	1,026
General services/Field investigation	3,908		
Home Invasion	1	Total Incidents	18,977
Illegal Dumping of Trash	4		
Indecent assault & battery	4	Total Incidents and Motor Vehicle Violations	21,974
Indecent exposure	2		
Intimidating a government witness	7		
Larceny	207		

EMPLOYEE	BASE	OVERTIME	EDUCATION	HOLIDAY	OUT. DET.	TOTAL
John Llewellyn	88,571.15	-	23,475.00	4,400.50		118,196.65
Barry Ashton	79,976.21	8,256.60	21,592.50	3,958.00		136,575.67
Sean Brundige	53,440.96	4,128.99	11,312.00	2,649.00	320.00	74,990.06
Joseph Buiel	64,752.15	5,607.85	13,959.00	3,204.00	320.00	90,654.60
Michael Byers	51,475.84	4,457.22	5,421.00	2,543.00		66,826.28
James Casper	48,052.40	5,298.66	-	2,374.00	4,056.00	61,913.23
Peter Chernicki	55,593.72	8,067.06	5,866.00	2,747.00	660.00	75,669.06
Brian Coakley	55,593.72	10,234.03	11,711.00	2,747.00	6,640.00	90,046.51
Paul Donnelly	55,743.20	10,260.73	14,679.00	2,754.00	4,860.00	91,995.17
Dennis Donovan	69,906.60	4,422.71	14,092.50	3,264.00	320.00	91,461.03
Gerard Eramo	55,820.96	13,795.28	8,886.50	2,758.00	320.00	86,143.78
Ronald Everett	52,504.92	182.39		2,594.00		60,070.65
James Fitzpatrick	56,818.73	8,580.88		2,830.00	960.00	75,080.25
John Hurley	42,578.40	9,171.19	10,122.00	2,374.00	19,130.00	91,474.65
Wayne Jackson	58,203.08	4,314.24	12,440.00	2,876.00	1,280.00	82,593.08
Susan Llewellyn	45,293.84	6,669.60	4,983.00	2,460.00	6,980.00	69,299.30
Thomas MacDonald	49,179.06	9,804.93	5,743.00	2,747.00	8,560.00	79,186.04
Patrick Norton	61,482.82	189.28		3,043.00		67,050.30
Richard Novio	51,475.84	6,772.74	10,843.00	2,543.00	7,020.00	81,486.54
John O'Connor	55,593.72	7,766.71		2,747.00	12,400.00	80,720.93
Edward Phelps	55,593.72	5,707.03	14,173.00	2,747.00	6,380.00	87,522.39
Gregory Pigeon	62,859.16	6,016.48	16,552.00	3,106.00	2,560.00	92,781.80
Stephen Sammon	48,244.30	9,767.81	11,764.00	2,754.00	13,920.00	97,718.85
Ethan Schnabel	50,846.91	5,337.04		2,525.00		60,008.95
William Shallies	78,265.01	1,422.12		3,874.00		85,761.13
James Simpson, Jr.	53,834.64	10,228.44		2,649.00	640.00	69,504.34
Richard Somers	53,604.72	2,151.76	5,656.00	2,649.00		65,461.48
Steven Somers	54,726.65	15,413.14	14,447.00	2,711.50	1,280.00	91,607.69
Rodney Welch	68,471.63	7,470.72	18,213.00	3,395.50	10,180.00	110,785.55
John Wentworth	71,802.85	7,775.10	7,664.50	3,554.00		96,001.29
Nicholas Zeoli	62,859.16	16,836.44	16,557.00	3,106.00	10,720.00	113,117.92
Joseph Zielinski	55,379.90	7,595.07	5,854.00	2,747.00	4,720.00	79,255.77



Police Statue donated  
by Maureen O'Haire  
in memory of her son  
Walter K. O'Haire

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

I hereby submit the annual report of the Rockland Fire Department for the year 2008

### **THE ANNUAL REPORT**

During the calendar year 2008, the Rockland Fire Department responded to a total of 4984 emergency calls compared to 4958 calls in 2007. In addition, response to calls for medical emergencies have approximately doubled in the past 10 years.

In 1990 the Rockland Fire Department had eight men on each shift. This number was reduced to 6 in 1991 due to layoffs. Our calls from that time have significantly increased, without adding manpower. In these tough financial times, my wish is to restore the Department to 8 man shifts but I can't. It is my feeling that we should be manning Ambulance 2 to handle this additional call volume. Not only would we serve the public better but there would be an increase in revenue through these missed ambulance receipts which mutual aid ambulances are getting credit for. Additional manpower and a new ambulance are essential to make this happen.

As you will see under equipment and inventory our newest engine is a 2004 Smeal. Please note the ages of the next two newest engines, 1987 and 1988. While these trucks have served the Town well, we are overdue to replacing them. They have become a burden to maintain and expensive to repair. I am renewing my request to the Capitol Planning Committee to place a new engine on their agenda.

### **AMBULANCE AND REVENUE**

**In the calendar year of 2008 the Town of Rockland received \$627,430.26 in ambulance billing fees, an increase of \$27,337.26 from 2007, and another \$24,629.00 in permit fees. For calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 the Executive Assistant collected over 5 million dollars from ambulance billing fees.**

### **PERSONNEL**

Your Fire Department consisted of the Chief, Deputy Chief, 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 20 full-time Firefighters, 2 Call Firefighters, 2 part-time Fire Alarm men and 1 Executive Assistant.

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Firefighter/Paramedic Steven King returned to Western Massachusetts where he started his firefighting career. We had hired Steven from a layoff list. He had a chance to return to his old Department, and we wish him well in his career.

September 12, 2008 newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic John Gannon graduated from recruit training at Massachusetts Fire Academy. John was actually hired in 2007 but was delayed in attending the Academy due to budget restraints. It is notable that John graduated number one in his recruit class.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Fricker was hired from the Civil Service List on June 1, 2008. Jason came to us from the Scituate Fire Department wanting to advance his career. Jason was already academy trained when he was hired saving the Town thousands of dollars in training costs.

Both men have proved to be an asset to the Department.

Chief J. Michael Sammon announced his retirement as of January 2009 after 38 years of dedicated service to the Town of Rockland.

