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Two Hundred Seventy-fifth
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1931



Town Officers for 1931

MODERATOR

Edward A. MacMaster

SELECTMEN

	Elected	Expires
Leo F. Nourse, Chairman	1930	1933
Walter E. Rhoades	1929	1932
Ralph W. Case	1931	1934

ASSESSORS OF TAXES

	Elected	Expires
Leo F. Nourse, Chairman	1930	1933
Walter E. Rhoades	1929	1932
Ralph W. Case	1931	1934

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	Elected	Expires
Leo F. Nourse, Chairman	1930	1933
Walter E. Rhoades	1929	1932
Ralph W. Case	1931	1934

TOWN CLERK

	Elected	Expires
Edwin Keith	1931	1932

TOWN TREASURER

	Elected	Expires
Herbert E. Reed	1931	1934

TOWN COLLECTOR

	Elected	Expires
Herbert E. Reed	1931	1934

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Elected	Expires
Harold D. Hunt, Chairman	1931	1932
Ethel W. Doane	1929	1932
Hermon F. Wheeler	1930	1933
Fred P. Turner	1930	1933
Agnes Devine	1931	1934
Herman W. Richter	1931	1934

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

	Elected	Expires
Martha M. Burnell	1931	1934
James H. Dickinson	1931	1934
Katherine C. Prophett	1931	1934
Elsie L. Carr	1930	1933
Mary R. Flynn	1930	1933
Hermon F. Wheeler	1930	1933
James J. Gorman	1929	1932
Gustavus Pratt	1929	1932
Charles P. Sinnott	1929	1932

CONSTABLE

	Elected	Expires
Christopher J. O'Leary	1931	1932

BOARD OF HEALTH

	Elected	Expires
Albert F. Hunt, M. D., Chairman	1931	1934
Charles R. Smith, Secretary	1930	1933
Henry A. Gow	1929	1932

WATER COMMISSIONERS

	Elected	Expires
Samuel B. Cholerton	1929	1932
William H. Bassett	1930	1933
Fred W. Carlson	1931	1934

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

	Elected	Expires
George S. McNeeland	1929	1932
George J. Alcott	1930	1933
Fred W. Carlson	1931	1934

TREE WARDEN

	Elected	Expires
Francis C. Worthen	1931	1932

PLANNING BOARD

	Elected	Expires
Francis M. Hall	1931	1934
Fred W. Capel	1931	1934
Allston M. Sinnott	1930	1933
Mrs. Edward F. Coleman	1930	1933
Mrs. Harriet P. Hunt	1930	1932
Harlan P. Shaw	1930	1932

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Moderator

	Elected	Expires
George O. Jenkins	1931	1934
Edward F. McHugh	1931	1934
Arthur R. Tinkham	1931	1934
Flora T. Little	1930	1933
Charles F. Jordan	1930	1933
Samuel J. Kingston	1930	1933
Jane S. Carroll	1929	1932
Herbert K. Pratt	1929	1932
Benjamin E. Ward	1929	1932

OFFICERS APPOINTED by the SELECTMEN

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Charles H. Bixby, Appointed March 13, 1930
(Deceased June 16, 1930)

Miss A. Evelyn Keith, Appointed for three years
August 1, 1931

TOWN PHYSICIAN

William E. Hunt

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Ernest Leach

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Foster P. Parsons

CHIEF OF POLICE

James R. Moore

CONSTABLES

Frank Williams, (Bonded); Henry A. Gow,
Carlston H. Wood

POLICE OFFICERS

E. Frank LeBaron, Elmer F. Shaw, Christopher J. O'Leary

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Charles H. Hunter, Robert Hanlon, August R. F. Silvia,
John Cochrane, Alexander Marshall, Carlston H. Wood,
Glen Matteson, Alexander Kennedy, Lawrence D. Costa,
Charles Chisholm

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Roscoe W. Sanders

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

	Appointed	Expires
Thomas H. Hourahan, Chairman	1930	1933
Louiston H. Dyke	1929	1932
Augustus S. Reed	1931	1934

FIELD DRIVER AND POUND KEEPER

Myron E. Amber

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Benjamin F. Ellis, L. Melvin Leach, Frank D. Reed,
Rosario Wood

FENCE VIEWERS

Walter E. Rhoades Ralph W. Case

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Frederick Waite

Deputy, Francis G. Worthen

SWORN WEIGHERS

Elmore R. Nash, William J. Rogers, Luther Hayden, Jr.,
Charles P. Lewis, Fred A. McNeeland, Florence McDonald,
Annie J. Devine, Jennie P. Magee

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH EXTERMINATION

Francis C. Worthen

TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Glen S. Matteson

SUPERINTENDENT OF TOWN INFIRMARY

Myron E. Amber

DOG OFFICERS

Henry A. Gow

Elmer F. Shaw

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

George F. Weston

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

Roscoe W. Sanders

FIRE ENGINEERS

Frederick Waite, Chief

Robert A. Price

George Stephens

SUPERVISORS OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

James R. Moore

E. Frank LeBaron

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

(appointed by Town Clerk.)

Miss Saba E. Keith

Town Clerk's Report

CONDENSED REPORT OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 2, 1931

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Edward A. MacMaster at five forty-five o'clock in the morning and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

The Election Officers, having been appointed by the Selectmen, were duly sworn to the faithful performance of their several duties by the Town Clerk.

The Ballot Box was inspected by the Moderator and found to be empty and the register set at 0000.

Twenty-five hundred ballots were delivered to the Ballot Clerks and were receipted for by them.

At six o'clock A. M. the Moderator declared the polls open.

At four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day the Moderator declared the polls closed. Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine ballots having been cast.

At 12.30 A. M. on March 3rd. the Tellers had completed their work and the Moderator declared the results of the balloting as follows:—

FOR MODERATOR

Edward A. MacMaster had 1291 votes and was declared elected.

FOR TOWN CLERK

Edwin Keith had 1415 votes and was declared elected.

FOR TOWN TREASURER

Herbert E. Reed had 1103 votes and was declared elected.

FOR TOWN COLLECTOR

Herbert E. Reed had 1098 votes and was declared elected.

FOR SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEARS

Ralph W. Case had 1040 votes and was declared elected.

FOR ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

Ralph W. Case had 1032 votes and was declared elected.

FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE FOR THREE
YEARS

Ralph W. Case had 1009 votes and was declared elected.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Agnes Devine had 910 votes and Herman W. Richter had 1090 votes and they were declared elected.

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR

Harold D. Hunt had 1274 votes and was declared elected.

FOR TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE
YEARS

Martha M. Burnell had 1113 votes and James H. Dickinson had 1066 votes and Katherine C. Prophett had 1129 votes and they were declared elected.

FOR BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS

Albert F. Hunt had 1273 votes and was declared elected.

FOR CONSTABLE FOR ONE YEAR

Christopher J. O'Leary had 881 votes and was declared elected.

FOR TREE WARDEN FOR ONE YEAR

Francis C. Worthen had 1338 votes and was declared elected.

FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Fred W. Carlson had 937 votes and was declared elected.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Fred W. Carlson had 1161 votes and was declared elected.

FOR PLANNING BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

Fred W. Capel had 1155 votes and Francis M. Hall had 1044 votes and they were declared elected.

There being no further business to be transacted under this article the meeting was adjourned until March 7th. 1931 at 1.30 o'clock P. M.

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING. MARCH 7, 1931

In accordance with the provisions of Article 1, Section 3, of the Town By-Laws the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Edward A. MacMaster, at one-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 2. It was voted to accept the reports of the Town Accountant, School Committee, Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, Superintendent of Streets, Trustees of the Public Library and Board of Health as printed in the Town Report for 1930.

Article 3. The Committee appointed by the Moderator on March 8, 1931 to study the needs of the Fire Department reported as follows:—

“In accordance with the instructions given by vote at the last Annual Meeting your committee has made a study of the needs of the Fire Department with special reference to its Fire Apparatus.

We find that a serious condition exists, in as much as it is now necessary to send all three pieces of apparatus to all regular alarms. This is due to the fact that sufficient equipment cannot be carried on any two trucks to reasonably safeguard lives and property.

Therefore, whenever the apparatus is called to the outlying districts, the center of the town is left without protection. The Fire Engineers have wisely made it a practice to return one piece to the station as soon as it could be spared, but many times it has been necessary to leave the center of the town with its many homes, churches, schools, public buildings and factories absolutely without any protection for a period of several hours.

The absolute minimum time in which we could expect aid called from an adjoining town is fifteen minutes, and it is obvious that in that time there are localities in which a

fire might start and which would surely assume conflagration size in that period of time.

A questionnaire has been sent to all towns in this part of the State, and particularly to those having a population about equal to that of Bridgewater.

In practically every case we found that towns of this size have sufficient apparatus so that one or more pieces are held in reserve for filling-in purposes.

It appears to us that unless an additional piece of apparatus is purchased the great increase in the number of alarms with the consequent greater number of hours during which the town is left unprotected, will shortly make it necessary for the Board of Fire Engineers to hold in the station, except on general alarms, one truck, which action will, of course, greatly handicap the department in its efforts to quickly and efficiently cope with fires, and, no doubt, will result in the loss of property which otherwise might be saved.

The Committee, however, recognizes the fact that the financial demands on the town during the past year have been very heavy, and it is obvious that for the coming year will be at least equally heavy.

During these trying times it is essential that the burden on the tax payer be kept at the lowest possible point.

We, therefore, while recognizing the needs of the department, recommend that no action be taken at this time regarding the purchase of additional apparatus, but that your committee be given further time to study the situation with instructions to report back at the next Annual Meeting.

FREDERICK WAITE,
NATHAN A. BASSETT, Jr.,
SAMUEL B. CHOLERTON,
ROBERT G. CLARK, Jr.,
H. LORING JENKINS.

It was voted that the report of the Committee be accepted and its recommendations be carried out.

Article 4. Voted. That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred and twenty-four dollars for General Government, divided as follows:

Legislative	\$5.00
Selectmen	1,050.00
Accounting	1,800.00
Treasurer	815.00
Collector	3,150.00
Assessors	1,800.00
Certification of Notes	30.00
Law	50.00
Town Clerk	1,562.50
Election and Registration	261.50
Town Hall	1,400.00

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$8,188.00 for the maintenance of the Police Department.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$14,589.00 for the maintenance of the Fire Department.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$30.00 for other protection including the services of Dog Officer.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$400.00 for Sealing Weights and Measures.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$200.00 for Inspector of Buildings.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$3,100.00 for Suppression and Extermination of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Improvement and Protection of Shade Trees.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$4,985.00 for maintenance of Public Library and Reading Room, such sum to

be inclusive of income from Trust Funds applicable to general library purposes.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$200.00 for care of Common and Lighting Memorial Tablets thereon.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$720.00 for Rental and Maintenance of a Municipal Garage.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$675.00 for printing of Town Reports and other miscellaneous printing.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$7,900.00 for the payment of interest on temporary loans and general debt.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$35.00 for the care of Old Burying Grounds.

Voted—To appropriate from Water Revenue \$12,000.00 for operating expenses of the Water Department.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$2,590.29 for Insurance of Municipal Buildings and contents.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 as a Reserve Fund for extraordinary and unforeseen expenses; transfers to be made by the Advisory Committee.

Upon the following motions by Mr. Arthur R. Tinkham, duly seconded, it was Voted—To raise and appropriate \$6,432.96 for the lighting of Streets.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$2,925.00 for the purchase of new equipment for the Highway Department.

Voted—To raise and appropriate for relief and support of the poor and for aid to mothers with dependent children \$16,479.00.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for Old Age Assistance.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,200.00 for State and Military Aid and Soldiers Relief.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$118,982.00 for Support of Public Schools and Transportation of Pupils; the same to be inclusive of income from any Trust Funds and any amount received from the County on account of Dog Licenses.

Voted—To raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 for the prevention and extinguishment of Forest Fires.

Upon motions by Mr. Benjamin E. Ward, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Public Health for the removal and disposal of Refuse and Garbage and for the care of indigent persons suffering from disease dangerous to the public health the sum of \$4,020.00.

Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—To raise and appropriate \$350.00 for the care of the public dump.

Upon the following motions by Mr. Benjamin E. Ward, duly seconded, it was Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,850.00 for Public Health Nurse.

Voted—To raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 for care and maintenance of Sewers.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$21,755.00 for the repair and maintenance of public ways; same to be inclusive of all Street Railway taxes which are applicable to that purpose.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for Granolithic Sidewalks.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for continuation of Auburn Street.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for rebuilding North Street from Birch Street northerly.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,400.00 for improvement of Mt. Prospect Street.

Voted—To raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for improvement of Wall Street.

Article 5. Upon a motion by Mr. Charles H. Bixby, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be, and hereby is, authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenues of the financial year ending December 31, 1931, and to issue a note or notes of the Town therefor, payable within one year from the date of issue; that any debts incurred under this vote shall be paid from the revenues of said financial year or by renewal note or notes, payable from such revenues within one year from the date of the original issue.

Article 6. Upon a motion by Mr. Herbert K. Pratt, duly seconded, it was Voted Unanimously by a Rising Vote—That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars for the proper observance of Memorial Day; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 7. Upon a motion by Mr. Charles H. Bixby, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to act as a Collector of Taxes, and that in his capacity as Collector he be instructed to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed a Collector.

Article 8. Upon a motion by Mr. Fred W. Carlson, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for continuing the survey of the Town; the preparation of maps and gathering data for the Assessors.

Article 9. Upon a motion by Mr. Herbert K. Pratt, duly seconded, it was Voted—To raise and appropriate \$300.00 for the Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture and Mr. Augustus S. Reed was elected as Town Director.

Article 10. Upon a motion by Mr. Herbert K. Pratt, duly seconded, it was Voted—To raise and appropriate \$300.00 for High School Athletics to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Article 11. Upon a motion by Mr. Herbert K. Pratt, duly seconded, it was Vote—To raise and appropriate \$180.00 for rent of quarters for Post 203, American Legion.

Article 12. Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be used in conjunction with \$3,000.00 appropriated by the County and \$6,000.00 appropriated by the State, for the widening and re-location of Central Square, in accordance with plans as laid out by the County Commissioners.

Article 13. Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town raise and appropriate \$1,750.00 for land damages awarded by the County Commissioners in widening Central Square.

Article 14. Upon a motion by Mr. Herbert K. Pratt, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Assessors be authorized to use free cash in the Treasury not to exceed \$5,000.00 to meet appropriations made under the articles of the Warrant for this meeting; said sum representing cash actually collected and paid into the Town Treasury and not appropriated or obligated for any other purpose.

Article 15. A motion by Mr. F. Nourse, duly seconded, proposing a By-Law regulating the sale of fireworks, firecrackers and torpedoes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Thomas H. Hourahan duly seconded, it was Voted—That further consideration of this article be indefinitely postponed.

Article 16. Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—To raise and appropriate \$816.50

for land damages on Bedford Street as awarded by the County Commissioners.

Article 17. Upon a motion by Mr. Ernest Morrell, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Electric Street Lighting Committee be instructed to have a light placed at or near 665 Pleasant Street and that the Town raise and appropriate \$18.00 for same.

Article 18. Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town instruct the Selectmen to be represented at a hearing before the General Court in favor of changing the boundary line between Bridgewater and East Bridgewater to conform with the new road lay-out according to the plan of the County Commissioners.

There being no further business under the Warrant the meeting was adjourned without date at three-thirty P. M.

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING. AUGUST 8, 1931

In conformity with the provisions of the Warrant the meeting was called to order by the Moderator Mr. Edward A. MacMaster at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon. The Warrant was then read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Upon a motion by Mr. Eldon M. Thompson, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town lay water mains of not less than six inches, but less than sixteen inches in diameter on Auburn Street from the junction of Summer and Auburn Streets to No. 155 Auburn Street

and on Laurel Street from the junction of Laurel and Auburn Streets to No. 391 Laurel Street with necessary connections and equipment for fire protection and domestic use; and to transfer \$9,000.00 from the unexpended balance of money appropriated for the same purpose on South, Green and Vernon Streets.

The vote was,—Affirmative 26; Negative 00.

Article 2. Upon a motion by Mr. Henry Imhof, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town appropriate \$75.00 for rent of James A. Oliver Post Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The business of the meeting having been completed the meeting was adjourned without date at one fifty-five o'clock P. M.

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING. NOVEMBER 14, 1931

In conformity with the provisions of the Warrant the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at one-thirty o'clock P. M. and the Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—To appropriate and transfer from the surplus revenues of previous years the sum of \$4,000.00 for aid and support of the poor for the remainder of the current financial year; that the Town Accountant be hereby authorized to make such transfer.

Article 2. Upon a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was Voted—To appropriate and transfer from the surplus revenues of previous years the sum of \$1,000.00 for Old Age Assistance for the remainder of the current

financial year; that the Town Accountant be hereby authorized to make such transfer.

Article 3. Upon a motion by Mr. Harold D. Hunt, duly seconded, it was Voted—That the Town lease for a period of ten years for such price, upon such terms and conditions and with such privilege of renewal as to the Board of Selectmen may seem for the best interest of the Town, a small portion of the Flagg Street School House Lot, so called, measuring one hundred feet on Auburn Street and extending back the same width a distance of one hundred feet; and the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized and instructed to make, sign, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of the Town a lease of the same.

Any building erected thereon by the Association shall be deemed to be personal property and may be removed by the Association at the expiration of said lease or within thirty days thereafter.

The business of the meeting having been completed the meeting adjourned without date at one fifty o'clock P. M.

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED BY THE
TOWN CLERK

Resident Sporting Licenses	314 at \$2.75	\$863.50
Resident Trapping Licenses	5 at 5.25	26.25
Non-Resident Sporting License	2 at 3.25	6.50
Alien Sporting License	1 at 15.25	15.25
Minor Trapping License	19 at 1.25	23.75
Minor Fishing License	2 at 1.25	2.50
Duplicate Licenses	7 at .50	3.50
Free Sporting Licenses (persons over 70) 15		
Total		\$941.25
Less Clerk's fees paid to Town Treasurer		85.75
		\$855.50
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Game		\$855.50

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK

Not including Dog or Sporting

Town Licenses granted by the Selectmen	\$340.19	
Recording above Licenses	36.00	
Marriage Intentions	57.00	
Recording Mortgages	46.52	
Recording Pole Locations	35.00	
		\$514.71
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$514.71

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF DOG LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN
CLERK

Number of Dogs returned by the Assessors:—

Males and Spayed Females	310
Females	22
Total	332

Number of Dogs licensed from Dec. 1, 1930 to Dec. 1, 1931:

Males and Spayed Females	447 at \$2.00	\$894.00
Females	67 at 5.00	335.00
Kennel Licenses	2 at 25.00	50.00

Total received	\$1,279.00
Less Clerk's fee of 20 cents each paid to Town Treasurer	103.20
	\$1,175.80

Paid County Treasurer June 1, 1931 \$483.00

Paid County Treasurer Dec. 1, 1931 692.80

\$1,175.80

EDWIN KEITH,
Town Clerk.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS RECORDED IN BRIDGEWATER IN 1931

Date	Child's Name	Name of Parents
Jan.		
1	Curtis Edgar Benson	Ward C. and Mary L. Smith
5	Grace Cameron	John P. and Ada I. Tuhoilski
6	Catherine Mary Bryant	Percy I. and Helen F. Haight
8	Ethel Soderbom	John H. and Florence M. Levy
11	Loretta Patricia Malinsky	Andrew J. and Eva B. Potas
11	David Flynn Dowd	John W. and Mary E. Flynn
12	Rose Loraine Ricci	Angelo E. and Mary Tozzi
16	Richard Herbert Enos	Manuel and Elizabeth Olivera
19	Nora Bianchini	Annibale and Zoele M. Batti
25	Margaret Rita Balboni	Nind and Lena M. Trocchi
26	Barbara Dutra Silva	August R. F. and Aurora Dutra
30	Marie Angela Akeke	Farris and Rose Marzelli
Feb.		
8	Catherine Kilbridge	Thomas J. and Mary O'Leary
10	Sherlie Veronica Deksnes	Charles K. and Veronica Chaponis
18	Hazel Ryder Tufts	Clarence J. and Alice H. Ryder
24	Robert Louis Cassani	James and Rita Cavicchi
27	David Souza	Manuel and Rose Moni
27	Charles Lawrence Soderbom	Lawrence A. and Anita Tassinari
27	Lorraine Frances Thompson	Charles A. and Frances E. Bodge
Mar.		
1	Antonio Perry	Manuel and Mary Luce
2	Alan Lee Blackwell	Waldo E. and Vera F. Chace
2	Richard Antonio Palleschi	Joseph and Elda Somaruga
2	Ann Boyajian	Stephen H. and Azniv Siranosian
9	Joseph Francis Martinelli	Ernest and Louisa Tossi
13	Sylvia Oleiva Bentley	Ralph F. and Mildred M. Giberti

24 Madeline Gertrude Gross
 26 Richard Ralph Harlow
 30 Clara Medas
 30 Annie Urkiewicz

Frank L. and Gertrude Kobis
 Ralph W. and Beatrice Smith
 Joseph F. and Rose Laurenco
 Anthony and Josephine Bartaszewicz

Apr.

