

**Town Records and Reports**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OFFICERS**

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET**



**1972**

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Police Department	995-5191
Fire Department (Business)	995-1554
Fire Department (Emergency)	995-1423

## TOWN SERVICES

Accountant	998-1381
Assessors	995-0414
Building Inspector	995-0956
Cemetery Department	763-2084
Civil Defense	995-7211
Council on Aging	995-8528
Free Library	995-5414
Gas Inspector	763-5646
Health Board	995-1908
Highway Department	995-4224
Park Department	995-1264
Planning Board	995-0328
Plumbing Inspector	995-4258
Selectmen	995-1141
Superintendent of Schools	995-1125
Tax Collector	995-2915
Town Clerk and Treasurer	995-2915
Veterans' Services	995-1141
Visiting Nurse	995-1908
Wire Inspector	995-1983

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**ACUSHNET**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**FOR THE**  
**Year Ending December 31st**  
**1972**

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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To the Citizens of Acushnet:

We submit herewith our report for the year ending December 31, 1972.

At the organizational meeting of the Board following the annual town election, Elton A. Ashley was elected Chairman for the year. This year saw the reelection of Gerard Charest for a three (3) year term, being his fifth (5th) term.

The Board met every Monday night at 7 PM, in their offices at Town Hall. The usual reports were discussed with department heads, and many appointments were scheduled with the town residents and varying government agencies. Inasmuch as our town is on the grow, it has been necessary to meet with our neighboring towns, City of New Bedford, also many government agencies in Boston.

This year was a most ambitious one, much was done in remedying various ills throughout town. Our Highway Department, in cooperation with Tibbetts Engineering Corp. of New Bedford pursued a most vigorous schedule, which saw much roadwork accomplished, drainage and reconstruction.

This was the first year our town qualified for Commonwealth funds under the Chapter 81 program, thus receiving the sum of \$12,416.00, which was put to good use in various road projects.

Our town continued to be involved in the Emergency Employment Act (EEA) program, and reaped many benefits, having a Business Manager in the School Department, also we had three (3) full time laborers in the Highway Department, also one (1) laborer

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for a 7 month period in the Park Department, also four (4) young men of high school age worked 26 hours weekly for the nine week summer vacation, all at no expense to the town.

Legalized BEANO came into being, as did the Lottery, thus providing additional revenue to our town.

CABLE TV will come to fruition in our town sometime in 1973-74, as your Board awarded a license to International Telemeter of Bristol County, Inc. (subsidiary of Gulf & Western). This will provide another service to our residents, also will produce additional revenue for the town coffers.

The former Parting Ways School Building was turned over to this office and a Special Town Meeting vote authorized the expenditure of \$60,000 to refurbish this, which will be used for much needed office space for our Police Department, Council on Aging, Board of Health, also Boy and Girl Scouts. We might add this committee spent many long hours on a volunteer basis in refurbishing this building.

In September we forwarded a preliminary application to HUD for a water line for the north and northeast parts of town, which would provide much needed water services to this growing area.

Many new committees were formed during 1972, most notably the Industrial Development Commission, Soil Conservation Board, Board of Appeals and Historical Commission. In time these boards should prove a boon to our town government.

We are continuing to be a member of the Regional Solid Waste Committee, comprising New Bedford, Fairhaven, Dartmouth and many hours have been devoted to solve this ever increasing problem.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the several town

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departments for their cooperation, assistance, and sincere dedication towards solving the difficulties for our residents.

It has been a pleasure working with you and we look forward to continued harmony in the coming year, and it is our sincere wish that we continue to progress for the betterment of all the people.

Respectfully submitted,

ELTON A. ASHLEY  
ROBERT E. HONOHAN  
GERARD CHAREST

## **In Memoriam**

**JOSEPH LAPIERRE**

**Deceased January 21, 1972**

**Police Officer**

**DONALD SORELLE**

**Deceased February 10, 1972**

**Gas Piping Inspector**

**FAUSTO PAULINO**

**Deceased September 20, 1972**

**Police Officer**

**Civilian Defense**

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**TOWN OFFICERS — 1972 - 1973**

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**TOWN CLERK, TREASURER-COLLECTOR**

Allan L. Rawcliffe	Term Expires 1975
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Elton A. Ashley	Term Expires 1973
Robert E. Honohan	Term Expires 1974
Gerard Charest	Term Expires 1975

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Rudolph H. Urbanek	Term Expires 1973
James S. Madruga, Jr.	Term Expires 1974
Eugene L. Dabrowski	Term Expires 1975

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Joseph H. LePage	Term Expires 1973
Emile R. Houle	Term Expires 1974
Girard St. Amand	Term Expires 1975

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

William E. Jenkinson	Term Expires 1973
Douglas W. Andre	Term Expires 1974
Frederick L. Duguay, Jr.	Term Expires 1974
Paul E. Bonville	Term Expires 1975
William D. Savage	Term Expires 1975

**COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS**

David E. Koranek	Term Expires 1973
Joyce Ann Collins	Term Expires 1974
Francis D. O'Leary	Term Expires 1975



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### **TRUSTEES OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Kenneth L. Vincent	Term Expires 1973
Georgette A. Owen	Term Expires 1974
Walter E. Owen	Term Expires 1975

### **CEMETERY BOARD**

Everett L. Hardy, Jr.	Term Expires 1973
Arthur L. Tripp	Term Expires 1974
Raymond J. Fortin	Term Expires 1975

### **PARK COMMISSIONERS**

George Fagundes	Term Expires 1973
Joseph P. Jason	Term Expires 1974
Benjamin T. Briggs III	Term Expires 1975

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Roland Benoit	Term Expires 1973
Ronald R. Labonte	Term Expires 1974
Robert W. Hall	Term Expires 1975
Henry L. Guilbeault	Term Expires 1976
Alfred J. Boulanger	Term Expires 1977

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Natalio Gomes	Term Expires 1973
John Sousa	Term Expires 1974
Joao M. Acucena	Term Expires 1975
John Sylvia	Term Expires 1976
Robert A. Bergeron	Term Expires 1977

### **MODERATOR**

A. P. Stuart Gilmore	Term Expires 1975
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**TREE WARDEN**

Edwin A. Springer

Term Expires 1975

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**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MARCH 6, 1972**

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Register of Voters as of close of registration on February 15, 1972.

<i>Precinct</i>	<i>Democrats</i>		<i>Republicans</i>		<i>Unenrolled</i>		<i>Total</i>
	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	
1	349	360	52	51	318	334	1464
2	266	244	59	58	335	334	1296
3	209	222	87	93	471	473	1555
	<u>824</u>	<u>826</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>1124</u>	<u>1141</u>	<u>4315</u>
Democrats	1650				Men		2146
Republicans	400				Women		2169
Unenrolled	<u>2265</u>						<u>4315</u>
	4315						4315

**TOWN CLERK-TREASURER COLLECTOR**

**Three Years**

	<i>Precinct 1</i>	<i>Precinct 2</i>	<i>Precinct 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Allan L. Rawcliffe	971	879	1054	2904
Blanks	<u>139</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>460</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**SELECTMEN**

**Three Years**

Gerard Charest	636	572	577	1785
Teddy Cioper	339	296	428	1063

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William E. Jenkinson	101	131	198	430
Raymond F. LeBlanc	22	21	12	55
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	12	8	10	30
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**ASSESSOR  
Three Years**

Eugene L. Dabrowski	918	825	1008	2751
Scattered	2	2	2	6
Blanks	190	201	216	607
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Three Years**

Susan H. Ashley	374	388	543	1305
Paul E. Bonville	624	558	571	1753
Charles H. Rose	243	152	169	564
William D. Savage	446	510	683	1639
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	533	448	485	1466
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Total	2220	2056	2452	6728

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Two Years**

Carlton C. Albritton	417	473	556	1446
Frederick L. Duguay, Jr	615	483	585	1683
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	78	72	84	234
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Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Three Years**

Girard St. Amand	642	596	721	1959
Leonel Hipolito	217	148	144	509
Louis O. St. Aubin	214	248	321	783
Blanks	<u>37</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>113</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**

**Three Years**

Francis D. O'Leary	915	827	1002	2744
Blanks	<u>195</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>620</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Three Years**

Walter E. Owen	925	846	1024	2795
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	<u>185</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>568</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**CEMETERY BOARD**

**Three Years**

Raymond J. Fortin	912	825	1011	2748
Scattered		1		1
Blanks	<u>198</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>615</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**PARK COMMISSIONER**

**Three Years**

Maurice Dion	434	360	419	1213
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Michael F. Ashley	207	129	209	545
Benjamin T. Briggs III	405	469	531	1405
Blanks	64	70	67	201
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Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**PLANNING BOARD**

**Five Years**

Alfred J. Boulanger	807	710	747	2264
Peter M. Vercellone	196	203	367	766
Blanks	107	115	112	334
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**PLANNING BOARD**

**Two Years (To fill vacancy)**

Ronald Labonte	647	616	528	1791
Raymond L. Poirier	358	299	556	1213
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	105	113	141	359
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

John M. Anjos	463	393	564	1420
Robert A. Bergeron	726	659	748	2133
Natalio Gomes	540	558	663	1761
John Sousa	645	525	745	1915
John Sylvia	650	613	723	1986
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	1416	1364	1460	4240
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Total	4440	4112	4904	13456

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**MODERATOR**  
**Three Years**

A.P. Stuart Gilmore	931	843	1049	2823
Blanks	<u>179</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>541</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**TREE WARDEN**  
**Three Years**

Edwin A. Springer	922	838	1034	2794
Blanks	<u>188</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>570</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

**QUESTION NO. 1**

“Shall licenses be granted in this town for the operation, holding or conducting of a game commonly called beano?”

Yes	970	879	1009	2858
No	49	57	101	207
Blanks	<u>91</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>299</u>
Total	1110	1028	1226	3364

Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Town Clerk*

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Births, Marriages and Deaths – 1972

VITAL STATISTICS

Births:

In Acushnet	78	
In other municipalities	0	
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Resident	78	
Non-Resident	0	
	<hr/>	78
Male	32	
Female	46	
	<hr/>	78
Affidavits and Corrections		5

Marriage Intentions: 137

Marriages:

In Acushnet	83	
In other municipalities	74	
	<hr/>	157
Resident Bride and Groom	40	
Resident Groom	56	
Resident Bride	40	
Non-Resident Bride and Groom	21	
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Deaths:

In Acushnet	16	
In other municipalities	47	
	<hr/>	63
Resident Deaths:		
Women	27	
Men	33	
Non-Resident Deaths	3	
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Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Town Clerk*

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TREASURER'S REPORT – 1972

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<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Disbursements</i>
\$ 736,103.29	Balance, December 31, 1971	\$ 793,590.79
537,041.20	January	453,678.99
558,578.87	February	243,596.21
346,982.20	March	204,704.40
35,859.53	April	437,572.87
42,995.14	May	302,869.69
255,185.14	June	340,629.48
358,650.94	July	180,151.53
232,841.43	August	254,171.96
314,346.84	September	255,485.65
1,121,815.52	October	921,007.62
186,694.80	November	560,714.63
367,040.44	December	145,961.52
	Balance December 31, 1972	
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\$5,094,135.34		\$5,094,135.34

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash:

Balances per bank statements:

National Bank of Fairhaven (General)	\$226,032.73
National Bank of Fairhaven (Payroll)	13,856.86
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co.	134,066.65
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	373,956.24
Cash on hand	9,406.08
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	383,362.32
Less outstanding checks	237,400.80
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Balance December 31, 1972	\$145,961.52

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Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Treasurer*

# TRUST FUNDS — DECEMBER 31, 1972

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/71</i>	<i>Dividends Deposits</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/72</i>
Friends Cemetery Care - Wing Road	\$ 150.00	\$ 176.25	\$ 9.43	\$ none	\$ 185.68
Long Plain Cemetery - Addition of 1912	1,295.00	2,501.63	123.73	none	2,625.36
Long Plain Cemetery Permanent Care	347.00	581.11	28.76	none	609.87
Peckham Cemetery	1,100.00	1,100.00	54.45	54.45	1,100.00
Henry H. Rogers School Fund	2,500.00	1,813.49	89.75	none	1,903.24
Philip H. Omev & Ruhamah H. Cottle Cemetery	2,000.00	3,097.81	153.31	64.00	3,187.12
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance	7,447.22	9,927.80	486.12	137.72	10,276.20
Allen and Rhoda R. Russell Library	8,181.98	12,420.85	614.71	none	13,035.56
Russell Protestant Poor	9,912.00	22,648.79	1,222.81	330.00	23,541.60
Russell Public School	7,067.30	10,754.22	532.18	none	11,286.40
Russell Town Hall	3,000.00	3,783.91	187.26	none	3,971.17

Russell Acushnet Cemetery	579.80	1,067.86	52.83	none	1,120.69
Sylvia P. Manter Public Schools	30,182.39	31,978.83	2,028.03	1,726.44	32,280.42
Acushnet Instructive Nursing	1,000.00	1,469.67	78.98	none	1,548.65
Conservation Fund – 1969	2,200.00	2,376.73	127.74	none	2,504.47
Stabilization Fund	100,000.00	52,782.76	52,837.88	none	105,620.64
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	12,488.84	14,702.88	1,047.36	649.40	15,100.84
Totals	\$189,451.53	\$173,184.59	\$59,675.33	\$2,962.01	\$229,897.91

Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,  
*Treasurer*

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TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS

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Tax Titles 1972

Transferred from levy of 1972		
Real Estate	\$2,671.40	
Water Liens 1972	31.50	
Sewer Pumping Liens 1972	16.00	
Refund of over-payment on redemption	4.50	
Taking dated December 29, 1972		
Real Estate	3,487.10	
Water Liens 1972	140.10	
Sewer Pumping Liens 1972	8.00	
Interest and Charges	250.48	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,609.08
Sold at Low Value Sale	7.60	
Redeemed	457.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1972	6,143.68	
	<hr/>	6,609.08

Tax Titles 1971

Outstanding December 31, 1971		5,274.13
Redeemed	2,449.12	
Sold at Low Value Sale	7.60	
Outstanding December 31, 1972	2,817.41	
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Tax Titles 1970

Outstanding December 31, 1971	2,027.49
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Redeemed	82.24	
Sold at Low Value Sale	7.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1972	<u>1,938.05</u>	2,027.49
Tax Titles 1969		
Outstanding December 31, 1971		652.57
Redeemed	634.53	
Sold at Low Value Sale	<u>18.04</u>	652.57
Book value tax titles outstanding December 31, 1971		\$ 7,954.19
Book value tax titles outstanding December 31, 1972		10,899.14
Total number of tax titles (parcels) December 31, 1972		24

Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Treasurer*

# Schedule of Outstanding Debt — December 31, 1972

<i>Date of Loan</i>	<i>Notes and Bonds Outstanding</i>	<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Rate Interest</i>	<i>Year Maturity</i>	<i>Total Outstanding</i>
School Project July 15, 1959	140	\$ 1,000.00	4.10	1979	\$140,000.00
School Project July 15, 1959	35	1,000.00	4.10	1979	35,000.00
Junior High Addition Dec. 1, 1964	24	5,000.00	3.25	1984	120,000.00
Street Construction July 1, 1968	2	3,000.00	4.50	1974	6,000.00
Surface Drainage July 1, 1968	2	5,000.00	4.50	1974	9,000.00
Water Mains Sept. 1, 1968	1	10,000.00	3.70	1973	10,000.00
Water Mains Aug. 15, 1969	4	5,000.00	6.00	1976	19,000.00
Surface Water Drains May 15, 1969	3	10,000.00	4.50	1975	29,000.00
Highway Equipment April 20, 1970	2	10,000.00	5.00	1974	18,000.00



Street Resurfacing June 1, 1970	3	10,000.00	6.50	1975	27,500.00
Elementary School Planning Feb. 15, 1971	10	5,000.00	3.75	1976	50,000.00
Elementary School Construction June 1, 1971	402	5,000.00	5.375	1986	2,010,000.00
Water Mains July 15, 1971	4	Variable	4.25	1976	17,000.00
Surface Drainage Feb. 1, 1972	5	Variable	3.5	1977	28,420.00
Surface Drainage June 10, 1972	5	Variable	3.5	1977	38,220.00
Curbings - Sidewalks Aug. 21, 1972	1	9,000.00	2.5	1973	9,000.00
Municipal Bldg. Remodeling Sept. 15, 1972	5	Variable	3.5	1977	54,000.00
Street Construction Oct. 15, 1972	5	Variable	3.19	1977	78,150.00
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Attest:					\$2,698,290.00

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,  
*Treasurer*

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**Fixed Debt and Interest Maturing in 1973 to June 30, 1974**

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School Project Loan Act of 1948 bonds numbered 301-320 incl. @ \$1,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interest	8,200.00
School Project Loan Act of 1958 bonds numbered 66-70 incl. @ \$1,000.00	5,000.00
Interest	2,050.00
Junior High School Addition December 1, 1964 bonds numbered 25, 26, 27 and 28, @ \$5,000.00	20,000.00
Interest	6,337.50
Street Construction July 1, 1968 note numbered 404	3,000.00
Interest	270.00
Surface Drainage July 1, 1968 note numbered 416	5,000.00
Interest	405.00
Water Mains Sept. 1, 1968 note numbered 422	10,000.00
Interest	370.00
Water Mains August 15, 1969 note numbered 441	5,000.00
Interest	1,560.00
Surface Water Drains May 15, 1969 notes numbered 433 and 434	20,000.00
Interest	2,160.00
Highway Equipment April 20, 1970 notes numbered 449 and 450	18,000.00
Interest	1,300.00

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Street Resurfacing June 1, 1970	
notes numbered 453 and 454	20,000.00
Interest	2,925.00
Elementary School Planning Feb. 15, 1971	
notes numbered 462 - 467 incl.	30,000.00
Interest	2,250.00
Elementary School Construction June 1, 1971	
bonds numbered 33 - 94 incl.	310,000.00
Interest	153,722.99
Peckham Rd. Water Mains July 15, 1971	
note numbered 475	5,000.00
Interest	722.50
Surface Drainage Feb. 1, 1972	
notes numbered 480 and 481	12,420.00
Interest	1,756.41
Surface Drainage June 10, 1972	
notes numbered 490 and 491	17,220.00
Interest	2,295.41
Curbings and Sidewalks Aug. 21, 1972	
note number 498	9,000.00
Interest	224.99
Municipal Bldg. Remodeling Sept. 15, 1972	
note number 499	14,000.00
Interest	1,837.50
Street Construction Oct. 15, 1972	
note number 504	18,150.00
Interest	2,492.99

Summary:

	<i>Debt</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Total</i>
Town	\$511,790.00	\$187,577.79	\$699,367.79

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Water	20,000.00	2,652.50	22,652.50
Total	\$531,790.00	\$190,230.29	\$722,020.29

Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE,

*Treasurer*

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COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Real Estate 1972

Committed	\$1,170,846.88	
Refunded	2,462.40	
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Collected	1,056,215.40	
Abated	854.24	
Exempted	110,081.14	
Subsequents added to tax titles	2,671.40	
Taking – December 29, 1972	3,487.10	
	<hr/>	\$1,173,309.28

Water Liens – 1972

Transferred to real estate 1972

Rates	1,570.95	
Costs	31.50	
	<hr/>	1,602.45
Collected	1,430.85	
Subsequents added to tax titles	31.50	
Taking – December 29, 1972	140.10	
	<hr/>	1,602.45

Personal – 1972

Committed	300,045.72	
Refunded	91.20	
	<hr/>	300,136.92
Collected	299,528.92	
Abated	608.00	
	<hr/>	300,136.92

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Farm Animal-Machinery-Equipment		
Excise - 1972		
Committed		214.28
Collected		214.28
Motor Vehicle Excise – 1972		
Committed	151,605.95	
Refunded	785.65	
		152,391.60
Collected	114,771.13	
Abated	16,332.96	
Outstanding December 31, 1972	21,287.51	
		152,391.60
Motor Vehicle Excise – 1971		
Outstanding December 31, 1971	24,245.79	
Committed in 1972	32,890.07	
Refunded	3,393.96	
		60,529.82
Collected	47,502.95	
Abated	10,548.45	
Outstanding December 31, 1972	2,478.42	
		60,529.82
Motor Vehicle Excise – 1970		
Abatement Rescinded		25.58
Collected		25.58
Water Rates and Charges – 1972		
Outstanding December 31, 1971	2,530.83	
Committed	84,223.61	
Refunded	131.90	
		86,886.34

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Collected	81,404.83	
Certified to water liens	1,570.95	
Abated	288.40	
Outstanding December 31, 1972	3,622.16	
	<hr/>	86,886.34
Sewer Pumping Charges – 1972		
Committed		240.00
Collected	224.00	
Certified to liens	16.00	
	<hr/>	240.00
Sewer Pumping Charges – 1971		
Outstanding December 31, 1971		16.00
Collected	4.00	
Certified to liens	12.00	
	<hr/>	16.00
Board of Health Trailer Park		
License fees		
Committed		6,570.00
Collected		6,570.00

Attest:

ALLAN L. RAWCLIFFE

*Collector*

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RECEIPTS FOR 1972

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Taxes:

Current Year		
Real Estate	\$1,056,215.40	
Personal	299,528.92	
Motor Vehicle Excise	114,771.13	
Farm Animal Excise	214.28	
		\$1,470,729.73
Previous Years		
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1970	25.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1971	47,502.95	
		47,528.53

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Valuation Basis	9,508.26
Corporation Tax	5,645.29
School Transportation	93,750.20
Vocational Transportation	9,135.00
Vocational Education	54,677.00
School Aid	333,035.85
Tuition & Transportation	
State Wards	7,855.67
School Construction	99,770.52
Local Aid-Lottery	35,046.13
State Lunch Fund	4,876.80
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000.00
Highway Funds, Chapter 81	22,885.87
Veterans Benefits	9,965.33
Special Education	
Handicapped	24,126.00
Abatement-Clause 22, Sec. 5	
Chap. 59 G.L.	710.60



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Abatement-Clause 17, Sec. 5		
Chap. 59 G.L.	<u>3,944.40</u>	717,932.92
County of Bristol		
Dog Licenses	2,054.65	
Care & Disposal of Dogs	1,532.00	
Sale of Dogs	39.00	
Dog Fund	1,605.90	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	<u>3,000.00</u>	8,231.55
Federal Revenue Sharing		78,278.00
Water Rates & Services	81,404.83	
Water Interest & Charges	<u>109.50</u>	81,514.33
Water Liens redemption		1,430.85
Tax Titles Redemptions		3,664.13
Sewer Pumping Charges Lien		4.00
Curbing Assessments		765.72
Licenses:		
Alcoholic	7,950.00	
Common Victualler	95.00	
Automatic Amusement	120.00	
Special Malt Beverages	210.00	
Sunday Store	40.00	
Sunday Entertainment	580.00	
Dance Licenses	68.00	

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Registration of Petroleum	12.50
Gasoline Storage	2.00
Firearm Dealer Licenses	10.00
Ammunition Sales License	1.00
Used Car Dealer, Class II	195.00
Used Car Dealer, Class III	144.00
Junk	36.00
Auctioneers	23.00

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9,486.50

Treasurer & Collector:

Interest on Taxes, Tax Titles	
Demands	724.30
Interest on Motor Vehicles	704.20
Interest on Curbing	
Assessments	49.36
Municipal Liens	12.00
Betterment Disclosures Fees	5.00

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1,494.86

Town Clerk:

Street & Voting Lists	59.00
Sale of Maps	64.50
Raffle Permits	50.00
C.A.T.V. License	250.00

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423.50

Planning Board Fee

1.00

Board of Health

Store & Vehicle Milk Licenses	13.00
Trailer Park License Fees	6,580.00
Oleomargarine	7.00
Garbage Transportation	4.00

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Day Camp Licenses	1.00	
Sewer Disposal & Septic Tank Permits	925.00	
Plumbing Permits	613.75	
Massage License	1.00	
Pasteurization License	10.00	
Ice Cream License	5.00	
Food Service Establishments	50.00	
Food Handlers Cards	106.00	
Piggery Permits	15.00	
Vaccination Program	325.00	
Nursing Fees	1,249.47	
Medicare Nursing	2,544.05	
Refund T.B. Control	157.53	
Pre-mature births	3,234.76	
Polio & Flu Clinic Receipts	444.18	
Swimming Pool License	10.00	
Stable Permits	420.00	
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		16,715.74
Police Department:		
Court Fines	1,392.90	
Firearm I D Cards	130.00	
Bicycle Registration	38.25	
Firearm Licenses	388.00	
Accident Reports	315.00	
Police Services	300.00	
Damages to Cruiser	317.01	
Gaming Charges	168.70	
Confiscation of Money	1,851.00	
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		4,900.86
Fire Department:		
Oil Storage & Installation Permits		26.00
Wire Permits		1,305.00

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Building Permits	4,264.00	
Sale of Building Code Books	30.00	
		4,294.00
Gas Piping Permits		535.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures		225.00
Veterans Benefits Recoveries		3,603.50
Library Fines & Sales		156.14
Federal Lunch Program	5,275.00	
Federal Milk Program	5,635.50	
		10,910.50
Smith-Hughes, Geo. Barden		
Account, Vocational Education	12,195.50	
Ed. Library Extension, Title II		
No. 72-003-125	1,558.88	
P.L. 874, Title I, 1971	726.00	
P.L. 874 Title I, 1972	8,468.00	
Title VI-B Ed. ADm.	8,924.05	
Title II P.L. 85-864	781.55	
Ed. Low Income Title I, E.S.E.A.	10,992.00	
Title III N.D.E.A. No. 72-0791A	2,024.65	
Dist. Pros. No. 71-53X 003 A.O.	7,000.00	
		52,670.63
Elderly Affairs		600.00
Temporary Loans	300,000.00	
Surface Drainage Loans	66,640.00	
Curbing & Sidewalk Loan	9,000.00	