### **VEHICLE INVENTORY**

Engine Two	1250 GPM Pumper	Emergency One – Ford	1987
Engine Three	1250 GPM Pumper	Smeal/HME	2004
Engine Four	1250 GPM Pumper	Emergency One – Ford	1988
Ladder One	105 ft. Aerial	Smeal/Spartan	1999
Forest Fire One	Light Duty Forest Fire	Ford	1986
Fire Alarm	Bucket Truck	Ford & Aerial Bucket	1974
Chief’s Car	4 Door Sedan	Ford	2005
Deputy’s Car	4 Door Sedan	Ford	1997
Rescue Boat	14 ft. inflatable	Mercury	
Ambulance One	Class I Type III	Ford AEV	2008
Ambulance Two	Class I Type III	Ford/Life-Line	2000

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

On January 24, 2008 Lieutenant Donald Hussey and members of Group 2 responded to a reported house fire at 248 Centre Avenue. They encountered a kitchen fire which they quickly knocked down. Suddenly without warning, a gas fireball erupted from the kitchen oven, trapping the members inside. They were able to push back the fire and escape. They re-entered the building realizing there may be a victim inside and in fact did remove a victim from the building. Chief Sammon nominated the firefighters involved for the Firefighter of the Year Awards. On December 3, 2008 Lieutenant Hussey, and Firefighter/EMT Michael Mullen, Firefighter/Paramedics Thomas Henderson, Michael Tracy and Thomas Heaney were honored at the Massachusetts’ Firefighter of the Year Awards at Fanueil Hall, Boston for their actions at the fire. I was honored to be included in this meritorious group award. Their actions are just one example of the courage and commitment needed to be a firefighter, and I congratulate them.

### **APPRECIATION**

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, to all Department Heads, Boards, Committees, Commissions and all Town Employees for their cooperation. Operation of the Town is a team effort. This is crucial to maintaining public safety in the Town. I am pleased to see that this team effort still exists even in these hard times.

Once again, our grant writers, Firefighter/Paramedics Charles Williams and Marc Oshry were able to secure a FEMA grant for the Department. This Grant of \$135,620.00, provided Rapid Intervention Training for our Firefighters (RIT). This training was conducted in the station, at the Barnstable Fire Academy and a portion was conducted at the old Codman Factory on Plain Street. It was excellent training for our men where they learned how to rescue other firefighters that are

trapped or injured. The Town's cost for this grant was 5% or \$6781.00. I would like to thank Fred Kiley and Dennis Ipillito from Heritage Properties, developers of the Codman Factory, for the use of the building. This Grant also purchased equipment related to RIT which we desperately needed. A final but critical piece of equipment purchased through this Grant was a Scott Air Cascade System. For years we had to travel out of town to refill our air pack bottles wasting time and fuel. We now can fill and maintain our bottles right here in the station. As you can see these grants can have far reaching effects, not just in the purchase of equipment but how we operate as well.

We received donations from the Gardner family in memory of Leroy Gardner, former Call Firefighter, the Tedeschi Corporation and Robert Spence. These donations were used to, among many things, purchase flags and grave markers for our departed brothers.

The Manzella family donated a SpCO Masimo carbon monoxide monitor. This device can detect carbon monoxide levels at the finger tips using a multiple spectrum of lights. This brand new technology became available this year. The Southeast EMS Council arranged a group purchase for one unit in each community in Southeastern Mass. The Manzella family made it possible for us to have a unit on the Ambulance and on Engine 3. We appreciate their generosity in purchasing this cutting-edge equipment.

Your Fire Department is one that you can be proud of. I want to thank the people who help me to keep it that way. My Executive Assistant, Mary Ryan, does an excellent job. Her dedication helps make the office operate efficiently. She has been especially helpful to me during this transition period.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Rockland Fire Department for their continued efforts in providing quality fire and EMS services. It is difficult to provide these services at such a level in hard time as these, but their commitment and talent shines through on a daily basis.

Last, but not least, I want to thank the citizens of the town of Rockland for their continued support. The Rockland Fire Department will continue to strive to be a department you can be proud of. We are committed to the ideals of honor, courage and pride, which are the essential elements of a first class fire department.

Respectfully Submitted,

William A. Ferguson  
Interim Chief of Department

## 2008 PAYROLL

Name	Base Pay	Overtime	Holiday	Education
Baker, Richard	\$56,212.62	\$ 972.88	\$ 3,406.92	\$ 300.00
DelPrete, Daniel	\$58,823.10	\$ 878.01	\$ 3,565.32	\$3,539.06
DelPrete, Wayne	\$58,823.10	\$ 389.66	\$3,990.24	
DiTocco, Mark	\$58,823.10	\$ 1,075.27	\$ 3,936.00	\$ 150.00
Duhaine, Richard	\$58,823.10	\$ 958.20	\$ 4,374.12	\$4,204.76
Duffey, Scott, Cpt.	\$74,618.28	\$ 1,603.19	\$4,522.32	
Erickson, Craig, Lt.	\$64,286.76	\$ 1,936.97	\$ 4,301.16	\$4,138.50
Fricker, Jason	\$29,925.84	\$ 105.57	\$1,481.40	
Furlong, Richard	\$58,823.10	\$ 2,709.15	\$3,881.76	
Gannon, John	\$54,850.44	\$ 6,817.27	\$3,391.68	
Heaney, Thomas	\$61,385.16	\$ 607.46	\$ 3,725.88	\$4,195.79
Henderson, Thomas	\$64,943.28	\$1,903.90		
Hussey, Donald, Lt.	\$64,286.76	\$ 1,442.72	\$ 4,420.44	\$4,215.85
King, Stephen	\$18,377.10	\$ 211.60		
Margolis, Scott	\$64,943.28	\$ 691.46	\$ 3,936.24	\$ 700.00
Mullen, Michael	\$58,823.10	\$ 700.34	\$ 3,881.76	\$ 150.00
O'Dea, Edward	\$58,823.10	\$ 518.92	\$ 3,956.88	\$3,786.80
Oshry, Marc	\$64,943.28	\$ 2,591.54	\$ 3,936.24	\$5,209.71
Peterson, Eric	\$63,529.14	\$ 315.49	\$ 3,850.44	\$ 150.00
Richard, Francis	\$56,212.62	\$ 260.78	\$ 1,548.60	\$ 150.00
Sammon, John, Lt.	\$54,083.88	\$ 1,134.76	\$3,591.36	
Sciara, John	\$58,823.10	\$ 359.52	\$ 4,045.08	\$3,857.58
Tracy, Michael	\$64,943.28	\$ 393.96	\$3,936.24	
Williams, Charles	\$64,943.28	\$ 996.60	\$ 3,936.24	\$ 700.00
Wooley, David	\$64,943.28	\$ 1,081.12	\$ 3,936.24	\$ 700.00



Fireman Statue  
 donated by  
 Maureen O'Haire in  
 memory of her son  
 Walter K. O'Haire

Photograph by Anton Materna

## **SOUTH SHORE TRI-TOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

The Board of Directors of the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation is pleased to present its ninth Annual Report to the Town of Rockland for the FY08 period (July 2007 – June 30, 2008). Complete copies of the Corporation's Audited Financial Statements for FY08 are available at the Town Offices and the Public Library.

### **Key Activities:**

Disposition & Development Agreement (DDA) – The Amended and Restated DDA was executed by LNR and SSTTDC on March 24, 2008 and is posted on the website: [www.ssttdc.com/library/DDA](http://www.ssttdc.com/library/DDA) documents.

Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) – The Board approved the Navy's Economic Development Conveyance Term Sheet related to disposition of the remaining Base land, to be transferred in FY09.

Bonding process – The Board contracted with: Bond Counsel/ Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP, Bond Underwriter/Banc of America Securities LLC, and Financial Advisor/MuniCap, Inc.

East-West Parkway – The Board executed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commonwealth to finance and implement the Parkway construction. SSTTDC received qualifications of prospective Design/Build Teams and narrowed the field to three (3) teams.

Wastewater Reclamation – Facility Design is now under way and SSTTDC has selected a preferred membrane bio-reactor (MBR) vendor for the facility.

Phase 1A horizontal construction – The infrastructure is near completion. Utilities have been installed to service the Phase 1A residential and commercial parcels. Punch list items currently being addressed.

Regulatory Framework – The Corporation has set in place Rules & Regulations that guide the development and governance of SouthField.

Changes to Enabling Legislation – State Legislation proposed to amend the Enabling Act 301 with a focus on extending the life of the Corporation to correspond to the term of the bonds it issues and other measures that allows SSTTDC to perform its needed functions.

### **Collaboration continues with:**

MBTA on expanding the S. Weymouth station and regional intermodal transit,

Mass. Executive Offices of Administration & Finance, Housing & Economical Development and Transportation and Public Works on the East-West Parkway and Rte. 18 improvements,

Natural Heritage, DEP & U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on site-wide permitting and the East-West Parkway,

U. S. Coast Guard on the relocation of the Buoy Depot,

DEP and Water Pollution Abatement Trust on state revolving fund opportunities,

Mass. Dept. of Revenue on the SSTTDC Municipal Tax Plan,

Governor Patrick's office for state assisted financing for the SouthField project, a Designated Growth District,

Mass. Office of Business & Technology - for Fiscal Year Implementation Grant,

NAVY, EPA & DEP on remaining land transfer and site remediation.

### **Milestones**

- Improvements to Shea Memorial Drive entrance at Rte. 18,
- Approval of first definitive subdivision application and development plan (Phase 1A),
- Certificate on the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) issued by Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs,

- Construction of LNR's Marketing Center – First new vertical construction on the former base; first building and occupancy permits issued by SSTTDC,
- Certificate on the Notice of Project Change (NPC) issued April 11, 2008, due to extended interim water and wastewater services,

### **Board of Directors**

- Weymouth Representative, Robert Terravecchia attended his final Board of Director meeting in March and Mayor Kay appointed David Chandler to fill the vacancy.
- Weymouth Representative, Colin McPherson attended his final Director's meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> and Mayor Kay appointed Jeffrey Wall to fill the vacancy.
- Rockland Representative, John Rogers stepped down from the Board in April (Rockland Election Day) and the seat remained vacant to the end of the fiscal year.
- Abington Representative, James W. Lavin was reappointed to a third term on the Board by the Abington Selectmen.

### **Executive Director**

In April, Executive Director Terry Fancher announced his intention to step down on June 30th. He remained until July 31, 2008 and SSTTDC is in the process of selecting his replacement.

During the past year SSTTDC has brought one of the largest projects now underway in the Commonwealth closer to fruition. As construction ramps up and SSTTDC transforms itself into a regulatory authority, it faces a host of new and complex initiatives.

The Corporation's role continues to include expeditious acquisition of the former NAS, oversee its redevelopment, stimulate economic activity and job creation and minimize and mitigate environmental impacts.

Respectfully Submitted

SSTTDC Board of Directors

James W. Lavin, Chairman Abington

John Ward, Clerk, Rockland

David Chandler (appointed 4/08) Weymouth

Jeffrey Wall (appointed 7/08) Weymouth

## CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Rockland:

During 2008 the Capital Planning Committee continued their role of assembling and assessing the capital needs of all Town departments and submitted their second annual town wide 5 year Capital Improvement Plan covering fiscal years FY2009-FY2013 to the Board of Selectman in April. The 5 year plan provides a concise overview all town wide potential large expenditures requiring supplemental funding to move forward. Large expenditures are those over \$50,000. For FY2009, two departments submitted new projects: Water Department for a chemical feed system and a residual handling system for the reservoir and the School Department for the feasibility study on a new Middle School. It is the role of the Capital Planning to prioritize which projects/purchases are given first opportunity based on a scoring method that assesses the degree of need to the town and/or already allocated funding sources. The current plan consists of 43 project requests, most of them for needed repair work to the Town's infrastructure and 10 equipment requests for replacement of old "dated" equipment needed for daily use. The total estimated expenditures needed to complete all projects and purchase all equipment submitted as requests and deemed worthy by the Capital Planning Committee for the next 5 years is over 65 million dollars.

Many worthy projects or purchases have been pushed to future years because of limited funding sources even though prolonging their start only increases their cost. Some however have moved forward thorough debt exclusions, grants and other means and even seen completion. These projects include:

- ❖ Library Roof Replacement - The new copper roof for Rockland Memorial Library was able see completion during 2008 through a one year debt exclusion voted in 2007.
- ❖ Window replacement on front of the Rockland Fire Station- six, old and very energy inefficient windows on the second floor of Fire Station facing Union Street were replaced during the summer through a grant. These were only part of the recommended project from FY2008-FY2012 5year plan. The remaining windows in the station still need replacing.
- ❖ Upgrades to the Rockland High School Science Labs – The School Department through reallocation of revenues and internal support was able to refurbish some of the science labs deemed sub standard by the accreditation board(NEASC). The Chemistry and Physics labs still need to be done.
- ❖ Middle School feasibility study – In April the town voted to fund the \$294,840 portion needed begin the process of determining, engineering and initial design of a new Middle School to replace the eroding existing one. This study and plan will be the foundation in the acceptance by the Massachusetts School Building Authority in determining amount of money matched by the state to fund the building of a new school.
- ❖ Water and Sewer Departments- The two departments had several projects to improve their infrastructure that are funded with established reserve funds and bond funds. Sewer Department projects include upgrades to the Waste Treatment Plant and a phosphorus removal system. Water Department projects include water storage tank upgrades, water main replacements, a chemical feed system to the reservoir and purchase of a new Rockland-Abington Joint office and garage facility.

Projects and equipment recommended as priorities for FY2008 & FY2009 that have not been moved forward and to date and have no sources of available funding include:

- Replacement of oldest fire truck in service; Fire Engine #1. The cost of new truck is over \$385,000.00. Leasing proposals have been submitted to extend the cost over time.
- Completing the balance of the High School Science Labs projects – previous estimates had the balance to complete the Chemistry and Physics Labs over \$400,000.
- Additional funding for road repair and resurfacing work. The Chapter 90 money provided by the state does not keep pace with the money needed to provide “timely” repaving of the eroding roads in Rockland. Chapter 90 money for the next 3-4 years is estimated under \$300,000.00 per year. Last estimate provided to the Capital Planning Committee on repaving all the needed roads in town within 4 years is over \$900,000.00 per year.
- Updating the fire alarm systems in all the schools. The 2007 estimates provided for this project totaled \$195,000.00.
- Replacing the balance of the windows at the Fire Station that are over 30 years old.