4 Kathaleen Mary Seaver
 19 Leonard Wayne Brackett
 24 Josephine Parish Mason

Raymond L. and Mary E. Grady
 Frank L. and Gladys R. Burnham
 John L. and Katherine Shaw

May

4 Marilyn Jones
 20 Bernice Saly Tunewicz
 21 David Earl Howe
 26 Donald Darby Craft, Jr.

Arthur E. and Helen I. Levy
 William and Sadie Gadez
 George C. and Gertrude L. Bordon
 Donald D. and Dorothy D. Leach

June

2 Helen Irene Levy
 3 Richard Chester LaPrade
 10 Lois Victoria Winberg
 12 Beverly June Chambers
 13 Harriett Rowe
 14 Marjorie Ann Hayward
 16 Jean Marie Campbell
 18 Laura Rosie Cassiana
 28 Raymond Glenn Bodge

Clarence A. and Doris M. LeClair
 George H. and Clara M. Pfrang
 Edward A. and Norma L. Sturtevant
 John and Evelyn M. Browne
 Harry and Rose A. Whalley
 George E. and Annie Church
 Edward L. and Inez M. Donati
 Cilio and Antonina Leonchini
 Harry A. and Nellie C. Gay

July

4 Marilyn Ann Benson
 5 Robert Carlton Beal
 8 Irene Groce Rose
 10 Peter Michael Mazzoline
 14 Katherine Florence Wright
 16 Betty Ann Chuckran
 25 Emil Richard Smith

Carl E. and Annie Raymond
 Ellis F. and Harriett E. Leach
 Joseph F. and Emma L. Gracia
 Paul and Mary E. Tassinari
 Henry E. and Ethel F. Hysler
 Samuel and Rose H. Papi
 Emil and Sadie Risberg

Aug.

5 Charles Leslie Smith, Jr.
 22 Joan Alice Louise Belmore
 27 David Reed Hunt
 28 Edward Richard Querzoli

Charles L. and Edith L. Woodbury
 George A. and Henrietta M. Beaudreau
 Harold D. and Stella B. Gummow
 Oresta and Carmelina Borghi

Sept.

5 Carolyn Elizabeth Evans
 12 Mary Patricia Linehan
 13 Donald Herbert Keith
 22 Lorraine Caroline Faria

King I. and Kleo E. Hodges
 Patrick J. and Katherine Condon
 J. Chester and Grace E. Burke
 Manuel J. and Caroline Almeda

Oct.

3 Charles Joseph Grady, Jr.
 4 Iva Chapman
 8 Charles Richard Chisholm
 18 Dolores Blakely
 22 Mary Joan Bellastroci
 23 Anna Silvia Jesulaitis
 28 Constance Marie Hysler
 31 Gloria Viola Ellis
 31 Helen Lena Sarcione

Charles J. and Una M. Kelliher
 Robert K. and Flora Cochran
 John M. and Helen Lamprey
 Roy Q. and Ida Kraft
 Quereno and Julia Messalina
 John and Anna Silvia
 Fletcher B. and Marion E. Doyle
 Aldon C. and Viola Thompson
 Luigi and Loretta Trillo

Nov.

21 William Arthur Irving, Jr.
 24 Julia Anna Almeida

William A. and Hazel M. Tranmer
 Frank and Annie P. Andrat

Dec.

8 Joan Buron
 9 Helen Elizabeth McIntire
 15 Dorothy Ann Hayward
 16 Peter Reposa
 17 Calvin Edward Ellis
 19 Roque
 20 William Lewis Dupre
 20 William Joseph Bromley, Jr.
 22 Manuel Joseph Souza, Jr.
 27 Joseph Lawrence Homen, Jr.

Archie and Eileen A. McGinn
 Charles I. and Esther M. Saunders
 Eldred E. and Susan Lincoln
 Manuel and Mary Almeida
 Benjamin F., Jr., and Laura Knight
 John S. and Mary Olivera
 Robert J. and Gertrude Turner
 William and Catherine L. Wilson
 Manuel J. and Sophia E. Malewicz
 Joseph and Florence Greco

Whole number of Births recorded 86.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BRIDGEWATER IN 1931

- Jan. 10 Frederick G. Johnson and Olga S. Johnson (Bollinder), both of East Bridgewater.
 31 Henry A. Boucher of Bridgewater and Doris Lindberg of Brockton.
- Feb. 19 Chester W. Bates and Kinetia Hawthorne, both of Bridgewater.
- Mar. 9 Holger G. Smith of Bridgewater and Virginia M. Vokes of Mattapoissett.
- Apr. 5 Colin H. Campbell of Bridgewater and Margaret J. Hazelhurst of Quincy.
 5 James M. Harkins of Brockton and Rose M. Lewis of Bridgewater.
 11 Harold W. Hill of East Bridgewater and Dorothy F. Jones of Bridgewater.
 12 John Chambers of Bridgewater and Evelyn M. Browne of Whitman.
 28 Guy W. Gurney of Bridgewater and Bessie E. McClellan of So. Hanson.
- May 16 Meron Michalow of Brockton and Mary M. Marmish of Bridgewater.
 31 Manuel Souza and Sophie Malewicz both of Bridgewater.
- June 1 William A. Irving and Hazel M. Tranmer, both of Bridgewater.
 2 Alfred P. Fortier of Bridgewater and Myrtle E. Walton of Taunton.
 6 Joseph P. Desknis of Bridgewater and Sophie Kondriente of Dorchester.
 7 Arthur N. Berry of Columbus, Ga., and Dorothea M. Keough of Bridgewater.

- 7 Joseph Mytainowski of New Bedford and Eva Pecoaska of Bridgewater.
- 25 L. Alonzo Hamlen and Margaret M. Sweeney, both of Bridgewater.
- 25 Joseph Dutra of Bridgewater and Della Perry (Rathbone) of Middleboro.
- 27 Gordon W. Parker of Nova Scotia and Emma A. Robb of Woodland, Me.
- 30 James H. Beatty, Jr., of Avon and Dorcas O. Bentley of Bridgewater.
- July 2 Stanley A. Carle of Bridgewater and Margaret M. Stewart of Brockton.
- 4 Francis J. McMenemy of New York and Edna I. Provasi of Bridgewater.
- 6 Joseph Leandres, Jr., of Brockton and Josephine L. Borges of Bridgewater.
- 7 George M. Gotshalk and Bessie Katz (Berko-witz), both of Bridgewater.
- 10 Willis E. Chapin of Bridgewater and Ruth I. Ellsworth of Brockton.
- 11 Donald B. Ames and Inez M. Eno, both of Bridgewater.
- 15 William J. Bromley and Catherine L. Wilson, both of Bridgewater.
- Aug. 5 Vincent Busi and Rosie Cavicchi, both of Bridgewater.
- 1 Peter G. Donati and Yolanda Giovannini, both of Bridgewater.
- 8 Owen W. Heleen of Bridgewater and Doris M. Wilber of Taunton.
- 17 Ralph W. Terry of Brockton and Hazel L. Shaw of Bridgewater.
- 20 Christopher J. Dutra of Middleboro and Dorothy C. Dubee of Bridgewater.

- 29 Francis A. Brown of West Bridgewater and Lydia M. Boucher of Bridgewater.
- 29 Ugo Fruzzetti of Bridgewater and Ardelle San-
kus of Brockton.
- Sept. 5 John M. Talkowski of Dorchester and Jenny
Szysko of Bridgewater.
- 12 John L. Joyce of Bridgewater and Blanche E.
Norris of West Bridgewater.
- 12 John H. King of Bridgewater and Catherine Put-
ney of Allston.
- 27 Alexander W. Zion of Middleboro and Marion J.
Nawlicki of Bridgewater.
- Oct. 1 Samuel Keeler of Bridgewater and Ella E. V.
Mitchell of Newport, R. I.
- 4 George D. C. Cogswell of West Bridgewater and
Esther M. Jefferson (Pratt) of Bridgewater.
- 8 Robert L. Osborne of Bridgewater and Helen
Burton of Taunton.
- 10 Stephen W. Brown of Stamford, Conn., and El-
sie Bevan of Bridgewater.
- 10 E. Harrison Keith of Bridgewater and Dorothy
S. Willis of Easton.
- 31 Clyde W. Turner of Brockton and Margaret A.
Hirst of Bridgewater.
- Nov. 18 Edward F. McHugh of Bridgewater and Eleanor
Marie Whelton of Boston.
- 21 Willard E. Stacy of Windsor, Conn., and Inez
A. Grimshaw of Bridgewater.
- 24 Brendan W. Murphy of Brockton and Edith M.
Giamperoli of Bridgewater.
- 26 Charles T. Rubeski of Bridgewater and Sophie
Turski of West Bridgewater.

Date	Name	Age			Cause	Names of Parents
		Y.	M.	D.		
Apr.	9 Martha C. Willey	63	—	13	Septic parotitis	Leach Clark and Sloan Cressy
	9 Michele Rea	51	—	—	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Luigi and Unknown
	11 William L. Sanville	57	1	16	Heart disease	Eleazer and Mary White
	17 Thomas Welch	69	—	—	Chronic Bright's disease	John and Ellen Morrissey
	24 Annie M. Otis	81	4	7	Arterio-sclerosis	Unknown
May	4 Michael Cap	—	6	—	Otitis media	Stephen and Amelia Suda
	7 Stergios Paltsios	60	1	11	Myocarditis	Paul and Bessie Chicles
	12 Adele Bedard	62	8	—	Chronic interstitial nephritis	Isidore Duquette and Catherine Gagnon
	14 George Cary Beals	79	1	16	Senility	Charles and Mehitable Phillips
	14 Michael J. Hallisey	72	—	—	Cerebral hemorrhage	James and Mary Kelliher
June	11 Deborah Tillson	75	7	24	Valvular heart disease	Newel Gammons and Deborah Thomas
	12 Robert Cassani	—	4	—	Persistent thymus	James and Rita Cavicchi
	16 Charles Hunter Bixby	68	10	12	Angina pectoris	Urban L. and Mary N. Hovey
	19 Marcia E. Pierce	73	—	—	Chronic nephritis	Marcus and Eliza A. Ames
July	4 Alexander Malchanoff	47	—	—	Heart disease	Gregory and Stephanie
	10 Mary Madigan	73	—	—	Cerebral hemorrhage	Cornelius Enwright and Ann Farrell
	12 Daniel A. Hayes	49	11	19	Carbon monoxide poisoning	Michael and Mary Jewett
	22 Ruth M. Butler	71	1	19	Cerebral hemorrhage	Lewis Simpson and Marie Johnson
	22 Charles R. Crane	78	11	19	Cerebral hemorrhage	Joshua E. and Lucy Reed
30 Carolyn D. Rand	—	8	6	Broncho pneumonia	Lloyd F. and Dorothy C. Dyke	

Aug.	8	Earle K. Turnbull	21	1	25	Acute Bright's disease	John W. and Bertha M. Howland
	11	Timothy Singleton	85	—	—	Senility	Jeremiah and Ellen McCarthy
	19	Lot Hackwell	86	6	3	Arterio-sclerosis	William and Sarah Young
	25	Ellen Rose Andrews (Small)	42	3	—	Coronary thrombosis	James H. and Ellen R. Leahy
	31	Bertha B. Scudder	72	9	3	Cancer of liver	Charles W. Hinckley and Elizabeth Baxter
Sept.	6	Douglass J. Tulloch	62	5	22	Carcinoma	Andrew and Elizabeth Sellars
	14	Mary Silva	22	—	15	Acute nephritis	Katon Souza and Hortense Starr
	17	Francis C. Kemp	8	7	17	Cerebral meningitis	Thomas and Agnes Maloney
	26	Wilfred E. Thomas	68	—	—	Oedema of brain	Luther and Myra K. Crocker
	24	John Rountry	61	2	—	Burns, accidental	James E. and Cora Barrows
	27	John Joseph Perry	38	8	2	Carcinoma	John and Anna Davilla
Oct.	4	Bessie Robinson MacRae	50	5	21	Hypernephroma	Arad R. Dunham and Florence Smart
	4	Juliet Mitchell	79	2	20	Myocarditis	Philip Recer and Debora Bennett
	5	Henry W. Talbot	66	7	17	Hypertrophy of prostate	America P. and Harriet W. Hill
	9	Marcie Washburn	78	1	6	Chronic myocarditis	Hosea and Weltha Packard
	11	Laura E. Seavey	73	11	1	Injuries from fall	David Vance and Saloncie Higgins
	17	Della R. Dutra	34	—	—	Mitral insufficiency	Marvin Rathbone and Nancy Franklin
	24	Manuel Amaral	46	—	—	Cancer	Manuel and Joaquine deR. Carrira
	25	Sarah A. Goring	74	6	2	Angina pectoris	Joseph Hellin and Isabel McFarson
	25	Mary Bertelli	12	1	1	Infectious endocarditis	Peter and Linda Bertla
	27	Rapheal W. Duplissey	81	—	—	Arterio-sclerosis	Rapheal and Mary Burbank
Nov.	4	Alice E. Bevis	51	1	4	Automobile collision	Thomas E. Kennon and Jane Maxwell
	4	Edward Fortes	43	—	—	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Matius and Josepha Salina
	20	Millard F. Keith	78	—	—	Arterio-sclerosis	Oliver and Julia Wilbar
	26	Lucy Warren Thompson	70	—	—	Senile dementia	Julius and Bathsheba Warren

Date	Name	Age			Cause	Names of Parents
		Y.	M.	D.		
Dec. 1	Joshua E. Crane	81	2	—	Arterio-sclerosis	Joshua E. and Lucy Reed
3	Francois Chretin	81	—	10	Myocarditis	Unknown and Marie Provencher
9	Albertina Herch	63	7	26	Arterio-sclerosis	Adam and Isabell Utch
13	Nettie F. Trowbridge	60	3	7	Carcinoma	Jacob Thompson and Florence Hayward
26	Henrietta Smith	81	4	2	Organic heart disease	Harvey Morse and Sarah Penny

Whole number of Deaths recorded, 149; Number in Town, 73; number at State Farm, 76.

Report of Assessors

Rate of Taxation, \$38.00 per thousand.	
Value of Real Estate	\$4,552,970.00
Value of Personal Estate	787,793.00
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Total	\$5,340,763.00

Number of Polls assessed	2,004
Number of Horses assessed	125
Number of Cows assessed	575
Number of Neat Cattle other than cows	14
Number of Swine assessed	41
Number of Fowl assessed	17,838
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	1,390
Number of Acres of Land assessed	14,906

Property exempt from taxation:

Churches, Cemeteries and other organizations	\$135,061.62
State Normal School	832,550.00
State Farm	1,312,975.00
Soldiers, Soldiers' Wives and Widows	12,230.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	300.00
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	\$2,303,116.02

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

School Houses and Land	\$235,000.00
School Department equipment	30,450.00
Public Library and equipment	27,000.00
Town Hall and equipment	22,000.00
Public Land	40,000.00
Engine House and land	5,500.00
Fire Department equipment	22,000.00
Lockup and Police equipment	1,000.00
Town Farm	7,000.00
Highway Department equipment	11,000.00
Moth Department equipment	2,500.00
Health Department	300.00
Sewer Department	32,000.00
Weights and Measures	500.00
Water Department Real Estate	107,500.00
Water Department Personal	396,500.00
Gravel Beds	650.00
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Total	\$940,900.00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Rate of Taxation, \$29.25 per thousand.	
Number of Vehicles registered in 1931	1,965
Value of Vehicles registered in 1931	\$514,345.00

LEO F. NOURSE,
RALPH W. CASE,
WALTER E. RHOADES,
Assessors of Bridgewater.

Report of Assessors' Survey

During the year 1931 three additional Atlas sheets have been added to the Assessors' Maps. These are sheets 15, 16, and 17 being the northeasterly part of the town covering an area of approximately 2,000 acres.

We have numbered each block formed by street, railroad, river and town lines throughout the entire town and have given each parcel of land within these blocks an assessors' number. A card index has been made of these numbers as well as a cross index of the property owners in alphabetical order. As each transfer of property is recorded the change is shown upon the card indexes and so does away with correcting the maps each year. This index will be very valuable upon the completion of the survey as it can be kept up to date at very little expense.

At this time it might be well to review the amount of work that has been accomplished. In the five years we have been engaged on this survey we have surveyed, mapped and plotted an area of 12,000 acres more or less. This work is shown on a title sheet, index sheet and 15 sheets—13 of which are completed and the other two are partially completed. The total area of the town is some 17,600 acres more or less leaving an area of 5,600 acres to be mapped. It might be well to add that we have considerable acreage shown on our control maps which when checked will be completed and shown on additional sheets. In connection with the amount

In Memoriam



CHARLES H. BIXBY

Born August 4, 1862

Died June 16, 1931

Served as Town Treasurer from March 5, 1917 to March 18, 1918

Served as Town Accountant from March 18, 1918 to the time of his death

Report of Town Accountant

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HOW THE TOWN'S MONEY IS EXPENDED

The following chart is intended to indicate the relative net cost of maintaining the various activities of the Town. Costs as here represented include expenses and outlays paid from current revenue. Deductions are made of departmental income and income from trust funds. By departmental income is meant such receipts as may be regarded as compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred.

	Net Cost	Per cent. of Total
<u>General Government</u>	\$12,404.95	4.4
<u>Protection of Persons and Property</u>	28,015.30	9.9
<u>Health and Sanitation</u>	9,171.26	3.2
<u>Highways</u>	42,733.13	15.1
<u>Charities and Soldiers' Benefits</u>	23,318.34	8.2
<u>Schools</u>	112,611.49	39.8
<u>*Interest and Debt</u>	19,064.04	6.8
<u>Other Municipal Expenses</u>	9,469.43	3.4
<u>State and County Taxes</u>	25,981.33	9.2
Total	\$282,769.27	100.0

*Does not include interest and debt paid from Water Revenue.

I. GENERAL ACCOUNTS

FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1931

Assets

Cash:		
General Funds		\$39,300.09
Loans authorized:		
Water supply		5,000.00
Uncollected taxes:		
1931 Polls	\$70.00	
1931 Property	54,739.90	
1930 Property	11,312.27	
	<hr/>	66,122.17
Tax Titles		645.55
Special assessments:		
Moth extermination, 1931	\$364.34	
Moth extermination, 1930	68.50	
Sidewalk, 1931	66.82	
Sidewalk, 1930	121.53	
Sidewalk, apportioned, not due	95.07	
	<hr/>	716.26
Sewer assessments:		
Assessment of 1931	\$58.25	
Assessment of 1930	199.56	
Apportioned assessment not due	292.40	
	<hr/>	550.21
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Assessment of 1931	\$758.78	
Assessment of 1930	273.70	
	<hr/>	1,032.48
Old Age Assistance Taxes		48.00

Due from the State:		
Vocational Education		97.50
Departmental accounts receivable:		
Tree Warden	\$6.19	
Forest Fires	1.74	
Health Department	2,016.53	
Public Welfare	1,667.53	
	<hr/>	3,691.99
Uncollected water rates		1,547.95
Appropriation (Deficits):		
Law Department	\$188.60	
Health Department	220.90	
Public Welfare	918.58	
	<hr/>	1,328.08
Bonded Debt		504,000.00
Securities and saving bank deposits		62,331.15
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Total		\$686,411.43

Liabilities

Temporary loans:		
Anticipation of revenue		\$65,000.00
Income from funds reserved for use		51.72
Overlay:		
For abatement of taxes, 1931	\$214.45	
For abatement of taxes, 1930	668.04	
Overlay reserve fund for extraordinary expenses	3,099.30	
	<hr/>	3,981.79
Sewer revenue:		
Receipts reserved	\$1,812.90	
Due 1932-1936 inclusive	292.40	
Due and uncollected	257.81	
	<hr/>	2,363.11

Water revenue:			
Receipts	\$3,063.41		
Uncollected	1,547.95		
		<u> </u>	4,611.36
Receipts reserved until received:			
Special assessments	\$621.19		
Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	1,032.48		
Departmental accounts receivable	3,789.49		
Tax title reserve	645.55		
Sidewalk assessment due 1932-34 inc.	95.07		
		<u> </u>	6,183.78
Accounts payable:			
Departmental	\$1,358.33		
State, Old Age Assistance	4.00		
		<u> </u>	1,362.33
Suspense Account			68.61
Appropriation balances:			
Auburn Street	\$67.62		
Bedford Street, land damages	16.00		
Central Square, widening	611.66		
High School Athletics	7.42		
Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial	58.74		
Water Supply, South, Vernon and Green Streets	57.89		
Water Supply, Auburn and Laurel Streets	5,344.80		
		<u> </u>	6,164.13
Excess and Deficiency:			
Revenue surplus, 1931	\$3,980.64		
Surplus of previous years	26,272.81		
		<u> </u>	30,253.45
Construction loans:			
Junior High School	\$20,000.00		
Training School	45,000.00		
Water Supply	439,000.00		
		<u> </u>	504,000.00

Trust and special funds:		
School	\$18,189.50	
Library	21,475.00	
Cemetery	7,011.14	
Buildings Insurance	4,790.48	
Employers' Liability	10,905.03	
	<hr/>	62,371.15
Total		<hr/> \$686,411.43