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Street Construction Loan	78,150.00	
Municipal Building Remodeling Loan	<u>54,000.00</u>	507,790.00
Investment Funds		1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Interest on Investment Funds	3,286.11	
Federal Deductions	149,482.62	
Teachers Retirement	26,757.83	
Bristol County Retirement	19,674.86	
Group Insurance	1,070.21	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	21,888.38	
Annuities	3,819.96	
State Tax	41,705.16	
Union Dues, Highway & Water	428.00	
Teachers Dues	2,526.32	
Police Union Dues	500.00	
Commission Telephone Pay Station	125.79	
Sewer Pumping Charges	228.00	
Hurricane Barrier (Acushnet Co. Share)	1,336.13	
Advertising Fees	7.35	
Bid Deposits-Elementary School	14,552.03	
Cable T.V. Application Deposit	200.00	
Copper Piping Settlement	133.59	
Group Insurance Dividends	339.49	
Blue Cross Dividends	96.75	
Reimbursement-Blue Cross & Insurance, E.E.A. & MECA	421.78	
Insurance Settlements-Police	466.39	
Public Auction	1,022.00	
Highway Department Damages	295.00	

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Sale of Streets to Acushnet Co.	2,800.00	
School Miscellaneous Receipts	186.72	
Special School Milk & Lunch Fund	35,619.90	
Opening of Graves	200.00	
Care of Cemetery	36.00	
Refund Blue Cross	106.36	
Refund Fire Department	10.00	
Refund Highway Department	19.80	
Refund Land Taking	28.43	
Refund Veterans Benefits	181.00	
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		329,551.96
Trust Funds		
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	330.00	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance Fund	137.72	
Omey-Cottle Fund	64.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,003.94	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund	1,726.44	
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		3,262.10
Total Receipts		<hr/>
		\$4,358,032.05

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TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

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Trust Funds: Cash and Securities In Custody of Town Treasurer		\$232,851.62
Russell Fund for Care of Town Hall	\$ 3,971.17	
Russell Public School Fund	11,286.40	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	23,541.60	
Henry H. Rogers Gift Fund	1,903.24	
Allan & Rhoda R. Russell Library Fund	13,035.56	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance Fund	10,276.20	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	15,016.69	
Cemetery Additional Fund	2,625.36	
Cemetery Special Care Fund	609.87	
Acushnet Cemetery Corporation	1,202.45	
Cemetery Beautification & Extra Care Fund	3,187.12	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund for Public Schools	32,280.42	
Acushnet Instructive Nursing Association Trust Fund	1,548.65	
Conservation Fund	2,504.47	
Friend's Cemetery Care-Wing Road	185.68	
Stabilization Fund	105,620.64	
Peckham Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,100.00	
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		232,851.62
R.N. Swift Board of Health Fund		6,486.93

WILFRED C. FORTIN,  
*Town Accountant*

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Curbing Assessments		Apportioned Curbing Assessments Revenue:	
Not Due		Due in 1973	\$316.38
	\$468.00	Due in 1974	151.63
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	\$468.01		\$468.01

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*Town Accountant*

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$2,698,290.00	Middle Road Water Main Loan of 1968	\$ 10,000.00
		Middle Road Water Main Loan of 1969	19,000.00
		Peckham Road Water Main Loan of 1971	17,000.00
		Street & Sidewalks Loan of 1968	6,000.00
		Surface Water Drainage Loan of 1968	9,000.00



Surface Water Drainage Loan of 1969	29,000.00
Surface Water Drainage Loan of 1971	28,420.00
Surface Water Drainage Loan of 1972	38,220.00
Curbing-Sidewalk Loan of 1972	9,000.00
Streets Construction Loan of 1972	78,150.00
Highway Department Equipment Loan of 1970	18,000.00
Street Resurfacing Loan of 1970	27,500.00
School Planning Loan of 1971	50,000.00
Municipal Building Remodeling Loan of 1972	54,000.00
School Project Loans: Chapter 44, Inside Limit	35,000.00
Chapter 645, Outside Limit	140,000.00
Chapter 645, Outside Limit (Addition)	120,000.00

Chapter 645, Outside Limit  
(Elementary School)

2,010,000.00

\$2,698,290.00

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CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS (1972)

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General Government:

Moderator	\$ 100.00	
Town Reports & Warrants	1,633.37	
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Selectmen:

Board of Selectmen	3,400.00	
Executive Secretary	11,605.00	
Office Supplies, Equipment		
Postage	2,367.35	
Telephone	553.91	
Dues, Advertising	521.21	
Student Government Expenses	494.45	
Travel Expenses	71.61	
	<hr/>	19,013.53

Town Accountant

Salary	5,744.00	
Printing & Office Supplies	477.59	
Dues, Travel Expenses	231.10	
Telephone	64.11	
	<hr/>	6,516.80

Elections & Registrars

Election Officers & Tellers	3,151.89	
Registrars	2,500.00	
Printing & Supplies	661.73	
	<hr/>	6,313.62

Treasurer-Collector & Town Clerk

Treasurer-Collector & Town		
Clerk Salary	10,550.00	

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Clerks	14,430.07	
Equipment, Supplies, Dues	15,354.64	
Telephone	301.04	
Surety Bonds	450.00	
Recording, Redemption, Takings	261.70	
Travel Expenses	423.77	
Recording Vital Statistics	250.00	
Certification of Notes	58.00	
		42,079.22
Assessors		
Salaries	2,500.00	
Clerks	9,547.63	
Equipment, Office Supplies	782.44	
Telephone	165.77	
Listing Land Conveyances	200.00	
Dues	54.00	
Travel Expenses	16.60	
Sectional Plotting	475.00	
		13,741.44
Town Counsel		2,370.80
Finance Committee		
Dues	40.00	
Clerical Services	180.00	
Supplies & Postage	23.81	
Travel Expenses	18.70	
		262.51
Planning Board		
Clerical Services	120.00	
Supplies & Equipment	153.55	
Advertising	11.20	
		284.75
Tree Warden		150.00

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Town Hall & Offices

Custodian Salary	6,575.92
Extra Help	256.00
Fuel	2,049.25
Lights & Water	1,358.24
Supplies & Equipment	4,344.18
Advertising	9.10
Travel Expenses	19.24

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14,611.93

Police Department

Chief's Salary	10,361.72
Police Officers	138,925.86
Clerks	12,396.88
Office Supplies, Postage	
Printing	637.39
Telephone	923.45
Gas, Repairs, Tires	9,106.64
Insurance	1,355.35
Repairs & Equipment	2,647.79
Oxygen	51.40
Travel Expenses & Dues	881.52
Clothing Allowances	1,662.09
Advertising	56.00
Board of Prisoners	480.00

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179,486.09

Police Cruisers

6,188.42

Fire Department

Chief's Salary	9,411.74
Firemen	37,676.28
Office Supplies, Printing	103.05
Telephones	671.65
Lights	97.58
Accident Insurance	323.31

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Supplies & Equipment	1,919.15	
Advertising, Dues	25.00	
Gasoline, Oil Repairs	549.43	
Fuel Oil	415.22	
Clothing Allowances	148.55	
		51,340.96
Sealer of Weights & Measures		
Salary	366.09	
Supplies	23.60	
		389.69
Building Department		
Inspector	1,220.75	
Deputy Inspector	800.00	
Clerk	516.87	
Supplies & Travel Expenses	820.83	
Telephone	126.76	
		3,485.21
Wire Department		
Inspector	1,220.75	
Deputy Inspector	800.00	
Supplies	84.70	
		2,105.45
Gas Department		
Inspector	793.33	
Deputy Inspector	35.00	
Supplies	15.80	
		844.13
Civil Defense		
Salary-Liaison Officer	200.00	
Lights & Water	73.41	
Repairs, Equipment, Supplies	607.88	

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Fuel	198.51	
Dues	21.72	
Gas, Oil, Repairs	2.00	
Telephone	124.03	
	<hr/>	1,227.55
Dog Officer		
Salary	257.81	
Board & Care of Dogs	1,274.00	
	<hr/>	1,531.81
Inspector of Animals		146.00
Sewer Pumping Charges		
Paid to City of New Bedford		183.00
Board of Health		
Salaries	1,318.75	
Nurse	7,467.85	
Assistant Nurses	6,957.28	
Clerk	4,363.63	
School Physician	2,290.77	
Plumbing Inspector	1,170.81	
Deputy Plumbing Inspector	20.00	
Office Supplies, Postage	1,352.75	
Telephone	346.20	
Equipment	2,334.34	
Medical Supplies	866.01	
Homemaker Service	626.20	
T.B. Board & Treatment	1,218.51	
Participation N.B. T. B. Program	1,067.58	
Heath Test	200.00	
Pre-Mature Births	664.20	
Advertising	33.28	
Burial of Animals	226.00	
Travel Expenses	775.28	
	<hr/>	33,297.44

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Highway Department		
Superintendent Salary	8,725.60	
Labor	57,282.68	
Hire of Equipment	16,236.74	
Gas, Oil Truck Repairs, Tires	10,198.44	
Sand, Gravel, Oil, Asphalt	13,000.53	
Supplies	6,254.62	
Fuel & Lights & Water	1,428.41	
Telephone	277.71	
Freight & Signs	232.19	
Advertising	155.75	
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		113,792.67
Vibrator Compactor		645.00
Road Sweeper		1,750.00
Highway Projects (Chapter 81)		
Labor	4,693.69	
Hire of Equipment	4,542.01	
Supplies	9,952.30	
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		19,188.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Labor	1,164.50	
Contracts	2,806.12	
Advertising	17.50	
Hire of Equipment	356.00	
Supplies	4,655.81	
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		8,999.93
Dump Contract		
Paid to E. & G. Booker for		
Landfill Dump		22,599.92
Street Lights		
Paid to New Bedford Gas &		



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Edison Light Co.		12,490.22
Highway Garage Addition		185.72
Dutch Elm Disease		
Advertising	7.35	
Cutting Trees	1,389.00	
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		1,396.35
Land Taking (Alden Road & So. Main Street)		42.00
Land Damages (Bergeron Property)		3,000.00
Engineering Consultant Fees		983.38
Master Drainage Plan, Nye's Lane Area		560.00
Lake Street Culverts		
Advertising	21.00	
Engineering	1,348.75	
Construction	10,202.00	
Supplies	916.05	
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		12,487.80
Layout of Berard Street		950.00
Meadow Lane Resurfacing		4,200.00
Nye's Lane Resurfacing		
Advertising	21.00	
Engineering	10,380.79	
Construction	57,705.23	
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		68,107.02
Reconstruction of Pershing Avenue		
Advertising	19.95	
Engineering	3,400.00	
Construction	23,556.86	
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		26,976.81

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Reconstruction of Union Street		
Engineering	335.00	
Construction	1,678.50	
Supplies	3,888.70	
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Hamlin, Lake, Mendall, Hathaway & Mattapoisett Road Construction		735.35
Meadow Lane, Pershing Avenue Curbing		
Advertising	23.10	
Engineering	2,736.77	
Construction	7,178.88	
	<hr/>	9,938.75
Streets & Sidewalks (Betterment Act)		3,037.82
White Street, Paulette Street, Diane Street Drainage		
Engineering	5,692.70	
Construction	16,540.50	
	<hr/>	22,233.20
Thomas, Garfield, Hope, Cushman, & Hersom Street Surface Water Drainage		
Engineering	493.50	
Construction	5,098.69	
Supplies	1,810.36	
Freight	965.04	
	<hr/>	8,367.59
Thomas & Cushman Street Drainage (Phase 2)		
Advertising	21.70	
Engineering	3,989.00	
Construction	25,028.85	
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		29,039.55
Veterans Benefits		
Agent Salary	1,052.00	
Office Supplies	273.95	
Ordinary Grants	12,727.69	
Fuel	3,010.25	
Medical Assistance	3,247.02	
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		20,310.91
Schools		
Superintendent Salary	16,862.98	
Clerks	16,545.25	
Office Supplies, Postage	3,433.09	
Telephones	3,515.89	
Travel Expenses	1,726.27	
Medical Supplies	384.33	
Teachers Salaries	504,527.10	
Teachers Aids	8,970.85	
Books & Supplies	32,539.37	
Tuition	267,134.02	
Transportation	179,618.28	
Supervision School Attendance	270.00	
Equipment	9,442.36	
Janitors Salaries	53,576.65	
Fuel & Lights	23,769.05	
Maintenance Buildings & Grounds	9,924.33	
Fire Guards	132.00	
Athletic Equipment, Supervision		
Transportation	4,604.25	
Student Body Activities	2,815.99	
Civic Activities	55.70	
Food Service Expenses	12,895.34	
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		1,152,743.10
Retroactive Pay - Schools		11,438.82

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Regional School District Planning Committee		199.20
Old Colony Regional Vocational High School expenses		3,924.70
Title I E.S.E.A. No. 72-003-046		
Salaries	4,632.00	
Balance Returned to State	<u>1,428.00</u>	
		6,060.00
N.D.E.A. Title III No. 10590-S		1,628.95
Title II E.S.E.A. No. 72-003-125		1,558.00
Ed Low Income Title I E.S.E.A. No. 72-003-224		
Salaries	7,651.25	
Supplies	483.61	
Insurance	50.00	
Transportation	803.00	
Balance Returned to State	<u>2,004.14</u>	
		10,992.00
Title VI No. 72-003-16		
Salaries	8,801.45	
Supplies	1,041.63	
Transportation	<u>300.00</u>	
		10,143.08
Title III N.D.E.A. No. 72-0791A		2,024.65
Project MECA		
Salaries	13,005.06	
Supplies	1,240.34	
Transportation	560.00	
Tuition	3,780.00	
Employee's Benefits	<u>280.00</u>	
		18,865.40
Lost & Destroyed Books-Schools		186.72