In December, two projects were submitted to the committee by the Town Administrator’s office requiring action during the current fiscal year (FY2009). The projects are repairing the dam at Studley Pond and repairing the methane gas relief system to the Beech Hill Landfill. Both projects are unaddressed carryovers from previous fiscal years that may have detrimental costs to the town if moved forward. Both projects have been submitted for consideration to the Massachusetts Municipal Facilities task force “economic recovery” initiative, but if federal grant money does not become available these projects may need to come before the Town in May 2009 for debt exclusion or other alternative means of funding. In prior years many projects like these have been rescued through outside contributors, but with the current economic difficulties affecting both corporations and municipalities these funds are becoming less available.

The FY2009-FY 2013 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan report is available on the Town web site for viewing under “[Documents and Forms](#)”, “[CPC](#).”

Respectfully submitted by the Capital Planning Committee,

Kenneth M. Murphy Jr., Chairman  
Scott MacKinlay, Vice Chairman  
John Ellard, Secretary  
Richard Phelps  
Joseph Waisgerber  
Kelli O’Brien-McKinnon  
Joseph Gambon

# **ROCKLAND YOUTH COMMISSION**

## **2008 Annual Town Report**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

During the 2008 calendar year, the Youth Commission carried out its program under Chapter 8E of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. We are pleased to submit the following report that outlines the programs offered to the young people of Rockland.

### **Youth Recreation**

The Youth Commission continued to offer a comprehensive year-round recreational program to the youth of Rockland. Thanks to the support of the people of Rockland, the Youth Commission occupies office space on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 3 classrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and use of the kitchen and gymnasium on the bottom level of the Community Center.

From September through June, programs were offered six days a week. Programs included the Youth Commission Dance School with Marie and Diane, the Tot Enrichment “Chipmunk” Pre-School and Nursery School Program, Preschool Arts and Crafts, Fun with Art, Babysitter Training, Kitchen Kids Cooking, Drama Kids International, Minisports, Bidy Basketball, Jr. Basketball, Floor Hockey, Theatre presentation of High School Musical 2, Indoor Mini Tee Ball, Instructional Tee Ball, Gymnastics, Self Defense and Racquetball.

During the summer months, the Commission conducted summer programs at the Community Center and the Hartsuff Park Recreational Area. These programs included the Youth Commission’s Summer Day Program, Chipmunk Half Day Program, Recreational Swimming, Cheerleading Camp, Gymnastics Camp, a Mini Hip-Hop Dance Workshop, Summer Basketball, T-Ball, Tennis, Skyhawks Mini and Mighty Hawk Programs, Half-Day Baseball Program, Sporties for Shorties, Tumble Tots, Tae Kwon Do and performing arts presentations of “Hairspray” and “High School Musical 2”.

Special events this year included the February Vacation Program and the Annual Fishing Derby at Reed’s Pond.

The Youth Commission was able to continue operating many of its recreational programs through the establishment of a revolving fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of operating recreation and leisure services to the children in the community on a self-supporting basis through user fees.

### **Tot Enrichment Program**

The 2007-2008 school year marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> year that the Youth Commission, in conjunction with the Rockland School Department, has operated this very popular Tot Enrichment Nursery and Preschool Program. The program was designed in response to the need for a high quality yet affordable program within the community.

Located in the Community Center, the program serviced 91 children, three to five years of age, encouraging them to be actively involved in the learning process. Classes are structured around a

variety of developmentally appropriate activities. All students are encouraged to pursue their own interests. The teachers work with the children in developing their social and emotional maturity in preparation for the school environment.

Utilizing three classrooms and the gymnasium, head teachers Cathy MacQuarrie, Judy Ketterer and Barbara Fournier are assisted by Karen Crane, Lisa Dutra, Joanne Reagan, Cathy Ewell and music teacher Sue Simmons. This year the children took a field trip to Peaceful Meadows. The “chipmunks” enjoyed special activities and events throughout the school year including ice cream parties, holiday parties and graduation celebrations.

The Youth Commission wishes to extend their appreciation to the Selectmen, the School Department, other town departments and Youth Commission staff for their continued support of Youth Commission programs and activities for the children of Rockland. We especially want to thank all the townspeople who have been a continued source of support.

In closing, the board wishes to extend a very special word of thanks to Judy Cusick for her many years of dedicated service to the Commission and the youth of Rockland.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Furlong, Chairman  
Kathleen Daggett  
Laurie Dolan  
Lisa Wright-Murphy  
Karen Guerrette, Youth Service Director

**Rockland Chamber  
Of Commerce Awards  
2008**

*Business of the Year*  
Recipient

**PAUL SULLIVAN**

for

**SULLIVAN TIRE  
AND  
AUTO SERVICE**

and

*Citizen of the Year*

**ANTON MATERNA**



## **DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES**

### **To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland**

I hereby submit the Annual Report as the Director of Veterans' Services for 2008

The office of Veterans Services continues to provide a wide range of services to the veterans and widows of the community. A summary of the types of services and benefits which may be available to qualified veterans, widows and dependents are as follows: assistance in obtaining the state bonus, matters related to VA compensation and Pensions educational and vocational benefits, employment, medical problems, Notary services ,and available reference materials. Also, financial assistance may be provided to those who are in need and qualify, under Chapter 115 of the MGL.

The Selectmen continue to recognize those veterans who have served honorably. Certificates of appreciation have been presented this past year, to veterans who have returned to Rockland from serving their country. This office is requesting that those who are presently serving in the Armed Forces from Rockland to inform my office.

The state legislators continue to provide great support to various bills regarding veterans, their children and their widow's .The state annuity for qualified veterans and widows is \$2000.00. The state Treasurer's office continues to make a concerted effort to inform veterans of the state bonus that is available to those who have served. The bonus is \$1000.00 for those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, and \$500.00 to those whose service was in other than a war zone and served under Title 10 of the U.S Code. The State continues to assist with the increased fuel assistance to help those who are in receipt of benefits under Chapter 115 of the M.G.L .Compensation and pension benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs had an increase of 5.8%. Veterans being discharged from the military have five years of enhanced health care from the VA Medical system. A new G.I. Bill has been authorized and will be effective in August 2009.

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-Town Veterans Parade was held in Rockland on November 11, 2008. The theme for the parade was: Honoring All Veterans. Grand Marshall was Rudy Weiners, Sgt. Major, USMC, Retired .There were 6 Divisions. Although it was very cold as the parade groups assembled, the temperature rose sufficiently to make the day a very pleasant one. Abington will be host to the parade in 2009.