REVENUE OF 1931

Revenue:		
Taxes assessed on property	\$202,948.99	
Taxes assessed on polls	4,008.00	
Corporation, Bank etc.	10,432.35	
Income taxes	37,406.50	
Receipts from all other sources	40,753.04	
Unexpended balances of appropriations	3,163.27	
Free cash in the treasury used to meet expenses of the current year	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$303,712.15
Charges against revenue:		
Appropriations	\$253,059.75	
Maturing Debt	10,000.00	
State taxes and assessments	8,712.86	
County taxes and assessments	20,034.45	
Water Department deficit	6,606.92	
Overlay	1,219.68	
Tax title reserve	97.85	
	<hr/>	299,731.51
Revenue surplus		<hr/> \$3,980.64

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

	Estimated	Actual
Income Taxes	\$37,844.60	\$37,406.50
Corporation taxes	10,886.06	9,915.19

National Bank & Trust Companies	1,122.34	517.16
Veterans' exemption	69.07	68.94
Land used for public purposes	3,260.64	3,260.64
Licenses and permits	569.00	582.50
Fines	908.41	551.23
Tuition in vocational schools	290.93	290.93
Dog licenses	947.75	1,892.90
Moth assessments	1,319.55	1,270.68
Sidewalk assessments	179.47	393.44
Tax collector	652.51	816.72
Town clerk	325.29	318.16
Town hall	343.50	467.00
Fire department		3.00
Sealer	138.00	108.79
Forestry	150.22	236.70
Health	2,009.02	1,198.32
Highway	7.00	138.13
Town Infirmary	1,936.40	1,794.70
Public Welfare	1,182.85	1,051.42
Soldiers' Benefits	216.00	392.00
School department	3,633.10	5,838.81
Public Library	230.48	210.10
Interest on Deposits	684.31	693.03
Interest on Taxes	2,450.30	2,784.78
Income from School and Library Funds	1,755.56	1,620.56
Motor vehicles	11,777.44	11,945.62
Chapter 122, Acts of 1931, Highway offset	2,823.94	2,823.94
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	\$87,713.74	\$88,591.89

REVENUE SURPLUS, 1931

Taxes assessed subsequent to general levy	\$37.07	
Excess of actual over estimated receipts	878.15	
Unexpended balances of appropriation	3,163.27	
	<hr/>	\$4,078.49
Less reserve to cover tax titles		97.85
		<hr/>
Surplus		\$3,980.64

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

Surplus January 1, 1931	\$35,780.32	
Tax sale, interest and costs prior to sale	5.64	
Redemption of tax titles	534.98	
Surplus of 1931	3,980.64	
	<hr/>	\$40,301.58
Appropriation for Public Welfare (Vote of Town November 1931)	\$4,000.00	
Appropriation for Old Age Assistance (Vote of Town November 1931)	1,000.00	
Tax Title Reserve	48.13	
Free cash applied to expenses, 1931	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	10,048.13
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Surplus December 31, 1931		\$30,253.45

SEWER REVENUE

Balance January 1, 1931:		
Receipts reserved for construction purposes	\$1,715.35	
Due and uncollected	257.07	
	<hr/>	\$1,972.42
Assessments and interest committed 1931		98.29
		<hr/>
		\$2,070.71
Balance December 31, 1931:		
Receipts reserved	\$1,812.90	
Due and uncollected	257.81	
	<hr/>	\$2,070.71

WATER REVENUE

Revenue		
Balance January 1, 1931:		
Receipts	\$1,895.14	
Due and uncollected	1,285.14	
	<hr/>	\$3,180.28

Charges to consumers:		
First quarter	\$9,764.84	
Second quarter	9,525.62	
Third quarter	9,181.24	
Fourth quarter	9,582.66	
	<u>\$38,054.36</u>	
Less abatements	72.32	
		<u>37,982.04</u>
Assessed in tax levy		6,606.92
Total revenue		<u>\$47,769.24</u>

Expenses

Operating expenses	\$9,330.08	
Interest on Debt	16,827.80	
Maturing Debt	17,000.00	
	<u> </u>	
Total expenses		\$43,157.88
Balance December 31, 1931:		
Receipts	\$3,063.41	
Uncollected	1,547.95	
	<u> </u>	4,611.36
		<u>\$47,769.24</u>

OVERLAY

	Overlay of 1931	
Assessed in tax levy		\$1,219.68
Abatements:		
Property taxes	\$763.23	
Poll taxes	242.00	
	<u> </u>	1,005.23
Balance carried to 1932		<u>\$214.45</u>

Overlay of 1930		
Balance January 1, 1931		\$868.23
Abatements:		
Property taxes	\$188.19	
Poll taxes	12.00	
	<hr/>	200.19
Balance carried to 1932		<hr/> \$668.04
Overlay of 1929		
Balance from 1931		\$375.26
Abatements:		
Property taxes		142.93
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Balance transferred to Overlay Reserve Fund		\$232.33
Overlay Reserve Fund		
Balance from 1931		\$2,866.97
Transferred from Overlay of 1929		232.33
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Balance carried to 1932		\$3,099.30

INSURANCE FUNDS

Municipal Buildings

Amount of fund January 1, 1931	\$4,591.22
Interest, 1931	199.26
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Amount of fund December 31, 1931	\$4,790.48

Employers' Liability

Amount of fund January 1, 1931	\$10,725.83
Interest, 1931	483.20
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Compensation to injured employees	\$11,209.03
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Amount of fund December 31, 1931	\$10,905.03

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Temporary Loans

Outstanding January 1, 1931	\$80,000.00	
Issued 1931 in anticipation of revenue		
March 9, The Atlantic Corp. of Boston		
2.21% notes, due December 1, 1931	50,000.00	
April 24, First National Bank of Boston		
2.14% notes, due December 1, 1931	50,000.00	
November 17, Merchants National Bank		
3.87% notes, due July 8, 1932	65,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$245,000.00
Maturities paid during the year		180,000.00
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Outstanding December 31, 1931		\$65,000.00

Indebtedness Inside Statutory Limit

Outstanding January 1, 1931	\$25,000.00
Maturities paid during the year:	
Junior High School loan	5,000.00
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Outstanding December 31, 1931	\$20,000.00

Indebtedness Outside Statutory Limit

Outstanding January 1, 1931	\$462,000.00
Water Bonds issued:	
July 1, 1931—3½% Bonds	40,000.00
July 1, 1931—4% Notes	4,000.00
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	\$506,000.00
Maturities paid during the year:	
Training School Loan	\$5,000.00
Water Loans	17,000.00
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	22,000.00
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Outstanding December 31, 1931	\$484,000.00

BORROWING CAPACITY

(Inside Debt Limit)

Valuation April 1929	\$5,259,164.00	
Additional, December	1,050.00	
Motor Vehicles	574,670.00	
	<u> </u>	\$5,834,884.00
Valuation April 1930	\$5,280,824.00	
Additional, December	3,400.00	
Motor Vehicles	538,035.00	
	<u> </u>	5,822,259.00
Valuation, April 1931	\$5,339,998.00	
Additional, December	765.00	
Motor Vehicles	514,155.00	
	<u> </u>	5,854,918.00
		<u> </u>
		\$17,512,061.00
Less valuations on which abatements have been allowed to December 31, 1931		
Valuation of 1929	\$21,040.00	
Valuation of 1930	10,533.00	
Valuation of 1931	19,785.00	
Motor Vehicles, 1929	49,485.00	
Motor Vehicles, 1930	25,863.00	
Motor Vehicles, 1931	15,625.00	
	<u> </u>	142,331.00
		<u> </u>
		\$17,369,730.00
Average for three years	\$5,789,910.00	
Three per cent of average (total borrowing capacity)	173,697.30	
Less indebtedness, inside debt limit, outstanding December 31, 1931		20,000.00
		<u> </u>
Net borrowing capacity inside debt limit December 31, 1931		\$153,697.30

II. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Property, 1931	\$147,348.01	
Less State and County taxes	25,981.33	
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For municipal purposes		\$121,366.68
Property, 1930		37,816.53
Property, 1929		7,230.81
Property, 1928		256.90
Poll, 1931		3,696.00
Poll, 1930		14.00
		<hr/>
		\$170,380.92

From the State:

Income, 1931	\$37,406.50	
Corporation, Business	6,881.30	
Corporation, Public Service	3,033.89	
National Bank and Trust Companies, 1931	514.55	
National Bank and Trust Companies, previous years	2.61	
Loss of taxes on account of veterans' exemption	68.94	
Loss of taxes on account of land used for public purposes	3,260.64	
Gasoline Tax Refund	2,823.94	
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		\$53,992.37

Licenses and Permits.

Alcohol	\$4.00
Junk Dealers	50.00
Pedlars	40.00
Sunday	187.50
Pool, billiards and bowling	30.00
Milk	14.00
Common Victualler	54.00

Garage		45.00	
Oleo		4.00	
Gasoline		28.00	
Auctioneers		2.00	
Massage		8.00	
Undertakers		3.00	
Dance hall		10.00	
Special licenses granted by State Division of Standards		45.00	
Marriage Intentions		58.00	
			<u>582.50</u>
Fines and Forfeits			
Court Fines	\$550.23		
House of Correction Fines	1.00		
			<u>551.23</u>
Grants and Gifts			
From the State:			
Tuition in State aided vocational Schools		\$290.93	
From the County:			
Dog licenses		1,892.90	
			<u>2,183.83</u>
Total General Revenue			<u>\$227,690.85</u>

Special Assessments

For Expenses			
Moth Extermination, 1931		\$981.13	
Moth Extermination, 1930		250.41	
Moth Extermination, 1929		39.14	
			<u>\$1,270.68</u>
Sidewalks, 1931		\$84.03	
Sidewalks, 1930		282.78	
Sidewalks, 1929		26.63	
			<u>393.44</u>
For Outlays			
Sewer, 1931		\$34.95	
Sewer, 1929		49.19	
			<u>84.14</u>
Total special assessments			<u>\$1,748.26</u>

Privileges

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1931	\$10,903.55	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1930	964.77	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1929	77.30	
	<hr/>	\$11,945.62

Departmental**General Government**

Tax Collector:		
Charges for collection	\$821.47	
Town Clerk:		
Fees paid to Treasurer	318.16	
Town Hall:		
Rental	442.00	
Sale of Chairs	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,606.63

Protection of Persons and Property

Fire Department:		
Sale of old tires	\$3.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Fees for sealing	108.79	
Moth Extermination:		
Services and Material	85.67	
Tree Warden:		
Services and Material	49.35	
Forest Fires:		
Services and Material	101.68	
	<hr/>	\$348.49

Health and Sanitation

Tuberculosis:		
Reimbursement from individuals	\$320.00	
State Subsidy	878.32	
	<hr/>	\$1,198.32

Highway Department

Offsets to outlays:		
From the State	\$6,055.21	
From the County	5,055.21	
	<hr/>	\$11,110.42
Services and Material		138.13
	<hr/>	\$11,248.55

Charities.

Town Infirmary:

Reimbursement for board	\$109.04	
Sale of Produce	1,685.66	
		<u>\$1,794.70</u>

Reimbursement for relief given:

From other Cities and Towns	\$615.80	
From the State	139.12	
		<u>754.92</u>

Mothers' Aid:

From the State	296.50	
		<u>\$2,846.12</u>

Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid:

Reimbursement from State	\$216.00	
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Soldiers' Relief:

Reimbursement from other Cities and Towns	176.00	
		<u>\$392.00</u>

School Department

Tuition and transportation of non-resident pupils:

From the State	\$458.03	
Halifax	4,303.07	
Boston	883.78	
East Bridgewater	76.93	
West Bridgewater	117.00	
		<u>\$5,838.81</u>

Public Library

Fines	210.10	
		<u>\$23,689.02</u>

Total departmental

Public Service Enterprises**Water Department**

Meter rentals	\$1,203.50	
Water Rates	35,222.86	
Sale of material	925.46	
Labor	367.41	
		<u>\$37,719.23</u>

Interest

Bank deposits		\$693.03	
Taxes		2,818.36	
Special Assessments		13.41	
Trust Funds			
School	\$873.61		
Library	904.18		
			1,777.79
Insurance Funds:			
Municipal Buildings	\$199.26		
Employers' Liability	483.20		
			682.46
Total Interest			\$5,985.05

Non-Revenue Receipts

Municipal Indebtedness

Loans in anticipation of revenue	\$165,000.00	
Water Loan	44,000.00	
Premium on Water Loan	72.00	
		\$209,072.00

Agency.

State Tax	\$8,100.00	
County Tax	17,881.33	
Old Age Assistance Tax	1,980.00	
		27,961.33

Trust.**Cemetery Funds:**

Sale of lots	\$40.00	
New Fund	100.00	
Income from funds	329.76	
Income withdrawn from savings banks for use	288.70	
		758.46
Suspense account, unreturned checks		20.51

Investment.

Employers' Liability Insurance Fund with- drawn from savings bank for use	304.00
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Refunds.

Taxes	\$15.62	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	544.54	
Departmental	169.27	
	<hr/>	729.43
Total non-revenue		<hr/> \$238,845.73

Recapitulation of Receipts

General Revenue		\$227,690.85
Commercial Revenue:		
Special assessments	\$1,748.26	
Motor vehicle excise taxes	11,945.62	
Departmental	23,689.02	
Water	37,719.23	
Interest	5,985.05	
	<hr/>	81,087.18
Total revenue receipts		\$308,778.03
Non-revenue		238,845.73
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Total receipts		\$547,623.76
Cash on hand January 1, 1931		67,723.09
		<hr/>
Grand total		\$615,346.85

PAYMENTS

(For expenses in detail see departmental accounts)

Expenses.

General Government:		
Selectmen	\$1,049.99	
Accounting	1,784.84	
State audit and special accounting forms (State assessment)	448.33	

Treasurer	845.56	
Other finance accounts	276.00	
Collector	3,308.69	
Assessors	1,798.92	
Law	21.75	
Town Clerk	1,562.50	
Election and Registration	266.90	
Town Hall	1,648.10	
	<hr/>	13,011.58
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	\$8,193.00	
Fire Department	15,066.08	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	365.66	
Building Inspector	200.00	
Moth Extermination	3,097.69	
Improvement of Shade Trees	997.34	
Forest Fires	409.02	
Other Protection	35.00	
	<hr/>	28,363.79
Health:		
Health Department	\$2,923.27	
Public Health Nurse	1,849.96	
County Hospital, maintenance	2,153.12	
	<hr/>	6,926.35
Sanitation:		
Sewer Maintenance	\$33.00	
Street cleaning (Highway Department)	1,292.34	
Surface drainage (Highway Department)	560.92	
Refuse and garbage disposal (Health Department)	1,260.34	
Care of Dump	296.63	
	<hr/>	3,443.23
Highways:		
Maintenance and repair	\$19,826.02	
State highways (State Assessment)	8.00	
Snow and Ice removal	1,070.59	
Street lighting	6,447.35	
	<hr/>	27,351.96

Charities		22,104.49
Old Age Assistance		3,394.13
Soldiers' Benefits		1,057.84
Schools		119,323.91
Public Library		5,079.20
Recreation:		
Care of Common	\$190.64	
State Parks and Reservations (State Assessment)	156.53	
	<hr/>	347.17
Unclassified:		
Memorial Day	\$271.34	
Municipal Garage	716.55	
Town reports and order blanks	667.40	
County Aid to Agriculture	300.00	
Rent of American Legion Quarters	180.00	
Rent of Veterans of Foreign Wars Quarters	75.00	
Municipal Buildings Insurance	2,566.05	
Removal of Band Stand	30.00	
Injuries to Employees	304.00	
	<hr/>	5,110.34
Water Department		9,330.08
Cemeteries		35.00
Interest:		
Anticipation of revenue loans	\$3,069.42	
General loans	2,912.50	
Water loans	16,827.80	
	<hr/>	22,809.72
Maturing Debt:		
General loans	\$10,000.00	
Water loans	17,000.00	
	<hr/>	27,000.00
Total expenses		<hr/> <hr/> \$294,688.79

Outlays from Revenue

Survey and plot of Town		\$1,000.00
Highway Construction:		
Auburn Street	\$7,012.86	
Land Damages—Bedford Street	800.50	
Widening and Construction, Central Sq.	8,498.76	
Land Damages—Central Square	1,750.00	
Mt. Prospect Street	1,399.84	
North Street	1,999.78	
Wall Street	999.83	
	<hr/>	22,461.57
Sidewalks and Curbing		944.74
Highway equipment		2,917.00
Electrical changes and Rotary Traffic signs		306.41
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Total outlays from revenue		\$27,629.72

Payments from Non-Revenue**Outlays from Indebtedness**

Water Supply		\$43,580.57
Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial		12.00

Indebtedness

Anticipation of revenue	\$150,000.00	
Anticipation of water revenue	30,000.00	
	<hr/>	180,000.00

Agency, Trust and Investment**Agency:**

State tax	\$8,100.00	
County tax	17,881.33	
Old Age Assistance	2,024.00	
	<hr/>	28,005.33

Trust Funds:

New Cemetery fund	\$100.00	
Cemetery funds invested	329.76	
Income from cemetery funds used	288.70	
	<hr/>	718.46

Investment of insurance funds:		
Municipal Buildings, interest	\$199.26	
Employers' Liability, interest	483.20	
		<hr/> 682.46
Refunds:		
Taxes	\$15.62	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	544.54	
Departmental	169.27	
		<hr/> 729.43
Total from non-revenue		\$253,728.25

Recapitulation of Payments

From revenue:		
Expenses	\$294,688.79	
Outlays	27,629.72	
		<hr/> 322,318.51
Total from revenue		322,318.51
From non-revenue		253,728.25
		<hr/> 576,046.76
Total Payments		\$576,046.76
Cash on hand December 31, 1931		39,300.09
		<hr/> \$615,346.85
Grand Total		\$615,346.85

DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS

From Moth to Forest Fires:		
Use of truck		\$86.50
From Tree to Forest Fires:		
Use of truck		43.30
From Forest Fires to Highway:		
Oil		4.00
From Highway Construction Accounts to Highway Department, for use of equipment:		
Auburn Street		693.75
Granolithic Sidewalks		113.25
Mt. Prospect Street		88.25
North Street		216.75
Wall Street		17.75

III. DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

LEGISLATIVE

Appropriation	\$5.00
Reverting to Revenue	5.00

SELECTMEN

Appropriation	\$1,050.00
Expenses	1,049.99
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue	\$.01

Expenses

Salaries:	
Mr. Nourse	\$350.00
Mr. Case	200.00
Mr. Rhoades	200.00
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	\$750.00
Other Expenses:	
Clerical Services	\$214.00
Stationery and postage	12.75
Printing and advertising	20.35
Telephone	43.89
Posting Town Warrants	9.00
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	299.99
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	\$1,049.99

ACCOUNTING

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
Expenses:	
Salary of Town Accountant	\$1,700.00
Stationery and postage	84.84
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	1,784.84
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue	\$15.16

TREASURER

Appropriation		\$815.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		30.56
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		\$845.56
Expenses:		
Salary	\$500.00	
Official Bond	247.50	
Stationery and postage	90.68	
Box in safe deposit vault	5.00	
Germicide	2.38	
	<hr/>	
Total		\$845.56

COLLECTOR

Appropriation		\$3,150.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		159.51
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		\$3,309.51
Expenses:		
Salary	\$1,900.00	
Clerical Services	400.00	
Constable's fees	272.00	
Official Bond	247.50	
Stationery and Postage	310.76	
Printing	116.25	
Advertising tax sales	28.80	
Telephone	32.29	
Office Equipment	1.09	
	<hr/>	
		3,308.69
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$0.82

ASSESSORS

Appropriation		\$1,800.00
Expenses		1,798.92
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Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue		\$1.08

Expenses

Salaries:			
Mr. Nourse	\$500.00		
Mr. Case	400.00		
Mr. Rhoades	400.00		
		<hr/>	\$1,300.00
Other Expenses:			
Clerical Services	\$170.00		
List Real Estate Transfers	33.00		
Copy of probate records	7.84		
Stationery and postage	16.68		
Printing Street lists	189.00		
Other Printing	23.96		
Use of Autos	45.00		
Files and Index Cards	13.44		
		<hr/>	498.92
Unexpended balance reverting to Revenue			<hr/> \$1.08

ASSESSORS—SPECIAL**Survey and Plot of the Town**

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Outlay:		
Services of engineer collecting data, surveying and preparing plans		<hr/> 1,000.00

OTHER FINANCE

Appropriation		\$30.00
Expenses:		
Certification of town notes		<hr/> 26.00
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$4.00

OTHER FINANCE
Certification of Water Bonds

Premium of Loans	\$72.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	178.00
	\$250.00
Expenses:	
Preparing, authenticating and certifying bonds	\$250.00

LAW DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$50.00
Transfer from appropriation of 1930	2.00
	\$52.00
Expenses:	
Legal Services at Court	\$15.00
Legal Advice	2.00
Printing jury lists	4.75
	\$21.75
Liabilities outstanding December 31, 1931:	
MacMaster & Hunt, legal advice	\$4.00
collecting accounts	25.00
services in tax sales	26.50
services in court	163.35
	240.60
Deficiency	\$188.60

TOWN CLERK

Appropriation	\$1,562.50
Expenses:	
Salary	\$1,500.00
Official Bond	5.00
Record Book	12.50
Stationery and Postage	19.19
Printing	12.91

Gas Tubing and repairs to clock	4.20	
Binding reports	8.70	
		\$1,562.50

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		\$261.50
Transfer from Reserve Fund		5.40

\$266.90

Expenses:

Registrars	\$32.00	
Election officers	129.00	
Stationery and Postage	3.00	
Printing Ballots	30.50	
Other Printing	4.00	
Publishing Notices	5.60	
Meals for election officers	10.30	
Voting Booths	45.00	
Voting Registers	7.50	
		\$266.90

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		300.00

\$1,700.00

Expenses:

Salary of Janitor	\$400.00	
Coal and Wood	348.50	
Gas	11.01	
Janitor's Supplies	20.60	
Repairs	407.11	
Electric Lights	306.12	
Furniture and Furnishings	56.65	
Telephone	98.11	
		\$1,648.10

Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		51.90
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\$1,700.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$8,188.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	5.00
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	\$8,193.00
Expenses	\$8,193.00

Expenses

Salaries and Wages:	
Chief	\$1,850.00
Patrolmen	3,799.41
Special Officers	1,102.50
Care of Lockup	48.00
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	\$6,799.91
Automobile:	
Insurance	\$57.80
Repairs and Upkeep	200.07
Gasoline and Oil	259.65
Storage	69.00
Motorcycle	360.00
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	946.52
Equipment:	
Equipment for Men	\$88.33
Finger Print Outfit	19.00
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	107.33
Fuel and Lights:	
Fuel Oil	\$2.70
Electricity—Lockup	6.75
Electricity—Signal Lights	12.00
Bulbs	1.73
Lantern Globes and Kerosene	2.60
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	25.78
Maintenance of Building:	
Repairs	\$3.85
Janitors' Supplies	1.40
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	5.25

Other Expenses:

Printing, stationery and postage	\$37.28
Office Equipment	37.86
Telephone	138.04
Counting Autos	16.00
Traffic line and signals	25.04
Hauling Mash	38.50
Lunches	1.00
Towels	8.00
Matron	2.00
Traffic Manual	2.00
Other	2.49

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 Total \$8,193.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$14,589.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	500.00
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	\$15,089.00
Expenses	15,066.08
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue	\$22.92

Expenses

Salaries and Wages	
Chief	\$350.00
Engineers	300.00
Permanent Men	4,725.00
Call Men	2,823.46
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	\$8,198.46
Equipment and Repairs:	
Apparatus, repairs, and upkeep	\$336.51
Gasoline, Oil, etc.	105.25
Painting apparatus	315.00
Hire of truck	20.00

Hose	655.63	
Equipment for men	73.35	
Alarm system, Repair and Upkeep	1,504.54	
	<hr/>	3,010.28
Hydrant service		3,355.00
Fuel and Lights:		
Coal	\$160.75	
Gas	16.43	
Electricity	89.68	
Lights	2.40	
	<hr/>	269.26
Maintenance of Buildings:		
Repairs	\$38.33	
Furniture and Furnishings	11.99	
Laundry	27.74	
Janitor's Supplies	20.94	
Water	23.70	
	<hr/>	122.70
Other Expenses:		
Note Books, Envelopes, Cardboard, etc.	\$10.75	
Telephone	75.33	
Lunches	17.55	
Oil of Salt	6.75	
	<hr/>	110.38
Total		<hr/> <hr/> \$15,066.08

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation		\$400.00
Expenses:		
Salary	\$229.24	
Advertising	1.75	
Postage	1.06	
Special Printed forms	12.07	
Transportation	92.50	
Seals and Tags	8.89	

Paints, brushes, etc.	3.84	
Iron Weights	6.00	
Steel Dies, etc.	10.31	
		<u>365.66</u>

Unexpended balance reverting to revenue \$34.34

MOTH EXTERMINATION

Appropriation \$3,100.00

Expenses:

Superintendent	\$804.16	
Labor	1,430.68	
Use of motor truck (Forest Fires Dept.)	86.50	
Hose	41.96	
Other Equipment and repairs	87.58	
Gasoline and oil	8.11	
Insecticides	383.02	
Storage for sprayer	10.00	
Use of auto, teams, etc.	237.47	
Printing cards and record book	3.15	
All Other	5.06	
		<u>3,097.69</u>

Unexpended balance reverting to revenue \$2.31

IMPROVEMENT OF SHADE TREES

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expenses:

Tree Warden	\$458.36	
Labor	424.81	
Use of motor truck (Forest Fires Dept.)	43.30	
Tools and hardware	39.22	
Trees	9.10	
Team hire	14.50	
Gasoline, Soda, etc.	5.80	
Time and note books	.49	
All other	1.76	
		<u>997.34</u>

Unexpended balance reverting to revenue \$2.66

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation		\$900.00
Expenses:		
Forest Warden	\$31.00	
Labor	273.34	
Services painting truck	6.83	
Motor truck, repair and upkeep	45.73	
Insurance	38.80	
Registration	2.00	
Other equipment and repairs	59.03	
Gasoline and oil	46.96	
Use of auto	5.00	
Telephone	30.13	
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	\$538.82	
Less transfers from other Departments	129.80	
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		409.02
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$490.98

OTHER PROTECTION

Appropriation		\$30.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		5.00
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		\$35.00
Expenses:		
Services of Dog Officers		35.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$4,020.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		163.61
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		\$4,183.61
Expenses:		
Payments, 1931 account	\$4,183.61	
Liabilities outstanding December 31, 1931	222.90	
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		4,406.51
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Deficit		\$222.90

Expenses

Administration:

Salary of Chairman	\$200.00	
Salary of Clerk	100.00	
Salary of Agent	50.00	
Stationery and postage	23.75	
Printing and advertising	16.39	
Telephone	44.14	
	<hr/>	\$434.28

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:

Hospital Expenses	\$208.00	
Other Cities and Towns	122.61	
	<hr/>	330.61

Tuberculosis:

Plymouth County Hospital	\$1,626.30	
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Vital Statistics:

Return of births	\$13.25	
Return of deaths	12.75	
	<hr/>	26.00

Other Health Expenses:

Inspection of plumbing	\$92.00	
Medical supplies	46.41	
Sign for dump	1.00	
Turning on water—Water Dept.	3.67	
	<hr/>	143.08

Inspection:

School children	\$100.00	
Animals	250.00	
Milk	10.00	
Slaughtering	3.00	
	<hr/>	363.00

Refuse and Garbage Disposal:

Salary of Garbage Collector	\$1,200.00	
Equipment and repairs	60.34	
	<hr/>	1,260.34

Total		<hr/>	\$4,183.61
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Liabilities outstanding December 31, 1931:

Plymouth County Hospital	\$120.90	
North Reading Hospital	102.00	
		222.90
Total Expenses		\$4,406.51

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation		\$1,850.00
Expenses:		
Salary	\$1,600.00	
Transportation	249.96	
		1,849.96
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$.04

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$40.00
Expenses:		
Washing out sewer pipes		33.00
		\$7.00
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$7.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$21,755.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,000.00
		\$22,755.00
Expenses		22,749.87
		\$5.13
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$5.13

Expenses

Administration:		
Salary of Superintendent	\$1,800.00	
Telephone	62.41	
		\$1,862.41

General Highway Maintenance:

Labor	\$6,781.19	
Stone, gravel, etc.	323.15	
Tarvia	266.86	
Equipment and repairs	1,891.11	
Registration of motor equipment	19.00	
Insurance	429.36	
Gasoline and oil	1,675.33	
Repairs to truck	1,273.34	
Calcium chloride	40.85	
Electricity—Crusher	106.61	
Coal	10.45	
Fuel Oil	5.32	
Paint	18.03	
Boiler Inspection	10.00	
Bricks	.75	
	<u>\$12,851.35</u>	
Less transfers from construction accounts for use of equipment	1,129.75	11,721.60
		<u>11,721.60</u>
Sprinkling with Tarvia:		
Labor	\$1,767.68	
Tarvia and road oil	3,645.68	
Sand and Gravel	33.83	
	<u>5,447.19</u>	5,447.19
Sidewalks and Curbing:		
Labor	\$339.68	
Cement	7.80	
Sand and gravel	72.89	
	<u>420.37</u>	420.37
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Labor	\$1,051.04	
Equipment and repairs	19.55	
	<u>1,070.59</u>	1,070.59
Surface Drainage:		
Labor	\$486.24	
Pipe, couplings and tile	48.73	
Catch basins	24.00	
Cement	1.95	
	<u>560.92</u>	560.92

Street Cleaning:		
Labor	\$1,272.43	
Brooms, rakes, etc.	19.91	
	<hr/>	1,292.34
Other Expenses:		
Traffic signs and signals	\$272.58	
Street Signs	32.11	
Self closing receptacles	57.10	
Water	7.17	
Paint	5.49	
	<hr/>	374.45
Total		<hr/> \$22,749.87

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Auburn Street

Unexpended balance from 1930		\$80.48
Appropriation		2,000.00
From the State		3,000.00
From the County		2,000.00
		<hr/> \$7,080.48
Outlay:		
Land Damages	\$13.00	
Labor	4,506.79	
Use of equipment	740.75	
Sand and gravel	221.35	
Tarvia and calcium chloride	951.86	
Coal and fuel oil	69.01	
Pipe and tile	388.85	
Lumber and slabs	18.63	
Road hone	80.00	
Barbed wire	3.07	
Cement	13.55	
Equipment, repairs	6.00	
	<hr/>	7,012.86
Unexpended balance carried forward to 1932		<hr/> \$67.62

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Land Damages—Bedford Street

Appropriation	\$816.50
Outlay	800.50
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1932	\$16.00

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Central Square—Land Damages

Appropriation	\$1,750.00
Outlay	1,750.00

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Broad Street

Balance carried forward from 1930	\$100.00
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue	100.00

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Widening and Construction Central Square

Appropriation		\$3,000.00
From the State		3,055.21
From the County		3,055.21
		<hr/>
		\$9,110.42
Outlay:		
Contract Powers Brothers	\$8,401.82	
Advertising Bids	15.85	
Manhole	19.00	
Asphalt	62.09	
	<hr/>	8,498.76
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Balance carried forward to 1932		\$611.66

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Care of Dump

Appropriation		\$350.00
Expenses:		
Labor		296.63
		<hr/>
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$53.37

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

New Equipment

Appropriation		\$2,925.00
Outlay:		
Grader	\$417.00	
Autocar	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	2,917.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$8.00

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Granolithic Sidewalks

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Outlay:		
Labor	\$605.72	
Cement	168.00	
Sand and gravel	9.75	
Curb corner	4.50	
Lumber, nails, stakes, etc.	29.90	
Kerosene	13.62	
Highway Department, Use of Equipment	113.25	
	<hr/>	944.74
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$55.26

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

North Street

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Outlay:		
Labor	\$1,066.40	
Use of Equipment (Highway Dept.)	216.75	
Surveying	39.80	
Tile, bricks and cement	36.41	
Coal	33.78	
Tarvia	489.12	
Gravel	39.90	
Culvert	77.62	
		<u>1,999.78</u>
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$.22

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Mt. Prospect Street

Appropriation		\$1,400.00
Outlay:		
Labor	\$761.87	
Use of Equipment (Highway Dept.)	88.25	
Surveying	35.20	
Coal	23.70	
Tarvia	459.12	
Gravel	31.70	
		<u>1,399.84</u>
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$.16

HIGHWAY—SPECIAL

Wall Street

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Outlay:		
Labor	\$639.67	
Use of Equipment (Highway Dept.)	17.75	

Pipe	25.40	
Tarvia	224.40	
Gravel	15.50	
Grate and Frame	12.00	
Coal	24.60	
Cement	3.11	
Surveying	37.40	
		999.83
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$.17

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation		\$6,450.96
Expenses:		
Paid E. E. I. Co. of Brockton for Electric Lighting		6,447.35
		\$3.61
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$3.61

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Transfer from Excess and Deficiency (authorized at Town Meeting)		1,000.00
		\$3,500.00
Expenses:		
Applications, books, etc.	\$17.13	
Cash Aid	3,345.50	
Coal	31.50	
		3,394.13
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$105.87

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Appropriation		\$1,200.00
Expenses:		
State Aid:		
Cash Aid	\$326.00	
Soldiers' Relief:		
Cash Aid	247.00	
Fuel	67.00	
Groceries	300.84	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	110.00	
Clothing	7.00	
		<u>1,057.84</u>
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		<u>\$142.16</u>

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation		\$16,479.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		1,257.49
Transfer from Appropriation of 1930		368.00
Transfer from Excess and Deficiency (by vote of Town Meeting)		<u>4,000.00</u>
		\$22,104.49
Expenses:		
Payments, 1930 account	\$368.00	
Payments, 1931 account	21,736.49	
Liabilities outstanding December, 1931	918.58	
		<u>23,023.07</u>
Deficit		\$918.58

Expenses

Administration:		
Salaries of Overseers	\$600.00	
Clerical Services	192.00	
Printing, stationery and postage	19.30	
Use of autos	120.00	
		<u>\$931.30</u>

Town Farm:		
Salary of Superintendent	\$960.00	
Horse hire, shoes, etc.	44.88	
Groceries and provisions	754.49	
Clothing	51.54	
Fuel	335.50	
Electric Lights and power	64.45	
Grain and hay	1,052.53	
Live stock	318.00	
Harness	64.00	
Repairs to buildings	67.02	
Water	10.00	
Household and farm equipment	25.96	
Fertilizer, seeds and plants	73.19	
Laundry	42.83	
Ice	63.82	
Medicine	24.55	
Telephone	24.32	
All Other	32.29	
	<hr/>	4,009.37
Relief Outside Town Farm:		
Salary of Town Physician	\$250.00	
Visiting Nurse Association	202.00	
Hospital Expenses	719.99	
Medicine and medical attention	92.71	
Cash aid	3,793.00	
Groceries and Provisions	2,319.77	
Fuel and lights	753.65	
Clothing	47.05	
Rent	2,004.00	
Board and care at State Farm	1,331.80	
Board and care at State Farm (1930 account)	368.00	
Board and care in private families	965.00	
Burial	171.33	
Ambulance	10.00	
Glasses	8.00	
	<hr/>	13,036.30
Relief By Other Cities and Towns:		
Boston	\$35.29	
West Bridgewater	110.76	

Quincy	305.42	
Raynham	60.00	
Chelsea	7.00	
Newton	7.00	
East Bridgewater	356.00	
Fairhaven	837.06	
Arlington	420.20	
Middleboro	582.15	
Whitman	13.13	
	<hr/>	2,734.01
Mothers' Aid:		
Cash Aid	\$996.00	
Fuel	72.50	
Lights	4.01	
Rent	278.00	
Stove and connections	43.00	
	<hr/>	1,393.51
Total Payments		<hr/> \$22,104.49
Liabilities outstanding December 31, 1931:		
State Farm	\$464.00	
Manuel Homen	18.60	
City of Brockton	117.70	
Town of East Bridgewater	169.25	
Town of Middleboro	149.03	
	<hr/>	918.58
Total Expenses		<hr/> \$23,023.07

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$118,982.00
Income from Lorin Keith High School Prize Fund, awarded as prize	50.00
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	\$119,032.00
Expenses	119,031.33
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue	\$.67

Expenses

Administration:

Salary of Superintendent	\$3,700.00	
Use of Auto	200.00	
Clerical Services	398.00	
Truant Officer	79.75	
Stationery and postage	84.54	
Telephone	219.31	
Travel	65.28	
School Census	100.00	
Other Expenses	44.20	
	<hr/>	\$4,891.08

Salaries of Teachers:

High School	\$15,363.56	
Junior High	19,371.00	
Training	17,329.00	
McElwain	14,607.50	
Prospect	5,106.00	
Dyer	2,423.00	
Blackstone	1,198.00	
Pratt	978.00	
Flagg	1,250.00	
Special teacher in drawing	1,240.00	
Special teacher in music	900.00	
Transportation of special teachers	203.30	
	<hr/>	79,969.36

Books and Supplies:

Books:		
Junior High	\$401.81	
High School	551.75	
Elementary	621.65	
	<hr/>	1,575.21

Supplies:

High School	\$1,316.14	
Junior High	865.75	
Elementary	529.68	
	<hr/>	2,711.57

Tuition:

Training School	\$6,410.24
Quincy Industrial School	190.00

Boston Trade School	39.48	
Brockton Evening School	31.60	
New Bedford and Plymouth Union Training School	52.29	
	<hr/>	6,723.61
Transportation:		
High School	\$1,576.19	
Junior High	2,305.31	
Elementary	4,057.05	
	<hr/>	7,938.55
Janitors' Services:		
High School	\$1,039.92	
Junior High	1,200.00	
McElwain	1,500.00	
Prospect	349.92	
Pratt	180.00	
Flagg	96.00	
Blackstone	258.00	
Dyer	240.00	
Extra service in outlying schools	16.50	
	<hr/>	4,880.34
Fuel and Lights:		
Fuel:		
High School	\$548.64	
Junior High	614.53	
Elementary	1,959.41	
	<hr/>	3,122.58
Lights:		
High School	\$172.49	
Junior High	392.97	
Elementary	121.16	
	<hr/>	686.62
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:		
High School:		
Repairs	\$133.36	
Janitors supplies	126.55	
Flags	5.10	
Water	24.80	
Fire extinguishers	46.08	

Carting rubbish	7.00	
Sharpening lawn mower	1.50	
Keys	.75	
		<hr/> 345.14
Junior High:		
Repairs	\$218.60	
Janitor's supplies	114.67	
Water	48.90	
Fire extinguishers	2.70	
Flags	5.10	
Sharpening lawn mower	1.50	
Blackboard	53.58	
Distilled water	.25	
		<hr/> 445.30
Elementary:		
Repairs, McElwain	\$497.79	
Prospect	37.35	
Dyer	297.28	
Blackstone	134.30	
Pratt	222.77	
Flagg	47.70	
General	53.48	
Janitor's supplies	176.80	
Flags	18.16	
Repair Flag poles	5.63	
Water	154.60	
Sharpening lawn mower	1.50	
Cleaning cesspools, etc.	17.00	
Carting stones, ashes, etc.	12.00	
		<hr/> 1,676.36
Furniture and Furnishings:		
High School	\$109.18	
Junior High	169.76	
Elementary	.50	
		<hr/> 279.44
Rent:		
Rental of Academy building	\$2,665.00	
Taxes paid as rental	798.00	
		<hr/> 3,463.00

Other Expenses:

Graduation address	\$25.00	
Diplomas	56.53	
Graduation programs	47.50	
Transportation of School Nurse	138.45	
First aid material	3.69	
Carting supplies	2.00	
Lorin Keith High School Prize	50.00	
		323.17
Total		\$119,031.33

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Appropriation		\$300.00
Expenses:		
Rent of Brotherhood Gymnasium	\$90.00	
Athletic supplies	202.58	
		292.58
Unexpended balance carried forward to 1932		\$7.42

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$4,985.00
Expenses		4,984.98
		\$.02
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		

Expenses

Salaries and Wages:		
Librarian	\$1,000.00	
Assistants	1,074.90	
Other Assistants	89.75	
Janitor	360.00	
		\$2,524.65
Books and Periodicals:		
Books	\$1,428.41	
Periodicals	104.33	
		1,532.74

Binding:		
Books	\$148.07	
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Fuel and Light:		
Coal and wood	\$322.00	
Electric Lights	186.96	
	<hr/>	508.96
Buildings and Grounds:		
Repairs	\$6.15	
Sharpening lawn mower	1.50	
Water	21.00	
Furniture and furnishings	7.66	
Carting ashes	4.50	
	<hr/>	40.81
Other Expenses:		
Stationery, printing and postage	\$153.19	
Card cabinet	10.00	
Telephone	32.04	
Transportation of books	23.52	
Map	9.00	
Insurance of books	2.00	
	<hr/>	229.75
Total		<hr/> \$4,984.98

RECREATION

Appropriation		\$200.00
Expenses:		
Labor	\$133.98	
Repairing flag pole	6.98	
Lighting memorial tablet	12.38	
Wiring memorial tablet	37.30	
	<hr/>	190.64
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		<hr/> \$9.36

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$250.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		21.34
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		\$271.34

Expenses:

Address	\$25.00	
Services of Band	120.00	
Cartridges	16.44	
Printing programs	11.50	
Distributing programs	3.00	
Flags and markers	66.40	
Luncheons	25.00	
Distributing flowers	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$271.34

MUNICIPAL GARAGE

Appropriation		\$720.00
Expenses:		
Rent	\$600.00	
Lights	10.67	
Fuel	105.18	
Glass and putty	.70	
	<hr/>	716.55
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		<hr/> \$3.45

MISCELLANEOUS PRINTING

Appropriation		\$675.00
Expenses:		
Printing town reports	\$624.40	
Purchase order books for use of all departments	43.00	
	<hr/>	667.40
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		<hr/> \$7.60

REMOVAL OF BAND STAND

Balance forwarded from 1930		\$50.00
Expenses:		
Moving band stand		30.00
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Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		\$20.00

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL

Balance forwarded from 1931		\$70.74
Expenses:		
Additional name plates for tablet	\$10.00	
Setting plates on tablet	2.00	
	<hr/>	12.00
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Balance carried forward to 1932		\$58.74

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

	Appropriation	Expenses
Inspection of Buildings	\$200.00	\$200.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	300.00	300.00
Rent of American Legion Quarters	180.00	180.00
Rent of quarters for James A. Oliver Post	75.00	75.00
Insurance on Municipal Buildings	2,590.29	2,566.05

WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation from Water Revenue	\$12,000.00
Expenses	9,330.08
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Unexpended balance reverting to Water Revenue	\$2,669.92

