

Town Records and Reports
of the
TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN of ACUSHNET



1976

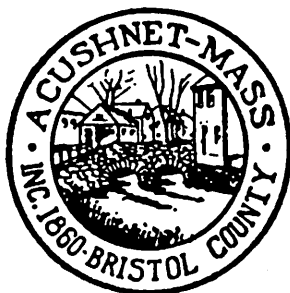
TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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

TOWN SERVICES

Accountant	998-1381
Assessors	995-0414
Building Inspector	995-0956
Cemetery Department	998-1441 763-2488
Civil Defense	995-5191
Council on Aging	995-8528
Dog Officer	995-5191
Free Library	995-5414
Gas Inspector	995-4734
Health Board	995-1908
Highway Department	995-4224
Park Department	995-1264
Planning Board	995-4029
Plumber Inspector	995-4258
(Alternate)	763-2570
Selectmen	995-1141
Superintendent of Schools	995-1125
Tax Collector	995-2915
Town Clerk and Treasurer	995-2915
Tree Warden	763-2152
Veterans' Services	995-1141
Visiting Nurse	995-1908
Water Department	995-2512
Wire Inspector	995-1983

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Massachusetts



for the
Year Ending December 31st
1976

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In Memoriam

Henry O. Saucier, Sr.

Deceased January 21, 1976

Assessor: 1930 to 1931

Park Commissioner: 1928 to 1931

Maurice L. Bourassa

Deceased June 3, 1976

Sealer of Weights & Measures: 1962 to 1973

Arthur L. Tripp

Deceased June 11, 1976

Cemetery Board Member: 1944 to 1975

Otis J. Tripp

Deceased December 18, 1976

Animal Inspector: 1949 to 1975



ANNUAL TOWN REPORT, TOWN OF ACUSHNET

Town Officers 1976 - 1977

Town Clerk - Treasurer - Collector

Yvonne B. Desrosiers	Term Expires 1978
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Board of Selectmen

Robert E. Honohan	Term Expires 1977
Natalio Gomes	Term Expires 1978
John Sylvia	Term Expires 1979

Board of Assessors

James S. Madruga, Jr.	Term Expires 1977
Eugene L. Dabrowski	Term Expires 1978
Rudolph H. Urbanek	Term Expires 1979

Board of Health

Emile R. Houle	Term Expires 1977
Girard St. Amand	Term Expires 1978
Joseph H. LePage	Term Expires 1978

School Committee

Glenn O. Carder	Term Expires 1977
Edith C. McConville	Term Expires 1977
Charles R. Gelinas, Jr.	Term Expires 1978
William D. Savage	Term Expires 1978
Geraldine Frates	Term Expires 1979

Commissioners of Trust Funds

Joyce Ann Collins	Term Expires 1977
Francis D. O'Leary	Term Expires 1978
Leo T. Jackson	Term Expires 1979

Trustees of Free Public Library

Georgette A. Owen	Term Expires 1977
Walter E. Owen	Term Expires 1978
Kenneth L. Vincent	Term Expires 1979

Cemetery Board

Leo T. Jackson	Term Expires 1977
Roy Morse	Term Expires 1978
Stephen Patykula (resigned August 12, 1976)	Term Expires 1979
Adam C. Fluegel (appointed Sept. 20, 1976)	Term Expires 1979

Park Commissioners

Joseph P. Jason
Peter Gelinas
George Fagundes

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979

Planning Board

Alfred J. Boulanger
Roland Benoit
Ronald R. Labonte
Robert W. Hall
Peter W. Koczera

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979
Term Expires 1980
Term Expires 1981

Housing Authority

Camille P. Boyer
William D. Savage
(Appointed Oct. 3, 1974)
Emile R. Houle
John Sousa
John Sylvia

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978, Jan. 29
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979
Term Expires 1980

Moderator

A.P. Stuart Gilmore

Term Expires 1978

Tree Warden

Edwin A. Springer

Term Expires 1978

**ANNUAL REPORT, TOWN OF ACUSHNET
RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

APRIL 5, 1976

Register of Voters as of close of Registration on March 16, 1976

Precinct	Democrats		Republicans		Unenrolled		Total
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
1	420	452	40	45	292	299	1548
2	369	398	58	61	316	334	1536
3	321	357	86	88	498	496	1846
	1110	1207	184	194	1106	1129	4930
Democrats		2317		Men			2400
Republicans		378		Women			2530
Unenrolled		2235					
		4930					4930

**TOWN CLERK-TREASURER-COLLECTOR
Two Years To Fill Vacancy**

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Total
Yvonne B. Desrosiers	535	522	541	1598
Edith C. McConville	85	111	208	404
Norman E. Nichols	75	79	130	284
Alfred E. Portway	175	215	214	604
Donald R. Sorelle	191	196	251	638
Blanks	13	22	15	50
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

SELECTMEN

Three Years

Teddy Cloper	437	401	509	1347
George Souza	205	164	327	696
John Sylvia	422	574	514	1510
Scattered			1	1
Blanks	10	6	8	24
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

ASSESSORS

Three Years

Rudolph H. Urbanek	860	828	1059	2747
Blanks	214	317	300	831
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

BOARD OF HEALTH

Three Years

Joseph H. LePage	763	750	850	2363
Walter L. Cowan	232	295	381	908
Blanks	79	100	128	307
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

SCHOOL COMMITTEE**Three Years**

Geraldine Frates	478	571	591	1640
Robert E. Lebeau	505	465	653	1623
Blanks	91	109	115	315
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

SCHOOL COMMITTEE**One Year to Fill Vacancy**

Glenn O. Carder	578	622	543	1743
Robert E. Francis	366	380	661	1407
Blanks	130	143	155	428
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS**Three Years**

Leo T. Jackson	862	868	1113	2843
Blanks	212	277	246	735
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

TRUSTEE OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**Three Years**

Kenneth L. Vincent	853	853	1092	2798
Blanks	221	292	267	780
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

CEMETERY BOARD**Three Years**

Stephen Patykula	840	827	1038	2705
Scattered	1	1	1	3
Blanks	233	317	320	870
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

CEMETERY BOARD**One Year to Fill Vacancy**

Adam C. Fluegel	381	347	411	1139
Leo T. Jackson	541	605	778	1924
Blanks	152	193	170	515
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

PARK COMMISSIONER**Three Years**

George Fagundes	828	839	1073	2740
Blanks	246	306	286	838
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

PARK COMMISSIONER
Two Years to Fill Vacancy

Gerard A. J. Bergeron	262	221	351	834
Marianna Boudreau	173	261	228	662
Peter M. Gellinas	333	237	322	892
Ronald R. Labonte	210	300	304	814
Scattered	1			1
Blanks	95	126	154	375
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

PLANNING BOARD
Five Years to Fill Vacancy

Peter Koczera	159	81	193	433
Scattered	2	5	5	12
Blanks	913	1059	1161	3133
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

HOUSING AUTHORITY
Five Years

John Sylvia	763	812	959	2534
Scattered		2		2
Blanks	311	331	400	1042
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

QUESTION NO. 1.

"Shall an Act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-five (1975) entitled 'An act providing that call members of the Fire Department in the Town of Acushnet be exempted from the civil Service Law and Rules', be accepted?"

Yes	444	497	617	1558
No	326	350	424	1100
Blanks	304	298	318	920
Total	1074	1145	1359	3578

Attest:

Yvonne B. Desrosiers
Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen reorganized following the April 5 election, and Robert E. (Bob) Honohan was elected Chairman for the second time in his career. The election saw the addition of John Sylvia as our new Selectman.

The year 1976 again was very busy and productive throughout our town. There are many more problems, but we are trying to handle affairs based on need and the ability of our taxpayers to bear the expense. We are always cognizant of our people and make every attempt to guide our citizenry on a path of responsibility and accountability.

We continue to be involved with New Bedford, Dartmouth and Fairhaven in the Greater New Bedford Solid Waste and expect within the year 1977 to finalize plans at which time our people will be given the opportunity of formalizing an Agreement if they so desire. Meetings are held in New Bedford on a monthly basis.

Sewerage is still on the "backburner," but we await word from New Bedford, because we are dependent on them and the federal government. State and federal funds are available, so we hope to take advantage of this, subject to Town Meeting approval.

Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA) is providing service to our townspeople, and we have service from Lund's Corner through Fairhaven to New Bedford every 2 hours from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM, excluding Sundays and Holidays. Service is free to Senior Citizens with proper identification card and to our handicapped.

We continue to receive Revenue Sharing, which funds the operation of the Police Department, and we are to receive Public Works Antirecessionary funds which will amount to some \$55,000 in 1½ years.

The Town Hall repairs were completed which comprised new columns at entrance, roof and gutter work, also exterior painting and a new stairway to the basement, which now meets State Building Code requirements.

The Public Stenotypist service enacted by Town Meeting vote has proved to be worthwhile, having an in-depth report that is available to the citizenry by visiting the Selectmen's Office.

We continue to be involved with federal programs, and we are proud to say we have participants on a larger scale than most area towns. We had 9 youths from ages 14 through 21 working in various departments on a 10-hour week basis after school, which is providing help to the departments and also is a financial and experience reward to those involved. The summer program of YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE (Y.W.E.) was also of great benefit to our town, having a total of 42 youths from 14 through 21 working from July 1 to September 1 and

earning \$2.30 per hour for a 28-hour week. This was a help to all and provided additional service and valuable experience at no cost to the town.

The CETA program was highly prevalent in our town and continues. Over the past 2 years, we have had from 32 to 39 people under this program which allowed us to commence and complete many projects that would have been impossible otherwise. Our School Department was supplied with 9 people, most being teacher aides and St. Francis Xavier utilized 4 people, including 2 teacher aides. The Highway Department had 11 laborers; therefore, much needed work was completed. The total payroll for 1976 for all the CETA personnel was \$165,996.36, which was at no cost to the town. We are proud of this accomplishment which took several meetings and much extra work on the part of our Executive Secretary and his clerk.

We complied with the Mass. Growth Policy enacted by the State, and further statistics are available in our office.

Our Town Beach was greatly improved through the efforts of Selectman Sylvia and our Highway Department.

We are also thankful to SCORE of New Bedford for their help with our town's accounting system.

We were pleased to hear that Southeastern Bank & Trust has firm plans to locate in our town in 1977, which will be a most welcome asset.

Our Representative MacLean has continued to help wherever possible, which he did countless times, but a main contribution was in obtaining a Police Van with appurtenances, at no cost to the town, also that he obtained \$12,000 toward purchase of a new Ambulance to meet the new State law.

During the months of September and October, we invited INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE to conduct an analysis of the fire defenses of the town, and hopefully in early 1977 we shall receive a favorable report, which would lower insurance premiums of our townspeople.