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Schedule "A" Classroom Furniture Bid Deposits		14,552.03
Elementary School Building Committee Expenses		88.51
New Elementary School		
Building	479,762.31	
Architect	11,277.00	
Clerk of Works	7,493.00	
Advertising	257.25	
Equipment	91,878.07	
Site Development	731.27	
Miscellaneous	86.55	
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		591,485.45
School Milk & Lunch Fund		
Salaries-Cafeteria Personnel	26,211.25	
Food Supplies	16,349.98	
Milk	7,525.95	
Freight & Supplies	1,396.64	
Dues	8.00	
Travel Expenses	92.58	
Uniform Allowances	276.00	
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		51,860.40
Free Public Library		
Librarian	2,468.93	
Assistant	1,585.77	
Books	1,115.11	
Care of Grounds & Building	2,578.01	
Supplies & Postage	619.01	
Fuel	395.00	
Lights & Water	269.71	
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		9,031.54
Park Department		
Labor	2,312.11	
Equipment & Supplies	3,335.84	

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Repairs	94.55	
Gasoline, Oil, Repairs	53.65	
Advertising	30.45	
Telephone	95.29	
Lease of Beach	1.00	
Lifeguard	720.00	
Lights & Water	1,052.45	
		7,695.34
Tennis Court Fence (Pope Park)		3,100.00
Water Department		
Foreman Salary	7,577.93	
Labor	11,896.64	
Clerk	1,353.82	
Notes & Interest	23,636.25	
Telephone	328.09	
Office Supplies, Advertising	455.90	
Water	24,187.56	
Gas, Oil, Repairs, Tires	926.00	
Mix for Patching	321.75	
Hire of Equipment	4,627.74	
Pipes & Fittings	6,335.94	
Meters & Fittings	6,467.36	
Equipment & Repairs	1,586.74	
Gate Valves & Boxes	1,560.50	
Hydrants	2,473.73	
Copper Tubing	1,632.75	
Engineering Fees	3,063.00	
		98,431.70
Cemeteries		466.00
Debt & Interest		
Debt	268,600.00	
Interest	134,101.09	
		402,701.09

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Temporary Loans	300,000.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	<u>2,307.22</u>	302,307.22
Investment Funds		850,000.00
Investment Federal Revenue Sharing		78,278.00
Repairing & Remodeling Parting Ways Office Building		
Architect	5,727.28	
Construction	27,713.40	
Repairs	<u>64.00</u>	33,504.68
Sally White Property Damage		40.03
Deputy Building Inspector (1971 Balance)		186.08
E.E.A. Expenses		50.00
District Procutor No. 71-53X-003 A.O.		12,000.00
Reimbursement to State-Gaming Charges		168.70
Police Confiscation		1,851.00
Southeastern Regional Planning Assessment		1,165.05
Insurance on Public Buildings		13,732.00
Insurance on Motor Vehicles		2,180.90
Bristol County Dog Licenses		2,108.85
Pension Fund		35,951.96
Federal Tax Deductions		147,339.17
State Tax		41,705.16
Teachers Retirement		26,861.96
Bristol County Retirement		19,674.86

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Annuities	3,819.96
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	20,035.39
Life Insurance Deductions	974.36
Group Insurance	20,976.87
Workmen's Compensation & Employer's Liability Insurance	5,003.58
Union Dues-Police	500.00
Union Dues-Highway & Water	428.00
Teachers Association Dues	2,526.32
Mosquito Control Assessment	100.00
New Bedford Hurricane Barrier	2,004.19
Conservation Commission Departmental	51.48
Soil Conservation Board Expenses	9.00
July 4th Celebration	669.24
Christmas Decorations	395.63
Memorial Purposes	798.92
Council for Aging Expenses	1,724.20
Acushnet Housing Authority Expenses	42.12
Development & Industrial Commission Expenses	47.92
Agency Accounts	
County Taxes	58,204.71
State Recreation Area	12,285.95
Mosquito Control Project	4,301.42
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	807.15
State Assessment System	310.68
Southeastern Mass. Air Pollution Control District	119.92



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		76,029.83
Trust Funds		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,003.94	
Omey-Cottle Fund	64.00	
Russell Memorial Library		
Maintenance Fund	137.72	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	330.00	
Stabilization Fund	50,000.00	
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		51,535.66
Refunds		
Taxes	2,462.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1971	3,393.96	
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1972	785.65	
Water	131.90	
Water Interest & Costs	.50	
Food Service Establishment Permit	2.00	
Building Permits	50.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	68.96	
Insurance	1.75	
Bristol County Dog Licenses	.45	
Interest on Motor Vehicles	.30	
Penalty Interest	1.37	
Personal Property	91.20	
Tax Titles - 1972	4.50	
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		6,994.94
Total Disbursements		<hr/>
		\$4,948,173.82

# TOWN OF ACUSHNET — BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 1972

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Motor Vehicle Excise	
General		Revenue	\$23,774.03
Funds	\$145,961.52	Tax Titles Revenue	10,899.14
Investment		Excess Book Value,	
Funds	250,000.00	Tax Titles, 1965	100.71
Investment		Excess Book Value,	
Federal Revenue		Tax Titles, 1967	603.88
Sharing	78,278.00	Excess Book Value,	
		Tax Possessions 1971	6,061.15
	\$474,239.52	Tax Possession Revenue	540.55
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1971	2,486.52	Water Revenue	3,622.16
Motor Vehicle Excise - 1972	21,287.51	Highway Funds (Chap. 822)	
Tax Titles		Acts of 1963	106.44
Levy of 1970	1,938.05	Aid to Highway Revenue:	
Levy of 1971	2,817.41	Chapter 90 Maintenance	6,000.00
Levy of 1972	6,143.68	Chapter 81	12,416.00
Tax Possessions	540.55	Reconstruction of	
Water Rates & Services	3,622.16	Middle Road	34,476.81
State & County:		Life Insurance Deductions	126.04
Chapter 90 Maintenance	6,000.00	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,292.51
Chapter 81	12,416.00	Pension Fund	1,296.63

Reconstruction of		
Middle Road	34,476.81	County Tax
Teachers Retirement Fund	562.21	State Parks
Mosquito Control	166.34	Southeastern Mass.
School Milk & Lunch Fund	320.41	Air Pollution Control
Revenue	20,698.35	Bristol County Dog
		Licenses
		Veterans Benefits
		Recoveries
		Overlay Reserve
		Federal Revenue Sharing
		Funds P.L. 92-512
		Excess & Deficiency
		Water Surplus
		Sectional Plotting Purposes
		Police-Fire Station Study
		Committee
		Highway Garage Addition
		Sander (Highway
		Department)
		Dump Truck (Highway
		Department)
		Highway Needs Study
		Committee
		Middle Road Layout
		Martelle, Coulombe & Dayton
		Streets Layouts
		1,078.73
		2,253.34
		.50
		15.90
		3,603.50
		75,921.47
		78,278.00
		22,673.91
		20,023.16
		83.10
		500.00
		93.76
		3,275.00
		7,000.00
		462.60
		26.00
		112.90

Lambert Street Layout	125.00
Randall & Besse Street Layouts	164.39
Reconstruction of Middle Road (Chap. 90) 1968	2,832.43
Reconstruction of Middle Road (Chap. 90) 1970	5,300.00
Reconstruction of Middle Road (Chap. 90) 1971	5,200.00
Reconstruction of Middle Road (Chap. 90) 1972	4,900.00
Middle Road Takings & Legal Fees	12.06
Middle Road Construction Damages	25.00
Middle Road Construction Non-Participating Items	3.87
Nye's Lane Resurfacing	1,892.98
Nye's Lane Layout	46.00
Nye's Lane Land Taking	198.97
Reconstruction of Pershing Avenue	23.19
Street & Sidewalks (Betterment Act)	3,079.74
Smith-Hughes-Geo. Barden Acct.	
Voc. Ed. (Project MECA)	1,883.43

Public Law 874, Title I (1969)	4,744.00
Public Law 874, Title I (1970)	5,812.00
Public Law 874, Title I (1971)	3,496.00
Public Law 874, Title I (1972)	8,468.00
E.S.E.A. Title II No. 72-003-234	27.40
Title VI-B 91-230 No. 72-003-16	2,322.05
Ed. Library Ext. E.S.E.A. Title II, No. 72-003-125	.88
Test Borings	2,500.00
Elementary School Building Committee Expenses	116.88
New Elementary School Regional School District Planning Committee	160,699.14
Tennis Court, Ice Skating, Rink & Lights (Pope Park)	300.80
Senior Citizens Bussing Community Programs	1,200.00
for the Aging	700.00
Repairing & Remodeling	600.00

Parting Ways Office Bldg.	26,495.32
Veterans' World War II Memorial	87.00
Peckham Road Water Main Master Drainage Plan, Westgate Park, Nye's Lane, Sherwood Forest, Williams Park	2,538.84
Thomas, Garfield, Hope, Cushman & Hersom Street Surface Water Drainage	3,176.50
Thomas & Cushman Streets Drainage Project (Phase 2)	1,263.77
Club Avenue, Bardsley & Coulombe Street Drainage	9,960.45
White Street, Paulette Street, Diane Street Drainage	968.66
Sewerage Committee Expenses	6,732.85
Engineering Study (Sewerage)	100.00
	2,000.00
	<u>\$587,715.52</u>
	<u>\$587,715.52</u>

WILFRED C. FORTIN,

*Town Accountant*

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Assessors submits the following report for the  
year 1972.

The Population of the Town of Acushnet was estimated to be  
8,200 as of January 1, 1972.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES FOR 1972

Number of Persons Assessed		Total
Personal Estate only		223
Real Estate only		3,168
Farm Animals & Equipment		9
Total number of persons assessed		<u>3,400</u>
Value of Assessed of Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	43,250.00	
Machinery	1,904,925.00	
Live Stock	14,325.00	
All other tangible property	<u>11,485.00</u>	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		1,973,985.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of Bldg.	1,095,210.00	
Bldgs. exclusive of Land	<u>6,606,380.00</u>	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		<u>7,701,590.00</u>
Total Value of Assessed Estate		<u>9,675,575.00</u>
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 was \$152.00/M and was approved by		

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the Tax Commissioner on June 23, 1972.

Taxes, for State, County and Town purposes, including Overlay:

On Personal Estate	300,045.72	
On Real Estate	1,170,641.68	
Total Taxes Assessed		1,470,687.40
Number of Acres of Land Assessed		10,868.64
Number of Dwellings Assessed		2116
Number of Mobile Homes Assessed		113
Number of Live Stock Assessed as Personal Property:		
Horses	107	
Cows	13	
Ponies	43	
Sheep	12	
Steers	26	
Heifers	20	
Fowls	50	
Others	8	
Number of Live Stock Assessed as Farm Animals:		
Cows	64	
Bulls	7	
Swine	216	
Fowls	14,230	

### RECAPITULATION SHEET OF 1972

Total to be raised by taxation	2,262,885.06
Appropriations from available funds	240,561.95
Court Judgement	2,518.13
Workman's Comp.	4,089.58



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Reimbursement requested	2,573.89
Retirement Fund	33,378.07
Hurricane Barrier	2,004.19
Regional Planning	1,165.05
Group Insurance	18,000.00
State Assessments:	
State Parks & Reservations	14,539.29
Mosquito Control	4,135.08
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	807.15
State Assessment System	310.68
Air Pollution Control	154.57
Offsets to Cherry Sheet	
School Lunch Program	5,964.41
County Tax	59,283.44
Overlay for current year	180,000.00
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Gross Amount to be Raised	<u>2,832,370.54</u>

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

1972 Estimated Receipts on Cherry Sheet	865,739.56
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	128,036.86
Licenses	12,305.00
Fines	789.04
Special Assessments	2,142.38
General Government	11,251.37
Protection of Persons & Property	1,697.69
Health & Sanitation	16,717.58
Libraries	101.49
Public Service Enterprises	74,357.92
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	1,413.08
Interest on Deposit	398.85
Farm Animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	214.28
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Total Estimated Receipts	1,115,165.10

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Overestimates of previous year County Tax	5,956.09
Amounts voted to be taken from Available Funds	
7/19/71	5,580.00
11/15/71	4,396.16
3/11-14/72	214,482.24
3/23/72	11,438.82
6/ 2/72	4,664.73
	<u>240,561.95</u>
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	<u>1,361,683.14</u>
Gross Amount to be Raised	2,832,370.54
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	<u>-1,361,683.14</u>
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>1,470,687.40</u>
Personal Property Valuation	1,973,985.00
TAX	300,045.72
Real Estate Valuation	7,701,590.00
TAX	<u>1,170,641.68</u>
Total Taxes Levied on Property	<u>1,470,687.40</u>

**RECAPITULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE  
AND TRAILER EXCISE FOR 1972**

1971 Committed in 1972	1242	32,890.07
1972 Committed in 1972	4099	151,605.95

Respectfully submitted

RUDOLPH H. URBANEK

JAMES S. MADRUGA, JR.