Expenses

Administration:	
Salary of Superintendent	\$450.00
Salary of Clerk	939.00

Stationery and postage	115.17	
Printing	35.14	
Telephone	97.34	
Legal services	4.20	
Filing cabinet	4.95	
Keys	.75	
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		\$1,646.55
General Maintenance:		
Salary of Foreman	\$1,825.84	
Labor	266.67	
Pipe and Fittings	592.34	
Meter and fittings	147.64	
Hydrants, valves, and fittings	150.17	
Truck, insurance and registration	58.45	
Truck, repair and upkeep	43.21	
Gasoline and oil	77.20	
Other equipment and repairs	72.98	
Surveying Wall Street	20.00	
Mineralead	7.00	
Repair meter scales	21.13	
Other Expenses	1.40	
		<hr/>
		3,284.03
Service Connections:		
Labor	\$348.75	
Pipe and fittings	270.09	
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		618.84
Pumping Station:		
Salary of Engineer	\$1,200.00	
Labor	4.00	
Fuel	94.50	
Electric Power	2,306.14	
Oil, waste and packing	20.21	
Repair to buildings	41.73	
Insurance on building	15.98	
Equipment and repairs	98.10	
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		3,780.66
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Total Expenses		\$9,330.08

WATER DEPARTMENT

South Street Extension

Balance forwarded from 1930		\$48,983.26
Outlay:		
U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co.	\$21,461.36	
G. Ferullo Co.	11,718.17	
Valves	1,740.73	
Hydrants	1,560.00	
Services of Engineer	2,156.72	
1" Byer's Gal. W. I. Pipe	517.73	
1¼" Gal. W. I. Pipe and fittings	37.22	
Brass fittings	10.88	
Curb cocks, stop and wastes, etc.	178.56	
Reducer	8.32	
Meters	483.22	
Labor as per pay roll	611.67	
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	\$39,925.37	
Transferred to Auburn and Laurel Street Construction (authorized by Town meeting)	9,000.00	
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		48,925.37
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Unexpended balance carried forward to 1932		\$57.89

WATER DEPARTMENT

Auburn and Laurel Street Construction

Transferred from South, Vernon and Green Streets		\$9,000.00
Outlay:		
Labor	\$980.44	
Use of Equipment	540.00	
Sharpening tools	11.20	
Pipe and fittings	1,538.20	
Testing pipe	14.67	
Valves and fittings	96.60	
Meters	115.21	
Hydrants	180.00	
Service boxes	15.40	

Stops and wastes	33.98	
Jute and Mineralead	86.69	
Gas and kerosene	29.31	
Public Liability Insurance	13.50	
		<u>3,655.20</u>
Balance carried forward to 1932		<u>\$5,344.80</u>

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		\$35.00
Expenses:		
Care of old cemeteries		35.00

INTEREST

Appropriation		\$7,900.00
Interest payments:		
Anticipation of revenue loans	\$3,069.42	
Junior High School	1,012.50	
Training School Loan	1,900.00	
		<u>5,981.92</u>
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		<u>\$1,918.08</u>

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$5,000.00
Transfers authorized by Advisory Committee:		
Treasurer	\$30.56	
Certification of Water Bonds	178.00	
Collector	159.51	
Election and Registration	5.40	
Town Hall	300.00	
Police Department	5.00	
Fire Department	500.00	
Dog Officer	5.00	
Health	163.61	

Highway	1,000.00	
Highway—Special		
Electrical changes in Common	306.41	
Public Welfare	1,257.49	
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	
Memorial Day	21.34	
	<hr/>	4,932.32
Unexpended balance reverting to revenue		<hr/> \$67.68

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Assessed in tax levy		\$8,712.86
Payments to the Commonwealth:		
State tax	\$8,100.00	
State audit	448.33	
State highways	8.00	
State parks and reservation	156.53	
	<hr/>	8,712.86

COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH

Assessed in tax levy		\$20,034.85
Payments to the County:		
County tax	\$17,881.33	
County hospital	2,153.12	
	<hr/>	\$20,034.45

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1929—1931

		Receipts		
Revenue				
General Revenue		1931	1930	1929
Taxes:				
Property		\$166,670.92	\$158,791.66	\$153,701.38
Poll		3,710.00	3,694.00	3,728.00
Income		37,406.50	46,304.38	42,736.87
Corporation, Bank, etc		16,585.87	17,578.68	16,689.32
Licenses and Permits		582.50	569.00	689.00
Fines and Forfeits		551.23	908.41	1,108.70
Grants and Gifts:				
From the State		290.93	104.50	293.20
From the County (Dog Licenses)		1,892.90	1,079.97	984.85
Commercial Revenue.				
Special Assessments:				
Moth		1,270.68	1,319.55	1,404.08
Sidewalks		393.44	750.34	642.33
Sewer		84.14	618.63	449.78
Privileges		11,945.62	11,777.44	11,736.11
Departmental:				
General Government		1,606.63	1,327.55	1,450.44
Protection of Persons and Property		348.49	288.22	422.96
Health and Sanitation		1,198.32	2,009.02	2,074.21
Highways		11,248.55	6,007.00	77.00
Charities		2,846.12	3,119.25	3,004.00
Soldiers' Benefits		392.00	264.00	396.00
Schools		5,838.81	3,633.10	3,165.22
Library		210.10	230.48	246.18

Water	37,719.23	37,314.19	37,778.65
Interest	5,985.05	5,696.04	5,586.79
Total Revenue	<u>\$308,778.03</u>	<u>\$303,385.41</u>	<u>\$288,365.74</u>

Non-Revenue

Indebtedness:

Offsets to outlays

Temporary Loans	\$165,000.00	\$180,002.00	\$170,000.00
General Loans	44,072.00		58,968.60

Agency:

State tax	8,100.00	7,560.00	9,180.00
County tax	17,881.33	17,278.81	15,637.47
Old Age Assistance	1,980.00		

Trust and Investment	1,082.97	3,234.69	5,424.65
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Refunds	729.43	421.79	558.74
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Total non-revenue	<u>\$238,845.73</u>	<u>\$208,497.29</u>	<u>\$259,769.46</u>
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Total receipts	547,623.76	511,882.70	548,135.20
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Cash balance from previous years	67,723.09	44,941.53	44,729.64
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	<u>\$615,346.85</u>	<u>\$556,824.23</u>	<u>\$592,864.84</u>
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Payments

From Revenue

Expenses.

General Government	\$13,011.58	\$12,454.91	\$12,566.99
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Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	8,193.00	8,023.30	7,866.16
Fire Department	15,066.08	14,213.33	14,111.98
Sealer of weights and Measures	365.66	398.45	400.53
Forestry	4,504.05	7,819.14	4,601.48
Other Protection	235.00	241.00	230.00
Health and Sanitation	10,369.58	10,635.45	10,624.44
Highways	20,904.61	21,048.21	20,916.78
Street Lighting	6,447.35	6,393.04	6,258.84

Charities	25,498.62	19,821.29	17,632.91
Soldiers' Benefits	1,057.84	1,098.23	1,632.41
Schools	119,323.91	120,168.14	117,856.07
Public Library	5,079.20	4,971.11	4,949.09
Recreation	347.17	119.39	198.71
Unclassified	5,110.34	3,386.21	2,886.19
Water	9,330.08	10,729.12	10,471.77
Cemeteries	35.00	35.00	35.00
Interest	22,809.72	23,729.87	27,697.57
Maturing Bonds and Notes	27,000.00	27,000.00	25,000.00
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Total expenses	\$294,688.79	\$292,285.19	\$285,936.92
Outlays			
Highways	\$26,629.72	\$16,874.95	\$9,550.87
Assessors	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Total outlays from revenue	\$27,692.72	\$17,884.95	\$10,550.87
Total payments from revenue	322,318.51	310,170.14	296,487.79
From Non-Revenue			
Outlays:			
From Indebtedness	\$43,592.57	\$16.74	\$75,000.00
Temporary loans	180,000.00	150,000.00	145,000.00
Agency:			
State tax	8,100.00	7,560.00	9,180.00
County tax	17,881.33	17,278.81	15,637.47
Old Age Assistance Tax	2,024.00		
Trust and Investment	1,400.92	3,653.66	6,059.31
Refunds	729.43	421.79	558.74
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Total non-revenue	\$253,728.25	\$178,931.00	\$251,435.52
Total payments	576,046.76	489,101.14	547,923.31
Cash balance at end of year	39,300.09	67,723.09	44,941.53
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	\$615,346.85	\$556,824.23	\$592,864.84

PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	How Invested	Amount of Fund	Invested Income Jan. 1, '31	Income Earned 1931	Income Used 1931	Invested Income Dec. 31, '31	Total Invest- ment
Cemetery, Perpetual Care							
Benjamin Washburn	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$100.00	\$85.88	\$8.91	\$5.00	\$89.79	\$189.79
Lucretia M. Oldham	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	54.84	7.41		62.25	162.25
Catherine Killoran	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	61.63	7.74		69.37	169.37
Avery F. Hooper	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	19.17	5.73	2.00	22.90	122.90
Susan L. Cushman	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	17.22	5.63	2.00	20.85	120.85
Chester F. Miller	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	160.09	17.30		177.39	377.39
Patrick O'Connor	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	10.80	5.29		16.09	116.09
Melissa L. Chandler	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	18.25	5.67	5.00	18.92	118.92
Edmund L. Weston	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	22.19	5.86		28.05	128.05
Benjamin F. Hayward	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	29.49	6.20	4.75	30.94	130.94
Ziba Hayward	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	29.49	6.20	4.75	30.94	130.94
Henry G. Prophett	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	45.13	50.85	65.80	30.18	1,030.18
Frank E. Sweet	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	11.19	9.49	5.00	15.68	215.68
Samuel D. Keith	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	21.20	5.82	2.00	25.02	125.02
Grace Donovan	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	.10	4.80	4.90		100.00
Wm. Shaw and Geo. Harlow	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	8.55	5.20	4.75	9.00	109.00
Robbins and Osborne	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	7.55	9.95	4.75	12.75	212.75
Margaret Conway	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00		1.88		1.88	101.88
Totals		\$3,000.00	\$602.77	\$169.93	\$110.70	\$662.00	\$3,662.00
Cemetery General Care							
Vernon Street Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$600.00	\$13.36	\$29.46	\$32.00	\$10.82	\$610.82
Orange Street Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,073.00	19.58	52.48	51.00	21.06	1,094.06
Harlow Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	300.00	19.20	15.34	16.00	18.54	318.54
Jennings Hill Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	620.00	24.41	30.95	55.00	.36	620.36
Hillside Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	641.73	16.03	31.60	24.00	23.63	665.36
Totals		\$3,234.73	\$92.58	\$159.83	\$178.00	\$74.41	\$3,309.14

School Funds

Edson	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$300.00		\$14.41	\$14.41		\$300.00
Daniel Dyer	Bridgewater Savings Bank	4,162.50		200.04	200.04		4,162.50
Daniel Dyer	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	2,000.00		96.13	96.13		2,000.00
Samuel P. Gates	Bridgewater Savings Bank	3,717.00		178.63	178.63		3,717.00
Samuel P. Gates	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	3,500.00		168.21	168.21		3,500.00
Samuel P. Gates	Whitman Savings Bank	3,500.00		168.21	168.21		3,500.00
Lorin Keith High Sch. Prize	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	\$10.00	47.98	50.00	\$10.00	1,010.00
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Totals

\$18,179.50	\$13.16	\$873.61	\$875.63	\$11.14	\$18,189.50
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Library Funds

Mary H. Wilbar	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$500.00		\$24.02	\$24.02		\$500.00
Francis A. Parker	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00		48.06	48.06		\$1,000.00
Lewis G. Lowe	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00		48.06	48.06		\$1,000.00
Sarah L. Alden	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00		24.02	24.02		500.00
Sarah T. Bates	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00		24.02	24.02		500.00
Anna C. Thompson	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	1,000.00		48.06	48.06		1,000.00
Ellen Markham	Abington Savings Bank	1,000.00		48.06	48.06		1,000.00
Harriet M. Gilbert	N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. 4's	5,000.00		200.00	200.00		5,000.00
Harriet M. Gilbert	Bridgewater Savings Bank	562.50		27.01	27.01		562.50
Theodore F. Wright	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	2,000.00		96.13	97.13		2,000.00
Theodore F. Wright	Bridgewater Savings Bank	162.50		7.79	7.79		162.50
Susan A. Goodrich	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00		48.06	48.06		1,000.00
Mary A. Dunbar	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00		24.02	24.02		500.00
Samuel P. Gates	Bristol County Sav. Bank	3,450.00		165.81	79.56	\$86.25	3,536.25
Lorin Keith	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00		48.06	48.06		1,000.00
Pamelia K. Wright	Bridgewater Savings Bank	300.00	*\$35.44	14.25	*31.58	18.11	300.00
Mary Caroline Bryant	Bridgewater Savings Bank	2,000.00	*.11	95.00	*62.64	32.47	2,000.00

Totals

\$21,475.00	\$35.55	\$990.43	\$889.15	\$136.83	\$21,561.25
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*Reserved for use

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Date	Junior High School Bonds, 4½% Issued July 1, 1918	Training School 4% Bonds. Issued May 1, 1925	Water Supply 3½% Bonds. Issued July 1, 1931	Water Supply 4% Bonds. Issued July 1, 1931	Water Supply 4% Bonds. Issued Mar. 1, 1925	Water Supply 3¾% Bonds. Issued May 1, 1927	Water Supply 4½% Bonds. Issued May 1, 1929	Total	Interest
1932	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$19,413.75
1933	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	31,000.00	18,166.25
1934	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	31,000.00	16,918.75
1935	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	31,000.00	15,671.25
1936		5,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	14,556.25
1937		5,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	13,573.75
1938		5,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	12,591.25
1939		5,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	11,608.75
1940		5,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	25,000.00	10,626.25
1941			2,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	19,000.00	9,761.25
1942			2,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	19,000.00	9,013.75
1943			2,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	19,000.00	8,266.25
1944			2,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	19,000.00	7,518.75
1945			2,000.00		12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	19,000.00	6,771.25
1946			1,000.00		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	6,061.25
1947			1,000.00		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	5,388.75
1948			1,000.00		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	4,716.25
1949					11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	4,061.25
1950					11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	3,423.75
1951					11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	2,786.25
1952					11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	2,148.75
1953					11,000.00		2,000.00	13,000.00	1,567.50
1954					11,000.00		2,000.00	13,000.00	1,042.50
1955					11,000.00		2,000.00	13,000.00	517.50
1956							2,000.00	2,000.00	212.50
1957							2,000.00	2,000.00	127.50
1958							2,000.00	2,000.00	42.50
	\$20,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$278,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$504,000.00	\$206,553.75

State Auditor's Report, 1931

March 3, 1931

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Leo F. Nourse, Chairman,
Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Bridgewater for the year ending December 31, 1930, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bridgewater for the year ending December 31, 1930, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disburs-

ing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked, the reported receipts being compared with the financial records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the treasurer's books. The payments as recorded on the accountant's ledger were checked to the warrants authorizing disbursements and with the treasurers' cash book.

An analysis of the ledger was made for the period of the audit, a trial balance was taken off, proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1930.

The appropriation accounts were examined and checked with the appropriations, transfers, and loans voted by the town as shown by the town clerk's records.

The payments of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled bonds, notes, and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the collector and treasurer, as treasurer, were examined and checked. The footings of the cash book were proved, and the recorded receipts were analysed, checked, and compared with the accountant's books and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer. The recorded payments were compared with the selectmens' warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash balance as of February 7, 1931, was verified by a reconciliation of the bank account and by actual count of the cash in the office.

A schedule showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash is appended to this report.

The securities held as investments of the trust and special funds in the custody of the town treasurer were

examined and listed. The income was proved and the receipts and disbursements were verified, being found to be properly recorded on the books.

The books and accounts of the collector and treasurer, as collector, were examined and checked, the commitments of taxes, water rates, and special assessments being verified and the abatements being checked to the assessors' records of abatements granted. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the accountant's ledger.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by sending verification notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Summary tables showing a reconciliation of the taxes, water rates, and assessments are appended to this report.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, town clerk, and the police and health departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the State, County, and town were verified.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, the town infirmary and the health, public welfare, school, and library departments were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified by a comparison with the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the town clerk and the treasurer and collector were examined and found to be in proper form.

For the courtesies extended by the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express appreciation.

EDWARD H. FENTON,
Chief Accountant.

Report of Selectmen

The usual amount of general highway work has been increased during the year because of the necessity of keeping men at work, and an additional transfer from the Reserve Fund by the Finance Committee was made for this purpose to the amount of \$1,000.

Co-operative work under Chapter 90 has been done on Auburn Street to the amount of \$2,000 by the Town and \$5,000 from State and County. We recommend the appropriation of \$2,500 by the Town in 1932 and have asked for \$6,500 from the State and County which will complete the building of this street.

Mt. Prospect Street which was in very bad condition from just west of Union Street to its intersection with Center Street, has been rebuilt and greatly improves the approach to the Mt. Prospect cemetery from both directions.

Two thousand dollars was spent this year in rebuilding another section of North Street. We feel that an equal amount should be spent in this section this year.

Wall Street was rebuilt from its junction with High St. as far as the railroad crossing. This street was no doubt in as deplorable condition as any in town before being rebuilt. We believe that an appropriation for this street this year will be money well invested and will complete more fully the work begun in this section.

The Town has witnessed during the year a rebuilding

of the easterly side of Central Square. The completion of this work has improved the general appearance in the Square, has greatly facilitated the progress of through traffic and at the same time provided additional parking space.

We feel that removal of the car tracks from the west side of the common and a rebuilding of that section of the Square will still further and very materially improve the whole traffic and parking problem in the center of the town. We recommend an appropriation of \$2,000 to be used under Chapter 90 with aid from State and County to rebuild the westerly side of Central Square.

The above constitutes the major projects in highway work during the year and will add substantially to our mileage of hard surfaced streets.

The detailed report of the Police Department by Chief James R. Moore is printed in another section of the town report. We believe that the affairs of this department have been executed with a commendable amount of efficiency.

The Fire Department completes a year in which we have fortunately had no large fire losses. We believe the careful inspections by this department to remove fire hazards is doing much to prevent losses by fires and is by far the best way to fight them. Chief Frederick Waite submits his report which is also printed.

We wish to call attention to the fact that we have during the past year experienced a situation unparalleled in the history of the town. The general depression and unemployment problem has been one which required almost constant attention throughout the year. Your Board has handled this situation by giving personal attention to each call for relief. Each applicant has been carefully questioned and every effort made to secure information that would without doubt prove the worthiness or unworthiness of his or her case. Preference has been given to those with the largest number of dependents, particularly those with large

families of children. In cases where no member of the family was working, we have provided from two to three days a week with the Highway Department. In this way it has been possible to keep many families from the Public Welfare list.

It has required no small amount of planning and thought to equitably distribute work and at the same time receive in return a fair amount of labor for wages paid. Much credit is due Mr. Sanders, Superintendent of Streets, for his co-operation in this work. It is no small task to supervise the work of a crew of men taken from all walks of life and most of them inexperienced in outside work, particularly when they work only two or three days and then are replaced by others for a like period. At the close of the year we were giving work to approximately thirty men which is about three times the number we would be using at this time of the year under normal conditions. All indications point to a larger number who will have to be supplied with assistance during the early part of 1932 at least.

We were assured in the latter part of 1931 of a voluntary contribution on the part of school teachers of the town for the relief of the unemployed. At the writing of this report we have received a sum from the teachers amounting to one day's pay for each teacher, approximately \$350.00, and this fund is being drawn on each week to pay men on the un-employed list. We take this opportunity to publicly thank the school teachers of Bridgewater for their kindly and generous co-operation in this work.

The Emergency Committee which was recently organized, report a very substantial sum collected for this same purpose and it is our hope that in a short time they will be in a position to assume a substantial part of our weekly payroll and thereby lighten the burden in our regular town finance.

However, dark as this situation may seem at first

glance, when we remember that there are many communities who are in much more unfavorable circumstances than we are, it gives us courage to carry on. We are reminded that every period of depression has been followed by one of prosperity, and there is no reason to believe that our recovery this time will not be as complete as in the past. Let us take heed to the warnings on every side to spend our money in an economical manner and build with a thought of the future. In this manner and with these thoughts in mind, we need have no fear for the future of Bridgewater.

LEO F. NOURSE,
RALPH W. CASE,
WALTER E. RHOADES,
Selectmen.

Department of Public Welfare

During the year 1931 the number of cases aided in town has increased from 58 in 1930 to 80 in 1931. The number of cases aided in other towns was decreased from 15 in 1930 to 12 in 1931. The total number of persons aided was increased from 261 in 1930 to 349 in 1931.

Cases aided in town	80
Cases aided in other towns	12
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Cases having a settlement in Bridgewater	81
Cases having a settlement elsewhere	6
Cases having no settlement	5
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Total cases aided	92
Persons having a settlement in Bridgewater	299
Persons having a settlement elsewhere	29
Persons having no settlement	21
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Total persons aided	349

Our aid during the past year to the many applicants, as in previous years has been confined principally to food, fuel, and in some cases rent. The matter of clothing has almost entirely been taken care of through the various wel-

fare organizations of the town. We have kept the expenses of this department where they are only by the generosity of the people who have contributed to these organizations and, they in turn, offering this assistance to the town. Another reason that our expenditures have not been greater than they are is due to the fact that we have used every effort possible to place men at work in the various departments of the town as well as with private concerns and individuals, and in that way have materially reduced the cost of this departmental work as well as keeping these people from the charity list.