We have operated as frugally as possible, as we understand the financial plight of our residents. Therefore, we continue to pledge our utmost to operate as efficiently as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT E. HONOHAN, Chairman
NATALIO GOMES
JOHN SYLVIA
Board of Selectmen

ALFRED E. PORTWAY
Executive Secretary

Officers Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee

Richard Ellis	1977
Edward D. Koranek	1977
Norman E. Nichols	1977
Herve W. Robichaud	1978
John Worthington, Jr., Chairman	1978
Henry T. Preston	1978
Walton E. Braley, Jr.	1979
James S. Madruga, Sr.	1979
David J. Oliver	1979
Richard Laferriere, resigned	

Police Commissioners

Robert E. Honohan	1977
Natalio Gomes	1978
John Sylvia	1979

Executive Secretary

Alfred E. Portway

Town Accountant

Wilfred C. Fortin

Constables

George H. Grew	1977
Roland Demers	1978
Roger D. Deschamps	1978
William E. Jenkinson	1978
Joseph Francis	1979

Keeper of the Lockup

Joseph E. Pelletier (New Bedford Police Chief)

Dog Officer

Roger D. Deschamps
Antone Souza, Jr., Deputy

Reserve Police Officers

Edwin E. Brackett	Raymond T. Kuthan
Norman Choquette	Edward Farfalowski
Thomas Lafleur	Roland Rouillier
Arthur Morris	

Registrars of Voters

Lucien Letendre (D)	1977
Cecilia LaPalme (D)	1978
William C. Ashley (R)	1979

Fire Chief, Forest Warden Inspector of Garages

Arsene J. Cusson

Conservation Commission

Ralph Macomber	1977
Eugene Miller, Jr., Chairman	1977
John S. Golda	1977
Edward Sylvia	1978
Raymond LaPalme	1978
Frank Pedro, Jr.	1979
Alfred H. Robichaud	1979

Superintendent of Streets

Robert F. Collins (Acting)

Moth Superintendent (Insect Pest Control, Dutch Elm Disease)

Edwin A. Springer

Veterans' Agent Director of Veterans' Services

Michael P. Moses

Town Counsel

Ferdinand B. Sowa

Civil Defense Director

Robert Brienzo
Robert Grimes, Deputy Director

Public Weighers

Donat Desrochers	Paul R. Fredette, Jr.
Lawrence Levesque	David W. Anderson

Election Officers Precinct 1

Eva Mach (D)	Warden
Doris L. Laiscell (R)	Clerk
Arlette LaPalme (D)	Inspector
Antoinette Boissoneau (D)	Inspector

Aurore A. Gonneville (D)	Inspector
Mildred Mellor (R)	Inspector
Barbara Lachapelle (R)	Inspector
Laura G. Dulude (R), resigned	

Precinct 2

Genevieve Hathaway (R)	Warden
Cynthia Hubert (D)	Clerk
Lois Pinchbeck (R)	Inspector
Theresa M. Dupre (D)	Inspector
Ruth Rawcliffe (R)	Inspector
William J. Boucher (D)	Inspector
Florence Olivier (D), resigned	
Yvette Fortin (D), resigned	
Claire Gonsalves (D), resigned	

Precinct 3

Amelia Jardin (D)	Warden
Shirley M. Richard (R)	Clerk
Josephine V. Allen (R)	Inspector
Hilary Braley (D)	Inspector
Olive M. Laycock (D)	Inspector
Anna Sameiro (D)	Inspector
Doris St. Amand (D)	Inspector
Bertha St. Don (R)	Inspector
Sarah Harkins (R)	Inspector

By-Law Review Committee

Norman E. Nichols	1981
Jacqueline Brightman	1981
Marguerite Burchell	1981
Wilfrid Coderre, resigned	

Council on Aging

Mary Gobeille	1977
Ernest Oliveira	1977
Rose Fredette	1977
Laura Martel	1978
Sylvano Frates	1978
Lionel Tetreault	1979
Rev. Stanley Decker	1979

Gas Department

Alexander Duff, Inspector (Civil Service)
Raymond N. LaFrance, Deputy Inspector

Wire Department

John T. Koska, Inspector (Civil Service)
Joseph DeCosta, Deputy Inspector

Building Department

Rene Pepin, Inspector (Civil Service)
Amos Souza, Deputy Inspector

Historical Commission

Josephine V. Allen	1977
Bertha E. Holt, Chairman	1977
Antoinette Boissoneau	1977
Harold Crapo	1978
Leo T. Jackson	1978
Ronald Gaudette	1979
Roberta E. Leonard	1979
Glenda Mortensen, resigned	

Board of Appeals

Freddie Koczera	1977
George Washburn	1977
Samuel R. Lowe	1978
George Borges	1978
Lawrence Mulvey	1978
Leonard Meredith	1978
Charles R. Leonard	1979
Carl Perry, resigned	
Peter Koczera, resigned	
Jeffrey D. Coons, resigned	

Industrial Development Commission

Peter M. Vercellone	1977
John Anjos	1977
James Vieira	1978
Charles Mayo, Chairman	1979
Norman Alley	1979

Safety Committee

Chief Arsene J. Cusson	1977
Acting Chief Roger D. Deschamps	1977
James S. Madruga, Jr., Chairman	1977
Lewis Elgar, Jr.	1977
George Beaulieu	1977
Donat Desrochers, resigned	
David Sylvia, deceased	

Street Name Committee

Manuel Goulart, Chairman	1977
Richard A. Gonneville, Clerk	1977
Henry C. Avila	1977
Gerard A.J. Bergeron	1977
Arthur Hebert, resigned	
Peter W. Koczera, resigned	

Building Board of Appeals

Edmond Laliberte	1977
Alexander Duff	1978
Frederick Law	1979
Lucien St. Amand	1980
Raymond F. Leblanc, Chairman	1981

Inspector of Animals

Stanley W. Kut

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Edmond F. Whalley

Report of the Board of Assessors

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet.

The Board of Assessors submits the following report for the Fiscal Year — July 1st, 1976 to June 30th, 1977.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Parcels Assessed		
Personal Estate	242	
Real Estate	3,352	
Farm Animals & Equipment	9	
Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	41,185.00	
Machinery	2,055,300.00	
Live Stock	10,995.00	
All other tangible property	<u>4,705.00</u>	
Total Value		2,112,185.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of buildings	1,187,925.00	
Buildings exclusive of land	<u>7,629,910.00</u>	
Total Value		<u>8,817,835.00</u>
Total Value of Assessed Estate		<u>\$10,930,020.00</u>

Tax Rate per \$1,000.00 is \$240.00/M and was approved by the Tax Commissioner on August 26, 1976.

Taxes for State, County, Town purposed, including Overlay

On Personal Estate	506,924.40	
On Real Estate	<u>2,116,280.40</u>	
Total Taxes Assessed		<u>\$2,623,204.80</u>

Number of Acres of Land Assessed	10,781.24
Number of Dwellings Assessed	2,317
Number of Mobile Homes Assessed	140
Number of Live Stock Assessed as Personal Property:	

Horses & Ponies	128
Cows	3
Sheep	11
Steers	21
Heifers	25
Fowls	35
Swine	7
Others	5

Number of Live Stock Assessed as Farm Animals:

Cows	58
Steers	2
Yearlings	5
Swine	98
Fowls	<u>12,107</u>

I. TAX RATE SUMMARY

1. Gross Amount to be Raised	\$4,521,773.78
2. Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	<u>—1,898,568.98</u>
3. Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$2,623,204.80</u></u>
4. Real Property Valuations	\$ 8,817,835.00
5. Personal Property Valuations	<u>2,112,185.00</u>

6. Total Property Valuations	\$10,930,020.00	
7. Tax Rate		240.00
8. Real Property Tax		\$2,116,280.40
9. Personal Property Tax		506,924.40
10. Total Taxes Levied on Property		<u>\$2,623,204.80</u>
Local Expenditures		
Appropriations		\$4,053,512.90
Reimbursement Requested		3,200.00
Hurricane Barrier		1,500.00
Regional Planning		1,265.85
G.L. Ch. 44 Sec. 31		11,443.37
State Assessment		
Special Education		3,213.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills		1,077.75
State Recreation Areas		29,998.48
Under Estimate of State Recreation Areas		350.49
Regional Transit		5,075.00
Under Estimate of Regional Transit		896.00
Mosquito Control		4,496.00
Air Pollution Control		375.24
Offset to Cherry Sheet		
School Lunches		9,707.80
Revenue Deficits		19,962.90
County Tax		185,699.00
Overlay for current year		190,000.00
Gross Amount to be Raised		<u>\$4,521,773.78</u>
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		
Estimated Receipts from State		\$1,015,922.32
Prior year overestimates		46,847.54
Local estimated receipts		328,118.87
Available Funds		507,680.25
Total Est. Receipts & Available Funds		<u>\$1,898,568.98</u>
Recapitulation of Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
1974 Committed in 1976	4	267.63
1975 Committed in 1976	283	7,920.78
1976 Committed in 1976	5,791	218,252.47

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. MADRUGA JR.
EUGENE L. DABROWSKI
RUDOLPH H. URBANEK

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births, Marriages and Deaths 1976

Vital Statistics

Births:		
In Acushnet	73	
In other municipalities	<u>0</u>	
		73
Resident	73	
Non-Resident	<u>0</u>	
		73
Male	32	
Female	<u>41</u>	
		73
Affadavits and corrections		3
Delayed		0
Marriage Intentions:		95
Marriages:		
In Acushnet	68	
In other municipalities	<u>55</u>	
		123
Resident Bride and Groom	15	
Resident Groom	33	
Resident Bride	50	
Non-resident Bride and Groom	<u>25</u>	
		123
Deaths:		
In Acushnet	11	
In other municipalities	<u>55</u>	
		66
Resident Deaths — Women	20	
Resident Deaths — Men	40	
Non-resident Deaths — Women	2	
Non-resident Deaths — Men	<u>4</u>	
		66

Attest:

YVONNE B. DESROSIERS,
Town Clerk

JURY LIST

The following were drawn as prospective Jurors for the year 1976 in compliance with Chapter 234 of the General Laws:

Sandra Vigeant	47 Club Avenue	Housewife
Ronald Brown	12 Belanger Street	Carpenter
William Schell	69 So. Main Street	Machine Operator
Lewis Elgar	1277 Main Street	Maintenance
Theodore Milos	126 Hamlin Street	Machinist
Lorraine St. Gelais	46 Hope Street	Cost Clerk
Juliette Rezendes	206 So. Main Street	Housewife
Jeannette Pepin	439 Main Street	Waitress
Simone Dalton	42 Dalton Street	Dental Assistant
Joyce Collins	161 Nye's Lane	Nurse's Aide
Arthur H. Gronlund	14 Lantern Lane	Maintenance Elec.
Raymond Roy	59 Boylston Street	Maintenance
Helenda Bergeron	191 So. Main Street	Housewife
Marion E. Dickinson	23 Hope Street	Housewife
Roland DesRoches	21 Russell Street	Mill Wright
Roberta Vieira	21 Lantern Lane	Housewife
George Patterson	27 Lisa Avenue	Office Clerk
Lucien Landry	17 Main Street	Store Clerk
Patricia Mulvey	20 Nye Avenue	At Home
Jeannette Pittsley	11 Hope Street	Housewife
Michael Linkiewicz	149 Keene Road	Retired
Marquerite P. Burchell	276 Hamlin Street	Teacher
Suzanne Hopp	5 Club Avenue	Housewife
Richard R. Couto	16 Village Avenue	Salesman
Roland Gaouette	922 Middle Road	Retired
Martin J. Connor	14 Coury Drive	Mailman
Antone Luiz	26 Pembroke Avenue	Postal Worker
Maurice Pepin	41 Slocum Street	Mechanic
John Tavares	62 Cushman Street	Mill Room Worker
Kathleen A. Anjos	12 Henry Drive	Housewife
Rudolph H. Urbanek	50 Lawson Avenue	Retired
Raymond R. Lambalot	6 Allen Street	Tire Builder
Leo Lyonnais	34 Garfield Street	Insurance Agent
Freddie Koczera	80 Wamsutta Avenue	Cableman
Arthur Frates	21 Slocum Street	Realtor
Albina St. Gelais	46 Hope Street	Stitcher
Walter J. Draus	151 Hamlin Street	Machinist
Helen Charbonneau	36 Hamlin Street	At Home
Raymond Gladu	26 Hope Street	Tapper Operator
Joseph F. Bissonette	19 Birch Street	Gas & Electric Worker
Edmond Laliberte, Jr.	14 Ludlow Street	Mechanic
Roger Masson	35 Meadow Lane	Foreman
Joanne Froias	147 So. Main Street	Housewife
Sylvano Frates	130 James Street	Meat Cutter
Donald Gamache	94 Mecca Way	Student
Eugene Bertrand	94 Parris Lane	Hairdresser
Joseph J. Baron	82 Main Street	Overseer
Emma Rejsek	29 Roosevelt Street	At Home