The employees of Blue Cross and Blue Shield, located in Hingham came through with several food baskets for the veterans and widows of Rockland over the Christmas holidays. Thank you Blue Cross and Blue Shield for your support of our veterans.

There is a receptacle located on the ground floor of the town hall for the retiring of old, torn, or worn flags. The flags are given to the various service organizations as well as the scouts for proper ceremonial disposal.

There is also a box in the lobby of the Town Hall for used cell phones, which are turned into calling cards for the troops. Two students from Norwell Brittany and Robbie Bergquist are responsible for raising over 2 million dollars for "Cell Phones For Soldiers"

This office wishes to thank Maureen O'Haire for her generous donation of the military statues that are located in front of Town Hall, as well as in front of the fire station and police station.

Respectfully submitted,

Anton F Materna  
Director of Veterans' Services

## **VETERANS' BURIAL AGENT**

### **To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Rockland**

I hereby submit the Annual report as the Veterans' Burial Agent for 2008

The deaths of the veterans who have passed away during the year have been recorded with the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Issues regarding the headstones and markers at the cemeteries, upon the death of a veteran, are done on a timely basis.

On Mat 24, 2008, two days prior to Memorial Day, the American flags were placed on the veterans graves in the cemeteries in Rockland. The Allied Veterans Council, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and many volunteers helped in placing of the flags. There were about 1900 flags placed on the veteran's graves. With the large number of volunteers who helped in placing the flags it made the job go very effectively. Thank you to all who participated in honoring our veterans.

The Memorial Day, May 26 2008, services commenced at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Invocation was given by Reverend Fred Boothman, with Senator Michael Morrissey as the guest speaker.

The parade proceeded down Union Street. At the Union Street and North Avenue intersection, the procession stopped to dedicate this corner in honor of Walter "Gator" O'Haire. A plaque was unveiled by Maureen O'Haire, mother of Walter.

At the Memorial Library, the invocation was given by Father James Hickey. The parade continued to Union Square, and the invocation was again read by Father James Hickey. The Grand Marshall, Senior Airman Greg Gliniewicz, was the guest speaker. He spoke about his service to America, and was proud to be the Grand Marshall.

Respectfully submitted

Anton F Materna  
Director of Veterans' Services

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

As a vital part of the Rockland Community, the Community Center is currently home to the Council of Aging, WIC, Head Start, Rockland Day Care, Youth Commission, Teen Center, Meals on Wheels, North River Collaborative and Comcast Cable. The Holy Family School has been utilizing the gym for the sixth year and the Girl Scouts, Rockland Little League and Christmas magic regularly meet here.

The Rockland Community Center Supervisory Committee is made up of five citizens that oversee the income and expenditures and the maintenance of the building and grounds. We also implement guidelines in regards to safety and security for the building and its tenants. All of our funding comes from rents collected from the building tenants, gym rentals and donations.

As most of the townspeople know, our elevator was shut down by the state in December for a major repair and we do not have the money to repair it now. We are working with the Town Administrator to secure funds to have the elevator repaired.

We, the Community Center Committee, want to thank the Highway, Park and School Departments for their help over the past year because if it was not for their help we would not be able to continue to do improvements to the building. This past year we have also had help from the Community Trial Court Program in doing outside maintenance to the building and we will use their help again this year.

We continue to be optimistic for the future. Excluding any unforeseen emergency expenses, our current rental income should be able to cover the building maintenance costs and custodial salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Furlong, Chairman  
Tom Banks, Vice Chairman  
Karen Guerrette  
Ed Borges  
Denise Morin



## **ROCKLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE**

### **To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:**

There is no doubt that Rockland is now a community on the move when it comes to ensuring a ‘green’ energy future. Over the past year, our committee has made great progress towards achieving our mission of making Rockland a community that becomes more cognizant of our ever-changing environment and growing energy needs, as well as utilizing efficient, cost-effective and environmentally-sound energy alternatives.

Perhaps our most exciting and rewarding news came at the end of last year / beginning of this year when the committee was notified that the town of Rockland was awarded a total of \$180,000 from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) to construct a 20.6-kilowatt photovoltaic solar array on the roof of the high school. Last November – after a lengthy application process and a number of meetings with solar companies and our partners in the school department – we submitted a grant proposal for this funding to the MTC. Along with saving the school department an estimated \$4,000 in annual energy costs, these grant-funded panels will be incorporated into a larger renewable energy education curriculum at the high school and serve as an important learning opportunity for the many town residents who frequent the building on a regular basis.

In 2008, the Rockland Energy Committee continued to also work closely with the Superintendent of Schools and members of the School Committee in ongoing efforts to improve the energy-efficiency of our school buildings. Based on the results of recent energy audits at each of our three elementary schools, the school department was awarded a total of \$149,750 for energy-efficiency improvements at the Esten, Jefferson and Memorial Park Elementary Schools. These improvements will include new windows and lighting, entrance ways, occupancy sensors and insulation. Through the partnership formed by our committee with National Grid, plans for similar projects are also being formed at the high school. Coupled together, the funding awarded to the Rockland Energy Committee and our schools over the past year represents over \$330,000 for energy improvements – a remarkable success for the town and its taxpayers. Moving forward, we plan to continue our partnership with the schools and use it as the framework for creating similar partnerships with all town departments.

The bulk of the committee’s work for the year was also spent working with the Board of Selectmen to negotiate with a new electric energy provider for the town. As we indicated in our last annual report to you, Rockland – up until December 2008 – had an electric utility rate of 5.6 cents/kWh, a rate that was very reasonable compared to surrounding towns. Though we quickly realized at the beginning of our research that securing a similar rate would be virtually impossible due to what had become a volatile energy market, we wanted to make sure that we worked with the Selectmen to negotiate the best deal possible for the town. After a year-long and exhaustive process, we made our recommendations to the Selectmen in October and they signed on with Constellation New Energy for very competitive rate of 10.67 cents/kWh until this June. The Energy Committee expects to continue working with the Selectmen in the coming months, and urges all departments to

work with us in bundling our energy contracts to make sure the town continues to receive the best rate possible.

In the spirit of partnering with town departments to save Rockland money with energy costs, the Energy Committee also facilitated an agreement between EnerNOC and Rockland/Abington Joint Water Works. EnerNOC is a program that partners with governmental and private entities who agree to either reduce their energy consumption during peak periods or send energy back to the energy grid during these times. Some members of EnerNOC's network are able to reduce their energy simply by turning-off lights, while others – such as the case of the Water Department – make money from the program by using their generators. These generators supply their own on-site power during a demand overload. And, regardless of whether or not the generators are ever called into action, EnerNOC will pay \$1.00/kWh per month based on a committed amount of energy agreed to by EnerNOC and the Water Department. The Sewer Department, for example, has been an active participant in this program and this year will receive roughly \$2,160 from the company.