The Town Infirmary is now in fine shape and we see no immediate need of any large expenditure of money there. The ordinary repairs will be very light for some time now. The following report of the farm activities is self explanatory. Of course the receipts for produce from the farm are less, due to the fact that prices have been considerable lower in these commodities.

Total cost of operating farm		\$4,009.37
Receipts for sale of produce, etc.		1,794.70
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Net cost of operating farm		\$2,214.67
Average residents for the year		8
Per capita cost for the year		\$276.84
Per capita cost for the week		5.32
Per capita cost for the day		.76
Sale of eggs during the year	\$742.66	
Sale of fowl during the year	330.93	
Eggs used at farm	280.00	
Fowl on hand January 1, 1932	300.00	
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Total credits to fowl		\$1,653.59

Hens, January 1, 1931	\$412.00	
Chickens bought during the year	75.00	
Grain, etc., bought during the year	619.86	
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Total expenses of fowl		1,106.86
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Net profit on fowl		\$546.73
Sale of milk during year	\$448.17	
Sale of cow during year	33.00	
Sale of calves during year	8.00	
Milk used at farm	249.60	
Cows, January 1, 1932	700.00	
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Total credits for cows		\$1,438.77
Cows, January 1, 1931	\$600.00	
Grain bought during the year	330.00	
Cows bought during the year	130.00	
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Total expenses		1,060.00
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Net profit on cows for year		\$378.77
Sale of pork during year	\$29.68	
Pork on hand	25.90	
Pigs January 1, 1932	20.00	
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Total credits for pigs		\$75.58
Pigs January 1, 1931	\$20.00	
Pigs bought during year	13.00	
Grain bought during year	45.86	
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Total expense of pigs		78.86
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Net loss on pigs		\$3.28

Sale of miscellaneous products, etc., in addition to
those used at farm:

Fruits and vegetables	\$63.40
Board of residents	109.04
Horse Hire	12.00
Sale of tobacco	2.10
Sale of Junk	1.73
Refund—Electric motor	5.00
Refund—Harness	1.00
Refund—Grain bags	7.84
Sale of oil	.15

Total miscellaneous receipts	\$202.26
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Again we wish to thank the various organizations and individuals who have so generously contributed in time and money to relieve the present depressing situation. Outstanding among these being the Community Welfare Association of the Council of Churches, St. Vincent De Paul Society, Red Cross, Police Department and Fire Department.

LEO F. NOURSE,
RALPH W. CASE,
WALTER E. RHOADES,
Overseers of Public Welfare

Report of Water Commissioners

The year 1931 has seen the completion of two extensions of the Water mains. The South, Green and Vernon Streets a distance of 22,600 feet, and the Auburn and Laurel Street, a distance of 3,085 feet. The South Street work was contracted for, late last year and was completed in May 1931. The Auburn and Laurel Street extension was made in accordance with a vote of the special town meeting of August 8, 1931. The pipe for this last work was furnished by contract and the construction was done by the department, using local labor entirely, except where economy required the use of machinery, which was hired.

With the completion of these lines, the Board is of the opinion that no further major extensions should be undertaken for some time to come. During the past seven years since the Town took over the system, much has been accomplished in this department and the Town has placed a heavy burden upon itself for waterworks. The following table shows clearly what has been done.

	Old Water Company	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Miles of Pipe	18.2	28.1	29.2	33.8	33.8	33.8	33.8	38.7
Number of Consumers . . .		1,039	1,046	1,057	1,123	1,136	1,146	1,219
Number of Hydrants	82	156	167	206	206	206	206	233
Expended for								
Improvements		*\$347,800	\$86,100	\$45,000	\$4,200	\$150	.....	\$43,700
Annual Revenue		23,900	35,600	37,400	37,800	37,800	37,300	37,700
Annual Expense		15,200	41,900	40,900	44,700	43,600	44,500	43,200

* Includes \$175,000 paid to old water company for their property.

It will thus be seen that water works have so far cost the Town not less than \$526,950, of which sum \$351,950 has been expended for improvements and extensions. The annual deficit should now show a continuous decline unless further unprofitable extensions are made.

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The practice of renewing meters has been continued and the plant and equipment have been kept up to a satisfactory standard of efficiency as indicated by the records. the metered consumption of water accounts for 83% of the water actually pumped. The water used for fires, flushing mains, flushing sewers and other miscellaneous use is of course not metered but may be reasonably estimated to be about 2%, leaving 15% to be accounted for. In a system containing the mileage and sizes of pipe which Bridge-water has, a leakage equivalent to 25% would not be considered to be unusual. Since our otherwise unaccounted for consumption amounts to 15% the condition of the system may be considered as satisfactory.

The Board take this opportunity to express its appreciation of the co-operation of the employees of the department.

SAMUEL B. CHOLERTON,
WILLIAM H. BASSETT,
FRED W. CARLSON,
Water Commissioners.

Report of Trustees of the Public Library

With an increase in circulation of 5,124 volumes over that of 1930 it is evident that the people of Bridgewater are making a larger and larger use of the Library and that the Library in turn is proving itself able to meet effectively the increased demands placed upon it. The ability to meet the increased needs has come through the generous provisions made by the town and through two new funds made available during the year. The income from the Mary C. Bryant fund of \$2,000 has been spent for much needed books in the general Library. The Theodore Frances Wright Memorial Fund, amounting to \$406.31, came to the Library unexpectedly during the year. It has made possible a much needed collection of books for the children. The collection is centered in the childrens' room where it is marked by an appropriately inscribed memorial tablet. This has seemed to the Trustees a highly appropriate memorial for such a fund.

We are sorry to discontinue the service at the State Farm and shall be glad to resume it when arrangements can be made for the circulation of the books. It is a source of much satisfaction to the Trustees that all of the outlying schools are now effectively supplied with books appropriate to that service.

The work of the Library Staff has been performed with its usual efficiency under the able direction of Miss Ames. The Trustees regret the long continued illness of Miss Ra-

chel Crocker and her enforced absence for several months. It is earnestly hoped that she will soon be able to return to her work for the children for whom she has done so much in her long years of services.

The report of the Librarian follows:

Respectfully submitted,
 CHAS. P. SINNOTT, President,
 GUSTAVUS PRATT, Vice-President,
 KATHERINE PROPHETT, Secretary,
 HERMAN F. WHEELER, Treasurer,
 MARY R. FLYNN,
 JAMES H. DICKINSON,
 MARTHA BURNELL,
 JAMES J. GORMAN,
 ELSIE L. CARR.

Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Bridgewater Public Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1931.

Reading has been an increasingly popular amusement with the people of Bridgewater during the year as the substantial increase in circulation of books for the year shows.

At the end of June the deposit at the State Farm was discontinued as there was no one to look after the circulation of books. Mrs. William Hanson very gladly gave her time for fourteen months to see that books were given out twice a week and we wish to extend to her our hearty thanks for the time and effort that she spent on the undertaking.

In the summer we started a new registration of borrowers, as our old list was getting too large and many unused cards were on file. Since July first we have registered

1,239 borrowers and are still adding to the number. This gives a better idea of the number of active users of the library. When the new registration was started we adopted a borrower's Identification Card in place of the old Library card. The old card, however, was retained for the use of the Children's Room.

In July, also, the money from the Theodore Francis Wright Memorial Fund became available for use and we were able to supplement the books in the Children's Room by two hundred and thirty volumes. This has made it possible to extend the School service to include the Prattown School. Now all the outlying schools receive books every two weeks during the school year, and the collections at the McElmain School are changed when the teachers ask to have them changed.

The Reference Department has been strengthened by the addition of a new edition of the World Book Encyclopedia, a two-volume New Century Dictionary and eleven volumes of the Smithsonian Scientific Series. The last named set of books is ready for use and may be used in the Library at any time.

The money from the Mary C. Bryant Fund has been used for books of biography and travel this year.

During rush hours the charging desk is entirely inadequate owing to the fact that only one person can work there at a time. It is to be hoped that a new desk may be installed in the not too, far distant future.

We have borrowed books in Italian, Polish and Lithuanian from the Division of Public Libraries and they have been freely used. We have also borrowed books from the Boston Public Library, the Division of Public Libraries, the State Library, and the Free Public Library of New Bedford, also from Middleboro.

When, after several weeks of illness, Miss Crocker found it necessary to ask for leave of absence, we were fort-

unate in having an experienced substitute, Mrs. Wilcox to carry on the work in the Children's Room.

I wish to thank the Trustees and the staff for the hearty co-operation given during the year.

The Library acknowledges with thanks gifts from the following donors: The Curtis Publishing Co.; Mrs. Oscar Underwood; Elizabeth Shaw Montgomery; Miss Adeline S. Keith; E. P. Dutton; Miss Helen A. Brown; Mr. L. C. Stearns; Mr. H. J. Strann; McGill University; Rev. Frederick Edwards; Mrs. F. C. Gammons; Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Mrs. E. L. Cook.

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

Adult Circulation	41,516
Children's Room	20,339
Total Circulation	61,855
Increase over 1930	5,124
Adult Readers	4,089
Children's Room Readers	1,866
Registrations from July 1st	1,239
Volumes added by purchase	853
Volumes added by gift	26
Volumes added Theodore F. Wright Memorial Collection	230

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH M. AMES,
Librarian.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Platform scales over 5000 pounds	3	9	3
Platform scales under 5000 pound	19	48	1
Counter scales over 100 pounds		1	
Counter scales under 100 pounds	4	26	
Beam scales over 100 pounds		4	
Beam scales under 100 pounds	1	8	
Spring scales over 100 pounds	1	21	4
Spring scales under 100 pounds	4	67	3
Computing scales over 100 pounds		2	
Computing scales under 100 pounds	7	36	1
Personal weighing		8	
Prescription scales		5	
Avoirdupois weights	19	269	
Apothecary weights		55	
Troy		14	
Liquid measures		32	
Oil Jars		193	
Dry measure		4	
Gasoline Pumps	25	52	9
Gasoline Meters	1	13	
Kerosene Pumps	1	12	
Oil measuring pumps	11	51	
Molasses pumps		1	
Quantity measures on pumps	3	48	
Yard sticks		2	

Sealing fees	\$98.70
Adjusting charges	9.45
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Total	\$108.15

31 Gasolene Pumps reinspected and
5 Corrections made
15 Computing scales re-inspected.

GLEN S. MATTESON,
Sealer.

Report of Treasurer

A summary of the financial transactions of the Town Treasurer for the financial year ending December 31, 1931, is given below. Detailed statements, outstanding indebtedness and investment funds are contained in the report of the Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

		Receipts	
Cash on hand January 1, 1931		\$961.24	
Bridgewater Trust Company		66,761.85	
		<hr/>	\$67,723.09
Receipts:			
Revenue receipts		\$308,778.03	
Non-revenue		238,845.73	
		<hr/>	547,623.76
			<hr/>
			\$615,346.85
		Payments	
From revenue		\$322,318.51	
From non-revenue		253,728.25	
		<hr/>	\$576,046.76
Cash on hand December 31, 1931		\$70.00	
Bridgewater Trust Company		39,230.00	
		<hr/>	39,300.09
			<hr/>
			\$615,346.85

HERBERT E. REED,
Town Treasurer.

Report of Collector of Taxes

THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

1929

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1930:

Personal	\$186.67	
Real Estate	7,031.58	
Moth	38.18	
Sidewalk	26.63	
Sewer	57.51	
Excise	304.83	
	<hr/>	\$7,645.40

Interest	\$957.05	
Charges	65.45	
	<hr/>	1,022.50

\$8,667.90

Cr.

Collected:

Personal	\$181.53	
Real Estate	6,876.66	
Moth	38.18	
Sidewalk	26.63	
Sewer	57.51	
Excise	74.78	
	<hr/>	\$7,255.29

Interest	\$957.05	
Charges	65.45	
	<hr/>	1,022.50
Tax title acquired by town		17.13
Abatements:		
Personal	\$5.14	
Real Estate	137.79	
Excise	230.05	
	<hr/>	372.98
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		\$8,667.90

1930

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1930:

Polls	\$26.00	
Personal	2,918.33	
Real Estate	46,361.54	
Moth	318.91	
Excise	1,399.94	
Excise committed 1931	10.25	
Sidewalk	404.31	
Sewer	199.56	
	<hr/>	\$51,638.84

Interest	\$1,674.25	
Charges	277.82	
	<hr/>	1,952.07
		<hr/>
		\$53,590.91

Cr.

Collections:

Polls	\$14.00
Personal	2,461.50

Real Estate	35,292.55	
Moth	250.41	
Excise	991.77	
Sidewalk	282.78	
	<hr/>	\$39,293.01
Interest	\$1,674.25	
Charges	277.82	
	<hr/>	1,952.07
Tax title acquired by town		25.36
Abatements:		
Poll	\$12.00	
Real Estate	188.19	
Excise	144.72	
	<hr/>	344.91
Uncollected:		
Personal	\$456.83	
Real Estate	10,855.44	
Moth	68.50	
Excise	273.70	
Sidewalk	121.53	
Sewer	199.56	
	<hr/>	11,975.56
		<hr/>
		\$53,590.91

1931

Dr.

Committed for Collection:	
Polls	\$4,008.00
Personal	29,936.13
Real Estate	173,012.86
Moth	1,346.72
Old Age Assistance	2,028.00
Excise	12,640.62

Sidewalk	150.85	
Sewer	98.29	
	<hr/>	\$223,221.47
Interest	\$87.62	
Charges	457.45	
	<hr/>	545.07
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		\$223,766.54
Cr.		
Collections:		
Polls	\$3,696.00	
Personal	27,577.84	
Real Estate	119,781.57	
Moth	981.13	
Old Age Assistance	1,863.00	
Excise	11,424.79	
Sidewalk	84.03	
Sewer	40.04	
	<hr/>	\$165,448.40
Interest	\$87.62	
Charges	457.45	
	<hr/>	545.07
Tax titles acquired by town		97.85
Abatements:		
Polls	\$242.00	
Personal	50.35	
Real Estate	701.48	
Moth	1.25	
Old Age Assistance	117.00	
Excise	457.05	
	<hr/>	1,569.13

Uncollected:

Polls	\$70.00	
Personal	2,307.94	
Real Estate	52,431.96	
Moth	364.34	
Old Age Assistance	48.00	
Excise	758.78	
Sidewalk	66.82	
Sewer	58.25	
	<hr/>	56,106.09
		<hr/>
		\$223,766.54

HERBERT E. REED,
Tax Collector of Town of Bridgewater.

Report of Chief of Police

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Number of Arrests		325
Males	313	
Females	7	
Juveniles	5	

CAUSES OF ARREST

Assault and Battery	8
Attaching Plates	1
Adultery	2
Breaking and Entering	1
Bastardy	2
Capias	3
Drunkenness	50
Disorderly House	1
Default	1
Endangering Lives	7
Entering Gardens	1
Failure to go to right when going to the left	3
Failure to go slow	52

Failure to stop on signal of Officer	1
Failure to stop	5
Failure to confine dog after notice	1
Going away after accident	1
Hunting with no License	1
Impeding	14
Influence of Liquor	12
Influence 2d Offence	1
Improper Equipment	1
Injury to Personal Property	2
Keeping and Exposing	4
Larceny	15
Left of Center	8
Lewdness	2
Not being Licensed	4
No Brakes	1
Non-support	8
No Lights	12
No License	8
Neglect	2
No Lights on Bicycles	2
No Electrical License	1
No Rear Light	3
Obstructing Plates	1
Operating after Suspension	1
Parking	12
Speeding	49
Spotlight	1
Setting traps with no License	2
Trespassing	1
Truant	1
Unnecessary Noise	5
Uninsured	5
Unregistered	2
Violations of Food Laws	1

Violations of Game Laws	2
Violations of Probation	1
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DISPOSITION OF CASES

Dismissed	5
Filed	45
Fines	162
Grand Jury	2
House of Correction	12
Lyman School	1
Other Police Departments	48
Probation	23
Released	26
Shirley School	1
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MISCELLANEOUS

Autos tagged for violations	1,825
Accidents where persons were injured	31
Business places found unlocked	27
Complaints received	1,221
Autos stolen	2
Autos recovered	2
Liquor searches	8
Value of property reported stolen	\$1,547.23
Value of property recovered	\$1,412.00
Insane persons committed	2
Aggregated amount of fines	\$2,575.00

WELFARE WORK

We have received the fullest co-operation of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children with Mr. Harold Pickett and Miss Hellen A. Johnson as agents. I

wish to express my appreciations for their interest and untiring efforts in this work during the past year. Many cases have been satisfactorily adjusted without recourse to the courts.

TRAFFIC

We believe at the present this is fairly well regulated and handled, however, some changes may be necessary from time to time.

Officers are at the McElwain School and the intersection of Grove and Bedford Streets during the time the children are passing to and from school.

We recommend the widening of the South Street side of the Common.

We have had one accident less this year than in 1930 with no fatal accidents.

CONCLUSION

During the year the town has been free from serious crimes or disturbances. The slight increase in arrests is due to more violations of the motor vehicle laws.

I realize that whatever measure of success we have achieved in maintaining law and order is due to the cooperation of the Court and the Town Officials and to the fact that the greater part of our people are orderly and law abiding.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. MOORE,
Chief of Police,
Bridgewater, Mass.

Report of Fire Department

To The Honorable Board Of Selectmen:

The Board of Fire Engineers of the Bridgewater Fire Department submit their annual report of the condition and operation of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1931.

HYDRANTS

There are 233 hydrants in good serviceable condition.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The electric fire alarm system is a standard Gamewell system of one transmitter, 35 signal boxes, one of which is private, and 14 miles of wire to operate the fire circuits. The batteries operate a bell in the station tower, and a 8 inch steam whistle in the L. Q. White Shoe factory.

REPORT OF FIRES

During the year the Fire Department responded to 40 box alarms, one aid call, 33 squad calls and 48 still alarms, 4 ambulance and 4 automatic alarms. In the work of extinguishing fires, the department used 18,950 feet of 2½ inch hose, 5,050 feet of chemical hose, 26 hand chemicals, and 1,667 feet of ladder.

The permanent men have recharged and inspected 47 hand extinguishers for Schools, Public Halls, Churches, and

Citizens of the Town. This service is without cost to the owners, and we strongly recommend that persons owning fire extinguishers take them to the Fire-Station for inspection and proper recharging. The inspections of fire hazards and first aid by the firemen is also recommended, and it is the intention of the Board of Engineers to encourage and improve the methods of this work.

REMARKS

A large number of fire drills were held, including the drills for the Pupils of the various Town Schools, which were held under the direction of the Chief, Frederick Waite.

Inspection of fire hazards numbered 760 during the year. Fire permits are now required throughout the year and may be had by applying at the Fire Station or Fire Warden, Francis C. Worthen.

Thanking your Board and the Citizens for your generous support.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK WAITE, Chief,
GEORGE STEPHENS,
ROBERT A. PRICE.

Report of Board of Health

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Chicken Pox	37
Diphtheria	1
German Measles	20
Lobar Pneumonia	6
Measles	29
Scarlet Fever	9
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	25
Whooping Cough	10
Tuberculosis other forms	3
Anterior Poliomyelitis	2
Mumps	7

SLAUGHTERING INSPECTORS REPORT

There has been but one case for the Inspector this year.

LICENSES GRANTED

Number of Milk Licenses granted	17
Number of Oleomargarine Licenses granted	4
Number of Massage Licenses granted	8
Number of Alcohol Licenses granted	7
Number of Undertakers Licenses granted	5
Deaths in town	58
Deaths at State Farm	77

Total deaths	135
Births in town	60
Plumbing Inspections	46
Licenses issued but not paid for until after books were closed	4

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

We wish to call attention to Physicians and parents to the General Laws Chapter 111, Section 111, which reads as follows:

“If a physician knows that a person whom he visits is infected with small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or any other disease declared by the department dangerous to the public health, or if either eye of an infant whom or whose mother a physician, or hospital or medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, visits, becomes inflamed, swollen or red or shows unnatural discharges within two weeks after birth, he shall immediately give written notice thereof, over his own signature, to the Board of Health of the town; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.”

ALBERT F. HUNT, M. D.,
CHARLES R. SMITH,
HENRY A. GOW.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AND
SCHOOL NURSE, FROM JANUARY 1, 1931,
TO JANUARY 1, 1932

To the Chairman of the Board of Health and the
Superintendent of Schools:

During the year 36 children with impetigo, 45 with pediculosis, and 110 with pinkeye were excluded from the schools. In each case printed directions of the Board of Health were given as to care and treatment. 37 children with sore throats were excluded after their throats were cultured. 510 children had colds, and were sent home if their temperatures were over 99. There were three cases of dogbite, and the children were sent home, and a physician's care was advised in each case. There were 49 dry sores, 289 cases of nits, 6 of boils, 32 of swollen glands. In the cases of swollen glands the children were sent home if their temperatures were over 99. There were 11 burns, two cases of chilblains, and 27 cases of severe headache. Children were sent home if their temperatures were over 99. An oculist's examination was advised in 11 cases. There were 50 cases of nausea and the children were sent home; 3 cases of eczema, and fifteen infected fingers; 34 cases of ivy poisoning, and 35 cases of dogwood. Referred one very severe case to physician. 13 cases of earache were referred to physicians.