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 30, 1975 - June 30, 1976 (Fiscal)

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash June 30, 1976

Balances per Bank Statements:		
National Bank of Fairhaven (General)		\$364,501.15
Boston Safe Deposit and Trust		435,265.37
The National Shawmut Bank of Boston		10,000.00
Southeastern Bank and Trust		10,000.00
Capitol Bank and Trust of Boston		25,000.00
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Cash and Checks in office		\$844,766.52
		2,196.32
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Less Outstanding Checks		846,962.84
		498,166.62
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Balance June 30, 1976 (Cash)	Sub-Total	348,796.22
INVESTMENTS		
National Bank of Fairhaven		100,000.00
Southeastern Bank and Trust		100,000.00
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Attest:	TOTAL	548,796.22
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YVONNE B. DESROSIERS		
Treasurer		

RECEIPTS FOR 1976

Taxes:		
Current Year		
Real Estate	1,597,138.57	
Personal	424,494.51	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1975	133,382.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1976	90,508.81	
Farm Animal Excise	330.10	
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Previous Years:		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1969	6.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1970	16.50	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1972	35.20	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1973	451.91	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1974	4,717.14	
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Regional School Aid	74,938.67	
School Transportation	146,963.82	
Vocational Transportation	8,401.00	
Vocational Education	79,963.00	
School Aid	413,498.29	
School Construction	150,406.06	
Special Education	47,718.46	
Mass. Bi-Centennial	4,500.00	
Local Aid Lottery	50,405.69	
State Lunch Fund	9,608.46	
State Chap. 90	1,724.74	
Veterans Benefits	4,803.84	
Chapter 825	67,811.87	
Chapter 58	20,875.16	

Chapter 81	23,117.95	
Abatement — Clause 22 Sec. 5, Chap. 59	953.70	
Abatement — Clause 17 Sec. 5, Chap. 59	5,936.40	
State Reimbursement — Local Assessment	195.70	
Loss of Taxes	2.30	1,111,825.11
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County Bristol		
Dog License	1,783.65	
Care & Disposal of Dogs	532.00	
Sale of Dogs	9.00	
Dog Fund	1,001.48	
County Chapter 90	862.37	4,188.50
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Federal Revenue Sharing		201,871.26
Water Rates & Service	147,688.13	
Water Interest & Charges	387.00	148,075.13
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Water Liens Redemptions		1,271.00
Tax Title Redemption		17,228.05
Curbing Assessments		4,613.42
License:		
Taxi Stand License	5.00	
Alcoholic	9,700.00	
Common Victualler	85.00	
Special Malt Beverages	275.00	
Registration of Petroleum	13.50	
Automatic Amusement	340.00	
Sunday Entertainment	350.00	
Dance License	28.00	
Used Car Dealers, Class 2	216.00	
Used Car Dealers, Class 3	144.00	
Junk	36.00	
Auctioneers	18.00	
Entertainment License	5.00	11,215.50
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Treasurer — Collector		
Collector's Fees	781.00	
Interest on Real Estate & Personal	1,679.87	
Interest on Tax Titles	824.67	
Interest on Motor Vehicle	815.73	
Interest on Curbing Assessments	10.00	
Municipals Liens	30.00	4,141.27
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Town Clerk		
Street & Voting List	70.00	
Sale of Maps	48.50	
Raffle Permits	60.00	
Sale of Charter	1.00	179.50
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Planning Board Fees		225.00
Board of Appeals Fees		640.00
Board of Health		
Store & Vehicle Milk License	88.00	
Trailer Park License Fees	7,620.00	
Oleomargarine	8.00	
Garbage Transportation	20.00	
Day Camp License	1.50	
Sewerage Disposal & Septic Tank Permit	475.00	

Plumbing Permits	226.00	
Massage License	1.00	
Pasteurization License	20.00	
Ice Cream License	5.00	
Food Service Establishments	52.00	
Food Handler Permit	68.00	
Piggery Permit	15.00	
Sewerage Removal	60.00	
Nursing Fee	158.28	
Medicare Nursing	18,315.65	
Clinic Fees	623.59	
Stable License	240.00	
Swimming Pool License	10.00	28,007.02
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Police Department		
Court Fines	1,366.57	
Firearm I.D. Cards	366.00	
Police Damage Cruiser & Ambulance Damage	895.86	
Photo & Alcoholic Beverages I.D.	108.00	
Bike Registration	37.75	
Accidents Reports	467.00	
Pistol Permits	460.00	3,701.18
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Fire Department		
Oil Storage & Installation Permits	45.00	
Fire Report	3.00	
Blasting Permits	4.00	
Model Rocket Fees	4.50	56.50
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Wire Permits		557.00
Building Permits		2,024.00
Certificate Inspection		225.00
Gas Piping Permits		125.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures		186.00
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Schools		
School Property Damages	88.53	
School Tuition	95.50	
Reimbursement Speech Therapist	3,606.00	
Lost Books	450.82	
N.D.E.A.	1,005.30	
Recreation	630.00	
School Office Rental	1,115.55	
Federal Lunch Program	39,676.58	
Federal Milk Program	3,342.28	
School Store	1,015.54	
E.S.E.A. Title 1 1965	13,545.00	
E.S.E.A. Title 2 Library	1,886.32	
Special Grant	2,257.00	
Education Low Income Title 1 E.S.E.A.	35,270.00	
Dept. of Ed. P. 6 92-318	81,276.94	
Local Ed.	4,757.00	
Library Fines & Sales	173.23	190,191.59
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Investment Funds		1,825,000.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Public Safety		120,089.86

Miscellaneous:		
Interest on Investment Funds	9,077.76	
Interest on Fire Truck	288.49	
Interest on Treasurers Savings	5,860.82	
Federal Deductions	211,036.36	
Teacher's Retirement	43,733.98	
Bristol County Retirement	32,017.92	
Group Insurance	2,032.55	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	33,803.04	
Annuities	6,407.96	
State Tax	72,580.38	
Union Dues, Highway & Water	552.00	
Teachers Dues	6,002.00	
Police Dues	1,231.00	
Commission Telephone Pay Station	141.72	
Sewer Pumping Charges	224.00	
Hurricane Barrier (Acush. Co. Share)	1,241.14	
Ad for Public Hearing on Road	24.96	
Sales of Historical Maps	136.00	
Medex	864.12	
Credit Union	10,470.00	
Retirees Blue Cross	257.88	
Reimbursement — C.D.	59.51	
Reimbursement of Oil Charges	876.16	
Wetlands Permits	25.00	438,944.75
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Blue Cross Dividends	475.00	
Workers Compensation Dividends	965.34	
Public Auction	677.50	
Highway Damages	9.37	
Special School Milk & Lunch Fund	50,346.91	
Opening of Grave	140.00	
Safety Committee Poster Contest	55.00	
Refund — Police Department	35.00	
Refund — Fire Department	33.90	
Refund — Veterans Benefits	299.56	
Refund — Treasurer — Collector	110.88	
Refund — Recorder Fees	21.25	
Refund — Payroll Check	159.88	53,329.59
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Trust Fund		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,088.36	
Russell Memorial Library Fund	337.67	
Sylvia P. Manter Fund	2,000.00	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	100.00	
Russell Town Hall	384.80	
Stabilization Fund	28,615.46	32,526.29
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Federal Grants		
C.E.T.A. Title 2	25,320.40	
Public Service Employees	1,564.57	
Reimbursement Insurance Public Service	1,444.32	
Title 6	41,831.94	70,161.23
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Total Receipts		6,521,680.35

CLASSIFICATION OF PAYMENTS (1976)

General Government		
Moderator	225.00	
Expenses	25.00	
Town Reports — Warrants	<u>1,909.60</u>	2,159.60
Selectmen:		
Board of Selectmen	4,000.00	
Executive Secretary	13,894.00	
Clerk, Selectmen's Office	5,477.97	
Office Supplies, Equipment, Postage	1,906.42	
Telephone	493.14	
Dues	280.00	
Advertising	513.30	
Travel Expenses	444.23	
Town Meeting Report Expenses	<u>536.94</u>	27,546.00
Town Accountant:		
Salary	8,500.00	
Printing — Office Supplies	608.33	
Dues — Travel Expenses	128.09	
Telephone	<u>228.22</u>	9,464.64
Treasurer — Collector — Town Clerk		
Treasurer — Collector — Town Clerk		
Salary	15,869.51	
Dues	324.70	
Clerks	17,208.21	
Equipment, Supplies, Dues	8,922.00	
Telephone	397.75	
Surety Bonds	1,199.00	
Collector's Fees	779.00	
Travel Expenses	335.89	
Advertising	218.88	
Recording of Vital Statistics	273.25	
Administrative Oaths	244.25	
Deputy Collector	<u>123.00</u>	45,895.44
Election — Registrars		
Election Officers — Tellers		
Registrars	1,771.62	
Registrars	1,660.75	
Census Takers	642.55	
Printing — Supplies	<u>649.11</u>	4,724.03
Assessors		
Salaries	2,836.00	
Clerks	11,652.58	
Equipment, Office Supplies	951.49	
Telephone	270.93	
Listing Land Conveyances	109.00	
Dues	54.00	
Travel Expenses	91.83	
Sectional Plotting	<u>520.77</u>	16,486.60
Arbitration		327.00
Auctioneer		67.75
Town Counsel		3,440.20

Finance Committee		
Clerical Services	270.00	
Dues	55.00	
Supplies Postage	<u>28.60</u>	353.60
Planning Board		
Clerical Services	162.00	
Supplies Postage	126.08	
Advertising	83.74	
Dues	40.00	
Recording Fee	29.75	
Travel Expenses	<u>6.45</u>	448.02
Board of Appeals		
Clerical Services	160.00	
Supplies Postage	26.00	
Advertising	366.30	
Dues	<u>15.00</u>	567.30
Tree Warden		660.00
Town Hall & Offices		
Custodian Salary	7,992.00	
Janitor, Parting Ways Office Building	1,105.12	
Fuel	6,788.55	
Water	99.90	
Lights	4,143.10	
Supplies, Equipment, Repairs	263.00	
Advertising	24.32	
Repairs	1,846.76	
Travel Expenses	<u>40.20</u>	22,302.95
Police Departmental		
Chiefs Salaries	24,683.84	
Police Officers	178,680.92	
Clerks	13,003.90	
Telephone	1,605.81	
Gas, Repairs, Tires	14,617.19	
Insurance	2,327.93	
Oxygen	77.50	
Travel Expenses, Dues	1,570.92	
Clothing Allowances	1,850.00	
Repairs, Equipment	3,165.95	
Expenses Lockup	355.00	
Police Cruisers	7,591.15	
Police Radio System	<u>1,505.25</u>	251,015.36
Fire Department		
Chief Salary	14,903.48	
Firemen	46,244.51	
Telephone	1,307.25	
Lights	128.56	
Truck Repairs	1,476.69	
Accident Insurance	441.75	
Supplies, Equipment	6,511.07	
Advertising, Dues	214.09	
Fuel Oil	417.38	
Clothing Allowance	<u>252.51</u>	71,897.29
Fire Truck		8,202.64