EUGENE L. DABROWSKI

*Board of Assessors*

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REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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To the Officers and Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 207 permits for the year 1972  
as follows:

Dwellings	65
Mobile Homes	30
Garages	14
Additions	24
Swimming Pools	28
Commercial and Industrial	1
Demolishing	8
Miscellaneous	36
Voided	1

The fair replacement cost for construction on the above permits  
is \$3,376,279.00.

The construction of dwellings was 5 more than the 1971 figure  
of 61 dwellings.

The department collected \$4,245.00 in permit fees for the year  
1972.

Respectfully submitted,

RENE PEPIN,

*Building Inspector*

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### REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

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To the Officers and Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

Gentlemen:

The Veterans Agent and Director of Veterans Services submit for your approval a report of activities for the year ending 31 December 1972.

This year once again this office assisted numerous veterans and their families in the completion of various questionnaires, filing for schooling and on the Job Training, these activities being sponsored through the Federal Government by the G I Bill. Also assisted people in getting pensions and compensations service connected and non-service connected. and bearing in mind the heavy load that the taxpayers have.

This year we also recovered the sum of \$3,603.50 for assistance that was rendered and which the recipient later was compensated for through insurance or Workingmen's Compensation.

We helped out financially a total of 21 families with the results as follows.

Ordinary Grants (living expenses)	\$12,727.69
Fuel allowances (winter months only)	3,010.25
Doctors bills	203.00
Medicine & Drugs	1,397.20
Hospitalization	225.85
Misc. to include Medex insurance	1,425.95
Office expenses and postage	273.95
Agent's Salary	1,052.00

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Total department expenses excluding the agents salary	19,263.91
Unused balance	4,616.09
Recoveries turned to the treasurer	3,603.50

This office wishes to inform the taxpayers of our Town that the amount of money spent by this department is being reimbursed 50% by the State. This reimbursement does not include the Agent's salary and office expenses. These two items the Town must support in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

ARSENE J. CUSSON,

*Veterans Agent and  
Director of Veterans Services*

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REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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To the Officers and Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

Tested, adjusted and sealed 58 measuring and weighing devices.

Carried out routine commodities inspection.

Fees collected and turned in to Town Treasurer \$225.00.

Expenses for Salary and Equipment \$389.60.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE L. BOURASSA,

*Sealer*

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY REGIONAL  
VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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To the Officers and Residents of the Towns of  
Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester:

This report is offered with the intention of summarizing the activities of the Old Colony District Committee for 1972 and our plans for the future.

The initial six town committee (Acushnet, Carver, Freetown, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester) met for the first time as a reorganized body on March 2, 1972. Sub-committees were assigned to the tasks of developing curriculum, site, school name, seal design and philosophy recommendations. Architectural interviews were conducted simultaneously with the search for an acceptable school site, the location of which was to be in keeping with the terms of the District agreement.

On April 12, 1972, the first proposed district operational and capital budget was voted. In May the official district and school name was adopted – Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School District. The Boston architectural firm of Campbell, Aldrich, and Nulty was selected to design the vocational-technical facility.

In a series of special town meetings, during which the district's operating and capital budgets were presented for consideration, the towns of Freetown and Lakeville indicated their unwillingness to continue membership in the Old Colony District. The decision of Freetown and Lakeville caused a delay in the District's plans but this action did not deter the four remaining towns from quick-

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ly adopting a withdrawal amendment; at the same time, the services of Dr. George Collins, an educational consultant, were obtained to help develop educational specifications for the facility.

On October 26, 1972, the rebirth of the District again took place. Freetown and Lakeville were formally withdrawn from the Old Colony District, and in the second meeting of that memorable day, the people of Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester, authorized the construction of a vocational-technical high school.

In quick succession, the school site, a parcel of land located in South Middleborough Road in North Rochester and adjoining the Rochester Town Forest, received approval by various state, health, conservation and educational agencies. The school seal was adopted and the now completed educational specifications were approved by School Building Assistance Bureau. The architects began to enter into the details of designing the total project.

As the year approached its' end, your District Committee continued to meet on a weekly schedule in order to reach their September, 1974 student occupancy date.

There can be no question that significant progress has been made in 1972. But, if we measure our accomplishments in terms of what still needs to be done, there can be little room for complacency. Our district indicated by its' vote on October 26, 1972 that it could no longer afford a piecemeal approach to vocational education for its young people and adults. Stopgap measures and token efforts were to be no longer tolerated. It became clear that Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester demanded to have a permanent, universal, continuing program of occupational education, readily available to all persons of all age groups and level of ability.

The Old Colony program promises to be a dramatic challenge to



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all of us. It will require human resources far beyond the commitments that have been made thus far, but if we are truly to serve all the people in the four member communities, it is certain that progress can be made only with the fullest measure of local involvement and participation. Your District Committee has great faith in vocational education and in the Citizens of our communities. We have no doubt that the towns will continue to provide the encouragement needed to have Old Colony materialize from what is now a collection of ideas to an operating building. Each Committee member will continue to give that "extra effort" in order to realize our goal of a permanent, universal program of vocational education. To that end, we pledge our time, our talent, our resources and ourselves.

This report would not be complete without a public expression of thanks for the cooperation given the District Committee by area school superintendents: Mr. F. Edward Nicolas, Plymouth-Carver District; Dr. Joseph C. Kunces, Old Rochester District, and Mr. John Souza, Jr., Acushnet. Special thanks go to the elected officials and townspeople of our District, for their confidence in us, during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ERWIN WASHBURN,

*Chairman*

Mrs. Mary Niemic, Acushnet  
Mr. Norman LaBelle, Acushnet  
Mr. Milton Oliveira, Acushnet

Mrs. Joan Peltola, Carver  
Mr. Domingo Fernandes, Carver  
Mr. Erwin Washburn, Carver

Mrs. Evelyn Pursley, Mattapoisett  
Mrs. Blanche Perry, Mattapoisett  
Mr. Bernard Talty, Mattapoisett  
Mr. Gerard Charest, Jr., Rochester  
Mr. Frederick Underhill, Jr., Rochester  
Mr. Vincent Ryan, Rochester

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### **REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

Library services during 1972 continued as usual. Our librarians are always ready to be of service to everyone coming to the library. They stand ready to helpfully explain our library services available to all -- from the youngest to the oldest cardholder and to interested newcomers. We continue as a member of the Regional Library system which enables our townspeople to hold cards without charge in the New Bedford library system -- and take advantage of other extended privileges.

The "Summer-Read-In" program was well received, and certificates were awarded to those who completed the list. The number of total registered borrowers increased by 176 to 2,256, of whom 102 were juveniles or younger. Total volumes were increased by 670 to a total of 14,438 -- an excellent figure for a small library. Mrs. Olive M. Gifford, Librarian, reports that total circulation for the year was 26,722 -- up again over the previous year.

We are very grateful for the books and periodicals donated by our townspeople and others during the year.

Again, the last full week in May, we participated in the observance of Massachusetts Art Week -- this being our 13th Annual Art Show. We try to have an interesting show each year, and we invite all those who may never have dropped in to see these exhibits to please be our guests. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy it -- and we are sure you'll be proud to see how much talent we have in our town.

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We were able to cover the large leaded windows with an unbreakable covering this year, and certainly hope this will solve the problem of vandalism suffered over the years concerning these expensive windows.

Gutters and conductor pipes with their dry wells had to be repaired — another expensive item, but necessary to the upkeep of our building.

The program for 1973 includes, among other things, the painting of the outside trim and some interior work.

While giving the townspeople the services needed, the Board of Trustees strives to keep the cost of operations down in these inflationary times, and to this end we have 100% cooperation from our devoted personnel.

Library hours - Tuesdays & Thursdays - 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturdays - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGETTE A. OWEN

WALTER E. OWEN

KENNETH L. VINCENT

*Board of Trustees*

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STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1972

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Volumes at beginning of the year		13,768
Volumes purchased	874	
Volumes donated	386	
Volumes lost or withdrawn	204	
Volumes added during the year		<u>670</u>
		14,438

**REGISTRATION**

Borrowers at beginning of the year		2,080
Borrowers registered during the year		
Adult and young adult	74	
Juvenile	102	
Total registered borrowers		2,256

**CIRCULATION**

Adult and young adult books and periodicals	13,621
Juvenile books and periodicals	<u>13,101</u>
Total circulation at the end of the year	26,722

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE M. GIFFORD,

*Librarian*

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REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET FIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31,  
1972.

The Fire Department received 3,650 phone calls pertaining to  
the Fire Department. We responded to 188 Emergency Calls dur-  
ing the year of 1972.

Buildings	12	Flooded Oil Burners	4
Automobiles	11	Flooded Cellars	25
Live Wires	3	Smoke In Buildings	10
False Alarms	28	Mutual Aid	6
Bomb Scares	1	Persons Locked Out	1
Woods	3	Electrical Fires	2
Brush	12	Stove Fires	5
Grass	11	Television Fires	2
Auto Accidents	9	Tower Calls	14
Swimming Pools Filled	3	Chimney Fires	1
Sheds	4	Gas Spills	6
Kitchen Fires	1	Animal Rescued	2
Truck Fire	4	Vandalism Fires	2
Skating Rinks Filled	4	Ambulance Calls	4
Fire Calls Transferred	1	Open Air Permits	103
Oil Burner Permits	41	Oil Storage Permits	35
Blasting Permits	6	Checker Board Test C.D.	8
Asst. Police Dept.	4	Blasting Comp.	1
L.P. Gas Tank Fire	1	Persons Burned	1
Silo Fire	1	Trouble Alarms Sounded	17

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Respectfully submitted,  
EVERETT BOOKER,  
*Chief*

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### REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Board submits its Annual Report for the year 1972.

The Planning Board has held its regular meeting the first Monday of each month, plus the special meetings researching the By-Laws and Zoning for the best interest of the Town.

It will be noted in the Warrant of the Regular Town Meeting, the Board is asking for an appropriation of money to get an Official Map which the Town does not have. Such map may be used to determine the Zoning Districts which the Towns people may desire.

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No new Sub-divisions were approved by the Board, although several were turned down because they did not meet the requirements of the Rules and Regulations of the Sub-division Law.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. GUILBEAULT,

*Chairman*

ROBERT W. HALL,

*Clerk*

ALFRED BOULANGER

RONALD LABONTE

ROLAND BENOIT

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**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION**

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

Acushnet's representatives on the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District Commission are Alfred E. Portway, on behalf of the Selectmen, and Henry L. Guilbeault from the Planning Board.

The role of SRPEDD, one of the twelve regional planning agencies covering all of Massachusetts, is (1) to develop regional plans, particularly for issues of more than local concern, (such as transportation) thereby making member municipalities eligible for certain types of federal financial assistance; (2) to provide assistance to member communities in the areas of zoning, development planning, environmental protection, governmental structure and services; (3) review local plans and proposals for compatibility with regional plans and to ensure that a municipality does not create problems for its neighbors; (4) serve as a forum for the discussion of issues touching more than one municipality and as a liaison with some State and federal offices.

The SRPEDD's operating budget is derived from two major sources. Each member community provides funds at a rate of 15 cents per capita. Other funds come from federal and State grants. During 1972, over \$475,000 was spent on projects benefiting District communities.

Membership in the SRPEDD has greatly benefited the town in several ways. The District maintains certification of the member communities in such areas as land use, water and sewer, open space and recreation and economic development. Without such



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certification, communities would not be eligible for the federal funding of projects in these fields. The town's participation in an economic development district also increases in some cases the federal funding portion of a public works or technical assistance project from 67% - 75% of the total project cost.

The District is also carrying out solid waste management and transportation planning programs which are designed to alleviate some of the critical problems in these areas.

The District has provided specific services to Acushnet. For example, the District staff assisted the town in filing for a water improvement application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which could result in a \$976,500 grant for the town.

SRPEDD itself does not have the legal mandate to effect any of its plans. Each town itself, or in concert with others, or by direction of the General Court must make that "Let's Do It" decision. Through Acushnet's membership and our representation, this town has a voice in matters of regional concern and is thus able to let Acushnet's opinion be considered equally with the other 29 communities in SRPEDD.

The Commission meets monthly to discuss and vote on solutions to the area's problems. The staff and Commission have been immeasurably aided by the part-time (usually evening) efforts of citizen groups concerned with such topics as industrial development, housing, conservation, etc. These groups are open to all and we hope some of you will join with us in furthering orderly progress.

Everyone interested is urged to advise us of their concerns. They may also visit the regional office at 68 Winthrop Street, Taunton, or call 823-0796 or 636-8944.