Found two newcomers to the Junior High School from another State who had not been vaccinated, and made arrangements for their vaccination at once. We take great pride in the fact that our school children are 100% vaccinated, except in cases where chronic illness justifies an exemption, and we are most appreciative of the co-operation we get in this respect.

There were 78 cases of toothache, and dentistry was advised in each case. Took child who is under the guardianship of the State to get estimate of cost of dental work. Got estimate also for three other children, and arranged with two parents to have dentistry done. Had dentistry done for the third child at the expense of the Red Cross. By the end of May, 185 dental certificates had been returned to the schools signed by dentists, saying that children had had all necessary work done. Discussed tentative plans for the dental clinic in the fall with the Chairman of the Dental Committee. The dental clinic was held during October and November, and was sponsored by the Bridgewater Teachers' Association. Examination was made of the children's teeth in the first six grades, and notifications were sent the parents regarding dental defects. About 500 cleanings were done by the dental hygienist, each child having his teeth cleaned paying twenty-five cents. Extractions and filling were referred to family dentists. Dental certificates were again given the children, to be signed by the dentist when all necessary work is completed. The children are allowed until the last of May to return these certificates. It is hoped that there will be even more dental work done this year than last.

There were 108 seriously underweight children. Notices were sent to parents, and milk in school was advised in some cases. Arranged through principals of the schools for several children to have milk at the expense of the Red Cross. Interviewed parents of thirteen children in regard to diet, habits, etc. Suggested milk in school for some. Four of the seriously underweight children at the Prospect School came up to normal weight during the year. Arranged with parents of one underweight child, who has also been a contact of tuberculosis, to go to Summer Health Camp at South Hanson for eight weeks. This is made possible by the sale of Christmas Seals, sponsored by the Ousa-

mequin Club, and handled by a special committee in the Club, of which Mrs. Frank M. Spicer is Chairman.

There were 48 cases of defective vision. Conferred with parents of thirty children in regard to oculist's examination and glasses for children. Parents of 21 children attended to this almost immediately. Took 8 children with defective vision to Brockton specialist at the expense of the Student Activities Club at the Normal School. Conferred with parents of one child regarding change of glasses, as child developed headaches. Glasses in this case were furnished by the Seal Sale Fund.

Health record charts were kept by the children themselves in one of the rural schools. These charts were furnished by the Plymouth County Health Association. The Association also furnished bronze pins, which were given as rewards for effort in good health work in the first three grades, and for good nutrition and dental work in the fifth and sixth grades.

Cases requiring First Aid, 47. Accompanied one child to her home after First Aid treatment.

Advised six High School students as to diet, habits, etc.

Took two children, accompanied by parents, to the State mental clinic at the Brockton City Hospital, and made arrangement for another child to be taken there.

Conferred with fifteen parents regarding Schick Test for children. Assisted with toxin-antitoxin inoculations for the prevention of diphtheria in the schools and at the Board of Health office. Sent certificates to children who received three inoculations. Also assisted in giving twenty children a check-up Schick Test at the Board of Health office. Planned pre-school diphtheria prevention clinic with Dr. Albert F. Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Health. Made 59 home visits in regard to it. Clinics were held June 12, 19, and 26. At these clinics Dr. Hunt inoculated fifty children three

times, each inoculation taking place a week apart, with toxin-antitoxin. Dr. Hunt feels that the gradual wiping out of the most dreaded of children's diseases—diphtheria—is well worth the many, many hours put into this work.

Assisted Dr. William Hunt, the school physician, in examining the throats of all school children. In the Junior High 106 were found to have enlarged tonsils, 33 in the High School, 142 in the Training School, 144 in the McElwain, 61 in the Prospect, 16 in the Dyer, 11 in the Prattown, 8 in the Flagg Street, and 4 in the Blackstone. Notices were sent the parents. Conferred with parents of 120 children in regard to having children's tonsils removed. Took 21 children to the clinic at the Goddard Hospital. Referred two cases to the Department of Public Welfare, and one child had tonsils removed at the expense of this Department, and one child's operation was paid for from the Seal Sale Fund. After the children are taken home, the parents are instructed in regard to their care.

Conferred with the State representative from the Division of Tuberculosis.

Made arrangement for one child with afternoon temperature, and three children who were tuberculosis contacts, to be examined at the Plymouth County Hospital. The children also had chest X-rays taken and the von Pirquet skin test. At the end of a week I notified the hospital as to the result of the skin test, and we were in turn notified by the hospital of the result of the examination and X-ray. One child was a hilum tuberculosis case, possibly active. Measures were taken for proper diet and rest periods for the child. Arranged for two former patients at Plymouth County Hospital to return for examination and check-up. Renewal of hospital treatment was advised for one. Also arranged for von Pirquet tuberculin skin test and chest X-ray for three new adult cases.

Follow-up work was done for three children connected

with the State ten-year program for the prevention of tuberculosis. Conferred with their parents regarding nutrition, diet and habits. Also did follow-up work with one case of hilum tuberculosis.

Made follow-up visits to 53 tuberculosis cases. Conferred with a representative from the Tuberculosis Division of the State Department of Public Health regarding active tuberculosis cases.

Conferred with Mr. Putney and representative of the Tuberculosis Division in regard to having the Chadwick Clinic in the schools. Mr. Putney had long been interested, and had had an application in for this clinic for some time. Definite arrangements were finally made with the State authorities to have this clinic in the fall. Dr. Wakefield of the State Department of Public Health gave a very enlightening talk concerning it at the Junior High School for teachers, and he also talked to the Junior High and High School students. 890 permissions were given by parents for their children to have the von Pirquet tuberculin skin test, and for a chest X-ray and complete physical examination if necessary. There were 151 positive reactors to the skin test. After chest X-rays were taken, there were 30 referred for physical examination. One child was found to have pleurisy with effusion. There were no latent pulmonary or pulmonary suspect cases. Eight cases were diagnosed as hilum tuberculosis cases, 5 as latent hilum tuberculosis, and 13 as suspects. Reports have been sent to parents in all cases where X-ray was taken. Parents of children with a hilum diagnosis have been referred to their family physicians. Very close observance is to be maintained in these twenty-seven cases of hilum, latent hilum and suspects.

Arranged for, and assisted in, the use of the audiometer for retesting of hearing of those children who were found to be defective at the first testing in the fall of 1930. 46 children were found to have defective hearing. Conferred

with parents of eleven children and notices were sent all parents. This fall the audiometer was used again for children in the third, seventh and tenth grades, and for children who were found to be defective before. At this time thirty children were found to have defective hearing, and notices were sent the parents.

Called on 26 children with whooping-cough, two with tonsilitis, one with bronchitis, six with otitis media, one with mastoiditis, one with ulcers of the eye, one with rheumatism, one with diabetes, five with appendicitis, seven with grippe, sixty with measles, thirty-four with German measles, sixty-seven with chicken-pox, two with mumps, and one with cerebral meningitis.

Made home visit to boy who had spastic condition of knee. Advised the family to have physician at once.

Arranged with the Harvard Infantile Paralysis Commission for treatments for a child, following infantile paralysis.

Sent report to the Plymouth County Health Association on expenditure of Seal Sale money in 1930.

There were nine cases of scarlet fever. Made home visits and instructed in care and isolation of patients and method of quarantine. Notified Middleboro Board of Health that scarlet fever contact had been established between a patient in Bridgewater and some of the residents of Middleboro before a physician had seen the case. Made arrangement for two scarlet fever cases to go to the Haynes Memorial Hospital in Brighton. Gave necessary instructions following the removal of patients from their homes.

There was one case of diphtheria. Made home visits and instructed in care and isolation of patient and method of quarantine. This patient was an adult, and had never been immunized with toxin-antitoxin. Cultures were taken from the throats of family contacts. Two negative cul-

tures were taken from the throat of the patient before quarantine was lifted.

Conferred with Mrs. Phillips in regard to the Summer Round-Up held in June at the room in the Bowman Block, sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association, with the School and Health Departments co-operating. The Summer Round-Up is an examination of children who will enter Kindergarten or the first grade in the fall. Dr. Albert F. Hunt and Dr. William E. Hunt were the examining physicians, and Mrs. Phillips and I assisted. 56 pre-school children were examined. Only two absolutely physically fit children were found. 7 nutrition defects were found, 5 posture, 14 dental, 27 throat, 24 nose, 16 glandular, and 2 heart defects. Parents were told of the defects, and Mrs. Phillips and I called on these parents during July. Sent a report of defects corrected, as a result of the Summer Round-Up, to the Director of Child Hygiene, State Department of Public Health.

Sent report of number and kinds of clinics held in Bridgewater during 1930 to the American Public Health Association.

Attended Health Day Demonstration in Memorial Hall at Plymouth.

Inspected seven homes for the Division of Child Guardianship, preceding issuance of licenses to board children.

Referred two patients to the Visiting Nurse Association.

Put literature into circulation for adults regarding health meetings on cancer.

Referred four cases to the Community Welfare Association in charge of Mrs. Nourse.

Referred five cases to the Department of Public Welfare.

Referred one case to the State Division of Child Guardianship.

Attended meeting of Red Cross Council.

Conferred with representative from the State Department of Public Health in regard to probable sources of last year's typhoid cases. It is thought in each case that the disease was contracted outside of Bridgewater.

Kept supplies on hand of smallpox vaccine, diphtheria antitoxin, scarlet fever serum, silver nitrate, typhoid vaccine, Schick Test material and toxin-antitoxin, besides diphtheria, tuberculosis and Widal outfits for analytical and diagnostic purposes.

Arranged by request for State check-up of Milk from one farm. Sent to State House for copies of pamphlet, "Experience with an Epidemic," for distribution among milk producers. This pamphlet deals with prevention of septic sore throat epidemics.

Calls made regarding unsanitary conditions, 11.

Social service cases, 281.

Home visits, 1,101.

Families dealt with, 981.

Office interviews, 737.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET L. ARNOLD, R. N.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE TOWN OF
BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1931



CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Fall term began September 9, 1931.
Fall term ended December 22, 1931.
Winter term begins January 4, 1932.
Winter term ends, first half, February 19, 1932.
Winter term begins, second half, February 29, 1932.
Winter term ends April 15, 1932.
Spring term begins April 25, 1932.
Spring term ends June 24, 1932.
Fall term begins September 7, 1932.
Fall term ends December 23, 1932.

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

Columbus Day, October 12, 1931.
Armistice Day, November 11, 1931.
Thanksgiving Recess, November 25, to November 30, 1931.
Christmas Vacation, December 22, 1931 to January 4, 1932.
Winter Vacation, February 19, to February 29, 1932.
Spring Vacation, April 15 to April 25, 1932.
Memorial Day, May 30, 1932.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The School Committee presents herewith its annual report, the report of the Superintendent of Schools and the school statistics for the year 1932.

At the annual meeting held on March fourth, the committee organized as follows:

Chairman Harold D. Hunt
Vice Chairman Hermon F. Wheeler
Secretary C. C. Putney

During the year just past the sum of \$118,981.33 was expended on account of the public schools. This sum has been distributed as follows:

Administration	\$4,891.08
Salaries of Teachers	79,969.36
Books	1,575.21
Supplies	2,711.57
Tuition	6,723.61
Transportation	7,938.55
Janitors' Services	4,880.34
Fuel and Lights	3,809.20
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	2,466.80
Furniture and Furnishings	279.44
Rent	3,463.00
Other Expenses	273.17
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	\$118,981.33

The following sums have been received on account of the schools:

Massachusetts School Fund and Income Tax	\$18,745.05
Trust Funds	873.61
Tuition and Transportation	5,838.81
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	\$25,457.47

The Committee presents the following budget for the year 1932:

Administration	\$4,866.00
Salaries of Teachers	80,605.00
Books	3,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00
Tuition	6,868.34
Transportation	8,567.50
Janitors' Services	5,055.84
Fuel and Lights	3,928.00
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	3,160.00
Furniture and Furnishings	2,220.00
Rent	3,405.00
Other Expenses	300.00
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	\$123,975.68

The amount of the above budget is \$4,994.35 more than the sum appropriated for the same purpose last year. This increase is due in part to the fact that the high school must care for a largely increased number of pupils during the school year.

The present enrollment of the school is as follows:

Seniors	44
Juniors	81
Sophomores	89
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Total	214

The ninth grade, the class which will enter the high school next year, contains one hundred and fifty two pupils. These figures indicate an enrollment of 322 for the year which will open next September. This represents an increase of one hundred and six pupils, practically thirty three and one third per cent. It seems improbable that the school will reach its indicated size but there is no escape from the fact that the school must prepare for a minimum of seventy or eighty additional pupils. It is too early in the year to present plans for meeting the situation in minute detail, but the following additional expense seems to be unavoidable.

Two additional teachers	\$1,200.00
Forty additional desks and seats	520.00
Additional books and supplies	500.00

There remains the problem of providing recitation space for so large a surplus of pupils. It is the present belief that this can be accomplished by lengthening the school day and by planning the work so that no pupil will be required to remain in school more than five hours. If this belief should not be borne out by the facts, additional transportation of pupils will have to be furnished. The expense of this additional transportation cannot be computed with accuracy at the present time, but it is estimated that it will amount to two hundred dollars and possibly twice that amount. This item has not been included in the budget.

The situation in which the high school will find itself next September, appears to be due entirely to the presence of a large number of students who would be otherwise employed if it were possible for them to obtain such employment. It follows that this over-crowded condition will continue until our industries find it possible to absorb these young men and women. It should be stated, however, that

the on-coming classes below the ninth grade are showing a tendency to become smaller. Relief, to an amount which cannot be predicted with any precision, will undoubtedly come from this fact.

The pianos at the high and junior high schools are worn out and should be replaced at once. The sum of one thousand dollars has been included in the budget for that purpose.

The equipment for manual training at the junior high school after twelve years of service is in great need of replacements. The need includes benches and tools. A sum of five hundred dollars has been included in the budget to meet this need.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD D. HUNT,
AGNES DEVINE,
HERMON F. WHEELER,
ETHEL M. DOANE,
FRED P. TURNER,
HERMAN W. RICHTER,
School Committee of Bridgewater.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Bridgewater:

I herewith present my report for the year 1931. The enrollment of the public schools as of October 1, 1931, shows much the same tendencies as the corresponding figures in recent years. The total enrollment, however, shows a sharp decrease over that of the previous year, the net loss being 91 pupils. The high school enrollment is smaller by twenty three than that of last year. The rest of the decrease is in the elementary schools. Three of the outside schools, so called, the Pratt, Flagg and Blackstone show very slight increases, but the Training, McElwain and Prospect Schools, all show a sharp falling off in attendance. It has been possible to close one room at the McElwain School, its pupils being divided among other rooms in the building, and one of the school's teachers, Miss Mary Toomey, being transferred to the Junior High School. The latter school again shows a slight increase, making it still the largest school in town, and further aggravating its already crowded condition.

Again there can be no doubt that the crowded condition of the Junior High School is due to the fact that many of its students would be at work if business conditions were such as to furnish them employment. It would seem that relief will come only when and in so far as industrial conditions improve.

Six teachers have left the service of the town during the year just past. Mr. George A. Quallins and Miss Jennie

Gilman resigned as members of the High School faculty in June. Their places have been filled by the elections respectively of Mr. Howard J. Leahy of Collinsville, Conn., and Miss Pauline Gerald of Somerville.

Mr. Lincoln D. Lynch resigned in June to accept a position in the Norwood High School. Mr. Lynch came to Bridgewater as a History teacher, in May 1923. In 1925 the work of athletic coach was added to his duties and late in the same year he was made sub master of the school. In April 1929, he succeeded Mr. Richter as principal of the high school. In each of these capacities he measured fully up to the requirements of the position and has given to the town eight years of service of a very high character. His place as principal has been filled by the election of Meredith G. Williams, formerly of Rockland. Mr. Williams' four months of service with us seems to justify an expectation of excellent results from his leadership.

Eliot B. Leonard, principal of the McElwain School resigned in October to accept a much more lucrative and responsible position in Wakefield. No one is ignorant of the quality of Mr. Leonard's service during his three years in town. We were fortunate in retaining him as long as we did. The position has been filled by the election of Mr. Percy L. Rowe of Boothbay, Maine.

Mrs. Morton R. Seavey resigned in November as a commercial teacher in the high school, after five years of exceptionally good work in that capacity. The position has not been filled at this writing.

Mr. Stephen W. Brown resigned his position as teacher of Manual Training in the Junior High School, at the end of the school year, going to a similar position in Stamford, Connecticut. Mr. Brown's work in this town produced excellent results, and there can be no question but that he advanced to a still higher point the already high standard of our manual training department. Mr. Brown's place has

been taken by Mr. W. Clifton Reeves of South Windham, Maine.

It will be seen that our teacher turn over last year left vacant a large proportion of the key positions in our system, those positions on the capable and efficient manning of which, depend the success or non success of the system as a whole. This tendency is not unusual in any school system, and is only a natural feature of one whose salary scale is low.

Little in the way of repairs has been done during the past year. The partition between the two small rooms above and at the rear of the stage at the Junior High School has been removed and the resulting room has been made use of to accommodate the small classes of the school. This has prevented the necessity of holding classes in that part of the office suite used as a library, a necessity which had added materially to the disorder unavoidable in a building so over crowded as the Junior High School.

Twice during the year, the fire department of the town conducted a survey of our building with a view to the elimination of preventable fire hazards. On each occasion, minor defects were found in several of the buildings, which defects have since been remedied by the school authorities. On each occasion the pupils were addressed by members of the fire department on the prevention of fires and their hazards. The superintendent believes that the firemen are performing a needed public service in this matter and hopes that the custom will be continued.

The special classes housed in the McElwain School building, have shown a slight falling off in members during the past year. The present enrollment is thirty two with a capacity of thirty six. The examination of the pupils for the present school year is in progress at this writing. It is believed that its results will not call for additional room or instruction.

At an exhibition of work of special classes held at the Normal School last spring, the pupils from this town received much praise for their work. As the other contestants were towns of much larger population and resources, it would seem that we are meeting the problem in a satisfactory manner.

The dental clinic backed and financed by the Teacher's Association took place in November. A very large majority of the members of the first six grades took advantage of the opportunity. It is to be regretted that the resources placed at the disposal of the school authorities do not permit of the extension of this work to all the pupils in town and also to permit a vigorous follow up of the work that is done.

One of the Chadwick Clinics for the discovery, prevention and cure of tuberculosis took place in our schools last fall. Very few cases needing further treatment were found and none were found which will not yield readily. The unfortunate feature of the matter is that only sixty percent of the parents of our pupils consented to the examination of their children. It has been truly said that it lies within the power of Massachusetts parents to make tuberculosis as rare as leprosy within the space of the next twenty years.

During October and November the Plymouth County Health Association in co-operation with the Board of Health and the School Department at the Junior High School sponsored a series of seven lectures, each dealing with some phase of health in its relation to the general public. While one or two of the lectures were directed more particularly to the work of the teacher, all of them contained a deep interest for parents, social workers and all interested in public welfare. It is hoped that a similar course may be arranged for this year.

The superintendent desires to again express his appreciation of the sympathetic co-operation which he has re-

ceived during the past year, from the school authorities, the teachers and his fellow citizens in general.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON C. PUTNEY.