Sealers of Weights & Measures		
Salary	438.00	
Supplies	42.32	480.32
Building Inspector		
Salaries	2,400.00	
Telephone	237.25	
Deputy Inspector	1,970.00	
Supplies	2,650.74	
Clerical	1,209.00	8,466.99
Wire Inspector		
Deputy	810.00	
Inspector	1,414.00	
Wire Dept.	29.00	2,253.00
Gas Department		
Inspector		201.00
Civil Defense		
Postage	5.98	
Supplies, Equipment	608.55	
Telephone	176.38	
Gasoline, Repairs	67.35	
Travel Expenses	171.20	
Supplies	163.18	1,192.64
Dog Officer		
Salary	503.90	
Board & Care of Dogs	742.00	
Dogs Destroyed	406.10	
Supplies & Equipment	188.71	1,840.71
Inspector of Animals		55.32
Sewer Pumping Charges		
Paid to City of New Bedford		179.00
Board of Health		
Salaries	1,496.00	
Nurse	10,078.62	
Assistant Nurses	13,618.02	
Clerk	6,329.40	
School Physician	2,777.26	
Plumbing Inspector	1,520.93	
Office Supplies, Postage	2,055.20	
Homemaker Services	10,632.60	
Telephones	901.53	
Medical Supplies	587.99	
Nursing Supervision	1,200.00	
Advertising	144.65	
Burial of Animals	432.00	
Equipment	57.55	
N.B. Tuberculosis Program	1,160.33	
Therapy	1,015.00	
Travel Expenses	1,446.38	55,453.46
Highway Department		
Superintendent Salary	11,523.00	
Labor	73,184.10	
Hire of Equipment	14,198.00	
Gas, Oil, Truck Repairs, Tires	16,570.27	

Sand, Gravel, Oil, Asphalt	19,684.03	
Equipment, Repairs	14,147.68	
Fuel, Lights & Water	5,983.49	
Telephone	363.91	
Freight & Signs	81.98	
Advertising	123.74	
Dues	15.00	155,875.20
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Rubbish Packer		28,615.46
Dump Contract		
Paid to Everett & Germaine Booker		45,000.00
Street Lights		
Paid to New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.		21,431.32
Dutch Elm Disease		
Cutting Trees	469.00	
Engineering Consultant Fees	150.05	
G.N.B. Solid Waste Study Program	3,059.99	
Sign Application Expenses	1,784.10	
Northwest Drainage Project	2,861.81	
Middle Road Drainage	1,124.80	
Reconstruction-Lisa Ave.	5,243.20	
Reconstruction — James Street	18,997.60	
Reconstruction — Nelson Ave.	4,331.62	
Reconstruction — Middle Road	3,449.49	
Reconstruction-Lantern Lane	779.04	
Cleveland Street Resurfacing	5,609.45	
Hope Street Resurfacing	11,557.76	
Nye's Lane Reconstruction	459.00	
Reconstruction — Morningside Ave.	10,189.30	
Mosquito Control Assessment	100.00	
Veteran's Benefits		
Agent Salary	1,225.68	
Office Supplies	341.36	
Ordinary Grants	10,743.59	
Fuel	1,415.75	
Medical Assistance	6,750.86	20,477.24
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Schools:		
Superintendent Salary	20,327.88	
Business Manager	13,445.94	
Clerks	29,410.86	
766 District	5,036.21	
Travel Expenses	3,752.72	
Telephones	4,972.53	
Travel Expenses — Teachers	888.81	
Insurance	194.00	
Teachers Salaries	778,894.71	
Teachers Aides	29,617.38	
Books & Supplies	44,316.82	
Tuition	461,394.39	
Regional Vocational School Assessments	499,512.04	
Transportation	160,178.22	
Supervisor School Attendance	715.00	
Equipment	43,089.01	
Janitors Salaries	72,683.48	
Fuel, Lights	52,787.61	
Maintenance Buildings	1,846.11	
Grounds & Supplies	20,872.41	

Athletic Expenses	6,527.83	
Student Body Activities	1,460.33	
Civic Activities	4,824.22	
Bus Monitors	9,232.27	
Health Services	6,624.70	
Food Service Expenses	12,972.41	
C.E.T.A.	177.00	2,285,754.89
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Title I Project #76-003-109 E.S.E.A.		35,270.00
Special Grant		2,257.00
Department of Ed. Division of Occ. Ed.		40,638.47
Title I #75-003-123		2,542.20
Title II, E.S.E.A.		1,886.32
Title E.S.E.A. 1965		13,545.00
District Ed:		
Salaries	1,399.27	
Supplies	89.22	1,488.49
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Lost Books School Store		1,424.27
School Milk & Lunch Fund		
Salaries — Cafeteria Personnel	46,607.82	
Food Supplies	23,982.84	
Milk	21,733.83	
Travel Expenses	21.18	
Freight & Supplies	2,134.61	
Meal Tax	269.28	
Uniform Allowances	267.80	95,017.36
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Free Public Library		
Librarian	3,075.00	
Assistance	2,333.00	
Books	1,026.98	
Care of Grounds & Building	1,453.59	
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	852.45	
Fuel, Lights, Water	1,076.54	
Telephone	164.38	
Periodicals	1,062.23	11,044.17
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Parks		
Labor	6,882.45	
Equipment, Repairs, Supplies	3,513.54	
Gas, Oil, Repairs	681.46	
Advertising	33.54	
Telephones	215.55	
Lease of Beach	1.00	
Lifeguard	1,504.75	
Lights & Water	1,936.86	14,769.15
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Water Department:		
Foreman Salary	5,738.15	
Labor	19,101.77	
Clerks	991.28	
Notes & Interest	9,730.00	
Telephone	371.77	
Office Supplies & Advertising	2,921.33	
Water	59,120.56	
Repairs, Gas, Oil, Tires	4,769.47	
Fuel, Lights & Water	662.15	
Power	201.72	
Hire of Equipment	2,790.00	

Fittings	3,410.41	
Meters	5,360.03	
Street & Repairs	1,366.44	
Hydrant Parts	4,098.18	
Travel Expenses	24.91	
Engineering — Water System	500.00	121,158.17
Cemeteries		774.24
Debt & Interest		
Debt	302,000.00	
Interest	114,077.30	416,077.30
Investment Funds		1,325,000.00
Investment-Federal Revenue Sharings		201,871.26
American Rev. Celebration Expenses		140.73
Bristol County Dog Licenses		1,837.10
Christmas Decoration		399.99
Conservation Commission Expenses		60.00
Council on Aging Expenses		2,269.77
Insurance on Public Buildings		12,666.00
Insurance on Motor Vehicles		2,258.00
Southeastern Regional Planning Assessments		1,165.05
Insurance Settlement — Cruiser Repairs		653.89
Safety Comm. Poster Contest		55.00
Federal Deductions		211,036.36
Safety Committee Expenses		20.00
Bristol County Retirement		32,012.32
State Deductions		72,580.38
Teachers Retirement		40,578.85
Group Insurance		39,088.34
Insurance Deductions		2,060.28
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		35,368.70
Workmen's Compensation		11,012.00
Credit Union		10,470.00
Union Dues — Police		1,231.00
Union Dues — Highway & Water		552.00
Teachers Dues		6,002.00
Annuities		6,257.96
Pension Fund		55,707.37
New Bedford Hurricane Barrier		1,861.71
Memorial Purposes		1,067.09
Insect Pest Control		900.00
Street Name Committee		9.55
Repairing & Remodeling —		
Parting Ways Office Bldg.		1,898.37
Ad for Public Hearing		24.96
July 4th Celebration		591.00
Mass Bi-Centennial — State Funds		4,500.00
Historical Commission Expenses		8,934.80
Ernest Barboza-Richard Bonnar Car Damages		100.48
Title VI C.E.T.A.		40,993.18
C.E.T.A.		24,459.60
P.S.E.P.		2,764.50
Agency Accounts		
County Tax	134,128.03	
State Recreation Area	33,649.44	
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	892.65	

Mosquito Control Assessment	4,163.46	
Pollution Control	344.77	
Transit Authorities	<u>2,133.00</u>	175,311.35
Trust Funds:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	968.85	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	100.00	
Conservation Fund	500.00	
Russell Memorial Library Acct.	337.67	
Russell Town Hall	<u>384.80</u>	2,291.32
Refunds		
Salaries	868.17	
Taxes	866.87	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1973	73.15	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1974	1,039.71	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1975	2,515.70	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1976	501.97	
Licenses	33.00	
Life Ins. Deductions	9.14	
Blue Cross	186.58	
Bristol County Retirement	5.60	
Medicare	136.95	
Collectors Fees & Interest	6.00	
Water	<u>73.10</u>	6,315.94
Total Disbursements		<u>\$6,265,271.52</u>

**OFFICES OF
TOWN CLERK
TREASURER-COLLECTOR
July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976 (Fiscal)**

Receipts

\$ 38,846.89	Balance June 30, 1975
912,405.65	JULY
137,615.02	AUGUST
286,932.70	SEPTEMBER
714,415.63	OCTOBER
482,563.55	NOVEMBER
813,880.87	DECEMBER
274,212.97	JANUARY 1976
373,188.78	FEBRUARY
728,869.58	MARCH
1,055,200.53	APRIL
282,145.71	MAY
478,921.79	JUNE
	Balance June 30, 1976
<u>\$6,579,199.67</u>	

Disbursements

\$ 292,347.23
266,978.75
423,201.38
363,633.28
1,030,059.57
305,557.69
335,684.89
434,732.37
712,482.09
346,039.57
887,032.78
832,653.85
<u>348,796.22</u>
<u>\$6,579,199.67</u>

REPORT OF EXISTING DEBT OUTSTANDING

Schedule of existing debt outstanding as of June 30, 1977:

Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Purpose	Amount
July 15, 1959	July 15, 1979	School Project Loan (400,000.00)	\$60,000.00
July 15, 1959	July 15, 1979	School Project Loan (100,000.00)	15,000.00
Dec. 1, 1964	Dec. 1, 1984	Jr. High School Addition	80,000.00
June 1, 1971	June 1, 1986	Elementary School (Constr.)	1,250,000.00
Sept. 15, 1972	Sept. 15, 1977	Municipal Bldg. Remodeling	10,000.00
Oct. 15, 1972	Oct. 15, 1977	Street Construction	15,000.00
Oct. 1, 1973	Oct. 1, 1988	Surface Drainage.	190,000.00
Aug. 15, 1974	Aug. 15, 1977	Street Reconstruction	13,000.00
Sept. 1, 1974	Sept. 1, 1978	Street Reconstruction — Nye's Lane	56,000.00
			<u>\$1,689,000.00</u>

Attest:

YVONNE B. DESROSIERS
Treasurer

**TOWN OF ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS
TRUST FUNDS etc. IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER**