**Committee member Jim Paul specs out the 255kW generator at the Hannigan Reservoir Water Treatment Facility for use in the EnerNOC program.**

Progress has also been made in studying the feasibility of bringing a wind turbine – or turbines – to Rockland. In June 2008, our entire committee joined wind-site survey engineers from UMass-



**Committee members Heidi Hosmer (left) and Carol Perilli (right) getting a feel for the land during the UMass-Amherst Wind Turbine site-study at the Hannigan Reservoir.**

Amherst to compile wind data at a number of locations throughout the town. Since then, however, the Commonwealth – in its plans to move the entire state towards a ‘green’ future – has implemented the ‘Green Communities Act’, new legislation and regulations aimed at partnering with municipalities to invest in renewable-energy opportunities. We are continuing to work with our state legislators – Senator Morrissey and Representative Nyman, officials at the MTC, the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and various other stakeholders to learn more about these new regulations and how they may assist us in bringing wind energy to the town.

Though we have made great progress for the town during the short year-and-a-half that we have been together, none of it would have been possible without the support and continued partnerships from nearly every town department, our elected state and federal officials – Congressman Bill Delahunt, State Senator Michael Morrissey, Representative Bob Nyman, and their respective offices, a number of state agencies, renewable energy ‘experts’ and, most importantly, the residents of Rockland.

Going forward, the Rockland Energy Committee believes that it is well-poised to make continued progress for the town of Rockland. From our submissions into the town’s application for ‘shovel-

ready' projects from the federal economic stimulus bill, to hopefully receiving the long-awaited results of our second submission for a federal USDA energy grant to fund a year-long wind study and the construction of a wind turbine, and continuing to work to understand what additional resources may be available to Rockland from the Commonwealth's so-called 'Green Communities Act', there is no doubt that we're ready to keep on moving.

We look forward to continuing our work with you, each town department, and all of our neighbors towards reaching these goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mullen, Jr., Secretary

Rockland Energy Committee:

Carol Perilli, Chair

James Paul, Vice-Chair

Michael Mullen, Jr., Secretary

Heidi Hosmer, Treasurer

Frank Delprete

Steve Johnson

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Rockland:

The Zoning Board of Appeals is pleased to submit its annual report for the calendar year 2008.

During the calendar year of 2008 the Board has been involved with petitions submitted by the Applicants regarding Special Permits, Section 6 Findings, Variances and on-going 40B projects.

The Zoning Board focuses on providing the Town with the best use of the remaining vacant land. After a public hearing, the Board votes on the issues and makes a finding for or against a proposed project. Sometimes, the Board will approve with conditions, so that the project will have a minimal impact on the Town. With today's economy, the Board has seen less activity in the way of additions to existing homes.

The Board reviewed the Best Practices for Streamlining the Permitting Process with the Planning Board. After some discussion, the Zoning Board adopted the Best Practices Method in September and looks forward to applying the methods to large scaled projects in the near future.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to our land use attorneys John Goldrosen and Katharine Doyle for their assistance and perseverance in the appeals process.

The Chairman would like to thank each and every Board member for his/her many long hours of dedicated service in attending monthly ZBA meetings, and reviewing the weekly packets of correspondence. The Chairman feels that the ZBA has members that are very dedicated to the Town and provide a valuable service to the people of Rockland.

The Chairman and the Recording secretary would like to thank Bette and Tom in the Building Department for reviewing the applications prior to filing; Mary Pat, Randy and Linda in the Town Clerk's Office for their assistance with the ZBA filings and decisions; and Allan and Mary from the Selectmen's office for being involved with receiving mail and scheduling meetings for the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board would also like to thank all the other Town Boards, Committees and Town Departments for their input with any Zoning issue that arose.

The Board wishes to thank our Recording Secretary, Candi for all her meeting postings, phone calls, advertisements, correspondence, delivery of packets, typing and all the other run-around needed between the Town Departments and Board members to get her job done.

Respectfully submitted,

### **ROCKLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Robert A. Manzella, Chairman  
Gregory Tansey, Vice-Chairman  
Anton Materna, Clerk  
Rita Howes  
Peter McDermott

#### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Alan McPhee  
Stanley Cleaves

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY**

Candi DiRenzo

## ROCKLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:**

I hereby submit the annual report of the Conservation Commission for the year 2008.

The Conservation Commission serves an important role in the community. They are the Administrator of the state's Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 serving the Town of Rockland in a regulatory as well as a conservation capacity. Under this law, the Commission processes many applications every year for permits to do work in and near wetlands, floodplains and surface waters. The state Wetlands Protection Act was one of the first comprehensive wetlands law in the country and is still one of the strongest. The seven member board meets at least twice per month to insure compliance with regulatory and administrative time requirements. They are assisted by a part time Secretary paid for by Conservation Commission funds. The current Commission Members are:

Douglas Golemme, Chairman  
Charlene Judge, Vice Chairman  
Roland Pigeon, Secretary  
Andy Triantaffelow, Enforcement Officer

Michael Pezzella  
Lorraine Pratt  
Victor Solari

In 2008, the Commission handled all citizen complaints filed for potential wetland violations; inspected properties for Building Permit issuance; issued Emergency Certifications for municipal utility repairs; issued Enforcement Orders for documented wetland violations; funded review and permitting of a Town Forest Committee project; funded review of the Federal Emergency Management Flood Insurance Rate Map proposed town revisions; issued several Certificates of Compliance, Determinations of Applicability, Orders of Conditions and Order of Resource Area Delineations.

The Stormwater Regulations, a major revision to the implementing Wetland Regulations was promulgated in 2008. The Conservation Commission through M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53G, collected Consultant Review Fees to hire expert Stormwater Professionals, wetland scientists and wildlife biologists to review proposed projects under the state Wetlands Protection Act. Use of this authority mitigated the lack of Conservation Commission Agent services that are available in many towns on the South Shore.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Golemme, Chairman

## **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

**To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Rockland:**

I hereby submit the annual report of the Open Space Committee for 2008.

In 2008, the committee remained busy with projects within the Town and projects involving neighboring communities. The committee met with representatives of the Hanover Open Space Committee regarding the Walk to the Sea route along the old West Hanover Branch of the Old Colony Line and other matters of common interest to the towns. It is hoped that Rockland and Hanover, in conjunction with Abington, will be able to create a trail system along the unused railbed, now owned in large part, by the Department of Recreation and Conservation.

Aided by a band of loyal volunteers, including the Boy Scouts, George Anderson, steward of the Rockland Town Forest, has done a great deal of work on this important part of Rockland's green space. The committee is very grateful to George and his crew for its hard work, planning, and foresight in preserving and extending this important resource.