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Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED E. PORTWAY,

*Selectman's Representative*

HENRY L. GUILBEAULT,

*Planning Board Representative*

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### ACUSHNET HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

*Organization:* The Acushnet Historical Commission came into existence in October 1972, following a directive issued by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and a formal vote of the Acushnet Town Meeting. The seven members of the AHC, appointed by selectmen are: Mrs. Josephine Allen, 16 Westland Street; Richard Driscoll, 7 Earle Street; Harold Crapo, Jr., 35 Oliveira Avenue; Leo Jackson, 1122 Main Street; Mrs. Bertha Holt, 22 Wing Road; Mrs. Janet Martin, 49 Porter Street; and Mrs. Madeleine Kaduboski, 44 Lantern Lane. On November 28, 1972, the Commission met and elected the following officers; Chairman — Leo Jackson; Vice-Chairman — Richard Driscoll; Secretary — Madeleine Kaduboski.

The primary objective of the Acushnet Historical Commission will be the identification, preservation and restoration of historic sites and buildings within town borders. The following proposals have been suggested for future action by the AHC in conjunction with interested Acushnet residents:

1. Researching colonial and American Revolutionary period sites in 1973 to insure Acushnet participation in the *BICENTENNIAL* on both state and national levels.
2. Purchasing historic plaques and/or site markers for historic sites and edifices.
3. Possible acquisition of the Long Plain School.
4. Probable development of this school into a permanent his-

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toric museum, housing artifacts and documents of regional and town history.

5. Introduction of local history units and special research projects within town schools.
6. Establishment of liaison between Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Acushnet Historical Commission.
7. Investigation of historically valuable properties that AHC could save from deterioration and destruction.
8. Gradual drafting of historic brochures and maps describing Acushnet landmarks.
9. Development of Acushnet historic awareness by encouraging compilation and preservation of all historic primary source material directly related to the town.

To augment and complete the preceding plans, the Acushnet Historical Commission will actively solicit loans and donations of historic documents and books which will illustrate Acushnet Social, political and economic history.

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REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending 1972.

**Officers of the Police Department**

Harold E. Bamber, Jr., Chief of Police

Roger D. Deschamps, Sergeant

Roland L. Demers, Sergeant

**Permanent Patrolmen**

Earle F. Parker	530 Middle Rd.
John Monteiro	90 Hope Street
Henry C. Avila	64 Pembroke Avenue
Manuel Lawrence (resigned)	229 Main Street
Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr.	85 Nyes Lane
Barry W. Monte	126 So. Main Street
Gil Marques, Jr.	33 Club Avenue
Richard G. Langevin	6 Pine Street

**Permanent Clerk/Dispatchers**

Mary Ann Wybraniec	6 Roosevelt St.
Maria Otocky (resigned 9/1/72)	937 Main St.
Patty Parker	530 Middle Rd.

**Patrolmen**

Joseph Almeida	6 Allen Street
Alfred Cabral	21 Nestles Lane
Paul Dextraze	47 Park Drive
Arnold Machado	89 Cushman Street

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Joseph Millette	28 Wamsutta Avenue
John Pimental	282 Hamlin Street
Michael Poitras	39 James Street
David Rawcliffe	309 Mendall Road
Normand H. Soucy	12 Joseph Street
David Souza	203 So. Main Street
George Souza	33 Darling Street
Joseph Westgate	1257 Main Street

### ARREST VIOLATIONS

Motor vehicle violations	37
Larceny of Motor Vehicle Parts	1
Gaming Violations	1
Disorderly Persons	10
Drunkenness	41
Assault & Battery	2
Trespassing	1
Narcotic Violations	9
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	3
Disturbing the Peace	8
Threatening Bodily Harm	1
Runaway	1
Carrying a Loaded Firearm (in a vehicle)	1
Breaking and Entering, Larceny	2
Breaking and Entering, Night-time, Larceny	1
Breaking and Entering	1
Possession of Burglar Tools	1
Forgery	1
Uttering a Forged Instrument	1
Larceny by Check	2
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor	3
Total arrests made in Acushnet	96

### Motor Vehicle Violations

Speeding	203
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Operating to Endanger	29
Failing to Keep to Right of Road	33
Making Objectionable & Unreasonable Noise (peeling rubber)	10
Failing to Display a Valid Inspection Sticker	46
Unlicensed Operator	50
Operating after Suspension of License	3
Operating after Revocation of License	4
Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle	27
Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle	27
Illegally attaching Registration Plates	8
Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle	7
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	11
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor	28
Operating Under the Influence of a Narcotic	1
Failure to Slow at an Intersection	3
Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign	47
Towing Unregistered Motor Vehicle	3
Passing School Bus (lights flashing)	1
Passing where View Obstructed (hill or curve)	10
Defective Equipment	43
Allowing an Improper Person to Operate a M.V.	8
Excessive Smoke (motor vehicle)	4
Failure to Use Care in Starting	3
No Registration in Possession	46
No License in Possession	22
Operating a Motor Vehicle without lights	1
Passing in a No Passing Zone	15
Failure to Display Registration Plates (rear or front)	2
Failure to Stop for a Police Officers Signal	11
Refusing to Produce Registration	1
Towing without a Permit	1
Failure to Notify Registry of change of address	1
Misuse of Repair Plates	1
Permitting an Unlicensed Person to Operate	1
Failing to provide mud flaps	1
Failing to Cover Load	1

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Overloaded Vehicle	1
Failing to Slow for a Pedestrian	1
Obstructing a Public Way	1
Altering a learners permit	1
Failing to have a rear view mirror	1
Failing to wear a Safety Helmet	4
Tailgating	1
Carrying passengers on a permit	1
Owner Falsely procured Registration (duplicate)	1
Owner permitted vehicle to be operated Unregistered and Uninsured	1
Total Citations issued in 1972	459
Total Citations issued in 1971	399

### Other Activities of the Department

Traffic Fatalities	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	168
Street Lights Reported out	225
Dog Bites Reported	57
Lost or Found Dogs	50
Dogs picked up by Police (stray or loose)	15
Lights & Equipment Tickets issued	41
Parking Tickets issued	41
Doors & windows found open	57
Licenses Suspended in Town	10
Licenses Suspended other Departments	20
Stolen Cars (in area reported)	753
Stolen Cars Recovered in Acushnet	10
Stolen Cars from Acushnet	9
Stolen Cars Recovered (Stolen from Acushnet)	9
Stolen Cars Recovered (in area)	585
Shooting Complaints	15
School Doors and Windows found open	38
Summons Served in Town	100
Summons Served in Town - Juveniles	28



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Ambulance Service	284
Dumping Rubbish Complaints	5
Bikes Found	21
Bikes returned to owners	9
Bikes Reported lost or Stolen	16
Property Checks (private homes) Vacations	243
Property Checks (Business establishments)	79
Burglar Alarms Answered	98
House Breaks	29
Attempted House Breaks	2
Business establishments (Breaks)	5
Thefts reported (misc. items, radios, parts)	112
Complaints Answered 1972	2,520

### Financial Statement

Court Fines	\$1,392.90
Firearm I.D. Cards	130.00
Bicycle Registrations	38.25
Firearm Licenses	388.00
Accident Reports	315.00
Police Services	300.00
Damage to Cruisers	317.01
Gaming Charges	168.70
Confiscation of Money	1,851.00
Total	<u>\$4,900.86</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. BAMBER, JR.,

*Chief*

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**Officers Appointed  
BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Walton E. Braley, Jr.	1973
James S. Madruga	1973
David J. Oliver	1973
Richard Ellis	1974
Arthur Howard, Jr.	1974
Edward D. Koranek	1974
Herve W. Robichaud	1975
David Trindade	1975
John Worthington, Jr., Chairman	1975
Claire Macek, resigned	
John Rebello, resigned	

**POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Elton A. Ashley	1973
Robert E. Honohan	1974
Gerard Charest	1975

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Alfred E. Portway

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Wilfred C. Fortin

**CONSTABLES**

Roland Demers	Roger Deschamps	Earle F. Parker
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**KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP**

Joseph E. Pelletier (New Bedford Police Chief)

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### **DOG OFFICER**

Clarence E. Taber, Jr., resigned 8/11/72

### **RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS**

Edwin E. Brackett	Raymond T. Kuthan
Norman Choquette	Arthur Morris
Edward Farfalowski	Joseph F. Resendes
Oscar H. Forand	Oliver Santos
Sylvano Frates	Frank Czaya

### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Joseph N. Cormier	1973
Lucien Letendre	1974
Arthur G. LeBlanc	1975

### **FIRE CHIEF, FOREST WARDEN INSPECTOR OF GARAGES**

Everett Booker

### **PERSONNEL BOARD**

James Madruga, Chairman	1974
James R. Rooney	1974
Edward Whalley	1974
Robert Comeau	1975
Carl R. Saunders	1975

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Peter F. Murphy, Chairman	1973
Frank Pedro, Jr.	1973
Ralph Macomber	1974
Eugene Miller, Jr.	1974
David White	1974
Edward Sylvia	1975
Alton Taber	1975

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**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Stanley Stopka (Acting)

**MOTH SUPERINTENDENT**

(Insect Pest Control, Dutch Elm Disease)

Edwin Springer

**VETERANS' AGENT**

**DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES**

Arsene Cusson

**BURIAL AGENT FOR INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**

**VETERANS GRAVES OFFICER**

Arsene Cusson

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Ferdinand B. Sowa

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Everett Booker

**PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

William Craig  
Donat Desrochers

Paul R. Fredette, Jr.  
Samuel F. Stowell, Jr.

**ELECTION OFFICERS**

**Precinct 1**

Valmore Gonneville  
Aulette LaPalme  
Antoinette Boissoneau  
Laura G. Dulude  
Aurore A. Gonneville  
Doris L. Laiscell  
Eva Mach

Warden  
Clerk  
Inspector  
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### Precinct 2

Genevieve Hathaway	Warden
Claire Gonsalves	Clerk
Yvette Fortin	Inspector
Lois T. Pinchbeck	Inspector
Ruth Rawcliffe	Inspector
Florence Olivier	Inspector
Mary Ann Besse, resigned	

### Precinct 3

Marie A. Jardin	Warden
Edith Boardman	Clerk
Josephine V. Allen	Inspector
Hilary Braley	Inspector
Olive M. Laycock	Inspector
Anna Sameiro	Inspector
Doris St. Amand	Inspector
Bertha St. Don	Inspector
Louise Norton, resigned	

### BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Edwin Springer, Chairman	1976
Ronald J. Pelletier, Vice Chairman	1976
Wayne C. Kingsley, Secretary	1976
Norman E. Nichols	1976
Norman J. Robert	1976

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Reverend Aurele Pepin	1973
Clement St. Amand, Chairman	1973
Emily Dunbar, Secretary	1974
Benjamin Gilmore	1974
B. Edna Rawcliffe	1974
Sylvano Frates	1975
Michael Linkiewicz	1975

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Henry L. Guilbeault, resigned

### **GAS DEPARTMENT**

Robert L. Cummings, Jr., Inspector (Civil Service)

### **WIRE DEPARTMENT**

John T. Koska, Inspector (Civil Service)

Joseph DeCosta, Deputy Inspector

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Rene Pepin, Inspector

Amos Souza, Deputy Inspector

### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Madeleine C. Kaduboski, Secretary	1973
Janet Martin	1973
Josephine V. Allen	1974
Richard Driscoll, Vice Chairman	1974
Bertha E. Holt	1974
Harold Crapo	1975
Leo T. Jackson, Chairman	1975

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Adelard J. Jacques, Jr.	1973
John M. Anjos	1974
Natalio Gomes, Clerk	1974
Antonio Finocchi, Chairman	1975
Charles Gelinas, Jr., Vice Chairman	1975
Samuel R. Lowe, Associate Member	1975
Raymond L. Poirier, Associate Member	1975

### **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Norman Alley	1973
Rudolph Coles	1974

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Robert J. Martin	1975
Charles Mayo, Chairman	1976
Peter M. Vercellone	1977

**SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Edward F. Joseph, Jr., Chairman	1973
Robert W. Hall	1973
Clement St. Amand, Jr.	1973
Stanley Stopka	1973
Alton Taber	1973

**ANIMAL INSPECTOR**

Otis J. Tripp

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### REPORT OF THE ACUSHNET BOARD OF HEALTH

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To the Officers and Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Health respectfully submits the following report:

Immediately following the election, the newly elected member, Girard R. St. Amand, was sworn into office by the Town Clerk. At the next regular meeting of the Board of Health it was voted to organize as follows:

Chairman – Joseph H. Lepage  
Clerk – Emile R. Houle  
Inspector – Girard R. St. Amand

This year we served 22 patients under the Medicare program, 11 patients under the stroke program and 24 patients under other programs. We are still working with St. Luke's Hospital in providing care for all discharged stroke patients. We have a contract with St. Luke's Hospital for Home Health Aides and Homemakers to Acushnet residents who need this kind of service.

We also have a contract with Easter Seal Society to provide speech and physical therapy for any residents who may need this type of service. We currently have 2 persons receiving physical therapy and 1 person receiving occupational therapy.

This past year ended our contract with the State Dept. for the Vaccination Assistance Program, but we plan to continue the practice of visiting all newborn babies so we will have contact with all children in town from birth on, wherever possible. We visited 67 newborn babies.



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There were a total of 5 premature births in Acushnet. We gave aid to 1 and there were no premi deaths.

A total of 15 deaths were reported, 7 male and 8 female.

We will no longer have the Mobile X-ray Unit in town as a new plan has been instituted where people will be skin tested before they are x-rayed for Food Handlers. We issued 144 Food Handler Cards.