	Principal	Bal 12/31/75	Interest	Withdrawn	Bal. 12/31/76
Russell Protestant Poor	\$9,912.00	26,375.34	1,441.98	100.00	\$27,717.32
Russell Town Hall	3,000.00	4,273.89	58.86	none	4,332.75
Omev-Cottle Special Care	2,000.00	3,579.79	47.95	none	3,627.74
Allen-Rhoda R. Russell Library	8,181.98	14,612.12	195.75	none	14,807.87
Henry H. Rogers School Fund	2,500.00	2,232.76	29.92	none	2,262.68
Russell Public School	7,067.30	13,240.55	177.36	none	13,417.91
Long Plain Cemetery Permanent Care	347.00	750.06	10.04	none	760.10
Long Plain Cemetery Addition of 1912	1,415.00	3,146.87	142.73	none	3,289.60
Russell Memorial Library — Maint.	7,447.22	11,680.67	156.47	none	11,837.14
Sylvia P. Manter — Schools	30,182.39	32,086.15	1,434.82	2,162.00	31,358.97
Friends Cemetery	150.00	217.96	1.76	none	219.72
Acushnet Instructive Nursing	1,000.00	1,817.83	14.64	none	1,832.47
Conservative Fund	3,200.00	3,457.28 grant	500.00	none	4,017.28
			60.00		
Stabilization Fund		92,910.00	5,420.76	21,293.44	77,037.32
Federal Revenue Sharing		177,963.43 gr.	209,138.00	297,552.84	98,324.17
Title II — Anti-Recession Assistance			8,775.58		22,040.00
	<u>\$76,402.89</u>	<u>388,344.70</u>	<u>227,606.62</u>	<u>321,108.28</u>	<u>\$316,883.04</u>
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		15,590.87	212.62	123.00	15,680.49
					Attest:
					YVONNE B. DESROSNIERS
					Treasurer

TRUST FUND COMMISSIONERS

Voters of Acushnet:

The following trust fund expenditures were authorized by the Trust Fund Commissioners during the year 1976:

	Principal	Bal. 12/31/75	Interest	Withdrawn	Bal. 12/31/76
Russell Protestant Poor	\$9,912.00	26,375.34	1,441.98	100.00	\$27,717.32
Russell Town Hall	3,000.00	4,273.89	58.86	none	4,332.75
Allen-Rhoda R. Russell Library	8,181.98	14,612.12	195.75	none	14,807.87
Russell Memorial Library	7,447.22	11,680.67	156.47	none	11,837.14

Respectfully submitted,

LEO T. JACKSON
JOYCE ANN COLLINS
FRANCIS D. O'LEARY
Trust Fund Commissioners

Cash:

33

Items	3.87
Nye's Lane Resurfacing and Reconstruction, (Phase III)	13,945.48
Nye's Lane Layout	46.00
Nye Avenue Reconstruction	2,425.36
Lisa Avenue Reconstruction	194.00
Accrued Salaries-Teachers	103,804.17
Public Law 874, Title 1, (1972)	270.00
Public Law 874, Title 1, (1973)	7,409.00
Title VI-B 91-230 #72-003-16	600.44
Special Education, Chap. 766	36,169.15
Dept. of Ed. Div. of Ecc. Ed.	
P.L. 92-318	40,638.47
Test Borings	2,500.00
Elementary School Building Committee Expenses	116.88
Regional School District Planning Committee	300.80
Senior Citizens Bussing	700.00
Community Programs for the Aging	600.00
Council on Aging	
(Home Care Corporation)	850.00
Historical District Study Committee	1,000.00
Historical Commission Expenses	1,065.20
Title II 1976	990.94
C.E.T.A. — Title VI	838.76
Soil Survey	7,173.72
Memorial Expenses	87.00
Master Drainage Plan, W.P.; N.L.;	
S.F.; W.P.	1,176.50
Peckham Road Water Main	2,538.84
Northwest Drainage Project	10,336.12
Sewage Committee Expenses	100.00
<u>4,507,823.68</u>	
	<u>\$4,507,823.68</u>
	Wilfred C. Fortin
	Town Accountant

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds: Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer:		\$236,073.37
Russell Fund for Care of Town Hall	\$ 4,332.75	
Russell Public School Fund	13,417.91	
R.N. Swift Board of Health Fund	5,201.24	
Russell Protestant Poor Fund	26,728.67	
Henry H. Rogers Gift Fund	2,262.68	
Allen & Rhoda R. Russell Library Fund	14,807.87	
Russell Memorial Library Maintenance Fund	11,837.14	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	16,721.94	
Cemetery Additional Fund	3,189.02	
Cemetery Special Care Fund	760.10	
Acushnet Cemetery Corporation	1,104.30	
Cemetery Beautification & Extra Care Fund	3,627.74	
Sylvia P. Manter For Public Schools	32,344.52	
Acushnet Instructive Nursing Association		
Trust Fund	1,832.47	
Conservation Fund	3,985.12	
Friend's Cemetery Care — Wing Road	219.72	
Stabilization Fund	<u>93,700.18</u>	\$236,073.37

WILFRED C. FORTIN
Town Accountant

Acushnet Police Department

**Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Acushnet, Mass.**

Gentlemen:

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet. I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1976. During the year members of the Police Department attended various training programs.

Acting Chief, Sgt. Roger D. Deschamps, Acting Sergeant Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr., Acting Sergeant Richard G. Langevin, Offrs. Henry C. Avila, Barry W. Monte, and Gil Marques, Jr. attended an Emergency Medial Technician/Ambulance refresher course at various locations in the surrounding area given by the Old Colony Chapter Massachusetts Association E.M.T., Inc. as required by state law.

During this year a fully-equipped Safety Van was delivered to the town, directly funded in the amount of \$13,000.00 by the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. This van will be utilized in the formation of a safety program for the schools to educate the town's children in all phases of pedestrian safety and will also be utilized on the streets of town to promote traffic safety. Some of the equipment furnished includes radar, emergency lighting equipment, emergency generator, hydraulic rescue equipment, safety film and camera equipment.

Clerk/Dispatcher Patricia E. Dube attended a one-day seminar on Nov. 19, 1976, in Fall River on Uniform Crime reporting under the direction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Comm. of Mass. Dept. of Public Safety Crime Reporting Unit.

On August 29, 1976, another full-time police officer was appointed to replace Off. Paul Dextraze, who resigned from the department.

Officers Barry W. Monte and Gil Marques, Jr. attended an instructor's refresher course given at Brockton High School under the direction of the American Heart Association, thereby, re-certifying them as instructors in Basic Cardiac Life Support.

During this year, the town also received funding from the state in the amount of \$12,000.00 for a new Modular Ambulance, which we expect before July 1, 1977.

Appointed were two more permanent full-time clerk/dispatchers to commence employment on 1/3/77 and 1/10/77.

Officers Michael Poitras and George Sylvia are presently attending the Police Training Academy being held at New Bedford for the duration of 12 weeks.

Four more men, Officers Normand H. Soucy, Michael Poitras, George L. Sylvia, and Kenneth J. Souza are now attending Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Training at Dartmouth. This course is to run for approximately 100 hours.

Other Activities

Property Checks, Vacations	256
Ambulance Service	318
Summons Served	237
Stolen Vehicles from Acushnet	23
Parking Tickets Issued	159
Accidents Investigated 1975	191
Accidents Investigated 1976	165
Accidents, no police investigations 1976	25
Fatalities	1
House Breaks 1975	50
House Breaks 1976	72
Attempted House Breaks 1975	8
Attempted House Breaks 1976	16
Other Breaks, business, sheds, garages 1975	47
Other Breaks, business, sheds, garages 1976	43
Armed Robbery	0
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued, 1975	332
Motor Vehicle Citations Issued, 1976	441
Complaints Answered, 1975	3369
Complaints Answered, 1976	3694
Dog Bites Reported	43
Vehicle, Narcotics, B & E, Larceny, etc.	90
Miscellaneous Incidents	170
Arrests, Motor Vehicle, Narcotics, B & E, Larceny, etc.	90

OFFICERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Roger D. Deschamps
Acting Chief of Police

Off. Stephen J. Cassidy, Jr.
Acting Sergeant

Off. Richard G. Langevin
Acting Sergeant

Permanent Officers

Earle F. Parker
John Monteiro
Henry C. Avila
Barry W. Monte
Gil Marques, Jr.

Normand H. Soucy
Michael Poitras
George Sylvia
Kenneth J. Souza
Mary Ann Antonietta

Permanent Part Time Officers

William E. Jenkinson
Maria Otocky
Joseph Francis
George Parker
Albert Silva

Joseph Pontes
George Marote
Malcolm Lopes
William Mazur
Edmund Gelinas

Donald Guenette

Clerks/Dispatchers

Patricia E. Dube
Annette Richard
Cecile Rouillier

Respectfully submitted,
SGT. ROGER D. DESCHAMPS
Acting Chief of Police

Report of the Acushnet Fire Department

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

The following is a report of the activities of the Acushnet Fire Department for the year ending 31 December 1976.

The Department answered and took appropriate action on each item listed below.

Automobile Accidents	11
False Alarms	20
Automatic alarms	28
Ambulance Calls	12
Persons locked out	2
Bomb Scares	7
House fires (inc. dryers, cooking stoves, washing machines and TV)	16
Mobile Home fires	1
Shed fires	4
Dump fires	2
Barn fires	4
Dumpster fires	4
Electrical fires	2
Chimney fires	7
Road flare fires	4
Car & truck fires	28
Garage fires	1
Brush & wood fires	42
Grass fires	19
Smoke in buildings	6
Smoke complaints & Investigation	20
Flooded cellars	4
Tower calls	18
Flooded Oil burners	4
Lost Person Search & Recovery	3
Assist other town Dept.	12
Fuel & Gasoline wash down	9
Oil burner installation permits	34
Oil storage permits	27
Model Rocket permits	2
Blasting permits	2
Various permits (cooking, agriculture, & seasonal burning permits)	418
Mutual Aid Calls	2
Wells filled	2
Fire reports	4

Again I wish to express our thanks for the support that you have given us in the past year and hope that it will continue through the new year.

Respectfully submitted,
ARSENE J. CUSSON
Fire Chief

Report of the Board of Appeals

To the Officers and residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Board of Appeals hereby submits the following report for the year 1976.

There were 16 applications filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Hearings were held for each appeal.

14 special permits were granted.

2 variances were granted.

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL R. LOWE, Chairman
FRED KOCZERA, Vice Chairman
LAWRENCE MULVEY, Secretary
GEORGE WASHBURN
LEONARD MEREDITH
RUSS LEONARD
GEORGE BORGES

Acushnet Civil Defense Agency

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Civil Defense played another active part in the town for our residents this past year. We once again pumped out flooded cellars, we have responded to accidents, we supplied the Whaling City Cable T.V. with our power generator because of a power shortage. We have been called upon to search for missing persons. We participated in the Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades. We stood by and supplied lighting for the annual Halloween parade. We were also on alert for Hurricane Belle. The Acushnet Civil Defense has also received their Federal Share of money totaling \$216.23 of matching funds.

We have held 12 meetings, and our total manpower for the year was 600 hours. We have a few new members. They are licensed amateur radio operators and will serve as our radio operators. Also, three (3) members who will be taking a home-study course in Radiological Monitoring. As in the past three (3) years, our main goal is to serve the townspeople and town Departments in an emergency or otherwise so directed.

I would like to thank all the town Residents for the support they have given the Civil Defense in the past years.

Respectfully submitted,

R.M. BRIENZO
Director

Veterans Benefits

To the Officers, Town of Acushnet, Mass.

To the Residents, Town of Acushnet, Mass.