Appendix

Registration of Minors (ages as of October 1, 1931)

	Total	Males	Females
Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	202	100	102
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	949	475	475
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	312	166	146
Illiterate minors 16 years of age or over and under 21	1	1	0
Different illiterate minors between 16 years and 21 years to whom employment certificates were issued from September 1, 1928 to August 1, 1929	1	1	0
		Elementary Including Junior High	High School
	Total		
Total enrollment of pupils for year ending June, 1931	1,607	1,363	244
Average daily attendance	1,487	1,264	223
Average number of days public schools are in session	178	171	181
Number of teachers, January 1, 1931	58		
Average membership	1,565	1,331	234
Number of pupils attending from other towns	55	33	22
Aggregate Attendance	194,436	154,479	39,957
Number of pupils attending schools elsewhere	2	1	1

Number of children in school	October 1, 1922	1,678
Number of children in school	October 1, 1923	1,698
Number of children in school	October 1, 1924	1,701
Number of children in school	October 1, 1925	1,666
Number of children in school	October 1, 1926	1,647
Number of children in school	October 1, 1927	1,603
Number of children in school	October 1, 1928	1,592
Number of children in school	October 1, 1929	1,603
Number of children in school	October 1, 1930	1,614
Number of children in school	October 1, 1931	1,521

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR THE LAST
TEN YEARS

Year	Enrollment	Boys	Girls	Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance
1920	1,498	765	733	1,433	1,405	97.3
1921	1,604	831	789	1,554	1,415	92.0
1922	1,667	852	815	1,578	1,442	91.3
1923	1,689	884	805	1,584	1,486	93.1
1924	1,691	872	819	1,649	1,581	95.8
1925	1,633	845	788	1,595	1,484	93.1
1926	1,684	862	822	1,550	1,491	96.2
1927	1,648	840	808	1,552	1,461	94.1
1928	1,616	823	793	1,557	1,456	93.5
1929	1,653	832	821	1,545	1,457	94.3
1930	1,607	825	782	1,565	1,487	95.0

TEACHERS IN BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Name	Position	Began Teaching	Salary	Address	College or Normal School
High School					
Meredith G. Williams	Principal	Sept. 1931	\$2,500	Rockland, Mass.	Bates College
Maurice K. Walsh	Math. and Sci.	Sept. 1927	1,900	42 Crescent St.	Holy Cross
Howard J. Leahy	Math. and Sci.	Sept. 1931	1,500	Mt. Prospect St.	Tufts College
Ethel G. Cook	Latin, French	Sept. 1926	1,500	Taunton, Mass.	Boston University
Priscilla Paine	English	Sept. 1929	1,400	241 South St.	Emerson
Elvira M. Wall	English	Sept. 1929	1,400	241 South St.	Upssala
Pauline L. Gerald	French	Sept. 1931	1,300	Bridgewater Inn	Tufts College
Lester M. Lane	Soc., Sci., Alg.	Apr. 1929	2,000	Hingham	Bridgewater
*Bernice C. Seavey	Athletic Coach Commercial	Sept. 1926	1,500	106 Park Ave.	Chandler
Junior High School					
Morton R. Seavey	Principal	Mar. 1925	2,300	106 Park Ave.	Boston University
Albert F. Hunt, Jr.	Sci. & Soc. Study	Sept. 1927	1,700	28 School St.	Brown
Katherine O'Donnell	Arithmetic	Sept. 1923	1,400	400 High St.	Bridgewater
Frances Pearl	Som. Science	Sept. 1924	1,400	Jamaica Plain	Framingham
Alice Holmes	English	Oct. 1928	1,400	Plymouth St.	Acadia
Sarten Siranossian	English, French	Sept. 1924	1,400	Oak St.	Bridgewater
Alice Holmes	English, Drawing	Sept. 1928	1,400	827 High St.	Bridgewater
Alice Wood	History	Sept. 1924	1,400	State Farm	Bridgewater
Elizabeth Carroll	Geography	Sept. 1924	1,400	Broad St.	Bridgewater
Rose Flynn	Hygiene, Music	Sept. 1922	1,400	410 High St.	Bridgewater
W. Clifton Reeves	Manual Training	Sept. 1931	1,300	138 Park Ave.	Normal
William Moss	Mathematics	Dec. 1928	1,600	119 Main St.	Brown
Mary Toomey	French & English	Sept. 1928	1,200	43 Fremont St.	Bridgewater
McElwain Shool					
Percy L. Rowe	Principal	Nov. 1931	1,700	54 Pleasant St.	Castine Normal
Bertha Mekkleesen	Grade 3	Sept. 1921	1,250	32 Pearl St.	Bridgewater

*Resigned December 1, 1931

Caroline C. Sample	Grade 1	Sept. 1911	1,250	60 Park Ave.	
Veronica Freeman	Grade 5	Sept. 1928	1,200	288 Bedford St.	Bridgewater
Catherine Hart	Grade 6	Sept. 1920	1,250	Central Square	Bridgewater
Gladys Sweeney	Grades 1-2	Sept. 1928	1,200	66 Union St.	Bridgewater
Evelyn Tyler	Grade 6	Dec. 1923	1,250	Dorchester	
Edith B. Wilbar	Grade 5	Sept. 1926	1,250	Brockton	Bridgewater
Louise Buckley	Grade 2	Sept. 1921	1,250	535 Main St.	Bridgewater
Grace McElroy	Not Graded Class	Mar. 1929	1,200	34 Hale St.	Bridgewater
Marjorie Chapman	Not Graded Class	Feb. 1930	1,000	State Farm	Bridgewater
Sup. of Schools					
C. C. Putney		Mar. 1920	3,700	397 Main St.	Williams
Pratt School					
Doris MacDonald	Grades 1-4	Sept. 1930	1,000	Brockton	Lesley
Prospect School					
Mary Thompson	Grades 4-5	Sept. 1902	1,550	97 Broad St.	Bridgewater
Phyllis Hennessey	Grade 2	Sept. 1923	1,250	Middleboro	Bridgewater
Evelyn Gallagher	Grade 1	Feb. 1928	1,200	No. Abington	Bridgewater
Helen Powers	Grade 3	Sept. 1929	1,150	84 Center St.	Bridgewater
Blackstone School					
Florence Killam	Grades 1-4	Sept. 1927	1,200	302 Titicut St.	Bridgewater
Flagg School					
Audrey Falk	Grades 1-4	Sept. 1924	1,250	Auburn St.	Bridgewater
Dyer School					
Ines Smith	Grades 4-5-6	Dec. 1921	1,250	85 Bedford St.	Bridgewater
Elizabeth McHale	Grades 1-2-3	Jan. 1929	1,150	130 Center St.	Bridgewater
Supervisor of Special Classes					
Percy L. Rowe	Nov. 1931	Nov. 1931	100	54 Pleasant St.	Castine Normal
Supervisor of Drawing					
Helen Ransden		Sept. 1930	1,300	276 Main St.	Mass. Arts

Supervisor of Music						
Luther Churchill		Sept. 1930	800	East Bridgewater		Boston University
Rose Flynn		Sept. 1922	100	410 High St.		Bridgewater
Model School						
Martha Burnell	Principal	Sept. 1896	1,700	30 Maple Ave.		Bridgewater
Nellie Bennett	Grade 6	Sept. 1898	1,250	Middleboro		Bridgewater
Jennie Bennett	Grade 5	Sept. 1899	1,250	Middleboro		Bridgewater
Helen B. Sleeper	Grade 4	Sept. 1926	1,250	41 Plymouth St.		Castine
Lucy B. Braley	Grade 3	Sept. 1926	1,250	41 Plymouth St.		Bridgewater
Gladys L. Allen	Grade 2	Sept. 1925	1,250	214 Summer St.		Bridgewater
Gertrude M. Rogers	Grade 2	Sept. 1924	1,250	76 Broad St.		Pratt Institute
Neva I. Lockwood	Grades 5-6	Sept. 1907	1,250	122 Maple Ave.		Bridgewater
Louise H. Borchers	Grade 4	Sept. 1919	1,250	78 Broad St.		Fitchburg
Grace Smith	Grade 1	Sept. 1924	1,250	Rockland		Bridgewater
Flora M. Stuart	Grade 1	Sept. 1890	1,250	12 Maple Ave.		Bridgewater
Charlotte H. Thompson	Grade 3	Sept. 1919	1,250	25 Grove St.		Bridgewater
A. Mabelle Warner	Grade 5	Sept. 1927	1,250	Maple Avenue		Salem
Mary L. Marks	Kindergarten	Sept. 1930	625	Rockland		Wheelock

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OCTOBER 2, 1931

School	Ungraded	Kindergarten	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Total
Blackstone			4	4	1	4										13
Dyer	2		4	9	4	4	5	4								32
Flagg			6	7	8	7										28
High												89	81	44	4	218
Junior High									130	122	152					404
McElwain	35		27	38	34	39	80	71								324
Pratt			6	6	5	8										25
Prospect			22	24	21	28										95
Training		25	54	63	60	58	57	65								382
Totals	37	25	123	151	133	148	142	140	130	122	152	89	81	44	4	1,521

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Clifton C. Putney; residence 379 Main Street, office in the Town Hall; hours 3-5 on school days. Residence telephone 157-4; Office telephone 276; Marion Vallen, Superintendent's secretary, residence 29 Goodwin Street. Office open 8-1 and 2-5 each school day.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

James R. Moore, 147 Park Avenue, Telephone 284-4

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

William E. Hunt, M. D., Main Street, Telephone 29.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Margaret L. Arnold, Telephone 665

JANITORS

F. A. McFarlin, Shaw Road, Junior High School.

Horace McFarlin, Plymouth Street, High School.

F. A. Mellen, Main Street, McElwain School.

John P. Bevis, Pratt School.

Ole B. Peterson, State Farm, Blackstone School.

Mrs. H. B. McFadden, Scotland, Dyer School.

Melzer T. Rupert, 955 Summer Street.

John F. Sprague, High Street, Prospect School, Tel. 358-4.

AGE OF ENTERING FIRST GRADE

Pupils must be five years old on or before the first of April before the opening of school in September, to be eligible to first grade.

AGE OF ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

Pupils must be four years old on or before the first of April before the opening of school in September, to be eligible to kindergarten.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Two blows repeated four times at 7:10 a. m. no school in the High and Junior High Schools. Two blows repeated four times at 8.00 a. m. no school in the morning in the elementary schools. Two blows repeated four times at 11:45 a. m. no school in the afternoon.

REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

No pupils shall be transported to kindergarten at the town's expense.

All other pupils living more than one and one-half miles from the school which they are required to attend, will be transported.

Report of the Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee believes that now, when all have to live on reduced incomes, when every family is studying its budget to cut out non-essentials and make every dollar go as far as it can, the town should consider searchingly the return from every outlay, and cut all costs of government, protection and education to a minimum consistent with safety and efficiency. Requirements for relief are heavy, and should be met before any extension of equipment or construction, except as such may aid unemployment.

Examples of bankrupt towns and cities are frequent, and not alluring. Our town is still heavily burdened with debt payable over a term of years, and our tax rate for 1932 will probably be higher than last year's, even with lower appropriations, because of the sharp decrease in returns from corporation and income taxes.

The Committee has the disagreeable task of seeing needed improvements and asking departments to get along without them, knowing officials and workers deserving more pay and the town not in condition to raise more, and in every department the Committee has met with a fine spirit of cooperation in the effort to hew to the line of safety and effectiveness, for the sake of meeting relief adequately.

It is well to remember, this year, that every \$1,000 voted, more than is recommended means twenty cents more for you.

to pay on every \$1,000 you own; that each \$5,000 so voted raises the tax rate approximately \$1.00.

In the desire that we may continue in a solvent state as a town, the Advisory Committee urges the adoption of its recommendations as set forth in the accompanying budget.

HERBERT K. PRATT, Chairman,
MRS. WALTER S. LITTLE, Secretary,
MRS. THOMAS CARROLL,
GEORGE O. JENKINS,
CHARLES F. JORDAN,
SAMUEL J. KINGSTON,
EDWARD F. McHUGH,
ARTHUR R. TINKHAM,
BENJAMIN E. WARD.

Annual Budget, 1932

	Appropriated 1931	Expenses 1931	Recommended 1932
GENERAL GOVERNMENT—\$12,071.00			
Legislative	\$5.00		
Selectmen	1,050.00	\$1,049.99	\$1,050.00
Accounting	1,800.00	1,784.84	1,800.00
Treasurer	815.00	845.56	850.00
Collector	3,150.00	3,308.69	3,200.00
Assessors	1,800.00	1,798.92	1,775.00
Assessors—special	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Other Finance Accounts	30.00	26.00	26.00
Law	50.00	19.75	20.00
Town Clerk	1,562.50	1,562.50	1,550.00
Election and Registration	261.50	266.90	700.00
Town Hall	1,400.00	1,648.10	1,100.00
	\$12,924.00	\$13,311.25	\$12,071.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT—\$7,958.80			
Salaries and Wages	\$7,018.00	\$6,799.91	\$6,928.00
Automobile	890.00	946.51	777.80
Equipment	50.00	107.33	20.00
Fuel and Lights	30.00	25.78	25.00
Maintenance of Buildings	25.00	5.25	8.00
Other Expenses	175.00	308.21	200.00
	\$8,188.00	\$8,193.00	\$7,958.80
FIRE DEPARTMENT—\$1,3922.50			
Salaries and Wages	\$8,225.00	\$8,198.46	\$8,225.00
Equipment and Repairs	2,390.00	3,010.28	1,702.00
Hydrant Service	3,371.00	3,355.00	3,495.00
Fuel and Lights	332.00	269.26	250.00
Maintenance of Buildings	114.00	122.70	150.00
Other Expenses	157.00	110.38	100.00
	\$14,589.00	\$15,066.08	\$13,922.50

	Appropriated 1931	Expenses 1931	Recommended 1932
SEALER	\$400.00	\$365.66	\$400.00
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
FORESTRY—\$4,300.00			
Moth Extermination	\$3,100.00	\$3,097.69	\$3,000.00
Improvement of Shade Trees	1,000.00	997.34	900.00
Forest Fires	900.00	409.02	400.00
	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,504.05</u>	<u>\$4,300.00</u>
OTHER PROTECTION (Dog Officer)	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$30.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT—\$4,120.00			
Administration	\$435.00	\$434.28	\$375.00
Quarantine and Contagious Dis- eases	400.00	330.61	300.00
Tuberculosis	1,500.00	1,626.30	1,500.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	26.00	25.00
Other Health Expenses	75.00	143.08	45.00
Inspection	360.00	363.00	350.00
Refuse and Garbage Disposal	1,575.00	1,556.97	1,525.00
	<u>\$4,370.00</u>	<u>\$4,480.24</u>	<u>\$4,120.00</u>
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE—\$1,850.00			
Salary	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Transportation	250.00	249.96	250.00
	<u>\$1,850.00</u>	<u>\$1,849.96</u>	<u>\$1,850.00</u>
MAINTENANCE OF SEWERS...	\$40.00	\$33.00	\$30.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT—\$19,655.00			
Administration	\$1,855.00	\$1,862.41	\$1,855.00
General Highway Maintenance ...	10,200.00	11,721.60	10,000.00
Sprinkling with Tarvia	7,000.00	5,447.19	5,000.00
Sidewalks and Curbsings	200.00	420.37	300.00
Snow and Ice Removal	1,000.00	1,070.59	1,000.00
Surface Drainage	250.00	560.92	250.00
Street Cleaning	1,000.00	1,292.34	1,000.00
Other Expenses	250.00	374.45	250.00
	<u>\$21,755.00</u>	<u>\$22,749.87</u>	<u>\$19,655.00</u>

	Appropriated 1931	Expenses 1931	Recommended 1932
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT—\$7,000.00			
Dean Street		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Auburn Street	\$2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
Widening Central Square	3,000.00	3,000.00	.....
Land Damages—Central Square .	1,750.00	1,750.00	.....
Land Damages—Bedford Street .	816.50	800.50	.....
Highway Equipment	2,925.00	2,917.00	.....
Granolithic Sidewalks	1,000.00	944.74	.....
Mt. Prospect Street	1,400.00	1,399.84
North Street	2,000.00	1,999.78	2,000.00
Wall Street.....	1,000.00	999.83	1,000.00
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	\$15,891.50	\$15,811.69	\$7,000.00
STREET LIGHTING	\$6,450.96	\$6,447.05	\$6,402.96
 PUBLIC WELFARE—\$22,375.00			
Administration	\$875.00	\$931.30	\$875.00
Town Farm	4,200.00	4,009.37	4,000.00
Relief Outside Town Farm	8,629.00	13,036.30	13,000.00
Relief by other Cities and Towns	2,000.00	2,734.01	2,500.00
Mothers' Aid	775.00	1,393.51	2,000.00
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	\$16,479.00	\$22,104.49	\$22,375.00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	\$1,500.00	\$3,394.13	\$8,500.00
SOLDIERS' BENEFITS	\$1,200.00	\$1,057.84	\$1,300.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$118,982.00	\$118,981.33	\$118,982.00
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS	\$300.00	\$292.58	\$200.00
 PUBLIC LIBRARY—\$4,785.00			
Salaries and Wages	\$2,550.00	\$2,524.65	\$2,420.00
Books and Periodicals	1,550.00	1,532.74	1,500.00
Binding	150.00	148.07	150.00
Fuel and Lights	500.00	508.96	500.00
Buildings and Grounds	60.00	40.81	40.00
Other Expenses	175.00	229.75	175.00
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	\$4,985.00	\$4,984.98	\$4,785.00

	Appropriated 1931	Expenses 1931	Recommended 1932
Recreation (Care of Common)	\$200.00	\$190.64	\$300.00
Municipal Garage	720.00	716.55	720.00
Town Report and Miscellaneous Printing	675.00	667.40	550.00
Memorial Day	250.00	271.34	250.00
County Aid to Agriculture	300.00	300.00	200.00
Rent of American Legion Quarters	180.00	180.00	180.00
Rent of James Oliver Post Quarters	75.00	75.00	180.00
Buildings Insurance	2,590.29	2,566.05	1,200.92
Boiler Insurance .....	.....	.....	220.78
Care of Old Cemeteries	35.00	35.00	35.00
Interest	7,900.00	5,981.92	5,700.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	.....	5,000.00
	<u>\$253,059.75</u>	<u>\$254,478.10</u>	<u>\$248,618.96</u>
Maturing Debt.....	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
State Tax	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
State Highway Tax	8.00	8.00	8.00
State Parks and Reservations Tax	156.53	156.53	156.53
State Audit	448.33	448.33	448.33
County Tax	17,881.33	17,881.33	17,881.33
County Hospital Maintenance	2,153.12	2,153.12	2,954.41
Water Department — Estimated Deficit	6,606.92	6,606.92	7,644.75
	<u>\$298,413.98</u>	<u>\$299,832.33</u>	<u>\$295,812.31</u>
Less Estimated Receipts (1931 actual)			88,751.50
			<u>\$207,060.81</u>
Less Poll Taxes (1931 assessment)			4,008.00
			<u>\$203,052.81</u>

WARRANT ARTICLES RECOMMENDED:

Article 16—Accounts Payable, Law Department	\$188.60
Article 17—Accounts Payable, Health Department	220.90
Article 18—Accounts Payable, Public Welfare	918.58
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	\$204,380.89
Article 12—Use of Free Cash	5,000.00
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Total amount to be raised	\$199,380.89

A tax of \$37.60 per \$1000 on valuation of \$5,339,998.00 (1931 valuation) will produce the above with an overlay of \$1,403.03.

Report of Advisory Committee on Articles in Town Warrant

Article 1. To choose one Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Overseer of Public Welfare for three years, one member of Board of Health for three years, three Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, two members of School Committee for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, one Constable for one year, two members of Planning Board for three years, one Moderator for one year, and all minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Polls will open at 6.00 a. m. and unless otherwise determined by the meeting will close at 2.00 p. m.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Accountant, School Committee, Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, Superintendent of Streets, Trustees of Public Library and Board of Health.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of any committee chosen by the Town.

Article 4. To raise, appropriate and vote into a tax to be assessed upon the polls and estates according to law such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the Department of Public Welfare, Support of Schools, Town Library, repairs to roads and bridges, lighting the streets, water hydrants, Police Department, Fire Department, Tree Warden, Town Officers and for incidental expenses of the Town for the year ensuing.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenues of the current financial year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate money for a proper observance of Memorial Day.

ARTICLE 6—The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$250.00 and have provided for same in budget.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take in relation to instructing the Collector of Taxes.

Article 8. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture, and choose a Town Director as provided in Sections 41 and 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws. By request.

ARTICLE 8—Recommended that \$200.00 be appropriated (included in Budget).

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the support of High School Athletics or take any action in relation thereto. By request of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 9—Recommended that \$200.00 be appropriated (included in Budget).

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take in relation to voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for rent of quarters for Post 203, American Legion, as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1923. By request.

ARTICLE 10—The Committee recommends the sum requested be appropriated.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for rent of quarters of James A. Oliver Post 2125, V. F. W., as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1923. By request.

ARTICLE 11—The Committee recommends the sum requested be appropriated.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the treasury to the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to meet appropriations made under the articles of this warrant, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12—The Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to purchase an inhalator for the resuscitation of persons overcome by drowning or gas poisoning, and raise and appropriate sum of money for same, or take any other action thereon. By request.

ARTICLE 13—The Committee does not feel the Town can afford to make this purchase this year.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 85 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, relative to the payment of pensions for policemen and firemen. By request.

Article 15. If the vote on the preceding article is in the affirmative then, to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the payment to E. Frank LeBaron of a pension, or take any other action with respect thereto. By request.

ARTICLE 15—The Advisory Committee does not recommend the assumption of pension obligations during this period of depression.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-eight dollars and sixty cents (\$188.60) to meet the expenses of the Law Department of the year 1931 in excess of the appropriation of that year.

ARTICLE 16—Recommended that the sum requested be appropriated.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty dollars and ninety cents (\$220.90) to meet expenses of the Health Department of the year 1931 in excess of the appropriation of that year.

ARTICLE 17—Recommended that the sum requested be appropriated.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred eighteen dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$918.58) to meet expenses of the Public Welfare Department of the year 1931 in excess of the appropriation of that year.

ARTICLE 18—Recommended that the sum requested be appropriated.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for the re-construction of the westerly side of Central Square under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, provided the State and County contribute the necessary amount to complete the same.

ARTICLE 19—The Advisory Committee does not recommend that this project be undertaken in 1932.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the re-building of Cottage Street or take any other action relative thereto. By petition.

ARTICLE 20—The Committee recommends, in the interests of economy, that no street projects, other than listed in the Special Highway Budget, be begun this year.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to rescind so much of the vote passed on August 8, 1931, which authorized the transfer of money for the purpose of laying water mains on Auburn and Laurel Streets from appropriation made for the laying of water mains on South, Vernon and Green Streets November 1, 1930, as related to \$5000.00 of said loan remaining unissued.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of a milk inspector and tester or take any other action relative thereto. By request.

ARTICLE 22—The Advisory Committee does not recommend the assumption of this additional expense under present conditions.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light at or near 74 Comfort Street and raise and appropriate money for the same or take any other action relative thereto. By petition.

ARTICLE 23—It is recommended that no street light extensions be made this year.