We skin tested 551 children and 37 adults under the Heaf Testing Program in December. There were 3 children and 2 adult positive reactors, and follow-ups will be made on these people. This program was sponsored by the Bristol County Health Association and the Board of Health.

Monthly Well Baby Clinics were held upstairs in the Town Hall the first Wednesday of each month, except July and August. These clinics were well attended and we appreciate the cooperation and the support of the parents of Acushnet. The nurses of this Dept. keep careful records of all our children, and all families are notified if any children are found to need any type of immunization. Follow-ups are always made on our childrens records and by the alertness of our nurses the children of our town are better off for it. The following immunizations were completed at the clinics:

Measles	21	Smallpox	24
Triple Vaccine	75	Rubella	98
Double Vaccine	11	Typhoid	2
Mumps	126	Tine	1
Oral Polio	87	Ger. Measles & Measles	31
Influenza	750		

This year the Board of Health again offered Flu Vaccine to the residents of Acushnet. We held 2 night clinics in October and Nov-

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ember. 663 residents took advantage of this program.

The Board of Health feels that a good health program should be based on preventing disease, so we continue to carry on immunization and education in the Public Health field.

With the opening of our new Elementary School we have been able to keep a nurse in the school area almost full-time. We currently have 2 full-time and 1 part-time nurse working in our Public Health Program.

The following is a report of the Communicable Diseases for 1972:

Animal Bite	19	Scarlet Fever	1
Chicken Pox	116	Tuberculosis	1
Hepatitis	1	Salmonella	1
Mumps	1		

We held a drug program this year and we had moderate success with it. The parents who attended were very interested. We hope that we may again be able to offer the ones who are interested another program in 1973. The use of drugs is a problem in our town the same as it is in other towns and we should not turn our backs on it.

In the early part of the new year the Board of Health expects to move its office to their new quarters in the Parting Ways School. We will have much larger quarters which we badly need. The building is being refurbished and should be a great asset to the town.

We have high hopes of working with the Selectmen towards getting sewage started in our town. The sewage problem grows with each succeeding year. We also have a serious surface water problem. Much water is being pumped and it is running into our

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streets. We have no answer to the surface water problem until we have some type of drainage in town and a sewage system seems to be the only answer.

The Board of Health wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation during the year and present the following statistical report:

Pasteurization	2	Piggery	3
Trailer Parks	3	Garbage Removal	3
Day Camps	2	Store Milk & Cream	15
Swimming Pool	1	Vehicle Milk & Cream	10
Stable	42	Massage Parlor	1
Oleo	13	Disposal Works Installers	40
Mfg. of Frozen Desserts	1	Food Service	18

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. LEPAGE,

*Chairman*

EMILE R. HOULE,

*Clerk*

GIRARD R. ST. AMAND,

*Inspector*

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REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

I have had 93 gas inspections from the date of my appointment,  
Feb. 28, 1972, to the end of this year, 1972.

Expenditures: Inspection tags for Dept. use \$15.80 to Melver  
Press, Acushnet.

At this time I would like to thank members of the Town Clerk's  
office, Selectmen's Office and home owners for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT L. CUMMINGS, JR.,  
*Gas Inspector*

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REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The following permits were issued:

97 Plumbing Permits  
145 Septic Tank Permits

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. LEPAGE,

*Chairman*

EMILE R. HOULE,

*Clerk*

GIRARD R. ST. AMAND,

*Inspector*

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### REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1972, containing only the highlights of the work performed on our town streets.

The streets listed below were beyond the condition of being patched or oiled, they were scarified, graveled, and penetrated and seal coated with bituminous asphalt road oil:

Harbeck St.  
Russell St.  
Francis St.  
Diane St.  
White St.  
Paulette St.  
Cushman St.  
Thomas St.  
Hope St.  
New York Ave.  
Elaine Way  
Pageotte St.  
Park Drive

Length of streets penetrated	7,389 feet
Length of streets sealcoated	7,589 feet
Oil used	21,371 gallons

Gammons Rd. — reconstructed with mix-in-place 4,224 feet

Also resurfaced with type 1 bituminous concrete the below

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### streets:

Perry St. 1,585 feet  
Lake St. 365 feet  
Union St. 450 feet  
Meadow Lane 939 feet  
520 feet flat berm on Main St.  
100 feet of flat berm on Lake St.  
900 feet of flat berm on Union St.

### Other projects were also performed such as:

8 new catch basins on Elaine Way  
4 new manholes on Elaine Way  
1 new catch basin on Pageotte St.  
1 new catch basin on Cushman St.  
Rebuilt 4 catch basins on Main St.  
Rebuilt 1 catch basin on Mary Drive  
Laid 750 feet of reinforced concrete pipe on Elaine Way  
Laid 44 feet of reinforced concrete pipe on Hathaway Rd.  
170 feet of Steel Guard Rail on Main St.

In addition to pickup of towns rubbish, pothole patching, brush cutting, building and equipment maintenance and many other everyday chores.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY STOPKA,

*Acting Superintendent*

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REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

A survey has been made of all street trees on town roads. As a result 32 trees were taken under the Dutch Elm account.

The Warden has met with Insect & Pest personnel of the State and as a result of their help, testing of suspected diseased trees will be undertaken periodically to see if they should be removed under the Insect & Pest or Dutch Elm account, or other measures taken to correct a problem.

A budget item is included in the Warrent for the Tree Warden to remove other dangerous trees or limbs of trees in town that are either Insect, Pest, or Dutch Elm trees.

It is hoped that a shade tree nursery can be established in the area of the Junior High and Elementary School where school children can be a part of growing trees for beautification of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN SPRINGER,

*Tree Warden*



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REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Wire Dept. issued 271 applications for wiring permits.

Deputy Wire Inspector, Joseph DeCosta, did the inspections on  
100 wiring permits.

The remaining 171 permits were inspected by Wire Inspector  
John T. Koska.

The total fees received from wiring permit applications  
\$1,305.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. KOSKA,

*Inspector of Wires*

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**REPORT OF THE INDUSTRIAL  
& DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

In accordance with the vote of the townspeople at the last annual town meeting the Board of Selectmen appointed the following 5 members:

1. Norman A. Alley - 1 year
2. Rudolph H. Coles - 2 years
3. Robert J. Martin - 3 years
4. Charles A. Mayo - 4 years, Chairman
5. Peter M. Vercellene - 5 years, Secretary

Officers were elected at the second meeting and a tentative goal was set — lets get something done.

After meetings with other local area I.D.C. members, representatives of the State Dept. of Commerce & Development, and businessmen engaged in the building and promotion of industrial parks, it was decided that:

1. A financial authorizing unit was necessary (Economic Development & Industrial Corporation — E.D.I.C.) in order to qualify the town for State & Federal funds.
2. A comprehensive series of maps must be developed in order to clarify and indicate developments in the town which can be used to encourage employers to move to this town.
3. A Recreational Complex, including a golf course, ice skating rink, tennis court, riding trails, picnic area, playing fields for

baseball, football and soccer, and an area for the recreational interests of the elderly, should be developed first since it could be expected to show a profit in the shortest length of time. In 3 years it would offer immediate benefits to the townspeople, and would be a further inducement to industry to move into this area.

4. That an Industrial Park should be developed as a long range program to shift the towns major revenue source from the taxation of single family dwellings to the taxation of business without allowing the businesses to develop in a helter-skelter manner all over the town but restricted to two areas.

An informal opinion survey held during a special town meeting in October, indicated that of those people answering the questions asked, 88.2% favor the formation of an E.D.I.C., but that more information regarding such a set-up must be made available, 73.3% favor the development of a Recreation Complex, and 82.4% favor the development of an Industrial Park.

Several phases of the map making project have been completed but formation of the financial unit and qualification for State and Federal funding has been delayed. Part of this delay was caused by the shakeup of the departments due to administrative changes. Preliminary land cost and construction cost estimates have been made for the Recreational Complex & Industrial Park projects. Numerous sub-committees are being formed to examine all phases of these projects and anyone wishing to help out is asked to contact any Industrial Development Committee members. People interested in a particular sport are especially needed.

A note of thanks must be given to the many town employees and other committee members for the help they have been to us. A special thank you goes to Wilfred Fortin, Rita Mercier, Fred Portway and the departments they represent, Ed Springer, "Ty" Guilbeault, Nate Gomes, and the committees they represent.

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### REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

At the initial meeting following the annual Town Elections the board reorganized as follows:

Chairman – George Fagundes  
Corresponding Secretary – Joseph P. Jason  
Recording Secretary – Benjamin Briggs III

The year 1972 saw continuing progress made at Pope Park and at the Town Beach.

With the addition of new lights on the basketball court area we were able to extend our facilities to be used much later in the fall and by many more youths.

We saw the ground work being started on our new Little League diamond by the RMC B12 Div. 1-21 Naval Reserve Unit of the Seabees who came on 3 weekend drills to donate their time for the construction of the field; also thanks go out to the D.W. White Construction Co. of Acushnet, Henry Cranston, and young Mark White, The J.P. Jason Trucking Co., and Jesse Jason for the equipment donated and time spent making our Park and Beach a better place for recreation.

We would also like to thank again the A.Y.A.A. for their help throughout the entire year, and also our life guard and workers at the park who go beyond the limits of their duties to see that their jobs are done right.

We hope to continue in 1973 to make our Parks and Beaches

better places of recreation for Acushnet Residents.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FAGUNDES

JOSEPH P. JASON

BENJAMIN BRIGGS, III

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### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The members of the Council on Aging wish to make the following report to you:

The Council has held regular monthly meetings throughout the year, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we have not been able to carry out all the plans we had in mind at the time we made our last report to you.

However, we have maintained office hours and been available for referral and information service. We feel the Senior Residents of the Town have not fully availed themselves of this service, but we have been of service to a few who have sought our assistance. We hope that with the completion and occupancy of our new quarters, more Seniors will become more familiar with the services which are available to them through the Council.

During the year, The MacLean Pioneers donated an R.C.A. Color Television Set for the use of the Seniors at the Drop-In Center. The gift was most gratefully acknowledged.

During the months of May and June, through the splendid cooperation of the School Committee and subsequently that of Mr. John Souza; Mr. Antone Viera; Mr. John Tavares; the Cafeteria Staff; the Students and their Instructors, an average of thirty-three Seniors enjoyed five Thursday luncheons and entertainment. Our thanks to all concerned. We hope to resume the program in the near future.

The members of the Board of Health and Staff cooperated in

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making available "Flu Shots" to the Seniors, along with their clinic. Many thanks from the Council.

The members of the Council wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the Board of Selectmen; the Executive Secretary and the personnel of the various Town Departments for the assistance given to our Secretary in the performance of her duties.

Once again, we wish to stress the fact that the Council stands ready to serve all those residents of the Town who are 59 years of age and over. Please visit us at the Office or call 995-8528 or 763-5709.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT ST. AMAND,

*Chairman*

MICHAEL LINKIEWICZ,

*Vice Chairman*

EMILY H. DUNBAR,

*Secretary-Treasurer*

EDNA M. RAWCLIFFE,

*Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*

BENJAMIN GILMORE

SYLVANO FRATES

REV. AURELE PEPIN

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REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Housing Authority is proud to announce that some time in January 1973 we will enter into a contract with the Cumberland Construction Corp., Inc., So. Bellingham, Mass., the lowest responsible bidder, to construct a sixty (60) unit complex for the Elderly in the amount of \$1,075,000 (one million seventy-five thousand dollars).

The housing complex will contain a total of nine (9) separate buildings. Seven (7) two (2) story buildings each containing eight (8) units making a total of fifty six (56) units.

One (1) story building consisting of four (4) units which will be known as the handicapped building.

One (1) Community building.

The Housing complex will be located on the north side of Main St., approximately six hundred (600) feet east of Mill Rd.

As of this date we have received a total of thirty-one (31) requests for admission. Anyone interested in obtaining admission is urged to write a letter to the Acushnet Housing Authority, Town Hall, Acushnet, 02734.

Applications for eligibility will be mailed on June 12, 1973. Eligibility requirements are briefly as follows:

- a. American citizen
- b. a disabled person (regardless of age) not a minor



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- c. a person 65 years or older
- d. maximum income of \$3,500 for single person
- e. maximum income of \$4,200 for married couple

The maximum rent to be charged is 25% of monthly income.

The sixty (60) apartments will each consist of a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath. Each unit will be equipped with a cooking stove, refrigerator, kitchen cabinets and window drapes.

The Authority wants to thank all persons who have helped in some way to make this dream possible including the Selectmen and Dept. of Community Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIO GOMES,

*Chairman*

JOHN SYLVIA,

*Vice Chairman*

JOAO ACUCENA,

*Secretary*

JOHN SOUSA,

*Assistant Treasurer*

ROBERT A. BERGERON,

*Treasurer*

SANDRA KEIGHLEY,

*Clerk*

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REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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To the Officers and the Residents of the  
Town of Acushnet:

At the last Annual Town Meeting two proposals were presented, one established a Development & Industrial Commission and the other established a Soil Conservation Board.

The coming year we intend to propose additional By-Laws for consideration of the townspeople at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting.