Sirs:

The Veterans Agent and Director of the Veterans Services submit for your Approval a report of activities for the year ending 31 December, 1976.

The Veterans Office has assisted over 60 cases in Veterans Affairs including Widows, Schooling and information for Social Security Disability assistance, Medical services information for Veterans and Widows of Veterans and their families. The Regional Veterans Administration Office in Providence, R.I., has placed some Veterans and widows in schools for retraining and job placement due to the efforts of this office.

The Veterans Services for the Town of Acushnet has saved over \$3,600.00 helping non-service disability aid from the Veterans Administration.

Assistance granted to Widows and Veterans:

Ordinary Grants (living expenses)	\$8,343.00
Fuel allowances	509.50
Doctors	808.27
Medicine / Drugs	610.00
Hospital Care	167.13
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	206.75
Dental care	90.00
Total exp. Dec. 1976	<u>\$10,734.65</u>
Office expenses	\$260.00
Supplies	95.10
Salary Veterans Agt.	1,225.00

This office is informing the Town of Acushnet and Residents that the money spent by this office is 50% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Mass.

Veterans Rolls	10 current
Cases pending	6
Year Total	28
V.A. QT Assistance	15

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL P. MOSES
Veterans Services

Report of the Planning Board

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Planning Board hereby submits the following report for the year 1976.

Regular meetings were held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Numerous plans which did not require approval under the subdivision control law were acted upon, and the following Subdivisions were approved:

DEEP BROOK ESTATES, submitted by John T. Koska, located at the end of Park Drive.

LYNNWOOD ESTATES, submitted by Walter D. & Donald W. White, located on Middle Road.

COLONIAL VILLAGE extension, owned by Acushnet Saw Mills.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED BOULANGER, Chairman
ROBERT W. HALL, Clerk
ROLAND BENOIT
RONALD LABONTE
PETER KOCZERA
Members of the Board

Report of the Building Inspector

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Building Department issued 174 permits for the year 1976 as follows:

Dwellings	38
Mobile Homes	6
Garages	14
Additions	13
Swimming Pools	15
Fireplaces	36
Commercial & Industrial	8
Institutional	1
Miscellaneous	40
Demolishing	3
Void	4

The fair replacement cost for construction on the above permits is \$1,873,312.00

The construction of dwellings was 18 more than the 1975 figure of 20 dwellings.

The department collected \$2,088.00 in permit fees for the year 1976. It also collected \$150.00 in Certificate of Inspection fees. A total of \$2,238.00

**Respectfully submitted
RENE PEPIN
Inspector of Buildings**

**Annual Report of Moth Superintendent
(INSECT & PEST CONTROL)
1976**

To the Officers & Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The eradication program of Poison Ivy was continued for the 2nd year. Some areas that were treated the previous year were treated again in 1976, since 100% control is very difficult with one application. In addition, other areas were attacked, many areas that were brought to our attention by townspeople, generally through the Selectmen's Office. We intend to continue this program in July 1977.

We reported in the 1975 Annual Town Report that we would be attacking Tent Caterpillar in the Spring and Fall Webworm in the Fall of 1976. In neither case was the problem in the town great enough to take action. These will be reviewed annually and control undertaken if there is need.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN A. SPRINGER
Superintendent

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project
DECEMBER 31, 1976

On June 30, 1977, the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project will complete eighteen years of service to the Town of Acushnet and nineteen other communities in the county.

The first part of the season was fairly normal, but rains toward the end of June and into July created numerous breeding areas that caused a heavy influx of mosquitos in the county.

Although there was an additional nuisance, we were fortunate that there were no cases of encephalitis reported in Bristol County.

In March our larviciding program got underway, and 15 acres were treated before our sprayers were mounted on May 10th.

The spraying season terminated on September 16th, and our brook and ditch maintenance program got underway. This resulted in the reclamation of 2,400 feet of existing waterways and the removal of 3,666 feet of brush.

We thank the residents of Acushnet for their continued cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK W. DILLINGHAM
Superintendent

Report of the Tree Warden

Your Tree Warden has continued to answer calls regarding tree problems within our town. With the help of the Highway Department most problems of dangerous trees and damaged limbs, etc. were taken care of by that department eliminating the need of an outside contractor to do the work.

The tree and shrub nursery at the Elementary-Junior High School grounds is producing usable plant material in small amounts as evidenced by plantings by School personnel on the School grounds.

I have been regularly attending meetings of the Bristol-Norfolk Counties Tree Wardens, Moth Superintendents and Foresters Association.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN A. SPRINGER
Superintendent

Report of the Park Commissioners

At the initial meeting following the annual Town Election, we welcomed the new member, Peter Gelinas. We organized as follows:

Chairman: Joseph P. Jason

Corresponding Secretary: George Fagundes

Recording Secretary: Peter Gelinas

The year 1976 was a very trying period for the people living in the area of Pope Park, as well as for the Park Board. A court judge ruled that drinking was not in conflict with the Park rules, and, therefore was legal at Pope Park. However, through the hard work of the Board of Selectmen, the Chief of Police, and the Park Board, the decision was overruled and drinking was prohibited at the park.

The park also saw some good times during this Bicentennial year. A gala Fourth of July celebration with a parade, field events for young and old, and an Arts and Crafts presentation was held at the park. We wish to acknowledge and thank Mr. Fred Koczera, Mrs. Diane Sleight, Joseph Francis and all the members of the A.Y.A.A., who worked hard to make the celebration a success.

Also, there was great improvement of our Town Beach mainly through the efforts of our new selectman, John Sylvia. We would like to express our gratitude for his hard work and for devoting his time to improve the beach area.

We wish to thank our town and its people for their continued support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH P. JASON
GEORGE FAGUNDES
PETER GELINAS

Report of the Cemetery Board

To the Townspeople of Acushnet:

Money provided for cemetery care is derived from interest gained on Perpetual Care Funds.

SCHEDULE OF PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Single Graves	\$100.00
8 Grave Lots	\$200.00

Still available for sale are:

Friend's Cemetery, Wing Road	24 Grave Sites
Long Plain Cemetery, Main Street	11 Grave Sites

Respectfully submitted,
LEO T. JACKSON
ROY MORSE, Chairman
ADAM C. FLUEGEL

Report of the Conservation Commission

All of the activities of the Conservation Commission this past year were concerned with enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act, General Law Chapter 131, Section 40. We were forced to file complaints with the Court against 2 landowners for violating this ordinance. One violation has been corrected and the case dismissed, and the second one has been continued. Violation of this law is a criminal offense punishable by a fine of \$1000 for every day of the violation or six months in jail or both. Any action we take is the result of a complaint filed by a taxpayer. This is a State law, not a local ordinance.

Since we have to use the services of the Town Counsel, the Town is burdened with the several hundred dollars in legal costs for each violation that goes to court. After conferring with the Board of Selectmen, the Commission contacted Representative MacLean, and he is introducing a bill in the Legislature to require the cities and towns to be reimbursed by the State for any legal fees involved in enforcing this Law.

We are slightly encouraged, however, as three developers have contacted us before presenting sub-division plans to the Planning Board where wetlands are involved. Only one area was rejected because of the wet condition and its effect on the surrounding property.

The United States Department of Agriculture has started the Soil Survey we contracted for in 1973, and the final work should be completed in February of this year.

EUGENE MILLER, JR.
Chairman

Report of the Acushnet Board of Health

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The members of the Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year 1976:

After being duly elected as a member of the Board of Health at the Annual Town Election, Joseph H. Lepage was sworn into office by the Town Clerk and at the monthly meeting of the Board, the following officers were seated:

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

We have continued our contract with St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, for Homemaker-Home Aide services and are under the very competent and beneficial supervision of Mrs. Elaine Tripp, R.N., M.S., who is also Director of Community Services at St. Luke's. This program and service is available to any Acushnet resident who qualifies.

Our contract with The Easter Seal Society is still in effect, and this provides us with Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Medical Social Work, which is available to all qualified residents.

In 1976 there were 8 premature births reported. Of these, 5 survived and 3 died.

HEAF TESTS for tuberculosis were given to children in all schools in the Town:

	# Tested	Negative	Positive
Public Schools	365	360	5
Long Plain Nursery	31	31	0
St. Francis Xavier	140	137	3
	<hr/> 536	<hr/> 528	<hr/> 8

The Positive reactors were then given the Mantoux Test, and 2 of the 8 reacted positively. These 2 were placed on a regimen of preventive medication by their own physicians.

MANTOUX TESTS are available to any resident who wishes to avail themselves of this service.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM for any school child needing this service continues as in the past.

WELL BABY CLINICS are held the first Wednesday of each month, excepting July and August. 287 persons attended the clinics. The following inoculations were given

101 for Diphtheria, Pertusis & Tetanus
147 for Oral Trivalent Polio Vaccine

39 for Diphtheria and Tetanus
 45 for Measles, Mumps and Rubella
 76 Mantoux Tests for tbc.
 12 for Tine Test for tbc.
 1 for Tetanus Toxoid
 4 for Typhoid Vaccine

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC was held June 19, 1976, at the two Fire Stations. A total of 148 tests were given. There were 12 recalls, of which 7 were referred to their own doctors. The Board wishes to publicly thank the Fire Dept., Board of Selectmen and each and every one of the volunteers for their services in this program.

SENIOR CITIZENS' COUNSELLING sessions have been held throughout the year. A total of 131 Seniors attended the 10 sessions.

FLU CLINIC In co-operation with the Federal Edict, we sponsored a Swine Flu Clinic and administered 844 inoculations.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES reported to the Board of Health:

24 Dog Bites
 3 Scarlet Fever
 24 Chicken Pox
 1 Salmonella
 1 Hepatitis Vir.
 Total 53 reported

HEARING A clinic was held August 19th. Sponsored by the Board of Health in conjunction with the Boston Guild for Hard of Hearing. The Mobile Unit was in Town for the day and tested 52 persons. Of those tested, 25 failed the test - these people were given a "follow-up" and referred to further diagnosis and treatment.

ENCEPHALITIS - COGGINS TESTING CLINIC, - Dr. Deane Freitas immunized 52 animals at the Gracia Farms. We are fortunate that most of the horses in Acushnet are brought to the Clinics. Others are immunized elsewhere.

STUDENT NURSE - During September, October, November and December, we hosted Miss Cynthia Polleschi of Bridgewater, a Senior Student of the S.M.U. Nursing. Miss Polleschi came into the office two days each week and learned the office, clinical and professional duties of our Nursing Service. The time spent with our Staff is credited to the Bachelor's Degree she is working towards.

PERMITS: The following permits were issued:

Septic Tanks	75	Plumbing	56	Installers	28
Food Service	26	Stable	29	Vehic. Milk	10
Store Milk	18	Pasteurization	3	Food Hand	79
Massage Parlors	1	Piggery	3	Garbage Rem.	6
Day Camp	2	Ice Cream	1	Oleo-Vehicle	4
Oleo-Store	7	Mobile Homes	3		

PLUMBING INSPECTOR - Mr. Andre Trahan has been granted a leave of absence, and Mr. William Roy, the alternate inspector, will take care of Mr. Trahan's duties until the leave expires.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILE R. HOULE
GIRARD ST. AMAND
JOSEPH H. LEPAGE

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures
Tested, adjusted and sealed measuring and weighing devices.
Carried out routine commodities inspection.
Fees collected and turned in to Town Treasurer \$173.00.
Salary and expenses \$452.66.