The committee has sought to monitor development of the Town's lands, including those within the former South Weymouth Naval Air Station. The committee is particularly interested in seeing that management of water, the disposal of solid waste, excavation of peat, oversight of compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act, the maintenance of wildlife corridors, and the placement of a permanent conservation restriction over the golf course area slated for development. It has communicated these concerns to The United States Navy, appropriate departments and agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Cann  
Chairman

## **ROCKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Rockland:**

I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Rockland Housing Authority for the year 2008. The Board of Commissioners meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month, alternating between the Studley Court and Garden Terrace Community Rooms.

The staff consists of:

- Executive Director
- Leased Housing Administrator
- Financial Bookkeeper
- Maintenance Supervisor

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, and the following officers were elected:

Chairman	Eldridge W. Buffum
Vice Chairman/State Appointee	Rita M. Howes
Treasurer	Robert A. Sullivan
Vice Treasurer	Mary Jane Letizia
Affirmative Action Officer	John Rogers
Resident Commissioner	Irene Boudrot

The State and Federal Programs administered by the Authority are as follows:

State (400-1)	Elderly/Disabled	42
State (MRVP/MHFA)	Family/Elderly	20
Federal (133-1)	Elderly/Handicapped/Disabled	40
Federal (Section-8V)	Elderly/Disabled/Family	<u>154</u>
Total Units Administered		256

We are under the jurisdiction of the State Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and are audited by these agencies. Once again the Rockland Housing Authority has received a commendation from the Secretary of HUD for being a High Performer.

#### Waiting Lists

The Studley Court and Garden Terrace waiting lists are the only open lists at this time. Currently there are 288 applicants on the list for Garden Terrace and 224 applicants on the list for Studley Court.

The Section 8 waiting list is closed.

The Rockland Housing Foundation, Inc., a non-profit affiliate of the Rockland Housing Authority, was established on April 24, 1998, in order to further address the housing needs of the citizens of Rockland.

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the Staff and Board of Commissioners for their assistance and dedication this past year. I also extend my thanks to the Rockland Fire Department, the Rockland Police Department, the Rockland Water and Sewer Departments, and the Rockland Highway Department for their service and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Gunderway, PHM, MPHA  
Executive Director

## ROCKLAND TEEN CENTER COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Selectman,

The Rockland Teen center Committee submits the following report for the past year.

The Teen Center is located in the basement area of the McKinley Community Center on Union St. and we utilize the gym as well as the two back rooms. We are open on Friday and Saturday nights from 7pm-11pm. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are in the center until 9pm and 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can remain until 11pm. The Teen Center Committee has worked diligently this past year to make the Center a place where teens want to go as an alternative to hanging out on the streets. This year we have approximately 175 members. Routinely we have 100 or more members on Friday nights, and slightly less on Saturdays.

We have three pool tables, one bumper pool table, 3 Playstation II systems with over 25 games, an X-Box 360 system with several games, an arcade version of Dance Dance Revolution, a 70" television with cable, over a dozen basketballs, and a ping pong table. We also have a snack bar with pizza, soda, and candy.

We have made several upgrades through the year such as refinishing the pool tables, purchasing the new ping pong table and the new X-Box 360 system. All of the purchases made are done through membership fees as well as snack bar receipts. The purchases were also done with the input of the members. We routinely have a suggestion box for future purchases, movies for movie night, or trip suggestions. We have also had local Rockland bands in every other month for a band night where they can showcase their talents in front of their peers. We also run dances for holidays and special occasions.

The Teen Center struggles to secure parent volunteers to chaperone on a weekly basis and we are also in need of more board members. If each parent of a member gave us just one night a year, our mission would be very easy. Most people who volunteer usually come back. The teens are great and are appreciative of the volunteers as they know that without the volunteers we are unable to open the doors.

The teen center is accessible through the World Wide Web at [rocklandteencenter.org](http://rocklandteencenter.org) as well as on MySpace at [rocklandteencenter@rock.com](mailto:rocklandteencenter@rock.com). We encourage parents and teens to drop by and check us out. We have an open door policy, parents and teens are welcome to come see what a wonderful Center the teens of Rockland have to use.

The Teen Center Committee wishes to thank all of our parents who have volunteered throughout this past year, as we have said, without volunteers there would be no Teen Center.

The Teen Center Committee:  
Beth Ryan-Co-Chairperson  
Denise Morin-Co-Chairperson  
Mark Underwood-Treasurer  
Ralph Frechette  
Marylou Boyle  
Paula Lincoln-Kilburn  
Vin Hutt  
Lindy Paul

## ROCKLAND AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of Rockland:

The following report is submitted on behalf of the Town of Rockland Ambulance Study Committee.

During fiscal year 2008 the Board of Selectman commissioned the Rockland Ambulance Study Committee to evaluate the operations of the Rockland Fire Department Ambulance. The committee evaluated both system operations and fiscal practices in an effort to analyze the efficiency of the operation. The committee was to be comprised of a Member of the Board of Selectman, Town Accountant, Town Administrator, a member of the Rockland Fire Department, the Retired Fire Chief, and two Citizen Members.

The following members served the committee with distinction, Chairman Edward McVeigh, Vice Chairman James Hannigan, Secretary Charles O. Williams, III, Kevin Henderson Fire Chief (ret.) Eric Hart, Town Accountant, James F. Simpson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and John Clifford, Interim Town Administrator.

The goal of the Rockland Ambulance Study Committee was to figure out the cost of running a town based fire department ambulance, what could be done to lower the cost. If there is a cost what could be done to improve revenues. Is the town ready to absorb costs? In addition, the committee would craft a list of recommendations for improvements or alternatives to the current operation. In order to develop this list of recommendations the committee did the following:

- We evaluated EMS Call Volume and Run Data, which was collected by the committee using an evaluation form sent to nine communities similar to Rockland with call volume and population and density.
- With the help of the Rockland Fire Department Executive Assistant (Mary Ryan) and the Town Accountant (Eric Hart) we evaluated at great length the Financial Data of the operation.
- Evaluated extensive Expert Testimony both written and oral from Fire Chiefs and others involved in the delivery of EMS care.
- Again with the help of the Rockland Fire Department Executive Assistant and the Town Accountant, the Fire Chief we evaluated the Billing and Collection Practices. We also looked at what could be done to improve these items.
- The committee reviewed Private Ambulance RFP's, Private Ambulance Contract, and Previous Ambulance Committee information.

During our review process we looked at the history and operation of the Rockland Fire Department Ambulance. The Rockland Fire Department started Ambulance service in 1977. The first Paramedic was hired in 1998. The Rockland Fire Department began running Paramedic-Advanced Life Support Services in 2000. All of the funds to start up the ALS service were derived from donations. Currently the Fire Department Paramedics are dual roll crossed trained. This allows the Firefighter-Paramedics to do both ambulance work and firefighting duties.