We will shortly undertake meeting with heads of departments and various commissions so as to prepare an updated set of By-Laws for consideration of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN SPRINGER,

*Chairman*

RONALD PELLETIER,

*Vice Chairman*

WAYNE KINGSLEY,

*Secretary*

NORMAN NICHOLS

NORMAND ROBERT

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JURY LIST

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The following were drawn as prospective Jurors for the year 1972, in compliance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws:

Ernest Oliveira	184 Middle Rd.	Manager
Roland J. Labossiere	21 Wamsutta Ave.	Elec. Engr.
Robert M. St. Laurent	77 Wamsutta Ave.	Elec. Engr.
Josephine V. Allen	16 Westland St.	Retired
Agnes Jacques	143 Main St.	Store Clerk
Charles R. Gelinaz, Jr.	9 Michael Way	Sales Supervisor
George W. Allen	17 Saucier St.	Laborer
Marianna Boudreau	18 Lisa Ave.	Housewife
Armand J. Langevin	54 Prouteau St.	Mail Carrier
Beatrice Langevin	54 Prouteau St.	Housewife
Camile P. Boyer	43 Wamsutta Ave.	Foreman
Robert B. Perry	922 Middle Rd.	Metal Worker
Antonio Finocchi	42 Prouteau St.	Prod. Control Mgr.
Antoinette Boissoneau	189 So. Main St.	Housewife
Donald A. Pineau	11 Saucier St.	Pipefitter
Antonio Pepin	8 Rivet St.	Retired
Richard Arruda	922 Middle Rd.	Carpenter
Edward Couto	399 Middle Rd.	Singer
Henry L. Guilbeault	67 Wing Lane	Retired
Stephen J. McDonald, Jr.	7 Boylston St.	Retired
Richard Robinson, Jr.	34 Darling St.	Salesman
Freddie Koczera	80 Wamsutta Ave.	Cableman
Marion G. Albritton	243 Perry St.	Office Mgr.
Gary J. Choquette	13 Pershing Ave.	Student
Ruth A. Rawcliffe	308 Mendall Rd.	At Home
Oscar H. LaPalme	311 Main St.	Pressman
Marion E. Dickinson	36 Garfield St.	Housewife
Rose Engel	9 Guillotte St.	Trimmer
Dorothy Boisclair	16 Saucier St.	Housewife

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Alfred Rezendes	206 So. Main St.	Maintenance
Joseph A. Bergeron	191 So. Main St.	Manager
Charlotte E. Benoit	24 So. Main St.	Housewife

## APPROPRIATIONS OF 1972

	Bal. 1/1/72	Appropriations	Transfer	Total	Expended
General Government					
Moderator		100.00		100.00	100.00
Treasurer-Collector & Town Clerk		10,550.00		10,550.00	10,550.00
Board of Selectmen		3,400.00		3,400.00	3,400.00
Town Accountant		5,744.00		5,744.00	5,744.00
Executive Secretary		11,605.00		11,605.00	11,605.00
Board of Assessors		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
Salaries - Clerks, Treasurer					
Collector & Town Clerk		14,836.90		14,836.90	14,430.07
Salaries-Clerks, Assessors		9,808.00		9,808.00	9,547.63
Salaries-Registrars		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00
Departmental Expenses:					
Selectmen		7,230.13	Reserve Fund 1,750.00	8,980.13	8,793.79
Town Accountant		550.00	Reserve Fund 228.05	778.05	772.80
Treasurer-Collector & Town Clerk		17,099.15		17,099.15	17,099.15
Moderator		25.00		25.00	None
Assessors		1,345.00		1,345.00	1,288.81
Sectional Plotting Purposes	58.10	500.00		558.10	475.00
Registrars of Voters		700.00		700.00	661.73
Planning Board		300.00		300.00	284.75
Personnel Board		25.00		25.00	None
Board of Appeals		25.00		25.00	None
By-Laws Committee Expenses		100.00		100.00	None
Salary-Town Hall Custodian		6,679.21		6,679.21	6,575.92
Town Hall & Offices		6,500.00	Reserve Fund 1,636.01	8,036.01	8,036.01
Finance Committee Expenses		225.00	Reserve Fund 60.00	285.00	262.51

Tree Warden	150.00	150.00	150.00
Legal Services	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,370.80
Salaries: Police Department	164,968.97	164,968.97	161,684.46
Police Departmental	16,282.78	17,882.78	17,801.63
Police Cruisers	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,188.42
Salaries: Fire Department	45,274.00	47,098.50	47,088.02
Fire Departmental	4,302.00	4,302.00	4,252.94
Police-Fire Station Study Committee	500.00	500.00	None
Salaries: Civil Defense	200.00	200.00	200.00
Civil Defense Expenses	1,119.00	1,119.00	1,027.55
Salary, Building Inspector	1,253.00	1,253.00	1,220.75
Deputy Building Inspector	800.00	800.00	800.00
Salary, Clerk, Building Department	685.00	685.00	516.87
Building Department Expenses	1,101.00	1,101.00	947.59
Salary, Wire Inspector	1,253.00	1,253.00	1,220.75
Deputy Wire Inspector	800.00	800.00	800.00
Wire Department Expenses	100.00	100.00	84.70
Salary, Gas Inspector	1,004.36	1,004.36	793.33
Deputy Gas Inspector	150.00	150.00	35.00
Gas Department Expenses	75.00	75.00	15.80
Salary: Sealer of Weights & Measures	366.09	366.09	366.09
Departmental Expenses:			
Sealer of Weights & Measures	75.00	75.00	23.60
Insect Pest Control	1,002.79	1,002.79	None
Dutch Elm Disease	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,391.35
Salaries: Board of Health	1,318.75	1,318.75	1,318.75
Salaries: Department of Board of Health	22,980.00	22,980.00	22,270.34
Departmental Expenses: Board of Health	13,300.00	13,300.00	9,708.35
Inspector of Animals	146.00	146.00	146.00
Sewer Pumping Charges	183.00	183.00	183.00
Dog Officer Salary	442.00	442.00	257.81
Local Dog Officer Account	2,275.00	2,275.00	1,274.00
			Excess & Deficiency

Salaries: Highway	67,145.60	850.00 Reserve Fund	67,995.60	66,008.28
Highway Departmental				
Highway Projects (Chapter 81)			48,009.80	47,784.39
Highway Garage Addition			19,188.00	19,188.00
Sander (Highway Department)	279.48		279.48	185.72
Road Sweeper (Highway Department)			3,275.00	None
Vibrator Compactor (Highway Department)			1,800.00	1,750.00
Dump Truck (Highway Department)			700.00	645.00
Highway Needs Study Committee			7,000.00	None
Engineering Consultant Fees	462.60		462.60	None
Dump Contract			1,000.00	983.38
Street Lights			23,320.00	22,599.92
Chapter 90 Maintenance			13,000.00	12,490.22
Land Taking			9,000.00	8,999.93
(Alden Road & So. Main Street)			42.00	42.00
Land Damages (Bergeron Property)			3,000.00	3,000.00
Middle Road Layout	26.00		26.00	None
Martelle, Coulombe & Dayton				
Street Layouts				
Lambert Street Layout	112.90		112.90	None
Randall & Besse Street Layout	125.00		125.00	None
Layout of Berard Street	164.39		164.39	None
Reconstruction of Middle Road			950.00	950.00
(Chapter 90) 1968				
Reconstruction of Middle Road	2,832.43		2,832.43	None
(Chapter 90) 1970				
Reconstruction of Middle Road	5,300.00		5,300.00	None
(Chapter 90) 1971				
Reconstruction of Middle Road	5,200.00		5,200.00	None
(Chapter 90) 1972				
Middle Road Takings and Legal Fees	12.06		4,900.00	None
Middle Road Construction Damages	25.00		12.06	None
Middle Road Non-Participating Items	3.87		25.00	None
Hamlin, Lake, Mendall, Hathaway			3.87	None

Mattapoisett Road Construction	735.35			735.35	
Lake Street Culverts	14,780.45			14,780.45	12,487.80
Nye's Lane Resurfacing	12,781.76			70,000.00	68,107.02
Nye's Lane Layout	46.00			46.00	None
Nye's Lane Land Takings				198.97	None
Reconstruction of Union Street				8,500.00	5,902.20
Reconstruction of Pershing Avenue					
				Borrowed	
				52,500.00	
				Borrowed	
				25,650.00	26,976.81
				Borrowed	
				9,000.00	
Meadow Lane, Pershing Avenue Curbing	938.75			9,938.75	9,938.75
Meadow Lane Resurfacing	4,200.00			4,200.00	4,200.00
Streets & Sidewalks (Betterment Act)	6,117.56			6,117.56	3,037.82
Salary: Veterans Agent				1,052.00	1,052.00
Veterans Benefits				23,875.00	19,258.91
Schools				1,052,399.05	1,022,359.14
Vocational Education				156,816.00	128,349.54
Appropriation Voted from					
Sylvia P. Manter School Fund				1,726.44	1,726.44
Out of State Travels-Schools				400.00	307.98
Test Borings				2,500.00	None
Elementary School Building					
Committee Expenses	55.39			205.39	88.51
New Elementary School	752,184.59			752,184.59	591,485.45
Regional School District					
Planning Committee	500.00			500.00	199.20
Old Colony Regional Vocational					
High School Expenses				3,924.70	3,924.70
Salaries-Library				4,054.70	4,054.70
Library Departmental					
Parks				Dog Fund	
Tennis Court, Ice Skating Rink				1,605.90	4,976.84
Lights (Pope Park)				7,890.00	7,695.34
Tennis Court Fence (Pope Park)	1,200.00				None
				1,200.00	None
				3,565.00	3,100.00



Conservation Commission Expenses	25.00	Reserve Fund	225.00	51.48
Council for Aging Expense Account	2,100.00		2,100.00	1,724.20
Acushnet Housing Authority Expenses	91.61		91.61	42.12
Senior Citizen Bussing	700.00		700.00	None
Development & Industrial Commission Expenses	100.00		100.00	47.92
Soil Conservation Board Expenses	100.00		100.00	9.00
Repairing & Remodeling Parting Ways Office Building	6,000.00	Borrowed		
		54,000.00	60,000.00	33,504.68
E.E.A. Expenses	25.00	Reserve Fund	50.00	50.00
Deputy Building Inspector (1971 Balance)	186.08		186.08	186.08
Sally White Property Damage	40.03		40.03	40.03
Stabilization Fund	50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00
Reserve Fund	10,930.27	Overlay Reserve	30,000.00	24,745.36
July 4th Celebration	1,000.00		1,000.00	669.24
Memorial Purposes	800.00		800.00	798.92
Christmas Decorations	400.00		400.00	395.63
Veterans World War II Memorial	87.00		87.00	None
Insurance on Public Buildings	9,588.00	Reserve Fund	13,732.00	13,732.00
Insurance on Motor Vehicles	3,000.00		3,000.00	2,180.90
Mosquito Control Assessment	100.00		100.00	100.00
Salaries: Water Department	19,352.00		19,352.00	19,352.00
Water Departmental	91,000.00		91,000.00	79,079.70
Peckham Road Water Main	2,538.84		2,538.84	None
Master Drainage Plan, Westgate Park, Nye's Lane, Sherwood Forest, Williams Park	3,736.50		3,736.50	560.00
Thomas Garfield, Hope, Cushman & Hersom	9,631.36		9,631.36	8,367.59
Street Surface Water Drainage		Borrowed		
Thomas & Cushman Streets		38,220.00	39,000.00	29,039.55
Drainage Project (Phase 2)	780.00			

Club Avenue, Bardsley & Coulombe	968.66			968.66	None
Street Drainage			Borrowed		
White Street, Paulette Street	546.05		28,420.00	28,966.05	22,233.20
Diane Street Drainage	100.00			100.00	None
Sewage Committee Expenses		2,000.00		2,000.00	None
Engineering Study (Sewerage)			Reserve Fund		
		450.00	15.00	466.00	466.00
Cemeteries		268,600.00		268,600.00	268,600.00
Debt		134,101.09		134,101.09	134,101.09
Interest		10,000.00		10,000.00	2,307.22
Temporary Loan Interest					

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## **ACUSHNET AT A GLANCE**

**Incorporated: February 13, 1860**

**Type of Government: Open Town Meeting**

**Population: 8,800 (estimated)**

**Valuation: \$9,675,575.00**

**Tax Rate: \$152.00**

**Registered Voters: 4,819**

**Total Area: 18 square miles**

**Number of Dwellings: 2,229 (including Mobile Homes)**

**Churches: 6**

**Public Schools: 2**

**Parochial Schools: 1**

**Banks, Credit Union: 1**

**Principal Industries:**

**golf ball mfg., road surface materials, farming, apple,  
peach orchards, box factory, saw mill, landscape nurseries**

**Twelfth Congressional District:**

**Congressman Gerry Studds — Tel. 9-1251**

**Fourth Bristol Representative District:**

**Rep. William Q. MacLean, Jr. — Tel. 2-4235**

**Second Bristol Senatorial District:**

**Senator Mary Fonseca — Tel. 672-4100**

**First Councillor District:**

**Nicholas Mitchell**

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 1st Monday in March**