Respectfully submitted,
EDMOND F. WHALLEY
Sealer

Trustees of Russell Memorial Library

To the Townspeople:

1976 was more or less routine as far as the library's operations were concerned. We had our problems like every other department, but managed to weather each storm.

We wish to call to our residents' attention that the library was the recipient of five paintings to add to the library's collection. These were donated by five of our town's outstanding artists, and the Board of Trustees and the library staff were very pleased by this Bicentennial gift.

The donated paintings are:

The Summerton Barn - watercolor - Otis J. Tripp
End of the Road - watercolor - Walt Owen
The Scale - oil - Edward A. Macomber
Taber House, 10 Mill Road - oil - Ruth R. Decker
Head of the River, circa 1898 - acrylic - Georgette A. Owen

The Bicentennial Massachusetts Art Week exhibit, sponsored by the Board of Trustees, was a big success. Along with our resident artists' and craftsmen's offerings, twenty artists and craftsmen from the Greater New Bedford area who originally took part in our town's Centennial Arts and Crafts Show at the Grange Hall loaned us work shown in 1960 for a very special exhibit in honor of the Bicentennial.

People continue to donate magazines, hard-bound and paperback books to add to our stock. The paperbacks particularly are a huge success — possibly because of the lesser bulk. We thank all the donors and hope they will continue their generosity.

Remember the library is YOURS--please feel free to make use of it.
Library hours are:

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGETTE A. OWEN
WALTER E. OWEN
KENNETH L. VINCENT
Board of Trustees
Russell Memorial Library

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Statistical Report for 1976

Volumes at beginning of year		16,466
Hard bound volumes purchased	173	
Hard bound volumes donated	50	
Paperbacks purchased	332	
Paperbacks donated	125	
Volumes lost/withdrawn	32	
Volumes added during the year		<u>680</u>
		17,146
Periodical subscriptions purchased	27	
Periodical subscriptions donated	35	
Subscriptions for year	62	
Issues received during year		836
Registration		
Borrowers at beginning of year		2,966
Adult/Young Adult borrowers registered	128	
Juvenile borrowers registered	104	
Registered borrowers for year	232	
Borrowers at end of year		3,198
Circulation		
Patrons' interlibrary loans requests filled		38
Films borrowed from interlibrary loan		62
Bookmobile records borrowed		82
Adult/Young adult books circulated	15,239	
Juvenile books circulated	<u>9,219</u>	
Total books circulated at end of year	24,458	

Respectfully submitted,
BARBARA BONVILLE
 Librarian

Council on Aging

To the Officers and 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 meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month during the year 1976. We have maintained office hours from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Monday through Friday to render referral and information service to our fellow Senior Citizens.

The Drop-In Center is open daily until 5 P.M. to all Seniors who wish to take advantage of the Hot Lunch program and to avail themselves of the many activities following lunch. Card tables are in play every day. Bingo is held on Wednesday and dancing every Friday. There is also a program of Arts and Crafts. Many tours and outings are planned at the Drop-In Center to include whatever is found to be most interesting and enjoyable for all.

The Nutritional Lunch program continues to be available to all Senior Citizens. An average of seventy Seniors partake of the hot lunch daily.

The Board of Health staff provides a Counseling Clinic to anyone 59 years and older who contact the Council on Aging office for an appointment one week prior to the fourth Tuesday of each month. The clinic is held in the Council on Aging office from 1:30 to 4 P.M.

The members of the Council wish to extend their thanks and appreciation to the volunteers who participated in the Elderly Nutritional program and to the Board of Selectmen for their assistance to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
LIONEL TETREAU
Chairman

Report of the Housing Authority

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

The Acushnet Housing Authority is pleased to announce that in its third year of occupancy, all is well at the Presidential Terrace, Housing for the Elderly.

The members of the board would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep Presidential Terrace running smoothly.

**Respectfully submitted,
JOHN SYLVIA, Chairman
EMILE HOULE, Vice Chairman
WILLIAM SAVAGE, Secretary
JOHN SOUSA, Treasurer
CAMILLE BOYER, Asst. Treasurer
ROBERT BERGERON, Executive Director
SANDRA KEIGHLEY, Clerk**

Acushnet Historical Commission

Among the many accomplishments of the Acushnet Historical Commission in 1976 was the completion of the Bicentennial Quilt. This was finished in October and displayed at the Carver Public Library. It was then presented to the Long Plain School Museum and may now be seen there.

The Museum itself was officially opened on August 14, 1976. It remained open the rest of the summer, every day from 9 to 4, and, according to the registration book, was very well attended. Many items of interest were loaned or donated, and this coming summer should bring forth many more objects from Acushnet's earlier years. We hope to be able to change the displays frequently so it will continue to draw people in. We wish to thank the members of the Acushnet Historical Society for their help in getting it ready to open and also for their financial help on the display cases and future items.

The Commission has had postcards made up picturing the Museum, and these will be available shortly in several places around town, as well as at the Museum itself.

A lot of effort and planning went into the preparations for the Fourth of July Parade, but was well worth it according to those who watched it.

Our plans for the future include making the museum larger and more interesting, a possible booklet of old folk tales, and further marking of some of the old homes in Acushnet.

BERTHA HOLT
JOSEPHINE ALLEN
ROBERTA A. LEONARD
RONALD GAUDETTE
LEO T. JACKSON
TONI BOISSONEAU
HAROLD CRAPO

Report of the Gas Inspector

To the Officers and Residents of the town of Acushnet:

Forty-one (41) permits were issued from January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976.

**Respectfully submitted,
ALEXANDER DUFF
Acting Gas Inspector
RAYMOND LAFRANCE
Deputy Gas Inspector**

Report of the Wire Department

To the Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Wire Department issued 179 Wiring Permits in the calendar year of 1976.

Joseph DeCosta, Deputy Wire Inspector and John T. Koska, Wire Inspector wish to thank Town Officers and employees for their cooperation in our effort to fulfill our responsibilities for the Wire Department.

**Respectfully submitted,
JOHN T. KOSKA
Inspector of Wires** ✓

Report of the Water Department

To the Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Acushnet Water Department in the year 1976 installed 23 complete water services and 18 partial services. Several hydrants were raised in the areas of high population so the Fire Department can have much easier access for their connections in an emergency. Gate valves were also installed on other hydrants so that there would be no discomfort to consumers if the hydrant was hit by a vehicle or started to leak. Flushing was completed twice during the year for a double purpose: to remove any discoloration and stagnant water to lower the chances of contamination, and to inspect the operation of the fire hydrants.

In the year of 1977 we plan to continue installing hydrant gate valves and raising them, plus our flushing policy and any new services which may occur.

**Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM L. RICHARD
Water Department Foreman
(Acting)**

Report of the Street Name Committee

To the Officers and Residents of the Town of Acushnet:

The Street Name Committee respectfully submits the following report for the year 1976.

The Street Name Committee held 9 regular meetings and 1 special meeting during the year 1976. The following is a summary of business conducted during the year.

The members of the Street Name Committee also has the task of being the Street Study Committee. The committee submitted 3 streets to be reconstructed & resurfaced to be placed on the 1976 Annual Town Warrant. As of year's end (1976) Dayton St. and Wamsutta Ave. from Pedro St. to Parkside Ave. were reconstructed & resurfaced and Ward St. was graded and oiled. Also, Village Ave., which was started late in 1976, was finished this year. A job well done, too!

Accepted street names for 2 new developments in town. Deep Brook Estates and Middlewood Estates. At year's end, street names in Lynnwood Estates were still not decided upon.

Meeting was held with residents of East Budano Drive to try to change the name of the street to Budano Drive to avoid confusion. Budano Drive and East Budano Drive is all the same street. Residents of East Budano Drive unanimously opposed any name change.

Named the right of way at the end of Burt St. to Nye's Lane. The committee voted unanimously to make it all Burt St.

Tried to persuade 2 residents of Mello Lane to change their present Robinson Road addresses to Mello Lane for safety reasons and to avoid confusion. The 2 residents were opposed to changing their addresses.

North West Street was accepted. This street is located off Peckham Road at the New Bedford-Acushnet town line. Half of this street is located in New Bedford.

In summation of this report, the Street Name Committee would like to thank the Highway Dept. for adding more new street signs and replacing those that are constantly being vandalized. Good job!

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY AVILA, Chairman
MANUEL GOULART, Vice Chairman
RICHARD GONNEVILLE, Clerk
GERARD BERGERON, member

Report of the Safety Committee

To the Officers and Taxpayers of Acushnet:

The Town Safety Committee held a re-organizational meeting to welcome two (2) new members and elect the officers.

The committee is made up of five (5) members, one (1) from each precinct and the Fire and Police chiefs who are members at large. They hold these positions by virtue of their positions.

The Committee was not too active during the past year, because very few unsafe conditions were reported. However, some field trips are planned, and we will take whatever action is needed to make our Town a safer place to live.

**Respectfully,
JAMES MADRUGA, JR. Chairman
ARSENE J. CUSSON, Secretary
ROGER DESCHAMPS
GEORGE BEAULIEU
LEWIS ELGAR, JR.**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING April 26, 1976

Article 2: Unanimously voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chap. 44, Sec. 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chap. 44, Sec. 17.

Article 3: Unanimously voted to accept Article 3 as amended. To see if the cemetery board shall receive such compensation for their respective services. Such amounts not to exceed the receipts from grave openings, misc. fees from cemetery lots maintenance, and interest payable within the year on sundry perpetual care funds, and also money from Cemetery appropriation for works done on lots not in perpetual care.

Article 4: Unanimously voted to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Acct. the sum of \$6,864.50 for the purpose of two (2) new Police Cruiser Cars.

Article 5: Unanimously voted to utilize Federal Revenue Sharing funds received or to be received and that the sum of \$248,150.00 be applied to Article 1, 12a and 12b. (Police Salaries and Departmental Expenses.)

Article 6: Unanimously voted by 2/3 vote to table Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed ten (10) percent of the amount raised in 1975 by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property for the purpose of contributing a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Sec. 5B.

Article 7: Unanimously voted to raise and appropriate thru taxation the sum of \$37.95 to compensate Mr. Richmond Morse, 88 Keene Road, Acushnet for damage caused to his automobile due to alleged poor condition of Middle Road, just north of Leonard Street.

Article 8: Unanimously voted to accept JOSEPH STREET 1,010 feet westerly from the west line of Earle Street, to the east side of Helen Street, as per plan on file in Town Clerk's office as per plan of Arthur C. Thompson, Inc., Engineers & Surveyors, Marion, Mass., dated November 12, 1975.

Article 9: Unanimously voted to accept NORMAN STREET, 520 feet easterly from the northeast side line of Sears Lane, as per plan on file in Town Clerk's office as per plan of Arthur C. Thompson Inc., Engineers & Surveyors, Marion, Mass. dated November 12, 1975.

Article 10: Unanimously voted to accept plan accepted by Planning Board, November 23, 1964, Village View Heights, recorded at Registry of Deeds, Book 68, Page 42, John Hopp and Alice A. Hopp, deed recorded December 30, 1942, Book 864, Page 314.

Article 11: Motion failed to pass to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$660.00 for the layout of CRANDON DRIVE.

Article 12: Motion failed to pass to accept MARTEL STREET as laid out under Article 11, 1974 Annual Town Meeting, as per plan of Tibbetts Engineering Corp., dated June 28, 1974.

Article 13: Unanimously voted to reconstruct DAYTON STREET, 35 feet wide per plan of Corse & Tibbetts, dated December 10, 1959, Crompton Street to Main Street, 360 feet, and transfer from the Nye Avenue Account the sum of \$2,425.36, and to take from article 30, the sum of \$6,079.64.