The Committee then evaluated the impact privatization of the ambulance service would have on our community. We concluded that it would cause devastating additional cuts to the Fire Department. In addition, the town would lose the current ambulance revenue and then incur the cost of contracting with a Private Service. The Fire Department would have lack of local operations therefore having a significant impact on mutual aid. This lack of local control and potential decrease in service was of major importance and concern.

After all of the information was gathered it was molded into a list of recommendations that were presented to the Board of Selectman in April of 2008. The summary of the recommendations were as follows:

1. Keep the current Ambulance Service with the Rockland Fire Department.
2. Evaluate and change billing practices to fall in line with industry standards.
3. Purchase and maintain a computerized billing and EMS reporting system.
4. Develop Policy and Procedures to strengthen our billing collections.
5. Develop a Committee comprised of the Fire Chief, Town Administrator, and Fire Department Executive Assistant to Collection Issues.
6. Bring the current Rockland Ambulance Study Committee together again in one year to evaluate the newly collected data, as well as evaluate the possibility of running a second ambulance.
7. Develop a policy and procedure to allow the Fire Department Executive Assistant to evaluate billing rates on an annual basis and present that information to the Board of Selectmen, in addition allow the Executive Assistant to attend professional development seminars to keep him or her active in industry billing standards.

What has been done to improve so far? The Fire Department has increased our billing rates as recommended. The Executive Assistant continues to work with the Fire Chief and the town to develop a policy of isolating debts, and the collection of unpaid bills. The Fire Department has purchased a computerized data collection and EMS reporting systems and is in the beginning stages of its implementation. They are expecting to see a noticeable improve data collection and billing capture, The Rockland Ambulance Study Committee continues to meet on a regular basis so that they are ready and can provide any assistance necessary to ensure the best delivery of emergency medical services for the Town of Rockland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward McVeigh  
Chairman, Rockland Ambulance Study Committee

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METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL  
SELF HELP  
VISITING NURSE/PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.**

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## IMPORTANT ROCKLAND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**FIRE AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCY** **911**  
 Business 781-878-2123

**POLICE EMERGENCY** **911**  
 Business 781-871-3890

**Rockland Town Hall (Main Number)** **781-871-1874**  
 To use spell by name directory # 9

Town Clerk	# 1
Town Collector	# 2
Building Department	# 3
Selectmen	# 4
Assessor	# 5
Board of Health	# 6
Accountant	# 7
Treasurer	# 8
Planning Board	# 170
Zoning Board	# 175
Veterans' Agent	# 180
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*SCHOOLS:*

Superintendent's Office	781-878-1540
R. Stewart Esten School	781-878-8336
Rockland High School	781-871-0541
Rogers Middle School	781-878-4341
Memorial Park School	781-878-1367
Holy Family School	781-878-1154

*Frequently used numbers:*

Water Department	781-871-0901
Sewer Department	781-878-1964
Park Department	781-871-0579
Highway Department	781-871-0579



# The Guardians of the Night

Author – Unknown

Trust in me my friend, for I am  
your comrade.  
I will protect you with my last  
breath  
When all others have left you  
And the loneliness of night closes  
in,  
I will be at your side.

Together we will conquer all  
obstacles,  
And search out those who wish to  
do harm to others.  
All I ask of you is compassion,  
And the caring touch of your  
hands.

It is for you that I will unselfishly  
give my life  
And spend my nights unrested.  
Although our days together  
May be marked by the passing of  
the seasons  
Know that each day by your side  
is my reward.

My days are measured by  
The coming and going of your  
footsteps.  
I anticipate them at every  
opening of the door.  
You are the voice of caring when  
I am ill,  
The voice of authority when I  
have done wrong.

Do not chastise me unduly,  
For I am your right arm,  
The sword at your side.  
I attempt to do only what you bid  
of me  
I seek only to please you and  
remain in your favor.

Together you and I shall  
experience  
A bond only others like us will  
understand]  
When outsiders see us together,  
Their envy will be measured by  
their disdain.

I will quietly listen to you  
And pass no judgment,  
Nor will your spoken words be  
repeated.  
I will remain ever silent,  
Ever vigilant, ever loyal.  
And when our time together is  
done  
And you move on in the world  
Remember me with kind thoughts  
and tales,  
For a time we were unbeatable,  
Nothing passed among us  
undetected

If we should meet again on  
another street  
I will gladly take up your fight,  
I am a Police Working Dog  
We are the guardians of the night.

## ROCKLAND'S K-9 UNIT

The Rockland Police K-9 Unit was started in December of 2005. Today the K-9 Unit consists of K-9 Officer/Handler Steven Somers, *Patrol K-9 Boyar*, and *Narcotics K-9 Jessica (Jesse)*. The K-9 Unit supports the Patrol Division of the Rockland Police Department and serves the community with a variety of functions/services. The K-9 Unit can track fleeing criminals or missing persons. They can search buildings that have been broken into for hiding suspects, evidence recovery, crowd/people control, criminal apprehensions, and the detection of narcotics. The Rockland K-9 Unit also serves surrounding agencies that do not have the use of K-9's through mutual aid. The Rockland K-9 Unit is called upon almost on a daily basis to provide these functions in order to apprehend criminals and to help locate narcotics and keep them off of our streets. The RPD K-9 Unit has been extremely successful since it began in 2005. They are privately funded through a non-profit organization called the *RPD K-9 Foundation*.

In 2008 the Rockland Police K-9 Unit responded to over 100 calls for service both in Rockland and surrounding towns through mutual aid. In most of those cases it was the nose of K-9 Jessica that was called upon to sniff out illegal narcotics. Jessica's nose was responsible for getting numerous amounts of Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, prescription medication and thousands of dollars of illegal money off of the streets of the South Shore.

K-9 Boyar's nose on the other hand was called upon several times to sniff out fleeing criminals. The most notable case of 2008 which landed K-9 Boyar and Officer Somers on the front page of the Boston Herald was in the wee hours of last New Years' Day January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 when an attempted murderer and suspected murderer had allegedly stabbed his roommate 5 times and fled into the woods on Market Street by the Highway barn. The suspect who is an illegal immigrant from Brazil was eventually apprehended after a violent struggle where both K-9 Boyar and the suspect sustained injuries. It was later learned that the suspect has 2 warrants for murder in Brazil. This trial is set for February of 2009 and then the suspect will be extradited back to Brazil to answer his charges of murder. Thanks to K-9 Boyar this alleged murderer is off of the streets of Rockland.

Officer Somers, K-9 Jessica and K-9 Boyar are gearing up for another busy year in 2009 and look forward to protecting the streets of Rockland.



K-9 Jessica, Officer Somers & K-9 Boyar

***“THE GUARDIANS OF THE NIGHT”***

# **ROCKLAND POLICE K-9**



**JESSICA & BOYAR  
WITH  
OFFICER STEVEN SOMERS**