Article 14: Unanimously voted to reconstruct WAMSUTTA AVENUE from Pedro Street to Parkside Avenue and transfer from money raised on Article 30 the sum of \$1,820.36 and from Article 31, the sum of \$2,409.64.

Article 15: Motion failed to pass to reconstruct WARD STREET from Middle Road to present accepted terminus, 1,200 feet more or less.

Article 16: Unanimously voted to amend the Protective By-Law as follows:

Section 3.2 & Strike out Section 3.2 (a) and insert in place thereof: (a) where public water supply is used, on a lot containing not less than 15,625 square feet and having a lot frontage and width of not less than 125 feet.

Also strike out Section 3.2 (b) and insert in place thereof: (b) where public water supply is not used, on a lot containing not less than 30,000 square feet and having a lot frontage and width of not less than 150 feet.

Also regarding Section 3.6 — strike out the last sentence and insert in place thereof the following sentence: This section of the By-Law shall not apply to any building which has a front yard set back in excess of 75 feet. (2/3 vote taken — hands not counted).

Article 17: Unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 147, Section 17B, which reads as follows:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the services of all regular or permanent police officers of every city and town which accepts this section shall be restricted to

five days and to forty hours in any one week; provided that the service in excess of the aforesaid days and hours may be authorized by the Police Commissioner, Chief, Superintendent or other officer or Board at the head of the Police Department of any such city or town and the officer performing such additional service shall be compensated at the hourly rate of his regular compensation for his average weekly hours of regular duty or such higher rate as may be determined by the person or persons authorized to establish pay scales in the respective police departments. The compensation payable to any such officer shall not be reduced by reason of the acceptance of this section. This section shall take effect in a city having a Plan E or Plan D charter when accepted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the city council and in the case of other cities by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, and in a town by majority vote at the annual town meeting."

Article 18: Unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 thru taxation under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws of the Commonwealth to effect insurance providing indemnity for the Board of Selectmen and any other Town officers designated by the Board of Selectmen for expenses or damages incurred by them in the defense or settlement of any claim against them which may arise while such officer or officers are acting in the scope of his official duties or employment.

Article 19: Unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21 (17), (19) of the General Laws, regarding:

(17) For prohibiting or regulating the removal of soil, loam, and sand or gravel from land not in public use in the whole or in specified districts of the town. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to compel compliance with any ordinance or By-Law made hereunder. The penalty for violation of any ordinance or By-Law made hereunder shall be as follows: for the first offense, fifty dollars; for the second offense, one hundred dollars; and for each subsequent offense, two hundred dollars. Any order or By-Law prohibiting such removal hereunder shall not apply to any soil, loam, sand or gravel which is the subject of a permit or license issued under the authority of the town or by the appropriate licensing board of such town or by the Board of Appeal, or which is to be removed in compliance with the requirements of a subdivision plan approved by the town planning board. (19) For requiring any person excavating land or any person in charge of such excavation and for requiring any owner of land which has been excavated to erect barriers or take other suitable measures within two days after such person has been notified in writing by the mayor or city manager and the city council, the selectmen or the building inspector, of the city or town in which the land is located that in their opinion such excavation constitutes a hazard to public safety. The penalty for

violation of any ordinance or By-Law made hereunder shall not exceed two hundred dollars per day for every day such person is in violation of such notice commencing with the fourth day thereof. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to compel compliance with any ordinance or By-Law made under the provisions of this clause. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person shall be found guilty of a violation of such an ordinance or By-Law, nor shall a person be compelled in equity to comply therewith unless, in the opinion of the court, such excavation constitutes a hazard, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20: Unanimously voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21 (22) of the General Laws, regarding:

(22) For controlling and abating noise from whatever source, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right to restrict or limit the use of automobile horns and the operation of motor vehicles in such a manner as to cause excessive noise, or take any other action relative thereto:.

Article 21: Unanimously voted to amend Article III, Financial Affairs, Section 15, of the Town By-Laws relative to Town Counsel being authorized to institute any suit involving not more than \$300 which he may think the interests of the town require, without instructions from the town in lieu of \$300 authorization; substituted the figure of \$1500 as voted.

Article 22: Unanimously voted to amend Article IV, Section 12 of the Town By-Laws, by adding as follows: whoever is found to be guilty of said violation by appropriate Court be subject to bearing all costs expended in to this matter. Motion made to further amend Article IV, Section 12 of the Town By-Laws by adding as follows: "To except antique automobiles in this article." It was unanimously voted to adopt the amendment "to except antique automobiles."

Article 23: Unanimously voted to postpone indefinitely to pay an additional 25%, to the payment of 50% of a premium for Contributory Group Life and Health Insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, whereby full cost to the town would have been 75% of total premium.

Article 24: Unanimously voted to adopt Article 24 allowing John T. Koska to tie in his drainage system at the extension of Park Drive into the Northwest Master Drainage system, with the said John T. Koska to pay all of the costs of the same and to be responsible for the same.

Article 25: Unanimously voted to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of \$843.42 as payment to Tibbetts Engineering Corp.,

New Bedford, for unpaid engineering-professional services rendered in May and June 1975 relative to reconstruction and curbing at Lisa Avenue.

Article 26: Unanimously voted to postpone until next annual Town Meeting to decrease from five School Committee members the three School Committee members to persons who may vote to fill vacancies or make appointments to the Old Colony Regional Vocational School Committee, so as to create an even vote, so that there will be three School Committeemen, three Selectmen, and the Town Moderator, who may vote to fill vacancies or make appointments to the Old Colony Regional Vocational School to vote this same article so as to comply with the Old Colony Regional Vocational School Agreement.

Article 27: Unanimously voted to raise by Transfer from E & D Account the sum of \$1.00 as per amendment #1 to purchase the following equipment and materials in accordance with "Applications for Funding Assistance" filed with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau requesting complete reimbursement for the purchase of the following:

(a) Police Traffic services: One (1) New Van Truck and all equipment as listed the application.

(b) Pedestrian Safety: All equipment necessary to set up a complete highway safety program, including projectors, screens film, etc. as listed in the application.

(c) Street Equipment: Pavement striper and Traffic counter as listed in the application.

Amendment No. 2 to this article was unanimously voted on by Town's people — instructing the Board of Selectmen that at no time they be allowed to add personnel to operate this equipment.

Article 28: Unanimously voted to raise or appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00, to be used only in conjunction with future Federal, or State or Local Aid only if it is forthcoming for the specific purposes of purchasing a new modular Class Ambulance, and equip said vehicle with necessary equipment according to Mass. General Laws, C.111C.

Article 29: Unanimously voted to transfer from E & D Account the sum of \$8,687.91 for payment of retroactive salaries to the Police Department. Said funds as result of Binding arbitration award made in 1975.

Article 30: Unanimously voted to raise by taxation the sum of \$7,900.00, for Town funds to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of town roads.

Article 31: Unanimously voted to raise from taxation the sum of \$12,000.00, for improvements of town roads as requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 32: Unanimously voted to raise by taxation the sum of \$1,200.00 to engage the services of a public stenotypist for all town meetings, and provide a sum of money therefore.

Article 33: Unanimously voted to transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$27,750.00 for the purpose of repairs and maintenance work at the Town Hall, including compensating architect.

Article 34: Unanimously voted to transfer from the STABILIZATION FUND the sum of \$25,000.00 as preliminary moneys for reassessing the properties at a full and uniform assessed valuation. (100% valuation.)

Article 35: Unanimously voted to transfer the sum of \$2,800.00 from a sale of Real Estate Fund and raise through taxation the sum of \$2,200.00 to conduct a summer recreation program cooperatively run by the School Department and the Park Department.

Article 36: Voted unanimously to postpone indefinitely the purchase/lease of a business machine.

Attest: Yvonne B. Desrosiers, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING June 14, 1976

Moderator called the meeting to order (by Moderator A. P. Stuart Gilmore) at 7:00 P.M. Monday, June 14, 1976. Quorum was not present, therefore, we waited until 7:30 P.M. At 7:30 P.M. a quorum (147) of voters still wasn't present. At this time the Selectmen made a motion that we adjourn until the following Monday, June 21, 1976, motion seconded and adjourned until then.

June 21, 1976, meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. Quorum absent, and we unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting, at 7:05 P.M. In the meantime the Town Accountant, Wilfred C. Fortin, contacted Division of Accounts in Boston, and the amount needed to cover Articles 1, 2 and 3 in the amount of \$11,443.37 was approved to run in Deficit Spending, into Fiscal 1977.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Police Department salaries account, or take any other action relative thereto. (\$7,660.75)

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Police Department departmental expenses account, or take any other action relative thereto. (\$2,101.30)

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to the Street light account, or take any other action relative thereto. (\$1,681.32)

Attest: Yvonne B. Desrosiers, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING October 25, 1976

Article 1. Unanimously voted that the Board of Selectmen act as Sewer Commissioners and pursuant to General Laws Chapter 41, Section 21, have the Selectmen place the question on the official ballot at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Article 2: Unanimously voted to transfer from the Overlay Reserve the sum of \$11,000.00 for the purchase of a new Class 1 Ambulance as required by State Law, Chap. 111C and equip said vehicle with necessary equipment to comply with the law. This additional sum to be used in conjunction with sum of \$10,000.00 appropriated at 4/26/76 Annual Town Meeting, of which a total of \$12,000.00 is to be reimbursed to the Town by the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Article 3: Unanimously voted to authorize its Selectmen to submit as application for the construction of a water system under the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-369) and expend any monies received in accordance with said application.

Article 4: Unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Water Revenue to retain an engineer to prepare and file any necessary applications or documents with any Federal or State agency to obtain planning and construction of a water system.

Article 5: Motion failed to pass to amend Section 3.2 (a) (b) of the Town Protective By-Law, regarding minimum lot size. The amendment would have been as follows: "No dwelling shall hereafter be erected on any new lot containing less than 40,000 square feet and having a frontage of less than 150 feet, (Planning Board held necessary hearing 9/28/76.)

Article 6: Unanimously voted to transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing the sum of \$4,000.00 authorizing the Board of Selectmen to retain an engineer to prepare engineering plans toward the construction of a sewage system, Step 1.

Article 7: Unanimously voted to adopt the following By-Law: No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed by anyone on Town property such as parks, school grounds, including Town Buildings, except by license or permission from those in authority.

Article 8: (See page 67) Article 1 of June 14, 1976, Special Town Meeting.

Article 9: (See page 68) Article 2 of June 14, 1976, Special Town Meeting.

Article 10: (See page 68) Article 3 of June 14, 1976, Special Town Meeting.

Attest: Yvonne B. Desrosiers, Town Clerk

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Acushnet At A Glance

Incorporated: February 13, 1860

Type of Government: Open Town Meeting

Population: 8,595 (estimated)

8,439 (State Census)

Valuation: 10,930,020.00

Tax Rate: \$240.00/per \$1000

Registered Voters: 5,117

Total Area: 18 square miles ✓

Number of Dwellings: 2,457 (including Mobile Homes)

Churches: 6

Public Schools: 3 ✓

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 — 999-1251

Fourth Bristol Representative District:

Rep. William Q. MacLean, Jr. — 992-4235 Home
727-5455 Office

Second Bristol Senatorial District:

Senator Mary Fonseca — Tel. 672-4100

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 1st Monday in April